



Petition to PHA

To: Public Housing Administration:

WHEREAS we consider the public kindergarten an essential service to the city of Greenbelt, and

WHEREAS P.H.A. has curtailed the city budget to the extent that the city council finds it necessary to discontinue the kindergarten as of June, 1952, we, the undersigned, respectfully request P.H.A. to allocate the amount necessary to continue the operation of the kindergarten.

This petition is being circulated by the Parents' Board of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School.

Survey To Guide GCS Meetings

"The approach to this year's GCS annual meeting is going to be different," states Mrs. Opie Stage, a member of the planning committee along with Robert Mitchell and Walter Volckhausen. "As a guide to both the agenda and conduct of the meeting, we are using the results of the recent GCS membership survey."

Partial results of this survey appeared in a previous issue of the *Cooperator*; the final tabulation of answers, however, is printed here in full. On the frequency of meetings, 55% preferred quarterly, 33% semi-annual, and 12% annual. Wednesday, was an acceptable day to the large majority. Starting time ranged between 8 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.

Brief rather than detailed reports were preferred by 67%, while 80% wanted the reports in advance of the meeting. Sixty-seven percent felt that meetings have been too long, 28% just long enough, and 5% not long enough. Eighty percent asked for a limited time to the business session. To accomplish this, 91% indicated that officer and committee reports be kept under 10 minutes each, and the report of the general manager not more than 20 minutes.

Seventy-one percent were more interested in reports by the general manager than by officers of the board. Discussion period afterwards, it was indicated by 73%, should be limited, and many answers stressed the point that speakers from the floor should not be allowed more than several minutes each.

Regarding both entertainment and refreshment, the answers were divided: 46% wanted entertainment, 52% refreshments. A personal letter received one or two days in advance of the meeting seemed the most satisfactory way of notification to 47%. Use of the sound truck only received 11% favorable replies. Of the members polled, 55% had attended an annual meeting. Those who had not gave such reasons as night work, lack of interest, and baby-sitter problems. Some suggestions for improving interest in the meeting included: less arguing, more business-like conduct, brief, to-the-point factual reports, less overlapping of reports, and the development of a better good-neighborly atmosphere.

Commenting on the overall results, Towney Scudder, GCS public relations representative, said he felt the poll offered an excellent indication of the trend in peoples' thinking. "There were undoubtedly instances where the questions were not too well understood and perhaps the wording might have produced different results," he said. As an example he pointed out the first question on the frequency of meetings. "Had this question been worded, 'Would you prefer attend-

500 Attend GVHC, Pick 9-Man Board

Over 500 persons attended a meeting of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation in the Center school auditorium last night and elected a new board of directors. Elected were Mike Salzman, Al Long, Bruce Bowman, Earl Thomas, Ed Burgoon, Thomas Ritchie, Bernard Bordenet, Eliot Bukzin and John Beckham.

The election was preceded by an address by Salzman reviewing the history of congressional committees' hearings on the disposition of Greenbelt. He emphasized that the record showed that Congress was determined to dispose of Greenbelt, and that GVHC worked towards protecting the interests of the residents. He stated that the purpose of the housing organization is to keep housing for Greenbelters at the lowest possible cost. The board and finance committee are at present working on a financial report, and will present a detailed breakdown of figures to each resident showing the actual cost of homes and the monthly payments very shortly, it was disclosed.

Total votes cast were 181. The Hare system of proportional representation was used. Re-elected to the board were Salzman, Bowman, and Ritchie. A meeting of the new board will be held Friday, at which time officers will be elected.

Table Tennis for Drop-Inn, Gift of Advisory Board

At the regular Saturday night dance held in the Drop-Inn each week, the advisory board of the Youth Center had a surprise for the members. Irving Dietzel on behalf of the advisory board presented an official ping pong table to the Drop-Inn. A much-needed item of equipment, it was greeted with much enthusiasm by the young people. Other members of the advisory board are Bev. Fonda, Mrs. H. James Kennedy, Mrs. O. M. Slye and Mrs. James Walters. Also present for the celebration were Miss Ora Donoghue, counselor to the advisory board, Mrs. Bobbie Baxter, representing the recreation department, and Steve Comings, representing the city council.

ing meetings,' instead of 'Should we have meetings quarterly, twice a year, annual only,' the results might have been entirely different." More important than the actual answers themselves, he felt, was the fact that the survey pointed out how little most people know about their cooperative organization, and that almost everyone would like to have more information.



Why should I protest about the kindergarten? I don't have to stay home all day.

Greenbelters Ponder Query-Rent or Buy?

By Robert Davenport

Some Greenbelt residents are proceeding on the comfortable assumption that, unless 65% of the present residents join the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, the present occupant can remain in his unit indefinitely at his present rental. This is not so, and for the following reasons:

Suppose the sale goes through. Rents of the remaining tenants who have not joined GVHC will be set by GVHC membership, subject to rent control.

If the sale does not go through, what are the remaining courses of action? They are the following: PHA will either sell to another purchaser or will not sell. If PHA does not sell, will the government keep the present rent scale and operate on the present basis indefinitely? We do not think it will.

1. The government has already informed the residents of its intention to raise the rents. This was done in the face of its intent to sell to GVHC. It can be safely predicted that PHA will raise rents if the sale is not made or if the property is not converted to low-rent housing.

2. PHA cannot continue the present rental indefinitely. Present Greenbelt rents are below competitive rents in the metropolitan rental housing market. (See data below.) The difference between Greenbelt rents and competitive rents is a "subsidy" to each occupant. The underwriting of such a subsidy, by an agency whose primary purpose now is to provide housing for low-income groups, cannot be justified.

3. The alternatives for PHA are: raise rents to competitive levels; or, reexamine present tenants for continued operation of Greenbelt, but as a low-rent housing property. Since present subsidized rentals in Greenbelt constitute only about 5% of the total rent roll, an overwhelming number of present Greenbelt occupants would be ineligible for continued occupancy.

4. What are competitive rentals, in the Washington area? (That is, for a row house, front and back yard, bedrooms upstairs, the most common type of dwelling unit in Greenbelt?) There are no rentals in the Washington area that approach new Greenbelt rentals for row housing, to our knowledge. Here is a tabulation of units comparable to old Greenbelt in physical characteristics only.

Hillcrest Heights - Southeast Washington, row house—courts but no yards, living room 15'7"x22'4", dining alcove 10'3" by 11', 2 bedrooms and bath up, \$73.50, plus average annual utility charge made on monthly basis of \$11. Total, \$84.50. Maximum number of children permitted, 2.

North Portal Properties - East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Md. Row houses, 17' fronts, 2 bedrooms, \$80, not including utilities.

Fairlington, Arlington, Va. - 3 bedroom duplex apartments, \$116. 1 bedroom duplex apartments, \$80. 2 bedroom apartments (duplex), \$95.50. All rents include utilities and heat.

Northwest Park, University Hills, FHA 608, duplex apartments, heat furnished, 2 bedrooms \$94.50, plus \$2.75 gas, \$3.25 electricity. Total, \$99.50; 3 bedroom \$112.50, plus \$2.25 gas, \$4.00 electricity. Total, \$118.75.

Not all of the units quoted have front and rear yards, green park areas, swimming pool, adult recreation facilities, community organizations, and other aspects of a sound community that characterize Greenbelt. On the other hand, they probably have better transportation, and perhaps better locations.

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Everybody's Brotherhood, Word & Deed

What Goes On

Feb. 24—Woman's Club - Birthday Anniversary - Center School, 8 p.m. - no hats.

Feb. 15—Duplicate Bridge Tournament. Call Gr. 5702

Feb. 16—GAC Ping Pong finals Clubhouse - evening

Feb. 17—Brotherhood Rally - Center Audit. - 8:15

Feb. 21—Boys Club Boxing - Amer. Legion Post

Feb. 23—Northwestern Hi Dance 8:30-11:30 - Hi school gym

Feb. 24—GAC - Washington Birthday - Clubhouse.

A general brotherhood meeting Sunday, February 27, will inaugurate Greenbelt's annual observance of Brotherhood Week. Theme for the evening will be "Building brotherhood in Greenbelt." The meeting will be held in the center school auditorium beginning at 8:15, and all Greenbelters are invited. Refreshments will be served in the social room by the Homemakers Club.

Mayor Francis J. Lastner will chair the meeting. Speakers will be Mrs. Thomas Callanan, Allan I. Chotiner, Reverend Edward H. Birner, and Martin Bickford. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Donald Kern, the St. Hugh's boys choir, and the Capitol Ward Latter Day Saints choir. Rabbi Seymour Zahn will offer the invocation, and the Reverend Eric T. Braund will bestow the benediction.

Brotherhood Week activities, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Bowman, are sponsored by twenty-six Greenbelt organizations: The American Legion; Boy Scouts; Community Church Afternoon Guild, Evening Guild, Fidelis Class, Discussion Group; Girl Scouts; Greenbelt Child Care Center; Greenbelt Consumer Services; Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School; Greenbelt Woman's Club; Homemakers Club; Jewish Community Center; Lions Club; Lutheran Church; Mowatt Memorial Church Men's Club, Official Board, Women's Society; National Council of Jewish Women; Parent-Teacher Associations of Center School, Junior High, North End School; St. Hugh's Parish Ladies of Charity, Parents Guild, St. Vincent DePaul Society; Truman Riddle Navy Wives.

400 PROTEST LOSS OF KINDERGARTEN

Approximately 400 Greenbelt parents during a one-day canvass this week signed petitions "protesting the elimination of the kindergartens by the city council."

The campaign was begun by a group of housewives who met with City Manager Charles T. MacDonald last Monday afternoon. Representatives from the Cooperative Nursery School and the PTAs joined in the meeting, during which the protest was presented in person.

MacDonald pointed out that the city council cannot spend money for any service PHA has not approved. The only way the city could finance a kindergarten, he said, would be by a special assessment of the residents, after a referendum city-wide vote. Such a project, MacDonald explained, would require complicated and costly legal machinery.

At present the operation of the 2 kindergartens costs about \$16,500 a year. The five teachers, 3 at the Center and 2 at the North End, earn at least the starting salary of \$2600 each. The city pays \$1000 a year rent to the County Board of Education for the two rooms used for kindergartens at the North End school.

Reminding his audience that in Maryland education is a state and county function, MacDonald reiterated Mayor Lastner's assurance of last week that the council will guarantee space and facilities to any group which forms an organization to operate a kindergarten here.

SOS Rescue Squad

The Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad needs new active members. Present membership is rapidly diminishing, due to calls into the armed forces and moves out of town. This appeal is made to each and every male citizen in Greenbelt to become an active member in the Rescue Squad now. You will be taught first aid by an American Red Cross qualified instructor. The squad has four members who are qualified instructors.

Why does a man join an outfit like the Rescue Squad? Most of the present members feel that maybe some day their own children or someone in their own family might need the same type of help that they themselves are giving every time they go on call. The only pay they want is the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping someone in an emergency.

A New Membership Rally will be held on Wednesday, February 20, in the Fireman's Hall (under the Police Station) at 8 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited. Whether you join or not, come and get detailed facts on how the Squad operates and inspect its equipment. If you are interested in the Squad and would like to get more facts about joining, and can not be present at the above meeting, contact any one of the officers listed below. The following is a list of the new officers of the Rescue Squad for the current year of 1952:

Chief - Marshall "Bud" Zoellner, 2731

Ass't. Chief - Wilmer C. Kluth, 8686

Capt. - James Williams, 6056

Lt. - Thomas Snoddy, 5686

Treas. - James Balogh, Jr., 5826

Record. Sec. - Ralph E. Miller, 7841

Corr. Sec. - John G. McLaughlin, 4776

Theatre Survey Nets 40 Replies

Forty questionnaires were returned in the Greenbelt Theatre survey printed in the *Cooperator* last month.

According to a summary by Shirley Koppenhauer, movie manager, 3 persons stayed away from the movies because of television, 3 because of lack of enjoyment and 27 for "other reasons." Twenty-four would prefer less noise, 15 more topflight foreign films, 17 a reduction in price. With respect to the service categories, such as after-theatre snack-bars, double features, baby-sitting facilities, most of the answers were in the "no difference" column.

Additional comments included a reference to the "inferior pictures Hollywood is turning out," and requests for film classics of the past. Miss Koppenhauer stated that those who voted for less noise must have been absent for the past two months, as the theatre personnel has overcome that difficulty. Double-feature lovers will have the opportunity to test their preferences in this week's program.

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Pre-School Politicking

Just who is responsible for the elimination of kindergarten is not clear to many distraught mothers in Greenbelt. In an attempt to clear up matters somewhat, here is an account of all the available information:

Each year the city council meets with representatives of Public Housing Administration to consider a budget for the operation of Greenbelt. The actual budget is a detailed account of all the city's services with an estimate of money needed for these services. It includes items like public works, recreation, public safety, etc. Often new items are included such as welfare department, bus system, rescue squad appropriations, and similar services. It is submitted to PHA for consideration and approval. This approval is necessary because the federal government, which is not subject to taxes, makes a "payment in lieu of taxes" to the city government, as well as the county and state, due to its position as sole owner of property in Greenbelt.

Council is privileged by a state charter to determine what services are to be provided. For the federal government to make determination would be abusing a basic democratic principle, and usurping the council's function. This PHA does in reality, however, during negotiations over the budget. It refuses to "participate" in the expenditure of funds for services not included in the budget; likewise it does not "approve" services in the budget it dislikes, by denying money for those services. If money is spent for such unapproved items, PHA demands re-payment of that amount by the city.

In the past such instances have occurred.

In the present kindergarten controversy, PHA's admitted purpose at the outset was to keep the total payment-in-lieu-of-taxes down to the same amount as last year's. PHA "recommended" that many services, including the public health department and kindergarten, be withdrawn. (Not having the power to say no directly, it submitted a list of "recommendations.") The outcome was the saving of some services, and the elimination of others, including the kindergarten service.

Most disturbing element of this year's negotiations was the atmosphere of secrecy that surrounded them. Two council meetings were cancelled during budget considerations, with the explanation from PHA officials and council members that the matters discussed were so "delicate", disclosure of the services involved would upset the negotiations. An "informal" meeting of council members was held on a Saturday afternoon to plan what action should be agreed upon by council representatives (City Manager Charles T. McDonald and Mayor Frank Lastner) when they meet with Roy Little, PHA representative.

The result was an announcement at last week's council meeting of the elimination of kindergarten after the present semester. Had the council taken the citizens into its confidence during negotiations, the much-needed support to deal with PHA would have been overwhelming. The council had evidently gambled and lost. We sincerely believe, however, that McDonald and Lastner acted as they thought best for the community's welfare.

Now we are presented with conflicting statements. PHA says "We didn't cut out the kindergarten!" and council members say "It wasn't us!" They are both essentially correct, but that doesn't bring back the kindergarten.

What of the future? PHA has negotiated the budget on the premise that Greenbelt will be sold. It threw the ball to the residents by inferring that Greenbelt can have a kindergarten after the sale simply by informing the council of its desires and agreeing to pay its cost in increased taxes.

What if Greenbelt is not sold? PHA then must decide whether it wants to appropriate additional funds for the continuation of kindergarten. Information from a reliable source indicates that PHA will not be willing. In fact, the same source stated that further cuts in services would be more likely; probably services mentioned in connection with "luxury" items Greenbelt enjoys that other communities in the council do not have. Like public health, etc.

It has been suggested that the city provide funds for kindergarten from other departments. According to the city manager, this would be a violation of the budget contract and would result in PHA demanding the sum expended illegally be returned to PHA. (In the event that sums intended for any service are not entirely used, the excess should properly go into the surplus account. All surplus funds are returned to the government. Last year \$12,000 was returned!)

However, PHA would permit expenditure of funds not provided in the budget contract. If the city could get additional funds (like an assessment, or a raise in personal property taxes) that additional money could be used at council's discretion! Although 20% of the city's revenue comes from sources other than the federal payments, PHA still controls the expenditure of the entire budget amount!

It finally took the kindergarten issue to awaken Greenbelt's citizens to the amount of control the government exercises over our civic affairs. In the past the council has met the same situation on other issues. Many citizens have long been acutely aware of the council's impotence as a governing body. In the 1951 controversy, former Mayor Elizabeth Harrington called the occasion a "time for

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Omissions and errors are due to a breakdown of a linotype machine which hampered both the printed and the staff.

Letters to the Editor

On Kindergartens

The recent action of the city council to eliminate the funds for kindergartens in Greenbelt may be a blessing in disguise. Perhaps now the residents of Greenbelt can spearhead a drive to make kindergartens a part of the Prince Georges county school system. The county education budget is at present under consideration, and all of us know that our county educational policies have been sharply criticized by the county council of PTAs and other civic groups. Montgomery county and the city of Baltimore have had free public kindergartens for the past few years. It is only fitting that fast-growing Prince Georges county keep pace with its more progressive neighbors. The funds are available, if we can persuade our legislators to appropriate them where we want them to. I am certain that most taxpayers would be willing to accept a small increase if necessary, provided that the money was allocated for education.

Now that we have recovered from the initial shock of the threatened loss of our kindergartens, let us rally our forces to overcome this unfortunate situation.

Therefore, I propose that our two PTAs meet together with all interested parents, civic and church groups to formulate concrete plans of action to start a drive for free public kindergartens in Prince Georges county. (The county council of PTAs has 50 member groups who would be more than willing to continue and follow-up on any action that we in Greenbelt start.)

In the event that our pleas to the state legislature are unheeded, I propose that the 2 Greenbelt PTAs take steps to form cooperative kindergartens sponsored by the town residents, with accredited teachers in charge.

Let us not take this lying down—we must, and can, fight to improve the educational standards of our community.

Anita Bickford.

GR . . . ?

We haven't had a crusade of any kind around here for a while; it is time we tied into something of general interest to the subscribers. Let us look into this business of the proposed telephone name change for our City.

The C&P Telephone Co. has announced that in November our phones here will be on the Granite 3 central exchange. Thereafter, when you give some outlander your number very likely he will retort: "Where the hell is Granite?"

Now I admit this will present a fine opening for a dissertation on the location, scenic beauties, altitude, form of government, date of establishment (courtesy WPA), cooperative business set-up, and population of Greenbelt. However, I prefer the direct approach, especially in these jet-dust days when most of us are flitting too

defiance." Yet, citizen apathy and PHA "stranglehold" on the budget lost for council a welfare department as well as an appropriation for the rescue squad.

When Greenbelt is sold, the citizens will have the right to self-determination budget-wise—and with this right the responsibility. There will be conflicts of interest. Will citizens without kindergarten-age children be willing to share the financial burden of kindergarten? Will citizens without teen-age children agree to permit \$1000 a year to go for the Drop-Inn? Do we all really want services in Greenbelt that are not available in other communities in the county if GVHC, as our direct representative, has to pay for them directly?

Let's face the facts. No other community in Prince Georges County has a kindergarten financed by local public funds. Or a library. Or a public health department. We also have one of the highest tax rates in the area.

Whether or not Greenbelt is sold to its residents, the present controversy has at least emphasized the need for a re-examination of our attitude and ideas about community life. It is one thing to sit back and accept federal supervision at the sacrifice of civic maturity. It is another matter when the time comes to stand up and take our place among the self-governing communities of the nation.

GCS Board

Let's grow up and vote on issues. I have yet to see issues discussed before a GCS election.

In my opinion the new Board must bring into being the following:

1. MORE POLICY-MAKING BY MEMBERS. - In the future I should like to see the Board turn to the membership for decisions on important questions. The GCS membership meeting must become a decision-making institution rather than a place for management to hand the members a spiel on how good it is. There must be a constant flow of information to members throughout the year.

2. MORE POLICY-MAKING BY THE BOARD. - The broad outlines of such things as price policy and personnel policy must be laid down by the Board. Management must learn to put all the alternatives before the Board, instead of cut-and-dried propositions.

3. CLOSER SCRUTINY OF MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES BY THE BOARD. - The Board must develop methods of evaluating management. It must overcome the amateurs theoretically in charge of a group of full-time professionals. As a minimum, Board members must exercise independent judgment in fulfillment of their duties.

4. ACTIVE EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF BETTER AND WIDER SERVICE TO GREENBELTERS. - It is up to the Board to set the pace for management rather than the other way around. Too often the type of service offered is determined by management alone - through default by the Board. There is a natural tendency for management to build empire. It is at least as important to constantly seek ways of improving service to membership already in existence.

5. ONE-PRICE POLICY FOR GREENBELT AND TAKOMA PARK. - At this late date GCS still lacks an adequate one-price system.

I shall run for the GCS Board on the basis of the above five points. I invite others of like mind to run for the Board.

I hope that the Cooperator will make space available for a full discussion of issues in the coming GCS election.

Cooperatively yours,

Morris J. Solomon.

Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks for the thoughtful expression of all who helped me in my time of need.

Sincerely,

Margaret Thorn

much to pause and orate on the site and advantages (sic) of our metropolis.

Lets you challenge the phone company, dear editor, as to why the change from Greenbelt to Granite 3. The first two letters will not be different; it cannot be on account of the length of the word "Greenbelt," because there are two other longer names among the exchanges in the announced list.

Sharpen ye quill; dust yon Underwood keys. Have at ye public utility! Let not our exchange be exchanged, nor our city name besmirched - or even smirched!

Major Lyman L. Woodman

GVHC Manager

Who is going to manage Greenbelt after the government sells it? The GVHC Board must have had that question many times; it is always the first question asked us when discussing the coming purchase with our friends. These residents do not want the answer in general terms of the "Board," or a "manager appointed by the Board;" they want a specific name, some one known to them, who has had experience, and in whom they can place confidence. We are sure that many of the doubts of the residents as to whether they wish to join with us would be resolved if they had reassurance on this point.

The one obvious answer to this problem is Mary Jane Kinzer, if she can be persuaded to commit herself before her duties with the PHA management of Greenbelt are terminated. We say the obvious answer, because no one has so long a record of continuous service to Greenbelt—eleven years, in which she has always sensed the needs of the community and kept them in paramount place while adapting to the changing policies of management and the exigencies of the times. Under the new ownership, the GVHC Board and membership will determine the policies, and no better person than Mrs. Kinzer could be found for dealing with the individual members in interpreting and carrying out these plans. The transition period in Greenbelt is apt to be one of confusion, but the fact that Mrs. Kinzer is now with the PHA management will make it possible for her to steer us through this period more smoothly than any outsider could.

In addition to being such an excellent choice from all practical points of managership, the appointment of Mrs. Kinzer would be a popular one with the membership. All who have given time and energy to community affairs have felt the strength of Mrs. Kinzer's support and assistance, and would be happy to know they could still take their problems to her. There could be only two disaffected groups—one made up of people who have unfairly sought and been refused special privileges by Mrs. Kinzer as she carried out her duties as set up by the PHA; but even these members will be able to appreciate the advantages of having an "incorruptible" manage the business when they are themselves owners.

The other possible dissenters are that Victorian remnant who hate to see any woman bearing the title of "manager." Greenbelt is too enlightened for that prejudice to blind us to our own best interests.

We do not know if Mrs. Kinzer would consider leaving government service, but we know that Greenbelt has already claimed too much of her devotion for her to leave us lightly. We think the Board of the GVHC should approach her now, so that if she will accept, we can answer that question concerning managership while making the membership drive.

Fred and Gene McCarthy
(copy to GVHC)

Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the mothers of Greenbelt who helped to make the Mothers March on Polio a success. I think it was quite wonderful that we were able to collect over \$800. I also want to thank the Senior Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. Fowler, for their kind help.

Well, I can't forget the two gentlemen that helped me count the money and also, the cooperation that Mr. McDonald, our city manager, gave me. I know I wouldn't have been able to put it over without his kind help.

Thanks.

Mrs. Christopher C. Mullady

Success

I wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the various organizations and residents of Greenbelt who helped make our benefit bake sale for the Thorn family such a success. The response was very gratifying and a generous sum was realized.

Sincerely yours,

Teresa C. Davis, President
Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club

2 & A On Housing

(Editor's note: New GVHC Mailing address is GVHC - Box 85 - Greenbelt.)

Q. If I buy my home in Greenbelt and later am transferred to another city, will I have an option to terminate my perpetual lease and be relieved of any further obligations assumed in the contract . . . (payment of rent, etc.), or would I have to pay rent to GVHC the rest of my life . . . if neither the corporation nor I can find an acceptable purchaser for my home?

A. No. There is a release clause in a perpetual lease contract.

Q. If I leave the city as in the question above, would I have to forfeit all or any part of my down payment and equity that may have been built up . . . ? How much would I have to forfeit and under what conditions?

A. The return of equity will be based on 1) the availability of another buyer; 2) the general market values at the time; and 3) the condition of the unit occupied.

Q. Do the answers above apply if I am not transferred to another city but buy or build another house in this area?

A. Yes. The same answers apply.

Q. Do the answers apply if I buy a house to be built on the undeveloped land in Greenbelt by Peoples Development Corp.?

A. Yes. The same answers apply.

Q. In view of the fact that the life of a defense housing unit is already 50% spent, what becomes of the equity one would build up in the corporation if in 10 years defense housing is torn down to be replaced or rebuilt?

A. The depreciation of defense housing is nearer 33 1/3% than 50%. Equity under such conditions will be covered in the terms of the contract between the individual and the corporation.

Q. Is a reliable opinion available as to whether or not it would be less expensive to purchase via a permanent-type unit in the beginning, rather than take a chance on defense housing?

A. Considering their relative values over a 25-year period the difference in payments would more than make up the differences in initial outlay. Therefore you can afford to take a chance on defense housing.

Q. Will the person who buys a house of type AED have the first chance to buy the attached garage?

A. The board is thinking in terms of selling the attached garages, giving first choice to owners of homes the garage is attached to and renting the open garages. However the membership will determine finally how they are to be disposed.

Q. Is there any estimate of the cost of an open row or attached closed garage?

A. \$500 closed; \$250 open.

Q. May members buy a parcel of undeveloped land?

A. Development is planned several ways. Cooperatively, privately and a combination of the two. The members will again decide. (Cooperative development offers many advantages under federal law . . . 5% down payment and 40-year amortization.)

Q. What is the initial \$100 for? Why doesn't the depositor get the complete \$100 back? Is this amount credited towards the 13% down payment?

A. The \$100 is a "good faith" deposit, necessary in negotiations of this size and type. If the negotiations do not culminate in a sale after initial agreements are signed, \$10 is forfeited; also a usual device in this kind of agreement. The entire amount is credited towards the 13% down payment.

Q. Why not an accurate price of each unit?

A. Exact prices will be announced very soon. The prices published last week were the only ones available at the time. Any difference will not be more than a few hundred dollars, we are assured.

Q. Who do we start the ball rolling with?

Promotion:

Hire part-time promotion worker? March 30, 1951

Approve in principle the hiring of promotion worker? March 30, 1951

Approve hiring of promotion worker only "in principle"? April 27, 1951

Employ Townsend Scudder as promotion worker? Apr. 27, 1951

Survey problem of attendance at membership meetings? Dec. 28, 1951

Operations:

Approve Fruchtman plan for theater operation? Apr. 20, 1951

*Accept management's plan for employment of Mr. Fruchtman as theatre manager? Apr. 27, 1951

Eliminate guarantee feature from theater contract? Nov. 30, 1951

Raise Saturday theater admission from 20c to 25c? Jan. 11, 1952

Execute lease with New Hampshire Avenue Shopping Center, Inc. for variety-drug store space? March 30, 1951

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A. An office will soon be established in Greenbelt for residents to make their payments.

Q. Suppose we cannot decide now, and do decide later, do we have to wait a year before we can begin purchase of a unit?

A. Residents have first claim on their own unit until about ten days before the final contract is signed. In those ten days, the resident must compete with anyone else wanting to purchase that unit.

Q. If we are living in a 1-bedroom apartment and wish to purchase a 2- or 3-bedroom apartment, how can this be arranged now?

Incumbent GCS Board Voting Chart

	Bierwagen	Bickford	Davidson	Kramer	Mitchell	Ritchie	Stage	Walter	Winegarden
Hire part-time promotion worker? March 30, 1951	Absent	No	Absent	No	Presiding	Yes	No	Not Voting	Yes
Approve in principle the hiring of promotion worker? March 30, 1951	Absent	Yes	(Absent)	No	Presiding	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Approve hiring of promotion worker only "in principle"? April 27, 1951	Presiding	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Voting	Yes	Not Voting	Yes	No
Employ Townsend Scudder as promotion worker? Apr. 27, 1951	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Survey problem of attendance at membership meetings? Dec. 28, 1951	Presiding	Absent	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Approve Fruchtman plan for theater operation? Apr. 20, 1951	Yes	Not Voting	Not Voting	Not Voting	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
*Accept management's plan for employment of Mr. Fruchtman as theatre manager? Apr. 27, 1951	Yes	Not Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
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A. Indicate your preference during that ten-day period.

Q. If all conditions can be met for the initial \$100 payment and the 13% down payment, what will the conditions be for payments that is how long will payments be, etc.?

A. A 25-year mortgage at 4% interest.

Q. What procedure will there be on the utilities?

A. The city may operate the utilities or they may go back to Pepeco, Sanitary Commission, etc. It will be cheaper for the city to operate them. GVHC is not anxious at this time to undertake operation

of utilities at present.

Q. Will the yard that accompanies our present unit be included with the unit?

A. Yes.

Q. What will happen to those who do not pay \$100 by April 2? Will they be able to buy the units they occupy at the end of the year's lease guaranteed by the government?

A. If the unit occupied has already been requested by a member family, occupants who have not paid their \$100 by April 2 will have to move.

Q. Can we buy in July, with the full down payment, if we have not

paid \$100 by April 2?

A. No. After April 2, non-resident veterans and then non-veteran non-residents, in order of applications now being made, will be able to make their selections.

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CONDITIONS TO BE MET BY GREENBELT VETERANS HOUSING CORPORATION IN ORDER TO CONSUMMATE A SALE OF THAT PORTION OF SR-MD-6 AND MD-1811 GREENBELT PUBLICLY OFFERED FOR SALE ON JUNE 8, 1950

Conditions precedent to PHA's executing a contract of sale.

- The Corporation will meet the conditions outlined below within 90 days after the announcement of the sale price.
- The Corporation will make a good faith deposit of \$8,000.00 and present evidence that they have on deposit in a special account in an insured bank \$72,000.00, to be used as part of the down payment if the sale is consummated, or to be returned to the members in the event that the sale is not completed.
- The Corporation will present evidence to show how they will raise funds to cover the following:

AMOUNT REQUIRED

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| a. Working capital | \$125,000.00 |
| b. Insurance (estimating three-year policy with Fireman's Mutual) | 87,000.00 |
| c. Revenue stamps | 9,374.75 |
| d. Consumable materials (estimated) | 16,200.00 |
| e. Organization fees (estimated) | 15,000.00 |
- There will also be a tax adjustment, the amount dependent upon the date title passes.
- The Corporation will present evidence to show how it will raise monthly income to meet the following:
 - Operating expenses (to be estimated in detail by the corporation)
 - Debt service
 - Appropriate credit to reserves, as follows:
 - RM&R
 - Vacancy & collection losses
 - Reserve for purchase of rights of perpetual use.
 - The Corporation will present evidence that the organization is a bona fide veterans tenant corporation by submission of the following:
 - Copies of the corporation's constitution, by-laws, and mutual ownership contract.
 - Evidence that it has 800 members, each of whom has signed a contract to purchase a dwelling unit in the project and has paid a minimum good faith deposit of \$50.00. Four hundred (400) of these members must be veterans.
 - The Corporation will submit evidence that the compensation paid or to be paid for organization expenses, negotiating the purchase, and arranging financing is fair in relation to the purchase price and reasonable on the basis of time effectively devoted to such services on a professional or similar basis.
 - The Corporation will furnish copies of all statements or arrangements made to financial institutions to influence the securing of interim financing in behalf of the corporation or its individual members.
 - The Corporation must agree that it has no objection to executing a mortgage for 90 per cent of the purchase price, which will contain the following provisions:
 - Personal Property.** The Corporation shall have the right to sell, if not subject to mortgage and without release from the mortgagee, any machinery, equipment, fixtures, and other like property which in the opinion of the mortgagor, has become obsolete upon first replacing the same with new property of a value at least equal to that disposed of, which new property will become subject to the lien of the mortgage. If such obsolete property is not replaced by new property which will become subject to the lien of the mortgage, the obsolete property may be released from the lien of the mortgage provided the Corporation pays to the Government an amount to be approved by the PHA.
 - Second Liens.** No second liens of any nature will be permitted without the consent of the mortgagee.
 - Maintenance.** The Corporation will keep the mortgaged properties in good condition and permit inspection of the property by the mortgagee.
 - Capital Improvements.** The consent of the mortgagee will be required for any capital improvements costing more than \$5000.
 - Insurance.** The Corporation will obtain fire and extended coverage insurance covering the property in an amount no less than the unpaid balance of the mortgage. The Corporation will also obtain boiler insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$50,000. The proceeds of such insurance are to be paid to the mortgagee, provided reimbursement for loss is in excess of \$1000.
 - Reserve for Taxes and Insurance.** The Corporation will set aside each month a cash reserve in a special bank account in an insured bank an amount equal to one-twelfth of the annual taxes and a separate cash reserve in a special bank account in an insured bank in an amount sufficient to pay insurance premiums when due. Such monies will not be withdrawn at any time except when needed for the above-stated purposes.
 - Actions by the Corporation Requiring Prior Consent of the Mortgagee.**
 - Declaration of dividends or distribution of profits.
 - Compensation of a Manager in excess of \$10,000 per year and other employees more than \$6,000 per year.
 - Amendments of the Corporation's constitution and by-laws.
 - Sell or otherwise alienate the mortgaged property unless the mortgage is paid off as a result of the sale.
 - Issuance of stock of any type in payment for services rendered.
 - Advance Equity Payments by Members.** The Corporation will pay to the mortgagee all advance equity payments made by members to be applied on the unpaid balance of the mortgage as contractual payments in the inverse order of their maturity.
 - Books and Records.** The Corporation will keep such books and records as will be required by the mortgagee, and such books and records will be subject to examination by the mortgagee at all times.
 - Reports.** The Corporation will furnish reports with respect to conduct, operation and maintenance of the project as requested from time to time by the mortgagee.
 - Other Provisions.** Other customary standard mortgage provisions.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO PASSING TITLE TO THE CORPORATION.

- The conditions outlined below must be met within 90 days after PHA has executed a contract of sale.
- The Corporation must present evidence that it has 1261 members (67 percent of 1891 units being sold), each of whom has signed a contract to purchase a dwelling unit in the project and has made a down-payment of not less than 10 percent of the purchase price of the unit he wishes to purchase.
- The Corporation must present evidence that each tenant was given an opportunity to join the organization.
- The Corporation must make a down-payment of 10 percent of the purchase price and present evidence that the down-payment was raised without jeopardizing the financial stability of the organization.
- The Corporation must present evidence that it has cash on hand or in banks in addition to the required down-payment, to provide for the following:

Working capital	\$125,000.00
Tax adjustment (November 1 closing)	19,700.00
Insurance (estimated)	87,000.00
Revenue stamps	9,374.75
Consumable materials (estimated)	76,200.00
Organization fees (estimated)	15,000.00
Total	\$272,274.75

Drop-Inn Data

By Bobbie Baxter

Last Saturday night members of the Drop Inn held their monthly dance. Mike Littleton and his orchestra played for the evening. The building was decorated very nicely by Ann Cashman, Labon Bordenet, Carol Kling, Bobby Nance, and Jimmy Oldham. Mrs. Cashman gave her entire afternoon to help these boys and girls, which they appreciated very much.

The boys and girls are in need of some more couches and chairs for the Youth Center. If anyone has any old furniture in pretty good condition they no longer

want, please notify Donald Wolfe or me. The members will appreciate this very much.

The following boys and girls are in charge of the committees: Refreshments - Pearl Gold; entertainment - Margot Kennedy; decoration - Pat Arrington; cloakroom - Jan Andrusic; equipment - Kenny Miller and Art Brittenbender. These boys and girls will need plenty of help, so if you desire to help please get in touch with them soon.

Our Valentine-Leap Year Dance will be held Friday night, February 15, at the Center School, from 8:30 to 12 p.m. Mike Littleton and

his orchestra will play for the evening. There will be the crowning hearts, entertainment, and refreshments of our Senior and Junior Sweethearts.

Members have voted for the two sweethearts, whose names will not be revealed until the night of the dance. Jan Andrusic, last year's Sweetheart, will crown this year's Junior Sweetheart, and Joanne Slaughter, last year's Sweetheart, will crown this year's Senior Sweetheart.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this dance. Tickets will be sold by the members and at the Drop Inn.

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Greenbelt 2222

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A Millionaire for Christy
AND
The Mob
with Broderick Crawford

THUR. one day only FEB. 21
Holiday Inn
with Bing Crosby

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The Flying Dutchman
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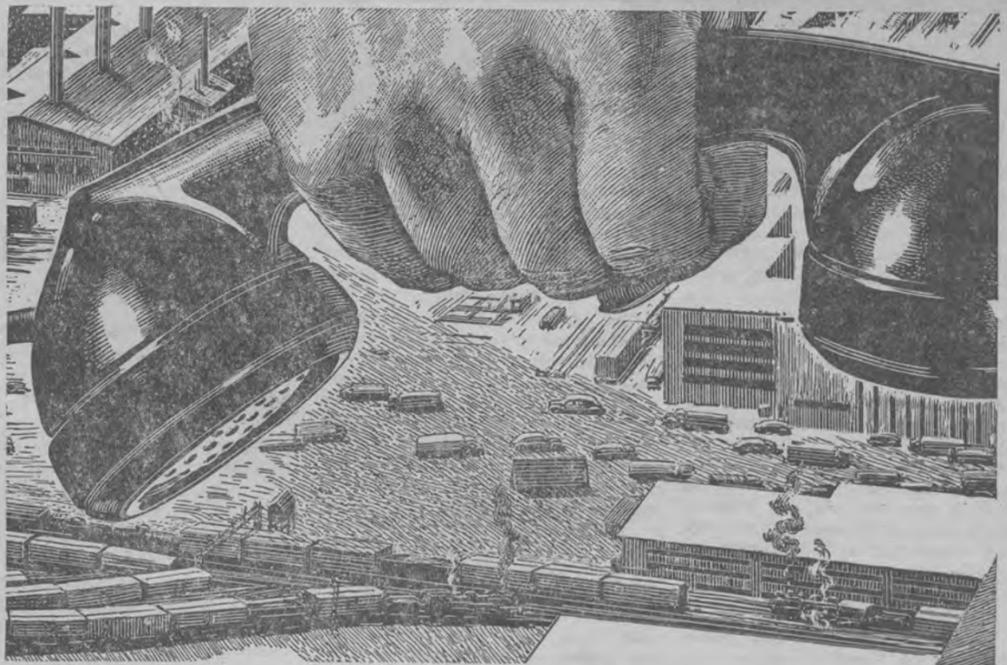
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Brotherhood Week Observance Begins

Greenbelt Committee for Brotherhood Week

The week of February 17 to 24 is set aside for everyone in this country to practice brotherhood in a special way, in all our dealings with our fellow men.

The local effort is being undertaken by all our city's organizations, who practice brotherhood every day of the year—without fanfare or fuss—just helping others to the full extent of their ability.

You will have read elsewhere of the aims and purposes of these groups and possibly know personally of the success of their efforts. If all residents of Greenbelt would unite in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding, and take a keener interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of our community, life might be much richer than it is.

In a broader sense, the ideals of brotherhood can create and foster a spirit of generous consideration among the peoples of the world, and solve some of the problems of international relationships.

A rally of all Greenbelt residents and friends is to be held in the Center school auditorium at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, February 17. There will be singing by local church groups and addresses by four speakers. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the social room.

Everyone is urged to come.

Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School practices brotherhood throughout the year by respecting the rights of its children to be themselves and, at the same time, helping them to understand and to respect the rights of others so that they may experience the satisfaction of living in brotherhood.

The Fidelis Bible Class of the Community Church

The Fidelis Bible Class of the Community church practices brotherhood by contributions of clothing, money or gifts at various times of the year to an orphanage for colored children in Georgia, and to an Indian Mission in North Dakota.

Greenbelt Section

National Council of Jewish Women
To the members of the Greenbelt section, National Council of Jewish Women, brotherhood is not merely a week set aside once a year for special observance. It is a day by day way of life expressed in many ways; in participation in the cerebral palsy program under which any child, regardless of race, creed or color, who needs transportation to the cerebral palsy clinic is driven there and back by our members; in the appropriate contributions made each year to the Greenbelt schools in observance of Brotherhood Week; in the time and effort our members give to the many community fund raising drives; and last but not least in the continual efforts of our standing committee on community cooperation to find the true basis of intergroup understanding.

Homemakers' Club

We offer the following poem, Religion, by Edgar Guest.
When the talk turns on religion
I have notions of my own,
Have my versions of the Bible
and the things I think alone,
And I've found them satisfying
found them comforting to me.
But I'll never lose my temper
if you chance to disagree;
For religion, as I see it,
is a pathway to the goal
And is something to be settled
between each man and his soul.

Now I'm not a Roman Catholic
but I wouldn't go so far
As to fling away the friendship
of the folks I know who are;
I've lived and neighbored with
them,
come to love them thru and thru,
I've respect and admiration
for the kindly things they do,
And I've come to the conclusion,
tho' the bigots think it odd,
That to me it makes no difference
how a good man worships God.

I know Methodist and Baptist,
Lutherans,
Scientist and Jews,
Whose friendship is a treasure
which I wouldn't want to lose.



Chief George J. Panagoulis, Principal Elizabeth Fugitt, Fire Chief Albert Attick, and Officer Al Nuzzo worked in unison to solve in 48 hours the cause of the Center School fire, which was not of spontaneous origin.

A nine-year-old boy who had returned to his classroom to get his galoshes confessed to setting the fire. The boy was placed in the custody of a state juvenile authority, Roy Bright.

And I honor and respect them
and I wouldn't dare condemn
The form of prayer and worship
that is comforting to them,
So when bigots talk religion
I just settle back and see
The helpful friends and loyal
every Church has given me.

The Evening Guild of the Greenbelt Community Church

The Evening Guild of the Community church is a social group which practices brotherhood by contributions for church equipment, by contributions to ministers who visit hospitals, and to other organizations such as the home for aged men at Blue Plains.

Boy Scouts of Greenbelt

(by a boy scout of Troop No. 229)
When I joined the Boy Scouts of America, I was required to learn the 12 scout laws, one of which is, "A scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of customs and religion." I am not a Yankee, an Italian nor a Baptist. I am a boy scout, and when I go on a hike, play my games, share my food and my bed with a buddy, I know he believes the same as I do because he is a boy scout and knows that all people are created equal, and in the sight of God are entitled to their own beliefs. It is such a shame all adults cannot learn the things we boy scouts already know.

Lions Club

The Lions club seeks to promote brotherhood by taking an active interest in the civic, commercial, social and moral welfare of the community by uniting the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding; by providing a forum or the free and full discussion of all matters of public interest.

Girl Scouts of Greenbelt

Girl scouts, representing all races, creeds and national heritages, have the opportunity of learning to appreciate the similarities and differences among the many groups that compose America and to understand the contributions of each group to our national life.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

St. Hugh's
... An organization of men whose primary work is visiting the homes of the poor (regardless of race, color or creed) and bringing assistance of every description to temporarily alleviate distress until permanent plans for relief and rehabilitation can be worked out. It is motivated solely by the love of God and neighbor as taught by Christ.

Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's

For the love of God and neighbor we are eager to give spiritual and material assistance to all those in need, regardless of race, creed, or color. We are also anxious and willing to cooperate and help in all charitable civic endeavors in our community. We are always mindful of the words of our Lord, "Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren you did it to Me."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Winifred A. Flynn, Pres.

Greenbelt Community Church

It is our belief that man is best when he is Brotherly. To be "stuck-up" or prejudiced on the basis of race, religion or wealth we feel is psychologically immature, socially un-American and completely non-religious so far as Christianity is concerned.

When an individual, race or religion builds a moat around itself and refuses the drawbridge to any of God's children, we believe that more is locked out than is closed in. This is true of Iron Curtain and Jim Crow alike. "Fellowship is Life; lack of fellowship is Hell!"

Whether we name the Golden Rule or the Ten Commandments, or both, as our ideal and guide, we know we often fail as Good Neighbors. It is an important teaching of the Church that we should keep trying. In the smallest details of court life here in Greenbelt, as Boy Scouts, or parents, or teachers, we must keep up the important spiritual discipline of relating our noblest Creed to our smallest and meanest act. In the end it is most rewarding and the real foundation of true Brotherhood.

Navy Wives to Hold Valentine Party

The Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club held its regular bi-weekly meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Mary Shelley, 53-A Ridge.

Plans were completed for a Valentine Party to be held Saturday night, Feb. 19, at 9 o'clock at the Athletic Club for the members' husbands. Mrs. Christopher Mullady is chairman.

As sponsors of Brownie Troop No. 49 the club will send ice cream and cookies and valentines to their meeting this week.

The following committee were named for the year: Mrs. Carl Eckman, welfare; Mrs. Christopher Mullady, social; Mrs. James K. O'Neill, publicity and awards.

"Off Beats" On TV Show Contest On Channel 13

The "OFF BEATS," a dance band of Northwestern high school, will represent the high school band in a television contest, "Reward for Talent," over station WAAM (Channel 13, Baltimore, Maryland). The dance band, which is an affiliate of the regular school band, will play in Dixieland style. Included in the same act will be two major-ettes, Ann Walker and Judy Lewis.

Dance band members are Harvey Beavers, John MacBride, William Trip, Tom Donaldson, Bobby Charlton and Benny Neese.

Reward for the winner will be \$1,000. Should Northwestern win, the money will be used to swell

WARNING

The department of public safety has issued a warning to children who have been flying kites with wires attached instead of string. Parents are advised to check carefully to make sure their children are not using this dangerous device. If wire of any kind should contact exposed wire while in the air, the child holding the kite and possibly companions nearby run the risk of electrocution.

Furthermore, such wires coming in contact with ordinary cable can blow a fuse. One case of this kind occurred during the past week.

PONDER, from page 1

If PHA does not follow the alternatives mentioned above, and sells Greenbelt to another purchaser, what then?

1. The sale would not be a negotiated sale to a housing corporation. Prospective purchasers would bid and the highest bidder would get the project. Who would you rather have as a landlord, your own, tenant-managed housing cooperative whose membership fixes monthly charges, or an absentee landlord, only interested in the highest return on his investment?

2. GVHC can start with fewer than 65% of the residents as members. There are always tenants who move for various reasons. Vacancies which occur would be filled by nonresident members who have joined. Through this process, the 65% figure could be achieved. Then the prohibition against taking possession is removed.

3. There is a code of Greenbelt residents who are deeply interested in purchasing their homes. They are appreciative of the opportunity of acquiring a home with little of the risk in the form of first and second mortgages attached. With this group as a beginning, little difficulty is anticipated in getting the remaining members. Only 800 members are required to begin negotiations with PHA. Not all of the 800 need be residents.

(Editor's note: The author is the manager of National Capital Housing Authority's Fort Dupont Housing property. He has managed two other public housing properties in the area and is a former government real estate specialist. He is a graduate housing economist and has done graduate work in that field at American University.)

Boys Club Activities

By Lee

Our basketball teams did very well last week. We won three and lost one. Midgets did an excellent job in defeating Green Meadows 52 to 2. Hi scorers were Brown 20, Taylor 18 and Rock 16. Those Midgets really know how to hit that basket. This is the second time this season the Midgets have hit over 80 points. The Juniors lost to Green Meadows by a close one, 36 to 35. The Intermediates won their game with Riverdale 39 to 8, Schoeb hi scorer with 11 and Comings with 7. The Seniors defeated Beltsville 44 to 25. Hi scorer was Bill Moore with 12.

The Greenbelt Boy's Club heartily endorses "Brotherhood Week." In our various activities we try to carry out the spirit of Brotherhood. Race, religion or creed has nothing to do with our endeavors to teach the boys good sportsmanship which essentially means brotherhood as it boils down to the old, old quotation, "Treat the other fellow as you would like him to treat you." The Boy's Club endeavors to do this all the year round and at all times.

the growing fund for uniforms for the high school band.

A dance benefit for the Northwestern High School Band uniform campaign will take place Saturday, February 23, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., with continuous music and two dance bands - "OFF BEATS" and "STAR DUSTERS" at the high school gymnasium.

"Welcome" Plans Extended

At their second meeting on welcoming new residents, representatives of many Greenbelt organizations discussed further suggestions.

Among these was one by city manager C. T. MacDonald, who proposed that a member of the police force visit each new resident to present a brochure on the city, plain briefly some of the interest-items from the Co-op, and to existing features of Greenbelt. Under such a plan, the policeman doing the contacting would be fully informed about all city organizations. Comments and inquiries from new residents could be recorded and might become useful references for any community organization wishing to further contact an individual.

MacDonald stated, however, that his suggestion would require the full approval of the city council before it could be put into effect.

WCFM Elects New Board Seeks Additional Funds

Radio listeners will have a unique opportunity to be heard from on Tuesday, February 19, when the preferred stockholders of WCFM, Washington's listener-controlled station, hold their annual meeting. Five members will be elected to the board of directors of the radio co-op at the meeting, at 8 p.m., at the Friends Meeting House in Washington.

The station is still appealing to listeners for help in continuing its programs. Recent arrangements to combine space and management expenses with Sound Studios, Inc. are expected to bring the operating deficit down to about \$1,000 a month. George Bernstein, station manager, who worked out the plan, is resigning to become assistant to Herbert E. Evans, general manager of the Peoples Broadcasting Company, a subsidiary of the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. Leon Loeb will be joint manager of Sound Studios and WCFM.

Army Band At Northwestern

The famous United States Army Field Band, under the direction of Major Chester E. Whiting, presented an assembly program to the faculty and students of Northwestern High School on the morning of January 23, in the school gymnasium. This band has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Hollywood Bowl and the San Francisco Opera House, beside giving a concert in each of the 48 states, Canada and Mexico. The bandmen are not only accomplished musicians but all members are career soldiers. Major Whiting is a composer and holds the Combat Infantry Badge, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal for his outstanding combat record in the South Pacific.

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A. C. LONG'S CO-OP

In your last issue, George C. Reeves suggested, "It would be interesting to learn M. Long's ideas of what constitutes 'an honest-to-goodness Co-op'." This, of course, is impossible within the limitations of a letter to the Editor, but I can enlighten him briefly on a few points at least.

An honest-to-goodness Co-op would not risk its members' capital investment by expanding in another community on a basis of a non-quorum vote of only 89 members, mostly employees.

An honest-to-goodness Co-op would give greater service in Greenbelt and not expand out of town merely to justify the present excessive overhead.

An honest-to-goodness Co-op would change its By-Laws to keep the employees from outvoting the members - there are considerably more employees than the number required for a quorum, and we rarely have a quorum at a meeting.

An honest-to-goodness Co-op would have a decent personnel policy - not the kind where employees are fired without notice and in such a despicable manner as to eventually bring about a law suit.

An honest-to-goodness Co-op would not hamper price-checking committees so that the truth can never be published about a comparison of prices.

An honest-to-goodness Co-op would not attempt to control the newspapers in the community by threatening to withhold paid advertisements when critical items are published in the newspaper.

Adelbert C. Long.
(Ed. Last paragraph deleted due to space limitations.)

Will Joan Haslinger, Lenore Algaze, John Wilson, Kathleen Doyle and Theresa Madden, all library contest prize-winners please come to the Cooperator office next Tuesday evening to be presented with their prizes?

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Telephone 5788

Friday, February 15 - 8 p.m. Lydia Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Freundt, Maple Avenue, Beltsville.

Saturday, February 16 - 11 a.m., Junior choir will practice at the home of Mrs. Berg, 20-H Hillside.

Sunday, February 17 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible class. Classes are held for all ages. The Conquest for Christ program of the Lutheran Church will be discussed in the adult Bible class. All members of the church should plan to attend this meeting. Raymond Carriere, superintendent, 11 a.m., Church Service with the celebration of Holy Communion. Please register for Communion before the service. Services are held in the Center School. Visitors are always welcome. Mrs. Crnoert and Mrs. Nieman are in charge of the nursery, 3:30 p.m., Waltham League will meet at the Drop Inn.

Monday, February 18 - 8 p.m., Sunday School teachers will meet at 8-G Parkway. Topic for discussion, "Means Used to Bring Salvation to Man." (Chapter V of Fundamental Christian Beliefs.)

Brownies Surprise Daddies

Brownies of Troop 116 entertained their fathers at a Father-Daughter Valentine party Wednesday night in the community building social room. Square dancing, games and refreshments were features of the party, with all plans kept as a surprise from the Brownie Daddies.

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Thursday, February 14 - 8:30 p.m., Father and Son Scout Banquet. 8 p.m., Religious Education Committee meets in Church Study.

Friday, February 15 - 6:30 p.m., Annual Cub Scout Banquet.

Sunday, February 17 - Church Worship as follows: 9 a.m., Music by the Cloister Choir. Nursery for children conducted by Mrs. Pauline Anders. 11 a.m., Music by the Senior Choir. Nursery for children conducted by Mrs. Donnellan and Mrs. Fowler. Sermon by the Minister, "God Save the Queen!" Laymen will report at both 9 and 11 o'clock services. Church School as follows: 9 a.m., Primary Dept. 9:50 a.m., Juniors and Intermediates through adults. 11 a.m., Beginners Dept., also Church Nursery for children. 5 p.m., Church Nominating Committee meets in Church Study, 7 p.m., Jr., and Sr. Hi Fellowships meet. 8 p.m., Brotherhood Meeting at Center School.

Tuesday, February 19 - 7:30 p.m., Closing Session of Federation Christian School at Calvary Baptist.

Wednesday, February 20 - 8 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal. 8 p.m., Stewardship Group Captains meet in Social Hall.

Thursday, February 21 - 4:30 p.m., St. Cecilia Choir Rehearsal.

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Sunday, February 17 - Worship and sermon with special music by the choir, 11 a.m. Subject of sermon, "The Riches of a Great Life." Two sessions of the Sunday School under the leadership of Lois M. Tierney, at 8:45 and 9:45 a.m. We invite your interest and attendance.

Friday, February 15 - Box Social at the Church, Woodlandway. Members and friends are extended a cordial invitation to enjoy the occasion with us.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev Victor J. Dowgiallo, pastor
Greenbelt 5911

Saturday: Confessions, 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children, 7 to 9:30 for adults.

Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for all children of the parish at the 8:30 and 9:30 Masses. Choir practice this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in one of the classrooms.

Wednesday: Novena services, 8 p.m.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi Seymour Zahn

Friday, February 16 - Service will be held in the Social Room of the Center School, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Candlelighting - 5:30 p.m. Portion of the Week - "Yitro" - Exodus 18:1 to 20:23. Reading from the Prophets - Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6 to 9:5-6. Sermon topic - The Significance of Brotherhood Week and the Bible.

The Jewish Community Center will have a bake sale on Friday, February 15, beginning at 10 a.m., in the lobby of the Greenbelt Theater, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nora Levsky. Cakes, cookies, baked beans, potato salad, and other items will be available, as well as a number of traditional dishes such as blintzes, cheese and noodle pudding (kugel), knishes, etc. Funds raised will go to the general treasury of the organization to help support its many activities.



Trattler Chatter

By Pauline Trattler

GR. 3762

Hi! Thought this would be good news to pass on. There's a popular soap company which is giving you two bars of soap free. All you do is send them back the wrappers. They even give you back the cost of postage. It's a green soap, wrapped in a green wrapper with black band. At times like this, I felt it was too good not to pass this on. . . . It's twins for the Wynn family, 13-H Hillside. Little Frances and Louise weighed in at 14 lbs. (together) at Doctors Hospital Feb. 2. This makes five children for the Wynns. Daddy Howard Wynn is a checker at the Center Store. . . . It's a little gal at Marion and Bill Moore's house Eileen Terry was born Jan. 23 at Columbia Hospital. (Bet the boys at the Moore house are happy with another little sister). . . . It's "good-bye" and "good-luck" to three nice gals who have left Greenbelt to join their husbands, Joane Dorothy Davies will join her hubby, Pvt. 1st class Walton Davies, stationed at the Air Base in Amarillo, Texas. The Waltons will be there about four months. Louise Steine Winker will join her hubby, Pvt. 1st Class Arthur Winker, at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., and Pat Waldo will join her hubby, Pvt. John Waldo, who is also stationed at Keesler Field. (Don't forget to give the boys our regards, girls!) . . . The Portaro family, 9-E Research, just returned from High Point, N. C. where they visited with their grandparents. . . . Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kemp, 2 Plateau, gave a supper party on Saturday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Wilson of Brentwood, Md. About 26 people attended. . . . Six-year-old Donna Jean Evans, 16-P Ridge, who recently returned home from Johns Hopkins Hospital, received over 450 cards and letters from people in the California area. Her aunt, Mrs. O'Day, who lives in that area, but an article in the society column of the Mirror newspaper, saying she would enjoy hearing from people. She also received some gifts. (We all wish you well, Donna!) . . . Our town's thirteen-year-old child prodigy, Deanna Bau, thrilled about 75 persons with her piano playing at a concert Sunday afternoon at the Arlington Academy of Music. Her family and close friends were very proud of Deanna's performance. Mrs. Lee Mirabella is her teacher. (We are very proud of Deanna, too.) . . . A welcomed guest to Greenbelt is Mrs. Rose Lautman of New York who is currently visiting her daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bickford. . . . There's a new addition to the George Avery family, 8-N Laurel Hill. He's a package of happiness in a blue blanket, little David Hayes, who arrived at Providence Hospital on Feb. 4. (How about some cigars, George?) . . . A surprise baby shower was held for Mrs. Robert Nelby on Saturday, Feb. 9, by Mrs. B. Brooks, 21-P Parkway. Many guests attended and lovely gifts were received. (Lots of luck!) . . . That's it for this week, folks, and please don't be angry with me if your articles don't get in print. It's not my fault, it's just lack of space.

This week official notice of proposed by-law changes for Greenbelt Consumer Services were mailed out to over 3300 members, according to Sam Ashelman, general manager. Formal notice, 30 days in advance of the annual meeting, is a requisite of the by-laws.

Capital Ceiling

In explaining the need for the first amendment (removing the \$350,000 limit on capital stock purchases) the general manager pointed out that although the original charter of incorporation authorizes \$1,000,000 in share capital, a ceiling of \$350,000 is now in effect. Members already own over \$340,000 worth of capital stock. Lifting of the present ceiling will allow more people to share in the cooperative's ownership and provide necessary working capital for the organization.

Fiscal Switch

The second important amendment concerns a change in the dates of the fiscal year from the first day of January to the first day of February. Besides eliminating the taking of inventories on such major holidays as New Year's, this change, according to Robert Morrow, controller, would also lift a heavy workload from both the managers and office staff. "Under the present calendar year," he said, "inventory tabulation, filing of tax forms, and computation of patronage refunds all come at the same time."

"Such a change," he continued, "would also require several contingent changes." Dates of both annual and quarterly meetings would be advanced a month. During the year of transition, patronage refunds would be computed on a 13 month period, although stock dividends would be paid on the regular 12-month basis with an additional dividend for the extra month involved.

Quorum Limit

Two subjects are covered in the last article up for proposed amendment. Present by-laws require 5% of the membership (roughly 166 persons) for a quorum necessary to transact business. As the number of members increase, and the number for a quorum increases correspondingly, it is possible, according to board member Henry Walter, that a quorum will not be achieved and important business considerations consequently would be delayed. The proposed by-law change would make it possible to take action at meetings if at least 100 members were present.

The final provision in this section would make it impossible for more than one person from any one family to hold either an elected or appointed post in the cooperative's organizational structure. Neither of the latter proposals have been voted on by the board of directors.



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Pfc. Damrauskas is a signal message clerk with the Message Center Operation Company of the 66th Signal Operation Battalion.

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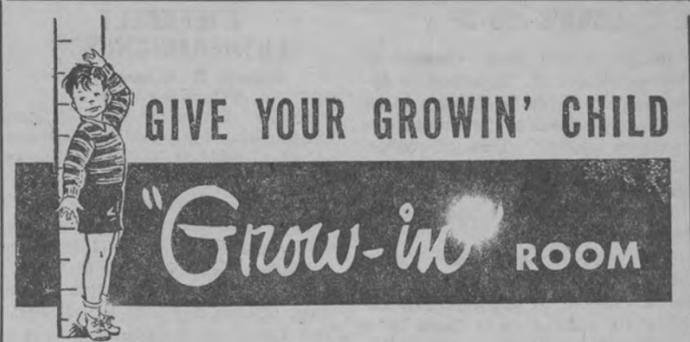
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