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GVHC Hear Home Financing Proposal By Investment Group; Oppose Zoning

By Russell Greenbaum

A proposal by the First Mutual Investment Company to help GVHC members sell their homes by financing down payments was heard by the board of directors of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation at its regular meeting on Friday, July 27.

GVHC manager Paul Campbell read a letter from First Mutual which outlined a plan for making loans to purchasers of GVHC homes or to members who wish to make improvements. Such loans would be for a maximum period of three years at six percent interest on the total amount. In addition, a one-time four percent service fee would be charged.

First Mutual, which said it was specifically established to help members of housing cooperatives and operates under the Maryland Banking Commission, cited as an example that a \$600 loan for three years would cost \$21 a month. The company proposed that GVHC act as its servicing agency to collect the loan payments, for which GVHC would receive one percent of the interest charge as a fee.

First Mutual explained that it did not wish an exclusive arrangement and felt that it could meet the competition offered by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union or other financial agencies. The matter was referred to the financial committee headed by Treasurer John Pharris for study. The board requested a report as soon as possible. It was felt that if the plan proved as promising as it sounded, it could be installed in time to make loans by September 1.

Oppose Zoning

Two other matters of principal interest were discussed by the board. One concerned the request of the Gilbert Realty Company, new owner of the city commercial center, that a 20,000-foot parcel of land on Crescent road, between the gas station and Parkway be zoned C-1 commercial. A delegation from the 56 court of Crescent (opposite the parcel) requested GVHC to pass a resolution opposing the commercial zoning and to request the city council to zone the land R-18 for multiple housing and apartments.

The GVHC board unanimously passed a resolution opposing the C-1 zoning. The delegation further requested that a GVHC board member attend the public hearing on Tuesday, July 31, and present the resolution personally, but the board felt that this would not be necessary or increase the effect of the resolution. GVHC President Ed Burgoon said he would attend the hearing but since he is an employee of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., he felt it would not be proper for him to represent GVHC.

No Value

The other matter concerned a proposal from the Woodland Homes Cooperative to install improvements (water, sewage, streets and curbs) on four GVHC vacant lots adjacent to the cooperative at the same time the cooperative installs improvements on its own land. GVHC would thereby obtain these improvements at a very low cost while the cooperative could lower the cost to its members by \$109 per lot. The cost of the improvements to GVHC would be \$1212 per lot.

Burgoon, however, pointed out that two of the lots did not require improvements due to their proximity to the two private homes built by GVHC on Northway. Board member Al Long then ascertained that there was little, if any, likelihood of GVHC developing any of the lots and therefore the installation of improvements would be of no value. The board voted 6-1 to reject the offer.

The board meeting was not attended by directors Robert Halpin and Frank Lastner.

Majorettes Sponsor Competition Saturday

Department Majorettes will sponsor a majorette competition on Saturday, August 4, 1956 at Ritchie Coliseum, University of Maryland, College Park. Majorette teams and individuals from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia will compete. Competition will start at 12:30 p.m. and admission is free. Among the outstanding teams entered are the Greenbelt Majorettes. Several of our majorettes will also compete for individual honors.

The College Park Majorettes are directed by Mrs. Ann Bittenbender, the former Miss Ann Walker, who is well known in this city and was for many years, leader of the Greenbelt Majorettes.

All-Star Team Picked By Babe Ruth League

Greenbelt's Babe Ruth League All-Star team was selected last week for State Tournament play. First-half winner, Drug Store, placed six men on the honor list, Service Station placed four, Food Store placed three and Variety Store got the last two spots. Franny Day, Chuck Clark, Tommy Iverson, Billy Steele, Eddie Brooks and Johnny Tucker are the All-Stars from the Mortar and Pestle team. Gas Pumpers selected are Donnie King, Bob McGlothlin, Bernie Emmert and Roy McCauley. Ronnie Newman, Dave Goldfaden and Dickie Ellis made it from the Food Store nine while the embattled Varieties placed Jackie O'Neill and Neil Vaughn.

John Tucker, Bill Steele and Tom Iverson were the big men in Drug Store's 20-1 landslide victory over Food Store in a local Babe Ruth League game July 27. Tucker batted in 4 runs and scored twice with his 2 for 4. Steele carved out 3 bingles in 4 tries and scored 4 times while Iverson knocked in 4 runs and tallied 3 times with a triple and two singles. "Ivy" also was the winning pitcher, giving up but one hit - a double, by Ronnie Newman.

Athletic Club Wins Pair Over Week-End

The Athletic Club baseball combo continued to roll over the opposition, beating Oxon Hill 11 to 5 and Chevy Chase 9 to 5.

The Greenbelt guns went into action in the first inning against Oxon Hill to fire across 4 runs. The Athletic Club's lead was never threatened behind the effective pitching by Johnny Lewis, who was credited with the victory.

The story was much the same against Chevy Chase as Greenbelt went out front 4 to 0 in the first inning. Terry Collins was the winning pitcher for the Athletic Club.

The next major threats to Greenbelt's perfect record will be Fort McNair at Fort McNair on Saturday and Fort Meyer at Fort Meyer on Sunday. Both service teams are powerful and prepared for this game according to scouting reports by Ed Boyer.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of
Greenbelt, Maryland

August 6, 1956

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Monthly Reports
7. Consider Re-zoning Petitions for Commercial Center
8. Ordinance - Second Reading - Amend Salary Ordinance - Increase Maximum for Certain Positions
9. Ordinance - Second Reading - Appropriate Funds from Surplus for Community Building
10. Ordinance - Appropriate Funds from Surplus for Road Material

Woodland Hills Set To Start Construction

As a result of very favorable bids received on clearing and grading, sewer and water, storm drains, streets and homes, a considerable savings below recently estimated costs has been effected for members, according to Anthony M. Madden, president of Woodland Hills, local non-profit home building group. Madden stated that the Board of Directors awarded all bids at its July 25 meeting and the go-ahead signal on the project has been given. Ground work has already been started, and actual home construction will begin in about six weeks.

Madden stated that credit for much of the savings to members can be given to the patience and experienced counseling and guidance of city manager Charles T. McDonald, and the capable technical and professional assistance of James Cassels, housing expert from the Foundation for Cooperative Housing in New York. Both McDonald and Cassels are board members of Woodland Hills.

Madden also stated that although a few "lots only" are still available, all openings on the package home deal have been filled. Applicants are now being placed on a waiting list for possible vacancies, or the possible formation of a second package home group at a later date.

RECORD DANCE

There will be a teen-age record dance Thursday, August 2, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. in St. Hugh's social room. Refreshments will be served and admission is 25 cents. No jeans.

City Council Postpones Zoning Decision; Meets Again Monday

by Rhea G. Kahn

Greenbelt city council Tuesday heard unanimous testimony by local residents against allowing a store to be built on Crescent road between the filling station and Parkway and deferred until next Monday a decision on its recommendation to the Park and Planning Commission on the zoning petition involved. At a public hearing held for the purpose, the council counted 34 opposed

Eight Entries Register For Popularity Contest

Eight Greenbelt organizations have officially entered the Labor Day Festival popularity contest so far, Festival Chairman Eli Don Bullian has reported, adding that several other organizations have indicated they are awaiting their next scheduled meeting to submit entries.

Not all the groups have yet selected their candidates for Queen of the Festival. Those entered as of July 31 are Jeriann Weber by the Izaak Walton League, Diane Finley by the Lions Club, Judith Lewis by the Little League, Nancy Kurth by the American Legion and Auxiliary, Grace Wolfe by GVHC, and Ginger Lagana by the Athletic Club. Other organizations which have entered but not yet selected girls to represent them are the Fire Department & Rescue Squad, and the Credit Union.

Voting containers are now set up in the GCS food store, and votes may also be mailed to Mrs. Mary Emmert, 14-V-3 Ridge Road, who is chairman of the contest. A Dance of the Queens featuring all the candidates will be held on August 18 at the Jewish Community Center building under the direction of "Chuck" Link.

An innovation planned for this year's contest is the presentation of all the contestants on a local television program. Not only will a queen be selected but two of the girls will be picked to serve as members of her court. All three will receive tiaras and trophies.

Ashelman Hops Ocean On Co-op Business

General manager Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr., of Greenbelt Consumer Services, left Idlewild Airport Friday, July 20, for Zurich, Switzerland, where he will participate in an international businessmen's conference sponsored by Migros Cooperatives.

He will attend the four-day conference, starting July 31 as a guest to serve as chairman of a study group on methods of increasing volume through incentive plans.

En route he will stop in London where he will confer with officials of the International Cooperative Alliance. While there he will transact business for Puerto Rican cooperatives who gave the Greenbelt group a management contract to set up a chain of supermarkets in the area of San Juan.

Ashelman will also stop in Spain on his return trip for more business activities in connection with the Puerto Rican venture. He will be away about three weeks taking part of his vacation in Europe.

Fishing Rodeo At Lake Sponsored by County

The Prince Georges county recreation department's third annual fishing rodeo will be held Tuesday, August 7 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Greenbelt lake. Cooperating with the recreation department will be the Greenbelt chapter of the Isaac Walton League. "Pop" Bell, veteran member of the chapter, will be on hand to judge the best all around fisherman. Winner will receive a rod and reel awarded by "Better Fishing".

Boys and girls will vie for top honors in catching the heaviest fish, the shortest, the longest, the most fish caught, first bass, and first blue gill or crappie. An award will also be made for the most original homemade rod.

Last year 360 youngsters lined the shores of Greenbelt Lake and it is anticipated an equal number will participate this year.

to rezoning as C-1 (light commercial 36,000 square feet owned by Gilbert Realty, Inc., designated as parcel 2 on the map on page 4. None signified that they were in favor of the rezoning. Sidney Feldman presented a petition with 50 signatures opposing commercial zoning. Gilbert proposes to build a store on 20,000 square feet of the tract.

The council's action was a tie vote on a motion by Jim Smith to recommend disapproval of the petition; Smith and Mayor Thomas L. Canning for, Ben Goldfaden and Alan Kistler against, Robert Hurst absent. Declaring this "no vote", they decided to advance their regular August meeting from August 13 to August 6 and take it up then. The action came after considerable argument on whether to make an immediate decision or wait until Alfred A. Gilbert could be heard again and an amicable solution possibly be worked out with him, since the owner is entitled to some sort of zoning for the land, for example, R-18, which would permit apartment housing on the site.

Residents present strongly urged an immediate recommendation against the commercial zoning, regardless of what might be arranged later, and attorney Abraham Chasanow, speaking for Gilbert, eloquently urged delay.

Individuals who addressed the council included: James M. Moore, 56-B Crescent; Claud L. Wimberly, 60-J Crescent; Edward M. Halley, 62-B Crescent; Sidney Feldman, 56-F Crescent; Mrs. Rose Amberg, 10-D Southway; Percy Andros, 2-A Northway; Fred Eschbach, 2-H Southway; Gilbert E. Wiser, 56-G Crescent; Mrs. Muriel Burrows, 1-H Westway; William Earl Thomas, 60-E Crescent; Mrs. Helen Dondy, 6-K Ridge; Mrs. Ann Drennan, 60-K Crescent; Mrs. Margaret Slaymaker, 60-F Crescent; and W. J. Tastet, 56-K Crescent. In addition the city clerk read a letter from manager Paul M. Campbell of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, stating that the board of directors was "strongly opposed to any commercial enterprise in this area."

Nursery School Open To 3 More Students

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School has only three vacancies for next fall, Vice President Helen Dondy has announced. Those interested in enrolling their three- and four-year-olds may contact her at 6-K Ridge, GR. 4-9437, she said.

The school provides for sixteen children, five mornings a week, giving varied group experiences and opportunities for self-expression in an environment attuned to the child. Located at 14 Parkway, it was recently redecorated and provided with a new tile floor. Teacher is Miss Eleanor L. Salmon, trained in childhood education at the College of Education of the University of Maryland.

Accredited by the state department of education, the school operates at one of the lowest tuition rates charged by co-op nursery schools in the Washington area.

Local Boy Attends Air Force Course

United States Military Academy Cadet William A. Denson, son of Mrs. Bettie G. Denson, 13-C Hillside, is attending a two weeks Air Indoctrination Course at Maxwell AF Base, Ala., and Elgin AF Base, Fla.

The Air Indoctrination course is being presented by the Air University Command with the assistance of six more major commands, for all second-year students of the Academy. The course will provide

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Another Struggle

For the second time in as many months, citizens have come to the city council to protest a zoning change in the community. The first protest involved the new filling station now being constructed; the second, a proposal to build new shops along Crescent between the filling station and Parkway. In both instances those attending the meeting to protest were immediate neighbors of the parcel involved.

In one sense, the parallel is disturbing. When zoning changes occur in Greenbelt, they affect the entire community and its citizens and not only those close by. The council members themselves represent not only those directly concerned but the city at large. Their decisions must reflect what is proper for the whole community. How to reconcile the direct discomfort of a few with the indirect advantage to many takes an inordinate amount of wisdom and courage.

With the filling station, the council tried to protect the immediate neighbors as much as possible (by screening, etc.) and still make possible a second filling station to serve the community. How the council will protect those living near this new parcel proposed for commercial remains to be seen. At this moment the only protection possible, it appears, is the refusal to recommend any commercial zoning.

The contrast between the two struggles for rezoning is remarkable. When Greenbelt Consumer Services wanted the filling station site, they organized their forces dramatically. After preliminary skirmishes by lesser personnel, the general manager, Sam Ashelman, threw his whole weight into the fray. He presented documents from leading authorities and petitions gathered by his staff and engaged in a hard campaign to "sell" the citizens and council on the filling station. It matters not that there were errors in his promotion material and maps. And although the citizens who lived close to the site objected, and the Mayor voted against it, and the GVHC board voted against it, and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommended against it, GCS got the site rezoned.

The representative of Albert Gilbert, owner of the commercial parcel now in controversy, has little of the resources at his disposal that Ashelman had. How Abe Chasanow will fare before the council remains to be seen. It is interesting to note Chasanow using similar arguments for his cause that GCS employed, and equally interesting that the citizens voiced almost word for word, what the distressed Southway residents asserted. But, as Mayor Tom Canning reminded the audience—it is the county commissioners who make the final zoning decision and not the council; the council only recommends its views to the planning commission and the "district council."

Appearing before the council at an earlier meeting, Gilbert placed all his plans before the council. He willingly accepted the limitations on floor space in ratio to parking area, declaring he anticipated building no more additional shops than there was a demand for, and gladly submitted to the city manager's ideas on a large parcel in the North End which will remain undeveloped. He appeared sincere and asserted his eagerness to comply with the wishes of the council and the citizens of Greenbelt.

The weakness in Gilbert's cause is chiefly the unusual sale and purchase of the tracts involved. At present none of the commercial center except the food store site is zoned commercial! All the existing stores, with that one exception, are up for zoning now. Although the federal government advertised the land as commercial property, and it appeared on the Hale Walker plan as commercial, it still requires official action by the county commissioners.

As stated by Warren Giauque, planning engineer for the MN-CPPC, zoning is not changed "to bail out someone's bad investment." If the parcel is not rezoned, Gilbert should take his case to the federal government. (Why he has continued to pay taxes for his property at commercial rates is puzzling.)

According to Gilbert, the city can use and wants additional stores. It can and will support them, Gilbert has been informed by surveyors and poll-takers. There is obvious truth in this fact, judging by the amount of shopping done out of Greenbelt. We hope that Gilbert will be able to provide the community with additional services and tax money without discomfiting residents close-by and creating additional hazards to all citizens.

Surely there is enough property in his many parcels to erect additional stores without difficulty. It is only a matter of good planning and design. The majority of the residents moved to this fair city because of its good planning, and there is no reason that commercial "residents" could not join our city for the same reason. They need only to recognize their greater responsibility; to build according to plan — the Greenbelt plan.

Community Church

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers
GRanite 3-5846

Sunday, August 5 - Morning worship at 10 a.m. Mr. Braund will preach on the topic "The Christian Confronts Pain and Suffering." Church school at 9 a.m., Jr. High dept. Fellowship Center; Junior dept. and adults, main church building. 10 a.m., Church nursery, kindergarten, and primary, simultaneous with church service. High School church class, 9 a.m., 2-B Hillside. Also, college age class at 2-A Hillside. Nursery for 1 year old babes at 2-B Hillside at 10.

Sunday, August 19 - 6:30 p.m., All-Church Family Style Covered Dish Supper, with honored guests Dr. and Mrs. John S. Carman, who will conduct a question and answer forum about missionary work in India.

Baptist Chapel

Center School
Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
4-E Hillside - GRanite 4-9424

Sunday, August 5 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday school. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning worship. Rev. Donald Gill, assistant secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, will preach. 6 p.m., Training Union. Mrs. William Webster, director. 7 p.m., Evening worship. Dr. James T. McCarl will preach.

Thursday, August 9 - 7:30 p.m., Midweek service conducted by the Chapel choir at the home of Mrs. John Oleksak, choir director, 33-P Ridge. 8:30 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal.

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, pastor, will be teaching at Camp Wabanna, Mayo, Maryland during the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Sunday school and Training Union week. Mr. Samuelson will preach for both Sunday services on Sunday, August 12. The observance of the Lord's Supper will be held during the morning worship service.

Church Caravaners Lutheran Guests

A team of Youth Caravaners will be guests of Greenbelt Lutheran Church this week. The young people will travel for the Walther League, International youth organization and official youth program of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The Caravan team is composed of Gail Gerling of Lawrence, Kansas; Nancy Hogerton of Portland, Oregon; and Peter Larson of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

The Caravan program, supported by the Board for Young People's Work of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is designed to assist congregations with their total youth program including devotional services, topic presentations, service projects, recreational and fellowship sessions, membership, etc. The five-fold program of the Walther League - Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service, and Recreation - will be explained to adults and youth of Greenbelt Lutheran Church. As trained workers, the visiting Caravaners will help the congregation meet its challenge among the youth of our community.

While the Caravaners are guests of the Greenbelt Lutheran Church, they will visit in the homes of Leaguers and prospective Leaguers, meet with the executive board of the local league, and arrange programs for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings. Highlight of the program will be the Family Night Box Supper Sunday evening.

Members of the Greenbelt Lutheran Church Caravan Committee are: Barbara Bell, President of the local Walther League Society; Mary Wertz, Secretary; and Gerald Trumble, Christian Growth Chairman. Rev. Edward H. Birner is pastor of the congregation.

The Caravan Team's next congregational visit will be with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie, Md.

Architect Selected For Baptist Chapel

At a recent business meeting, the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel approved the recommendation of the Building Committee and Chapel Council to engage the services of Truman Ward, Jr., architect. Ward received his Master of Science degree in architecture from the Virginia Polytechnical Institute and is a member of the firm, Saunders and Associate, A.I.A. of Alexandria and Washington, D.C.

The Baptist Chapel has asked Ward to draw a master plan for a four unit church building with proper utilization of the four acre property located at Crescent and Hillside extended. Preliminary plans call for the first unit to consist of an educational building with worship facilities. Included in the land utilization will be ample parking space, an outdoor chapel, flower garden, and recreational area.

Dr. James T. McCarl is chairman of the Building Committee, which include John J. Stewart, Jr., assistant chairman, Edgar Taylor, secretary, and William Snyder, financial chairman.

Lutheran Church

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
GRanite 4-9200

Friday, August 3 - 7:30 p.m., Walther League meeting with the Youth Caravaners.

Saturday, August 4 - 7:30 p.m., Walther League program with the Youth Caravaners.

Sunday, August 5 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Visitors are always welcome. 5:30 p.m., Family Night Box Supper sponsored by the Walther League and the Youth Caravaners.

Monday, August 6 - 7:30 p.m., Walther Leaguers meet with the Youth Caravaners.

Letters To The Editor

STOP

"Must We Have Fake Traffic Laws?" (Readers' Digest, December, 1955), recommended reading for councilmen, city managers, and police departments - particularly in Greenbelt with its 30 mph Lake & Legion roads, "unjustified stop signs (Confusion compounded!)", which many cities and some states are now replacing with 'Yield Right of Way' signs."

Read how accidents are reduced with "yield" signs and how "highway studies have proved again and again that unreasonable and unenforced regulations cause motorists to lose respect for all traffic laws."

Is there a traffic engineer in the area to tell our home-grown politicians and policemen that traffic control isn't traffic stoppage? Greenbelt was designed with less street mileage per capita but it will soon be known as the hick town with more stop signs per foot.

Bruce Bowman

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LOST: Parakeet; blue; yellow face; near 32-court of Ridge. Call 8186.

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FOR SALE: 2-bedroom, end, masonry house; old Greenbelt. GR 3-2342.

LOST: Blue parakeet; calls himself "Puffin," "Pretty Boy." Band No. BAG 5486493. Call GR 3-6672.

RIDE WANTED: Vicinity of 10th and K Sts., N.W. Hours 9 to 5 or 5:30. Call 4906 after 6 p.m.

THREE BEDROOM house in original Greenbelt for quick sale by owner. Convenient to shopping and Center school. Large level lot. GR. 3-4791.

Report Marks Decade For County Library

By Mary Kenan Hadley

The County Library's tenth anniversary will begin officially with the Board's report of events and progress to the community. Published late this summer, the report will be distributed free to interested groups and persons in the community library. The Board is proud of the first 10 years' accomplishments with limited funds.

On July 2 Mary Bailey, College Park; Katherine Buffum, Bladensburg; Mabel Wilkinson, Hyattsville; Dr. Frank Kottke, Laurel; Harold Ravner, Accokeek; and Dr. Thomas B. Symons, College Park, met with Grace Gosnell, President, and Isabel McGovran and Lowell Campbell, members of the Board and Mary Hadley, County Librarian to discuss possible appropriate ways to celebrate the Library's progress. Mrs. Wilkinson offered to arrange for flags, such as used in the Red Cross drive on buses, for our mobile units. Dr. Symons offered to pay for these as his gift to the County Library.

GVHC Home Sales Activity Challenged By State Real Estate Commission

By Harry Zubkoff

The Maryland Real Estate Commission has informed Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation that it must have a real estate brokers license in order to sell homes, the *News Review* learned this week. W. G. Nicholson, Executive Secretary of the Commission, could not be reached, but his Baltimore office confirmed the fact that he has notified GVHC that the current sale of homes by the corporation is in violation of Section 219 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 edition).

Nicholson based his letter of notification in an opinion handed down by the State Attorney General to the effect that GVHC must obtain a real estate brokers license and that any of its employees who are engaged in selling and reselling homes must be licensed as salesmen. The Attorney General further stated that the Corporation may not charge a commission when they exercise their option to purchase "the perpetual use" from a member who desires to sell, since they are not acting for the seller in such a case, but are acting on their own behalf.

Referred For Study

In short, if GVHC is to continue to sell homes and collect commissions it must get a real estate brokers license. GVHC Manager Paul Campbell could not be reached for comment (vacation season) but president Ed Burgoon informed the *News Review* that the corporation is aware of this development and has referred the matter to their attorneys, Krooth and Altman, for study.

"If it develops that we will have to get a license," said Burgoon, "we'll get one. But," he added, "we intend to continue to save money for our members by performing this sales service." In response to questioning, Burgoon admitted that the corporation has not suspended its sales activities and maintained that the corporation had not been ordered to do so. "The situation still needs clarification," he said, "and meanwhile we are continuing to operate."

Report Coming

He indicated that this problem has been under study for some time by an ad hoc committee consisting of board members Frank Lastner, Al Long, and Bruce Bowman with John Pharriss as alternate and Burgoon himself as ex officio member. This committee, which is examining into the structure and scope of the sales activi-

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the future military leaders with a knowledge of the Air Force role in the Department of Defense and its capabilities and will give them a general insight into Air Force service. It will also give them an understanding of the requirements and opportunities for leadership in Air Force units.

The Long View

By Al Long

Folks who are trying to beat the high cost of paid amusements should not overlook the air-conditioned comfort and the free entertainment provided by GVHC to all who attend the semi-monthly board meetings.

The attendance is usually very poor. Last Friday night there were plenty of desirable seats available because the only visitor present was the *News Review* reporter. Yet the evening's program ranged from aphids to zeal.

The *News Review* reporter raised the question of zeal when he dogmatically stated that some of the members present at the last quarterly membership meeting detected a slightly defeatist attitude about such meetings on the part of the board. Some board members took this serious accusation to heart and gravely discussed the desirability of a larger meeting place, different seating arrangements, more publicity and a greater effort all around to hold the eager attention of all members attending quarterly meetings. In fact, plans for the next quarterly meeting began to take on all the earmarks of a major project until someone asked how many members were present at the last quarterly meeting.

"Why, I believe there were five or six," the reporter answered in all seriousness. I firmly believe a real dynamic approach to this problem might even double the attendance at the next quarterly meeting, and I am opposed to the suggestion that we hold quarterly meetings in the phone booth in the drug store to save money. I see no reason for tying up a phone booth all evening when someone might want to make an important call.

Jorgensen, our arboraceous member, raised the question of aphids living on the trees that "Trees" Nunnary planted around town. "Without board approval?" asked one arborophile member, while another more realistic one asked, "What are aphids? What business has Nunnary got putting them on our trees?" And - "How many are there?"

Well, apparently, Nunnary was foxy enough to put them where Jorgensen couldn't count all of them because although he got livid about aphids, his description of the aphid problem was not too vivid. The board finally decided that if members can't keep cats and dogs they can't keep aphids either. So if you have any aphids on your trees, it is a violation of your lease agreement.

Between zeal and aphids we also discussed sewers and the GCS North End store, with sewers being the more pleasant topic. The Continental Construction Company is again worried about getting enough sewers for their new houses. The consensus was that if they don't sell more houses, they'll have sewers coming out of their ears. Then the board adjourned with a self-satisfied feeling that they had once again dutifully protected the members' interests on a multitude of fronts. You've got to be a jack-of-all-trades to hold your own on the GVHC board.

Social Security Card Not Identification

William R. Spates, manager of the Silver Spring Office of the Social Security Administration, today cautioned merchants, banks and others not to accept a Social Security card as identification in check cashing or extending credit. "A Social Security card is just the record of the number of an account set up to keep track of wages and earnings under Social Security," Spates said. "Since this is only a bookkeeping device, a person does not have to prove his identity to get a Social Security card - in fact, most of them are issued on the basis of an application received in the mail," he added.

Spates further pointed out that law and regulations prohibit the disclosure of any information given when the applicant applies for a number. Therefore, anyone who accepts a Social Security card as identification for cashing a check or getting credit, does so at his own risk.

ty, will make its report in the near future, possibly before the next quarterly membership meeting. Until then the corporation intends to take no other action.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Connor, 62-G Ridge. Stephen Michael was born July 26 and weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. He joins a brother and sister, Sharon O'Connor, a niece from Washington, is here helping her aunt.

The best of luck to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kopacz, 2-Q Plateau, who have moved to Ironton, Ohio.

The Reuben Kramers, 5-H Ridge, enjoyed their vacation in the Poconos.

Meet Frank and Joan Frene who have recently moved to 14-H Hillside from Brentwood, Maryland. The Frenes have two sons, Frank 4½ and Stephen, 5 months. Frene works with masonry and glass at the Frene Co., Inc., in Washington.

The Emil Nelsons, 47-D Ridge, have just returned from a glorious trip to the West Coast. At Glacier National Park, they visited Emil's brother, and then went on to San Francisco, California where Nina's folks reside. The highlight of the trip for five year old Natasha was riding a horse, and for nine month old Sandra cutting a first tooth.

Many Greenbelters attended the Cooperative Institute at Bard College, Annandale on the Hudson, last week: Bill and Jennie Klein, Al Herling, Leonard Henson, David Morrison and Ben Rosenzweig. Dickie Klein was on the staff of the "Junior" Cooperator during his stay.

Among the winners of prize awards in the 2nd Annual "POP-SICLE" Western Round-up Contest is Joseph W. Seay, 6-S Plateau Place. Young Joseph, who competed with hundreds of thousands of entrants from all over the U.S. and Canada, won a beautiful Edixa Camera.

Richard A. White, 55-B Ridge, attended the 1956 Convention and Trade Show of the Photographers' Association of America last week (July 23-27) at the Conrad-Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

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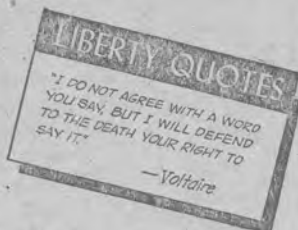
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Poison Ivy Menace Requires Caution

Poison ivy is not confined to any certain area and may be found in the city as well as in rural districts, or even in your own back yard. Many people also refer to the plant as poison oak. Poison oak grows chiefly on the west coast; poison ivy on the east coast and in the middle west. However, the plants are so similar that botanists have difficulty in distinguishing one from the other. Both plants are poisonous to humans. Although there are varying degrees of susceptibility the only sure way to escape poisoning is to stay away from the plants. No one is immune and there is no known immunization against these plants. Preparations can be given as a preventive measure which may lessen the severity of possible attacks or check the course of an already contracted case.

Ivy poisoning is a skin condition which usually results from contact with the plant but also may be contracted indirectly. People who are most susceptible to the condition have been known to acquire it through contaminated clothing, tools, even from animals who have touched the plant, or by the smoke from plants being burned. The poison is contained in the sap of the plant and the poisoning effects have been known to linger on contaminated garments from one season to another.

Ivy poisoning causes inflammation and itching of the skin. There are usually redness, swelling, blisters, and sometimes fever. Every effort should be made to prevent scratching the site as this does not cause the itching to subside and only promotes spread of the condition.

Dr. T. S. Englar, County Health Officer of Prince Georges County, advises that you may avoid the discomfort and inconvenience of ivy poisoning by learning to recognize the plant.

1. The plant may stand alone, erect, woody, and rather low, or it may climb over fences, rocks, or on the trunks of trees.

2. There are small greenish flowers on the plant in late spring or early summer, followed by pale green berries which turn white as they ripen.

3. The leaves are shiny, sometimes having slightly notched edges; these are dark green until fall when they turn to a brilliant reddish color.

4. One of the most distinguishing characteristics is that each leaf is divided into 3 leaflets.

Some of these outstanding characteristics of the plant have been the topic of such warning rhymed as:

"Leaflets three
Let it be.
Berries white
Take flight."

If there is likelihood of having been exposed to weed poisoning, all exposed areas should be thoroughly washed with soap (preferably laundry soap) and water,

and followed by an application of rubbing alcohol.

Eruption on the skin and intense itching appear about three days after exposure. The condition may be somewhat relieved by application of compresses soaked in a solution made of one teaspoon of baking soda or epsom salts added to a cup of cold water, or by applying calomine lotion which is available at any drug store. Severe cases should be treated by a physician.

The best preventive measure for yourself and others is to eradicate

poison plants from your property. Chemical weed killers are sold under various trade names and are available at hardware and garden supply stores. Ammonium Sulfamate and (2, 4-d) are the effective ingredients of most herbicides. The latter element destroys the roots as well as the plant. These chemicals should be used in accordance with directions on the containers. It should be kept in mind that these chemicals should be used with caution so that other plants will not be destroyed.

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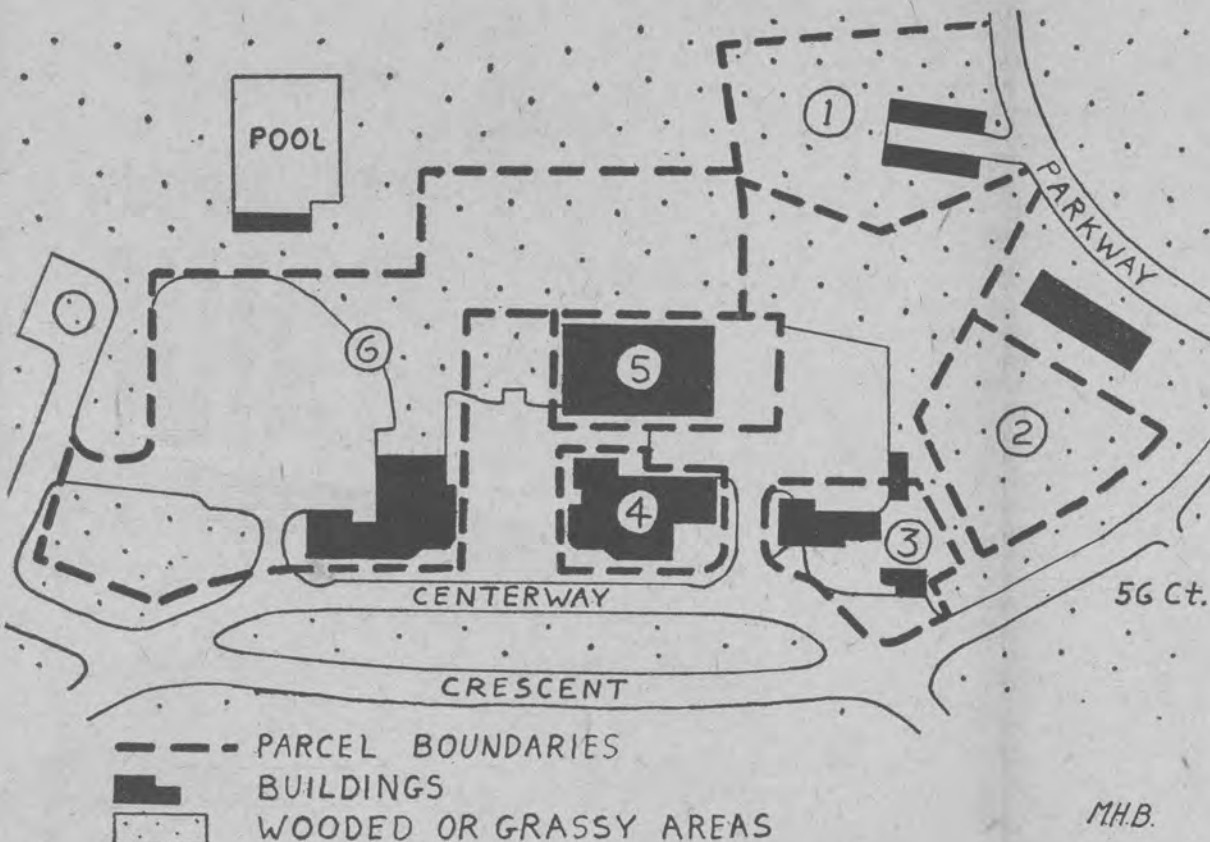
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