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## **GHI Committee Report Hits** Handling of Maintenance

by Sid Kastner

GHI Director Joe Cherry, head of the maintenance committee, submitted a report to the GHI board at a special meeting last Thursday which criticized management handling of several maintenance items. In every case GHI Manager Roy Breashears pointed out that problem had long been known and a remedy either already underway or planned. 北 海 繼

attempt by the committee to fix a program in eight steps, including responsibility for neglect. Mana- a survey of long term needs, study ger Breashears replied that it was difficult to see how one could do and replacement, and successive this when management and board were both involved in operational matters. The opinion of Director Bill Helm was that one could place responsibility for a matter on the board if the matter had been placed before the board. Otherwise, management was responsible. Chairman Zubkoff noted that the word "neglect" did not seem to be appro-

The next section referred to lack of staff personnel. The report asked what had been done by the manager or the board up to the present to remedy this. Breashears reviewed the situation, stating that an increase in staff had not been requested previously because the need was only now becoming pressing. Staff size is the same as in earlier years, but turnover is less because of recently added fringe benefits such as hospitalization.

Maintenance Service

The efficiency and promptness of the staff's response to service calls was inquired into in the report's next section. The manager noted that cards had been handed out to GHI members, in a sixmonth survey now in progress, to obtain a member evaluation of the maintenance service. 799 cards had been returned out of a total of 1489. The great majority were favorable in their reactions, Courtesy and effectiveness in the telephone answering service was rated as good in 97% of the replies.

Director Cherry reported next that the committee's feeling was that there should be a program of periodic inspections, with emphasis on such items as overloaded electric wiring and sticking windowsparticularly items added or installed without specific GHI approval. An inspection along these lines is carried out whenever a house is sold, according to Manager Breashears.

"Self-Help" Painting

The committee gave an unfavor able rating to the "self-help" ainting project in the north end frame homes, noting that there were unfinished and blotchy jobs which could in time lead to a slum appearance. The manager agreed that the project probably required a more thorough appoach, but no complete answer was readily available, with which Director Cherry concurred. A partial solution was suggested here by Seymour Kaplan in the member audience, who described the "cooperative service" set up by the residents of 71 Court Ridge Rd. This group has pooled resources to buy a snowplow, lawn spreader, and other equipment. He urged that GHI encourage such self-help enterprises by residents. Director Helm viewed this approach favorably.

The committee made no particular recommendation in its report as to the exact program for a repainting cycle for the frame homes, but suggested that members who started a painting project be required to renew the job when necessary.

Replacement Program

A subcommittee of the maintenance committee gave a separate report on repair and replacement of items such as roofing and heating lines. This was read by Direc-

The first section dealt with an tor Bordenet. The report proposed of costs involved, plan of repairs steps for financing and possible engineering surveys. Bordenet felt that GHI members should "do more than we have done" to "maintain the marketability of our homes".

Manager Breashears expressed his agreement with this section of the report. Thus even though some discussion ensued between Directors Comproni and Zubkoff as to where the credit should go for first bringing out the urgency of the replacement problem, committee and management were in full agreement on the issue itself. Director Helm favored the committee's eight-point program, and recommended that the manager follow it chronologically. However, Manager Breashears replied that a reevaluation of this kind was already being carried out. Discussion of the program was carried over on the agenda for the next meeting.

In connection with the heating pipe replacement problem, outside experts have been contacted informally by a member, Frank Gonda, and by Director Cherry, concerning the possibilities of individual heating plants or gas heating. However the board moved, on a motion by Bordenet, to table this matter of inviting these outside estimates until the staff and committee complete their own study.

## Greenbelt Elects 8 To GCS Congress

Greenbelt area members of Greenbelt Consumer Services reelected to the GCS Congress all the incumbent members of the area's delegation who ran for reelection in the recent elections. Seymour Kaplan was also elected to a seat on the delegation. The eight successful candidates Congress seat (in the order of the number of votes received) are: Vaclav Majer, Ben Rosenzweig, Carnie Harper, George Adams, Jesse Dean, Ralph Noble, Frank Lewis and Kaplan.

Five holdover Congress members still have one year left to serve of their two-year terms. Area delegations customarily build to a 15member strength by adding to their Congressmen enough Member Representatives to make a total of 15. The delegation therefore declared as elected to the Member Representative posts Simon Pristoop and Marcella Walder, who drew the highest numbers of votes among those candidates who failed of election.

At the Congress delegation meeting following the election, Carnie Harper was elected chairman, Frank Lewis vice chairman, and Mary Barstow, secretary. Mrs. Barstow is a holdover Congress member, along with Ethel Rosenzweig, Harvey Geller, Al Herling, and Mat Amberg.

An interesting election result, according to elections chairman Mat Amberg, was the fact that Greenbelt cast the second highest number of votes in the GCS area elections, exceeded only by Westminster. Greenbelt cast more votes than Wheaton and Takoma Park combined, though these are the biggest stores in area member-

#### WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, May 9; 7:45 p.m.; GHI Board meeting, GHI Offices. Thursday, May 9; 8 p.m.; St. Hugh's Home & Scyhool Association; Mrs. R. Marshall, "Montessori Method of Teach-

Friday, May 10; 8:30 p.m.; Duplicate Bridge Club; Co-op Hospitality Room.

Monday, May 13; 6:30 p.m.; Mother's Day Dinner; Community

Sunday, May 12; 1-5 p.m. Police Department Open House. Wednesday, May 15; 8 p.m.; GHI

Membership Meeting, Center School Auditorium.

## Two Tickets Vie For 5 GHI Seats

A total of 10 candidates will compete for the five openings on the board of directors at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. annual election on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16. Biographies of the candidates appear on the inside pages of this issue.

The election, for the first time in GHI history, will feature all board candidates running on two opposing tickets. In previous years tickets were formed only on one side, usually to oppose incumbents who chose not to run as a slate.

One ticket is composed of Frank Lastner, Harry Zubkoff, Charles Schwan, Hans Jorgensen, and John O.Reilly. The other is composed of Allen D. Morrison, Joe Comproni, B. J. Bordenet, Jim Fritz, and Douglas Ward.

Also to be elected is a 3-member audit committee for 1-year terms. The nominees for this office are Marjorie S. Bergemann, Charles M. Cormack, Sr., Burton D. Kerr, Seibert D. Meade, Stephen Polaschik, Joseph E. Wilkinson, and George A. Wilson, Sr.

Agenda

In addition to the elections, the membership will consider a revamping of the by-laws. Several controverisal items are included among the changes endorsed by the GHI board. These concern nominations procedures, restrictions on calling of special membership meetings, provisions regarding conflict of-interest, and audit committee functions. Bylaw changes need to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.

Another item included on the agenda is a membership petition asking the membership to go on record in favor of the long-standing policy of GHI, acting in its capacity as sole stockholder of GDC. to provide rent-free basement office space to the News Review, with the newspaper reimbursing the corporation for out-of-pocket expenses.

An agenda resolution submitted by director Bernard Bordenet calls for GHI to refrain from any action which identifies the subsidiary corporation as the mere instrumentality of GHI rather than an independent corporation.

Quorum

Attendance of five percent of the membership or about 75 persons is required for the conduct of official business. Members who are unable to attend the meeting may be counted toward the quorom if they complete a proxy form assigning their voting rights to another GHI member. Completed proxy forms must be turned in to GHI secretary Ed Burgoon, 37-K Ridge, by midnight tonight.

Unlike city elections, no previous registration is needed to vote. Voting at the annual election is by secret ballot, with each member asked to vote for as many choices

as there are vacancies. The polls will reopen the morning following the membership meeting at 7 a.m. in the Centerway office of the Corporation, and will close at

## Pilski Elected to Council Vacancy, Helps Defeat Stidham Zoning Request

Requiring only six ballots, the city council on Monday, May 6, named Richard R. Pilski, 6 Orange court, to the seat left vacant by the resignation of Tom Canning. He was sworn in and took his seat immediately after the election.

Three candidates were nominated by council members. Ben Goldfaden nominated Pilski, Bill Phillips nominated James Smith who had previously served on the council in 1957-59, and Mayor Francis White nominated Lewis Bernstein, chairman of the Advisory Planning Board.

On the first ballot, the count stood two for Bernstein, and one each for the other candidates. On the second ballot, a deadlock developed with Bernstein receiving two votes and Pilski two votes. The deadlock prevailed until the sixth ballot, when Pilski secured a 3-1 majority. All voting was by secret balloting.

Stidham Zoning

Pilski immediately found himself in the limelight as he cast a deciding vote against the application of Stidham Tire Company for a rezoning of the plot opposite Greenbelt Junior High School from RR ((rural residential) to I-1 (industrial light industry). The council had split on this issue with Goldfaden and White in favor and Dave Champion and Phillips op-

The Stidham Company had indicated an intent to build a 2-story building near the present intersection of Kenilworth Ave. and Edmonston rd. which would house its office personnel upstairs and a retail outlet, combined with garage operations for recapping and storing tires, downstairs.

In the hour-long debate which preceded the vote on the Stidham application, White reported that the council had met with the developer and William Martin, the owner of the land, and had received several concessions. One was that the south piece of the property (at the corner of Kenilworth and Greenbelt rd.) would be withdrawn from the zoning application since it was not needed for present operations. Second, the Stidham Company agreed to enter into covenants with the city which, among other things, would provide for an architectural control committee designed to assure that construction design conforms with

Industrialization Feared

Champion stated that he did not think that any covenants could control or disguise the unsightly type of operations that would go on at this site. He also expressed fear that such spot zoning might lead to industrialization of the whole area, which is adjacent to residential areas.

Phillips thought that a more desirable type of development could be secured for this land. Bernstein added that the possibilities for this land have not been usted and that the city should not be panicked into accepting the first proposition that comes along. He also suggested that the council wait to see what the Greenbelt Master Plan shows for this area.

White felt that the city of Greenbelt has been overly cautious in giving the green light to developers. If the city keeps vetoing zoning proposals, White said, we may end up with a type of develop-

## MEET COUNCILMAN PILSKI

Richard R. Pilski, newly appointed City Councilman, has been a resident of Greenbelt for four years. He, his wife, Claire, and their three children, Richard, Nancy, and Chris live at 6 Orange Court. Pilski, a graduate of Syracuse University, is a tax representative for Prentice-Hall.

Councilman Pilski served for two years as president of the Lakewood Association and was a former member of the Advisory Planning Board. He is co-chairman of the new building fund for St. Hughs, a delegate to the Archdiocesan and member of the Council of Catholic Men.

ment that would be much more undesirable than a tire operation. He pointed out that Greenbelt no longer has sufficient area for industrial development, since the original site for industrial planning is now being developed as residential - Springhill Lake. He felt some industry was needed to give Greenbelt a balanced tax base.

Goldfaden deplored the suspicions that have been cast upon the developers and said that these men have to be taken at their word as to what they will do with the rezoned land, or else Greenbelt will never get new development.

Pilski, in voting against the zoning petition, said he had personally visited Stidham's operation in other areas and is convinced that the operation would not be a desirable one for the Greenbelt site.

The application, with the council's recommendation for denial, will now go to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for its recommendation and then to the County Commissioners for final action.

#### Other Zoning Proposed

In another zoning matter, the council voted to set up a meeting with Frank Ewing and Al Smith who have requested that 4 tracts of land lying at the easterly limits of Greenbelt on Glenn Dale road be rezoned for high-rise and garden-type apartments. Involved are 309 acres, of which 115 would be used for high rise apartments. The Advisory Planning Board recommended that Council advise MNCPPC to deny the applications on grounds that present zoning in Greenbelt would permit the development of an abundance of additional multiple-family units and that no need exists to provide still additional units of this type. APB pointed out that if rezoning is granted, the apartments could bring another 20,000 people into Greenbelt. It also noted the traffic problems that would be created on Glenn Dale rd. which has only a single-lane bridge over the BaltimoreWashington Parkway. White said that it was his understanding that NASA is seeking additional roads to relieve the traffic conges-

#### Council Salaries

The council received a report from William Hoff, chairman of the Personnel Board, recommending that the salaries of councilmen be increased. He pointed to the tremendous workload of the councilmen and the need to provide a favorable climate for attracting candidates for office. He suggested an increase of \$500 in the Mayor's salary from \$750 to \$1 and of \$250 for the other councilmen from \$750 to \$1,000. Any increases approved would not go into effect until the election of a new council in September.

#### Tid-bits

Goldfaden was named Mayor Pro Tem to fill vacancy left by Canting's resignation . 1963-64 budget, scheduled for release last Monday, was held up because of corrections required ... The city manager was asked to contact the proper Federal authorities to determine possibilities for constructing pedestrian overpass and other connecting routes between sections of Greenbelt divided by new Circumferential Highway . . Council approved application of Springhill Lake for proper zoning for town and county Day Nursery . . . . Contributions for fireworks have come from GHI and the Lions Club . . . . The Greenbelt Businessmen's Association has donated funds for the beautification of the Center Mall . . . . Greenbelt Concert Band has requested funds for score music . . . A citizen of 5 court Ridge requested that a beautification and face-lifting program for the playgrounds be initiated with the assistance of teenage groups

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## Two Unneeded GHI By-Laws

The GHI by-laws committee has spent many hours revising the by-laws which are now to be voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting on Wednesday night, May 15. For the most part, the suggested changes are improvements. We would like to comment, however, on two changes that we think should be turned

Article IV, Section 2b. — This is a new section and provides that a membership request for a special meeting may be disregarded if it is illegal or would in any way jeopardize the corporation. This section should be voted down, since it, in effect, arrogates to the GHI board the power to deny or approve a petition request by the members for a special meeting. The whole purpose of permitting the call of membership meetings by petition is to give the membership a chance to call a special meeting when the GHI board refuses to do so on its own. If the GHI board can refuse to acknowledge a petition request, under the pretense that the action would be illegal or would jeopardize the corporation, then where is the membership protection? If the GHI board is only required to call a special meeting when it agrees with the subject matter, then why have the petition method at all?

Article V, Section 8.—The necessity for a conflict-of-interest section has not been demonstrated and seems to have been proposed in haste out of mistrust and misguided zeal. Furthermore, the language is so broad as to be practically meaningless. Conceivably, for example, the conflict-of-interest clause could apply to a GHI director or management employee who owns stock in GCS (another cooperative organization).

The purpose of the general revision of the GHI By-laws to be presented to the members next Wednesday is to weed out meaningless, confusing and obsolete regulations. Any new by-law, such as this one, which does not clearly improve the management of the Corporation, is opposed to the objective of the by-law revisions. Further-more this by-law would generate confusion and even bitter conflict among GHI officials — all for no worthwhile purpose. GHI needs this proposed by-law about as much as it needs a plague of

## Rent Resolution Footnote

We hope that no GHI member is confused by the footnote to the News Review rent resolution that appears on the GHI agenda for the annual membership meeting. (This footnote states that the resolution could jeopardize the relationship of the separate entities GHI and GDC). The footnote was inserted by the same bloc of board members who refused to honor a petition for a membership meeting signed by 650 members. It is designed once again to block or discourage a membership vote on the resolution by raising the specter that such a vote could jeopardize the independent status of GDC and GHI.

The truth of the matter is that the News Review rent resoluton (requested by membership petition) was very carefully worded upon legal advice so as to avoid any possibility that it could be construed as jeopardizing the relationship of GDC and GHI. The resolution simply asks the membership to go on record in support of the long-standing policy of the GHI board, in its capacity as sole stockholder of GDC, to favor the provision for rent-free quarters for the News Review. The resolution does not meddle in the internal affairs of GDC, since it deals with policy and not admini-

We feel certain that the membership will not be taken in by this spurious issue and that they will support the News Review resolution. A strong affirmative vote will clearly establish that the members want to prevent future harassment of the News Reiew by a faction on the GDC Board.

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#### DEBATE WANTED

To the Editor:

I am glad to see that the "concerned" candidates have as a part of their platform a planned program for repair and maintenance. It was only after my motion that maintenance committee be established, and this was done, that the board of directors began to get substantive information on the condition of GHI properties. The first report of the maintenance committee pointed out several areas of maintenance that were developing into major problems. Interestingly enough, the General Manager made a report recommending reserves be set up for these major areas of maintenance five days before the maintenance committee report was presented to the board of directors.

There are several other impornewly formed Civic Association invited me to debate Lastner on some of the issues. I accepted. but was advised by William Phillips, Chairman of the Civic Association, that the debate would not be held because Lastner would be out-of-town this Saturday, the time set for the debate. The previous week I had been invited to debate Zubkoff, but was later advised by Bill Phillips that Zubkoff had an out-of-town commitment.

I regret that GHI members have not been able to hear both sides of issues important to them directly from incumbent candidates in open debate.

Joe Comproni (ED NOTE: In checking the background on the proposed debate sponsored by the Civic Association organized by Bill Phillips, the News Review was informed by Zubkoff that he received his invitation the day before the date proposed by Phillips and was already committed for the next night. The News Review also learned that Lastner received his invitation this Tuesday and already had two speaking engagements for this Saturday

#### Invulnerable Ignorance To the Editor:

If it is true, as the saying goes, that what you don't know can't hurt you, then Bill Phillips is absolutely invulnerable. He has referred to such "Zubkoffian" ventures as a quality motel and a high rise apartment building. Evidently he does not know that I am against a motel and that the subject of a motel never got beyond the discussion stage on the board well over a year ago. As a matter of fact, it was Phillips himself who spread alarmist misinformation about a motel at that time, and he is still doing it. As for a high rise apartment building, the only proposal I ever heard for one was made by Morrison before I was elected to the board, and no one on the board took it seriously. Evidently Phillips does not know that I oppose it and that the man he supports advocated it for an elderly housing project. He commends Morrison for his work on the insurance committee. Evidently he does not know that Morrison was not on the insurance

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George E. Hall

THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

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Dinner, Fellowship Center. (Affiliated with United Church of Christ)

committee. Furthermore, he does not know that the policy of seeking competitive bids was adopted long before Morrison was elected to the board, and Morrison had nothing to do with it. He also implies that the annual budget was not reviewed by the board before it was passed, but evidently he does not know that it was reviewed and discussed at three separate meetings before final passage.

Phillips says that he does not believe in suicide, but judging by the manner in which he butchers the truth, I wonder if he has an equal abhorrence of murder.

Harry Zubkoff

#### INACCURACIES CORRECTED To the Editor:

I can understand how in the tant issues facing GHI today. The heat of an election campaign, statements are sometimes made which inadvertently contain inaccuracies.

> As a reporter covering the GHI news beat for many years, I thought I might be of some service by pointing out these inaccuracies and getting the record straight.

> For example, Bill Phillips' letter last week referred to "such Zubkoffian ventures" as a "quality moand a high-rise apartment building opposite the Community Church. The truth is that Harry Zubkoff had nothing to do with these proposals.

The proposals stemmed originally from a series of reports between July 1960 and May 1961 by the GHI land use committee. The committee suggested that the board and management investigate the possibility of developing the vacant land. A motel and a highrise commercial or apartment building were among the uses thought possible for the land.

All this took place before Mr. Zubkoff was elected to the board in May 1961. Subsequent to his election, in January 1962, the matter of a motel was dropped when petitions were received from local residents protesting a motel. Since that time 16 months ago, there have been no further board discussions on the matter.

Similarly, the construction of a high-rise building has not been given any formal consideration by the board and there has been no recording of sentiments of individual board members. As a matter of fact, though, one of the earliest proposals for a multiple-story building opposite the Community Church came from director Allen Morrison who suggested the construction of an apartment building for elderly housing in a memorandum to the GHI board in August 1960.

Mr. Phillips' letter also praised Mr. Morrison for putting the insurance and pension plan on a fair competitive basis. I have been covering GHI events since 1955 and during this time, fair compettive bids have been used to purchase insurance all along. Since Mr. Morrison was not elected to the board until 1959, I do not understand what Mr. Phillips is referring

Al Skolnik

## WHERE WAS HE?

To the Editor:

The sentiments recently expressed by GHI Board candidate Bernard Fritz have much to recommend them - but as Gordon Allen subsequently pointed out, what has Mr. Fritz done about it? Where was he during the past 21/2 years when Greenbelt's own Planning Board made formal reports to City Council on 18 different rezoning petitions? Where was he when Council debated and took action on those petitions, plus a number of others that came up before the Planning Board came existence? And last but not least, where was he when the County Commissioners held public hearings on all these rezoning peti-

Many Greenbelt citizens were seen and heard at the marathon hearing in February, 1962. Gordon Allen, George Phibbs, and Anne Pisano - just to name a few spoke forcefully against the wholesale conversion of green space to asphalt and brick.

No, Mr. Fritz was not conspicious as a champion of green space then. But in that critical hour of Greenbelt's history were threatened with the spawning of three regional shopping centers (capable of serving 3/4 million customers), as well as becoming the apartment mecca of the Washington-Baltimore region it was Frank Lastner who made all eight motions denying eight of the rezoning petitions.

Yes, Mr. Fritz, Greenbelt can yet retain some of its inherent adbut only if our citizens are willing to take appropriate action the year around instead of professing concern just before an election.

Clifford H. Simonson

## GHI PROXY VOTING

Any GHI member who has given his proxy to someone may withdraw it at any time up to the time of the election on Wednesday, May 15 by asking for it at the GHI office.

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WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN



## Robert O'Brien Appointed Greenbelt Chief of Police

City Manager James K. Giese announced this week the appointment of Robert A. O'Brien as Greenbelt's chief of police. The position has been open since the resignation of Jim Williams almost a year ago. Marshall Zoellner has been acting as temporary chief of police since November.

O'Brien's previous experience in police work has been with the United States Army. After years service, he retired last July as a Major with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves.

O'Brien was introduced to the city council at last Monday's meeting. In a brief statement, he said he was happy to be "part of this thriving community" and pledged "the best law-enforcement service" he was capable of. O'Brien presently resides in Laurel and expects to move to Greenbelt shortly. He is married and has three children, ranging in age from 6 to 18. O'Brien was born in Philadelphia and aftended elementary and high schools there.

During his career in the Army O'Brien served as Assistant Police and Prison Officer, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; as Provost Marshal, Company Commander and Staff Officer in Japan and Korea; as Unit Commander and Staff Officer of the First Battalion, Military Police Training Regiment at Fort Gordon, Georgia; as Instructor at the Military Police School at Fort Gordon, Georgia;; as Chief of Section and Instructor at Intelligence, Military Police and Special Weapons School in Europe; and as Deputy Provost Marshal and Chief, Military Police Operations, at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Under his last position he was responsible for the formulation and implementation of plans and policy for the operation of a military police force of 250 officers and men, 12 female civilian clerks at Fort Meade, which has a population of approximately 40,000 military and civilian personnel. Since his retirement last July O'Brien served for approximately six months as an Assistant Program Officer with the Training Division of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington. This was a temporary employment to assist in a special project of that association connected with the planning and activating of police programs for foreign police officials in the United States.

During his years with the Army he took various courses from the University of Maryland and achieved a total of 80 semester hours of credit, which is equivalent to having completed two years of college. In addition, O'Brien has attended numerous special training schools related to his work.

## Thompson-Brooks

Teresa Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Thompson, 14-C Hillside, was married to Norman Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks, 2-K Northway, on Saturday, May 4, in Community Church. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Kenneth Wyatt.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a full length white gown and a fingertip veil. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Marcia Thompson. Barbara Brooks and Mrs. Shirley Howell were bridesmaids and Beverly Brooks, the flower

The groom's brother, Ronnie Brooks, served as best man. Ushers were Jimmy Howell and Lester Billings.

### High Point High Points By Naomi Baron

With the baseball season now well underway, the High Point Eagles have maintained their outstanding record of sports achievement. Recent wins over Central (1-0) and Northwestern (4-3) have placed the team as number one in the Pirnce Georges County League.

Senior Jeff Orleans has received word that he is the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship. He will use the award at Yale University. beginning next fall.

High Point winners of the Rotary Four Way Award '63 were Ina Nathanson and Stuart Starr, seniors. oBth were guests of the College Park Rotary Club at a dinner held at the University of Maryland on May 1st.

New cheerleaders for 1963-64 have recently been selected. Among the members of the ten girl squad are Greenbelters Jane Beale and Janet Shinderman.

This summer promises to be a very scientific one for a number of High Pointers. Accepted as participants in the Summer Science ing Program at the University of Maryland are o'Tni Falbo, Stan Lipshultz, Jeff Orleans, and Greenbelter Naomi Baron. Positions have been offered to Allan Hillerson, aBrry Springer, and Donald Bley through a similar program at American University.

Three High Point seniors were included on a list drawn up by the Washington Academy of Sciences of forty outstanding young scientists in the Washington area. Those selected were Ravel Lutz. Robert Hornstein, and Stuart Starr.

#### Plan More Art Shows

An encouraging reaction to the Greenbelt Arts and Crafts Guild's sponsoring of a one-man show by Lawrence Lewis has prompted the planning of several other such activities in the near future. Tentative arrangements have been made to hold two more one-man shows, in addition to an exhibit of selected works by members of the Guild at large. The numerous responses to the group's "interested quesetiongive reason to believe that both the talent (both professional and semi-professional) and the patron interest available in the Greenbelt area will enable the Guild to branch out into several areas of activity.

The current art exhibit will continue in the Twin Pines offices until May 19. Supplementing the regular office hours (from 9 to 9 on weekdays, and 9 to 5 on Saturday), the office will also be open for the next two Sundays between 4 and 7 p.m. Visitors have been encouraged to cast a vote for the painting they consider the best, with present tabulation running strongly in favor of an oil portrait, "Mar-

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#### **AGAINST SECTION 2b** To the Editor:

The GHI by-laws committee and board of directors are to be commended for the quality of the job they have done in proposing amendments to the by-laws. Unfortunately, a portion of one section of the by-laws mars this generally excellent proposal.

I am referring to Section 2b which states: "No special meeting shall be held if the action requested would be illegal or would in any way jeopardize the corporation.

If Section 2b is approved, the board of directors could with impunity overrule the request of the president or the audit committee, or a petition of fifty members, that a special membership meeting be held. The board-or five of its nine members-could argue that the action requested would be "illegal," which might be debatable, or that it would "jeopardize the corporation," a vague and all-inclusive term. No recourse would be available to the membership until the next annual meeting unless resort were had to the courts.

If Section 2b is approved, we might expect to see a repetition of the board's performance in refusing to honor a petition of 650 members that a special membership meeting be called to consider the monthly payment charged by GDC for the space used by the News Review. It is even conceivable that the board would veto an audit committee request for a special meeting to deal with a matter it considered to be of the utmost importance. In short, Section 22b should be rejected because it could be used to nullify the membership right to call a special meeting if at least 50 members so desire.

Albert K. Herling

#### GHI CANDIDATES To the Editor:

I was glad to see the names of Doug Ward and Jim Fritz added to the list of GHI candidates. Both men have shown an interest in GHI and the community, and as family men trained in business administration, I feel that their primary interest is in a well-run housing cooperative.

From my personal acquaintance with these men, I feel that they would add drive to the Board to study such subjects as personnel and their working conditions, efficient use of workers and materials, proper use of storage space, professional awarding of contracts, structural engineering and other matters that affect the living conditions of the members.

I feel that GHI needs the leadership of dedicated men like Jim Fritz and Doug Ward to replace

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#### ELDERLY HOUSING To the Editor:

In an atempt to avoid running for the board on their joint record, Messers. Lastner, Zubkoff, Schwan, Jorgensen and O'Reilly have sought to disassociate the question of Elderly Housing from the present GHI Campaign. They have managed to convince a few partisans that this issue is "dead" and these individuals, calling themselves corps commanders, court captains or some such thing, have been scurrying about GHI with the good

No amount of talk can make GHI members forget that the above men and others almost succeeded in cramming Elderly Housing down GHI's throat. No intelligent voter can ignore the record and forget that Joe Comproni, Al Morrison and Bernie Bordenet fought an uphill fight against elderly housing, as well as the equally silly motel, until the GHI members, given an opportunity to do so, fell in behind them and defeated it temporarily.

I say it was a temporary defeat because no issue can be dead while it is being vigorously pursued. Those favoring housing for the elderly have been working more quietly and have not publicized their efforts, but the fact remains that so far this year the GHI Board has been approached on at least three different occasions by friends of the elderly who seek to pick up the ball and start the game all over again.

Housing for the Elderly is not dead by a long shot, and the voter who believes that it is just not familiar with the record. Everyone of the "concerned members" slate, Zubkoff, Lastner, Jorgensen, Schwan and O'Reilly put forth their best efforts to support Elderly Housing in the past.

It is folly to believe that they will not support it in the future, given the opportunity to do so.

B. J. Fritz

#### Choral Group Recruiting

The Choral Group, which meets every Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Center School, would like to recruit forty singers (especially altos). aCrol Kelly, GR. 4-6655, is the director and Edna Hill, accompanist. 

## Police Open House

On April 15, a resolution was passed by Greenbelt City Councill authorizing Mayor Francis White to acclaim May 15 as Police Officer's Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which May 15 occurs as Police Week.

This year, National Police Week will take place in the week of May 12 to May 18. To start off the week, Greenbelt's new Police Chief. Robert A O'Brien will be holding Open House at the City Office. The Police office will be open to the public on Sunday, May 12, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Many interesting displays will deal with safety, traffic, and crime. Information pertaining to the department will be available, and! radar equipment will be demonstrated. A display case of weapons used in serious crimes committed in various parts of the world will also be shown. Many interesting pamphlets and circulars will also be available to the pub-Tours will be arranged with the schools so that children may observe the facilities and displays.

The purpose of this Open House is to promote better relationships between police and citizens, who can work together for a better community.

## The Police Blotter

On May 4, the body of Mark Anthony Droughman, Sr., 68, was found by police on the bathroom floor of his home at 52-A Ridge. He had been dead for eight to ten days, according to the coroner's report. The cause of death was a heart attack.

The police were summoned to the house by Droughman's ex-wife Rosa and her present husband, Gerald E. Kimmell, and Draughman's daughter Diane.

Two youngsters were rushed to the hospital on May 1, suffering from an overdose of baby aspirin. Again on May 6, a two year old girl was also taken to the hospital after swallowing about thirty baby aspirin.

On May 3, an umbrella-type tent: and a bicycle were reported stolen. from a yard on Woodland Way. The bicycle was later recovered near the construction site at St. Hugh's.

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# Biographies of 17 GHI Board, Audit Committee Candidates

## **GHI Board Candidates**

(Vote for 5)

Bernard J. Bordenet, 1-D Gardenway Lawyer and accountant, employed as attorney, U. S. Government. Former director and Treasurer, Greenbelt Homes, and chairman of GHI legal and finance committees. Author of many of the provisions of GHI members' Mutual Ownership Contract and GHI bylaws protecting members' individual rights and democratic procedures, includ-

ing many of the currently proposed

GHI bylaw changes. Joseph D. Comproni, 13 A Ridge

Moved to Greenbelt in June '38. Active on committees formed to bring shopping , medical and other services to the then newly formed community, plus serving as President of the Citizens Association. Member of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. since its organization. Served as Chairman, St. Hugh's Parish Committee; member Greenbelt Delegation to GCS Co-op Congress; President. Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; Treasurer of Credit Union since 1954; presently serving on GHI Board of Directors. Employed as Research Analyst, Department of Defense; three children.

B. James Fritz, 2-C Woodland Way Greenbelt resident since 1953. Graduate of George Washington University. Employed as senior examiner for Government Employees Insurance Company

I have served GHI in the past on the Audit Committee, the maintenance committee, and the ad-hoc members' rights committees

All my past civic activity has been tied into voluntary GHI work. Hans Jorgensen, 19-E Hillside

A resident of Greenbelt for 19 years, Jorgensen has served on the GHI Board for 8 years. He is presently employed as Head Gardener at the Goddard Space Flight Center. Has been Chairman of the Community Church Landscape Committee for 8 years, President of the Garden Club for over 8 with the Garden Club for over 8 years in keeping Greenbelt green and beautiful. Sponsor and organizer of the GHI Landscape Pro-

Frank J. Lastner, 19-P Ridge Now in his eighth years as V.P. of GHI, was born in Baltimore, June 20, 1909. Educated at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore City College and Maryland Institute.

Moved to Greenbelt in 1938. Married with two daughters and four

grandchildren. Lastner has been a successful salesman and designer of professional offices and buildings in the Dental Supply and Equipment Business for 35 years. In July 1961 appointed as Sales Director of a chemical company for the metropolitan area of Washington.

Served six terms (12 years) on the City Council of Greenbelt, three terms as Mayor. President of Greenbelt Democratic Club, vicepresident of 21st District Democratic Club. Served three years on Board of Directors of Maryland Municipal League. Served five years as President, Board of Directors, Greenbelt Consumer Services.

A veteran of World War II, he is a member of American Legion, D.A.V., V.F.W., Knights of Columbus and Loyal Order of Moose.

Elected as County Commissioner of Prince Georges County in 1954-58, re-elected in 1962. Now serving as Chairman of the Board. Top Administrator of the County.

Member of the Washington Metropolitan Regional Conference, representing Prince Georges County. This organization co-ordinates services ,in the metropolitan area Serving on the fiscal and personnel, legal, and executive committees, and chairman of health and welfare committees. Recently Lastner was honored by being appointed as National Chairman of Civil Defense for Nat. Assoc. of Counties.

Allen D Morrison, 58H Crescent Morrison ((incumbent) has resided at 58-H Crescent Road, Greenbelt for over 25 years with his wife, Daughter of a Civil War Veteran; their four children are:

Greenbelt; David, manager Co-op Penn-Mar store, Forestville; Donald, employed at Greenbelt oPst office; and William, student and employed at U. of Md. library.

His diverse experiences in his native state of Missouri must first be mentioned. He is a graduate of Chillicothe Business College in that state and consequently obtained an assistant cashier's position and eventual directorship in a bank for a period of twenty years supplemented by county presidency of the first Liberty Loan bond drive in World War I and interrupted by service in World War I in which the sight of his right eye was lost (please no sympathy votes).

Following military service, he served as secretary of the county political party which nominated him for the Missouri House of Representatives and upon election he introduced and guided to enactment legislation authorizing a bonus for World War I veterans.

As a businessman he owned and operated a hardware establishment, was an authorized Ford automobile dealer, and conducted retail sales of bankrupt merchandise.

Community activities have been foremost among his interests as he served 10 consecutive years as commander of the American Legion post; was a member of the Elks, Masons, and served as Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star; managed the North Missouri Fair Association and Chatauqua Association (remember it?); and also served as town alderman, school elerk, and notary public.

In Greenbelt he has served six terms on the city council, two of these as mayor (incidentally, he never voted against a salary increase for city or GHI employees); past director of Greenbelt Consumer Services and congress member; organizational director of Suburban Trust Company in Greenbelt; past president of Greenbelt Federal Credit Union; former justice of the peace; and currently is a notary

Since his retirement from the Veterans Administration he broke his right hip and spent eight months in Bethesda Naval and Mount Alto hospitals (still going strong). This experience does not mean much to the membership but it is what he can do for the membership which counts-see platform.

John O'Reilly, 7-A Hillside Raised in Brockton, Mass., the 5th child in a family of 9 children, O'Reilly moved to Greenbelt in 1961, now has 5 children of his own. Graduated from the University of Md. in 1957 with honors, receiving a degree in accounting. Earned his CPA certificate after 2 years with an accounting firm in D.C. Employed as Assistant Comptroller of a mortgage banking and real estate development firm D.C. O'Reilly first came to Washington in 1952, while on active duty with the United States Air Force and decided to remain in this area after his tour of duty. Served for the past 2 years on the Supervisory Committee and Audit Committee. Is presently on GHI's Finance Committee and was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the GHI Audit Committee.

Charles F. Schwan, Jr., 7-A Crescent Born March 12, 1917, Fredonia, New York. Graduate of Fredonia High School, A. B. Hiram College.

Variously Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fellow, Instructor in Political Science, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 1948-51.

Served in World War II, 1941-45. Discharged as Captain.

Worked for Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp. as Time Clerk and as Assistant Office Manager of Sales in Dunkirk, New York.

Washington Representative, Council on Traffic Education and Training, National Safety Council; National Advisory Council of Safety Education Project, Teachers' College, Columbia University; Member. Administrative Committee and Treasurer, National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordin-

Secretary: Committee on Federal-

State Relations, Governors' Conference; Committee on State Planning, Governor's Conference; Advisory Panel of State Officials on Migratory Farm Labor of the Atlantic Seaboard States.

Widower - three children. Eldest in Navy, second boy in junior high school and daughter in elementary school. Resident of Greenbelt since June 1953.

Chairman, GHI Special Advisory Committee (1962); Chairman, GHI By-Laws Committee.

Douglas R. Ward, 8-G Research I have been a resident of Greenbelt since April, 1957. A native of Minneapolis, Minn; Married, two children; Graduated from the Univ. of Maryland, College of Business Administration, 1960; Taught Sunday-school, Methodist Church, 1957-1962; 1960-62 Employed by Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation handling credit and collection and department supervisor. Presently employed by Massachusetts Indemnity & Life Insurance Company, Sales and Claims.

Harry Zubkoff, 17-H Ridge Member of GHI Board for 2 years, President for the past year.

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Zubkoff moved to Greenbelt in 1949 and to his present home in 1952. Married with 2 children, he has been a member of GHI since its organization, prior to purchase from Federal Government.

Assistant Manager for Production Control in an aircraft factory and Captain, Civil Air Patrol from 1939 to 1943. Served in World War II as a Special Agent of the Army Counter-Intelligence Corps, with duty in France and Germany. Commercial pilot and instructor, 1947 to 1949 full time, and since then part time. Currently employed as research analyst by the United States Air Force and member of the USAF Incentive Awards Com-

Served 2 years on the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services, 8 years on the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt News Review, about 7 years as Editor of the News Review, 2 years on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE (Vote for 3)

Mrs. Marjorie Bergemann, 3-D Crescent

I was born and raised in Staten Island, New York, and was graduated from Fordham Hospital School of Nursing. While a head nurse at Fordham Hospital I attended Hunter College evening sessions. I also did head nursing at Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York. After coming to Maryland, I worked at Prince George General Hospital as a head nurse, and have worked only occasionally as prisince the arrival of the first of our three daughters.

At the present time I am program chairman of the Center School P.T.A., Nursing Scholarship Chairman (for 4 years) and corresponding secretary both to the Auxiliary of the Prince George County Medical Society, past ticket sales chairman and present local captain for the Sustaining Fund Drive of the Prince George County Women's Committee for The National Symphony Orchestra, a constant visitor to G.H.I. Board meetings, and a member of the G.H.I. Maintenance

I have attended 50% of the G.HI. regular Board Meetings as a visitor, occasionally putting in two cents worth of opinion, which is one of the courtesies extended to visitors to these meetings.

Attendance at G.H.I. Board meetings is necessary in order to see first hand how G.H.I. business is performed or obstructed.

Charles M. Cormack, Sr., 6-B Ridge

For the past 25 years, except for military service of 31/2 years during World War II. I have been engaged in the management supervision of public housing projects thruout the United States and territories. My present position is Director of Management Operations of the Public Housing Administra-

In 1946 I was appointed Community Manager of Greenbelt and served in that capacity until 1949. We have lived in Greenbelt for the past 16 years and both my wife and I have been active in community organizations.

At the request of the original Board of Directors of GVHC I served on the committee which estimated probable operating costs, developed basic operating policies and developed formulae to govern the appointment of costs to mem-

Burton D. Kerr, 20-G Ridge Last five years with Prudential Ins. Co. - Agent of Greenbelt. Personally acquainted with over 300 families. Three years of college in Business Administration.

Stephen Polaschik, 12-D Ridge

Lived at 12-D Ridge Road, Greenbelt, for the past 15 years. Became interested in Greenbelt during my first visit in 1942. In addition to college preparatory and business school background, have received a Bachelor's Degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree from George Washington University. Wrote Thesis on GHI Management.

Federal and military work experience has been mostly in the administrative area, with emphasis on financial management. Am cur-

vate duty nurse and as staff nurse rently with the U.S. Department of Commerce as Administrative Officer in the Office of Field Services. Have served on many committees in organizations such as the Department of State Federal Credit Union; Greenbelt Homes, Inc., including the Dogs and Cats Committee; Nominations and Elections Committee, Mortgage Insurance Committee; St. Hugh's Home and School Association; St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Rite Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., Fund Drive Chairman for new bulding.

> Am deeply interested in restoring the management prestige which our housing cooperative enjoyed in earlier years.

Seibert D. Meade, 19-H Hillside Resident of Greenbelt since 1942, except for 3-year period. Engineer, employed by Corps of Engineers since 1941. Project Supervisor in charge of transfer of facilities from Naval Air Station, Anacostia to Andrews Air Force Base, 1958 to 1961. Received \$50 cash award and an outstanding performance award from Corps of Engineers, as a result of this job. Married, three daughters.

Graduate of Emory and Henry College, 1933, B.A. Degree in Biology. 1 year engineering studies George Washington Univ. 1 summer school session at Peabody Univ., Nashville, Tenn. Graduate Columbia Technical School of Drafting.

Taught school, three years, 1933-1935, Scott County, Va. (2 years elementary, 1 year high school). Joseph E. Wilkinson, 15-A Laurel Hill

I have resided in Greenbelt since 1950 with my wife and 4 children. Attended the University of Maryland, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor Degree in Accounting. At present employed as the accountant for the Student Supply Store, University of Maryland. Past President of North End PTA. George A. Wilson, Sr., 4-T Laurel

Hill

Age 53, Resident of Greenbelt since June, 1960. Father of 5 children. Member of Lions, American Legion, F. & A. Masons, Elks. Chairman Finance Committee, Gulfport (Fla.) City Council 1947, Presiden Gulfport (Fla.) City Council 1948-1949. Editor and Publisher Gulfport (Fla.) Citizen, 1947-1954, a weekly newspaper. Editor and Publisher, The Pinellas Review. 1950-1954, a legal and commercial newspaper covering the greater St. Petersburg, Fla. area. Employed Baltimore News-Post and Baltimore Sunpapers 1955-1958. Employed U. S. Government Printing Office 1959.

Associated as Registered Representative with Investors Planning Corp., brokers, New York, Baltimore and Arlington, Va. 1963.

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Ed Burgoon, Secretary

## Conflict of Interest Issue To the Editor:

Two years ago, at a GHI annual meeting, I defended Joe Comproni against an implied accusation that he'd be in a conflet of interest if elected to the GHI board because of his Credit Union position. I defended him because I believe that democracy is a hard enough process to make work without personal smears to heat up the atmosphere. But I've had cause to wonder if I did right in Comproni's case.

Four weeks ago, Comproni and B. J. Bordenet (who ought to know better and of whom I thought better) wrote a letter to the editor attacking Frank Lastner for being unwilling to vote for "a bylaw which was proposed which would require each GHI director to disclose anything which would conflict with his duties and obligations as a GHI director," to quote Comproni and Bordenet. "Now why should Frank Lastner have to consult his lawyer before he could vote on such a proposal?" these two characters craftily asked. They didn't state what was in the proposed by-law. They didn't state that Bordenet had proposed a bylaw draft which was so extreme that it would have barred any GHI director from serving as a director of GDC-the apartment corporation which GHI owns! Comproni, according to the GHI Board minutes (April 11, p. 11) asked if this Bordenet proposal would "mean that no GHI directors would be on the GDC Board? Mr. Bordenet said he would certainly reduce them to a bare majority," to quote the minutes. So. Bordenet seemed to think that a GHI director would not have a conflict of interest if he were one of five directors but would have a conflict if he were one of six or seven.

To continue to quote from the minutes (p. 12): "Mr. Bordenet defined conflict of interest as an implication that one's judgment, voting or actions will be influenced by his other activities; and said it would be a very simple matter to set up some general rules and regulations all at one time." We in Greenbelt have many interrelated and sometimes divergent organizations and interests. It isn't so simple to set up sensible conflict-of-interest rules.

Mr. Helm moved and Mr. Comproni seconded the motion to propose as a by-law the language you will find at the foot of page 10 of the proposed new -by-laws you received in the mail. It is labeled "Section 8 - Conflict of Interest," and in my view should be amended drastically or defeated.

This Helm-Comproni proposal, which was passed with Cherry opposed and Lastner abstaining, would go far beyond the needs of ascertaining whether a GHI director has a true conflict of interest. It doesn't merely require him to report if he owns an interest in a business which sells goods or services to GHI or buys anything from GHI. It would require every person who is active in public life, or in a church group that owns a GHI home for use of a minister or nun, or in any of several other capacities, to declare that he is in a so-called conflict of interest.

Look at the broad, vague, catchall words they used: Their motion would require directors and key staffers to file a statement "showing any interest or CONNECTION, pecuniary or OTHERWISE, with any person, firm, association, corporation, property, and/or OTHER ENTITY WHATSOEVER, which might in any way directly or INDIRECTLY conflict with his duties as an employee or director of this

corporation.' Let's see how this would work. A County Commissioner might have to vote on some action which conceivably might be adverse to GHI. directly or indirectly. He might have to raise taxes. He might even know something which he is unable to disclose at the time of a GHI board meeting. The Board of County Commissioners is an entity. So Lastner would have to file a statement with GHI - a statement which might then be used by unscrupulous or careless opponents in county elections to "show" that as a commissioner he would have a conflicting pull on him from GHI.

Any other director who is in public life — a city councilman, for instance — or any officer of a credit union in which GHI might deposit money, or any church trustee, etc., would have to file a statement. Comproni wants GHI to deposit funds in the Credit Union - and I think it should deposit some money, provided the amount is not too great. But if Comproni's actions in the Credit Union might contribute to a cut in dividends on deposits, or if he supports such a cut, he'd be acting against GHI under the terms of his catch-all language. His opposition to letting Twin Pines and GCS use the center sales office space after the GCS fire, when Twin Pines let GCS put the drug store in Twin Pines space, might have fallen within this language.

So when Comproni and Bordenet attacked Lastner for wanting to study the implications of the Helm-Comproni motion with the aid of a lawyer before voting on it, they should have stated what the motion was. They should have revealed that it wasn't a simple conflict-of-interest motion to bring to light an unknown personal interest by a director in a sale to GHI or purchase from GHI. It was a proposal more fit to be used on Congressmen who vote on all sorts of matters affecting many interests. The Comproni-Bordenet letter, then, was a smear.

The Helm-Comproni motion—
if passed—would tend to drive from GHI's service any prudent man in public life or in Greenbelt community activities. Do we want to do this? I think Frank Lastner is a decent man (and I didn't support his slate in Democratic primaries last spring). I think Lastner has served us as well in his years as GHI director, Greenbelt

mayor, and county commissioner as he knew how. I think that having Lastner at GHI board meetings, when the pressure of other duties permit him to attend, is valuable to us GHI members. More valuable than some board members who have neither his broad knowledge of affairs nor his personal qualifications.

I think the proposed by-law revision at the bottom of page 10 of your revision sheets should be amended to limit the "interest or connection, pecuniary or otherwise," to "significant pecuniary interest in a commercial enterprise which buys from or sells goods or service to this corporation." The rest of the catch-all verbiage should be deleted.

I do not condemn the maladroit persons who drafted the Helm-Comproni motion. Anyone can make an error, even a lawyer. I wonder about anyone who would put his signature to a letter attacking others for refusing to go along with an error of this magnitude.

Mat Amberg

#### WORKING TOGETHER

To the Editor:

It seems to me that the Comproni, Morrison bloc have blinded themselves to the serious and real "concern" many GHI members share for the future of GHI although the bloc professes to serve the will of all the membership. Do they not wonder that the leaders of and members of divergent political groups because of their great concern have decided to work together to protect themselves against those whose policies they firmly believe could eventually endanger the life savings they and other members have in their own homes? And surely no one else besides the bloc questions the absolute right of Mr. Lastner, Democrat; Mr. Champion, Republican; Mr. Simon Pristoop Independent Democrat to work as hard as they can to protect their own homes from "what's in it for me" policies, even to the extreme of forming a ticket in self defense.

It is my fervent hope that the members of GHI will share our concern in the coming election. At least all 650 who signed the News Review petition (rejected by the bloc) should, and those who can see beyond tomorrow will, and those who want the board of directors to start functioning again will, as will those who want the corporation to renew and continue the solid policies that built GHI into the fine, strong organization nobody can deny it is.

John O'Reilly

#### MODEL COMMUNITY

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that we, as citizens of a model community, during this GHI Election Campaign, are not acting as model citizens. How are we to set lofty goals for our children if we don't exhibit the fine qualities which we would want them to have were they running for office.

Stephen Polaschik

#### Policemen Attend Workshop

Acting Chief Bud Zoellner and Officers Reamy and Galifarro attended a one-day Juvenile Workshop in Rockville on April 17. Chief Zoellner and Officer Reamy also attended the 1963 Law Enforcement Bankers Conference at Fredericksburg on April 19. This was conducted by the F.B.I. to discuss the problems of the F.B.I. and local law enforcement agencies concerning bank robberies.

SAFE INVESTMENT

To the Editor:

GHI members, in considering the bylaw amendments proposed for adoption at the annual meeting, may want to consider wether GHI investment in local lending institutions should be limited to \$10,000.

The Twin Pines Savings & Loan Association was organized primarily by GHI members as the best means, under existing laws, of refinancing GHI equities. In fact, the Marylegislature, at Twin Pines' request, has specifically authorized statechartered associations to make loans secured by members' equities in cooperative housing, something not provided for in the Federal law. However, loans for this purpose are not generally available because other lending institutions are not familiar with our unique form of home ownership.

The sum of \$10,000 is only a token amount in comparison with the amount needed for this purpose. GHI itself at present has some \$130,000 invested in GHI equities and Twin Pines over \$500,000, the latter amount representing individual savings deposits.

What better way is there for GHI to invest its reserves and surplus funds than in a local association formed for the purpose of financing equities in GHI houses? Experience shows that such investment is safe and serves to undergird and stabilize the market for GHI houses.

George C. Reeves

#### Hunter College Alumni Meef

The D. C. Chapter of the Hunter College Alumni Association will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a luncheon at 1 p.m. on May 18 at Blackie's House of Beef, 22nd and M Streets, N.W. Proceeds from the luncheon will be addead to the Hunter College Scholarship Fund.

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# The Split on the Board - As 7 See It

by Harry Zubkoff

During the past few weeks, I have been asked several variations of one fundomental question: What really divides the GHI board? What are the basic differences? What is it really all about?

I will attempt to explain the situation as I see it.

The split on the board which took place during the past year brought to light two things—a fundamental difference in philosophy in directing the affairs of the corporation, and a fundamental difference in tactics.

### Philosophy

This corporation has achieved a national reputation for the soundness of its structure, the efficiency of its operations, the stability of its organization, the integrity of its finances. This proud record of accomplishment happened because over the years the membership has elected boards which have consistently displayed a philosophy of cautious conservatism, knowing that at stake were the homes and the savings of the members themselves. There were, perhaps, times or occasions where they could have done better, but there were also times when they could have done much, much worse. The net result of their efforts, however, is that today we are in a good, sound, strong position.

Of course, there is always room for improvement, and certain studies are underway for this purpose. But improvements should be made only after careful study and due consideration of all the interrelated factors involved. We cannot afford to make snap judgments when the security of our homes is at stake. We must not risk our long term security for any short term or short sighted gain. We must not substitute a willingness to gamble for our traditional caution. And we must not lose sight of our fundamental principles as a housing cooperative, organized to achieve a common objective. This objective of economical housing with financial stability is now a reality, and we want to keep it that way.

This is why I have advocated a strong reserve structure as an integral part of our financial stability. And this is why I have resisted hastily conceived and poorly planned schemes for refunds and reductions in monthly charges. Such schemes seemed to me to be designed for only one purpose, to attract votes; but I do not believe the members are so thoughtless as to be taken in by such obvious maneuvers. Those who would "milk the cream" off the top of our financial stability would, in my opinion,

endanger our strength, and the results would be immediately apparent this year or next year. It could lead to an extremely difficult situation and I do not believe our present membership wants to risk that, no matter how desirable it might be to get a few dollars back now — and it would be only a very few dollars.

### Tactics

The difference between the two sides of the board has become frightening, and in my opinion, the behavior of Comproni, Helm, Morrison and Cherry has been appalling. From the start of the board year they have displayed an attitude of hostility and belligerence which has made the climate at the meetings exceedingly difficult in which to work. They have attacked with an unimaginable ferocity and vindictiveness those who have disagreed with them and those with whom they disagreed. They have sown the seeds of suspicion and distrust and, by innuendo and distortion, have savagely impugned the motives and characters of those who opposed them. With a seemingly callous disregard for its ultimate effect upon the morale of the membership or the staff, they have pursued controversy to the point where reason and accommodation could no longer prevail. While piously proclaiming their concern for the well-being of the corporation, they have sought desperately to discredit their opponents and to degrade their predecessors. They have spent countless hours haggling over trivia, thus subtracting from the time which could be spent on the important and constructive matters. Far from fighting for issues, they have fought against personalities. While expecting their rights and courtesies as a minority group, they have refused to extend similar rights and courtesies when they were themselves in the majority, as they were on occasion.

In short, their obstructionism and destructiveness have resulted in a largely wasted and useless year for the board, and while we are strong enough to survive one such year, this situation cannot be allowed to continue.

#### Conclusion

The conflict goes deeper than a simple division over certain issues, and deeper even than a clash of personalities. The nature of this conflict is basic and the outcome will shape the very nature of this corporation for the future. If the members want to preserve the strength and integrity of this Corporation, then I urge them, as emphatically as I can, to vote for the "Common Sense Ticket." The situation is critical.

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## POINT OF VIEW My Son the Miser

by Dorothy Sucher

I'm baffled by the attitude of the younger generation toward money. I certainly understood the value of money when I was a child the value of money was that it could buy things. The minute I got my allowance I sprinted down to the neighborhood candy store, and what with horror comics and jawbreakers and celluloid dolls and all the other delights of that juvenile paradise, I was soon flat broke. And I remained destitute for the rest of the week. In this way I soon learned the two vital facts about money: It's heavenly to spend it, but miserable to be broke.

Eager for my children to learn these economic facts of life, I began quite early to give my oldest son an allowance of a few pennies a week. "Let him make his own mistakes," I said to my husband, who was skeptical. "After a while he'll learn he can't buy everything in the store."

It hasn't worked out quite as I expected. At the age of seven, the boy has saved something like \$30. Not in the bank, you understand; in coins, which he counts every

Nor is my child unique. My neighbor Mrs. Greenbelt had a similar problem when her daughter was younger. I remember her confiding to me, "I've had to put my foot down. I don't mind if she does occasional little jobs to earn money, but I simply don't think it's right for her to be selling her clothing door-to-door." Mrs. Greenbelt and I both realized that something must be wrong with our miserly children, but what could we do?

"Spend, spend!" I urge my firstgrader. "You're only young once. Live a little!"

He looks at me disdainfully, he shakes his head, and then for the millionth time he explains, "But Mother, you don't understand. I haven't got any duplicate money."

Actually, the trouble is that I don't want to understand. I am unable to cope with the concept of "duplicate money."

I suppose I should explain that in an evil hour my son decided to become a coin collector. And he has gotten the two categories of "money" and "coins that one collects" so totally confused by now that I fear he can never be straightened out. What's worse, he has begun to infect the rest of the family.

Saturday is Allowance Day in No sooner does Mr. our house. Big-Shot Numismatist receive his weekly dime than he immerses himself in his coin catalogue. An ordinary dime, mind you-FDR on one side and a torch of liberty on the other. Later in the day he may comment casually, "That dime you just gave me-it's worth \$6.35." He saunters away as I clutch my head thinking, "Why am I giving a seven-year-old kid an allowance of \$6.35? And why am I handing out six bucks and change as though it was only a dime?' I ly that it was only a dime.

Once or twice I haven't been able my goat.

## Recreation Review

by James A. Wooldridge The Men's Slow Pitch will have their opening games Monday, May 13, at Braden Field. First game is at 7 p.m. - Varsity Sport Shop vs Co-op. Immediately following, St. Hugh's will play the Democratic Club. During the softball season, double-header games will be played every Monday through Thursday evenings.

The Teen Club is still accepting jobs. If you have any baby sitting, ironing, mowing, cleaning, or other odd chores to be done and need a hand, call the Youth Center between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Elementary skating on Saturday morning has been discontinued until further notice.

If you are 16 years of age and over and interested in learning to drive, leave your name and address at the Youth Center. We are trying to have the same Driving School Program here in Greenbelt that is offered to the High Schools, if enough people are en-

Hay-rides were on the Junior and Senior Teen Programs last Friday and Saturday nights. On returning to Greenbelt, a watermelon party rounded out an evening of fun.

There will be a Teen Dance Friday. May 10, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Youth Center. Dress for the

to resist taking a peek into the coin catalogue. "But Gabriel!" I protest. "It's true that dimes of that year are worth \$6.35 if they're in Brilliant Uncirculated Condition. But in Fair Condition the catalogue says they're just worth ten cents."

It doesn't do a bit of good. With scouring powder, steel wool, erasers, elbow grease, and unlimited time at his disposal, he can make any coin dazzlingly brilliant. As for the "Uncirculated" bit, Mr. Numismatist considers it a mere formality. "Let's forget that part," says grandly.

My husband reminds me that he's just a child and I'm foolish to let his little hobby upset me. But once a coin - no matter how commonplace, dirty, worn, and illegible -passes from my purse into Gabriel's collection, it is immediately transported into the realm of the Brilliant Uncirculated and its value is stupendously inflated.

All his friends are coin collectors, too, and the trading and swapping that take place in our back yard make the New York Stock Exchange pale into insignificance. "Who'll trade a '47 dime for a '32 penny and a Canadian nickel?" I hear them chant as I wash the dishes. As a result of this, all my son's coins are unique and he hasn't a cent to his name in duplicate money.

I said he'd saved \$30, but that's only what appears to the naked eye. According to him, he's worth thousands. As for spending any of his loot, don't be ridiculous. After all, every day he hangs on to it it's worth a little more.

I realize he's just a child, and have to remind myself very firm- the whole thing's silly - it must be. But I can't help it. It gets



Mayor Francis White (center) officiates at opening of the new msurance office of Thomas J. McAndrew (left) on Centerway. Joining in the ceremony is Mayor Joseph Lilly of Hyattsville (right) and Frank J. Lastner (rear), Chairman of the County Commissioners and long-time resident of Greenbelt. McAndrew, formerly an agent with the John Hancock Company, is now associated with Nationwide.

## Two Greenbelt Men Die In Auto Crashes

Death, the eternal victor in man's struggle for life, claimed the lives of two young Greenbelt men this past week. Both men died in auto accidents.

William Emery Ransom, Jr., 20, of 2-L Eastway, was killed early Sunday morning when a car in which he was a passenger went out of control near Bowie and struck two trees. Police charged the driver, Dorn K. Brasfield of 1-E Gardenway, with manslaughter, speeding, and reckless driving. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 8.

On Monday, at about 4:45 p.m. an accident was reported on Beaver Dam Road in the Beltsville Farm, about one half mile east of Research Road. The driver, Michael Francis Jackvony, 24, of 12-B Parkway, was reported to have died on the operating table. The car, a red sports model, was believed to have hit a culvert in the road and overturned. A passenger in the car, Sidney Lightfoot of West Hyattsville, was reported in-

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# Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik - GRanite 4-6060 made it two wins in a row at the last duplicate bridge session. Their 37 score was 4 points better than the runners-up Sam Jacobs and Ray Carriere. Marge Thompson and Pat Savage finished third. Next game: Friday, May 10.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawk, 24-C Ridge. John Russell arrived April 23 weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz. He joins Teri Ann, Robert and Rick.

A happy-happy birthday to Billy Cornett, 14 Greenway, who celebrated his ninth birthday.

Birthday greetings to Rachel Wagner, 3-C Crescent, who was ten years old.

Congratulations to nine year old Walter Penney, 127 Northway, who received his Junior Lifesaver's Card at the Y.M.C.A. in Washing-

Cadet Walter R. McElderry, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McElderry, 11-T Ridge, was recently promoted to the grade of Sergeant in the Corps of Cadets at the Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia. Walter is a senior and honor roll student at the Academy.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Susan Ellerin, 54 Lakeside, who will be fifteen years old. Ditto to my daughter, Barbara, who celebrated her fifteenth birthday on Tuesday. Both Susan and Barbara are in the ninth grade at Greenbelt Junior High.

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Sid Barnett and George Kaufman 3-A Gardenway, has made for himself! In an awards ceremony on May 5, Mark was presented the Sportsmanship Award for sustained and excellent performance in organized basketball competition for the B'nai Brith Teams, sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of the Greater Washington Area. Last year Mark was captain of a Babe Ruth League in Greenbelt and received the batting championship trophy for his .464 batting average. He is currently captain of the AZ League's Langley

Park Softball Team. Enjoying the freedom of the wideopen spaces, Troop #1131 joined other Senior Girl Scouts in the Metropolitan area for a picnic on May 4 at Fort Washington on the Potomac. This was the final affair sponsored by the Senior Planning Board of the Girl Scout Council of Southern Maryland which has now merged with four other area councils known as the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. Rachelle Chasnoff reports, "Hiking, coordinating contests, songfests, and exploring the forts dating back to the War of 1812, constituted the better part of the jolly troop's Participating in this event were Greenbelt's own Alice and Martha Thompkins, Jane Barnett, Bernice Blaine, Rachelle Chasnoff and their leader, Miss Elizabeth

Mrs. June Donahue, 4-B Plateau Pl., returned home Sunday after visiting her daughter in West Virginia who has been sick.

## 4-H Notes

by Ruth Amberg

Grand Champion ribbons for their sewing efforts at the Prince Georges County 4-H Style Review May 4 in Upper Marlboro. Those honored from the Cloverettes were Elise Geller for her orange threepiece suit and Barbara Geller for her mix and match separates. Kathy Labukas and Mary Phillips of the Cloverbuds won for their attractive aprons. Other ribbons were awarded to Margaret Cormack, Rita Schumaker, Jane Branch, Ruth Amberg, Beth Noll. and Phyllis Rosenzweig for their

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The Adult Choir of the Greenbelt Baptist Church under the direction of Miss Dorothy Ashley invites the public to a presentation of the cantata "The Lord of Lords" by M. E. Graham, on Sunday evening, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Soloists for the evening will be Mrs. David Morgan, Mrs. Ronald Taylor. Miss Dorothy Ashley sopranos: Mrs. William Webster alto; and Mr. Richard Daniel tenor.

On Monday evening, May 13 at 7:45 p.m. the Woman's Missionary Union will be hostess to the Northeast Association of the Women's Baptist Missionary Organization of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. Guest speaker will be Rev. S. Lewis Morgan, pastor of the Petworth Montgomery Hills Baptist Church. Having recently returned from a trip through several countries in Africa, his topic will be "Laborers Together with God in Africa". Mrs. Vernon Wigle will provide the special music. A reception will follow the meeting. All those interested are cordially invited to attend.

#### JCC Mother's Day Service

Rabbi Morris Gordon will conduct a Mother's Day service on Friday, May 10 at 8:15 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center.

cotton jumpers; Laura Simonson and Linda Simonson for their blue print dresses; and Ellen Hanyok for her turquoise checked apron.

Entrants were judged on modelling and construction of the gar-

Greenbelters will have an opportunity to view these articles along with various 4-H exhibits May 24 at 7:15 p.m. in the Center School auditorium

## Little League Practices

Attention all eight year old boys (eight years before August 1st), and boys with Little League contracts who have been assigned to the Minor Leagues: Meet at Braden Field (behind St. Hugh's School) at 5:30 P. M., Friday, May 10th. Practices thereafter will be held, same place, same time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For further information call Coach Jim Fowler at GR 4-6124.

Mother's Day Dinner The Mother's Day Dinner will be held in Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall on Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. A chicken dinner will be served by Churchmen's Club. The program concerns mission work "On the Rim of East Asia," with two speakers, Miss Margaret Farrar Mrs. William Foster, who will discuss mission work being done in this area and show slides. Reservations may be made through the church office, GR 4-6171.

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