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# **Apartment Units** Change Owners

Title to twelve apartment buildings in Greenbelt will pass to new landlords on May 1. The ceremony of closing the transfer took place today in the Washington office of the Public Housing Admin-

The Greenbelt Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, became the landlord of two apartment buildings located on the west side of Parkway. Other apartment buildings passed to private ownership.

Rents have already been increased for the apartment units, but not to the extent of the ceilings permitted by the Rent Stabilization Office, according to Bruce Bowman, GVHC secretary. They are not likely to be increased further in the near future, he said, so far as the Greenbelt Development Corporation's properties are con-

# Red Cross Drive Tops Quota Here

Red Cross workers in Greenbelt were jubilant at the news that they had more than made their quota in the recent drive. Mrs. Christopher Mullady, who headed the drive, reports that a total of \$87.81 was collected in Greenbelt-over 105% of the quota of \$825.00 which had been set for the city.

An award of merit was presented to Mrs. Mullady last Friday at a Red Cross report luncheon held at the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the service she performed in directing the drive for funds in Greenbelt. Attending the luncheon with Mrs. Mullady were the following volunteer workers from this city: Mrs. Janet Derby, Mrs. Margaret Kendall, Mrs. Shirley Luber, Mrs. Louise Nelligar and Mrs. Nat Pater-

Mrs. Mullady thanks all of the volunteer workers who collected. funds in the city, in the schools, GCS, GVHC, the bank, the post office, city and federal offices. In the name of the American Red Cross, she also wishes to send a word of appreciation to all of those who contributed to make such a fine record for Greenbelt.

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children who will have their fifth birthday during 1953 can be registered for the Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten Friday, May 1, at Center School and North End School from 9 am until 4 pm Bring birth certificate, immunization certificate and \$5 for registration. If not able to attend registration, write the kindergarten at Box No. 85 and representative will call personally.

### **GVHC** Arranges Paint Discount

Arrangements for collective purchase of paint and garden supplies at a discount through the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation are being made by the Physical Plant and Equipment Committee, Elliott Bukzin, chairman, has announced. A circular explaining details of the plan has been mailed to all members.

A crew is busy now cleaning downspouts. Other crews will be assigned later to such jobs as caulking leaky walls. Many jobs, however, will have to wait until expert crews can attack them wholesale and systematically, because piecemeal efforts would be wasteful, Bukzin said.

#### Structural Changes

Residents who have applied for permission to make structural changes will have to have county approval in addition to GVHC and Public Housing Administration ap-

#### Frame Houses

Special attention to the maintenance of the frame houses with their particular problems will be delegated to a subcommittee, which will also be concerned with beautifying the grounds surrounding the frame houses. GVHC acquired a nursery along with its other properties, in which at least two dozen varieties of shrubs and hardy perennials are available. Residents interested in transpalnting some of these ornamental species and developing a general program of landscaping have been asked to volunteer for work on the subcommittee.

# **Small Fry Palpitate As Time** For Space Rocket Visit Nears

Take-off time for the first imaginary space flight of the Space Patrol Rocket which lands at the Greenbelt Shopping Center at 12 noon Monday, April 27, is scheduled for 2 p.m. From 2 until 7, the rocket will be open for inspection to all youngsters presenting a box top from a well-known cereal now on sale at the supermarket.

Officially named "Terra IV" the giant battle cruiser from outer space is the personal flagship of Conmander Buzz Corry, hero to the sands of avid followers of "Space Patrol" on radio and television.

Huge Cockpit

Upon entering the silver metal hull, visitors are confronted with an array of dials, switches, levers and controls which fill the huge cockpit. Each space minded youngster is invited to sit in the pilot's seat and work the maze of switches that fire the rockets and control the space ship's imaginary

From the tip of the forward sec-

tion to the tail, every cranny of space is used to house hundreds of futuristic instruments, and many of these such as the space-o-phone, cosmic and atomic generators, the astrogation unit and the ossicilliscope can be actually controlled. City of Terra

From one of the rocket's builtin panels, the City of Terra, 30th century headquarters of the Space Patrol can be viewed. Stretching in all directions, the city is laced with a network of super highways filled with streaking jet cars. Whole blocks are studded with launching ramps for rockets and tiny atmosphere washing plants.

According to the Rocket's pilots, more than half a million youngsters have visited the ship on its cross-country tour in such cities as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Salt Lake, Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Detroit and Philadelphia. Few of the space ship's imaginary flights are to places on the continent or the earth however, most are to the moon and such far-away planets as Pluto.

### Cancer Drive Calls Set For Monday

Mrs. Ralph Webster, chairman of the cancer drive in Greenbelt, announced yesterday that the onenight collection will take place on Monday, April 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. Volunteers will visit each home in Greenbelt at that time to receive donations.

City Bus Helps

The city bus will be at Northway and Ridge Roads until 8:15 p.m. to pick up any of the workers needing transportation to the city office where collections will be turned in. Workers in other parts of the city needing transportation to the Center may obtain such by calling TOwer 9-6330, the city of-

Funds from this drive will be turned over to the American Cancer Society which carries on a continuous program of education, research and aid. The Society emphasizes the fact that cancer can be cured, if the disease is detected in the early stages. The public is urged to take advantage of free detection clinics for well persons and to consult a physician if there is any any sign of change in physical condition.

### **Madden Wins National Honor**

Nationwide recognition was received this week by Anthony M. Madden, Greenbelt, Maryland reprsentative for the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company through his nomination to the "All-Star Honor Roll" of The Insurance Salesman, leading magazine in the life insurance business.

Outstanding Man

The Honor Roll, an annual tradition in the life insurance business, is made up of one field representative from each life insurance company, nominated by his company as its "outstanding man of the year."

Further recognition was accorded Madden through the publication of an article in the issue entitled, "How to Sell a Million-Working 21 Hours a Week."

#### Northwestern Concert Scheduled For Friday

The Band and Glee Club of Northwestern High School, under the direction of Michael Ronca, will present their Second Annual Spring Concert on April 24, at 8:15 p.m., in the gymnasium on Colesville Road, Hyattsville, Maryland.

#### Rescue Squad Begins Door-to Door Canvass

The Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad has started its membership drive. A representative will call on each Greenbelt family. Any family in Greenbelt may join for one year by paying \$2.00 or a larger donation if they wish.

Ambulance Service

The Rescue Squad will furnish ambulance service to any Washington, Baltimore or Annapolis area hospital for any member of the family as many times as is needed during the year. Call 2011 (the Greenbelt Police desk) for ambulance service. Do not call Operator as she will route the call through the Hyattsville Fire Board causing needless delay.

For trips that are not emergencies, call the Squad three days in advance so that arrangements may be made for the trip.

# **Council Boosts Pool Prices** For Outsiders; Pass Needed

Admission prices for the swimming pool will remain the same for Greenbelters but non-residents will pay a higher fee, it was decided at the city council meeting last Monday night. Approval of a plan to charge outsiders more came after considerable discussion of the public relations aspect and the right of residents to enjoy more thoroughly a community service.

### **NewHousingGroup** Files With FHA

Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc. the new cooperative formed under the provisions of Section 213 of the Housing Act, filed its request for FHA mortgage approval April 16.

The development, to be known as Woodland Homes, will feature each house in an individual wooded setting. It will be located on Woodlandway and Northway, extended westward toward Crescent Road. Model homes will be built on Northway, just west of Hillside Road, as soon as FHA approval has been granted. This will probably take 60 days or more, according to Elliott Bukzin, GVHC board member in charge of organizing the project.

# John Sauls Trains As Airman In Texas

John N. Sauls, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sauls, 29-A Ridge is completing his AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, site of Air Force basic training, for men and women, headquarters of the Human Resource Research Center, and home of AF's Officer Candidate School.

His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

Mayor Frank Lastner approved the plan, declaring that the residents should be compensated for underwriting the cost of the service, since they would pay the difference if the pool lost money in its operation. Councilman Ben Goldfaden called the plan "discriminatory." Non-residents should have a right to enjoy the pool which was built with federal funds, without an extra penalty, Goldfaden asserted. Councilman James Smith argued that the pool was built with the intention of serving Greenbelt residents only and not the entire county area.

"ID" Pass

According to the plan proposed by city manager Charles McDonald, each Greenbelt family will be permitted to secure an identification pass for each member of the family. This will entitle them to purchase tickets at the following rates: 21 years of age and older, 45c; 16 to 20 inclusive, 25c; 12 to 15, 15c; 6 to 11, 10c; under six, accompanied by parents, free; servicemen (resident or non-resident), 25c. Corresponding rates for non-Greenbelters will be 60, 35, 25, and 20 cents. Residents without a pass will pay the higher rate.

Chief purpose of the plan, according to Lastner, is not based on "discrimination" but insufficient facilities to accommodate everybody wanting to swim; this would be the most equitable means to serve residents. A proposal by Goldfaden to set aside certain days of the week as "Greenbelt" days was considered impractical, because of the vagaries of weather.

City Offices Move

In other action taken at the meeting, approval was granted for moving the city offices to the second floor of the building which the administration office's now occupies. It will provide more space for the same rental. A plan to use Greenbelt Veteran Housing Cor-See COUNCIL, Page 2

# PHA Accepts Bids Until May 5th On Four Tracts Near Greenbelt

The PHA invites sealed competitive bids on four tracts of land near Greenbelt and Branchville. Bids will be opened May 5, 1953. The land is described as follows:

Tract 1 - Suitable for Commercial or Residential Development. This tract of approximately 61/2 acres of very desirable land, is located on the southwest corner of the Branchville-Glenn Dale Road and Edmonston Road. The Greenbelt Junior High School is located across the road on the north.

Tract 2 - 4.8 Acres Improved With Oil Storage Tanks. This tract, located just south of the Branchville-Glenn Dale Road, is suitable for an oil storage station and other light industrial use and has approximately 286 feet of frontage on the east side of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Tract 3 - Suitable for Light Industrial Use. This tract of about two acres is located north of the Branchville-Glenn Dale Road approximately 250 feet east of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Ex-

bridge abutments the tract is approximately 675 feet long with a width varying from 135 feet to 161 feet.

Tract 4 - A Level Residential Let. This lot having 50' frontage on Edmonston Road and 200' frontage on Pontiac Street is ideal for the construction of a residence comparable to the houses in this pleasant residential neighborhood. The Department of Interior owns land to be developed as a park of several hundred acres only a few hundred feet from this lot across Edmonston Road. Water, gas, and electricity are available along Edmonston Road.

Sealed bids will be opened on May 5, 1953, at 2 p.m. in the Public Housing Administration office, 2nd floor, Greenbelt Commercial Center, Greenbelt. Terms: all cash. No brokerage commission will be paid by the seller.

To obtain bid forms and general conditions of sale ,phone or write to: Orville L. Mitchell, 2nd Floor, Greenbelt Commercial Center, cept for a small area cut out for Greenbelt, Md., phone GR. 3-2041.

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#### Credo

We assume the editorship of this paper humbly, with no wild promises that we will change the world overnight, with no statement of support for one faction against another, with no object in mind except to try to publish a good paper, fair, impartial, civicminded, and alert to the needs of the community.

We favor people who try to be fair, people who teach their children that population is made up of different persons, people who grow up instead of merely growing older, and people who have awakened to the fact that democracy is more than a word in the

We earnestly solicit the assistance of our readers in making The Cooperator a good newspaper, reliable and respected.

COUNCIL from page 1

poration facilities was stymied after receipt of a letter from the housing group disclosed that no space was available for the city offices. A proposal to purchase some of the commercial buildings to provide space for the city was considered but held premature at this time. McDonald explained that such a purchase was possible and a fine suggestion since the remaining space would be rented and income derived from the venture. However, he felt that a referendum, which is required by the city charter, for approval of capital improvements, would be unfavorable at this time because of the residents' desire to keep taxes low. It may be wise to delay the problem until September, when the referendum could be held in conjunction with the city council election, McDonald suggested.

Burgoon Replaces Slye

Edward Burgoon, Greenbelt Consumer Services garage manager, was approved as a new member of the Youth Center Advisory Board. He replaces Mrs. Orville Slye, who is moving from Greenbelt soon. Burgoon was called a "splendid selection and a conscientious worker" by Councilman Smith. All council members expressed regret at Mrs. Slye's departure from Greenbelt and expressed praise for her fine work with the Youth Center

PHA Payment Signed

Signing of the payment agreement from Public Housing Administration, was disclosed by Mayor Lastner. The payment actually amounted to \$39,280.60 somewhat over the announced amount accepted last week. The aditional sum, McDonatd disclosed was payment for cleaning up the Center area, a federal function which the city provided. Also, there was no apparent reduction of the amount based on cost of garbage-collection PHA attempted during the payment dispute. Lastner disclosed that the tax rate has already gone down one cent, after more minute calculations were made; the tax rate is now 4.2054!

Attending the meeting was Betty Lou Kitchen, Northwestern High student. She was present to learn first-hand city council affairs in conjunction with a "Problems of Democracy" course. Of special interest to Betty Lou was the swimming pool discussion she was a cashier in the swimming pool last summer. Also present was Ruthie, daughter of Councilman James Wolfe.

Off the humor cuff . . . After reading the monthly reports, Lastner complimented Police Chief George Panagoulis on his Department of Public Safety report. "It is quite an improvement," Lastner said. "I can almost read your signature." The report disclosed that the police department is almost bringing in as much revenue to the city as the library fines. Panagoulis explained it was a twoway proposition: "We collect some of their fines, and we ticket cars for illegal parking near the li-

A resolution protesting erection of a school bus garage near the junior high school was amended to delete a part which stated that the building was not an actual violation of zoning laws since it was a public building. Commenting on the deletion, Smith quoted Napoleon: "When you speak, tell the truth. But you don't have to tell

Discussion of identification passes for residents elicited a story from Mayor Francis J. Lastner about confiscation of passes used by unauthorized persons. Attending the Oriole ball park to see a baseball game in Baltimore as a child, Lastner was thrown a pass from the grandstands by a pal. A park attendant caught the pass, confiscated it, and the pal's father was out of a season pass. Oh, Frannie!

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH Robert E. Jones, Vicar Phone: GR. 3-3703

Thursday, April 23 - 8:30 p.m., Men's Club at the Berg residence, 20-H Hillside.

Friday, April 24 - 5 p.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal.

Sunday, April 26 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and adult Discussion. 11 a.m., Divine Worship. Sermon by the Vicar on John 16, 20-23 "Indomitable Joy." Nursery maintained during the service. 3:30 p.m., All Lutheran Youth Rally at Grace Lutheran Church, 16th and Varnum N.W. Leaguers meet at the Church at 3 p.m. for transpor-

Wednesday, April 29 - 8 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

#### METHODIST CHURCH C. R. Strausburg, Minister Tel. GR. 3-4987

Sunday, April 26 - Session of the Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Richard Hoffman, Superintendent. Classes for all. Worship and sermon by the Pastor, 11 a.m. Sermon topic, "By This Sign We Conquer". Music by the Senior Choir. Nursery provided for small children. All Sunday services are held at the North End Elementary School.

# To The Editor

ILLEGAL FISHING

It is very evident that many new residents in Greenbelt still think there is free fishing in Greenbelt Lake. It also applies to others who have lived here for some time. A Maryland State license is required and must be worn in plain sight. Everyone over 12 must have a license. And furthermore it is illegal to take bass until June 1, 1953. This law is being broken at Greenbelt Lake and should be stopped at once. (Maryland State Wardens now on the job.)

And furthermore, bottles and cans and other refuse are being continually thrown in the lake. There is, I am positive, an ordinance against it and it should be enforced by making an example of

those doing it.

As one who has always enjoyed bass fishing, I wish to say we have one of the finest potential bass fishing grounds in the entire area and something should be done to enforce laws concerning it. The local Izaak Walton League did a fine job last year. Now let's keep it that way.

"POP" BELL.

THANK YOU, JCC

We would like to express our grateful appreciation to the Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt, for their donation of a substantial amount of surplus clothing from their rummage sale of this week, to the Catholic Charities for distribution to the poor. The practice of love of God and love of neighbor, thru real acts, is a teaching common to all the religions, and it is especially gratifying to see this noble teaching of the Father of all practiced amongst His various children.

THE LADIES OF CHARITY AND THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. HUGH'S CHURCH.

#### Police Blotter

The influx of pets since the town was sold has increased the wear and tear on children and their parents. Three cases of dogbites, listed as mild, were reported to the police in April. One, a chow, bit a boy inside his lip; a cocker spaniel got to a boy's wrist; and another, just plain dog, reached and bit a child's right hand.

A cat not to be outdone, severely bit and left two teeth marks on a little child's leg.

A court case, as a result of a dog bite, was dismissed in Hyattsville court Monday night.

Quick action by police officer Herbert Faulconer apprehended several youths playing with fire underneath the bowling alleys. The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities who will try their case on May 6.

#### **HEBREW SERVICES** Rabbi C. H. Waldman

Services will be held in the social room of Greenbelt Center School Friday at 8 p.m. Candlelighting time 6:37.

The next meeting of the study group will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bickford, 17-G Ridge Road on Wednesday, April 29 at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

#### COMMUNITY CHURCH

Minister, Eric T. Braund Phone GR. 3-7931

Sunday, April 26 - Morning Worship 9 and 11 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Braund, "A Living Portrait of God." Church School as follows: 9 and 11 a,m, Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary. 10 a.m., Juniors through Adults; Men's Bible Class; Fidelis Bible Class. 6 p.m., Supper for Church School officers and teachers, Social Hall.

Tuesday, April 28 - Fidelis Bible Class, 8 a.m., Church study. Sunday, April 26 - 8 p.m., Parish Life Committee training session for membership canvass.

# My Daze

THE HEAVENLY SCENTED LI-LAC is out. Would that I could sniff forever! Gardener Anderson predicts they will be in bloom ten more days. Greenbelt sports the purple lilac (like those flanking the fire station door) and the rarer white variety. The larger bushes seem to bloom best. They ought to be thinned every year to prevent too heavy, thick foliage from taking away strength from the plant. Later in the season, due perhaps to dampness and heat, the lilac bush may develop mold, but Mr. Anderson reports that a nicotine spray, obtained at a hardware store is a very effective remedy. AN UNUSUALLY COLD SPRING has kept things dormant. If not for winds accompanying the cold, the freezing temperatures would have done the fruit trees and plants great damage. It's still too early for seed planting, and still too muddy to work the ground. ALLOWANCES, WHICH GIVE CHILDREN practical experience in managing money, are all very well if mommy and daddy don't use the child's nest egg as a cushion for themselves during prepayday cash shortages. friends' boy shrewdly put a stop to the nuisance of his parents' frequent borrowing by converting his cash to U.S. Savings Stamps. THE CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL

TEACHER sent home to us a pamphlet called "a healthy personality for your child". There have been many conflicting child training doctrines advanced over the years that are often confusing, but this Children's Bureau publication no. 337 - 1952 talks about our main dream, a healthy personality for our child, in a simple, general way. Varying from child to child, there develop from infancy to adulthood wants and needs during all ages which require parents' guidance, forbearance, and the right mixture of indulgence and discipline. We aim for instilling in our child confidence, a sense of well-being, and good feelings which are necessary for proper growth. The point is made, that as much as we hope to see our child's selfishness turn into trust for others, ultimately sharing with and caring for others, we are also concerned that ALL children be given equal opportunity at home, school, and in society to similarly outgrow infantile and childish behavior to become well-balanced, strong, and cooperative. "And out of such children can come a world of peace and good living for all."

- DAISY LONDING STOREST STORES

#### Lavish British Film Coming To Greenbelt

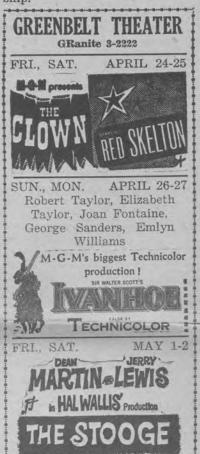
"Ivanhoe," M-G-M's spectacular Technicolor production of Sir Walter Scott's classic novel, coming to the Greenbelt Theater, is the biggest motion picture in scope and cost ever to be filmed in Britain, ranking ahead of "Henry 5," "Hamlet," "Christopher Columbus" and "Red Shoes."

A single day's call sheet posted by Director Richard Thorpe stipulated 12 trumpeters, 15 Norman and 15 Saxon squires, 25 special foresters, 135 ordinary foresters, 160 members of a rough Saxon crowd, 120 mixed Normans, 120 Norman soldiers, 200 horses, three truckloads of arrows and 26 cows.

This was considered a "small" day's shooting for the elaborate picture, which stars Robert Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor.

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AVON PRODUCTS, INC., represented by Mrs. Gloria Wood, GR. 3-4172 (evenings and Saturdays) for residents in area bounded by Southway and Westway.

INLAID LIN. Asph. Tile. Free estimate. Reas. Prices. John R. Sharpe, GR. 3-6497.

Navy Wives Chalk Up Chocolate Bunny High

The last bi-monthly meeting of the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Mangold, 12-F Hillside. Mrs. Donald Patterson, 50-A Crescent, was installed as a new member by the president, Mrs. James O'Neill.

Members were commended by the President for making the annual Easter candy sale a success. Plans were made for the group to attend the theater and have dinner at a downtown restaurant.

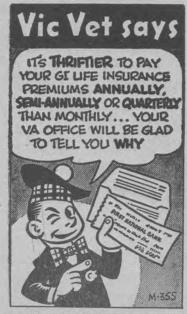
#### Ladies Of Charity Request Donations

The Ladies of Charity appeal for used clothing of all types and small items of furniture and household equipment for the Thrift Shop in Hyattsville. From this source, hundreds of people in Prince Georges County are helped who are unable to buy new clothing.

Anyone wishing to donate, please bring contributions to Mrs. Mary Callanan, 9-J Southway; Mrs. Winifred Flynn, 13-J Ridge; Mary Fitzmaurice, 2-B Woodland Way; Mrs. Edna McCord, 4-N Hill Rd.; or Edna DeCost, 20-L Hillside.

If pick-up service is necessary, call Mrs. Callanan on 6901 or Mrs. Flynn on 3291.

Men retire on pensions but did anybody ever hear of a married woman who was able to retire from housework?



For full information contact your nearest VETERANS ADMINISTRATION office

# Office Building Possible Here

Contsruction of a large Social Securities building, to house 2,500 employees, is a possibility for Greenbelt, according to a story in The Washington Post, yesterday.

J. L. Taylor, PHA management officer, told the Prince Georges County Commissioners that the Public Buliding Administration is considering taking over some Government-owned acreage in Greenbelt for construction of the building.

#### Late Winter

Winter paid a belated visit to Greenbelt on Monday, April 20, when the local thermometer dipped to 27 degrees, five degrees below freezing, and the lowest reading of the month.

The minimum temperature in Washington at the same time was 33 degrees. Later in the day, several snow flurries hit the town but the total precipitation amounted to only a trace, less than 1/100 of an inch, the smallest measurable unit used by the Weather Bureau.

# Northwestern PTA Plans Open House

Northhwestern Senior High School Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring an "Open House" at the high school on Friday, May 1, from 7 until 10 p.m.

At that time the school facilities will be exhibited with special emphasis on acquainting the 9th grade students of the local junior high schools, and their parents, with Northwestern.

Members of the faculty will be present to explain the courses of study offered, and examples of the fine work done in classrooms and by the various activity groups within the high school will be displayed.

The "Open House" will alsoserve as a progress report to those who now have children in attendance there. All who are interested in Northwestern High School are cordially invited to attend.

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# HomeDecorator's Question Box

By Robert Hurst
Q. We live in a defense house in Greenbelt and our two children are constantly smudging the walls with finger prints. When I tried to wash them off, I found that the paint came off also. We have purchased our home and are considering repainting. Is there anything which we can put on our walls which is washable but not glossy?—R.N.

A. Yes. One of the wonderful new finishes created by paint chemists is the latex base paints. A superior brand of this type of paint is Super-Kemtone. This product is easily applied, comes in beautiful colors, has a flat finish, and is washable. It may be purchased at the Co-op Department Store.

Q. What is the best method of applying Super Kem-Tone?

A. Super Kem-Tone can be applied well with a brush or roller. It leaves no brush or lap marks. The Roller-Koter is a much faster method and for amateurs is perhaps the best painting tool.—A.C.

Q. What must I do to prepare my walls before applying Super Kem-Tone?—C.L.

A. Hair-line cracks will be filled by the paint. Larger cracks should be scraped at the edges so that all loose plaster is removed.

To re-fill these areas a product such as Plastic Patch should be used. This product will dry with shrinking.

After the newly plastered surface is dry, it should be sanded and covered with Wall Primer and Sealer. Super Kem-Tone can then be applied with the knowledge that the job will last.

In addition to these preparations, walls which have been washed with Kalsomine should be washed.

Q. What is the Custom Color Service?—D.H.

A. Custom Colors are paint colors specially created to the individual preferences of the consumer. Any of the several hundred shades will be mixed to meet the customers specifications. This service, at a slight charge, is available at the Coop Department Store, and the paint will be received two days after the order is placed.

Send decorating questions to Greenbelt Department Store, 109 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Answers to all suitable questions will be found in this column.

# Our Neighbors

By Dorothy McGee, phone 8083 Mr. and Mrs. David Stancil and sons, Jimmy and Johnny, moved last Friday from 11-G Southway to Asheville, N. C. The Stancils have lived here for ten years, and will miss Greenbelt, but hope to find their new home as pleasant. Mr. Stancil, who has been in Asheville for the past month sent pictures of the houses there which remarkably resemble those in Greenbelt. Their new address is 3-C Coleman Apartments, Asheville, N. C.

Ira Kaufman, 45-K Ridge, won second prize for his entry in the science exhibit held recently in Greenbelt Junior H. S. Ira exhibited a Morse Code set which he made himself.

Two year old Brian Jensen, 9-Q Laurel Hill, has a new brother, Jonathan Ward Jensen, born April 6 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jensen.

Lorna and James Ott, 4-F Hillside, returned Saturday from a fiive days' fishing jaunt in Cowan's Gap. Pa.

Sid and Cele Feldman and their two daughters, Martha and Melanie, 56-F Crescent, drove to New York City last weekend to see his brother, Samuel Feldman of Los Angeles, at the home of his parents where two other brothers met also to greet the Californian and his family whom they had not seen for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Motyka, 34-K. Ridge, announce the birth of their fourth daughter on April 20 at Prince George's Hospital in Cheverly.

Vera Long, 6 Woodlandway, was hostess Monday evening at a Co-op Products party, where Carnie Harper was the food demonstrator. Motion pictures were shown also.

It's always good to hear that our friends and neighbors are back home from the hospital and doing well. Warren Lusby, 24-D Ridge, returned home Monday night from a five weeks' stay in Bethesda Naval Hospital where he had undergone surgery. He wants to thank his friends for their cards of good wishes.

Eight year old Lila Tucker, 13-M Hillside, came home Monday evening from Leland Memorial Hospital where she spent three days receiving treatment for an infection.

Mrs. Ed Kaighn, 8-A Southway, is much better now.

Helen and Mike Salzman, 4 Woodlandway, have as their house guest her mother, Mrs. Eva Levy of Los Angeles, who expects to be here two or three months. An over-night guest on Sunday was Mr. Salzman's sister, Lola Gallagher, who came up on the Champion, and is certainly happy that she was not on the train Tuesday when it was derailed and cars burned in South Carolina on its way north from Florida.

# Garden Clubbers Test Soil Samples

Test of samples of garden soil will be tested by Hans Jorgensen for members of the Greenbelt Garden Club at their next meeting to be held Monday, April 27 at 8 p.m. in the home economics room of the Center School.

At the last meeting of the Club membership cards, entitling members to discounts at several garden supply houses, were distributed.



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# Northwestern News

James Conley, senior, won first prize at the Northwestern High School Science Fair, Saturday, April 11, with an electronic ex-

Conley, who hopes to become an electrical engineer, received an honorable mention in the national finals of the Westinghouse Science Talent Search last year.

Second prize was awarded to Ben Snavely, senior, for his device demonstrating the ratio between the charge and the mass of an electron. He has won also the Prince Georges County Science Fair and second prize in the District Science Fair.

Ruth Nelson, senior, won the Best Presentation Award by giving a running description of her exhibit during the Fair, for the benefit of the visitors.

Other awards given were, chemistry division, Howard Whitlock, senior; lily bud tests, Sally A. Groome, sophomore; zoological division, Mildred Elder, sophomore; and Bette Coder, sophomore, tied; most colorful poster presentation, Irene Elmer.

**Exchange Students** Northwestern High School is now host to two students from

Mexico City. These students, along with students from Northwestern, are participating in the Student Exchange of America. Miss Anne Putnam, Spanish teacher and Senor Gabino Palmer of Mexico City are in

charge of the program.

Humberto Romero Condano is staying with David Davidson and Oscar Hernandez Robeda is staying with Norma Shoemaker. They will probably remain four weeks. David and Norma will visit Mexico City this summer with Ken Heeter, Barbara Treadwell, and Joe Burgess who have already been hosts to Mexican students.

Senor Palma has made it possible for students unable to have a student in their home to visit Mexico. They will stay in a private home as boarders. The board will be very small and only about half as much as they would pay in a hotel. Many of Northwestern's students are taking advantage of

Donald Weber and Eva Marie Wolfe are expecting students from Mexico soon,

Track Team

Northwestern High School made seventh place at the Washington & Lee High School track meet Saturday, April 4.

Dave Osgood won the broad jump with a 19 foot and 11 and 34 inches leap. Jim Halley cleared 5 feet 2 inches to make second in the high jump. Northwestern also finished third in the 440 and 880 meter relays.

Northwestern started their track season later than most if the 16 entries but made a good showing with their little training

Golfers Lose

Northwestern's golf team under coach William Smith, lost the first game of the season to Fairfax High School.

Mr. Smith will take his team to eight other schools during the season, which ends May 26. Games will be played with Washington Lee, Georgetown Prep, Coolidge, Montgomery Blair, Falls Church, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, St. Anthony's and Bladensburg.

On March 25 the boys will enter the Twentieth Schoolboy-Qualifying.

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#### Too Much Care Can HurtLinoleum, FeltBase

College Park, Md., April - Too much care is a common fault in caring for linoleum and felt base floor coverings. Most homemakers wash linoleum floors too often and use too strong a soap, says University of Maryland Extension specialists.

Constant washing with strong soap, abrasive powders and scrubbing can actually injure floor coverings. In time, this kind of treatment removes the pattern from felt base coverings. In inlaid linoleum, the texture is weakened, causing the linoleum to become spongy and lose it's color.

When your linoleum needs washing, use mild soap and warm water. Take care to see that water doesn't get underneath the seams of the linoleum. After washing, rinse thoroughly, then dry. Wax with a high-gloss self-polishing wax that's hard enough to protect the linoleum from marks and water spotting. Several light coats of wax are better than one heavy coat. Allow to dry between coats. Once you've given your linoleum this treatment, one coat every few weeks is sufficient.

Self-polishing wax is easy to apply with a lamb's wool applicator, though a piece of cheese cloth serves the same purpose. Because it's difficult to get an even coating with paste wax, it's not too satisfactory. Commercial waxing is too expensive for the average homemakers' use.

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#### PTA Members View New Phonics Film

The regular North End School PTA meeting, conducted by Mrs. Haward Hunt, president, was held Tuesday, April 14. Miss Thelma Smith, Mrs. Nelson Holton and Mrs. Laurence Goldberg were elected as a nominating committee for next year's officers.

The program for the evening consisted of talks on the teaching of phonics. A film strip purchased by the PTA was shown. It demonstrated the use of phonics for educational purposes. Miss Thelma Smith, principal, introduced Mrs. Elsie Haegele, Mrs. Severson, Miss Parana and Mr. O'Laughlin, teachers at the North End School. Miss Smith also presented a written report by Miss Fischell who was unable to attend.

Refreshments were served by the room mothers at the close of the evening program.

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