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Ride Along With The Greenbelt Police

by Sandra Barnes

It is Friday night. As a reporter for the **Greenbelt News Review**, I am going on a "Ride-Along" with a city police officer. My purpose is to learn more about police activities in Greenbelt.

I am riding with Corporal David Kress, a six-year veteran of the force. Kress is the back-up patrol this shift, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Three other policemen are patrolling specific sections of Greenbelt. We are patrolling all sections—old Greenbelt, Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza, Greenbriar, Capital Office Park. During the three hours I am with him, Kress cruises through Springhill Lake at least four times. We see nothing unusual in the complex except for a lost person who is looking for the community building. On Kenilworth Avenue, Kress spots a car parked beside the road between the Beltway exit and Crescent Road entrance. We pull up behind. Two young men come forward. "We're on our way to Reston and our car broke down. And we're lost. Where are we?"

Kress chuckles. "You're in Greenbelt. And you're going the wrong way."

"Oh, no", they groan, relating how they had picked up two girls in Ocean City and were driving them home to Reston. We call a tow truck, and leave when the dispatcher says the tow truck is on the way.

Kress seems the ideal candidate for a policeman. As a youth out of high school, he became a police cadet, then joined the army to be trained as an M.P. Released after a few years, he was a bar-

tender for awhile, then got married and decided that bartending was not a career for a family man. He re-enlisted, spent several years in Germany, came home again and joined the Greenbelt police force.

"So you always wanted to be a policeman?" I ask.

"It gets in your blood. If it wasn't, you wouldn't last long."

Pictures of Kress' two little girls, ages 2½ and 7, are tucked into the ledge above the car door. He speaks softly of his daughters, of having to work on Christmas Eve—the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift. He hopes to arrive home in Gaithersburg on Christmas morning in time to open presents with the girls, attend a family dinner in Bowie, and sleep a little before returning to work that night. Being a policeman is stressful to a person's family life.

The dispatcher alerts us to a fight at El Torito's. Kress turns the siren on and we speed through the intersections. There is a strong sense of power as we speed through red lights along Greenbelt Road.

A fight! How many people? Two or twenty? He doesn't know. Weapons or fists? He doesn't know. Suddenly he slows down and we stop at the next red light. The tension subsides. What happened? Another police car got there first and the situation had calmed down, he explains. We arrive in front of El Torito's in time to see two men walking in one direction and a police officer in another.

Then we hear the high-pitched screech of a burglar alarm at the offices nearby. We head toward the building. "Usually, by the time we get there, the alarm goes off, and we can't find out where it came from," he says. And, sure enough, when we arrive, the sound is gone. "Where was it?" he calls to the cleaning people on the second floor. They shake their heads. They look bored. We drive off.

A few minutes later the dispatcher calls again. A neighbor is complaining about a loud stereo in Greenbriar. Kress checks his watch. It's 9:30 p.m. "A loud

See RIDE-ALONG page 9, col. 1

Suit Against GCI Divestiture Dropped by Local Plaintiffs

The suit brought by three members of Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc. (GCI) challenging the divestiture of the supermarket and service station divisions of the organization was dropped by the plaintiffs on December 11, two days before the matter was to be considered by the Maryland Court of Appeals. Agreement was reached between the attorneys representing GCI and the plaintiffs, Beatrix Whitehall, Albert K. Herling and Robert Wilson. Attorneys Anthony McCarthy, Mary Clarke and John Ward have been representing the plaintiffs on a pro bono basis; that is, without fee.

The plaintiffs dropped the suit rather than jeopardize the newly operating Greenbelt Cooperative supermarket, which has the support of so many Greenbelters.

Asked to comment on the action, Albert Herling pointed out that conceivably the Court of Appeals could have upheld the plaintiffs' position that GCI was wrong in not consulting the membership and the stockholders before undertaking its divestiture action. In such an event, every aspect of the divestiture, including the sale of the supermarket to the local co-operative, would have been null and void. This would have endangered the new local cooperative and would have led to a whole series of financial and legal complications for GCI and its remaining Scan operation.

"There are other ways we must now follow to protect the integrity of the cooperative ideal and principles," Herling said. "Certainly, one avenue we must take is to work for legislation on the state level governing consumer cooperatives that would spell out, in clear and certain terms, exactly what makes a consumer cooperative different from other en-

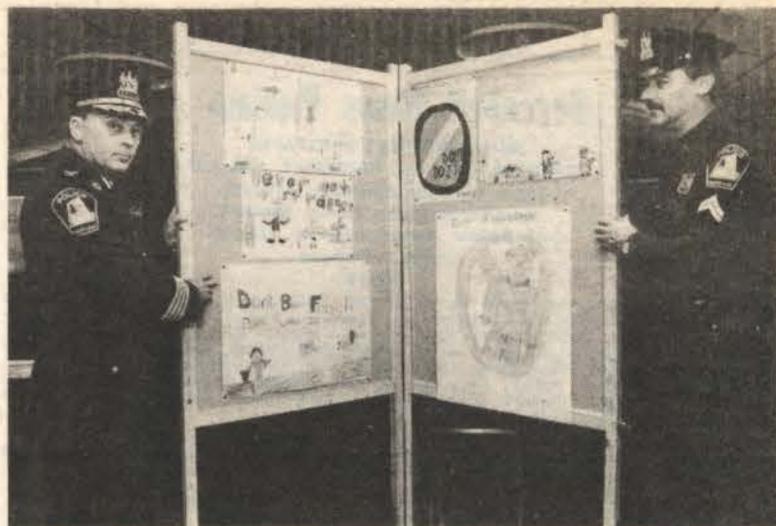
terprises in terms of democratic ownership and control."

Democrats Meet

Maryland's Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs will preside over the installation of the new officers of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at the club's next regular meeting on December 21 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building.

The following individuals were elected as officers for 1984-85: president, Gary Kohn; vice-presidents, Joe Isaacs, Sandy Barnes, Steve Shevitz, and John Brunner; corresponding secretary, Bea Rogers; reporting secretary, Suzanne Plogman; treasurer, Keith Chernikoff; and sergeant-at-arms, Dave Moran.

In addition to presiding over the installation ceremonies, Sachs will address the club on the topic "The Role of the Attorney General's Office and Current Legal Issues Being Confronted." The evening will conclude with a holiday season reception. For further information call Gary Kohn at 474-8423 or Joe Isaacs at 345-5671.



Police Chief Frank Hutson (left) and Corporal Marr (Doug) Sappington (right) show off a few of the winning Crime Prevention posters submitted by Greenbelt school children.

— photo by Jay Henson

CRIME POSTER WINNERS HONORED AT GREENBELT COUNCIL MEETING

by Sandra Barnes

As a semi-regular attendee of city council meetings, I am usually familiar with the faces in the audience. And, as I scan the faces, I try to remember what is on the agenda, and affix a cause to a countenance.

At the Monday, December 3, meeting, the council chamber was filled to capacity. And the unfamiliar faces were mainly young. There were lots of elementary age kids and their parents. And another factor made me pause. The faces represented a mix of ethnic backgrounds including blacks and Indians. I am startled into remembering that our community — our city — is rich in diversity of colors and origins and religions. Not living in the "newer" areas of Greenbelt — Springhill Lake, Windsor Green, Greenbriar — I sometimes forget.

The event for the evening was the presentation by the Mayor, Gil Weidenfeld, and the police chief, Frank Hutson, of awards for crime prevention posters. Children from the Greenbelt elementary school participated and there were winners from Greenbelt Center School, St. Hugh's and Springhill Lake Elementary. Each winner received a trophy, a ribbon and a certificate for his or her entry.

And as each small hand shook the hand of the mayor and the police chief, a warm glow spread over those assembled. It was pride in a common goal hopefully instilled in the very young; it was

pride in one's school and one's family; it was pride in one's community, where crime is not taken as an everyday occurrence. We shudder at a breaking and entering, we recoil at a purse snatching, we are horrified by a rape. Greenbelt is an insular community where many may still leave their doors unlocked. This is no longer wise, we are told. Urban crimes and violence are here too. Still, on this night, we praise the winners of the crime prevention posters. And we try to believe that as a community we will not be touched by the messages which those posters convey.

Boys & Girls Club

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club is signing up boys and girls born in 1971 and 1972 to play intramural basketball. Greenbelt plans to form two teams. The Langley Park and College Park Boys and Girls Clubs also are recruiting players to form a four-team league.

Everyone who signs up will be on a team, and everyone will play. The purpose of intramural basketball is to have fun and to improve basketball skills.

Boys and girls born in 1971 or 1972 can sign up for intramural basketball by calling Craig Knoll at 474-8138 during the month of December or by coming out to practice at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Because of the Christmas Holiday, there will be no refuse collection on Monday and Tuesday, December 24, and December 25. Monday's route will be collected on Wednesday and Tuesday's route will be collected on Thursday. NO PAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY. Both routes will be collected on Friday.

At the Library

All branches of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will be closed on Sunday, December 23, Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the holidays. Branches will also close at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 31 and will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. Regular hours resume on Wednesday, January 2.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Dec. 20, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Homes Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Newspaper Office Closed Monday

The NEWS REVIEW office will be closed Monday night, Dec. 24. However, the office will be open Christmas night, Tuesday, Dec. 25, from 8-10 p.m. to receive ads and copy.

Copy to be left in the News Review box at the Co-op should be deposited by 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24.

The same schedule will be repeated the week of December 31.

Long Distance Races To Be Held Saturday

Three long-distance races will be held Saturday starting and finishing at Braden Field. The main races will be the annual 10 and 20 milers conducted by the Greenbelt Running Club and the D.C. Road Runners over a certified course which goes out through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to a mile beyond Soil Conservation Road and return. It is five miles out and five miles back. Both races start at 10 a.m. and sign-up is one hour before the race at the Youth Center. A 1.75-mile race will start at 10:10 a.m. and go once around the lake.

There is a small fee for the races. The two running clubs and the Greenbelt Recreation Department are cooperating in putting on these races. In 1982, the U.S. women's record for 20 miles was set as were two age group records. A number of marathoners use this 20-mile race as preparation for the Washington's Birthday Marathon to be held on February 17, 1985, over part of the same course. For further information call Larry Noel, 474-9362.

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Carriers Bring Greetings

Around this time of year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of our carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle-teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

Lions' Roar

This is a new column to tell the community about the Lions Club of Greenbelt.

The Lions are drawn together under one common cause—"Helping the less fortunate in the community when and wherever they need help."

The Lions want to thank the City, and specifically City Manager James K. Giese and Paul Williams of Public Works, for having Lions information signs placed around the city recently. These signs show that there is a Lions Club in Greenbelt, and that it meets on the second and fourth Mondays at the American Legion Home on Greenbelt Road at 6:44 p.m.

As one of their projects, Lions support sight conservation by contributions to the Eye Bank, and by supplying examinations and glasses to needy Greenbelters. In certain cases they also help with food and medical assistance.

The Lions are always looking for used eyeglasses to help in their projects. These glasses can be turned in at Pat's barber shop on Centerway.

For further information about the Lions, please write to the club at PO Box 677, Greenbelt

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY REFUSE SCHEDULE

Because of the New Year's Day Holiday, Tuesday, January 1, 1985, there will be no refuse collection that day. Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY. Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.

Community Church to Hold Christmas Eve Celebration

The Greenbelt Community Church invites all people to share the joy of Christmas with candles, carols and communion at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Scripture readings will tell the story of Christmas. A specially augmented choir will offer three Christmas anthems. The worship will conclude with open communion and sharing of the Light of the World through the symbol of candles.

Lutheran Church to Collect Contributions for Ethiopia

The great needs of the starving people of Ethiopia and other African nations are well known.

Because of the emergency, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (6905 Greenbelt Road) has dedicated the entire offering received at the services on Christmas Eve for the African disaster. Two services will be held that evening. The family service begins at 7:30 p.m.; the traditional candlelight service begins at 10 p.m. The pre-service Christmas music programs begin at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

Contributions for the African disaster fund may be mailed directly to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross or to LCMS World Relief. All contributions will be forwarded immediately to our national headquarters World Relief Fund. Thus far they have contributed over \$600,000. Their goal is to contribute over \$1,300,000 for African drought relief.

Fifty Bags, Full

On Saturday, December 15, the Jaycees of Greenbelt collected over 50 bags of groceries. The food was donated to "SOME" (So Others Might Eat).

Chairman Bill Hayes declared the project a complete success, and he further wishes to thank the chapter members who helped along with all of those who contributed, including Co-op, A & P, Giant, and Safeway.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 First three Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Fourth Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 345-2918 / 474-4090

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road 474-4322

Wishes everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - 6 P.M., 7:30 P.M. & Midnight

Christmas Day - 8, 10 & 11:30 A.M.

CONFESSIONS

Dec. 22 - 4 - 5 P.M.

Dec. 24 - 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & TEEN CLUB DRAMATIC

PRESENTATION - 5:30 - 6 P.M. - Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - 11:30 - Midnight Dec. 24

'Watch-Night' Service On New Year's Eve

This year's New Year's Eve service will be held at 9 p.m. in the main Sanctuary of Christian Hope Center. Guest speaker for the Watch-Night service will be Bob Weiner, founder and director of Maranatha Christian Ministries.

Bob's ministry is committed to establish a New Testament Church on every major college campus of the world by 1985.

Also, the service will include special music, victorious testimonies, praise and worship. The Christian Hope Center is located at 5301 Edgewood Road in College Park.

St. John's Church Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
 CHRISTMAS-EVE
 10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 (for all ages)
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Dr. James Chong Park
 Pastor
 474-1924

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings
 11 am Sunday Morning Worship
 and
 Church School for Children
 Infant Care Provided at
 Fellowship Center behind Church
 The Rev. Daniel Hamlin,
 Pastor

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474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Rds.
 Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Christmas

with your friends and neighbors at

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 6905 Greenbelt Road
 345-5111

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:30 PM Christmas Eve Vespers featuring the Children's Choir. Pre-service carols on the Marimba begin 7:15.
 10:00 PM The traditional Candlelighting Service featuring the Adult, Youth, and Confirmation Choirs of Holy Cross. Pre-service Christmas music begins at 9:15. All offerings on Christmas Eve have been designated for African Relief.

CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE

11:00 AM After the excitement of opening gifts, visiting with friends and relatives, a time to gather with brothers and sisters in Christ and praise God for the unspeakable gift He has given us in his Son. The Adult Choir will sing. Christmas message by Pastor Birner.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services: 8:30 and 11:15 AM
 Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes - 9:50 AM
 Pre-School program 9:50 to close of late service
 Young Adult Fellowship for Singles - 7:30 PM
 Christmas Caroling - 8:30 PM

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
 Scott P. Wycherley, Director of Christian Education

LETTERS

HOMETURF

To the Editor:

This is a story that comes around once every blue moon, it is a story that is a long time in the making; this is a story about a funny process called: growing up. This story even has a lesson tucked away in it, although you wouldn't necessarily catch it unless I told you—growing up doesn't always mean growing out.

Given a few moments, I could go way back in time to recall some memories of early childhood that were part of growing up in Greenbelt. There were so many fun times as a kid living in Maplewood Ct., next to Greenbelt Lake. I can remember the early winter routine of sneaking out onto the thin ice of the lake and being scolded by Greenbelt police because it was dangerous, I remember endless hours of play and laughter in the playground of Center School . . . and I can remember weaving through large crowds of people that would line up along Crescent Road to watch the parade pass by on Labor Day. The countless fireworks displays I got to enjoy as a kid, and the bike rides, skateboard rides, walks I went on through Greenbelt still remain untarnished in my mind.

I can recall my adolescent years even more clearly. My high school years were spent entirely at Eleanor Roosevelt High. Those were times when I was the most crazy, coming to grips with growing up and proud to walk the streets of my "hometown." It was kind of sad to usher out the fun-and-games attitude that I had about high school, learning to appreciate going to my classes instead of skipping out on them. It wasn't until high school that I truly understood my parents goading me to be more career minded; I saw businesses begin to spring up where undisturbed woodlands used to be and realized the financial bent of society. High school was the key to laying a good foundation for the future. . .

I left Greenbelt shortly after my graduation from E. Roosevelt in 1981. I took with me all the hopes and dreams that growing up in a suburb could instill on a seventeen-year old. Amid all the travelling and time that has passed since then, I have learned to understand what people mean when they say: The Grass Is Always Greener on the Other Side.

Presently, at the age of twenty-one, I have been nicely settled in Aptos, California. I now work for two newspapers (The Cabrillo College Voice and the Santa Cruz Sentinel—which circulate between 3,000 and 25,000 copies respectively) and I am also enjoying my time as a fulltime student attending Cabrillo College. I am even serving as a Senator representing approximately 10,000 students . . . but nothing seems to replace the fun I had as a kid

*We Wish
All Our Friends
In Greenbelt
A Joyful
Holiday Season
George Loutsch Family*

"A Christmas Carol"

To the Editor:

I for one was enthralled by the play A Christmas Carol as performed by the Maryland Traveling Repertory Theatre last Sunday at our own Utopia Theater.

I wish everybody were there to enjoy it as I did.

Charles Dickens would have been proud to see his story so faithfully represented. Every role struck home. The effect was to return you to the Christmas of Dickens' day.

Loved it!

Congratulations

To the Editor.

I read recently that the Greenbelt News Review is now in its forty-eighth year of continuous publication. Congratulations to you and your very fine staff for carrying on the tradition of outstanding service to your community. Keeping tabs on events and developments in any area is nearly impossible for any one person, and a good newspaper is worth its weight in gold. Keep up the good work.

With all best wishes to you and the staff for a warm and happy Christmas and Holiday Season.

Leo Green
State Senator

in Greenbelt.

I miss the little things that I took for granted as a kid; the rides to school on the bus in the early morning hours, the quiet hours spent tucked away in a small booth at Greenbelt library doing homework assignments, and the hours I would spend hanging out in the Center Mall. I cannot go back in time to live all those moments again, but I can still remember and be grateful for the city I grew up in.

Please print this story for my family and long-term friends that still live in Greenbelt today. It is the best way I could acknowledge the "hometown" that is so far away from me these days—but means so much.

Trevor E. Siegel

Holiday Thanks

To the Editor:

The Holiday Season is a good time to express my sincere appreciation to the town of Greenbelt for making Calendar Year 1984 beautiful for me.

Being a native from a small town in Kentucky you folks really have made me feel welcome.

Merry Christmas. We have a treasure here in Greenbelt that most places have lost.

Joe Damron, Jr.

Wondering . . .

To the Editor:

I attended the unveiling of the picture commissioned by the Greenbelt Arts Trust to raise money for the Utopia Theater. Let me begin by saying that I applaud the effort to raise money and recognize the efforts of this group.

However, I did find myself wondering why it was necessary to commission a work from a painter who headquarters in Arizona (even though he is the brother-in-law of one of the members of the Arts Trust) when we have so many fine artists both in Greenbelt and the Potomac area.

It is my understanding that payment for the work was most generous. (I heard from two sources that it was \$5000.) I believe any of several painters in this area could have afforded lively competition and a high standard of excellence.

While I do not believe that a letter to the editor is the proper forum for debating the merit of the commissioned work, I do believe that had it been selected from several works submitted rather than being unveiled as a fait accompli, the Arts Trust might possibly have ended with a picture that would have satisfied more people.

Katherine Keene

*Warmest Holiday Greetings
to our
Greenbelt friends and neighbors
The Weidenfeld Family
Gil, Muriel, Sharon & Ellen*

Wishing you and those you cherish

A joyous holiday season

Richard J. Castaldi

Prince Georges County Council

952-3094

Congratulations

To the Editor:

The following congratulations is a letter that was left on my desk on December 10:

"I would like to congratulate all of the faculty, because all of you have been doing a beautiful job. You're the best staff I've ever seen in any school. I know that I don't know all of the staff, but I've heard a lot about them. I love this school and I am going to miss it very much when I go on to high school. But do me a favor, keep up the fantastic work. I know all of you work real hard to make Greenbelt Middle School the best. Well, you have—for this school year, 1984-85. Once again, congratulations!"

Robert C. McKean
Principal
Greenbelt Middle School

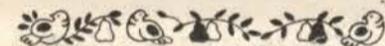
CITY NOTES

The general crew installed a drain pipe under the Baptist Church driveway on Crescent Road. The crew also dug out, repaired, and replaced asphalt on various streets in Lakewood and on the parking lot adjacent to Co-op Food Store.

The electrician installed a new school flashing signal at St. Hugh's School and new light fixtures at the Public Works Building.

The parks crew continued landscaping the entrance to Attick Park. The crew also raked leaves in playgrounds and removed dead trees.

Both the leaf vacuum and chipper have been out of service. The parts needed to repair both units have been ordered.



The Howard Savage's

extend to all their
friends in Greenbelt
their Best Wishes
for a

Happy Holiday Season



GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet on December 20 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. Agenda items include second readings for expenditure authorization #1 and R. D. Bean contract, request for modification and allonge to NCCB mortgage note, proposal for printing rules and regulations, and contribution to Cooperative League fund.

GHI offices will close at noon Friday, December 21 for the Christmas party. Offices will also be closed on December 24 and 25 for the holidays. The telephone answering service (474-6011) will take calls for emergency maintenance service.

New monthly charge notices have been mailed to members. Anyone who has not received the notice of 1985 monthly charges should call the Fiscal Services Department (474-6601).

*Wishing all the Joys
of the Christmas
Season
To Our
Greenbelt Friends
Charlie and Pat Brown*

Bingo

7:30 p.m.

every Thursday

at

St. Hugh's

135 Crescent Road

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Extends

Best Wishes

For The

Holiday Season

Scrooge Bring Joys To Theater-Goers

by Katherine Keene

Any semi-professional acting group has three demons to overcome if it chooses to give Dickens's Christmas Carol in a stage adaptation: it must compete with the unlimited budget of such productions as that on CBS this Christmas; it must convince modern audiences that Dickens's Victorian sentiment is genuine; and it must keep cynics from rejecting Tiny Tim. It is a pleasure to report that the Maryland Traveling Repertory Theatre's production at the Utopia Theater surmounts all obstacles and is a delight to watch.

This version of the story was adapted for stage presentation by Israel Horowitz, who kept large sections of the original dialogue intact while at the same time enlarging the part of Marley, who appears as a commentator between each of Scrooge's encounters with the Christmas ghosts. Jim Zidar, clad in the long-tailed coat favored by gentlemen in 1843 and with the festoons of iron chains he had forged in his misspent life, makes Marley's unhappy ghost quite believable. Scrooge, depicted by the original illustrator of the book, John Leech, as a rather spindly creature whose lack of human kindness has shriveled both his body and soul, is played by John Gentile, who looks uncannily like the person of the original illustrations.

A danger in performing a play of this sort is that many of the audience are very familiar with the book, some even having had its reading by aunts and uncles as part of family Christmas ritual. (It will be remembered that Franklin Roosevelt read parts to his family on Christmas Eve.) Therefore it is pleasant to report that Scrooge's familiar, "Bah, humbug!" and his hope that anyone who shouted "Merry Christmas" should be "buried with a stick of holly through his heart" were convincingly rendered, in exactly the accents one remembered.

Further, Scrooge's transformation after the visit of the third ghost, Christmas Future, was fun to watch as he divested himself of his voluminous nightgown and leapt about the stage like a young schoolboy.

Supporting players did not let Marley and Scrooge down. While the voice of Joanne Bauer, who played both the Ghost of Christmas Past and Mrs. Cratchet, is rather thin, she projected it well and enunciated clearly, which compensated for lack of volume.

Most of the cast played more than one role. Changes of clothing were well-handled and—more important—changes of character. The audience did not feel that old acquaintances were constantly reappearing in different costume.

The Utopia stage presents difficulties for any group. It is small. It is not particularly deep. However, the group overcame the difficulties posed by lack of space. Fezziwig's ball, for instance, was beautifully staged by doing a very few lively dance steps, making an illusion of the Roger de Coverly dance that would have been done at a Fezziwig party. The Ghost of Christmas Past, wearing a wispy white gown, fluttered her arms to give an illusion of lightness and not-quite-of-this-earth. The use of spotlights properly handled added to the illusion of reality on the stage.

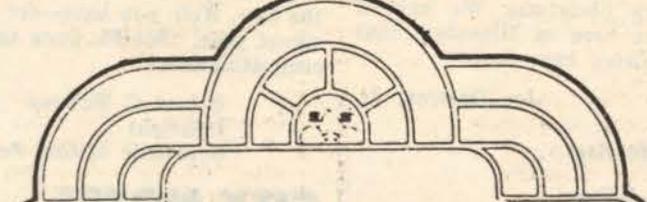
Faithfulness to Leech illustrations extended beyond Scrooge. The Ghosts were properly plump and happy looking with a wreath of holly for Christmas Present, while Christmas Future was dark and mysterious. Even the crutch used by Tiny Tim had a properly home-made look.

Two small things: for some reason the Cratchet boys wore their caps indoors—to eat Christmas dinner of all things—and Tiny Tim insisted on making his "God bless us every one" into a greeting—like "God bless us, everyone," which was hardly

Dickens's intent. However, it cannot be easy to get young children to see such subtle distinctions.

Both segments of the play opened with a violinist and a caroler walking slowly across the stage, very simply done, the singer and violin agreeing perfectly on pitch, and providing a most charming opening.

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Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

The Greenbelt Police assisted the Prince Georges County Police in an incident which took place in the 8000 block of 60th Ave. in Berwyn Heights on December 7. Officers responded to a call of an officer in trouble and found that a suspect had barricaded himself and two other persons in a house. A perimeter was set up and later the suspect surrendered peacefully.

Officers responded to a call by a citizen on Greentree Place about air-rifle shots being fired behind his residence. The weapons were confiscated and the suspects sent on their way. The incident occurred on December 11.

An attempted breaking and entering occurred on December 13 in the 5000 block of Cherrywood Terrace at 8:13 p.m. The officers responding confirmed that an attempt had been made to break in.

Officers Clifton Northam and Jon Rasmussen recently received the Fraternal Order of Police, Greenbelt Lodge, award as Officers of the Year for preventing a woman from jumping off the Route 193 bridge over the Parkway. The officers will also receive a departmental award from Greenbelt Police Chief Frank T. Hutson.

Advice to Avoid Frozen Pipes

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission warns its customers not to leave their water lines unprotected

The Commission offers the following advice:

First, know the route your water travels through your home or business structure. In this way, you can quickly determine where pipes aligned closely to an outside wall are in need of some type of insulating material. Usually this length of pipe or ones providing service to an outside spigot cause most of the problems.

Secondly, never leave a hose connected to an outside spigot during winter months... even with the more modern "frost-free hydrants," which are designed with a valve assembly to ward off the chill.

Finally, if you are unfortunate enough to awaken to frozen water lines, take extra precaution in thawing. Never use an open flame. What may appear to be a "quick fix" could result in a fire or water damage, if the joint solder is melted in thawing. A hand-held blow dryer gives slower, but safer results.

For information and assistance, the Commission has prepared a free Guide to Winterizing Your Home. Write the WSSC-PAO, 4017 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, Md. 20781

The Results of the Oct. 27 Races Around the Lake

The results of long distance races at Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, October 27 were as follows:

Steve Daniels of Greenbelt led 10 other Greenbelters in the D.C. Road Runners 5-mile run, placing third in 27:47. The winner of the 88 person race in one of the fastest times ever recorded in Greenbelt, 25:06, was Dave Rineheart, 29, of Cumberland, Md.; Tim Colas, 24, of Manassas, Va., made it a race but finished 34 seconds back. Other Greenbelt finishers were Jeff Jones, 13th in 31:00; Paul Baberg, 20th in 33:05; Lee Johnson, 27th in 34:43; John Broderick, 15, in 29th in 34:51; Jim Kyllis, 34th in 35:27; Joe Broderick, 35th in 35:35; Ethelyn Bishop, 71st in 43:54; Bill Clarke, 73rd in 44:08; Bill Bishop, 75th in 45:42; Anne Douglas, 78th in 47:02.

A number of Greenbelters and other runners were using this race as a speed workout for the Marine Corps Marathon on November 2. The first woman runner, Karen Borzo, 22, of D.C., finished 16th in 32:08.

In the 1 1/4 mile (once around the lake), Joe Broderick, 46, was the first Greenbelt, placing

Greenbelters Receive Beautification Awards

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and Parks Superintendent Dennis Doornekamp attended the Prince Georges County Beautification Awards Reception and Ceremony held Tuesday, October 2 at the Queen Anne School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The City of Greenbelt had placed in nomination three sites for consideration by the County's Beautification

second in 8:36. Other Greenbelters were Ruth McCormack, 3rd in 8:50; Bjorn Johnson, 9, 4th in 8:56; Robert Rivera, 11, 5th in 9:11; and William Philyaw, 11, 13th in 10:10. There were 17 in this race, with Ruth McCormack the first woman. Dave Weiss of Silver Spring, was the winner in 8:16.

This was one of the regularly scheduled D.C. Road Runners races held weekly in the metropolitan Washington area. The Greenbelt Running Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department cooperated to provide some of the awards and ribbons. Any Greenbelt not getting an award may contact Larry Noel at 474-9362.

Awards Committee, and all three nominations received awards.

A first place award in the category titled, "Best Foot Forward" was received by El Torito's Restaurant located on Greenbelt Road in the Greenway Shopping Center, for its flowering azaleas and evergreen plants around their building and parking areas.

Also receiving a first place award in the category of "All Things Great and Small" was the Capital Office Park, located on Ivy Lane in Greenbelt. The award was for landscaping of the office buildings, along the street to shield their parking areas and in the plaza between the office buildings, which includes a mix of evergreens, annuals and flowering trees.

The City of Greenbelt received a second place award in the category "Best Foot Forward" for the areas in the median strips on Mandan Road and on Hanover Parkway north of Greenbelt Road. These areas combine an-

nual flowers with rock gardens and evergreens to create an attractive entrance to the city.

Awards included a certificate of achievement and a bluebird house.

Nominations were made by City Manager Jim Giese and Administrative Assistant Mike McLaughlin last Spring and submitted to the Prince Georges County Beautification Committee.

McLaughlin says nominations were made on the basis of both quality and quantity of plantings and adds that color "would catch my eye." Domestic and commercial establishments are eligible for nomination.

No Drunk Driving

The Maryland State Police have joined a national effort, especially over the holidays, to identify and arrest persons who insist on driving after having too much to drink. There will be an increase of patrols and more frequent use of sobriety checkpoints.

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Ride Along With Greenbelt Police

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stereo," he groans. "Seems a little early at night to be complaining about that." He whisks the car along Greenbelt Road, turns onto Hanover Parkway, and into the parking area. Another police car is ahead of him. The two cars stop and the police officers confer briefly and head toward the apartment.

"Two police officers respond to a loud stereo complaint," I ask when he returns. "Is that unusual?" "You never know what you'll find behind someone's closed door," Kress replies. "You never know—you have to be prepared for anything."

He recalls the potential suicide on Plateau Place the week before in which the police responded and found themselves facing a hostile man who shot at them, keeping them at bay until the small hours of the morning. Driving through the quiet streets of Greenbelt this Friday evening, it seems impossible that anything violent could occur here.

"We're not a small city anymore," Kress says. "And the bad guys have the edge."

"What do you mean?"
"The bad guys have the edge over us because there are no rules for them. So they can do anything. It's not the same for us."

"No. But you wouldn't want to play without rules, would you?" "No," he admits. "That wouldn't work either."

Back to our patrol. Springhill Lake. Beltway Plaza. Capital Office Park. "This isn't a sleepy little town any more," he says. "A year ago, this was all woods. Now look at it." His eyes sweep the area. In the chill, dark air, the tall concrete office buildings seem eerie and desolate. "There is a big area to cover and not enough people," Kress complains. This Friday night, for the first time in a long time, he says, the police are at full strength with four cars out on the road. Often, because of illness or unfilled vacancies, or because an officer is tied up in an arrest, there may be only three or two cars to patrol the whole city.

Kress says it takes too much time to complete an arrest and this impacts on police protection. The first call that night had been to respond to a drunk at Bennigans. Another officer arrived at the scene first, and throughout the evening Kress monitored that arrest. "That officer won't be back on the street for another four hours," he predicted. "First we

have to arrest him, then take him to the station, fingerprint him, write up the charges, take his picture. Then we haul him down to Hyattsville and wait our turn before the commissioner.

Kress wants the city to hire at least ten more officers next year because of the increased residential and commercial growth taking place in the city. Even though the force is now at full-strength with thirty-four officers including the chief, seven new officers are in the police academy for six months of training. When they return to Greenbelt, they will spend several more months riding with another officer before they are on their own. It is generally believed that it takes about a year for a new recruit to become an effective member of the force.

With occasional illnesses and resignations, chronic understaffing has been a problem in recent years accounting for long hours of overtime by many officers. The police are suffering from fatigue and "burn-out," police sergeant John Lann recently told the News Review. He himself took his first vacation in six years a few weeks ago.

Kress says it's hard to take time off even when you have earned it because of the stress it places on fellow officers. And what happens in the rest of the city, Kress asks, when all available officers are in one place at one time, such as in the Plateau Place incident? Even though county police are called to assist with the emergency, if a second emergency were to occur at the same time, Greenbelt would be in trouble, Kress maintains.

Kress also points to the lack of plainclothesmen to stake out suspected drug sites or places where auto thefts have routinely occurred. "We don't have anyone to do that kind of work," he says. And there is a lot of drug dealing in Greenbelt, he emphatically states.

"How do you know that?" I ask.

He says it is easy to deal in drugs in Greenbelt because of the small police force and the many exits in and out of the city. There's no way to police the situation adequately. "Greenbelt is the drug capital of Maryland," he asserts. I raise a skeptical eye, but he is firm in his belief, pointing out that Greenbelt is midway between Washington and Baltimore.

The police also say they have outgrown their space in the office building they share with other city departments. They are seeking their own facility. The city manager has recommended construction of a new building for the police as one of the items to be considered in the city's proposed capital improvements bond referendum.

It is nearing 10 p.m. and the shopping centers are closing for the night. The dispatcher calls for a bank escort. Kress grumbles. He says the call puts an officer unnecessarily in danger because a potential robber could observe the event occurring on a regular basis and eventually would confront the police with a weapon.

We pick up a young girl at the entrance to a store, drive her to a bank, and return her to the store. Kress shakes his head. They should hire an armored car or have their own security force do this, he asserts.

Commitment

The intensity and commitment is evident. Though Kress is slightly built at 5 feet 10 inches, he appears tough and intimidating. He says he has to be. A policeman must be able to bluff when he confronts a group of guys that are twice as big as he is. The mystique of the uniform is there. The weapon encased at the hip gives credibility to the image. Bluff? He doesn't seem too vulnerable to me. "I bleed too," he reminds me.

My ride ends when he goes off duty at 11 p.m. He had a long shopping list of "wants". More officers. More equipment. More back-up. A new building. There

New Law Requires Info On Hazardous Substances

Starting December 31, Maryland employers and employees will be affected by occupational safety and health legislation on access to information about hazardous and toxic substances enacted by the 1984 Maryland General Assembly. The action is designed to protect the safety and health of employees, including fire, ambulance and rescue company members, by providing for employee access to certain information about hazardous chemicals in workplaces.

The employers compile a list containing information about each hazardous chemical in the are other priorities the city has to consider, I remind him. "Yeah," he says. "But if another department doesn't get a piece of equipment, no one's life is endangered." That's something to think about, I agree.

marketplace. Employers must also obtain available material safety data sheets for each hazardous chemical on the list. Such data sheets contain information about a chemical, such as the ingredients, the hazards and characteristics of the chemical and any precautionary or control measures.

The law also requires that the chemical information list and material safety data sheets be submitted to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Science and Health Advisory Group, Division of Environmental Science and Technology, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

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Part V: The Later Years

Greenbelt . . . A Look at the Beginnings

by Peter Durantine

The New Era

After the war had ended in 1945, the town began to progress rapidly. The war housing, whose construction had begun in July 1941 under the Lanham Act, had been completed, adding 1000 new homes to Greenbelt.

In 1947, residents of Greenbelt celebrated the tenth anniversary of their town with picnics, pageants, and parades. There were speakers and dances, and in recognition of the town's anniversary President Harry S. Truman sent a letter to Greenbelt praising the residents for the success they had achieved as a planned community.

By 1949, Greenbelt had matured from being a town to becoming a city. This was made official in that year when a charter amendment was passed changing Greenbelt from a town to a city.

Although Greenbelt was the first planned community in the United States, it was not the first planned community conceived and built. Ebenezer Howard, considered by many to be the first modern city planner, tested the idea of a planned community in England around 1898. Howard's plan utilized every foot of land, eliminating wasted space, while still providing a city and rural life with plenty of spacious living for the inhabitants. So successful were Howard's communities that they influenced planned housing projects throughout Europe, especially in the Scandinavian and Germanic countries.

Near the end of the 1940's, with inflation steadily growing, the Justice Department began a trust-busting crusade to break up monopolies. At this time the House Committee on small business was accusing the Cooperative Distribution Corporation of being a monopoly because it was the only private enterprise operating in Greenbelt. CDC quickly pointed out that it had signed a ten-year lease with the federal government and under that agreement no competing businesses were allowed within a half-mile radius of the commercial center. Responding to the accusations, the residents declared that they wanted the CDC to remain in Greenbelt. This, coupled with the CDC's explanation, ended the controversy.

In 1942 the Farm Security Administration transferred supervision of Greenbelt over to the Federal Public Housing Authority, which was now, in 1951, selling the New Deal town. Speculation towards offering the town for sale to private investors was made, but the residents would not hear of it, demanding instead that they be allowed to purchase the town.

In May 1952, with masonry and brick homes selling for \$4,500 to \$9,500 and the wood frame war housing going for

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Crowd waiting for their turn to purchase Greenbelt Homes on the first day of sale. Left to Right - Jack Murray, Theron Tompkins, Bev. Fonda, Marlene Hermann, Mrs. Ben Herman, Vivian Pinis, Beulah Bukzin, Goldberg (photo by Hans Jorgensen, courtesy GHI).

\$2,250 to \$3,000, the residents of Greenbelt began purchasing their town. What made the purchase so unusual was that each resident who agreed to purchase a home gave the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation a \$100 deposit, which went not only toward the purchase of the home but the town as well. With deposits collected from the majority of residents (there were many who were still unsure about purchasing their homes and were given a time period in which to decide) and a loan from the Ohio Farm Insurance Company, now known as Nationwide, the GPHC (later to become Greenbelt Homes Incorporated or GHI) paid the government a 10% down payment of \$620,545 for the purchase of their "dream town."

With the sale of the town came the sale of the utilities. The water and sewage system were sold to the town, but after two years they were taken over by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission because of economic factors involved. Pepco was sold the electrical utility in 1953 and in 1958 the two elementary schools and junior high, which were almost closed by the county because of lack of funding, were sold to Prince Georges County.

During the McCarthy era, when Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin was accusing people in private industry and government of being communists, ten residents of Greenbelt were dismissed from their jobs, because they were labeled "security risks." Rallying behind their neighbors, the residents of Greenbelt fought for them by petitioning and, for only a few, by testifying. This was Greenbelt, still the strong community Eleanor Roosevelt had observed in 1942.

As the town continued to progress, so did developments. Proposals were made for 2000 new homes to be built in Greenbelt at a rate of 400 a year for the next five years. From 1954-1955 the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was built, cutting through the belt of green and dividing Greenbelt. Meanwhile plans for the Washington Beltway were being drawn which also cut through the belt of green and divided the town. By the summer of 1958 plans for Greenbelt Park had begun and the "green belt" that surrounded the town was slowly being developed.

As Greenbelt entered the decade of the 1960's, a large apart-

ment complex, Springhill Lake, was being constructed and plans for a mall and shopping center were in the making. In 1964, a headline above a Washington Post article about Greenbelt read: "Greenbelt May Become a Gray-belt."

By mid-decade the residents were fighting in court with one of the chief developers who owned much of the acreage which surrounded Greenbelt. The acreage, which had been sold in the 1950's, was going to be developed by the owners, tearing apart the "green belt" that protected and surrounded the town.

Thus began the change from town to city.

The City

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" — Santayana

In a late 1930's film titled "The City," Greenbelt was depicted as

a community free from pollution, towering buildings, traffic congestion, sprawling housing developments and overcrowding. It was a town set in the country, where people were enjoying fresh air, plenty of space, quiet streets, and aesthetically appealing buildings that stood harmoniously among the natural surroundings.

But as Greenbelt entered the 60's, the town began a slow metamorphosis. From land sales, made by both the government and the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation to private interests because the government had no use for the land and because GVHC was paying around \$15,000 a year in taxes, came the eventual demise of the "green belt" and, sadly, the spirit of the community.

Most of the "green belt" is now developed with large apartment complexes, sprawling housing developments, shopping centers, office parks, malls, and the by-products of all this: pollution, traffic congestion, and overcrowd-

ing. In the mid-sixties the Beltway was open and one of the largest apartment complexes on the east coast (Springhill Lake) was completed.

Developments have continued to grow at a steady rate, with more apartment complexes such as Greenbriar, office parks, shopping centers, and tall buildings, which create a skyline around the town. But the town is no longer that, for Greenbelt is referred to as a city today. Is it the same kind of city that producers of the 1930's film decried? The same kind of city that people came to Greenbelt to get away from? The city that drove out the unique community spirit that had been a trademark of Greenbelt?

As one views Greenbelt today, while thinking back to the reasons the town was built, one wonders what Roosevelt and Tugwell's reaction would be to all of it. Progress is important. But as things change, shouldn't we stop a moment to see in what direction we are heading?



Mrs. S. Hartford Downs and Mayor Allen D. Morrison welcome one of first residents in the defense homes in Greenbelt, December, 1941. New Tenant is Mrs. Lloyd Eschenaur shown with her daughter. (Farm Security Administration photo, courtesy GHI)

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Congratulations to Peter J. Coughlin of the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. An assistant professor of economics at the University of Maryland, he has been named winner of the James L. Barr Memorial Award in Public Economics for 1984. The annual award is made by the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management for the best scholarly work in the field written by a junior professor in the social sciences.

We're glad to hear that Pat Parker of Parkway is recuperating from a nasty fall, and we hope the cast will come off that shoulder very soon.

After a Christmas party that included a covered-dish supper last Friday evening, Laura and Bill Walker won the evening's duplicate bridge game, with Tony Pisano and Harvey Geller in second place. There were 24 players last week, which means there is plenty of room for anyone wanting to join the games this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Congratulations to Valerie Lee Siegel of Maplewood Court who passed her bar examination on July 24 and 25. She will be recommended to the Court of Appeals of Maryland for admission to the bar.

Former Greenbelter Joerg D. Agin has been appointed as Eastman Kodak Company general manager, Marketing, Mass Memory Division.

Marine Lance Cpl. Peter A. Cartron, son of George J. Cartron of 7 Research Rd., is a member of 3d Battalion, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., which recently participated in Combined Arms Exercise I-85. He joined the Marine Corps in July 1982.

Souzen Boshra Yanni, of Springhill Drive, received a Masters Degree from Colorado State University, December 15.

Marine Cpl. Douglas E. Patton, son of Mary M. Patton of Lakecrest Drive, is a member of 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. A 1982 graduate of Eleanor Roose-

Brighton Beach

At the National

Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" is playing at the National Theater (1321 Pennsylvania Avenue) through January 6. While the play's 'thirties setting and poor family give special poignance for Greenbelters, the message "the job and pain of growing up smart, sensitive and aware" is both universal and current. The play is enormously funny.

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Fire & Rescue Review

As well as being a happy and joyous time of the year it can also be tragic to those who don't practice home safety. In the hopes of making things safer, we offer these safety tips:

1. When choosing a spot for the Christmas tree, try to place it so as not to block walkways and exits within the home.

2. Care should be taken when wiring the tree with lights. Be sure to use U.L. approved wires and lights and make sure that wires are not frayed and free of open splices. Avoid running wires under carpets and rugs.

3. Keep the tree watered! The importance of this cannot be overstressed. A tree that is allowed to dry out becomes deadly. When needles start to fall freely, remove the tree to a designated collection point away from buildings and vehicles. Do not place old trees in basement/storage areas.

4. Caution children not to play with the tree, and watch that pets don't chew on wires and cords.

Toys

5. Caution should be used when buying toys for children. Toys with sharp edges, small removable parts, and toys that could be easily swallowed should be considered carefully before purchasing.

6. After presents are opened, all wrapping paper should be properly removed from areas near space heaters and fireplaces.

7. Along with extra kitchen use during the holiday season, extra care should be used. Never leave cooking food unattended. And keep a close eye out for children who may wander into the kitchen area. Many serious and sometimes fatal accidents occur in the kitchen.

The Perfect Gift

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velt High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1982.

Timothy Karch, son of Carolyn Karch of Breezewood Terrace, recently participated in the McPherson College Auto Restoration Program at the Chickasha Swap Meet at Chickasha, OK. The Chickasha Swap Meet is one of the largest in the Midwest where persons can buy, sell, or trade antique auto supplies and parts.

Recreation Review

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The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now selling the Entertainment '85 books. Save all year on dining, movies, sports and more. Join the nation's largest discount club and enjoy hundreds of get-acquainted-two-for-one offers from well known attractions in our area. Hundreds of 2-for-1 coupon offers include family dinner holiday gifts, consider a smoke detector. Units start as low as \$10 and are easy to maintain and test. One will do, but the extra protection that two offer will far exceed the cost. Most fatal house fires start when family members are sleeping.

ing, fast foods, movies, concerts, sports, hotels, and other valuable coupons. Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays, 474-6878, for further details on obtaining this book.

Santa Visits the Youth Center

On Saturday, December 22, Santa Claus will be at the Youth Center from 10 a.m. - noon. Children can come and sit on Santa's lap and tell him all their Christmas wishes. Santa will have a treat for each child. A toy exchange to benefit needy children will take place as well. Bring a toy (new or used), take a toy, or bring one for a needy child. Movies and treats for all!

Holiday Hours

Hours will be extended at both the Youth Center and Springhill

Lake Recreation Center during the holiday season. Facilities will be open as follows:

Sat., December 22, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 23, 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 24, noon - 6 p.m.; Tue., Dec. 25, noon - 10 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 26, noon - 10 p.m.; Thu., Dec. 27, noon - 10 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 28, noon - 10 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 29, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 30, 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 31, noon - 6 p.m.; Tue., January 1, noon - 10 p.m.; and Wed., Jan. 2, noon - 10 p.m.

Volleyball and Roller Skating

Programs

Volleyball and Roller Skating held at Greenbelt Center Elementary School will not be held over the Christmas holiday. Activities will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

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