



## Open Hearings Start Tomorrow On Town Administration Charges

A full, open hearing of all charges brought against Greenbelt's town administration will be started tomorrow morning at 9 in the Center School auditorium, according to Mayor Thomas J. Canning.

A closed session was held on November 19 to hear four charges the nature of which, according to Mr. Canning, might embarrass third-party witnesses. A report of that hearing has been promised for tomorrow.

### Targets of Attack

Chief targets of the complaints made in approximately eight statements, are Town Manager James T. Gobel and Director of Public Safety George Panagoulis. The exact nature of all such charges has not been made public, but indications were given upon several occasions. Charges were raised by Town Treasurer Mabel Kandler in between-elections meeting on September 19 that Mr. Gobel had not abided by the 1947 budget in payments to himself, the town solicitor and the public health director. These were quickly followed, in the four days remaining before the council election run-off, by a circular distributed throughout town, signed by Police Officer Robert Dodge, claiming that conditions in the Police Department endangered public safety; and statements by Frank Stachitas, disposal plant operator, and Elliott Sines, foreman of public works, accusing Mr. Gobel of electioneering during the council election campaign and of inefficiency in supervision of the disposal plant.

### Resignation

In May of this year, two members of the past council requested Mr. Gobel's resignation. At a regular council meeting May 12, which was moved to the Center School auditorium to accommodate nearly 600 citizens who attended the meeting, Mr. Gobel submitted his resignation. Charges made by George Bauer, then mayor, ranged from alleged inadequacy of the town budget for the fire department to alleged assumption by the town manager of duties and privileges properly belonging to the mayor. Mr. Gobel explained his policy of offering his resignation to each new incoming council. Upon the motion of Councilman Allen D. Morrison, the consideration of the resignation submitted by Mr. Gobel at the meeting was deferred until October 1, prior to which a new council was elected.

Mayor Canning announced on October 16 the appointment of four people—Bernard Bordenet, Wesley C. Darling, Joseph L. Fitzmaurice and Milton P. William—who, with the five members of Council formed the nine-man committee which was instructed to consider charges against the administration.

## Employee Ousted By Post Office

William E. Aitcheson, "The Package Man", will soon lose the job that has made him a familiar figure to thousands of Greenbelt children.

Mr. Aitcheson has been notified that on December 2 he will be terminated in his position as clerk-carrier in charge of package deliveries in the local postoffice. He is being replaced by a veteran.

For five years, Mr. Aitcheson has been driving his truck and "has never had a complaint on the job." He has hoped that eventually he might be given the opportunity to secure status and become a permanent employee. Mr. Aitcheson has been a temporary employee on an hourly basis.

"I've tried hard on the job, and tried to be a real public servant," Mr. Aitcheson told a Cooperator reporter. To local children, however, the 53 year old "Package Man" has been a pretty close second to Santa Claus himself.

An unsigned letter to the editor of the Cooperator was received relative to the case, but it is against the policy of the paper to print anonymous letters.

## Drop-Inn Begins Sunday Programs

The first in a series of Sunday night programs for teen-agers of the town was held at the Drop-Inn last Sunday night under the direction of the program committee of the Advisory Board.

Arthur Foster opened the evening with a moving picture, "America the Beautiful", a travelogue of the United States. Rev. Victor Dowgiallo, recently appointed pastor of St. Hugh's parish, followed with a short speech on children's responsibility to their parents.

Mrs. Ellen Linson led group games to conclude the program.

The entertainment was offered as a sample of the kind of activity that could be conducted at the canteen, and the teen-agers present voted to have similar affairs each weekend. Volunteers from the members formed a committee to plan this Sunday's program. In the future, programs will be planned by the teen-agers with the aid of the adult board and parents and citizens.

A GCS quarterly membership meeting will be held at 8:15 p. m. next Wednesday, December 3, at the Center School auditorium. The agenda includes: by-law amendments submitted by the board for consideration by members; election of nominations and elections committee; report on expansion program; and operational report.

## New Local Band Plays Tomorrow

The Rhythmakers, Greenbelt's new 12-piece orchestra, will make its formal debut at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the Center School auditorium, presenting dance music and a 30-minute floor show.

The floor show will begin at 9:15 with a cast including Herbie Faulconer, Scott Hurt, Fred Goodhart, Bryan Branscombe, John Walker, Lester Midkiff, Ann Smith, Sonya Friedman, Fay Friedman and the Majorettes.

The Rhythmakers have been under the tutelage of Art Moran for the past 15 months. Mr. Moran formerly played with two orchestras of radio and movie fame.

Proceeds of the dance will be given to the Community Band for costumes for additional majorettes, and to the new orchestra for necessary equipment.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from any band member.

## Outline of Plan of Procedure Adopted by Committee For Purpose of Facilitating the Conduct of Hearings

It is the purpose of the Committee to make a thorough study of all pertinent testimony offered in support of the allegations set forth in the affidavits heretofore filed in accordance with the resolution of the Mayor and Town Council, together with all pertinent testimony which may be offered in refutation thereof.

The Mayor, or in his absence, the Mayor pro tempore, shall preside over meetings of the Committee. No meeting of the Committee shall be commenced unless at least six members are present, and no business shall be considered by the Committee unless at least five members are present.

The Town Solicitor, legal adviser to the Committee, shall conduct the questioning of witnesses, with the further provision that persons against whom complaints have been filed, or their agent or attorney, shall be privileged to participate in the questioning at appropriate time. After the conclusion of questioning by the Town Solicitor the members of the Committee may question any witness upon making known such desire to the presiding officer.

With the exception of matters which peculiarly affect residents of the Town, other than officials or employees of the town, the hearings shall be conducted in public after adequate notice to persons making complaints and persons against whom complaints have been made, and all persons who present themselves to testify shall be required to make oath or affirmation to the presiding officer before their testimony may be received. In the event there is any interference from the public, or any person, other than those authorized in this outline of procedure, undertakes to give audible utterance to any expression or to participate in any demonstration or outburst of any nature whatsoever, the presiding officer is authorized to discontinue such public hearing and to conduct further proceedings before the Committee in private hearing.

With respect to the presentation of evidence the complainants and their respective supporting witnesses and also the persons complained against and their respective supporting witnesses will be expected, as far as practicable, to follow the procedure customarily used in Courts of Law.

All witnesses shall be restricted in their testimony to matters of which they have personal knowledge on the subject matter which is immediately being considered by the Committee. As far as practicable all testimony appertaining to one type of subject matter shall be heard before any other type of subject shall be considered.

All witnesses are privileged to present documentary evidence or evidence of record, including books and papers, pertinent to the subject matter under immediate consideration by the Committee. The Mayor shall be custodian of all records of the Committee, and none of the official records of the Town Government shall at any time be removed or taken from the office of the Town Government without the approval of the Mayor or Town Council.

## GMHOC Membership Drive Closes In 4 Days; Vet Priority Explained

### Sasscer To Speak At Dec. 8 Rally

Congressman Lansdale Sasscer will give a resume of his recent trip abroad at the National Guard rally to be held Monday, December 8, at 8:30 p. m., in the Center School auditorium according to Dr. James McCarl. Millard Tydings and other officials of the State have also been invited to attend. General Milton Record, Adjutant General of Maryland and head of the Maryland National Guard will be present, and his aides, General Rule and Lt. Col. Claypoole.

The Greenbelt Community Chorus will make its first public appearance, under the direction of Harlan G. Randall, Director of the music department of the University of Maryland. The Greenbelt band will furnish band music, under the direction of Dana Garrett. A display of modern equipment and captured enemy equipment will be made, both inside and outside the school building.

Committee members have been assigned the following duties: Dr. McCarl, program; Edward Kaighn, Sr., exhibit; Curtis Barker, attendance; Charles Cormack, recruiting; and Frank Lastner, publicity.

The local unit of field artillery can be inducted into the National Guard at the rally if ten enlisted men and one officer are enlisted. Anyone interested may get in touch with Mr. Cormack at the PHA Community Office.

With four days left in its Charter membership drive, GMHOC membership totals 500, or 21% of Greenbelt residents as of Wednesday night. Charles P. Stone, vice-president in charge of Greenbelt activities for the Trans-American Development Corporation, gave the following breakdown of the total: war housing 52%, original homes 48%; veterans 32%, non-veterans 68%.

Michael Salzman, a veteran of World War II, was elected president Tuesday night at the first meeting of the board of directors since incorporation. Mr. Salzman was formerly secretary of GMHA.

### Veteran Priority Not a Law

In answer to a query about the priority given out-of-town veterans over present Greenbelt residents who are not veterans, Mr. Stone explained that the priority has not been established by law. A directive issued by Public Housing Authority, he said, does call for such order of priority, but also contains an exception clause for hardship and special cases. Greenbelt, he said, has "very good chances of being considered an exception, particularly if a mutual group, comprised of a majority of Greenbelt residents, presents a detailed offer to PHA immediately upon formal announcement of sale.

If the mutual plan as established by the present board of directors is accepted by PHA, non-veterans within GMHOC will be on a level with veteran members.

### 90 Day Leeway

After accepting the general mutual housing plan, PHA will withhold sale for 90 days from any other purchaser. For the first 30 days, non-resident veterans will be allowed to join GMHOC and purchase through the Corporation. Col. Westbrook said that in his opinion the number of Greenbelters who will not wish to purchase will exceed the number of non-resident veterans who will wish to buy in Greenbelt. Thus, he said, it is unlikely that any resident member of GMHOC who is not a veteran will be dispossessed by a veteran who is not a resident.

### Tuesday Night Deadline

House-to-house canvassing has been done on a volunteer basis by a group of over 100 membership solicitors. Chairman of the membership campaign, which ends next Tuesday, December 2, at midnight, See DRIVE, Page 4

## Choral Group To Make Debut

The Greenbelt Community Chorus will make its bow to the town at a public rally December 8 in the Center School auditorium. The rally will be held to acquaint Greenbelters with plans for establishing a National Guard unit here. At the weekly rehearsal of the Chorus Monday night, Dr. Harlan Randall, director, asked every member to be present at next rehearsal in order to be acquainted with plans for this appearance.

Committees were announced for the concert the Chorus plans to give in January. Mrs. Irving Oring will be in charge of tickets; Mrs. D. J. Neff, decoration; Mrs. O.M. Slye, publicity. Additional chairmen of standing committees were appointed as follows: Mrs. Sig Leifer, program, and Wilfred J. Mead, music. The committee on constitution and by-laws headed by Charles P. Maschauer distributed copies to the membership to be studied and passed upon at the next meeting.

The Greenbelt Community Chorus has been accepted as a part of the Prince Georges County adult educational program, and has the distinction of being the first such group in the County. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Chorus may see the president, Fred Pfeiffer, or membership chairman, Mrs. Charles M. Cormack.

## Church Women To Have Bazaar

The ladies of Community Church will hold a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, December 6 in the auditorium of the center school. The bazaar will be open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. Henry Brautigam, chairman of decorations, announced that the auditorium will be decorated in a Roman motif. In keeping with the gay decorations, a gypsy-like touch will be given by fortune telling through "Reading of the Cards" by Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr., and astrological shades will be stirred by the "Reading of the Tea-leaves" by Mrs. Edgar Hawk. An organ recital will be given by Mrs. Daniel Neff, past president of the afternoon guild, at 1 p. m.

Children will find the bazaar interesting in the "Grab-Bag" section and the candy and popcorn stands. Those who plan to contribute to the bazaar are asked to contact Mrs. John Littleton, 4306, or Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, 3216. Proceeds from the bazaar go to the Community Church Building Fund.

## Teen-Agers Hold Drop-Inn Dance

Sixty teen-agers of the town and their friends gathered at the Drop-Inn Saturday night to enjoy the second of their series of monthly dances. Music was furnished by Ervin Dietzel, drums, Tommy Millet, piano, and Bill Baxter and Jimmy Griggs, horns.

Richard Hause was the winner of a silver dollar in a special "lucky boy" dance, and Betty Jean Main received a box of perfumed soap as winner of the "lucky girl" dance.

At intermission a Yo-Yo exhibition was given by several members of the canteen. Donald Tompkins and Jack Hofsteater won the contest and received a box of candy bars.

David Daniels, winner of the door prize, had his choice of the remainder of the year's Drop-Inn dues paid-up or the equivalent in cash.

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## Let's Give Everyone A Break

Greenbelt is proud of its citizens who served in the armed forces during the late world war. We believe that no town of comparable size in the country can offer a finer war record. The policy of veteran preference in housing, employment and other phases of American life helps to make up for the lost years of opportunity.

We do not believe, however, that Greenbelt veterans want to see their neighbors forced to join the unsheltered ranks of the country because, through no fault of their own, they are not veterans of World War II. "Veteran," as used in connection with war housing preference, does not include veterans of World War I. Men in this category, if strict veteran preference were adhered to, would be dispossessed, as would other Greenbelt families whose composition does not include a veteran. The veteran who returned from overseas, married, and moved to another residence, would see his parents dispossessed. The man who served overseas in combat areas with the Red Cross would be "bumped" by the veteran who sat the war out in the Pentagon, and who would now like to move to Greenbelt.

As GMHOC's membership chairman, Al Long, said a few weeks ago, we would not particularly like to live in an all-veteran town.

We think the mutual plan is the only one which insures us the retention of all of our present citizens who want to remain. GMHOC will propose to the housing officials that (1) all corporation members (except charter members) will be on equal footing, and (2) the number of outside veterans admitted to GMHOC in the 30-day "open house" period will not be allowed to exceed the number of units occupied by non-members.

Charter membership—which will remain open until midnight next Tuesday—carries with it priority on any list set up for residence in vacant units.

We strongly urge every Greenbelt resident to join GMHOC before the deadline.

## At Last

Tomorrow morning at 9 a. m. the long-awaited public hearing gets under way. We urge every resident who can possibly attend to do so, in order to hear the facts for himself.

The charges and counter-charges that have been filling the air have been getting more and more confusing. Frankly, we are getting a little tired of the whole mess. We, like everyone else in town, will be glad to see this matter cleared up once and for all.

## To The Editor:

No letters to the editor are printed unless the editor knows the name and address of the writer. If you don't want your name to appear in the paper, you may request that a pseudonym be used.

## Win The Peace

To the Editor:  
Christmas Day will soon be here. Heed the call, let's spread good cheer.  
In lands afar, the needs are great. Let's not repeat "Too little, too late."

The war that's passed, let's not forget.  
Our actions now, let's not regret.  
Prejudice and hatred we must ban,  
To win peace on earth, good will towards man.

Frederick L. Kaye.

## JCC Services

Sabbath services will be conducted November 28, at 8:30 p.m. in the social room of the Center School. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE  
Phone 5677

There are two families who had something very special to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. The Leon Benefield and Leroy Root families received a Beltsville turkey each. The birds were won at the drawing which was conducted last Wednesday evening at the spaghetti supper sponsored by the St. Hugh's Choir.

Mrs. Charles Cormack underwent a major operation at the Cheverly hospital on Friday. All reports indicate that she is getting along very nicely. Here's a whole-hearted wish for her speedy recovery!

Last Tuesday, six women of the Greenbelt Women's Club attended a Federation meeting in Baltimore. Mrs. George Domchick, Sr., returned this past week from Free-land, Pa., where she had been visiting and recuperating from an operation.

Elmer A. Reno of 2-D Crescent is in Leland Memorial Hospital as a result of an infection after having a tooth extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ashelman are planning a family get-together, in honor of Mrs. Ashelman's father, on his birthday, Saturday. Her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peter, will come from Alexandria and her brother Hollis Peter also plans to be in on the celebrating.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kern and daughter, "Cookie," are spending Thanksgiving week-end with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Five energetic mothers of Brownie Troop 49 completed a fine clean-up and shine-up job on the Scout room the past weekend. The floors have been newly painted and waxed, to help preserve the "New Look." The mothers of Troop 19 also plan to help out in the redecorating scheme by putting up new curtains. From now on, the Scout room should be a very inviting meeting place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kessler and daughter will be Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slight of 2-A Laurel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Benjamin of 21-A Ridge Road wish to thank the many friends and neighbors in Greenbelt who sent get-well cards, flowers, and a special note of thanks to those fine individuals who so willingly donated blood during the recent illness of Mr. Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin, we are sorry to report, is still a patient in Garfield Hospital.

Mrs. June Lane was called to California, due to the illness of her sister. Mrs. Lane expects to be away one month or six weeks. In all probability, she will spend her Christmas in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Rosenthal said their good-byes to 45-S Ridge this past week, and have taken up residence at their new address, 5-D Ridge.

Mrs. Joseph F. Vogel and daughter Mary Edith of 9-L Research left Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents in Rochester, New York. From Rochester they will go to Panama to join Chief Vogel who is with the submarine rescue ship, Kittiwake. The Vogels will live in Navy housing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Neumann and daughter Virginia of 71-H Ridge have just returned from a two weeks' trip to Chicago. While there, they attended the wedding of Mrs. Neumann's niece in Mari- bel, Wisconsin. Virginia was bridesmaid at the wedding. Mr. Neumann especially enjoyed a visit to Greendale, Wisconsin, another "Green" town.

Frank Walter of 6-Z-4 Plateau Place is flying to Seattle, Washington, today.

Ernie Minor, a former Greenbelt resident who resided at 6-J Ridge Road, paid a surprise visit to Greenbelt this week. He visited many of his old friends, but since his time was short, he wished to be remembered in the Cooperator to all of those with whom he didn't get the opportunity to visit. Ernie was one of the top bowlers in the league. He is now vice-president of the Beverly Hills Improvement League. He recently went to Rapid City, S. D., where he discussed zoning with Louis Bessemer, head of the Chamber of Commerce

of Rapid City. Mr. Bessemer is one of our former managers. The Minors now reside at 706 North Westmoreland, Dallas, Texas. They will be very happy to hear from any of their Greenbelt friends.

Chief of Police George Panagoulis, his wife and two children left Sunday morning by car for Nashua, New Hampshire, where they will enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents. They will return late Friday night.

Mrs. Dorothy McGee spent the weekend visiting with relatives and friends in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Erhardt and children of 13-T Hillside are spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Jane Green of 3-K Eastway was honored at a party given in the home of Mrs. Frank Kirby of 3-F Eastway last Tuesday evening. A number of Mrs. Greene's friends of the 3 Court attended. Mr. Greene has recently been transferred to New York City where he has a position with the Department of Labor. Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fresco, are visiting them this weekend. Mr. Greene is also home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Salzman announce the arrival of a son, weighing about 6 pounds. Mrs. Salzman is in Leland Memorial hospital.

Chief and Mrs. Ralph S. Ebert who recently moved to Sylvan Shores, Md., from 9-M Research Road, send back word that a baby daughter was born to them Monday night at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Annapolis. The baby is their third child and first daughter. They named her Pamela Ann, and she weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Bobbie Andretta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andretta, 13-S Hillside Rd., celebrated his fifth birthday on November 22, with a party for his playmates in the court.

Mrs. Winfield McCamy, 3-A Ridge Road, will have as her guests over the Thanksgiving holidays her daughter, Patricia Loftus from Bryn Mawr, and her son Mike from the University of North Carolina.

Very few people appreciate that the works of a watch contain over 100 parts; the balance wheel turns 432,000 times a day; the escapement wheel makes 12,960 revolutions a day.

## Community Church Protestant

Sunday, November 30—  
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school, Tom Berry, superintendent.  
10 a.m.—Men's Bible class, Rolfe Sauls, president.  
10:50 a.m.—Church nursery for pre-school age children whose parents wish to attend church.  
11 a.m.—Church worship. Cordial welcome to all. Sermon by Reverend C. R. Strausburg of Greenbelt, "Things That Cannot Be Shaken." Soloist for the service will be Mrs. John R. McClendon, director of the junior choir. Mrs. Daniel Neff will be at the organ. Overseas gifts will be received.  
7:30 p.m.—Special program at the Youth Center.  
Monday, December 1—  
8 p.m.—Board of trustees meet at the church office.  
Tuesday, December 2—  
2 p.m.—Afternoon guild meets.  
11 a.m.—Special meeting on work in leper colonies. Mount Vernon Methodist Church. Luncheon at 12:30.  
Wednesday, December 3—  
3:15 p.m.—Junior choir rehearsal, home economics room, last day for Christmas try-outs. Boys and girls from 8 to 14 eligible.  
8 p.m.—Senior choir rehearsal, 2nd floor, Center School.  
8 p.m.—Men's bible class social hour, social room. Special movie to be shown, "America, the Beautiful."  
Sunday, December 7—  
New members will be received into the church.

## Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow  
Phone WARfield 0942 or  
Hyattsville 0383  
Services Sunday in the home economics room of the elementary school building at 12:30 p. m.  
Sunday school—11:30 a. m.  
Tuesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference at Mount Rainier Church at 8 p. m.  
Wednesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference in Greenbelt in Room 223 of the elementary school at 8 p. m.  
Thursday: Choir practice at 6-Z-2 Plateau Place at 8 p. m.  
Saturday: Junior confirmation class in Greenbelt at 4 p. m.  
Thursday, December 4, 1947: Lydia Guild bazaar in the elementary school beginning at 5 p. m.

## B A Z A A R

Thursday, December 4th 4 to 10 p. m.  
Center School Social Room  
given by  
Lydia Guild of the Lutheran Church

## GCS Quarterly Membership Meeting

Next Wednesday, Dec. 3

8:15 Center School Auditorium

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- By-law amendments
- Election of Nominations and Elections Committee
- Report on expansion program
- Intimate report on stores operation

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### St. Hugh's Catholic Church

Daily Mass: 7 a.m. in St. Hugh's Chapel, 58-A Crescent Road.  
 Confessions: Saturday, 4-5 p. m., for children; 7:30 to 9:30 p. m., for adults.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. in the theater.

9:30 a.m. Mass: Choir rehearsal following the Mass.

8:45 to 9:15 a.m.: Catechism classes in the theater for all Catholic children of all grades, who are attending public schools. Instructions begin at 8:45. A bus will leave the center at 8:30 a.m.

December 3: Officers of the St. Hugh's Parish Sodality will meet in the social room of the center school at 8:30 p.m. A membership drive is now in progress to register new members into the Sodality. Anyone desiring to become a member must register before the formal reception, which will take place on Monday, December 8.

Thursday, December 4: Confessions will be heard from 4-5 p.m. and from 7:30 to 8:30 in the evening.

Friday, December 5: First Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 7 a.m. There will be Devotions to the Sacred Heart after the Mass.

The Cana Conference for married couples will be held this Sunday, November 30, at Immaculata Junior College, Washington, D.C.

### Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday—

Sunday School Prayer Meeting, 10:15 a. m., Social Room.

Sunday Schol, 10:30 a. m., Social Room.

Priesthood Meeting, 11:45 a. m., Social Room.

Sacrament Service, 6:30 p. m., Social Room.

Monday—

Children's Primary, 4 p. m., Room 120, Elementary School.

Thursday—

Women's Relief Society, Room 201, Elementary School.

### Brownies Induct New Members

Harriet Clinedinst, Susan Cockill, Susan Creech, Sondra Hufendick, Judith Ransom, and Barbara Ratzkin were initiated into the Brownies, Troop 116, at a candlelight ceremony last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Horace Kramer presented rosettes to Paula Bibler, Debbie Hull, Melissa Hutsler, Lois Lee Kramer, Toni Liberman, and Dana Perlzweig, Brownies who have been in the Troop one year. Bobbie Des Marets and Lillian May were ill, and couldn't receive their rosette.

Mrs. James Smith, last year's leader of the troop, has moved to Michigan. Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Margaret Grant and Mrs. Helen Hufendick will take care of the group this year.

### Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church

Woodlandway and Forestway Sunday, November 30:

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.

11 a. m.—Morning Worship.

6:30 p. m.—Methodist Youth Fellowship.

8 p. m.—Evening Worship.

Holy communion will be observed at both services.

The new officers of the W.S.C.S. will be installed at the evening service.

Wednesday, December 3:

3:30 p. m.—Booster Band. All children of grade school age are invited.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Pastor, Rev. Raymond W. Cooke  
 6-X Plateau Place  
 Phone 7466

### Maryland Schools Rated As Good

Maryland ranks third highest in the nation in salaries paid to public elementary and high school classroom teachers, with an average of \$3,000 annually. The national average for the current school year is \$2550.

The District of Columbia leads the nation with an average of \$3398 New York and California each pay an average of \$3300.

Dr. Frank W. Hubbard, director of the National Education Association, which made the estimates, stated that Maryland is considered to have one of the good school systems of the country, and is rated as one of the 22 states where virtually no children will miss schooling.

### Dance Planned For JCC Fund

Jerry Carter, song stylist of radio station WTOP, will headline the entertainment at a dance given by the Jewish Community Center on Saturday evening, December 6. A large portion of the proceeds of this affair will go into the JCC building fund.

The star of "A Date with Jerry", heard Saturday evening on WTOP is appearing gratis as his contribution to swelling the fund.

Also appearing on the program will be Nick and Cora, a ballroom dance team who have a dance studio in Washington. Music will be supplied by Walter Dickstein and his WTOP stand-by orchestra.

Sidney Spindel, chairman of the JCC building fund committee, and Eli Radinsky, chairman of the dance committee, have been assisted in arrangements for the dance by Mrs. M. Terkeltaub, Elliott Bukzin, Jerry Pines and Monte Taeler. Information and tickets can be obtained by phoning any member of the committee.

### Mexico Featured At Cubs' Meeting

High point of the November activities of Cub Scout Pack 202, according to Mrs. Catherine Quinn, was the Pack Meeting on November 19. About 100 cubs, parents, brothers and sisters were present.

The theme was "Mexico." There were two bull fights, a siesta, songs, a Pancho Villa skit, and many Mexican objects—some made by the Cubs, and some that came from Mexico.

Awards were given the following boys for achievement during the preceding month: Paul Friedman, Bobcat and Assistant Denner's Stripe; Richard Thomas, Bobcat; Billy Gene Paris, Wolf Badge; Thomas Canning, Wolf Badge; Donald Webster, One Year Star; and Craig Woolley, Bear Badge.

On behalf of the American Legion, Commander A.E. Tavenner presented each Den with a first aid kit. Committeeman Webster, who is in charge of the Pack's health and safety program, received a large kit. Dr. James McCarl, who was the first cubmaster in Greenbelt, gave a talk on the proper care of the teeth. He discouraged the habit of chewing bubble gum, claiming it will make the teeth protrude if kept up over any length of time.

The Pack Meeting is usually held on the last Wednesday in the month. The November meeting was held a week earlier so that it would not interfere with Thanksgiving plans.

The committee will meet on December 3 to plan for the Christmas Pack Meeting of December 17.

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### Elementary PTA Elects Delegates

Members of the Elementary Parent Teachers Association presented a very interesting skit entitled "The New Look in Education" at their regular meeting last Monday night. The message it conveyed, by comparing the present progressive methods of education with the system used when the parents went to school, was very well received.

The cast of the play included Mrs. Lyman Woodman, president of the PTA; Mrs. Paul Linson, who also directed the play; Mrs. Arthur Weter, program chairman; Mrs. Bruce Bowman, Mrs. Ben Posner, Mrs. Howard Hunt, Mrs. Thomas Dolgoff and Mrs. Milton William.

During the meeting which preceded the entertainment, Mrs. Fred Yeatts and Mrs. Weter were elected delegates to the Maryland PTA Congress to be held in Baltimore on December 8 and 9.

Mrs. Sherrod East, chairman of the Book Fair, reported that 107 orders were received for books at the Fair held at the North End School on November 7, 8 and 9. 585 books were purchased.

Mrs. Woodman announced that the PTA will have a bake sale on Friday, December 5, beginning at 10 a.m. in the theatre lobby, and that they are planning to have a square dance on the night of December 12 in the North End auditorium.

### League To Show Kodachrome Film

The Kodachrome sound film, "The Lower Souris Refuge", will be shown Friday, November 28, at the Drop-Inn at 9 p.m. Produced by the Fish and Wild Life Division of the Department of the Interior, the picture gives a close-up view of waterfowl, game and non-game birds in their natural habitat. It is being shown by the conservation committee of the Greenbelt chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

### Overseas Package Rules Announced

Local Postmaster James N. Wolfe announced that Greenbelters who plan to send clothing, food or toys abroad should be sure to fill out a customs declaration.

Many local residents have arrived at the postoffice with packages ready for overseas, only to discover that the complete filling out of a customs declaration required their carrying the package home again and reopening it to list its contents on the declaration.

Besides the description of contents, the declaration requires a description of the parcel, including its gross and net weights and the amount of insurance. An alternate address should be furnished, should the package be undeliverable.

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## "Dear Ruth" Packs House

By ISADORE PARKER  
Playing to capacity audiences the Senior Class of Greenbelt High School presented the comedy "Dear Ruth" on November 19 and 20.

Since this type of entertainment is too seldom seen in our town it is gratifying that the senior classes of our high school include this activity among their efforts in the remaining days of their high school program.

Humor and romance endow "Dear Ruth" with a quality of endearment the audience both young and old took to their hearts. The complication developing from the correspondence of a teen-age girl with an overseas Air Force officer is the theme of this play. The girl—Miriam Wilkins, portrayed by Patty Hesse, signs her sister's name to the letters and includes her sister's photograph. When the officer returns to the states, primarily to continue in person the relationship their letters have so intimately suggested, the plot becomes somewhat clearer in purpose. The sister is presented with the problem of stalling her ardent soldier-suitors till he returns overseas, and placating her civilian-fiance into an impatient submission.

Patty Hesse did a remarkable job in her role as the precocious youngster. Pattered after a "type" known variously as "Corliss Archer" or "Judy", it appears to this reviewer that finding a youngster in this town to fill that part would be easy as pie. The selection was a happy one and Patty did quite well, hurt leg notwithstanding.

Albert Kummer, played by David Heinly was undoubtedly the most enjoyable character the audience has seen in many moons. Albert is Ruth's fiance and his frustrations, pride, bewilderment and astonishment at the actions of his bride-to-be were presented almost perfectly.

Joanne Therrel was a mature and poised Mrs. Wilkins and husband Judge Wilkins played by Robert Hammond often displayed a rather fine sense of the dramatic.

Helen Miller as Ruth and John Mowitt as Lt. Seawright gave nice portrayals of young lovers. There was a subtle awkwardness about them (real or affected) as the play opened but their assurance and confidence seemed to return in their romantic moments on the scene where Ruth tells the lieutenant she cannot marry him; it conveyed the feeling of remorse versus duty, so difficult to carry to an audience.

The others in the cast performed well. In my opinion, the part of the maid, a caricature at best, was in poor taste.

## Drive

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is A. C. Long. The closing of the campaign coincides with the closing date for the admittance of charter members to the corporation. Advantage of Charter membership, established at present, is priority in selection of unoccupied houses owned by GMHOC. Further advantages will be decided upon by the membership.

Members of GMHA who wish to join the corporation may do so by payment of a \$10 membership fee. Others must pay an additional dollar, which GMHA members have already paid. Services performed by TADC for this fee, according to Mr. Stone, include obtaining the Charter for GMHOC, setting up a business office, and conducting the membership campaign. No other payments will be made by members, he added, until the actual signing of contract papers for the premises.

### PHA To Set Prices

Decision awaits membership on detailed procedure, it was emphasized. For example, there is the broad provision by Government order that war housing cannot be resold within one year after purchase, except by special permission. Since the sales price to be set up by PHA will be based on appraisal by that office and by FHA, it is expected that terms very much below current market price will be set. The one-year no-sale provision thus prevents purchase for speculative purposes. What will have to be decided by the membership is the limit, if any, to put on resale prices after the first year has passed.

Another point to be considered by the membership is formulation of a plan for purchasing undeveloped land and building homes on it. Col. Westbrook pointed out that such a plan has been considered already, and that it should be possible for the members to complete details of the plan so that building can get under way in time to prevent any resident from being dispossessed.

When questioned about moving from original to war houses, and vice versa, Col. Westbrook said that this subject would also have to be gone into in detail by the members. He added that he expects PHA to sell original Greenbelt at the same time the war houses are sold.

Col. Westbrook emphasized that purchase through a mutual plan does not give individual ownership of a dwelling unit. Payments to the corporation credit the purchaser with equity, which he holds title to and can sell.

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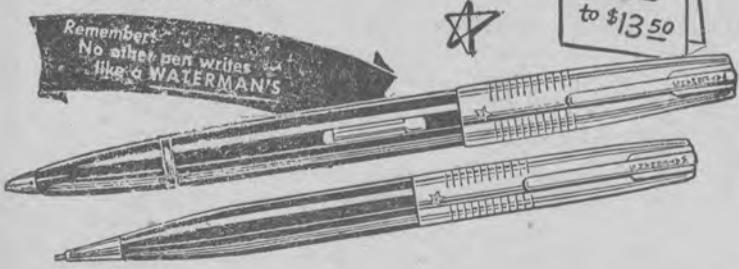
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