

# Greenbelt News Review

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## our neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik

The county summer recreation program at North End school opened last week. Directing the playground activities is Mrs. Theresa Sommerkamp, 6-F Parkway, a second grade teacher at North End. Assisting her is Dwight Schegel of Chillum. Dwight is a sophomore at Scranton College, where he has an athletic scholarship. Twelve each weekday morning, from twelve to one parents are urged to keep their children home. The program continues from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Children from six to sixteen are eligible to participate in arts and crafts, for which there is a nominal charge, athletic activities, quiet games, storytelling, etc. Dwight's plans include dancing, and he is eager to organize a softball team for the older boys. Mrs. Sommerkamp needs our assistance, so—

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Explorer Troop 703-A, composed of Stanley Edwards, leader, James Hunt, Edward Moody, Garry Porter, John McCarthy, Clark Knickelbein, Mitchell Bukzin, Walter Fink, wards, and Edward Raduazo, is now in Cimarron, New Mexico. They arrived at Philmont Ranch July 2. At the Amarillo Air Force Base the Girl Scouts honored them with a swimming party, and in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Girl Scouts feted them with a party. Sounds like these boys are having one swell time.

Vacationing with the Larry Finks, 20-J Ridge, and Herbert Hertz's, 45-T Ridge, at Fenwick Island were Leah Fisher, 5-D Eastway, Rex Megill, 1-A Eastway, and Billy Edwards, 19-J Ridge. Enjoying the sands also were the William Kleins, 2-F Northway, and Sid Rubins, 6-A Hillside.

Happy birthday to Leland, Diana, and John Leasia, 45-H Ridge, who celebrated birthdays in June. Leland's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perrault from St. Paul, from Delaware, are visiting.

Little Donna Jean Loxton, 48-F Ridge, watched me type this column, and she queried, "Did you know it was my birthday? I'm eight." Well, happy birthday, Donna, and I wish more people would call and tell me the nice things that happen to them. (HINT)

Dianne, Susan, and Lois Bartlett have a new sister. Jean made her debut on June 19 weighing seven pounds two ounces. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Bartlett, 58-A Ridge. Sister Dianne celebrated her second birthday on June 18.

Happy birthday to Marc Krug, 13-V Ridge, who was eight years old on Friday, June 29.

Valerie Holton, 15-T Laurel, has sister Mrs. Bernard Breymaier and her two children from Schenectady, New York visiting.

Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garner and family, 15-F Laurel, who are moving to California.

Weldon B. Drake, Jr., seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon B. Drake of 11-D Laurel Hill is aboard the Battleship USS Iowa participating in the first of three summer midshipmen training cruises. The vessel will visit ports in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, West Germany and England.

Mrs. Agnes Gray, from Binghamton, New York is visiting daughter Ruth Bowman and family. Just recently, Ruth attended the 25th Alumni banquet of her high school in Greene, New York. It was exciting for Ruth

## dr. mccarl join brother, pop, here

Dr. Clayton S. McCarl, recent graduate of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, University of general practice of dentistry, associating with his father, Dr. James W. McCarl, and brother, Dr. J. Taylor McCarl, at the Dental Health Center, 28 Ridge.

Dr. McCarl has been a resident of Greenbelt since 1938, at which time his father started practice of dentistry in Greenbelt. He was educated in Greenbelt public schools and the University of Maryland, where he received his B.S. degree with a major in zoology, after which he served in the United States Army. He then entered the dental school, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery this June.

He married the former Jane Mooney, of University Park, Mrs. McCarl is a graduate of the University of Maryland College of Education. They reside at 33-A Ridge with their son, Clayton, Jr.

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to see so many old friends.

The Parker girls, Sharon, Marsha and Naomi, made their TV debut on Cindy Lou's program last Monday night.

A baby girl, Sharron Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Goode, Jr., in New Orleans, La., Thursday, June 28.

Mrs. Giles Robertson of Gretna, Virginia, was visiting her brother and sister-in-law of 2-G Plateau pl.

Friends of Maura Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henry, 11-M Ridge, are cordially invited to attend a silver tea on Sunday, July 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the social room of St. Hughs school. Maura has been accepted as a postulant by the Order of the Sisters of Providence and plans to leave July 22 for their convent at St. Mary's of the Woods College, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clute, 43-A Ridge, have a new daughter, Shirley Louise, born June 26 at Prince Georges General Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and has one sister, Patricia Lynn, 18 months. Her mother's parents are former mayor and Mrs. Allen D. Morrison, 58-H Cerscent.

## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland

July 9, 1956

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting, June 11, 1956.
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Monthly Reports
7. Ordinance - Second Reading - Appropriate \$500 for Fireworks
8. Resolution - Second Reading - Authorize Mayor to Sign Plat for Subdivisions
9. Discuss Fire House Progress
10. Discuss City Manager's Attending City Managers' Conference
11. Ordinance - Appropriate Funds for Repairs to Community Building
12. Report of Labor Day Committee

## city awarded traffic plaques

City manager Charles McDonald announced the receipt by the city of two safety awards for the year 1955. The plaques, awarded by the National Safety Council and the Maryland State Safety Department, respectively, were plaudits for the "no traffic fatality" record in Greenbelt for the past year.

McDonald, along with councilmen Robert Hurst and James Smith, attended a symposium conducted by the Maryland Municipal League at Ocean City June 28-30, in which they participated in discussions on the problems of governing small municipalities. Another Greenbelter, George Panagoulis, county police chief, conducted a discussion of police activities in small communities. McDonald headed a discussion group dealing with the duties of city clerks and treasurers. The Greenbelt contingent reported very satisfactory and rewarding results from having attended.

The manager also reported that considerable progress had been made thus far in the re-surfacing of parking courts -- about ten having been completed and ready for marking off into parking spaces.

## ATTENTION RESIDENTS

The

SHOE REPAIR SHOP

will be closed

July 9 to 14.

Paul Milasi will

be vacationing.

## a communication "is the problem real"

A consumers' cooperative is primarily a joint business venture. Unlike other business ventures, its first loyalty is to consumers and it organizes their interest in the form of ownership. Like organized labor, it aims at a more equitable distribution of wealth and income. This is an ethical ideal, but the means of action are mainly economic. Thus, the real interest a person has in the cooperative is measured in terms of the labor and money he puts into it, rather than the number of words spoken at meetings.

Cooperatives can no longer survive as comfortable little neighborhood clubs. Do we think our GCS is too large when it does \$9 million of business a year compared with \$289 million a year done by Food Fair, one of the smaller chains? Recently, at one of the Monday cooperative luncheons at the Brookings Institution, I met a lady director of the London Cooperative Society, which has hundreds of stores and 1,125,000 members. It is only one of four large co-ops in and around London. Do we really think our progress should stop with a few stores on the fringe of our metropolitan area?

The British cooperators not only serve large numbers of people but they even elect members of Parliament to represent their economic and social philosophy. Is that undemocratic?

One of our troubles, locally, besides our provincialism, has been the failure to understand the difference between being an owner and being a director or a manager of our business. The share owner does not have the whole responsibility for running the business, as some individuals seem to feel they have. That would be burdensome and inefficient. Just suppose that all business in our country were organized cooperatively. Suppose each of us were a member of every enterprise from which we made any kind of purchase. Would, any of us have time for personally directing the affairs of every enterprise? Wouldn't somebody have to specialize?

Another cause of misunderstanding has been the belief that only meetings, with speeches and debates, can determine and express the wishes of the share owners. Today, fortunately, there are also other and perhaps better means of communication. The need for better communication in GCS between management, board, membership, and public is recognized by all, but disputes have arisen about the improvements thus far attempted. One aid to better communication would be to make clear in each message which group or interest is talking to what audience. Modern mass media are essential to inform the members and public. Some persons fear that our ethical motive will be forgotten, merely because it is not displayed in every situation. That, however, would not be good tactics at all times.

While the membership meetings are undoubtedly important and can be helpful, there are many cooperators, with no taste for forensics, who find them tiresome and contentious, and prefer to cooperate in other ways. The must be many, like me, who have other things to do, prefer to be lay members, and do not want to run the show.

Controversy should not be cultivated or encouraged for its own sake, nor is it true that where the most controversy flourishes, there is the greatest freedom. Where there is controversy, there may be some cause for dissatisfaction which ought to be removed. Or again, there may just be misunderstanding, or lack of information, or uncritical use of words that arouse emotions but have not been defined by the disputants—such as monopoly, democracy, nature, justice, property, or the "green belt."

Certainly, there should be a chance for friendly debate wherever we need to search for a solution to a real problem. First, however, we should inquire, "Is the problem real?" and "What are the facts?" Your newspaper has been of great value as a forum for discussion of community problems, but may I suggest that in the future, no comment for insinuation be made in the editorial column on any matter about which the relevant facts have not been reported as objectively as possible in the news columns?

George C. Reeves

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## a communication 'mess of pottage'

Open Letter to Westminster Co-op:

I understand that your thriving group has voted to become a part of the "largest retail co-op" in the United States. And the management-board of G.C.S. is eager to take you in, too. In fact their efforts to get out the required number of proxies to change the charter have been quite frenzied.

I think you should know that the failure to vote isn't only the inertia and disinterest one can expect in any large corporation—particularly among uninformed stockholders. Some of it is an intentional, last-ditch effort to control our erstwhile co-op from galloping madly off in all directions.

The fact that Westminster is in one of those directions might make you the accidental beneficiary of our efforts. Unless you insist on selling your birthright for a mess of pottage!

To you really want to trade a lively, local interest in your co-op for the frustration of beating your collective heads against a wall of indifference (to members and cooperative principles), distance, and lack of information? No amount of money (in the form of dividends and refunds) can make up to your members for losing control of their store in exchange for the dubious privilege of electing powerless congress members at an advisory area meeting in order to hold an "annual meeting" with 50 members present and 2500 proxies out of 8000 members. This is a co-op?

Of course besides all those juicy dividends and refunds you won't have to think for yourselves (in fact, I dare you!), your problems will all be solved for you (by suburbanites far removed from Westminster in distance and temperament), your educational program is done for you (if you find one, let me know), and your promotion and advertising are all taken care of by experts (I hope you are getting a cut rate).

This isn't the way you have heard it I'm sure. Maybe you'll have to find out too late—the hard way. The way we did. I hope not.

Cooperatively yours,

Bruce Bowman

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to the editor

## 'moral factor'

I would like to take this time to express my sincere thanks for the News Review that I have been receiving since my arrival on my tour of duty with the United States Army in Europe. I can't begin to say what a great moral factor it has been and how it has given me many hours of happy reading and news from home. I would like to give my complete and heartiest thanks and say that I will soon be home among the civilian ranks with all my friends. Thanks again, and best wishes to you and the News Review staff.

Ronald D. Taylor

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## corrections

Time of the Saturday morning "swim" for adults is 9-12 a.m. and not as incorrectly printed last week, 9-11 a.m.

Acreage bounded by Edmonston Road, the new circumferential highway, and the B. & O. R.R. was rezoned to Industrial (I-1) and not Commercial as printed in last week's paper.

Welcome to  
**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
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