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## GVHC Manager Paul Campbell Leaving Greenbelt For New Job In Jamaica

by Al Skolnik

Paul M. Campbell, popular general manager of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation since the housing development was taken over from the Federal government at the start of 1953, is leaving Greenbelt. Announcement of his departure was made public at the regular GVHC board of directors meeting Friday, December 28.

Campbell expects to leave shortly after January 25 for a 2-year United Nations assignment as housing director for the British possession, Jamaica. The West Indian island is launching a large-scale low-cost housing program aimed at alleviating miserable slum conditions now existing for thousands of urban and rural workers.

Campbell told the board that the United Nations approached him about this assignment several months ago, but he hesitated to accept because of his close attachment to Greenbelt. After several entreaties from the United Nations, which stressed the acute need for housing on the island and for competent personnel to organize the housing program and impart the know-how to local residents, Campbell stated, he found himself unable to resist the challenge.

The question of whether Campbell's departure would take the form of a resignation or leave of absence was left undecided by the board. Board members were unanimous in their desire to have Campbell return to Greenbelt at the end of his 2-year assignment but at the same time recognized the difficulties of attracting a competent successor to Campbell if the post were only a temporary one.

GVHC president Ed Burgoon stated that Krooth and Altman, GVHC attorneys, have suggested a list of possible successors, some of whom might be interested in the position on a temporary basis. By the next board meeting, Burgoon added, the board should be in a better position to make decisions about Campbell's successor.

Burgoon, in expressing regret for the manager's departure, declared that much of the credit for the solid financial and community position of GVHC at the present time is due to the energy and ability of Campbell.

"An indication of how fortunate GVHC has been to have a man of Paul Campbell's capabilities to guide it through the first perilous years of mutual ownership," Burgoon said, "is the fact that when the United Nations was looking for a man to undertake a similar pioneer task in Jamaica, it not only tapped but insisted upon Paul." The rest of the board joined Burgoon in these sentiments.

Campbell thanked the board for its expressions of confidence but pointed out that his job could only have been carried out through teamwork and praised Roy Breahears, David Kane, and Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer for their cooperation in creating a management team.

Campbell came to Greenbelt in 1953 from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had been employed since 1941 by the City of Pittsburgh Housing Authority. Prior to that time he had been manager of Westmorelands Homesteads, an experimental project of the Farm Security Administration here, Campbell had become acclimated. Even before his arrival acquainted with the ideas and planning behind Greenbelt through his association with Major John O. Walker and other government housing experts who directed much of the planning of our city.

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## Goodbye to Braunds

A farewell dinner for the Reverend and Mrs. Eric T. Braund and family is being held at the Chesapeake Room, Hot Shoppes, in College Park on Saturday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. About 325 local townspeople and leaders are expected to attend in tribute to the 10-year service of "Terry" Braund to his flock and the community as leader of the Community Church. He is leaving to take a position with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Philadelphia.

Reservations for the dinner, \$3.50 per person, may be made with Andrew Duncan, GR 3-2091. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 9.

## Local PTAs Join In Recreation Workshop

by Helen Dondy

Center school PTA plays host Tuesday, January 8, at 8 p.m. to the Junior high and North End PTAs in the Center school auditorium. No passive entertainment or lecture is being planned. YOU will be put to work to discuss and plan the type of recreation program you would like to see developed in Greenbelt and the county.

Warren Leddick, the new Greenbelt director of recreation, will meet the group and participate in the workshop. Greenbelter Ellen Linson, the Prince Georges county director of recreation, will also address the PTAs and answer questions. The Greenbelt Choral Group, directed by Tom Ritchie, will sing.

Our community is blessed with the requisites of recreation: space, beautiful surroundings, a community building, swimming pool, athletic courts. But are we using these facilities, which are a rarity in new communities, to the fullest extent? What do our children need? What do we need to make their lives and ours too, fuller and richer, culturally, socially and physically? Your ideas, questions and enthusiasms will be put to use in the January workshop on recreation.

## Women Voters Publish P.G. County Directory

Do you know when Prince Georges county schools will open or be closed in 1957? or what days are holidays? or what day you will display new auto license plates? or what numbers to call for county services? or the names of county officials?

All these questions and many others are answered in the 1957 County Directory and Information Engagement Calendar recently published by the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges county. On the cover is a map of Prince Georges county, giving election districts.

Information included in the directory was assembled by league members. Directories may be secured from members or by calling Mrs. Albert Mapou, JU 8-1165, or Mrs. Sterling Ament, LO 7-2322. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars go into carrying out the program of the league.

## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING  
Council of the City of  
Greenbelt, Maryland

January 7, 1957

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting November 19, 1956  
Minutes of Special Meeting, November 26, 1956  
Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 3, 1956
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Monthly Departmental Reports for November and December
7. Resolution — Opposing Any Airport in Greenbelt
8. Ordinance — Amend Trash Collection Ordinances to Reduce Rates for Bachelor Apartments

## What Goes On

- Friday, Jan. 4 - 8:45 p.m., Duplicate bridge, Social room, Center school
- Saturday, Jan. 5 - 7:30 p.m., Burning of Xmas trees, Braden Field
- Sunday, Jan. 6 - 8:30 p.m., Dave Rosenberg Folk Dance, JCC building
- Monday, Jan. 7 - 8 p.m., Council meeting, city offices  
8:30 p.m., Organization meeting, Community Little Theater, Social room, Center school
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 - 7:30-9:30 p.m., Registration for adult education at various schools  
8 p.m., PTA recreation workshop, Center school
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 - 8 p.m., Greenbelt Choral Group, Tom Ritchie, Director, JCC building
- Friday, Jan. 11 - 8:15 p.m., GVHC board meeting, Adm. bd., Hamilton pl.
- Saturday, Jan. 12 - 6:30 p.m., Farewell Dinner, the Rev. Eric T. Braund, Hot Shoppes, College Park

## Dr. Edlow Leaves To Study Pathology

Dr. Jules Edlow, who has been practicing medicine in Greenbelt for about a year and a half, is leaving to take a four year residency course in pathology. Dr. Edlow came to Greenbelt in July, 1955 and became associated with Dr. Wodak at the medical center, 30 Ridge. Much as he likes it here, and despite all the friends he has made, Dr. Edlow feels he must leave, because he is deeply interested in pathology and wants to specialize. Going to school in Washington, however, and with his parents living in Baltimore, he will never be far away, and he expects to visit here from time to time.

## GVHC Appoints Ralph Bartholomew To Fill Vacancy For Three Months

by Al Skolnik

The Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors voted, 7-2, at its regular Friday meeting to appoint Ralph Bartholomew, 1-A Southway, to fill the unexpired term of director Robert Halpin who resigned from the board effective December 31 to take on a 2-year overseas assignment in Japan. Bartholomew will serve until the annual board election in March, when he will have to stand for reelection as will all other 8 board members.

Although opposition to the board action was expressed on the grounds that it would give an undue advantage to the appointee in the coming elections, the majority of the board felt that the membership was entitled to full representation on the board in the next three months and that Bartholomew, as runner-up in last year's annual election, deserved the opportunity to serve.

Bartholomew, when notified of his selection, stated that he had always maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the corporation and would be glad to fill out the unexpired term of Halpin.

**Nominations Committee**  
GVHC president Ed Burgoon announced the resignation of Leonard Baron and Elaine Skolnik from the nominations and elections committee. Director Bruce Bowman was designated to submit at the next board meeting, January 11, a list of possible candidates to fill the vacancies. Burgoon observed that since the annual board election was less than 10 weeks off, it was important that the nominations committee be brought up to full strength. Other members of the committee are Allan Chotiner, Bernard Krug, and Hal Silvers.

**Paint Program**  
Switching from personnel matters to policy decisions, the board initiated plans for the painting of the exterior trims on homes. At GVHC manager Paul Campbell's suggestion, the board agreed to

## Adult Education

Registration for all adult education classes will take place Tuesday, January 8 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the schools listed below. If fifteen or more adults register for a course not already listed, every effort will be made to offer that course. Courses are open to all adults in Prince Georges county sixteen years or older who are not attending a regular day school. Classes will start the week of January 14.

School centers and courses offered for spring semester: Bladensburg senior high school: Typing, Sewing, Welding, Shorthand, Art; Greenbelt junior high school: Sewing; High Point high school: Woodworking, Typing, Sewing, Short Course in Income Tax; Northwestern high school: Typing, Plumbing, Shorthand, Sewing, Woodworking, Ceramics; Oxon Hill high school: Typing, Woodwork, Sewing, Tailoring, Art; Suitland high school: Shorthand, Woodshop, Business English, Typing, Ceramics, Sewing.

## Folk Dancing Sunday; Everybody Is Welcome

by Emanuel Dondy

Another folk dance under the inspiring direction of Dave Rosenberg will be held at the Jewish Community Center Sunday, January 6, from 8:30 to 10:30. Here many couples have fun learning the simple steps of dances from the United States, England, Greece, the Scandinavian countries, Germany, and many other places. Dave Rosenberg teaches not only the dance steps but gives the feel of the people and the country from which the dance originates. Enjoyment of the dance is the important thing, so that having two left legs or no feeling for the rhythm need hold no one back.

Since many of the dances require no specific partner, persons may come alone and still be assured of dancing. So if you feel like getting away from the TV set or your knitting and shaking your feet a bit, leave it to Dave Rosenberg and the rest of the Committee you an evening of fun at a munity Folk Dancers to guarantee very low price.

paint in the coming year the exterior trim of all homes that have not been painted since GVHC took over the housing development. Campbell estimated that about one-fifth of the homes fell into this category, since three-fifths of the homes were painted under the self-help program and one-fifth painted in 1953 before the 5-year painting cycle plan was suspended. Next year, according to present plans, the 5-year cycle will be resumed.

In adopting this policy, the board stressed the fact that the painting of the exterior trim is needed, not so much for beautifying purposes, as for the protection and maintenance of the property against the elements. Campbell pointed out that the 5-year painting cycle plan is intended as a supplement, and not a substitute for the self-help paint program, since the corporation will not be painting the exterior walls.

"The self-help program," Campbell said, "is still in effect and paint is available for that program. It is hoped that painting of the exterior trim will encourage members who have not yet done so to paint the rest of the exterior." Campbell thought the exterior trim painting will begin in the early spring after arrangements have been made for contracting out the work.

## North End Store Purchase

Campbell reported that Gilbert Realty, Inc. is receptive to the sale to GVHC of the building formerly housing the North End Store on Laurel Hill Rd. and received authorization from the board to continue negotiations. At the previous meeting, GVHC board members, irked at the run-down condition of the property, suggested that management explore the possibilities of acquiring the property and eliminating the eyesore. The board thought that the building could be converted into individual housing units, using modern equipment and materiel so that the homes could serve as examples of what can be done with the frame homes.

## Refinancing of Sale

Campbell also reported the latest developments on refinancing of sales. First Mutual Investment Company of Baltimore has advised GVHC that it is now in a position to advance loans to prospective buyers of GVHC housing units for as long a period as 4 or 5 years at 7 percent interest on the total amount, 1 percent of which will be paid to GVHC as a fee for administrative services rendered in collecting loan payments.

Campbell stated that such financing would be intended to supplement and not compete with the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union which limits loans to 2½ years. As the equities in the homes build up, Campbell explained, requiring larger and larger down payments, there will be a need on the part of some buyers for spreading the down payments over longer periods.

First Mutual, which was specifically established to help members of housing co-ops, has had successful experience, according to Campbell, in granting over 500 loans to families purchasing units at Armistead Gardens in Baltimore.

The board was favorably impressed with Campbell's report and authorized him to secure the proposal in written agreement form.

## Modern Kitchens

A representative of Republic Steel Kitchens proposed to the board a plan for installing modern kitchens in GVHC houses at discounted prices to individual members. He offered to send a speaker and show movies at a GVHC membership meeting in an attempt to ascertain how many Greenbelters would be interested and whether the volume of sales in town would warrant the special prices offered. Director Hans Jorgensen was appointed to investigate the merits of the plan and to report back to the board.





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## Darling-McCann

Lou Ann Darling, daughter of Mrs. Thelma Darling, 1-B Crescent, and the late Wesley Darling, became the bride of Edward Francis McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCann of Silver Spring, December 27 at St. Michael's Church in Silver Spring. Father Murphy of St. Michael's officiated at the impressive double ring ceremony against a background of red and white poinsettias gleaming in candlelight.

The maid of honor, Jane Hagger-ton of Silver Spring, a sorority sister of the bride, and the bridesmaid, Mary Lou McCann, sister of the groom, wore dresses of turquoise satin and carried bouquets of white gladioli. The bride was lovely in a princess style wedding gown of white silk peau de soie with a front panel of exquisite lace and a fingertip veil. She carried white gladioli.

Jack Darling, brother of the bride, escorted his sister to the altar. Dave Gamby served as best man, and John Crawl and Michael Murtaugh were ushers.

After a reception at the home of Mrs. Darling, Mr. and Mrs. McCann left for a week's stay at Mount Airey Lodge in the Pocono mountains.

## Baptist Chapel Hears Guest Speaker Jan. 5

Rev. Winston H. Ambrose, Secretary of Education of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, will be the speaker for the monthly Sunday School Teachers and Officers of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening, January 10, 1956. The meeting to be presided by Mr. John S. Stewart, Jr. Sunday School Superintendent will be held in the Center School dining hall.

Mr. Ambrose received his education at Schutliff College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor and Minister of Christian Education prior to his present position.

Mr. Ambrose will direct his thoughts on "Strengthening the Church Through the Sunday School." Refreshments will be served at the close of the question period.

## Jewish Community Center

Sunday - Sunday school classes resume.

Tuesday - 7:30-9 Youth group, boys and girls, 13-15.

Thursday - 7:30-9, Youth group, boys and girls, 10-12.

## Guest Speaker Sunday At Community Church

As a Westerner working in the Deep South, the Reverend Douglas Wasson, acting president of the Southern Union College Wadley Ala. will bring a first hand report on the development of Southern Union and of higher education in the South when he speaks to Greenbelt Community Church Congregation this Sunday morning at 9 and 11 a.m.



Rev. Douglas Wasson

Wasson embarked upon his ministerial career at sixteen years of age when he was pastor of three rural churches near the Canadian border in North Dakota. He was educated at Jamestown College, North Dakota State Norman and Industrial College, Western Reserve University and Oberlin College, and now holds the B.A. and B.D. degrees.

The public is invited.

## DANCE CLASS

Erika Thimey's interpretive dance classes for children will resume next Tuesday at Center school after the holiday recess. The adult class resumed yesterday. There are a few vacancies in all classes; for information call Helen Dondy, 9437.

## Little Theatre Group Sets First Organizational Meeting Monday

By Russell Greenbaum

After remaining dormant for several years, the Community Little Theater is now being revived with the first organizational meeting scheduled for this Monday, January 7, at 8:30 p.m. sharp in the social-dining room in the basement of the Center School. Residents of all ages interested in the theater are invited to attend.

The impetus for reorganizing the little theater group came, when Sam Ackerman, a newcomer to Greenbelt, who was formerly assistant director with the Long Island Barter Theater, consented to manage the group. Ackerman previously organized a little theater group in Stamford, Conn., known as the Towne Masquers and produced "Our Town" and "Ah, Wilderness" with that group. He also spent four years with the Cornell Drama Group.

The Community Little Theater hopes to attract all residents of Greenbelt and neighboring communities who are interested in all

phases of theater work—costumes, scenery design, set construction, makeup, props, and lighting as well as acting and directing Teenagers and college students as well as adults will be encouraged to join the group. The Little Theater will provide its participants with a chance to gain experience and to express themselves in dramatic work as well as produce plays for the community.

The meeting on Monday will elect a play reading committee and an executive committee. Featured will be a reading of a scene from the well-known Broadway comedy "The Moon is Blue." Play readings will be a feature of future meetings of the group, which plans to meet twice a month.

A major production will be planned as soon as the Community Little Theater is fully organized. The group hopes to put on two or three productions each year. More information may be obtained by phoning Mrs. Rose Pratt at GR 4-9480.

## BAPTIST CHAPEL

Center School

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

Thursday, January 3, 7:30 p.m., Midweek service at the Parsonage. Bible study in James, chapter 5:13-16, "Divine Healing." Period of prayer. 8:30 p.m., Finance committee meeting.

Sunday, January 6, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school in the Center school. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. Class for all ages, babies, children, youth and adults. 11 a.m., Morning worship in the auditorium. Chapel choir will sing. Pastor will begin a new series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, "God First". The Lord's Supper will be observed. 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages, Mrs. John S. Stewart, Jr., director. 7 p.m., Evening worship service. Informal singing led by Dr. James T. McCarl. The pastor will preach on the subject "Facing the Future in 1957."

Monday-Tuesday, January 7-8, 7:30 p.m., Evangelistic conference

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor

Friday, January 4 - First Friday: Masses at 7 and 8 a.m., with breakfast for the children served by the Parents' Guild after the second Mass.

Saturday, Jan. 5 - Confessions from 3:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening.

Sunday, Jan. 6 - Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and High Mass at 11 a.m. Baptisms: every Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. Please contact the Pastor beforehand.

Wednesday, Jan. 9 - Miraculous Medal Novena at 8 p.m.  
Daily Mass at 7 p.m.

at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church. Cars will leave the Parsonage parking lot at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal at the Parsonage.

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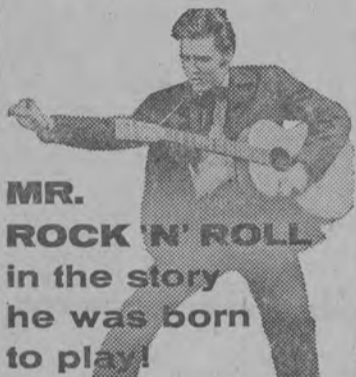
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Throughout the run of "Love Me Tender," which lasts until Monday, January 7, those who attend the movie may drop ballots in a box for extra prizes. Monday evening five winners will be chosen for prizes ranging from a Presley record album to an RCA Victor "Elvis Presley" phonograph, donated by Southern Wholesalers in Washington.

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**Greenbelt Baptist Chapel**  
Center School Auditorium

## Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 7586

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. William Dykes, 34 F Ridge. John Gerrard arrived on December 15, weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. He joins two brothers and a sister.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Morris, 9-M Laurel, on the birth of a daughter December 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews, 56-B Ridge, proudly announce the arrival of a daughter. Michelle made her debut on December 6 and weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.

It's a pink bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sillaman, 10-E Southway. Arriving on December 9, Robin Doreen weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. This little miss has two brothers, Ronnie, 5, and Randy, 3. Her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Crofford, live at 20-N Ridge.

Jackie and Mikey Downs have a new brother. Thomas Patrick was born December 11 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Downs, 3-H Crescent.

The Joseph Gaffneys, 44-D Ridge, named her Nancy Jane. Arriving on November 29, Nancy weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. She has three sisters and one brother, Mike, who celebrated his birthday December 28.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. James Monahan, 48-D Ridge, who is in Leland hospital.

Back from a delightful Miami Beach vacation are the Mort Berozas, 17-E Ridge.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haber, 10-F Southway, recently were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haber of New York. The Habers were returning from Miami.

The best of luck to Wilton and Joan Dickerson, 6-S Hillside, who are leaving Greenbelt after 3½ years. They will reside at 72 Fir, Park Forest, Illinois. Wilton will be a field personnel representative with the Army Dept. The Dickersons were active members of the Community Church, and Joan was a former member of the News Review staff. They have two children, Harry and Ellie.

Meet new neighbors Robert and Elizabeth Steeger, 15-D Ridge. The Steegers, formerly of Norfolk, Virginia, have four children, Robert, 10, Karen and Sharen, 7, and Paul, 4. Steeger is employed by the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company in Washington.

Myra Hertz, 45-T Ridge, will have lots to tell her Center school first graders. During the holidays she went by train to Montgomery, Alabama, where she visited her family. The return trip was made by plane.

Janet and Izzy Parker, 45-J Ridge, and their girls spent last week in Chicago. They had a grand time seeing all of Izzy's relatives, and Izzy returned with a new "Ivy League" look.

### PARTING WORDS

Dear Editor,

I wish to take this opportunity through the News Review to announce my withdrawal from the private practice of medicine in Greenbelt and to express my thanks in being able to serve the people of Greenbelt for the past eighteen months.

My pleasant association with the community, its people, and Dr. Hans Wodak is one that I shall cherish for a long time.

Very truly yours  
Jules Edlow M.D.

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**Greenbelt Woman's Club Christmas Party**

Greenbelt Woman's Club gave its annual Christmas party, December 13, at 8 p.m. in the social room of the Community Church. The party featured a meeting one hundred years ago. Unusual and attractive costumes of this period, worn by the Committee who ably portrayed young ladies of fashion and who gave inimitable speeches on social conduct of that period, brought many a laugh from the members.

Mrs. Leland Love, Chairman of the Committee, presided at the meeting while Mrs. Cormack, Sr., Mrs. Cormack, Jr., Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Kaighn, Mrs. Kistler, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Slaymaker, Mrs. Ken Smith and Mrs. Wodak, assisted Mrs. Love.

Treasures of antiquity, as well as those of sentimental value to members, were attractively displayed amid holly and mistletoe. A pageant, portraying the three important events in a woman's life, was presented featuring Mrs. Lloyd Moore as the young girl in love—Scene I. Mrs. Beverly Fonda as the groom with Mrs. Allen Kistler, the bride, portrayed the wedding scene—Scene II. The third and last scene presented a charming picture of the Mother, played by Mrs. Charles McDonald, reading a Christmas story to her two children, Mary Ann McDonald and Ken Kistler, while Father smoked his pipe and contributed his part to the evening by giving his young daughter a resume of the well-known Christmas editorial, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

Simple gifts which were exchanged had been placed around a tree beautifully decorated with hand made ornaments. The guests were served refreshments consisting of Christmas punch and fruit cake. The attractive table, graced by a hand painted Christmas cloth, was presided over by Mrs. Hans Wodak.

*Letters to the Editor*

**OPEN LETTER**

Letter to the people of Greenbelt—  
For a few weeks now I've been wanting to thank our City Fathers for an additional service which I, as a housewife, appreciate so much—the additional day for collection of trash. What a boon to the cleanliness of the house and the yards—no overflow to smell up or litter the grounds.

And now, in the Xmas spirit of thankfulness for things both large and small, I find that this service will be snatched back, because it may cost families 10c a month more than it has in the past!!!

Is there anyone in our town who thinks \$1.20 a year too much to pay in the interest of family health and city cleanliness? I doubt it. And I think it will be a shame if this is changed back to two-a-week collections.

It seems like a small item—but think about it and let our city council know how you feel about it.

For the simple, small things that make living easier, cleaner, more healthful.

Helen Justman

**SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE**

During the four years I have lived in Greenbelt, everybody has told me "That co-op is a monopoly. Boy, oh, boy, just wait until it gets a little competition."

But, now that the co-op has had the temerity to offer a little competition in the laundry and dry-cleaning field, the shoe is on the other foot and everybody is hollering "Foul!"

Where are all those people who have been beating the drums all these years for free enterprise and a competitive market? Greenbelt has both now and I think the town will be better for it. But let's not forget that what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander too.

Berny Krug

(Ed. Note: What, everybody?)

**THANK YOU**

Dear Editor and Staff:

This is a thank-you letter for the excellent November 29 copy of the *News Review*. It demonstrates very effectively how important a paper of this kind is to a community, not only by stimulating activities but by giving the people an opportunity to take part in the democratic process of governing their city.

We are now living in a community which depends on the large city papers for news coverage, which is almost nonexistent. The contrast in town spirit is remarkable. Even the "old-timers" here know very little about their town government, and one must depend on neighborhood gossip for news of organizations of which there are very few so far as I have been able to discover. Believe me, we envy you, and I feel that the credit for many of the services and activities which make Greenbelt such a wonderful place to live is directly due to the existence of the *News Review*.

I'd like to add a special accolade for the recreation director's new programs, for the city manager's new approach to the budget, and for Al Long's column.

Keep up the good work—and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Muriel H. Burrows

**CUB PACK 202**

Santa's arrived early for Cub Pack 202's Christmas party, which was held at the social hall of Community Church Friday, December 7. Mr. Andros welcomed the parents and explained the religious significance of the occasion to the children. Mr. Whitbeck, the new cubmaster, and Mrs. Hurst, the new treasurer were introduced to the pack. Sharing the spotlight was retiring cubmaster Dalbow, who was awarded a gold plaque for his outstanding service. Den 3 won the ward bag. Individual awards as follow:

- Silver arrow - David Snyder.
- Gold arrow - Cary Murphy, Robert Olsen, and Dennis Callaghan.
- 1-year pin - Irwin Abramovitz, Pat Kaskeski, Tony Rowland, and Richard Warwick.
- Bear badge - Robert Olsen.
- Wolf badge - Larry Rosen, Carl Jorgenson, Jim Bunnell, and James Walker.
- Assistant denner stripe - Joel Garner.

**GREETINGS**

To our dear friends in Greenbelt: Time again for Christmas Greetings. May the infant Jesus bless you all and keep you in His loving care and bring you peace and joy in the coming year.

The James G. Flynn Family  
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**Tree Burning Saturday Jan. 5**

Christmas trees and greens will be picked up in the individual courts starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, January 5, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad announced this week. The trees will be transported to Braden Field, where the tree burning ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. Greenbelters are asked to leave the trees in the courts or by the side of streets, so they can be easily picked up by GVFD men.

**GREETINGS**

I would like to wish each family in Greenbelt a merry Christmas and a happy new year. My parents live at 4-K Ridge. Please excuse this writing as the ship is really rolling. We have been out at sea for 30 days. We were at the Suez Canal Area for 2 weeks then we went to Point Moses and have been standing by ever since. We are going to pull into Naples, Italy tomorrow morning for 2 days then back at sea. I'd also like to wish the newspaper staff holiday greetings.

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