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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

## RAB Favors Separate Diving Unit For Pool The Recreation Advisory Board

in an open meeting with city council on Wednesday, October 9, went on record as favoring the principle of two separate pool units, rather than an L-shaped pool. Its selection of Plan A, which calls for a separate diving pool and the use of the existing pool for swimming only, was based on information given by city manager James K. Giese and Mr. Scharf of the engineering firm, Greenhorne and O'Mara. Taken into consideration also were factors of ease of supervision, recreational use, and economy.

In adopting Plan A, the RAB called attention to the fact that Giese would be guiding the project very closely and keeping an eye out for any possible economies. Suggested economies included the elimination of the 489 lockers in favor of the existing basket system, and the use of other methods of lining the existing pool.

### Present Plan Okayed

The RAB approved the present plan of the construction of the new bathhouse wings, roof repair, and renovation of plumbing and existing showers. However, the committee members felt that special attention should be paid to the need for more work on the showers and fixtures. Replacement of the wings was favored because of the rotting of the beams, the large cracks in the wall, and general deterioration of the building. Brick construction for the latter was favored for maintenance purposes. Consideration was given to enclosing the pool for year-round swimming. A brochure submitted by Bruce Bowman and Seymour Kaplan described the nylonized cloth covered pool at Starlit Fairways, Annandale, Virginia. The APB was impressed by the report and recommended that community interest in winter swimming be further investigated by council. It was felt that the initial cost of erecting the enclosure, installation of heating and other fixtures, and the yearly operation of such a project might be out of reach at this time in view of the cost of the other pool renovations.

### Speed Urged

There was general recognition that the city would have to move speedily to draw up final plans and to obtain bids from contractors. According to Scharf, at least four months are needed for construction and renovation of the pool.

### WHAT GOES ON Thurs., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. -

Special Zoning Meeting, City offices Sat., Oct. 19, 7 pm - 14th An-

- nual Greenbelt Little League Awards Banquet, Firehouse
- Mon., Oct. 21, 10 am Millinery Course, Co-op Hospitality Rm. 8 pm — Band Practice, Youth Center
- 8 pm City Council meets Tues., Oct. 22, 8 pm — Library Meeting, Co-op Hospitality
- Room Wed,, Oct. 23, 8 pm — Art Films, Jewish Community Center
- Thurs., Oct. 24, 10:30 am -
- Businessmen's Meeting Edgar Smith's office Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:45 pm — GHI

Board Meeting

## GDC Pays \$5,000 Dividend to GHI

The Greenbelt Development Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., in a meeting held on Thursday, October 10, approved a motion to pay a \$5,000 dividend to its parent organization. The Board also accepted, with regret, the resignation of Henry Brautigam who has moved away from Greenbelt.

A statement by Hans Jorgenson that, although he too had moved, he was willing to be of service in any way, brought forth the statement by Board Chairman Ed Burgoon that he believed the by-laws stated that a Director need not be a stockholder. Action on Jorgenson's position on the Board was tabled until the next meeting.

General Manager, Roy Breashears reminded the Board, at the beginning of the meeting, of four items for consideration: Charter change, parking problems, dividends to G.H.I. and the use of basements.

On the Charter change, it was recommended that the by-laws be read at the next meeting.

The parking problem was referred to the manager to investigate and determine the ownership of land adjoining the areas where the problems exist.

The problem of use of basements was turned over to a committee which was to be chaired by Helm and Cherry.

It was also decided that the G.H.I. Land Use Committee serve as the G.D.C. Land Use Committee. A motion by Cherry, seconded by Schwann, to appropriate not more than \$500 for the purposes of surveying was approved.

# Nat Shinderman Appointed to GHI Board; New Vacancy to Be Filled

The G.H.I.Board of Directors elected Nat Shinderman to fill the seat vacated by Henry Brautigam, who resigned when he moved from Greenbelt. Six persons had been nominated to fill the position and Shinderman was elected on a 4 to 2 vote.

## New Bus Line from Plaza To University, Chevy Chase

The D. C. Transit Company this week inaugurated a new direct bus service between Beltway Plaza and Chevy Chase (Wisconsin and Western Avenues) via the University of Maryland, Prince Georges Plaza, and Silver Spring. The buses marked J-4 leave the Beltway Plaza every hour, starting at 7:02 a.m. After 7 p.m., the buses will run to Silver Spring only, the last one leaving the Plaza at 10:10 p.m.

The complete run to Chevy Chase will take about an hour, with a fare of approximately 80 cents. The fare to Baltimore Boulevard and Campus Drive is 15 cents, with an additional 8-cent fare for stops on the campus. The buses run Monday through Saturday, with no service on Sunday.

The route is: Beltway Plaza, 62nd Ave., Greenbelt Road, Baltimore Blvd., Campus Drive, Adelphi Road, Belcrest Road, East-West Highway, Prince Georges Plaza, East-West Highway, Queensbury Road, Queens Chapel Road, Hamilton Street, Ager Road, East-West Highway, Ethan Allen, Carroll Ave., Philadelphia Ave., Fenton Street, Sligo Avenue, Georgia Avenue, Wayne Avenue, Fenton Street, Colesville Road, East-West Highway, Wisconsin Ave. till Western Avenue.

## Klein's Store Opened Today

Ribbon cutting ceremonies marked the opening of S. Klein Department Store at Beltway Plaza this morning. Senator Dan Brewster, County Commissioner Frank Laster, Mr. Phillip Harris, president of Kleins, Hyman Kuchal, Chairman of the Board of Kleins, and Sidney Brown, president of First National Realty, developer of the Beltway Plaza Regional Shopping Center, were among the distinguished guests participating in the formal ceremonies.

The Klein store is devoting 210,-000 of its 320,000 square feet to sales area. Its initial employment is expected to total about 1100. A great number of Greenbelters are already employed full and part time.

The Klein store will be the core for a retail center which ultimately will consist of 60 stores on a 70acre site. Sidney Brown of First National Realty says, "Negotiations are heavy with all kinds of tremendous operations, i. e. national chains." Construction is underway for the Beltway Theatre which is located just behind the existing first group of Beltway Plaza Stores. A resident of Greenbelt for 19 years, Shinderman was instrumental in setting up the personnel program for the housing development in the beginning when it was owned by the U.S. government under P.H.A. His assistance during the transition period to private ownership under G.V.H.C. is credited with enabling the corporation to continue its service with no delays. Shinderman has continually been called upon to assist in the management of personnel on a voluntary basis.

The election of a new treasurer, an office also held by Brautigam, was placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Nominations were received for the other vacancy on the Board, a director to fill the chair vacated by Hans Jorgensen.

### Playground Issue

A group of members of the Greenbelt Recreation Advisory Board attended the meeting in order to ascertain the responsibility of the city and GHI in parks and playground areas. It was learned that the majority of playgrounds and public parks are maintained by the city. All playground equipment found on any public playground in Greenbelt is maintained by the City.

Director Zubkoff reported on the joint G.H.I. - City Council meeting. The problem of dogs was brought up in connection with complaints about homes where several dogs were kept and where backyard odors annoyed neighbors. The committee considered the question, when does an animal become a public nuisance. The county has laws pertaining to this. The city has agreed to review the pet ordinance. The city agreed to install sidewalks at 39 and 47 Ridge at GHI's

request. The Land Use Committee had no report for the Board although a folder on possible land use, with pictures, was handed to the Board for observation. The folder was prepared by Seymour Kaplan who, along with Bruce Bowman and Joe Cherry, inspected the vacant land owned by GHI.

With regard to a memo concerning hot water lines and other maintainance items, it was decided that no position could be taken at this time regarding hot water lines but action could be taken on flat roofs. It was recommended that \$10,000 of contingency reserves on old Greenbelt homes, and \$5,000 from the frame homes be used to carry out a repair program over a five year program. The recommendation was approved.

Mention was made by a Director to the letter on Fair Housing which was in that week's **News Review**. Discussion was tabled until the next regular meeting.

## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND October 21, 1963 1. Meeting called to order.

- 2. Roll call.
- Minutes of Regular meeting of October 7, 1963 and Special meeting of October 17, 1963.

4. Petitions and Requests.

- 5. Additions to agenda by Councilmen and Manager.
- 6. Writen Communications.
- 7. Manager's Progress Report.
- 8. Committee Reports. Recreation Advisory Board Report on Swimming Pool.
- 9. RESOLUTION .- To Establish Charter Revision Committee.
- 10. Appointments to the Charter Revision Committee.
- 11. Appointments to Boards: Advisory Planning Board Personnel Advisory Board Employee Relations Board
- 12. Acceptance of Audit Report.
- 13. Housing for Senior Citizens.
- 14. Advisory Planning Board Recommended Goals.
- 15. Advisory Planning' Board Recommended Formula for Determining Capital Improvement Needs.
- 16. Appointment of Inspecting Engineer.
  - 17. Swimming Pool Reconstruction.
  - Animal Control Ordinance.
    Consideration of Standing Rules.
- 20. Certificates of Appreciation.
- 21. Municipal Building Dedication Committee.
- 22. ORDINANCE To Provide for the Salary of the City Solicitor.
- 23. Motion Setting City Solicitor's Salary.

## **City Notes**

Work on the new municipal building is now proceeding rapidly, and it is expected to be completed by November 15. Construction has also started on a new two-way street next to the building which will provide direct access to the west parking lot from Crescent Road. The short connecting roadway between Centerway and the

In other action, the RAB voted unanimously to commend Giese on the excellent job he did in bringing the swimming pool story before the public. On election day referendum authorizing a the \$150,000 bond issue was approved 7 to 1 by Greenbelt voters. The estimated cost by Greenhorne & O'Mara of the work, based on preliminary plans, is \$139,700, but the city is hopeful that competitive bids will produce a lower figure. Future pool revenues will be used to liquidate the bond issue.

Earlier in the evening, the RAB members, council members, and interested citizens were conducted on a tour of the bathhouse facilities and pool. Superintendent of Public Works Buddy Attick and pool manager Bill Edwards were on hand to point out the deficiencies in the existing structures and to explain the real need for renovation.

## Little League Banquet

The fourteenth annual Greenbelt Little League Awards banquet will be held Saturday, October 19, at the Greenbelt Fire House starting at 7 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by calling any of the managers of Little Leagues.

## Fair Housing Group Meets Elects Executive Committee

Over 60 people attended the organization meeting of Greenbelt Citizens for Fair Housing on Monday evening. After a full discussion, the objectives of the group were adopted, essentially as they were announced in a paid advertisement in the **News Review** and later at the public meeting at the Youth Center. Rules of procedure were also adopted.

A seven member executive committee was elected from a slate of sixteen candidates. Elected were Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Jan Turkiewicz, Bruce Bowman, Patricia Unger, Marjorie Owens, Miriam Cornelius, and Thomas Gramm.

A letter to the editor of the News Review was approved by the membership as a clarification of the objectives of the organization.

## STUDY SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Prince Georges County Police, at the request of Police Chief O'-Brien, recently completed a survey of the school-crossing sites in Greenbelt to determine whether or not school crossing guards could be assigned by the County. parking lot next to the bank has been closed and will be resodded.

Progress on the new parking lot behind the Co-op Supermarket has been slow, but the contractor moved in Tuesday to rough in the curb and forms. The lot should be ready for use by November 1. However, the one-inch topping will not be installed until next year after the ground has been allowed to settle over the winter.

The leaf vacuum truck, known as the Litter Gitter, is ready to go into operation for the fall season. Residents are asked to pile their leaves along the curbside within 10 inches of the road. Nothing but leaves should be included.

The Greenbelt Police Department has hired 30 special officers for duty this week through Sunday to handle the traffic in connection with the opening of the new S. Klein Department Store.

Street lights have been installed along the pathway from St. Hugh's through Braden Field past the tennis courts to the Youth Center.

Spring water has been noted coming to the surface in the Lakewood area due to the clogging of drains. The city is cleaning out old drains to correct this.

A city vehicle, frequently used to

Parking facilities are scheduled to handle 2500 cars.

Last night a reception and open house for civic and government leaders was held.

## Art Show at JCC

An art show in observance of Jewish Book Month will be held on Saturday, October 19 at 8 p.m. in the Jewish Community Center, Member-artists Naomi Barsky, Stephanie Davis, Isadore Parker, Isadore Reuben, and Lester Millman will participate. There will be entries by teen-agers. Music, dancing, and refreshments are also on the program.

pick up stray dogs, was stolen from Crescent Road last week and was later found by Greenbelt police cracked up in a ditch completely wrecked. A Fort Meade soldier in bruised condition was apprehended by police who spotted him welking away from the wreck.

City manager James Giese will attend the annual convention of the Maryland Municipal League in Easton, Maryland, October 24-26. During his absence Albert "Buddy" Attick, director of public works, will be acting city manager.

The question of returning "excess" charges for taxes to the membership was rehashed at Mr. Helm's request. Mr. Breashears pointed out that the corporation was facing additional taxes in future years, arising from a possible reassessment and from paying one-and-one-half year's city taxes in one year as required by State law. The board's policy in effect is to apply the "excess" to next year's budget.

## Businessmen's Meeting

The Greenbelt Businessmen's Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m. in Edgar Smith's office, 111 Centerway.

The purpose of the meeting will be for the election of officers and the planning of activities for the coming year.

## Lastner to Speak

Frank J. Lastner, Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments will be one of the leading speakers during the National Capital Area "Cleaner Air Week" ceremony, to be held on Tuesday, October 22, at noon on the District Building portico.

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# Greenbelt. . A Future Metropolis

The good turnout at the meeting held last week to discuss the possibilities of a new library clearly convinced county library officials present that Greenbelt citizens are vigorously determined to get a new library. In fact, feeling was so high that George Hammond, Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, and Miss Elizabeth Hage, County Library Director, might have gotten the impression that they would have been lynched on the spot if they had suggested the city might not obtain a new library. Pressed by more than one questioner to commit themselves, they guaranteed that, no matter what happened, Greenbelt would never be without library facilities of some kind.

The real surpise of the evening, however, had little to do with a new library site. This was Councilman Clifford Simonson's figures on the potential growth of the city's population. He reported that when the new development already planned is completed (with the time depending on the occupancy rate), the city would then have about 35,000 residents. This could come in five years. If zoning applications now pending, especially for apartments, are approved, the population could easily go to 65,000 all this because Greenbelt is becoming the hub of major highways and expressways in the area. No one really dreams - or should we say nightmares - that this 65,000 figure will be reached or even approached. Nevertheless, the possibility that Greenbelt might someday be a huge metropolis cannot be lightly dismissed.

All this adds up the fact that the increasing interest taken by citizens in the future of our community, as manifested by the large vote in the recent city election and other public meetings lately, is highly fortunate. The next year or two will be the most critical time period yet faced by Greenbelt, and it behooves all citizens to follow events closely. With the warnings that we have received and are receiving, there can be no excuse for residents not assuring for themselves the kind of community that the large majority appear to want.

### **NO VOTE ON INTEGRATION** To the Editor:

As one of the original founders

of Greenbelt Citizens for Fair Housing I would like to reply to the long and quite intelligent letter of W. Gordon Gemeny.

It is true that in Washington integration often means a switch from all white to all Negro. However it is also true that in developments in various sections of Washington real integration has occurred. The purpose of GCFH is to secure fair housing for all. For Greenbelt, or any part of it, to be turned over to one race would not be considered fair.

Most members of GCFH are home owners and naturally are concerned that the market value of their homes be maintained. The value of our homes will not be maintained only in the event of panic after the first Negro moves in. If the neighbors panic and rush to sell their homes the market will be glutted and the selling price will drop. If there is no panic the price will be maintained or go up (as it has in most cases). It is as simple and as difficult as that. Mr. Gemeny and all other Greenbelt citizens are welcome to join us and ease the difficulty. The membership of GCFH includes numerous residents of both frame and brick GHI homes and residents from almost every home and apartment development in Greenbelt. Since GHI is the largest we are naturally quite concerned with it but we expect to see integration in all areas of Greenbelt. It should be emphasized here again that the purpose of GCFH is not so much to integrate or move Negroes in as it is to see that integration is accomplished smoothly and fairly. We believe that integration is inevitable and Mr. Gemeny seems to agree that, in the case of Boxwood at least, it is a certainty.

If not one person in Greenbelt wishes a Negro to move in Negroes must nevertheless be free to do so. Racial discrimination is contrary to the fundamental beliefs of all religions and of the U.S. Constitution. The question of whether God intended one race to be superior to another is not a matter to be subjected to a vote.

There is much indication that the people of Greenbelt are anxious to move forward. In the last GHI election the liberal ticket, if that is a proper term for it, won an overwhelming victory. Pretty much the same group in the recent council election made a 100% sweep. It is mainly those who have lived in Greenbelt for some number of years that are holding back on integration. Ironically they claim the newcomers to Greenbelt, who allegedly move here to escape

## GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

CHALLENGES GEMENY

A "judge" has spoken and said

"I await to be shown by both word

and deeds their true motives. This

is the 25th paragraph of a letter

to the October 10th News Review.

"Judge" Gemeny, in his paragraphs

four and others, questions the

sincerity of a group which he op-

poses, beginning "The published ob-

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His letter demands, in seven dif-

ferent paragraphs, that those who

may not accept the numerous

peculiar standards which he offers

His letter, in six paragraphs, pre-

sumes to instruct G.H.I., of which

he is not a member, upon several

matters. One is to conduct a pre-

judice poll, exempting the rest of

Greenbelt. He ignores, or may not

even be aware, that such a poll could

not bind in any way, legally or

morally, individual members under

their contract, nor their corpora-

Whether a crystal ball would

show Greenbelt's future as lily-

white, slightly off-white, cream

colored or somewhat darker will

not depend upon how I try to bully

my present neighbors nor on how

any of them try to bully me, which-

Credit should be given to Mr.

Gemeny's letter in that it states

openly some general attitudes and

interpretations which would have

been more harmful if they had re-

mained anonymous scuttlebutt as

in several recent Greenbelt elec-

While on routine patrol duty I

stopped to help some children cross

the road in front of the Lutheran

Church. At the same time one of

our city's little squirrels looked at

me inquiringly. I pointed my fin-

ger at him, cautioning him to wait.

Then I told him to cross the road.

Instead the squirrel went up a light

Samuel Cornelius

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SAFETY FIRST

To the Editor:

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pledges submitting to them.

Mr. Gemenys own contribution

To the Editor:

### URGES REFERENDUM To the Editor:

Mr. Gemeny's letter which appeared in last week's News Review presented fair and logical reasons for questioning the motives of the newly formed Greenbelt Fair Housing Committee. The few interested Greenbelt citizens who attended last Monday's organizational meeting of this committee witnessed the unveiling of what appears to be the true purpose of the majority of this group. The one purpose appears to be - to get a Negro family, or families, into this community. They do not appear to have a rational plan for integration. They make no promises that they will not resort to extreme action to accomplish integration. They show no substantial amount of concern over the adverse effect immediate integration may have on Greenbelt. They just want Greenbelt integrated! This handful of people is willing to force this issue, and if we allow, they will make the decision for the remaining 9000 residents.

What evidence substantiates this claim? A proposal was made at last Monday's meeting that an objective be added to the original six objectives. The proposed objective stated that the Fair Housing Committee shall not support any racial demonstrations in Greenbelt, and to adopt measures only leading to a peaceful solution to these problems. This proposal was defeated. By rejecting this objective one fact became evident - that the group will resort to any means to gain their purpose, even if this means supplying the impetus to turn Greenbelt into another Cambridge or Belair.

Certain members of this group insist that GHI no longer has the right to choose its members - a right that GHI has exercised for over ten years. It is important to note that no responsible Federal official has indicated that GHI does not have this right.

Statistics were quoted at one meeting to prove that integration has little visible effect on cities in this country. Are these people naive enough to believe these statistics can be applied to a city as unique as Greenbelt? Is our housing composition average? Do these people have the capability to predict what will happen if this issue is forced, and our city becomes one of the first to integrate? If their predictions are not valid, do we hold these people responsible, or do we just find someplace else to live? They speak of controlled integra-

tion of GHI. Does this mean GHI is morally bound to accept one Negro family? Or maybe it is more moral to accept two? ten? a hundred? a thousand? The fact remains that any quota whether it be zero or one thousand is not morally right. I believe these people realize this fact. Their plan is to spoon-feed us their intentions in bites we can digest.

I believe that a more moderate approach to solving this problem is more appropriate. As a first step let them sponsor a city-wide referendum as Mr. Gemeny suggests. When the true opinion of the community is known, then plans can be made to integrate. To formulate a plan, reputable and experienced planners should be employed to predict the total effect of integration on this city. Then concrete plans may be made to permit integration with a minimum of tension and violence. Raymond L. Stevens

### Thursday, October 17, 1963

## **CommunityChurchNews**

This Sunday the Greenbelt Community Church will observe Laity Sunday at its 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship. In prior years this was known as Laymen's Sunday with only men leading the worship. But the Church has recently formed a Council for Lay Life and Work, pioneering in shifting loyalty from lay organizations within the church to the church itself and uniting men and women in groups for total involvement from being passive spectators to that of being active participants. Consequences of this change are implicit in having both men and women lead in the service of worship as part of the church's function of being a priesthood of all believers.

Leading the Service of Worship will be Mrs. Walter Fowler, Mrs. George Neuman and Mr. Robert Leo. Talks or sermonettes will be given by Mr. Harold Hufendick, Mrs. Kenneth Stewart and Mr. Paul Alden.

This week the members of the Church will receive information through the mail concerning the program of Racial Justice Now of The United Church of Christ with special offering to be taken on October 27th. There will be a meeting at the Church Sunday evening at 8 p.m. to discuss this program. Everyone invited.

## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

### To the Editor:

One of the platform commitments of the newly-elected Council is that ALL meetings of the Council will be public meetings. The news reporting of the Thursday, October 3rd Special Meeting indicates that "all (councilmen) present agreed that Executive Sessions be resorted to as little as possible ....

It appears that the Council is considering some direction other than their platform commitment. James D. Wolfe

## Pate - Hodges

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt R. Pate of 25-G Ridge announce the engagement of their daughter Bonnie to William D. Hodges, son of Mrs. Patsy Hodges, 59-C Ridge. They are both graduates of High Point High School. Bonnie is employed at the University of Maryland, in the Department of Registrations. Her fiance is serving with the United States Navy. The couple plan a spring wedding.

## THE GREENBELT

COMMUNITY CHURCH Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Pilgrim Felowship Retreat at Camp Goodwill, Prince William Forest, Va.

SUNDAY: Laity Sunday; morning Worship at 10:45 3.m. with Sermonettes given by Mrs. Kenneth Stewart, Mr. Harold Hufendick, and Mr. Paul Alden. 2:30, Youth Rally, Plymouth Congregational Church, Washington. 8:00, Meeting of all members and friends to discuss Racial Justice Now program. Monday: 8:00. Board of Christ-

pole, crossed a guide wire over the road, scurried down the other side of a light pole and went into the woods. The moral of this story is when you cross the road, children, look both ways, do not run and do not play in the streets. Help your city to keep our good safety record in Greenbelt. Austin Green

Safety Officer

ART SHOW

Sat., Oct. 19 - 8 p.m.

50c a person. Music - Dancing

Probably the only serious disagreement I have with Mr. Gemeny is his idea that no Negro should move in until a substantial majority votes for integration.

Washington integration, are the ones who want Greenbelt to be kept white.

All of the first nine in GCFH had been in Greenbelt two years or less. Of the 62 names signed to the GCFH ad in the News Review all but a dozen moved to Greenbelt during the last five years. When one views the various bits of evidence we have, including the acceptance as residents of nonwhites from several countries, one must conclude that most of Greenbelt and especially its new arrivals are ready

for brotherhood. Robert S. Auerbach

**Quarterly Dividend** CURRENT 5% PER YEAR

Deposits in by the 10th Earn Full Month's Dividend Twin Pines Savings & Loan Assn.



### FAIR HOUSING STAND To the Editor:

Many people have recently expressed to us their deep concern for the future of Greenbelt regarding the possible ill effects that integration may have on our community. It is feared that there will be a substantial exodus of present residents, lowering of property values, a downward trend in property maintenance, and even the formation of ghettos and slums.

We fully share this concern and are fully aware that ill effects can accompany integration. But they need not. We firmly believe that none of these things will happen in Greenbelt, provided that there is an organized effort made by concerned citizens and leaders of our community to see that they do not happen. We of Greenbelt Citizens for Fair Housing are wholly committed to that end and sincerely invite other concerned residents to join us in this effort. Inaction, coupled with a reluctance to face the reality of present day events, has indeed proved disastrous in some communities.

We feel a sense of urgency in our efforts. We think it quite probable that within a matter of months some part or parts of Greenbelt will experience the moving in of a Negro family. Our organization will not force this event. We will neither solicit Negroes to buy homes in Greenbelt nor look for home owners who will sell to Negroes.

Our feeling of urgency stems from our awareness that there are at least two organizations in the area, both of which number Greenbelters among their members, who actively or even militantly work towards integration of suburban communities. Secondly, as integration continues to become increasingly common in the suburbs, Negro families who have moderate incomes and who value the same things in community living that we do will naturally be attracted to Greenbelt just as we were.

In the belief, therefore, that Greenbelt will be integrated within the coming months, we plan the following: 1) to promote peaceful community acceptance of minority group families through discussions, forums, neighborhood coffees, etc.; 2) to petition City Council to formulate plans to aid in making the transition to an integrated community a successful one for all concerned; and 3) upon the purchase or rental of a home by a Negro family, to work to prevent panic selling or moving on the part of the surrounding neighbors through an intensive program of education and persuasion. We will ask the aid of the City Council, the Clergy, and other responsible community leaders in this effort and will coordinate our efforts with theirs.

Obviously, our plan of action involves a great deal of community discussion. Through this we hope to substitute facts and reason for rumors and emotion. To the extent that we are successful, fears will evaporate.

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### INTEGRATION VOTE To the Editor:

INTEGRATION METHOD

Mr. Gemeny has recently raised

the question of whether Greenbelt

should be integrated or not. We

feel that, in light of the events of

the last few years, this question

has lost its pertinence. The im-

portant question is whether Green-

belt should be integrated through

the methods of Greenbelt Citizens

for Fair Housing or through the

methods of CORE. This decision

will be largely up to the citizens

Navy Day Celebration

Road, Adelphi, Maryland.

ern Prince Georges Counties.

Alfred Ochs

**Richard** Ochs

To the Editor:

of Greenbelt.

ter,

It has been proposed that the membership of G.H.I. vote a referendum on whether or not to integrate the corporation. I should like to make two points in that regard.

To vote such a referendum would almost certainly bring to Greenbelt demonstrations of the type most opposed by proponents of such a vote.

It is one thing for the members of an organization to vote on a matter which binds only the membership and quite another thing for those members to attempt to bind



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One fear that seems to be basic to all the rest is the fear of a mass exodus of Greenbelt residents and inundation by Negroes. We believe there will be no exodus if people are made aware of the fact that there is no place to go. Experts in the field of housing tell us there is no suburban community in the Washington metropolitan area that can safely say it will not be integrated within the next couple of years. Without a mass exodus, obviously, there can be no inundation, lowering of property values, formation of ghettos, etc.

We will be discussing these and other fears in greater detail in the coming months. We invite the community's participation in this discussion.

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## British Warship **Open to Public**

The Royal Navy roars into Wash-ington Friday, October 18, at 10 am with a 21-gun salute as HMS DEVONSHIRE docks at the Navy Yard.

Here for a five day good-will visit, the British guided missile ship will be open for public visiting from 1:30 to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 19-20) at the Navy Yard, 11th & O Streets, SE.

The British flag will fly on the Washington Monument grounds Sunday (Oct. 20) - and, for the public, the DEVONSHIRE'S Royal Marines will beat a musical retreat in a colorful flag lowering ceremony at 4:30 pm on the north side of the Monument grounds.

The DEVONSHIRE is armed with the British SEASLUG and SEA-CAT guided weapons systems. Powered by a new steam turbine design, she can participate in high speed anti-submarine operations. The ship carries a torpedo-launching helicopter.

## Offer Scholarships at George Washington U.

A total of \$149,600 in four-year, full-tuition trustee scholarships will be awarded to 34 Washington area high school students who plan to enter The George Washington University in September 1964, President Thomas H. Carroll announced today.

The scholarship awards will be made to outstanding graduates of the 1964 February and June classes in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Arlington County, Alexandria, and Fairfax County-Falls Church.

Candidates are nominated, upon application, by the principal and faculty of their respective schools. Deadline for receipt of nominations is February 1, 1964.

Candidates must take the College Entrance Examination Board tests not later than December of this year in order to be eligible for one of the scholarships.

The scholarships are for \$4400 each, and may be used in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. The basis for the awards is high scholarship and financial need

## GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW Movies at ICC

The films, Toulouse Lautrec, The

Night Watcher and Vincent Van

Gogh, A Self-Portrait will be shown

on Wednesday, October 23 at 8

p.m. at the Jewish Community Cen-

ter, Ridge and Westway Rds. The

films, the first in a series of five,

is sponsored by the Prince Georges

County Memorial Library. The public is invited. There is no

Prince Georges County inaug-

urates the first complete traffic

school in the state of Maryland on

Tuesday, October 1st. The school

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Under the new program, Prince

Georges County will be the first

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to attend traffic school, which will

run nine hours - three hours a

week for three weeks. Already,

nearly 50 persons have been so

The three-hour sessions will be

held in Upper Marlboro on Tues-

day evenings, and on Wednesday

evenings in Hyattsville. At the last

session. State's Attorney Arthur

A. Marshall, Jr., or one of his as-

sistants will participate in the final

sessions and all offenders assigned

to the school must pass the final

exams, after which they will be

returned to court for final dispo-

Commission Chairman Frank J.

Lastner today praised the People's

Court, the State's Attorney and the

Police Department for "developing

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which all of us on the Board hear-

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drivers are using our roads, and

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The commissioners today author-

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**Traffic School for County** 

charge for admission.

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Free Concert

The first free concert of the season by the Symphony Orchestra of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be given Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p.m., in the Plant Industry Auditorium at the Beltsville Research Center. The auditorium is just west of Beltsville near the intersection of the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard and Cherry Hill Road.

The orchestra is conducted by Captain Gilbert Mitchell who also conducts the U.S. Army Band. The November concert will feature the Concerto for Oboe and Strings Cimarose by Benjamin with Jerry Domer, oboist, as soloist. Other numbers will be the Italian in Algiers Overture by Rossini, the Siegfried Idyll by Wagner, and the Symphony No. 100 (Military) by Hayden.

## Lincoln 181; Jefferson 106

A strictly unofficial tally registered by the Prince Georges Board of Election Supervisors at the recent County Fair turned up some interesting, if somewhat contradictory, trends in voting preference here in late 1963.

For instance, Abraham Lincoln would have beaten out Thomas Jefferson by a vote of 181 to 106 if both had been running for Governor of Maryland this past month. At the same time, Andrew Jackson would have topped William H. Taft for the U.S. Senate 159 to 72.

Several "referendum" questions were also listed, the most surprising being, perhaps the opinion of most voters, 165 to 131, that the voting age in Maryland should be lowered from 21 to 18 years.

The "way out" ballot was placed on demonstration voting machines set up at the Fair by the Election Board, to instruct new voters in their somewhat complicated workings.

The idea, according to Chief Clerk Mrs. Pauline Menes, is "to teach voters how to use the machines to help speed up balloting in our primary and general elections."

At the same time, the Board registered new voters - with 108 Democrats, 76 Republicans and 15 non-affiliated voters signing up. At the same time, 41 persons notified the Board of change of address, always a problem in a found County such as Prince George's.



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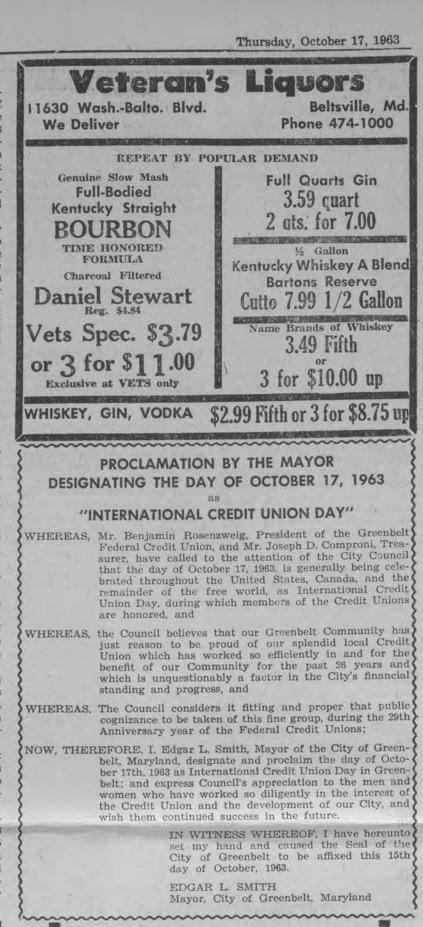
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Billy M. Keys (left), who is in charge of supply, transmission and distribution for Washington Gas Light Company, presents checks to two Maryland University students as the first installment on \$1,000 scholarships they have been awarded by the gas company.

The students are (I to r) Vance D. Browne, 23, of 4701 Amherst Road, College Park, and William C. Bell, of 2613 Crest Avenue, Cheverly. Both students graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1958 and are now returning for their final year at Maryland University.

Under this scholarship employment offer the students have had summer jobs at the gas company as engineering aides. They will become full-fledged employees upon graduation next June. Since the company also awards a \$500 grant to the University for each scholarship winner, Maryland University will also receive a \$1,000 check.

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## **Financing County Schools**

A top-level committee has begun what seems likely to be a long-time a "messy" good time Friday afterstudy of schools and school financing in Prince George's County.

Initiated by the County Council of PTA's, the Prince George's Educational Study Committee is chaired by Delegate William J. Goodman, and includes representation from the Board of County Commissioners and School Board, as well as interested lay and professional groups. As Chairman Goodman expressed it, "we need to know the curriculum needs of the schools for the next five to seven years and then must determine just where the money is going to come from to provide these needs."

School operating costs currently draw at least seventy cents of each tax dollar in Prince George's County, while a five-year construction program has been using up more than \$1.2 million per month for almost two years. Construction costs are met by long term bond sales.

While the county contributes \$28.5 million to provide for more than 90,000 students and over 3,-500 teachers, that accounts for only 60% of the operating costs the other 40% coming from state and federal aid.

Committee members point out there is no guarantee that the level of federal aid will continue (aid to impacted areas was seriously threatened in Congress this year) and that there is definitely going to be a review of the state aid formula in the next year or so, which could be a break or a hindrance to more populous Maryland counties.

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The Little Leaves, 4-H Club had noon from 4:30 - 6:30 in the Co-op hospitality room.

We went to the Co-op room to bake goodies for our group picnic the following day. The picnic was held at Adelphi Mill Park. Transportation was provided by Mrs.

Thursday, October 17, 1963 Ann Pisani, the leader, and by

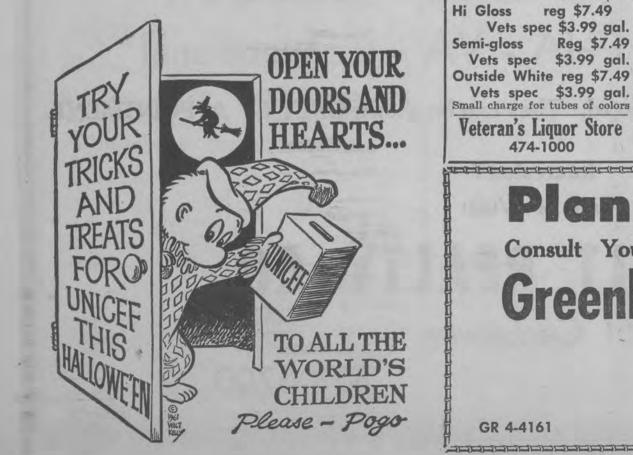
Mrs. Ruth Bond, a helpful parent.

## Household Hint

An empty baby-food jar akes an excellent buttonjar makes bank. Make a slot in the lid with a screw driver and hammer and you'll find it handy to deposit buttons you plan to use again.







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## CLASSIFIED

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060 had little difficulty in winning last the National Education Associa-Friday's duplicate bridge game when they amassed a .690 game. Second place ended in a tie between the combines of Marchal Fuller-Ed Keefe, and Ray Carriere - Sam Jacobs who scored .547 games. Next game: Friday, October 25.

Did you know that Greenbelt has a titled gentlemen in its midst? Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Charles T. McDonald, 28 Woodland, who is a newly dubbed Kentucky Colonel. The impressive document conferring this honor was signed by Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky on October 9.

On Sunday Debbie Mayer, 53-A Crescent, was seen on television with Rabbi Morris Gordon of the Jewish Community Center. Debbie chanted the Sabbath prayer over the candles. Her lace shawl was lovely.

A happy birthday to Susan Dambrauskas, 1-B Northway, who was one year old.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Susan Pritzker, 19-D Ridge, who celebrated her fifteenth birthday.

Lynnette Boisvert, eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boisvert, 7-C Crescent, presented High Point High School with two gold-colored metal crowns heavily decorated with jewel-like stones and brilliants. The crowns have an interlining of High Point blue which is particularly significant in that the crowns will be used each year in the annual Blue and Gold Festivities. Lynnette's dad is a social studies teacher at High Point.

Gerald Gough, 22-C Hillside, recently traveled to the West Coast to take part in the filming of further shots for the CBS show "The Great Adventure". Gough, a social studies teacher at High Point, appears on the weekly Friday night

## **College Reps to Talk** To Students, Parents

Representatives from fifty-four colleges have been invited to speak to interested students and their parents in a College Night program being sponsored jointly by five of the public senior high schools on Tuesday evening, October 22, at High Point Senior High School, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville.

The Cooperative College Night is being held for students from Bladensburg, DuVal, High Point, Laurel, and Northwestern Senior High Schools. Approximately 2500 students and parents are expected to attend the Cooperative College Night. The program for the evening includes a general session from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the High Point Senior High School gymnasium. George H. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, will extend a welcome to the students, parents, and guests.

At the completion of the general session, three one-half hour sessions will be held to give students

 $T \vee$  show, as a representative of the George Kaufman and Al Skolnik National Social Studies Group and tion. He is seen for a one-minute follow-up at the close of each historical episode.

Our deepest sympathies to Lillian Goldberg, 14-L Hillside, who lost her mother last week.

Among the twenty-two High Point Seniors honored for high performance on the Merit Scholarship Test were Nancy Jane Beale, Judy Bragonje, Alice Goldberg and Paul Lentz.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paddack, 5-B Crescent. Maria Teresa made her debut October 8 weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Johnny Goldstein, 56-C Crescent, who celebrated his 10th birthday. He and his guests were treated to a movie.

## **Recreation** Review

## by Richard Stevenson

Men's Touch Football League

In the opening game of the league, the Canning Trophies and Lagana's Lads played to a 7-7 tie. The Trophies scored first on a 9 yard pass. After an exchange of punts, the Lads marched the length of the field to tie the game. Neither team scored as the defenses played fine football, for the rest of the game.

The second game saw the Varsity Sport Shop storm the Green Knights 13-0.

For interesting football, come down to Braden Field each Wednesday night. Game time is 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

### ROLLER SKATING

This Thursday and Friday there will be free roller skating for elementary children at 9 a.m. for 1st and 2nd grade; 10:30 for 3rd and 4th grades and 12 noon for 5th and 6th grades. Afternoon skating for the Teens will be at 2 p.m.

Activity Schedule for Thursday and Friday:

- 9-10:30 a.m. 1st & 2nd Grade Skate 10:30-12 noon 3rd & 4th Grade
- Skate

12-1:30 p.m. 5th and 6th Grade Skate

2-3:30 p.m. Teen age skate 3:30- 5 p.m. Arts & Crafts (Thursday only)

3:30- 5:30 p.m. Teen Activities -Ping Pong, Record Hop, Table Games, Volleyball, etc.

**Gymnastics** 

Registration for Gymnastics moved very well over the past week. The 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock classes are filled. There are still openings for the 11 o'clock class. If your children are interested, please call for information.

A Teen Age Gymnastics class will be starting in two weeks. Teenagers interested in tumbling, trampoline and balancing should register early as we expect a large turnout.

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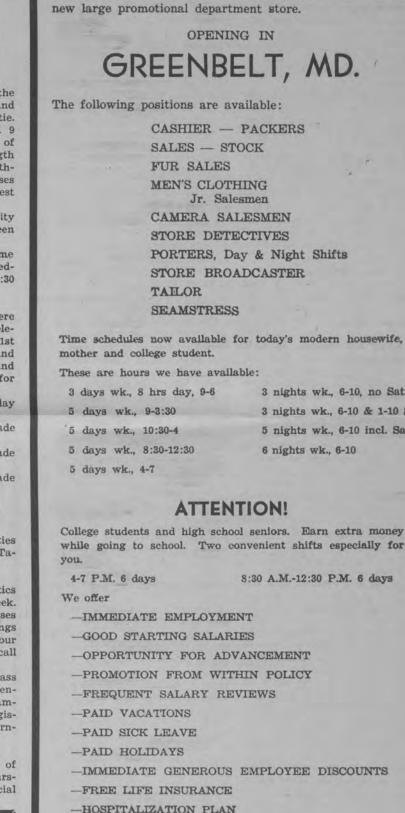
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## Annual Drive Boys Club

Once a year when the frost bites the ground, the officers of the Greenbelt Boys Club announce their annual Father-Son fund drive. This year the drive will start on Monday, October 21 and continue for one week ending Sunday, October 27.

The officers of the Boy's Club are hoping that this year's drive is as good or better than last year's when we collected more than \$600 for the operation of the Club. Through your generous contributions we were able to field four basketball teams, two baseball teams and three football teams. This season the club is starting with four fully equipped football teams or about 125 boys.

The boys in uniform will be knocking on the door accompanied by an adult. They will invite you to buy a membership in the Green-

Boys Club. The more money taken in, the more boys the Club can service.

President Bud Dean says "without the help of the fine people of Greenbelt, our club will not be able to accomplish its goals."

and parents an opportunity to talk with representatives of at least three different colleges of their choice.

The Great Spook in charge of Hallowe'en has told us that Thursday, October 31st will be the official night for Trick or Treat.

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## Library Always Here, **Promise County Officials** by Russ Greenbaum

More than 100 people packed the Co-op Hospitality Room last Thursday night to hear Prince Georges County library officials present their views on the chances of Greenbelt obtaining a new library. Citizens heard that Greenbelt is still on the priority list for a library building, that it would require one to two years to complete the building from the time a site is accepted, but that in the meantime the community would not be without library facilities even though the space in the Center School should be needed by the school.

The meeting was chaired by Frank Lewis who indicated that a group is now being formed to keep in touch with library officials, to keep citizens informed on progress being made toward obtaining a new library and to expedite the construction of such a building. The first working meeting of this group will take place Tuesday, October 22, in the Co-op Hospitality Room at 8 p.m.

Both George Hammond, Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees, and Miss Elizabeth Hage, County Library Director, stressed that they have received no indication from the Board of Education that the room now occupied by the library would be required for classroom space. They said the library board has close relations with the school board and sufficient advance notice would be given to allow planning for temporary facilities, if necessary.

### **Building Requirements**

Hammond stated that a new Library building, which it is anticipated would have about 10,000 square feet of space, would have to serve not only Greenbelt but the surrounding communities as well. The requirements are that the building be single-story, that the site be readily accessible from a main, well-traveled road, that there must be enough ground to permit expansion and also parking.

Councilman Clifford Simonson, who helped plan for a library site when he was a member of the Advisory Planning Board, described the sites in the Center presently considered suitable and available for a library building. One site is next to the postoffice but it would require the purchase of 7500 square feet of land owned by Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. (Co-op) with additional land provided by the city. It was reported that the Co-op land is now on the market and probably could be obtained below the commercial market value if designated for a library. Another possible site would be on cityowned land between the bank and Center School. It was also brought out that school property could be used for a library site if not needed for the expansion of the school.

A third possible site is the land behind the Co-op Supermarket now covered by a grove of trees. The

## **BEHIND LOCKED DOORS** By Rita Fisher

Forty mental patients from St. Elizabeth's Hospital were the guests of a group of Greenbelt ladies on Monday, September 30.

The forty women from the hospital, all from Ward CT-6, arrived by bus in a reverse action. Usually, a group of women and some men go to the hospital to this particular ward, and visit, sing and play Bingo, an event that has been taking place for almost six years Once before, last November, a busload of patients came to Greenbelt where they were given a tour of the city, a walk through the Center, and a visit to the newly built CO-OP store. To some of these ladies, patients for many long years, the sights in the supermarket were spectacular to them. The ladies were then guests at a fine dinner at the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, sponsors of the Greenbelt group.

This time, the bus arrived in Greenbelt filled to capacity with forty patients, three nurses and a Chaplain. Credit should be given to these nurses who encouraged, helped and coaxed the patients to dress for the occasion. The bus arrived at the Methodist Church and some of the Greenbelt people joined the group as a tour of the Beltsville farm had been planned.

The small caravan was led by Greenbelt Police Sergeant Austin Green who led the bus and following cars into the farm. There we met Mr. Victor L. Simmons, Coordinator of the Visitor's Program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Research Center. He took us on a guided tour. I managed to hitch a ride on the bus with the patients although it meant that I stood all the way.

We made a few stops while he explained certain phases of the work being done at the farm. Our first stop was at a spot where we found a bee colony in little square houses placed in a circle. One of the ladies asked Mr. Simmons if there was any way for the bees to leave the houses and he explained that there were slits through which they could fly.

We moved on to the section where they had hogs. The ladies all left the bus and went into one of the large barns. They really seemed to enjoy the freedom of walking around the barn. They also enjoyed the little piglets who were tightly pressed against the sows' bellies.

Mr. Simmons explained, as we moved on, that the farm is very large. It consists of 11,000 acres or about 9 square miles and has over 3,000 employees.

When we were leaving the barn where the hogs were housed, one of the patients came up to me and asked me to do a great favor for her. With this she handed me a letter which she said was very important and she hoped I would mail it for her. Being aware of the rules, I accepted the letter but when she was out of sight, handed it to the nurse. These patients must, because of their mental problems, have all mail censored before mailing. The nurses surmised that she must have asked someone for paper and envelope when she arrived in Greenbelt and had somehow managed to write the letter after that. We stopped, but did not leave the Hammond suggested as a site the bus, at an area set aside for the raising of the Beltsville turkey. It was the first time I had seen one, still alive and with its feathers. Mr. Simmons explained that the Beltsville turkey was developed so that a turkey could be on the market that was "family size". He also explained that they had white feathers which seems to please the housewives of the nation since the small white pin feathers are not too noticeable on a dressed turkey. Simmons also explained that they are experimenting on crossbreeding of the White turkey with some wild birds to develop a tastier meat.

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built house. He explained that this was the home of the Superintendent for the farm. The house was built in 1783.

We stopped at the cattle barns and again the patients seemed to delight in being able to wander around freely as they watched the animals being fed and milked. We also were able to observe some young calves who were but a few days old. I might add here, that throughout the trip, even though there seemed to be freedom for the patients, they were under constant surveillance.

Our tour of the farm over, we all ergbarked on the bus and in cars, and went to the Greenbelt Lake where a picnic supper had been prepared. This too, must have been a real treat for them, to be able to walk from the parking lot down to the picnic tables and to the edge of the lake with no bars or gates holding them in. One of the nurses took a few of them for a walk along the lakeside.

There were many women from Greenbelt there helping with this party. But I would like to mention the names of the men who attended, too. Besides Sergeant Green, there was Reverend Lyle Harper, Ford Ford, Paul Lovell and Leo Gerton. Gerton donated a large sheet cake along with other items of food and has been very helpful to our group. A surprise to Mrs. Bernice Mixon, chairman of the group, was a lovely cake which was presented to her along with a resounding Happy Birthday Song which was sung by all.

Many of us were wondering how the patients would feel once they got back on the bus and were taken back to the hospital to spend most of their time in Ward CT-6. We know that they wouldn't forget this afternoon for a long time to come and that they will tell and retell others about it. We know that it will be a long time before they forget the afternoon they spent out in the country, walking around, feeling free. For, you see, these patients are normally found living behind locked doors.

## Peace Corps Exam Saturday in D.C.

The Peace Corps is offering another round of placement tests on Saturday, October 19. The tests will be administered at 867 post offices and other federal buildings, as well as at many college campuses, beginning at 8:30 a.m. local time. Testing time will be from one and a half to a maximum of three and a half hours, depending upon the tests chosen. The local exam will be at 1600 E St., N. W.

Everyone who becomes a Peace Corps Volunteer must take the test as well as fill out a Peace Corps Questionnaire. Those who have not already submitted a Questionnaire will be asked to complete one after the testing. October 19 will be the last general opportunity to take the Peace Corps Placement Test for applicants wishing to qualify for programs beginning the first of the year. No applicant may take the test for a second time. 

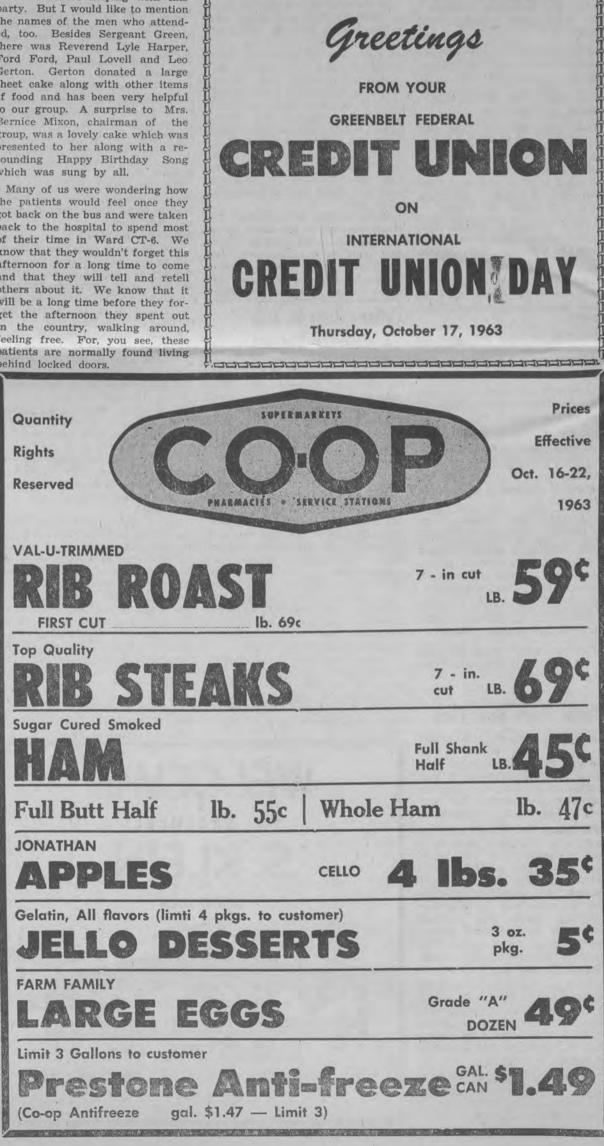
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## **Millinery Course Offered**

A Millinery Course will start on October 21 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Co-op Hospitality Room. The classes will be held every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for eight weeks. Mrs. Faye Wise will be the instructor. The course is sponsored by the Prince Georges County Adult Education Group.

## Attention Musicians

The Greenbelt Concert Band has started work on an exciting collection of new music and will be giving a concert soon. New members are needed and are invited to join the group, which practices every Monday night from 8 to 10 at the Youth Center. The band is sponsored by the city Recreation Department; the director is Howard Carle of Hyattsville, and the recently elected president of the band's executive board is our own "whistling mailman," George Townsend.



area directly behind the statue at the Center was ruled out because it would require a two-story building. Another city-owned site on Crescent Road, formerly considered for the municipal building, is next to the Firehouse but is felt to be undesirable as a library site for that reason.

### Armory Site

land owned by the state next to the Greenbelt Armory, but some citizens objected to this possibility because of the potential traffic problem. Hammond and Miss Hage noted that a site donated by the city free of charge would speed up matters since otherwise the library board would have to go to the county commissioners for money to buy the site as well as for construction of the building. Any site would first have to be sounded to see if the ground was solid enough to support a heavy building filled with books.

One factor that surprised Miss Hage was the report by Councilman Simonson on the future growth of the community. Her 1959 figures on which she had based her estimates for a building, indicated a future population of 15,000. Simonson reported that just in the next if zoning requests now pending for two years the population would apartments are approved.

We also passed by an old well-

reach 18,000, is likely to go to 35,-000 by the time that all development now planned for Greenbelt is completed and could go to 65,000