



County Parents Urge Teacher Salary Raise

A delegation of parents from Southern Prince Georges County urged the County Commissioners to raise teachers' salaries in support of the Board of Education's 1954-55 Budget Request. The request calls for a minimum starting salary of \$3200. At present Prince Georges teachers with a B.A. degree start at \$3000. The budget for the coming year asks for a total of \$6,970,401.00 for salaries of teachers and principals. Last year this figure was \$5,819,370.00. In addition to a salary increase, this figure also includes salaries for 205 new instructors.

In asking that the teachers' salaries be increased, Thomas Kerr of Camp Springs, Md., spokesman for the group, presented each Commissioner with a booklet of charts comparing D.C. area salaries with those of the Prince Georges County teachers; also, salaries of teachers in adjacent counties. The charts showed that Prince Georges County teacher salaries lagged behind government jobs requiring similar education, as well as behind teacher salaries in Montgomery County, Arlington County, Fairfax County and Alexandria. The committee voiced the opinion that the taxpayers of the county wanted a good education for their children; that the county should be able to compete with adjoining areas in attracting well qualified instructors. (60% of Prince Georges elementary teachers hold emergency certificates - or, we now have less teachers with regular certificates than do neighboring counties.)

This committee, formed by action initiated by the Camp Springs PTA, discussed its plan to expand on a county-wide scale as recommended by the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools. Their aim, they stated, was to cooperate with the Commissioners and the Board of Education, to help meet school needs. Mr. Philip McCray, 6484 Bock Rd., Oxon Hill, Md., is chairman.

REGISTRATION

The Prince Georges County Board of Election Supervisors has announced that persons eligible to vote may register in the County Service Building in Hyattsville any Thursday beginning February 11 and ending May 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. Registration is also accepted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at the Upper Marlboro Courthouse, and a general registration day to permit voters to list their names in their precinct has been set for May 25.

The primary elections will be held on June 28.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

(Answers on page 4)

1. How much did residents pay the City for water in 1953?
2. Will residents pay more for water and sewer service in 1954?
3. What buildings here have water meters?
4. How are the water charges determined for the units without meters?
5. When will the water and sewer rates for 1954 be established?

Athletic Club Holds Open House Mar. 4

The Greenbelt Athletic Club recently installed a new slate of officers to carry out the club's new program of activities for 1954. Officers are: Bob Maglothin, president; T. A. Shipp, vice president; John Moroney, secretary, and C. R. Helwig, treasurer.

The club is primarily an athletic club for recreational purposes, intended to provide pleasant recreation for any idle hours its members may have. It is open Wednesday and Friday evenings at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday afternoon from one to six p.m. Television is in the lounge, with ping-pong and a fireplace with comfortable chairs. In the den downstairs tables are available for playing cards; also plenty of magazines, refreshments, soft drinks and sandwiches are available. The club is contemplating redecorating the lounge and establishing a couples night on Saturday evenings after 7 p.m. It is also possible that the club may have a softball team this season, and handball and tennis if the membership warrants it. The club house is right next to St. Hugh's church, and is available for the use of other Greenbelt organizations. A nominal charge is made to cover expenses of opening the club. Any organization interested should call John Moroney for information.

Thursday evening, March 4, there will be a general membership meeting and open house for visitors. Anyone interested in becoming a member is urged to come down and see what the club has to offer.

Telephone Service

Frank M. Holmes, manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company announced today that due to the growth in the Greenbelt area it has become necessary to make a technical change in the central office equipment which permits Granite party line subscribers to dial the other party or parties on their line. This change will be the first of several steps which the Telephone Company is taking to provide the Granite customers with improved telephone service and will become effective at 8 a.m. on March 1.

At the present time it is necessary when dialing another party on your line to dial the digit 9 followed by the last digit of the other party's telephone number and then the last digit of your own telephone number.

As of March 1 at 8 a.m. the method of dialing the other party or parties on your line will remain basically the same. The only change will be that it will be necessary to dial the digits 91 instead of 9 before dialing the last digit of the other party's telephone number followed by the last digit of your own telephone number.

All affected Granite 3 and 4 subscribers will be notified and it is suggested that this notification be kept in their telephone directory for ready reference.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge Club will meet Friday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the Center School.

City Finishes Year With \$40,000 Surplus

The city ended the year 1953 with a surplus of over \$40,000, it was disclosed last Monday night at the city council meeting. The figure was part of a report by City Treasurer Mabel Kandler, and the report was given approval by the city council.

The surplus was estimated to be only \$25,000 by city manager Charles McDonald when consideration of this year's budget was undertaken. Of this amount, about \$16,000 was included in this year's budget, and the remainder allocated to capital expenditures. The new surplus figure adds about \$15,000 to the city budget.

The increased figure is caused, McDonald explained, by increased payments from the state on race track revenue, gasoline taxes and similar items which are only estimated when the budget is proposed. Also several other revenue items were larger than anticipated.

Disclosed in the treasurer's report was city ownership of Greenbelt Consumer Services stock: about \$270 worth. This sum represents money returned to the city as stock and patronage dividends which are re-converted to stock. McDonald declared that other sums, mainly replacement reserves, are invested in government bonds.

GVHC Candidates

Twenty-three members of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation have announced their intention to run for director of the corporation, according to a statement Wednesday night from the chairman of the nominations and elections committee. Nine positions for director will be filled at the annual meeting of GVHC on Tuesday, March 9.

Names of those not announced last week are: William L. Baxter, Vane N. L. Glendening, Frank E. Gonda (by petition), Hans Jorgensen, Frank Lastner, A. C. Long (incumbent), Walter P. Markowich, Thomas Ritchie, and W. Tom White. Announced last week were Percy Andros, Bruce Bowman, Elliot Bukzin, Edward Burgoon, and Ralph Webster, all incumbents, and Glenn Burrows, Frank Kirby, and Lloyd Moore.

Others are J. Walsh Barcus, Bernard Bordenet (incumbent), Robert J. Bernard, Allen A. Bryan, Lawrence P. Fern, and Wayne Tucker.

The Greenbelt Band

By Black

There are still some instruments left for children to use. Although six new applications have been received and five instruments issued, there are still some available. If anyone has an instrument that he would loan to the band for the use of these young musicians, please call any of the band officials. Adequate provision will be made for the care and upkeep of any such equipment.

Mr. Bartholomew announces that there will be a recital by the young people who are now taking lessons. Watch for the date.

The new Band Officials are: Mr. Lushine, Pres., Gr 2702; Mr. Hopkins, V. Pres., Gr 3771; Mr. Remenick, Treas., Gr 8117 and Mrs. Bartholomew, Secy., Gr 3367.

Contract Terminations Cancelled, Members Agree to Give Up Dogs

By Russell Greenbaum

The two GVHC dog cases ended quietly last week when both families voluntarily agreed to give up their dogs.

Paul Campbell, general manager of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, informed the board at its meeting Thursday night, February 18, that the Shirens and the McGees took this action before the board officially notified the two families that action was to be taken to terminate their GVHC membership and contracts.

(Although both families informed Campbell of their intentions shortly after the GVHC board meeting at which the resolution to terminate their contracts was passed, the Cooperator did not learn of the action of the two families till the board meeting on Thursday.)

Membership Meeting

The board meeting was largely taken up with planning the agenda for the annual membership meeting on March 9. It was decided that the first business even before the voting was officially opened would be on the voting system to be used.

The board had previously declared that the Hare system or proportional representation, the system used in the past, is illegal in Maryland and had substituted the plurality system. However, a petition has been presented by the required ten members which seeks a by-law amendment that would install the majority system with a provision for a run-off election. The members will vote on whether they prefer the majority to the plurality system.

It was also decided by the board that each candidate for the new board and the auditing committee would be given a maximum of two minutes to present himself to the members at the beginning of the meeting. Biographies and statements of the candidates will also be printed in the GVHC News letter to be distributed to the members before the annual meeting.

1-Year Contracts

Another by-law and charter amendment to be presented to the members was proposed by board member Al Long and approved by the board. This would limit all GVHC contracts to one year or require longer contracts, such as for insurance, to have cancellation clauses which would allow them to be terminated at the end of one year.

The purpose of the amendment, Long explained, is to prevent future GVHC boards from being saddled with burdensome obligations for an extensive period of time. The amendment would mean that no future board would be tied to a previous board's commitment for longer than one year.

Percy Andros, chairman of the maintenance committee, reported that his committee felt that a greater effort should be made by the GVHC management to show the members what is being done to solve the maintenance problem. He said the committee believed that this would lead to greater understanding on the part of the members.

One suggestion by the committee was that complaints by members should be handled as tactfully as possible. Campbell noted that an attempt was always made to do this.

Democratic Club Votes To Accept Teen-Agers

The Democratic Club of Greenbelt voted to accept 18-year olds as members, at a meeting held last week. The move was approved because of membership feelings that 18 year olds should be given an opportunity to participate in political affairs.

Dates for registration and the primary election were announced by Frank Lastner, club president. They are: May 25, registration in Greenbelt; May 28, final registration date; and June 28, primary elections. Those residents who have lived in the county six months and in the state a year may register every Thursday night between 6 and 9 at the County Building in Hyattsville.

Three candidates for state offices spoke to the group. They were: Lee Ball from Lanham, candidate for Registrar of Wills; Richard Wood from Hyattsville, candidate for House of Delegates; and Bond Holford from West Hyattsville, candidate for House of Delegates.

GCA Meeting March 2 Stars Willcox, Movie

A talk by Roger Willcox, president of the Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc., which is developing the new single-family private homes in Greenbelt, and a British documentary film on community planning will be featured at the second meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association to be held Tuesday night, March 2, in the Home Economics Room of the Center school at 8 p.m.

Willcox, who is also general manager of the FCH Co., will present plans for the development of Greenbelt. He will discuss among other things the location of the new Inter-County Belt Freeway and how it concerns Greenbelt as well as the possible dangers to Greenbelt and its development that may result from the proposed sale by PHA of land within the city limits.

All citizens of Greenbelt are invited to attend the meeting. Those particularly interested in joining the landscaping committee, the city clean-up committee, a committee to expand library facilities, and the committee to develop a new youth center may join at the meeting.

The British film, "Proud City," is the story of the rebuilding of London and is reported to have valuable lessons for Greenbelt in community planning.

The business meeting will consist of reports by committees appointed at the last progress meeting.

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Robert Bruce Ross, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce Ross announce the birth of their son, Robert Bruce Ross, Jr., on February 12 at Prince Georges Hospital. Jr. weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. The Ross' have another child, April, who is 4 years old.



By Big Bear

A Basic Training Course for Leaders is planned for March. To accelerate the course and make it available to all who need it, the course has been arranged for two mornings a week (2 hours each) for three weeks - to be given in nearby Laurel. Carpools are to be arranged. The days are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-12:30. All future scout leaders for the fall term especially are urged to contact Mrs. Pat Pugh at 6146 for further information.

There is a great demand for consultants and advisors for the Girl Scout program. Both men and women are welcome. "Program Consultants" are adult volunteers acting as resource persons in any one of the varied fields of interest. They provide leaders with assistance and ideas on subjects and parts of the program. Sometimes it's the sharing of your hobby and skill with the Girl Scouts. These consultants and advisors are of invaluable aid to any leader and to the community. A consultant is one who can teach and guide a girl-scout in the particular hobby or skill in which she excels. Creativeness and initiative are two keynotes of girl-scouting. Can you help develop it? If so, call Mrs. Pat Pugh for information, 6146.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here in Greenbelt in March. Let all the Girl Scouts do their good deed by reminding all the adults in their home and all their friends that those who can give blood should give blood. By doing so it helps the community in which we live and it helps our country - but above all it helps to have blood ready for those who need it.

"BB" Gun Club

The "BB" gun club has been doing splendidly this season. A total of seventy-six youngsters are participating, having a lot of fun and learning how to shoot. This club is conducted every Friday evening, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Armory under the direction of Roy Davis and his committee.

The club just completed a mild season tournament among the various classes. Prizes of passes to the movies were donated by the Greenbelt theater. Six prizes in all were awarded. First prize for the best target of the whole group went to David Bailly with a score of 49 out of a possible 50. In the classes, non pro marksman won by Earl Doss with a score of 48 out of a possible 50. Pro marksman won by Freddie Braun with 48 out of 50. Marksman, Phyllis Palmerton and Robert Hoffman tied and shot it off, with Phyllis winning with a score of 46. Marksman first class was also a tie between James Garner and Lance Walden, Lance winning in the shoot off with Sharpshooter class won by Donna Kern with 45 out of 50.

You can readily see by these scores that the kids are doing some excellent shooting. This is a tribute to the fellows conducting the classes and they deserve a vote of thanks. There probably will be a grand tournament at the end of the season with prizes awarded to the winners.

BAPTIST ADULT CLASS

The Adult Sunday School Class of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel held its first business meeting this month. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. W. B. Drake; Vice President, Walter G. Starnes; Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Rackleff, and Group Leaders, Mrs. Florence Hawkins, Mrs. Floyd Dixon, and Robert Miller.

County Strengthens Service For Children

By Rae Algaze

Mrs. Annie Lee Davis, Consultant of Social Services to Children in their own homes, of the Federal Children's Bureau, gave an enlightening talk to the Subcommittee of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee of Prince Georges County, on Wednesday, February 17. Emphasis was made on the need of an agency in the county to receive complaints about neglected and abused children.

Rabbi Meyer Greenberg, Chairman of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee, announced that a sub-committee is studying protective services, and will recommend a plan for changes in the present procedure. Rabbi Greenberg stated that the sub-committee, chaired by Greenbelter Elizabeth Goldfaden, of the Social Service League of Prince Georges County, is also conducting a survey on the need for emergency shelter for children in the county, that is, that provision of adequate services be made to children who must be provided care outside their own homes by public facilities. A very small percentage of Greenbelt children have a need for this special service.

Representatives of the Social Service League of P.G.C. and the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee felt that now is the time to follow up and try to plan more adequate protective services. It was proposed that the sub-committee continue the study of this problem and endeavor to bring in more lay people such as those working with church groups and the P.T.A. A completed study would then be presented to the proper authorities of the state and county.

In the near future a new agency would be created within the State Dept. of Welfare which would be responsible for the administration of training schools and other facilities for readjustment of delinquent children. This division would also follow up children released from training schools and show interest in their placement and supervision in the community.

The Juvenile Court Advisory Committee is composed, by law, of the State's Attorney, the Chief of Police, the Public Health Officer, the Superintendent of Schools, a County Commissioner, the Public Welfare Director, the Executive Secretary of the Social Service League, the Director of the Community Chest and Planning Council, the President of the Prince Georges County Boys' Clubs, a member of the University of Maryland's Psychology Department, three clergymen, the Executive Secretary of the Catholic Charities of Prince Georges County, and a member of the Prince Georges County Planning Council.

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County Asked For Help In "Freeway" Problem

The county commissioners were asked to intercede on behalf of Greenbelt with the Maryland State Roads Commission to prevent the proposed "Inter-county Belt Freeway" from bisecting Greenbelt property, at a city council meeting last Monday night. Chief objection to the location of the Freeway was its violation of zoning laws established by the county commissioners in November, 1949, which prohibits major thoroughfares which "tend to destroy the neighborhood or community cohesiveness." Also, the council resolution called for a careful study of the location of the Freeway which "could provide an external barrier in conformance with the planned community zoning."

This protest follows an earlier resolution which called for the interest and intercession of Governor T. R. McKeldin, and other state authorities, on the basis that it would affect future planning and jeopardize the investment of Greenbelt residents. The latest resolution calls the attention of county commissioners to the fact that the proposed location is a direct violation of the law.

Passage of the resolution followed a discussion with representatives of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, who presented the city council with a GCA resolution which called for (1) agreement of city council and GVHC board on an alternative route, (2) and submission of the alternative route to the State Roads Commission and Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission.

Speaking for the Citizens Association was John Schmidt, Committee Chairman. City manager Charles McDonald disclosed that he has been assured by State Roads Commission officials that final approval of the Freeway route would not be made until consultations with the city council and GVHC representatives were complete.

LANDSCAPING

We need more trees and shrubs in Greenbelt - this was the unanimous opinion of the members of the Landscape Committee of the Citizen's Association which met Thursday, February 18, at the home of Hans Jorgensen, chairman. Present at the meeting were Hans Jorgensen, M. M. Fontaine, Walter Gallup and Ruth Baron.

Concrete proposals for buying and planting these trees will be offered at the next meeting of the Citizen's Association. Suggestions will be welcomed.

ARCHERY

An organizational meeting for all boys and girls interested in archery will be held by the Prince Georges County Recreation Department at the Hyattsville Jr. High School auditorium, 42nd Street and Ogelthorpe Streets, Hyattsville, Saturday, February 27, at 2 p.m.

Children will register for the ten-week archery course to be conducted by the Department. A film, "Follow the Arrow" will be shown at the February 27 meeting.

Poetry Corner

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"Mark".

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Recreation News

By Donald Wolfe

Swimming Registration

Swimming registration for all children will be held Saturday, March 6, from 10 till 12 a.m. at the Center School. All children between the ages of 6 to 18 who wish to take swimming classes this coming season are asked to register at this time. There will be a registration fee of one dollar, not payable at this time. Registration fee will be collected at time of instruction. It is very important that all children register at this time due to the anticipated overflow of children for swimming classes. All children must register before taking swimming classes.

Classes will be taught in four categories: 1, Beginners; 2, Intermediate; 3, Swimmer; 4, Junior and Senior Life Saving.

Women's Gym Night

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has received 39 requests to reorganize a night for women. Accordingly, Wednesday nights from 8 to 10 p.m. have been set aside for women's recreation, starting the first Wednesday in March. Activities will include: 1, Some exercises; 2, Badminton; 3, Volleyball; 4, Shuffleboard. A schedule will be set up March 3 at 8 p.m. so that women may come for the activity of their choice.

Palo Alto Co-op Opens New Stores

The second largest consumer co-op in the United States (next in size to Greenbelt Consumer Services) has just recently signed a lease for a branch shopping center, according to information received in Greenbelt. This is The Consumer Services Society of Palo Alto, California. The Co-op will have the largest store in the shopping center and will dominate the corner end using 30,000 square feet of the building. They will operate a combination food, drug and variety business in the same store building.

The following excerpts from their president's report will interest Greenbelt consumers because of the similarity of problems between their Co-op and GCS.

"Behind the Board of Directors' action in approving this lease are many months of serious concern and numerous special meetings of the Board and various committees. The principle of operating branch stores was discussed and endorsed by members at our last annual meeting, and possible sites for a Co-op branch were indicated at that time. . . . There was also considerable discussion regarding the effect expansion would have on the patronage refund during the early years. This could not be estimated too accurately for the first year or two of the store's operation since, with a summer opening scheduled, only part of the initial year of operation would be included in our fiscal year, ending January 31.

"In addition, decisions regarding spreading of opening costs would affect the profit figures to be expected initially and there would be some reduction in the patronage refund rate during that time. However, the effect was not expected to be drastic and a rate comparable to our present one could be expected again within a year or two.

"The food market should be operating profitably by the end of the first year. The market for drug and variety items, particularly the latter, is a very promising one in this location, and since these are higher margin items than groceries, that portion of the new operation should be particularly profitable as it develops. A possible economic recession was also considered, especially as it might relate to food purchases, but it was the feeling of the Board that such a recession, if it came, would not be so great at this time as to affect our expansion program seriously."

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Residents were charged 27¢ per 1000 gallons of water, the same rate that the city pays the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

2. Bills sent to residents for water will be higher and in addition, residents will be billed for sewer service. Actually, residents will be paying no more than last year, but they will be paying it directly rather than in the city tax. By removing the water distribution and sewer costs from the budget, the city tax rate was lowered.

3. Water meters are installed and in use in the apartment buildings, Parkbelt, individual homes on Woodland Way and in the schools and churches.

4. Water charges for units without meters are determined by taking an average of water consumption in the community over a number of years, subtracting the metered units (and for 1954 certain other locations), and dividing the balance on the basis of the size of the units (number of bedrooms) in accordance with standard engineering practice.

5. The City Council will meet on Monday night, March 8, to act on the subject of water and sewer rates.

GCA Committees

Twelve Committees have been formed by the Greenbelt Citizens Association to handle the various matters which concern Greenbelt residents. Some committees are concerned with temporary problems while others are of more permanent nature.

Following are the committees and their members. In each case the first-named person is temporary chairman.

Committee on location of Inter-County Belt Freeway: John Schmidt, Leonard Baron, Bruce Bowman, Glen Burrows. Committee on the Washington-Baltimore Parkway (concerned with bus transportation to Washington and prohibiting trucks from the Parkway): Matt Amberg, James Wolfe, Evelyn Pearlman, and Elsie Reeves.

Committee on plans for development of Greenbelt: Eleanor Carr, Leonard Baron, Rose Carter, Leon Kahn, Thomas Ritchie, Robert Varney, and Ralph Olsen. Committee on landscaping: Hans Jorgensen, Robert Varney, Elsie Reeves, Ruth Baron, Alice Roberts, Walter Gallup, and Ralph Olsen.

Committee on clean-up of streets, walks, recreation areas, etc.: Miriam Solomon, Eleanor Carr, Walter Gallup, Henrietta Garner, John Schmidt, Ruth Baron, Elsie Reeves, Ralph Olsen, Frieda Vernoff, Mrs. Oswald, and Rev. Hull.

Committee on new-resident participation: Muriel Burrows, Rose Carter, Thomas Ritchie, Alice Roberts, and Henry Pearlman. Committee of representation to the city council: Glen Burrows, Hans Jorgensen (alternate). Committee of representation to Prince Georges County Civic Federation: Leon Kahn, Harry Weidberg, Thomas Ritchie, Leonard Baron, and John Schmidt.

Publicity committee: Alice Roberts, Henry Pearlman. Funds committee: Henry Pearlman.

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Next Co-op Lecture Isaac Walton League

Wallace J. Campbell, director of the Washington office of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A., spoke last Wednesday evening on the "International Significance of Consumer Cooperatives" at the fourth session of the Potomac Co-operative Institute in the Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave. N.W.

Campbell, who is chairman of the executive committee of the Cooperative for American Remittances Everywhere (CARE), discussed the role of CARE and of consumer cooperatives in post-war rehabilitation. He described the potential effect of international cooperative trade on relations between nations, on securing better distribution of goods and on establishing international peace.

He was introduced by Dillon S. Myer, executive director of Group Health Association.

Next lecture in the Institute series will be given Wednesday, March 3, when John V. Hinkel, professor of public relations at the School of Journalism, George Washington University, will speak on "Public Relations of Consumer Cooperatives."



Prof. Hinkel

Prof. Hinkel spent ten years as a newspaperman on the Washington Post and as a foreign correspondent for the New York Times. During World War II, he was a Military Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Army. He was director of public information for Notre Dame for three years, and is now a public relations consultant in Washington.

The March 3 session will be chaired by William H. Petri, general manager of Rochdale Cooperative of Virginia and Rochdale Co-operative Services (D.C.). The lecture will start at 8 p.m. and be followed at 9 p.m. by an hour of open discussion. All sessions of the Institute are held at the Friends Meeting House.

Programs and information about the series are available from Gail M. Harper, 2-B Eastway, or from the Greenbelt Consumer Services office. The Institute is sponsored by the Potomac Cooperative Federation.

At the February meeting a lively discussion on the pollution problem was held. In the past a considerable amount of oil has seeped into the lake. That was one of the reasons why the lake was drained and cleaned. There is still a certain amount of oil getting into the lake and the League is trying to find the source and eliminate it. It is detrimental to fish and vegetation in the lake and is smelly. President Bell reported that he had noticed oil below nine, eleven, thirteen and fifteen courts on Parkway. This area is downgraded toward the small stream which flows past the lower end of Braden field and into the lake. Any pollution getting into this stream winds up in the lake. This situation is detrimental to both the city and GVHC as it makes the property undesirable. Both city and GVHC officials agree it is an undesirable situation and are cooperating in trying to eliminate this condition. There is another oil seepage from a sewer near the power transformer station. This apparently is coming from the sewer and efforts are being made to trace it to find where it is getting into the city sewer. It is hoped that this situation will be cleared up this summer.

The State inland game and fish commission is interested in lowering the lake level a little and inspecting the vegetation and spawning area for the fish this spring and, if necessary, planting more. It is also considering stocking the lake heavily this spring, probably in March. Looks like a fine fishing season this year. Get your license early so you will be ready when the time comes. Plenty of signs will be posted at the lake regarding the disposal of trash and debris which should help keep the bottles and cans out of the lake. The Chapter went on record as being against the establishment of a concession for the sale of soft drinks, ice cream, etc., at the lake as it would add to the debris problem and would require a large amount of policing to keep it under control. It would also detract from the appearance of the area.

My Daze

NOBODY SAID I SHOULD, but I got out and flew a kite. It was one of our nearly seven year old son had bought with his allowance money. During this February summer afternoon, many a housewife (I mean homemaker) was neglecting her work. It seemed all 3200 Greenbelt children played, skated, bicycled and tricycled outdoors. The kite was painstakingly readied, the string tediously wound around the stick, and the boy headed for the open space. He unfortunately took my advice about staying near the house, and allowed me to try it. The kite soared beautifully in a puff of wind, but then tangled in a nearby tree-top. My son received many apologies from me, plus a promise of a new kite the next day. This kite will surely go up at Braden Field, where there is safety from involvement with trees or television antennae.

COMPANY WAS EXPECTED. The bigger children were asked to clean up around the yard. They went out, worked hard, and came back with a collection of trash. Daddy and I thanked them, but when we inspected the yard, still saw the same papers as before. "Why didn't you clean up the yard, as we asked you to? The same stuff's there." "Oh," they answered, "we didn't know you wanted us to pick up IN THE YARD. You said AROUND THE YARD." A friend commented that children take things LITTERALLY. Speaking of litter, we've known the small children around here to be eager to police up the court and parking lot areas when adults suggest it. They use their wagons, or bushels, and make a game of it. Not only do they enjoy a purposeful, community activity, but it is likely they will remember not to throw that ice-cream or candy wrapper the next time.

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