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GCS Board Hears Wheaton Members On CO-OP Operations, Managers Reply

by Harry Zubkoff

The board of directors meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services on Friday, February 26, was the forum for a group of Wheaton residents to express their concern and dissatisfaction with some aspects of the co-op's operations. Eight Wheaton members, representing some 230 residents of a housing development opposite the Wheaton Co-op shopping center, made the long journey to Greenbelt to attend the meeting and voice their opinions.

Crux of their complaint had to do with the projected building of a bakery addition to the Wheaton store, and its effects on the surrounding neighborhood. Stan Telcain, 2105 Reddie, pointed out that the co-op's housekeeping had become a "terrific nuisance." Most articulate of the group, Telcain briefly reviewed the history of the co-op development in Wheaton, and listed the chain of "broken promises" which had marked the co-op's progress there.

He cited the fact that trash is frequently blown off the co-op parking lot on to the lawns of the homes across the street; the lights in the parking lot shining through the windows of these homes at night are extremely annoying; the "rudeness" of some of the co-op's key employees in response to the complaints voiced over a period of time "have not helped matters"; the failure of the co-op to fulfill a repeated promise to erect a buffer strip of trees indicates that it is "inconsiderate" of its residential neighbors. The residents are now "organized and militant," said Telcain, and "we entreat the co-op to do the things which are necessary" to protect its neighbors.

Other speakers included Pauline Diamond, 11107 Amherst, who pointed out that a grass strip for which the co-op is responsible had been mowed only three times last year, and that the long grass facing the homes across the street was unsightly. She repeated the complaints voiced by Telcain, and added that when the co-op first proposed building in Wheaton, she and her neighbors had been approached and had agreed to help — and had helped — the stores to get started. They had done this based on the co-op's promises to protect the area and the private homes from the annoyances of having a commercial business across the street; but these promises had not been kept.

Irving Rubin, 11101 Amherst, spoke specifically about the lights in the Wheaton service station which, he said, were usually left on late at night, long after the station was closed. These lights were disturbing to the residents nearby, and the promises to fix them had never been kept. According to Rubin, he had spoken with the service station manager and the petroleum manager about this situation, and had been told that the Montgomery County police wanted the lights left on. But, on checking with the police, he had learned that they only want a small light left on inside the station. On reporting this back to the petroleum manager, he said, he had been told that the lights stay on. Rubin further reported that garbage had been left outside from Saturday to Tuesday, which constituted a serious health hazard; that the co-op had promised to plant shrubbery but had not done so; and that trailer trucks parked in the co-op parking lot wake up all the residents in the morning.

Bernard Bailes, 2101 Reddie, summed up for the group. Men of good will, he said, could take care of these complaints in fifteen minutes, yet the situation had persisted for many, many months.

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Scholarships Available

Donald E. Wilkes, Registrar at Strayer College, has announced that 1958 high school seniors—academic, general, and commercial—are eligible to compete for a \$576 Scholarship Award to be granted by Strayer College, Washington, D. C. The award covers total tuition cost of either a one-year day Secretarial course (Private, Medical, or Legal), or the first year of the two-year day Executive Secretarial or Business Administration course with an Accounting Major leading to a Bachelor of Commercial Science (B.C.S.) degree. The winner has the option of beginning his course in the summer or fall term of 1958.

Wilkes emphasized that the test is designed to measure general scholastic ability and aptitude for business education and will not attempt to test a student's present business skills. The test will be given in most high schools in this area during the first two weeks of March and at Strayer College Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. Any senior desiring to take this test should contact his high school guidance office at his earliest convenience.

Blue And Gold Dinner Held By Pack 750

The Second Annual Blue and Gold Dinner of Pack 750 was held in St. Hugh's Social Room Saturday night March 1. The Cubs, parents, and family members numbered 150. Individual Den tables were beautifully and appropriately decorated for the affair, Den 6 being selected as having the best table.

Father Dowgiallo opened the dinner with the Blessing, followed with remarks by Mayor Tom Canning, Theodore Dalbow, Neighborhood Chairman of Boy Scouts, Joseph Fitzmaurice, Institutional Representative of Pack 750 and James Hughes, Pack Committee Chairman. Bernard McDonnell is Cubmaster of Pack 750.

HIGH POINT PLANS BLUE AND GOLD NIGHT

A plan to make Blue and Gold Night, High Point High's annual school night, two nights, March 7 and 14, was proposed by "Cookie" D'Angelo, Junior Class Treasurer. The program would include a talent show and a dance for the parents. The National Honor Society's High Point branch plans to donate awards and scholarships worth \$20 to High Point students. The newly-elected officers of the society are: Richard Carlson, president; George Abbott, vice president; Gail Stewart, secretary; Vent Conner, treasurer; and Wade Robison, torchbearer.

CHURCHMEN'S CLUB

The Churchmen's Club will meet Friday, March 7, 8 p.m. in the Social Hall of Community Church. The program will include election of officers adoption of constitution and by-laws, worship and study, fellowship and refreshments. Meetings are open to men 16 years and over.



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Heart Fund Campaign Nets \$571.75 So Far

The annual Heart Fund Campaign was conducted in Greenbelt last Sunday March 2. A total of 1934 homes was visited by the volunteer workers. Contributions were received from 760 families and the total collection was \$571.75. Last year 713 contributions totaling \$525.99 were received.

In addition to the contributions from families who were at home, 895 contribution envelopes were left for families who were not at home. It is requested that residents who have not contributed but desire to do so place their contribution in the Heart Fund envelope, which is addressed to the Prince Georges County Heart Association, and put it in the mail. The Greenbelt collection will be credited with all contributions received by mail provided the return address space is filled in, at least to indicate the contribution is from a resident of Greenbelt.

In commenting on the campaign Charles M. Cormack, Community Chairman, said: "The successful campaign was the result of the wholehearted cooperation of the residents of Greenbelt and the loyalty and devotion of the Block Captains and Volunteer Workers. Space does not permit the listing of the workers by name but I desire to express to each and every one my sincere appreciation and thanks for their assistance. While the campaign was not sponsored by any community organization, I asked and received the help of individual members of community organizations including the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit No. 136, The Greenbelt Garden Club and the Greenbelt Lions Club. When the final reports are made, including the mailed contributions, I am confident that the record of Greenbelt will compare favorably with the contributions made by other communities in the County."

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten for next year has been set for Tuesday, March 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Music room at the North End School and the Home Economics room in the Center School. All parents interested in having their children attend should register at this time. A record of immunization shots, birth certificate, and a \$5.00 registration fee are required. The Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten is fully accredited and is under the supervision of the county superintendent. There are two teachers, Mrs. Ruth Bowman (North End) and Mrs. Jenny Klein (Center). Anyone wishing to register after March 18 should contact the vice presidents—Mrs. Joan Peters (North End) at 9703 or Mrs. Patricia Perry (Center) 6368.

Council Disturbed at News of New GHI Contract With Warner-Kanter

By Russell Greenbaum

The city council at its regular meeting Monday night expressed disturbance upon hearing a report from City Manager Charles McDonald that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has negotiated a new contract with the Warner-Kanter Corporation and its subsidiary Continental Construction Corporation which removes all the building restrictions incorporated by GHI into the original contract. (See more detailed story on page 2)

McDonald told the council he had been informed that the new contract, which provides more of a financial advantage to GHI when the land is released from the mortgage, removes Warner-Kanter from the obligation to follow the Greenbelt master plan. Such restrictions as leaving up 50 percent of the trees, dedicating large sections of the land for park and recreation purposes, and following the general site plan laid out in the master plan no longer apply in the new agreement.

McDonald noted, however, that the master plan recently adopted by the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission and which incorporates the Greenbelt plan, would still apply. On the other hand, this master plan has not yet been approved by the county commissioners, who have the final authority on zoning within the county.

Councilman Alan Kistler, in expressing his dismay over the new contract, said he had little confidence in the integrity of Warner-Kanter (which owns virtually all the vacant residential acreage in Greenbelt) and that he did not feel that Warner-Kanter had any real interest in the community. Councilman Ben Goldfaden said this new move indicated to him that

there would be an effort made to put up multiple housing (apartments and row houses) for which it would be easier to obtain financing.

McDonald had previously informed the council that Warner-Kanter is negotiating with several builders who would put up developments on sections of the vacant land. Any type of units other than single-family homes would require rezoning through the Park and Planning Commission. The council felt some protection was afforded the community in that Park and Planning customarily seeks and follows the recommendation of the local municipality on zoning petitions. The final decision, however, rests with the county commissioners who have on occasion gone against the recommendation of park and Planning.

This issue brought forth renewed discussion on what action the city might take in installing its own building and zoning code, which would be more stringent than the county regulations. The council decided to request the presence of City Solicitor Ralph Power at the next regular meeting (rescheduled for March 24) to review the entire matter. The manager was also directed by council to obtain an official report from GHI on the terms of the new contract.

Council to Meet On Lake Park Area

A special meeting of the city council will be held on Monday, March 10, in the council room at 8 p.m. to discuss ways and means of improving and dressing up the Greenbelt Lake park recreation area. The council has invited all interested citizens to attend.

The council has also postponed its next regular meeting from March 17, which is St. Patrick's Day, to March 24.

New Truck and Snow Plow

At this meeting the council also took up a proposal by the city manager to purchase a new \$4,000 one-ton dump truck with snow plow. The proposal stemmed from a request by Councilman Goldfaden that the city consider acquiring a second snow plow to have available in a serious snow emergency, such as the recent one, and to have on hand in case of damage to the present plow.

McDonald reported that the city's half-ton pickup truck and the three quarter-ton dump truck, neither of which are put to full use, could be traded in for the new Willys Jeep truck equipped with four-wheel drive. No additional outlay of cash would be required since money in the replacement fund would cover the remainder of the cost.

One advantage of the new truck would be that with its smaller wheel base it could clear courts which cannot be reached by the present snow plow. The truck could also handle other jobs which cannot be performed by present equipment. The council appeared to be favorably inclined toward the new purchase but decided to put off action until the next regular meeting.

In other action the council passed its resolution commending R. Hal Silvers of Greenbelt, Prince Georges County Civil Defense Director, for the honors he has recently received. It was also decided to make a formal presentation of the resolution to Silvers.

Notice

The last day of registration for the referendum to be held April 15, 1958 is Monday, March 17. Persons who are not registered to vote in city elections may register at the office of the City Clerk between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday, through Friday.

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Editor's Notebook

by Harry Zubkoff

Last Friday's meeting of the co-op's board of directors was exceedingly interesting to me for many reasons, but outstanding was the attitude of President Walter Bierwagen. He arrived at the meeting a few minutes late and during the course of discussion expressed some concern because it seemed to him that the board was tending to derogate the stature of the presidency, to place him on the same level as an ordinary board member or, even worse, an ordinary congress member. I gave him an opportunity to assert his authority, however. After the minutes were read aloud and approved, and after the manager had read his written report to the board aloud — all of this at an open meeting, mind you — I asked him if I could have a copy of these documents, and any other working papers which they were using as a basis for discussion. He refused. Yet, I have heard him complain in the past that the newspaper has not printed all the facts or has not told the whole story. The refusal on his part to make some facts available is a sort of public relations in reverse, which does not help the co-op and certainly negates his criticism.

After the Wheaton contingent left the meeting, board member Ben Rosenzweig summed it up quite neatly. "We have been accused of being slob in Greenbelt," he said, "and we are getting the same reputation in Wheaton. Let's knock it off." By this I am sure he meant that the co-op should do something to combat or counteract any bad publicity and should actively seek to acquire a good reputation. And so they should.

Contract Supplement on Undeveloped Land

The board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has negotiated with Continental Construction Company (a subsidiary of Warner-Kanter) a supplement to the contract covering the sale of the undeveloped land. Approved at last Friday's meeting, the new agreement provides that if CCC does not pay the third annual installment of \$26,200 due on the 650-acre land sale by May 1, 1958, other arrangements will automatically go into effect regarding the payment schedule.

These other arrangements call for the elimination of yearly installments on the \$113,000 still owed GHI and payment instead to GHI of 50 percent of the release price of any parcels of land released from the mortgage by Public Housing Administration until the \$113,000 is paid up. Thus, if large-scale development takes place, GHI will get its money immediately instead of waiting to the end of the five-year period.

The new agreement also specifies that once GHI is paid off, restrictions contained in the original contract with respect to land development will be relinquished. Among these conditions were adherence to the Greenbelt Master Plan of Land Use, retention of 50 percent of trees, minimum house standards, etc.

The board consented to the latter after hearing that Greenbelts interests will still be safeguarded, since any land development program will need to meet the requirements of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, with respect to zoning and park areas.

So far CCC has paid \$37,800 on the total payment of \$150,750 due GHI over a 5-year period on the May 1955 sale of the stock of Greenbelt Land Development Corporation, owner of the undeveloped land. The third installment of \$26,200 was due on November 30, 1957, but a moratorium till February 28, 1958 was granted by GHI.

Turnover Date

GHI manager John O. Walker released figures on the amount of turnover in GHI housing units since the inception of the corporation. Of the 1126 GHI units sold at the beginning of January 1953, 571 were still owned by the same persons five years later. For the

original brick homes, the proportion was 259 out of 372; for the frame homes, 312 out of 754, thus indicating a larger amount of turnover among frame units. Since the number of sold units at the end of December 1957 was 1365, about 800 current owners have bought into Greenbelt since 1952.

Snow Storm

The board commended comptroller Roy Brashears for taking charge of GHI operations during the recent snow storm which prevented Walker from commuting to Greenbelt from his Virginia home. The maintenance staff was also given a vote of appreciation for their activities during the cold spell which preceded and accompanied the snow storm.

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Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins March 7

Those tasty Girl Scout cookies, which help to support not only the camping program but many other Girl Scout activities, will go on sale in Greenbelt Friday, March 7, according to Mrs. William Millios, Cookie Chairman for the Girl Scout Council of Southern Maryland.

There will be four varieties: vanilla and chocolate, cream filled, chocolate mint, and coconut crisp. The price will be 45 cents per box. A part of the profits stays with the troop selling the cookies and the rest goes to the local Council.

Although Girl Scouting is a member of the United Givers Fund, the traditional cookie sale is permitted by the Fund in order to supplement the allotment for administrative expenses of this fast-growing youth program, and to provide for the purchase, improvement, and equipment of camping facilities.

Today's Scouts are eager to sell lots of cookies to enable many more girls to make use of the new campsite at Hughesville, purchased two years ago with funds set aside from cookie sales beginning many years ago.

The Scouts suggest that persons who have bought cookies from the first Scout to come to their door and wish to avoid subsequent doorbell ringing, cut out a part of the cookie wrapper and tape it near the doorbell, with a note that "We have bought Girl Scout cookies," removing the sign when they are in the market for more.

Miller--Arthur

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Miller, 1-A Woodland Way, announce the engagement of their daughter, Myra Margaret, to Bernard Joseph Arthur, son of Mrs. Ethel P. Arthur of Culpeper, Va. Miss Miller is a graduate of Highpoint. She and Mr. Arthur are employed by the Telephone Company in Washington. The couple plan a June wedding.

Elstner-Moore

PFC William L. Moore, III, of the U. S. Army, and Miss Erika Elstner, daughter of Mrs. Hildegard Elstner of Gmund, Germany, were married last week. Both the civil and church weddings took place in Schwabisch, Gmund Feb. 28 and March 1, respectively.

In 1937 Bill moved to Greenbelt with his family, now residing at 14-R Hillside rd. He attended Greenbelt schools and was graduated from Northwestern High School in 1954. He pitched profession baseball in the Baltimore Orioles' chain for two seasons. He volunteered for draft in 1956 and was sent to Germany.

His Army service will be completed in April and the young couple plan to make their home in Greenbelt.

Green Bar Mitzvah

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green request the presence of all members and friends at the Bar Mitzvah of March 8. Services will begin at 9 a.m. sharp. Portion of the Week — Book of Exodus, Chapter XXI.

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New Ambulance Arrives

A long distance phone call Monday afternoon disclosed the fact that Greenbelt's new ambulance was to be delivered to the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad sometime Wednesday, March 5.

Chief Donald A. Pratt says that this will bring to Greenbelt the latest in ambulance service. The new piece is planned to be exhibited in the Center during the month of March, which happily coincides with the annual Ambulance Club drive of the Rescue Squad.

After installation of the latest radio equipment, donated by the Greenbelt Health Association and appropriately lettered, this ambulance will be put in service.

This is the first new ambulance since the Pontiac ambulance was purchased in 1952.

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GHI Annual Meeting Postponed

A postponement of one week—from Wednesday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 26—of the annual membership meeting was announced last week by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The postponement was caused by inability to reserve a meeting place for the original date. The annual meeting will now be held at the Center School Auditorium, starting at 8:15 p.m.

The Long View

By Al Long

Those of my neighbors who have been expectantly waiting for a moving van to pull up in front of the house can relax. It's only a rumor. During the recent heavy snowstorm somebody stuck one of Abe Chasanow's "For Sale" signs in my hedge, and inside of three hours, we had four prospects who wanted to buy the place. Either we have a very saleable house or Abe has some powerful "For Sale" signs. Or it could be . . . but no it couldn't . . . my enemies don't have that kind of a down payment.

I had hoped to use the possibility of moving as an excuse not to do much work around the place. It's not working out very well, however, because Pat insists we (that means me) do more fixing up because folks might just drop in to inquire. She claims it pays to keep a place all fixed up but I'd rather bank on selling to a handy man who could be sold on an extensive do-it-yourself project and a house all for the same price, buy a hobby and house for your hubby as a sales slogan (or maybe get a hobby and hubby for your home, or get a home and a hubby for your hobby).

Last week we went to the Home Builder Show at the D. C. Armory. It would have been more interesting to just walk thru a hardware store and a 5 and 10 cent store, and save 90 cents each. I never knew there were so many different kinds of vibrating chairs on the market. Each salesman begged you to sit down in one and we got so tired walking around seeing nothing that I accepted all invitations. I overdid it I guess because Pat claims I weaved all over the road driving home and I still stutter when I sit down.

WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

To The Editor:

In your editorial in last week's paper you wrote that the special supplement was largely the work of one man, Don Pratt, Rescue Squad Chief. Harry, you are giving Don a lot more credit than he deserves. You are forgetting the part you played in editing and preparing the copy, writing the heads, laying out the four pages, providing cuts, and providing for the distribution of the entire edition. Joe D'Agostino provided advice as well as art work and furnished one of the large cuts. Jacob Warner is due a vote of thanks for his picture of our trophies. If I wasn't completely sold on the idea of the Ambulance Club, I wouldn't be able to try to sell the citizens of Greenbelt the idea of contributing to this worth while work.

It must be remembered that we, as a Fire Department and Rescue Squad have never asked for a thing for ourselves. Every dime we have ever asked for; whether from dances, carnivals, Ambulance Club Drives, or any other activity, has been solely to buy equipment with which to work or for supplies for that equipment.

Our first aim is to protect the people that live in Greenbelt, and it is necessary to have the best of equipment to do that job properly.

That Special Supplement was not a one man job, Harry. Every man in town that ever answered a fire or an ambulance call furnished some inspiration for this job.

Thanks again, Harry, for the kind words, but let us spread some credit around for the men that are working behind the scenes.

The Ambulance Club drive is on for the month of March, so I will start making plans for the drive for 1959, so that my successor will have the benefit of my experience of this year.

My thanks to everyone that helped in any way.

Don Pratt, Rescue Squad Chief
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept.
& Rescue Squad, Inc.

The election of a 9-man board of directors and a 3-man audit committee will highlight the annual meeting. Balloting will begin on the evening of the meeting and commence again the next day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Arrangements have been made to place the ballot boxes in Tanner's Cleaners during the second day. The Reverend Robert Hull has been engaged to supervise the casting of ballots.

Also to be voted on at the annual meeting is a proposed by-law amendment to stagger the terms of the board of directors. Directors would be elected for two-year terms instead of the present one-year term, with half the board standing for elections each year. To initiate the system, the four candidates with the highest number of votes in this year's election would be designated for the two-year term; the remaining five would serve a one-year term.

To conduct any official business at the annual meeting, a quorum of 10 percent of the membership or about 145 persons is required. To help assure a quorum, plans are being made to deliver last-minute notices of the meeting to each home the night of the meeting and to employ a sound truck if needed.

Because of the postponement of the annual meeting, R. Hal Silvers, chairman of the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee, announced that the deadline for receiving nominations will be pushed back a week until Friday, March 14. All biographies of candidates must be in on that date if they are to be published in the News Review issue of March 20.

So far 13 candidates have signified their intention to run for the \$400-a-year posts on the board (officers receive \$500 a year) and only one candidacy has been filed for the audit committee. Joining the 9 incumbents and 2 nominees for the board listed is last week's News Review are Joseph C. Cherry, 13-F Laurel and Virginia Beauchamp, 8-A Crescent. Nomination and Consent forms may be obtained from any member of the Nominations Committee or from the GHI office.

American Ballet Here Before Dancing Abroad

The American Ballet Theatre will make its only appearance this year in the Washington area for 6 days only at the National Theatre beginning Monday, March 10. All performances will be at 8:30 in the evening, except for one matinee at 2:30 on Saturday, March 15.

This engagement is the last appearance in this country before American Ballet Theatre's eighth extended tour of Europe, which includes the honor of representing the United States at the Brussels World's Fair during America Week, and the first American Ballet company ever to appear in the Soviet Union.

Heading this company's fifty dancers, are the following celebrated stars: Nora Kaye, John Kriza, Erik Bruhn, Lupe Serrano, Violette Verdy, Scott Douglas, Ruth Ann Koesun and Michael Land.

Lucia Chase, co-director with Oliver Smith of the American Ballet Theatre, is the first foreigner to be elected to the Grand Council of the Royal Academy of Dancing of Great Britain.

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GHI May Switch Fire Insurance From Nationwide to Firemen's

by Al Skolnick

Following the recommendations of its insurance counselor, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors last Friday night voted to enter negotiations with Firemen's Mutual Insurance Company for the underwriting of GHI's fire and extended coverage insurance.

The action was taken with the proviso that GHI would not be committed to purchase the insurance from Firemen's Mutual unless the latter agreed to (1) abide by the valuation of GHI property assumed in its competitive bid and (2) accept engineering-wise the conditions of GHI property for purposes of meeting fire prevention standards.

Firemen's Mutual specializes in insuring selective risks and consequently usually insists upon making an engineering appraisal of the property to determine whether the amounts of insurance being written are in accord with present day values. If they are not, then the company usually expects the insured to make an adjustment in the amount of insurance carried (and premiums paid). Firemen's Mutual also makes periodic inspections of insured property with respect to electrical wiring, heating plant, and other conditions bearing on fire prevention with the expectation that the insured will comply with its recommendations.

The purpose of the board's action was to make certain that after the policy is written, the corporation will not be faced with additional premium charges or expensive maintenance work to bring the property up to the arbitrary norms set by the company.

Firemen's Mutual won out in the competitive bidding over Nationwide Mutual and Merchants and Business Men's Mutual. Present coverage is written by Nationwide which has carried the insurance since GHI took over from Public Housing Administration in January 1953. This insurance, which is written on a 5-year basis, had not previously been subject to competitive bidding. The board's intention was to secure competitive bids when the 5-year policy expired in January 1958. Last July, however, in order to avoid a hike in insurance rates, the final six months of the policy was cancelled and a new 5-year policy at the old rates was purchased from Nationwide. Insufficient time prevented competitive bidding. The board in September authorized management to go ahead with securing competitive bids as of January 1, 1958 as originally planned.

The motion to switch conditionally from Nationwide to Firemen's Mutual was introduced by George Eshbaugh and carried by a vote of 6 to 2, with Ed Burgoon and Hans Jorgensen dissenting. Bruce Bowman was not present.

In support of the motion, Eshbaugh cited the specially-prepared report of Insurance Buyers' Council of Baltimore, a concern engaged by GHI to evaluate the relative merits of the competing bids.

The Council's report stated that Firemen's Mutual offers certain advantages in coverage and service not available from the other companies, including (1) no \$50 deductible, (2) blanket insurance covering all property without any limit on individual buildings, (3) no coinsurance requirement, and (4) coverage of all buildings located anywhere on the premises without describing individual buildings.

In addition to these advantages in coverage, the report continues, Firemen's offers a net cost approximately \$17,500 below that of Nationwide over the 5-year term. The net cost for Nationwide was estimated at \$86,000, for Firemen's \$68,500. The report concludes: "We do not see that Nationwide Mutual offers any advantage in coverage or in cost in comparison with the other two companies. Any decision to continue the insurance with this company, therefore, must in our opinion be based upon other factors not related to the insurance coverage itself."

GHI president Ed Burgoon took issue with this conclusion. He stated first that Nationwide offers

a straight 10 percent deviation from standard rates; the other companies charge full rates and may or may not pay dividends, depending upon loss experience. The savings cited in the Council's report assumes dividends of a regular nature will be paid, but, Burgoon argued, these dividends cannot be guaranteed. "I would rather have a bird in the hand than two in the bush," he asserted.

The second point made by Burgoon was that Nationwide has provided excellent service on claims, not insisting, for example, on deductions for depreciation with respect to losses. Burgoon insisted this was due to the community interest displayed by Nationwide and its agent, Anthony Madden, in the co-op housing project.

Thirdly, he pointed out that the insurance being offered by Firemen's Mutual covers 70 percent of the estimated value of the property, unlike Nationwide which covers 90 to 100 percent. "In case of a major catastrophe such as a tornado or hurricane which would cause damage in excess of 70 percent of the value of Greenbelt property, the corporation and members would be left holding the bag," he said.

Finally, Burgoon stressed that the board was not being ethical in cancelling out Nationwide during the first year of a 5-year policy. "We are not playing fair," he averred, "with a company and its agent who were so instrumental in putting GHI on its feet by providing a loan covering the down payment required in purchasing the project from the government." (Editor's note: The Peoples Development Company, a subsidiary of the Nationwide Insurance Company, loaned \$150,000 to GHI on December 31, 1952 toward the down payment. The loan was for five years at 5 percent interest and was paid off in full one year ahead of time in December 1957.)

GHI treasurer Lloyd Moore, in responding to Burgoon's arguments, pointed out that because of the wide spread of the project the possibility of Greenbelt being wiped out by a single catastrophe is so remote as not to be worth serious consideration. (The Council's report contained the same conclusion.) Moore did not consider the action of the board unethical since it had been generally assumed by the board that competitive bids would be secured on the fire insurance. In these sentiments, he was strongly joined by Frank Lastner, Ralph Bartholomew, and Percy Andros.

GHI manager John O. Walker also reacted to Burgoon's comments on costs and service. "Dividends have been paid so regularly by Firemen's Mutual that it is just not realistic to assume that they will suddenly stop or be drastically reduced," he said. "Nor has the experience of other insureds with Firemen's indicated any difficulty in securing proper claims adjustments." Walker stated that many Public Housing Administration projects were insured with Firemen's.

Nationwide will still continue to carry the corporations general liability insurance, fleet insurance on trucks, and workmen's compensation.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Campaign of Greenbelt Community Church is underway and will be carried out in two stages. The first will be the traditional Joash Chest Processional on Sunday, March 16 . . . suggested by the ceremony described in II Chronicles 24:1-15. This will be followed on the succeeding Sunday (March 23) by the Stewardship Canvass. Forty teams of church men will complete the canvass in one day. Before Easter the plans for another year of service to the congregation and to the community will be completed.

20 Years Ago

Dog Poll: The Town Council meeting, Monday evening, Feb. 28, considered a subject for which Greenbelt has become renowned—Dogs—to be or not to be.

The Council asked for a report from Mr. Fells, citizen, who voluntarily took a poll in Greenbelt on the question.

The results of the poll were: Question: Are you in favor of pets (particularly dogs) in Greenbelt?

Homes called on: 263

No one at home: 28

Answer "No": 325 (Husband and Wife)

Answer "Yes": 99 (Husband and Wife)

Non-committal: 23

A motion was adopted to send a letter to Farm Security Administration giving the poll results as representative of Greenbelt opinion, and requesting that they enforce lease provisions. If when Greenbelt is fully populated, the F.S.A. wishes to withdraw lease provisions, the Council will again consider a referendum.

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Now, he said, after months of complaining about the lights at the service station, for example, far from alleviating the situation, the co-op is installing a new, additional neon sign. This sign will only aggravate an already serious problem, he went on, and will certainly not help the co-op in its public relations.

Response

General Manager Sam Ashelman undertook to respond to the complainants for the corporation. He had not been aware of all the details of their complaints, he said, but he pointed out that the Wheaton store was getting a trash disposal unit to take care of their vegetable garbage, and that interior changes in the store were now in the planning stage which would provide more storage space inside for trash. As for the new neon sign going up, it was probably the one removed from the station is Takoma Park, he said, and agreed that it should face Georgia Ave. so that it could be seen by passing traffic, rather than shine into the homes of nearby residents. He added that he is currently investigating the service station lighting situation with a view to having the lights shut off at a reasonable hour, except for the light required by the police. Ashelman further pointed out that the co-op had planted some trees and a considerable number of rose bushes, and that he planned to plant more trees.

Before the Wheaton group left, Telcain asked for a pledge from the board to cooperate. Asserting that it was his responsibility, Ashelman said he would do everything possible to alleviate the situation. "I cannot promise the moon," he added, nor would he guarantee that there would be no more problems in the future. Speaking for the board, President Walter Bierwagen would not make a pledge, but said the co-op would "cooperate to be an effective community organization." Ashelman agreed to meet with some of the Wheaton residents to discuss these problems and "look over the place," and promised to make a written report to the board and to see that the Wheaton group got copies of it.

OPEN LETTER

To The Voters:

The City Council, in response to the petition of 640 public spirited citizens, has designated Tuesday, April 15, 1958 as the day upon which the proposed amendments to the City Charter will be submitted to the voters for decision.

Certain of the proposed amendments are designed to provide for a division of authority between the City Council and the City Manager in matters that are purely administrative. Such amendments will adversely affect the City's status as a Council-Manager form of Government, a system that has satisfactorily served the community since it was founded some 20 years ago. Before favorably considering the proposed amendments, voters should be convinced beyond all doubt that only changes which constitute a departure from our long established system of Government, are entirely in the public interest.

The burden of convincing you, the voters, that the amendments should be adopted rests upon those who initiated them. The advocates of change to our established system of Government should come forth with full information and the basis for their recommendations so that we may have a fully informed electorate on April 15, 1958.

Thomas J. Canning, Mayor

GRENADIERS NEED BOYS

The Greenbelt Grenadiers are still looking for new members in order to be in shape for the 1958 parade season. So far a total of six new boys have joined. At least fifteen more boys are needed to keep a full unit on the street at all times.

The Grenadiers are a group of boys sponsored by the local American Legion Post who specialize in precision drill. They participate in most of the parades held in the surrounding area, representing American Legion Post 136. They have also participated in American Legion parades in Baltimore and Atlantic City, N. J.

No prior drilling experience is required. Any boy who may be interested is urged to contact Ted Pugh at GR. 4-6494 or come gy his home at 8-E Southway.

GHI Officials Invited To Housing Conference

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. officials have been invited to attend the first annual National Conference on Cooperative Housing scheduled for March 11 and 12 at the Hotel Woodner in Washington. GHI president Ed Burgoon will participate in a workshop dealing with conversion of existing public and private properties to cooperative housing, and GHI manager John O. Walker is scheduled for a workshop on management problems of cooperative housing. The conference is being sponsored by several housing organizations, among which are the Cooperative League of USA and the National Housing Committee.

GHI will also be represented at a seminar on financing Greenbelt's needs sponsored by Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association in connection with its first annual membership meeting on Saturday, March 22. Hans Jorgensen was designated as the GHI representative.

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WANTED: Houses in Greenbelt! Have purchasers waiting for all types of houses. Call Greenbelt Realty Co., GR 3-4571 or GR 3-4351.

WANTED—a ride to Naval Research Lab., hours 7:45 to 4:15. Call GR. 4-8911.

WATCH REPAIR EQUIPMENT—cleaning machine, bench, lathe, staking tool, mainspring and staff cabinets, many extras. Excellent condition. Best offer. RE. 6-7860.

FOUND—in front of Post Office on Tuesday, Feb. 18, a pair of glasses. Call GR. 4-6494.

DRIVER OR passenger wanted for established car pool. Approx. working hours 8:45 to 5:15. Call 8088.

TROOP 746

Art Lakin, Troop Chairman and genial master of ceremonies, kept the Investiture Program moving at a fast pace from the opening to the refreshments. Thanks are in order to Mrs. Albert Cousin, Mrs. Arthur Lakin, Mrs. Thomas Miller, and Mrs. Melvin Abramovitz who served as hostesses behind the refreshment table.

The following boys received their Tenderfoot pins: Richard Wertz, Brian Hunt, Michael Lammons, Charles Kelso, Robert Miller, Stanley Twigg, Robert Thiebeau, Michael Youell and Milton Harris.

Richard Wertz and Brian Hunt were elected Patrol Leaders by their fellow troop members.

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The Big Sport

By Murray Green

Oriole Hopes Fly High

In the spring, Baltimore Bird fans turn to thoughts of a nest high in the first division and—perish the thoughts—flying to the top of the tree. It is not an unreasonable hope as the Birds just missed a charmed perch in the first division last year. When they feathered their bats in Sept., "wait 'til next year" had more than the hollow promise of Madison Avenue anticipation.

Well, sir, the Orioles have flown south for spring training. As we size them up in Scottsdale in the winter book, they will have all they can do to stay in there with the likes of the Yankees, White Sox Tigers and Boston. Even Cleveland, with Herb Score back on the firing line and Minnie Minoso sticking his big bat into the Tribe's attack, will be making a bid of to regain its rightful place among the pennant contenders.

True, the Orioles acquired Dave Nicholson, and the dispatches from Ariz. have been singing a blissful tune of his long distance wallowing. Some merchants along Howard and Charles Streets are even talking about chipping in for a gold plated, extra-length tape measure to present to Assistant Manager Jack Dunn for expected heavy use in Memorial Stadium. But, alas, between the wires, we learn that young Nicholson is far from a polished fielder. Assuming he hits as advertised, it will be two years at least before he is an asset anywhere except at the box office. Dave's only 18, so he can learn. And you may be assured that wily Al Vincent and the other Oriole coaches are going to cram him full of as much savvy as he can absorb.

Our sober estimate is dictated by the loss of the likes of George Kell, Ray Moore, Billy Goodman and Tito Francona. Kell will long be remembered for his timely hitting against the Yankees. He was one of the main reasons the Birds gave the Bronx Bombers a tussle every time out in 1957. On two occasions, at least his bat broke up ball games in the late innings. Ray Moore did a lot of good pitching for the Orioles. Billy Goodman may be over the hill, but his bat came in handy. Tito Francona, with some power, will get better.

In their stead, the Orioles acquired Jim Marshall who has not yet proved himself, Jack Harshman, a good pitcher who suddenly developed a roving spinal disc, and moody Larry Doby who can be as great as he is determined to be.

On the credit side the great potential is there. The fate of the Orioles is an "iffy" question, as FDR used to put it. IF Gus Triandos, the only important residual asset of that trade with the Yankees which cost the Birds the beloved Bob Turley and Don Larson, comes into his own, the All Stars can scratch the name of Yogi Berra from A.L. lineup in Memorial Stadium come July; IF Larry Doby can shake off the doldrums that seized him after one great pennant winning year of 1955; IF Al Pilarcik learns how to keep the defense honest by spraying his hits to left and center; IF Charlie Beamon fulfills the promise he showed in Sept. 1956 when he mowed the Yankees down as if they were ten-pins; IF Brooks Robinson can bat .285 to accompany his big glove; IF Billy O'Dell can start to win big; and IF the "Zoove" can hold the enemy in the late innings as he did so well last year—IF all or most of these good things were to happen simultaneously, the Birds could go all the way. Such collective good fortune would make it entirely unnecessary for Paul Richards to summon the clever genius of a Mephisto to make 1958 "the year the Yankees lost the pennant." Douglass Wallop, the needle, please!

Sic Transit Gloria

The demotion of Sandy Amoros to the minors recalls to mind a similar fate of a predecessor Dodger left fielder. Who can forget the greatest catch of any World Series (Willy Mays' lovers please



By Elaine Skolnik - GR. 4-6060

It's a pink bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Quarry, 20-F Parkway. Judy Lynn made her debut on Feb. 18, weighing 4 lbs. 14 oz. She joins a brother Ronald, age 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Capotosto, 51-E Ridge, announce the arrival of a son. Gregory John was born on Feb. 20, weighing 6 lbs. He joins five sisters and two brothers.

The Parker family, 45-J Ridge, has Isadore's mother, Mrs. Goldie Silvert, of Chicago, Ill. visiting. Mrs. Silvert was delighted with her first glimpse of the newest Parker—little Mitchell.

The Simon Kaufmans, 14-C Laurel, are moving to 2-D Plateau. Claire's mother Mrs. Brick of Brockton, Mass., is visiting.

The women of the JCC enjoyed their luncheon sponsored by Pepco. They also watched a demonstration of electrical appliances.

Birthday greetings to Jeri Lyn Turkette, 15-C Laurel Hill, who will celebrate her sixth birthday on Sunday.

Our condolences to Ruth Bowman, 14-Z-3 Laurel, who lost her aunt last week. The family attended funeral services in N. Y.

SOS—The Sitter's Club is anxious to have new members. The club provides an opportunity for residents to obtain reliable baby-sitters free of charge. Members of the club exchange "SITS." Please call me if interested. 6060.

Headaches & Aspirins

By Leslie Robinson

Six small Greenbelt children were reported by area hospitals to have taken an overdose of aspirin. These children were 4 years of age or younger. In each reported incident, two children were involved, according to local police.

A dose of 7 or 8 baby aspirins is considered serious for a child of 3 years or less, states one local doctor. The same doctor stated that 7 or 8 adult aspirins (29 to 32 baby aspirins) is considered serious for a child of 4 to 6 years of age.

If you know your child has had an overdose of aspirins, this doctor advises, or has been poisoned by some other substance, rush your child to the nearest hospital where the child's stomach can be pumped. This area has a "poison information center" that local hospitals use.

Keeping children away from the aspirin bottle has become more difficult than in the past when all aspirins were white, adult size, and not particularly tasty. Now aspirins may be bought in the ¼ size baby aspirin and in flavors formerly to be had only in Jello. The children regard them as a candy. Indeed, one brand advertises, "Try it yourself, mother. See why your child will like the pure orange flavor, the creamy smoothness."

Two brands of aspirins offer a deterrent to children who seek aspirin candy in the medicine cabinet. "Dulcet" aspirins have a safety cap that is difficult to pry off. "Dulcet" aspirins cost 59 cents for 50 baby aspirins. This price is 20 cents higher than that for the standard type. "Liquiprin" is one of several liquid aspirins. It is a raspberry flavored emulsion that will not pour out of the bottle and the bottle has a restricted neck that defies little tongues and fingers. It is administered with a modified eye-dropper and costs 79 cents a bottle.

"Keep them out of reach and counted."

note) pulled off on Joe DiMaggio by tiny Al Gionfriddo which kept the Dodgers alive in the 1947 World Series. Amoros' feat in the identical sector of Yankee Stadium in 1955 robbed Yogi Berra of a sure double that would have tied up the 7th and rubber game. Sandy saved Johnny Podres and nipped the last desperate Bomber bid to deny Brooklyn its only world championship. Now both heroes languish in obscurity, to be mourned by the saddened Flatbush citizens who have since lost their ball club to boot.

Red Cross Blood Drive Kicks Off In County

"Get people to give of themselves in blood" pleaded Dr. Frank W. Konzelmann, noted pathologist, at the kick-off luncheon of the Red Cross drive for blood held at the National Press Club. "Our community will be wealthier in body and spirit when our citizens give from their hearts and minds as well as from their pocketbooks."

Dr. Knozelmann explained that many operations on heart and brain and the lungs cannot be undertaken by the surgeon without having at least six or eight pints of blood immediately available. Twenty pints or more are necessary for a gastric ulcer. He said that should the patient lack blood for as long as five minutes, the powers of the brain can be so impaired as to cause permanent mental derangement.

"I do hope we can get at least one-quarter of the residents of Prince Georges County to give at least one pint of blood during the year" said Richard A. Coleman, Chairman of the door-to-door campaign already under way. "Each one will know himself to be a better citizen for having made the gift."

Recreation

By Warren Leddick

Basketball Tournament

The Greenbelt Youth Center is sponsoring an Invitation Teen Club Basketball Tournament on March 10 and 15. On Monday March 10 at 7:45 Greenbelt will play Maryland Park, at 8:45 Riggs Lane will oppose Kentland. The two winners will play on Saturday March 15 at 7:30 p.m. After the game the Youth Center will hold its Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance with visitors from the Clubs playing the final game of the tournament.

Women's Slimnastics Course

A special program of roller skating will take place on March 11.

Elementary Bowling

70 Bowlers representing the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades demonstrated their skill on the alleys last Friday. A league is to be formed in two weeks.

DEDICATION SERVICE

On Thursday of this week, there will be a Service of Dedication of the Women's Gift held in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church by the women of the Church. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Fern Davis, a well-known person in women's work in the Washington area, as well as the Middle Atlantic Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches. The time of the service will be 8 p.m., and all women of the community are invited.

Baptist Musical Set For Sunday Evening

A musical program will be featured during the evening worship service of the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday evening, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the Center School. Mrs. John J. Oleksak has arranged the music around the theme, "Whom do men say that I am?" The response will be given in congregational singing, a vocal solo, choral music and poetry readings by Mrs. Phyllis Uhlin, Mrs. Charles W. Reynolds, and Dr. James T. McCarl.

Mrs. Lois Samuelson will sing "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" and the Church Choir will sing, "O What a Savior." Congregational singing will be based on the "I Am's" of Jesus such as "I am the Good Shepherd," "I am the Door," "I am the Truth" and others.

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, pastor, will preach during the morning service on Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. on the subject, "Prayer." He will emphasize that prayer connects mans weakness with God's strength. In the evening service his subject will be, "Please Excuse Me."

Men of the church will gather at and Green Hill, on Saturday morning, March 8, at 9 a.m. to continue to clear the church property in preparation for erecting their first unit building. At noon the hungry wood choppers will rest from swinging their axes in order to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and coffee prepared by the ladies of the church.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has invited Sam Ashleman, his associates, and all of the men employed by Greenbelt Consumer Services, to be their guests at the regular meeting of the club on Tuesday, March 11, 9 p.m. in the Social Room of Center School. The purpose of the meeting is to present a demonstration of practical training in public speaking.

NOTICE

All activities scheduled in the Auditorium for March 12 and 13 at the Community Building are cancelled.

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