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Two-Day Hallowe'en Planned For Youth

The Recreation Department plans a two-day Halloween celebration for all ages of children and youth. Younger children up through 12 years of age will have their party in the Center School Gym from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 30.

The party will consist of the following: (1) grand parade of different costumes to receive a prize; (2) two cartoons, Donald Duck in "Trick or Treat" and a Halloween movie; (3) children will receive their tricks and treats.

For teen-age youth a free dance, games and refreshments will be served. Cider and doughnuts will be served free of charge. All teen-ages, who give their name and telephone number, will have a chance to receive the sum of \$50 if they are at home at 12 p.m. The dance will let out at 11:30 p.m. to allow those who attend time to get home and receive the calls. A total of 10 calls will be made to the homes, and the youth must be home to receive them.

County Municipal Group To Meet Here Thursday

Election of officers will be one of several main items on the agenda for the regular monthly meeting of the Prince George's County Municipal Association in Greenbelt on Thursday, October 21, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in Greenbelt's Center School Building (entering on Greenbelt Road, turn left at Crescent Road at the shopping center).

In addition to receiving the report of the nominating committee, the Association will hear a panel discussion of town organization and services presented by the incumbent members of the Executive Board representing Forest Heights, Cheverly, Landover Hills, College Park, and Cottage City. The panel also will discuss ways and means in which the Association can be of future help to the municipalities.

Of further special interest will be the active part which the Association is scheduled to play in the current study of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission being conducted by a special commission appointed by the Governor. Details will be supplied at the meeting.

B-B Gun Club Seeks Space For Shooters

The Greenbelt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League will conduct the "BB" gun club this year when space is available for it. All last year's members who plan to be with the club again this year are notified that the club will not be operating until an appropriate place can be found to hold the shooting meets. The Armory will not be available until some time in January because of alterations being made there. Cards are being sent to all last year members informing them of this change.

The league plans to ask the city if it would be possible for the club to use the social room of the center elementary school until the Armory is again available. All members will be notified when the club will commence operations. Watch the paper for further developments.

Plant Sale Saturday

The Afternoon Guild of Community Church will sponsor a Plant Sale at the Center on Saturday, October 23, beginning at 10 a.m. Many types of plants will be on sale.

Police Seeking Man Who Molested Child

A man who molested a little girl in the North End is the object of an active search by the Greenbelt police. The only statement that Chief of Police George Panagoulis would make at this time is that the child did not receive any bodily harm.

The incident, which occurred within the past two weeks, was reported by the girl to her parents shortly after it happened. It is reported that the man asked the girl to aid him in searching for his dog.

All Community Chest Reports Called In

"Please get those reports in!" That's the word from Prince Georges Community Chest leaders, to all campaigners who have donations to submit.

A scheduled meeting last week of county team captains was cancelled by Hurricane Hazel, thus blowing away campaigners' chance to find out where they stood in their drive to collect \$65,000 by November 4.

"I know the solicitors are out working, but the reports are slow," said Ed Di Bella, executive director of the PG Chest and Planning Council. "I'm concerned over it."

Greenbelt's solicitors were asked to get their reports into Prince Georges Chest headquarters at 3723 Thirty-fourth Street, Mount Rainier—as soon as possible.

Individual workers may bring reports to the office themselves. Or, to save themselves a trip, turn reports in to their team captains or unit chairman.

Junior High PTA Greets Principal

The first meeting of the all season of the Greenbelt Junior High School PTA, took place Wednesday evening, October 13 in the school auditorium. Francis E. Furgang, newly-installed principal, welcomed the faculty and parents.

Percy H. Andros, president of the PTA, introduced Furgang, noted that the new principal is a native of Prince Georges and a veteran educator. He was born in Cheltenham, Md., educated in local schools and has a B.S. and Masters' Degree in Education from U. of Md. For nine years, he taught science at Mt. Ranier Senior High School. During the war, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

Back to teaching, he became vice-principal at Hyattsville Senior High School in 1950. In 1951, he was selected as the vice principal for Northwestern Senior High School. From this post, he was promoted to principal of Greenbelt Junior High School. Furgang lives in Hyattsville with his wife and two daughters.

The officers of the PTA, in addition to Andros include Mrs. Harry S. Weidberg, Vice President; Steven B. Hallack, Treasurer; Mrs. Murray Churchill, Corresponding and Recording Secretary. Committee Chairmanships are headed by Rev. Eric Braund, program; Mrs. John H. Heckathorn, Membership; Dr. Louis Madsen, Legislative; Mrs. Woodrow Page, Health; Miss Mary Lee Amos, Hospitality and Mrs. Morris M. Cohen, Publicity.

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What Goes On ?

Friday, October 22 - Cub Scout Pack meets at 7:30 p.m. at Fellowship Center.

GVHC board of directors meeting on Hamilton Place at 8:15 p.m.

GCS board of directors meeting in office over drugstore at 8 p.m.

St. Hugh's Sodality dance at American Legion Hall from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

New Washington-Baltimore Expressway opens at 2 p.m.

Saturday, October 23 - Landover Hills plays Greenbelt in 120-pound Football League at 12 noon at Braden Field.

Community Church plant sale at Center beginning at 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 24 - Clean-up Committee meeting at 4-H Southway.

Monday, October 25 - Greenbelt Citizens Association meets in Center School at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26 - Retarded Children organization meets at Greenbelt Athletic Club at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27 - Square Dancing Classes at North End School at 8 p.m. (\$3 per couple for entire course.)

Saturday, October 30 - Children's Halloween party at Center School from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Community Choristers To Meet Each Monday

The new community choral group met for the first time Monday, October 18, and elected Mrs. Lillian Hoffman and Mrs. Muriel Burrows as co-chairmen, Mrs. Edith Ratzkin as secretary, Mrs. Werner Popper, treasurer, and Norman Granims, librarian.

The group, under the experienced direction of Albert Herling, plans to meet every Monday at 8:15 p.m. at the Center School. The first selections chosen for study were "Greensleeves" (an old English ballad) and the chorus from "Oklahoma." All those interested in choral singing are cordially invited to join.

Citizens Group To Meet Mon.

The Greenbelt Citizens Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night, October 25, in the Center school, beginning promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Featured on the program will be a short talk by Prudencio Martinez, Jr., 9-E Research, who has organized a group of Greenbelt boys in a series of scientific exhibit projects. Martinez will describe the progress of the group, now using the old Methodist church on Woodland Way through courtesy of the Methodist congregation. Stanley F. Knock, Jr., minister of the church, will also make a brief informal talk about the project.

Other items on the agenda of the meeting are reports on the Clean-up Committee, the Youth Center Committee, and the Community Coordination Committee. The latter committee was slated to meet Wednesday night, October 20, to lay plans for a GCA-sponsored, city-wide reception for Greenbelt teachers to be held in November.

In an account of the GCA meeting of October 4, published in a recent issue of this paper, mention was inadvertently omitted of a resolution which the meeting passed, expressing GCA's opposition to any plan that would turn any of the park and recreational land at the Center to commercial use.

Building Loans Impeded by Taxes Here, Lakeside Lot Owners Claim

By I. J. Parker

Greenbelt's high tax rate (\$2.14) is responsible for the failure of several Lakeside lot-owners to secure loans in order to build homes, it was claimed at the city council meeting last Monday night. Five Lakeside members told the city council that loan agencies are refusing to grant mortgages on proposed homes because of the high taxes in the city as well as the moderate incomes of the home-builders.

The disclosure again highlighted the continuing failure of development in the city due to the tax rate, as several past attempts to build homes here have failed for the same reason. In an effort

to secure relief for home-builders, councilman Ben Goldfaden asked for (1) a moratorium on taxes the first year of occupancy for new homes, or (2) special tax exemption for single-dwelling homes, or (3) extremely low assessments.

City manager Charles McDonald declared that his discussions with city solicitor Ralph Powers concluded that a moratorium would be illegal and subject the city to suit by any citizen. Assessments are made by the county assessor, and the city is required by the charter to follow county assessments for tax purposes; single dwelling homes are classified as "residential" and cannot legally be taxed otherwise.

Budget Must Be Cut

The only solution, McDonald reminded the group, lies in the budget. Services are determined by the citizens, and their cost is paid by citizens. Only a reduced budget can reduce the tax rate, he stated.

William Brooks, whose Lakeside home is nearing completion, stated that he is disturbed over the amount of taxes he must pay to live in Greenbelt. He pointed to the difference in taxes defense-home owners and new home owners pay. "We use the same streets, same library, the same police force—yet one pays twice as much as the other," he declared, adding, "The Greenbelt homes are under-assessed!"

McDonald replied that the basis for all taxation is ability to pay. A person living in a more expensive house must expect to pay higher taxes, he reminded Brooks, adding that he felt the 17-year-old Greenbelt houses are fairly appraised for tax purposes.

Lastner Urges Patience

Mayor Frank Lastner asked the group to have patience. A wealthy builder is interested in building a large group of homes in the city, he disclosed, and the addition of many homes will reduce the tax rate so that individual home-builders will find it easier getting loan approvals. Asked whether the newest builder on the Greenbelt scene could expect any better success than the others, Lastner replied that he understands the builder will negotiate with the Veterans Administration, rather than Federal Housing Administration, in his bid for approval.

Informal discussion of ways to reduce the budget brought forth proposals to charge a monthly fee for garbage and trash collection (this would not influence the loan agencies, McDonald stated, as they take entire monthly charges into account); putting the library under county control; and letting Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission control water and sewage. The last proposal was declared as more expensive; meter charges, ad valorem, and the cost of a new line to the main sewage plant would be paid for by residents.

A statement by Goldfaden assuring Lakeside group "we're bound to have a lower tax rate for sure next year" brought a word of caution from McDonald. "We don't know for sure whether the citizens want less or more services; we don't know for sure whether the cost of services will increase or decrease next year."

Theater Mgr. Stars In Real-Life Drama

A local resident saw his sister for the first time in 28 years last Sunday, after a "hunch" telephone call paid off in a thrilling reunion at the Mayflower Hotel.

LeRoy Root, 71-M Ridge, was separated from his sister, Louise, when both were infants in Salina, Kansas. This past week, Louise visited Washington for physical therapists convention. She had learned from an aunt that her brother might possibly be living in the Washington area. A look in the phone book resulted in a phone call, and the search was over. The Roots hurried to the hotel, where Louise had to be identified by the desk clerk.

Louise is a physical therapist with the Crippled Childrens Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She had spent some time in a convent. During their reunion, Louise also discovered that another brother she has not seen for the same length of time resides in California. LeRoy and Louise had unknowingly spent part of their childhood in the same area near Wichita, Kansas, while going to high school.

Louise is spending the week of the convention at the Root resided she is really "Aunt Louise."

LeRoy, who is employed by the Navy Department, is also manager of the Greenbelt Theater.

North End Playground Hazardous For Playing

Arthur Robinson, Supervisor of the Maintenance Office of Prince Georges County Schools, spoke this week to the children of the North End School regarding the overall plan for the grading and improvement of the playground.

The North End School and the Board of Education urge all parents to keep their children from the playground when not being supervised by school personnel. Robinson stated the Greenbelt Police have accepted the responsibility of checking the equipment and the playground regularly.

Mrs. Grimm, principal, has asked all parents to warn their children regarding the hazards of playing on the equipment as well as against playing in the excavations which might cave in.

Ralph and Carolyn Miller, 13-V Ridge, have a new number: GRanite 4-9269.

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Hooked Rug Exhibition Scheduled At Cheverly

The public is cordially invited to attend an exhibition of fine-hooked rugs at the Cheverly Community Church, Cheverly, Md., and to meet Mrs. Charlotte K. Stratton of

Greenfield, Massachusetts, world famous designer and lecturer, and teacher of rug hooking.

The exhibit will be held for two days, October 28 and 29. It will be open from twelve noon until 9 p.m. on the twenty-eighth, and from twelve noon until 6 p.m. on the twenty-ninth, where more than thirty rugs will be exhibited.

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By E. Don Bullian

Television "That's My Boy" was re-enacted on Saturday, October 16, on Braden Field with Young Palmer giving his father just cause for "Senior" enthusiastic outbursts. In fact, the whole team put on a marvelous display of coordination and team work. They remembered their assignments and played good aggressive football throughout the game. The score was 44-0 in favor of the local 120-pounders over the University Park Boys Club. There was hardly any difference in the height, weight or aggressiveness of either club, the real difference was team work. Coaches Link and Leifur can well be proud of the work they have accomplished in developing a smooth running football team. The touchdowns came in the following order.

1. McCord took the opening kickoff and carried to his own 45. Short gains by Matson and McCord produced a first down on the U. P. 35. White on a fake pitch-out raced around end for 35 yards and a touchdown.

2. Palmer recovered a fumble on the U. P. 25. Matson and McCord banged out 8 yards. Don Bullian got a first down on the 8 with McCord taking it to the 2. White went over for the touchdown.

3. McCord, Matson and Don Bullian made short gains to the 34. White then tossed a pass to Taylor which went to the 15. White on an option play ran left end for his third touchdown. Matson plunged for the extra point.

4. Matson kicked to the 30 after the 3rd TD where the ball was downed. U. P. made a first down on the 41. On the next four successive downs, including a 5-yd. penalty, U. P. lost 19 yards back to their own 22. The local boys aggressive line play was excellent with McGlothlin, Dun and Markowich standing out. U. P. kicked out to their own 45. White tossed a beautiful pass to Canning who wound upon the 25 from where Don Bullian threw another long pass into the waiting arms of Taylor in the end zone.

5. Palmer intercepted a pitch-out and ran 53 yards for the touchdown, an excellent display of heads-up football.

6. Palmer recovered a fumble on the D. P. 30-yard line. Brooks made 9. Taylor got a first down on the 19. A Taylor to White pass took the ball to the 10 from where McCord ran the end for the TD. Matson kicked the extra point.

7. Canning's terrific tackle forced a fumble which Markowich gathered in on the 22. McCord made 4. White passed to Matson for a 1st down on the 11. Matson got 6. McCord on a double reverse scored the TD.

Local Group To Meet On Retarded Children

A group that will promote the development of retarded children is now being organized in Greenbelt sparked by Mrs. Mary Maglothlin, who is herself the mother of a retarded child. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26, at the Greenbelt Athletic Club at 8 p.m. The clubhouse is next to St. Hugh's.

The president of the Prince Georges County chapter of the National Association for Retarded Children will be one of three speakers who will discuss the problems involved. One of the purposes of the meeting is to spark a national fund-raising campaign that is to be held November 14-20. Mayor Frank Lastner and City Manager Charles McDonald will be present at the meeting to promote the group.

Mrs. Maglothlin states that her organization hopes to combat two chief problems. One is to enable parents to discover signs of retardation in their children at an early age. The other problem is to encourage parents to face such situations realistically.

Several activities and religious groups are behind the local program and will send representatives to the meeting. Mrs. Maglothlin stated that any parents of retarded children in Greenbelt who desire personal advice from her may contact her at her home at 46-C Ridge or phone her at 3393.

Council Notes

Resolution passed urging local residents to approve "Home Rule Amendment" on November ballot. Favored by Maryland Municipal League, amendment would permit local legislation without state approval and relieve state legislature of petty legislation which obstructs orderly flow of business. Council approved \$2300 transfer of funds to repair sewage disposal plant. . . Also approved \$600 transfer of funds from swimming pool profits for salary increases for part-time recreation dept. help, including head of department. . . Approved Mrs. Mary Emmert as new member of Youth Center advisory board, replacing Josephine Vella. . . Council still waiting for reply from Interior Department for violating "right of way" of Greenbelt-owned road to erect "shack" for Parkway maintenance. . . Approved installation of light in 17 Court Ridge at a cost of \$28 a year. Requested by resident who had car stolen; also scene of previous car looting. Panagoulis blamed trouble on unlocked cars. (Car later found abandoned on Metzert road. Kids used to steal bicycles to get home from Greenbelt; now growing older) . . . Council will later recognize "Credit Union Day" and "Retarded Children Week" officially by proclamation. . . Heard citizen complain about children destroying and abusing public park and playground near residents home; called for two types of "policing—cleaning up, and warning parents and children . . .

The Long View

by A. C. Long

Last Friday the happy harmony of my home was almost broken up by a strange woman whom I had never seen before. It is true I met her casually and distantly in South Carolina and then she followed me up through Georgia, but I swear I never expected she'd actually visit me at home in Greenbelt.

So Friday evening when the front door banged open and Hazel Hurricane blew in I slammed it right back in her face. "I've seen enough of you already," I said, "and I don't appreciate your following me home like this. I'm a married man and have enough trouble with yard work and seasonal odd jobs without you, so get!"

But she didn't get. Instead she tried every which way to disrupt my home life as only a bold wanton hussy could do. First, she managed somehow to disrupt the kitchen so that dinner was late and haphazard, which, of course, got me somewhat grouchy. It seems to me that a wife should always be prepared for such situations, at least when it comes to eating.

Then she put out all the lights, causing me to trip and bump myself looking for candles. Despite all the fine poetry about candlelight shining in the darkness, it really is a mighty puny little flame. So I couldn't read my paper and had no way of knowing what was going on in the world. The final blow of all came when I turned on television to get the news and found I had been completely cut off from civilization.

So there we were living life in the raw, just as our pioneer ancestors did. The kids enjoyed it, fooling around with candles, making tiny candelabra out of little birthday cake candles, and looking out the window on dark and gloomy Block A. I sat down to be philosophical about it all but could only take about ten minutes of the awful calm before exploding. "Heck, if we can't read, can't see television, can't play games, can't visit anybody, and can't even make popcorn, we might as well go to bed."

It suddenly dawned on me how and why my grandfather raised a big family and got up with the chickens every morning. The answer is simple—no electricity.

The old saying, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," should be "Early to bed, early to rise, with no electricity it's no surprise." And then suddenly all the lights in the house, the radio, the television and the kitchen range, all came on at once, and life in Greenbelt became normal again. The kids, however, are still saving the candles and asking hopefully, "When's the next hurricane, Daddy?" What a lot of trouble—no wonder they give them all femme names.



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