

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Council Delays Vote on Greenhill Rd., Discusses Theater--Labor Dispute

by Russell Greenbaum

The "Battle of Greenhill Road" went into the second round at the regular meeting of the city council last Monday night with another draw being called. The council again delayed action pending further study.

Greenhill Road is the main street of the new Green Valley subdivision, and the question is whether to cut it through to the intersection of Ridge Road and Research Road, thereby connecting with the North End, or to keep it as a dead end street.

Leading the fight for a through road is City Manager Charles McDonald, who considers it a requisite of good city planning. He also maintains that it is essential in order to permit fire fighting equipment and the ambulance to have ready access to both Green Valley and the North End. He is supported in the view by the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, which has gone on record against a dead end street.

The Woodland Hills development is also on record as favoring a through road so that it can siphon off some of the North End traffic that is now being carried by Northway through their development. Woodland Hills has declared that if Greenhill Road remains a dead end, then they want Northway also converted into a dead end.

Opposing the through road is, first of all, the Green Valley developers themselves, the Buchanan Company, which recently purchased the subdivision from the Warner-Kanter Company. The Buchanan people see no advantage to a through road and would prefer to avoid the traffic hazard to the future residents. The main opponent, however, is Greenbelt Homes, Inc., which is supporting the residents of the court adjacent to the intersection of Research and Ridge.

In addition to the temporary mess that would be caused by the road construction, the court residents are unhappy about the traffic hazard of cars coming through their area. They also claim that it will eliminate parking space, although McDonald said that new parking space would be provided along the new road.

The strongest argument against the through road is the steepness of the grade near the top. Although the peak where Greenhill Road joins Research would be dropped four feet, it is estimated that there will be a grade of nearly 11 percent, steeper than the top of Crescent Road where it joins Ridge. Woodland Hills countered that Northway as it comes up from Crescent (at St. Hugh's) is also about 11 percent.

On the other hand, Councilman Ben Goldfaden made a strong plea for a unified city, not a series of isolated sections broken up by dead end streets. He pointed out that all developments in the city should be an integral part of Greenbelt or else no intelligent planning was possible.

The debate will be continued at the next regular meeting when McDonald will bring plans and details on the grade which will help determine how great a problem it may be. (The council is now on its summer schedule of meeting once a month.)

### Picketing of Theater

Another matter that was discussed at length by the council was the "lock-out" of the Greenbelt Theater, which is now being picketed by the Motion Picture Operators Union, Local 224, affiliated with the AFL-CIO. This is the first picket line that has occurred in Greenbelt.

The matter was raised by Councilman Alan Kistler, who asked the council to consider offering its

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### WHAT GOES ON

Friday, June 13—8:15 p.m. GHI board meets, Administration bldg.

Wednesday, June 18—2 p.m. Polio Clinic, Social Room, Center School.

## High Point Graduates

By Marian Ryss

The seniors of High Point High School have stopped marking off the days. Wednesday, June 11, marked the end of their high school days. It is something the lowly sophomores look forward to and the freshmen don't dare think about. Thursday morning they all officially end their high school careers.

From Greenbelt there are 37 graduating seniors. Congratulations and best of luck to:

John S. Alman, De Wayne Norman Barron, Joel Simmons Birdseye, Richard Earl Bragonje, Jacqueline Carol Burt, Harriet Lynn Clinedinst, Ronald Frank Don Bullian, Richard Weston Fonda, Betsy Brandon Fontaine, Zitella Alice Buhoe, Paul Arden Berg, Paul Dyson Bordonet, Kenneth Joseph Dean, Dolores Laura Giorno, Tomas Wesley Hogan, Keith Gerald Nikesell, Judith Ann Moore, Robert Alan Oring, Ronald Alan Newman, Gordan Randall Page, Joyce Ann Pendelton, Barry Keith Petroff, Mary Joella Porter, Barbara Susan Ratzkin, Kenneth Allan Reamy, Tena Elizabeth Stegel, Frederick Andrew Slaugh, Lewis Ellsworth Smith, Warren Brue Steffen, Jacqueline Hester Taelor, Sarah Lee Tharp, Jo Ann Tierney, Lucinda Vernona Trudeau, Lawrence Conrad Voight, Bertrand Herman Weidberg, Dale Frank White, and Mellvene Jane Riley.

### TROOP 746

There was high praise for the Boy Scouts of Troop 746 sponsored by the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church at their Safety Table in front of the co-op supermarket last Saturday. The citizens of Greenbelt profited handsomely when, as a public service, the Scouts gave them new extension cords for the frayed and old worn-out ones they turned in for exchange. A wonderful Safety Project indeed!

## Tom Ritchie Honored

At the Prince Georges County Mental Health Society meeting on June 2 at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Hyattsville, Thomas B. Ritchie and Theodore L. Miazga were presented with Mental Health Society Japel pins as awards for their outstanding service to the society. Miazga was prominent in arousing interest in the community which resulted in the formation of the Society in March, 1955, and he served as its first president for two years during which time he initiated a program of public education in the mental health field, and plans were promoted for the establishment of the full time clinic which is now in operation in the county. Thomas B. Ritchie, of Greenbelt, elected president in 1957, with keen organizational ability has done a great deal of work towards correlating local needs with county, state and national services and with volunteer aid from citizen groups.

The new officers elected for the coming year are President, Thomas B. Ritchie; Vice President, Reverend Mr. Robert W. Carlson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Charlotte Spencer; Recording Secretary, Miss Bess Lemon; and Treasurer, Robert T. Mitchell.

## Pickets Nix Local Pix In Dispute Over Wages; Show Biz Fizz Blamed

by Harry Zubkoff



—Photo by Kaplan  
Albert Sutton, left, and Albert Celish, union projectionists, picket the Greenbelt theater.

Greenbelters last Sunday witnessed the spectacle of the first picket line within the city limits as two union representatives paraded in front of the local theater. At issue is the question of whether the theater should employ union projectionists, as it has since it was opened almost twenty years ago, or whether the owner should act as his own projectionist with a non-union man to spell him.

The present impasse came about when Charles Walton, owner of the theater, asked the union projectionists if they would agree to a cut in salary. Since taking over the theater in December, said Walton, he has consistently lost money on the venture and has finally reached the point where he can no longer afford to meet the union wage scale. In an effort to cut his losses, he met with the union representatives on May 15 and proposed a reduction in the salaries of the projectionists. The union agreed to think over the proposition and, at a committee meeting on May 20, discussed the situation and concluded that they could not accept Walton's terms. They so informed him on May 24, whereupon Walton immediately gave his projectionists two weeks notice and proceeded to hire a non-union man to start work on June 8. On June 6, the day before the expiration of the two weeks notice, the union approached Walton with a compromise proposal which, if acceptable, would result in a 20% reduction in the salaries of the two projectionists. The plan, however, was not acceptable to Walton, and besides he had already hired another man—the die was cast. On June 8 the new man came to work and the picket line came into being.

President Charles Franks of the Moving Picture Machine Operators Union Local 224, pointed out that the union had tried to set its proposals to fit the Greenbelt situation and had even offered "special and exceptional" conditions in order to help keep the theater open, but that Walton had shown "no interest" in the union's "reasonable and sensible" offer. The Greenbelt projectionists, he said, are already the lowest paid in the entire Washington metropolitan area, which in itself is a concession to management and proves that the union is responsive to business conditions and willing to help individual enterprises stay in business.

The union, in a mimeographed message to the people of Greenbelt, claimed that it has "done everything to avoid a dispute," it has "discussed the problem with management and . . . actually presented a program which meets management's needs" and received no acceptance, and that it is therefore "necessary to do something to protect the livelihood of the union members."

Walton, on the other hand, pointed out that the union had left him no alternative. He had gone to them, he said, with a proposal to reduce their salaries to a figure which he could afford, and they had refused. Then, at the eleventh hour, so to speak, they had approached

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## Co-op Directors

Co-op members overwhelmingly approved the proposed by-law amendments and elected five persons to the board of directors Tuesday night, June 3, at the annual meeting.

Those elected were: Robert T. Bonham, 355 Patton Place, Rockville; Donald H. Cooper, 9624 Parkwood Drive, Bethesda; Robert C. Hull, 33-K Ridge Road, Greenbelt; Lawrence A. Oosterhaus, 904 Glazewood Court, Takoma Park; and Edward Weinberg, 9619 Cottrell Terrace, Silver Spring.

Board terms are set up on a two-year staggered basis—that is, four members are elected one year and five the next to provide maximum continuity.

The new co-op board of directors will elect its officers at the next regular board meeting on June 13.

The GCS by-law modernization program already had received a majority of the votes cast at all five of the April area meetings. Copies of the revised by-laws are available in all the co-op stores. A few of the significant changes in the revision include: dropping the age qualification for voting share ownership from 21 to 18; shares per shareholder raised from a previous limitation of 100 to 500; 300 members may now call a special membership meeting instead of 5% of the membership, which is a much higher number; the system of Proportional Representation used to elect delegates to the Co-op Congress dropped in favor of simple plurality; and Congress will name the nominees to the Board by the use of majority vote rather than by the Proportional Representation system.



By Don Pratt

On Monday night, June 2, 13 members of the Greenbelt Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad finished a Standard and Advanced first aid course at the JCC. In addition, the wives of two of the members also attended.

Those graduated were: Mrs. Helen O'Laughlin, Mrs. Ann Leddick, James Williams, Warren Leddick, Joe O'Laughlin, Marshall Zoellner, Richard Stover, Ted McGowan, Charlie Jones, Vince Dutton, Steve DeCoste, Neal Smith, Gilbert Wiser, and George Ronchi.

This course was a total of thirty hours, which will give some idea of the training that is constantly being

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## A Golden Opportunity

Last week Greenbelt school children, who next year will be attending the second through sixth grades of the North End and Center Schools, brought home to their parents a questionnaire that could be the key to a golden opportunity. The purpose of the survey is to find out how many parents are interested in supporting on a fee basis a foreign language program for their youngsters. Parents who answer "yes" to the questionnaire and send it back to school will not be signing up for the course, but they will be stating that they stand ready to support such a program if, as it is hoped, it is inaugurated next fall.

Greenbelt now has the chance to be a leader in the county in making foreign language instruction available to its youngsters. This would be consistent with the high standards of our community where we want only the best for our children. Eventually, of course, we would hope to have a foreign language as part of the school curriculum. The only way this can happen, however, is for parents to demonstrate convincingly that they earnestly want such instruction and are willing to pay for it out of their own pockets to get it started.

The cost will be small, but the benefits to the child will extend well into his adult years. The PTA groups of both schools are to be commended for their initiative in attempting to get this program started. The principals of the two schools have also expressed their willingness to cooperate completely. The rest is up to you, the parents.

Parents who have not yet filled out the questionnaire and sent it back with their children are urged to do so before the last day of school. The start of the program next fall depends on the support indicated by this survey. Those who have mislaid the survey sheet can get additional copies by contacting the dynamic chairman of the program, Mrs. Lisa Dalton, GR 4-9608.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN

Prince Georges Deanery No. 1, Council of Catholic Women will meet with the Archdiocesan Council on Sunday, June 15, in the Catholic University Gymnasium at 3 p.m. His Excellency Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle will preside. All Catholic women of the area are invited to be present.

Reverend John Bailey of Holy Redeemer Church, College Park, is Deanery Moderator. Mrs. Frank J. McConnell of College Park is President; Mrs. Blanche Torillo, Brentwood, is Vice President; Mrs. Frances Gude, Hyattsville, is Secretary; Mrs. George Miller, Takoma Park, is Treasurer.

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## Baptist Church News

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson and family will return from his vacation on Saturday, June 14. Mr. Samuelson also attended the American Baptist Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. The topic for his Sunday morning message for the 11 a.m. service in the Center School is "Trouble with Father." Donald Uhlin, a deacon and former teacher of art at the Church, will preach during the evening service which begins at 7 p.m. Mrs. Uhlin will sing a vocal solo. The Uhlin's will be leaving shortly and moving to University Park, Pennsylvania where Mr. Uhlin will be teaching and working toward his doctor's degree in art education.

Vacation Bible School begins on Thursday, June 19 at 9 a.m. continuing until Friday, June 27. The school is open for all children whose ages range from four through twelve at no charge. Bus transportation will be provided for children living in the North End of Greenbelt. (See ad.)

## Lutheran Church Services

Lutheran Church Services will be conducted at the Sidney Lust's Beltsville Drive-In Theater this summer, June 8 through September 28. Services will be conducted every Sunday, rain or shine. The hour of worship will begin at 9:45 a.m.

These services will give many people an opportunity to worship before going to the shore for the day. Parents with large families will also find these services ideal. Since worshipers may remain in their cars, they will not find it necessary to "dress up."

Several notable speakers will come to the theater in June. On June 22, the Rev. Wm. F. Bruening, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Washington, D. C., will speak. Pastor Bruening is the Chairman of the Southeastern District's Board for Missions and Church Extension.

The Rev. Henry C. Schroder, Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Landover Hills, will preach the sermon on Sunday, June 29, Sunday, June 15, service will be conducted by Pastor Edward H. Birner of Greenbelt, Md.

The Beltsville services are sponsored by the Greenbelt Lutheran Church, Edward H. Birner, Pastor. Residents of Greenbelt are invited to attend.

## Methodist Church News

The Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge, announces a change in the time of its services for the summer. The new schedule goes into effect Sunday, June 15, and will continue through the month of August.

The summer schedule is as follows:

9 a.m. Worship service, Sunday School for Kindergarten and Nursery.

10 a.m./ Sunday School for First Grade on up.

This change is made hoping that our families will be able to spend more time together during the summer months on Sundays. It is hoped that this will begin with Church and Sunday School and then be a significant day of family observance.

## Gold-Siegal

Pearl Gold, ward of Jack and Frances Sanders, 17-J Ridge, was married on Sunday, June 8, to Warren Siegal, son of Mrs. R. Siegal of Silver Springs, Md. The marriage was performed in the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Silver Spring.

The bride's sister was her junior attendant. Ethel Gerring sang. The bride was dressed in a white silk organza, ballerina length gown. Her finger-tipped veil had a sequined crown. She carried white orchids.

The couple will honeymoon in Bermuda. They will make their home in Silver Spring.

The bride received her B.A. degree at the University of Maryland on Saturday, June 7. The College of Education's Alumni Association voted her the most outstanding senior woman for the year 1958, and presented her with a mahogany framed plaque.

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## The Big Sport

By Murray Green

As a group, ballplayers are more superstitious than any other you can name. We thought about this last week at Griffith Stadium while watching Bill Tuttle, sometime outfielder for the KCA's, who wears a number "13" on his back. In apparent defiance of the baseball gods who expect their select congregation to be duly deferential in matters of habit, Tuttle may be the only unconcerned member of the ballplaying fraternity, and his recent fate—demotion from the usually strong Tigers to the KCA's—probably confirms league-wide suspicions of his recklessness.

Ralph Branca, one of baseball's historic goats, wore number "13" one day in late September 1951 when he threw a fast ball that Bobby Thomson hit out of the Polo Grounds to win the pennant for the Giants. After that, Ralph changed to "28", but he never recouped his fortunes.

The superstition of ballplayers is legion. The other night we noticed that Nellie Fox went out of his way to touch third base on his way to the White Sox dugout on the left side of the diamond.

Most players have one or more superstition that may mold their conduct and thoughts on and off the diamond. Babe Ruth was also the creature of a curious habit. He would trot in from his right field position every inning, touch the keystone sack, then walk the rest of the way to the dugout.

Some player superstitions involve innocent bystanders. Burleigh Grimes, the great pitcher who served with the New York Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and other teams, would never shave (or perform other ablutions, it was rumored) when he was on a streak. Consider that Grimes had some great years, including a couple of 20 game seasons. If the clubhouse became a trifle gamey, nobody—except sports writers—detected anything but the fragrance of Chanel No. 5, as long as the club was winning.

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By Elaine Skolnik - GR. 4-6060

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Happy birthday to Gary and Jackie Devlin, 21-P Ridge, who celebrated their birthdays at a joint party last Saturday. Gary was 4, and Jackie was 8.

Congratulations to fourth grader, Patty Newkirk, 20-G Hillside who won two medals at the National Baton Twirling Competitions, in Scranton, on June 1. One medal was for twirling two batons, and the other for a solo.

Seen around town last Thursday were former Greenbelters, Estelle and Tom Dolgoff and their daughter Diana, The Dolgoffs now reside in Topeka, Kan.

Visiting the Chasoff family, 45-N Ridge, was Gladys's uncle, Floyd Kramer of Denver, Colo.

Visiting the Klein family, 2-F Northway, are Bill's mother, Mrs. Klein and his aunt, Mrs. Kadish of the Bronx, N. Y.

Congratulations to our many Greenbelt graduates.

Harvey E. Goldstein, 5-E Eastway, received his B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, from the University of Maryland.

Shalom Fisher, 5-D Eastway, received his B.S. in Physics, and also attained first honors from the University of Maryland.

Helen Rubin, 6-A Hillside, received her B.S. in Education from the University of Maryland.

Sonia Friedman, 10-J Southway, received a B.A. in Education, from the University of Maryland.

Let's hear from more graduates. The Center School Kindergartners picniced at the Lake on Wednesday.

John Emil Blankenagel, 4-Q Laurel Hill, recently received his B.A. Degree from Mexico City College. He majored in Latin American studies. According to statistics released by the Institute of International Education, more Americans are studying at Mexico City College than at any other university abroad.

Mrs. Dan B. Branch returned to her home at 13-H Ridge on Thursday from Sherwood Forest where she chaperoned a houseparty of girls who came from all over the U. S. to attend the exciting "June Week" activities at the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. It was a marvelous experience for Mrs. Branch as her Midshipman son, Dan, Jr. participated in many of the events during the week. Being on the Ring Dance committee, he arranged to get Tommy Dorsey's famous Band for this special dance; also he assisted the committee on the Farewell Ball. Dan, who is now a First Classman and will graduate in the class of '59 left on his Summer Cruise to the Mediterranean on Thursday afternoon and after two months will return to the Academy. His vacation will begin August 7.

Miss Judy McBride, daughter

of Dr. and Mrs. Robert McBride of Philadelphia, Pa. accompanied Mrs. Branch to Greenbelt and after an over-night visit, returned to her home in Philadelphia. Miss McBride was the guest of Midshipman Branch at Sherwood Forest for June Week.

Richard C. Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Day of 73-B Ridge, graduated from recruit training May 24 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Friends of Mrs. Carl (Edith) Blew, formerly of Greenbelt but now residing in College Park, will be sorry to hear of her illness. She is in George Washington Hospital and underwent surgery on Tuesday.



Theodore E. McCord

Theodore E. McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McCord of 4-N Laurel Hill, has been appointed right guide of his recruit company at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He was chosen for the position in recognition of leadership qualities displayed while undergoing recruit training.

Visiting me last week was my mother, Mrs. J. Cohen, of Rutherford, N. J. Mom has always loved Greenbelt in the spring. But this year she showed some disappointment upon viewing the unsightly grounds near the apartments and in court play areas. Those responsible for this condition please take heed.

And while we're on the topic of neglect, let's talk about the careless dropping of soda and other kinds of bottles. Many children have received serious cuts from such thoughtlessness.

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ing taken by the members of the department to help them do a better job in emergencies.

Sunday, June 1 saw several members of the Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad attending a two-day training course on Civil Defense and Rescue Work at the University of Maryland. This was an all day session, starting at 8:30 and finishing at 4 p.m. Subjects covered were: Gas Company Demonstration by Jim Freeman of the Washington gas Light Co.; Artificial Respiration by Captain Marty McMahon of the Baltimore City Fire Dept.; and Vehicular Rescue, Casualty Lashings and High Rescue Work by various companies in Prince Georges County.

Sunday, June 9, there will be classes on Emergency Maternity Care, demonstrations by the Potomac Electric Power Co. Acetylene Cutting, and Lashing and Rigging.

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him with a compromise, after he had already made other arrangements. Why, he asked, did they wait till the last minute? Even then, he added, their compromise number of hours the projectionists proposal was not a compromise at all. They offered to "reduce the would work" and thereby save on salaries. But what good would that do, he asked, since the movie would have to stay closed and thereby lose customers and revenue. It was not a reduction at all, he said, since the projectionists would still be paid the same rate, but would work fewer hours. Walton also pointed out that the theater did not have a contract with the union, and that he was not violating any agreement by letting them go.

He had no desire to deprive the projectionists of their livelihood, he stated, but he thought in all fairness that it should be mentioned that both of them were employed full time at other jobs and that this was only part time extra income for them. If he were making money, he added he would be happy to pay them the going rate, but as it is, their salaries "were coming out of my pocket, not out of profits." It is not a matter of saving on their salaries in order to make money, he continued, but rather to cut costs in order to—just maybe—break even. If I continue to lose money as I have been, he claimed, I would have to go out of business altogether, and then where would they be? Is that what they want, he asked. He indicated, however, that he intends to continue operating the theater and to serve the people of Greenbelt to the best of his ability, and if he can get out of the red and into the black he might then be in a position to reconsider the situation.

Walton had also approached Abe Chasanow, the local representative of the Gilbert Realty Company which owns the theater property, to ask for some measure of relief in the terms of his lease. Gilbert had approved this request, but ac-

**Baptismal Ceremony for Seventh-day Adventists**

Approximately 3,000 Seventh Day Adventists will take over part of Greenbelt Lake Park this Saturday afternoon for a joint baptismal ceremony for several Adventist churches in the area, City Manager Charles McDonald revealed to the city council last Monday night.

McDonald was somewhat abashed, admitting that he had granted permission orally for the ceremony before he learned how many people planned to attend. He had understood that it would be a small ceremony for the baptizing in the lake of between 40 to 46 members of the church.

The request for a permit to use the Lake was presented by a Greenbelt resident, who is a member of the church. McDonald told the council that by the time he learned of the size of the ceremony, it had already been widely publicized in all the local Adventist churches.

Ordinarily it is impossible to accommodate such a large crowd at the Lake because no sanitary facilities exist and parking is limited. However, the Adventists plan to erect temporary facilities. The ceremony, which will be held on the far side of the Lake across the spillway, will last about two hours.

Under the circumstances, the council agreed to grant a permit for the ceremony with the understanding that this would not set a precedent.

According to Walton, this was still not enough to bring his operation out of the red.

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services to the manager of the theater and the union in attempting

to find a compromise solution. If not the council itself, he said, then a special committee appointed by the council should mediate the dispute. He felt it would be in the public interest to end the dispute as soon as possible, as he considered it "disgraceful."

The council, however, while agreeing that it would not reject an invitation to sit down with both sides to help work out a solution, was reluctant to initiate any action on its own part. Councilman Jim Smith went so far as to move that the council should not engage in settling the dispute unless specifically invited but received no second. The council did not want to go on record in the matter and decided to await further developments.

A citizen attending the meeting, who identified himself as a trade unionist, also urged the council to end the disagreement quickly, pointing out that he and other union members and a number of other people in town would not cross the picket line.

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**North End Presents Around The World**

By Elaine Skolnik

The late Mike Todd presented his version of "Around The World in Eighty Days" in a three hour film. But the North End's intermediate grades did it in one hour - an hour of sheer delight. The North End story had the precise Mr. Fogg, played by Dickie Klein and his girl-chasing servant, Passepartout, played by Mike Lammen, circling the globe in a basket (given through the courtesy of our city) in an effort to win a wager that they could go 'round the world in eighty days. Their travels took them to gay Paris, the home of the high-kicking can-can dancers - to Germany and the polka dancers - to India where they rescued the beautiful Indian Princess, played by Kathy Hoffman, from a fiery death. In China, the colorful kimonos of the dancers dazzled them, and in Hawaii, the hula dancers performed in their shimmering grass skirts. The men of Mexico danced energetically, and in the wild city of New York, Fogg, Passepartout, and the Indian Princess were overwhelmed by racoon clothed lads flappers doing the Charleston to waving flags, and enthusiastic the tune of "Oh Charlie." And while the basket was moving 'round the world, love came to the precise Mr. Fogg and his Indian princess. The story ended happily with Mr. Fogg not only winning his wager from the Reform Club Boys (who sported English accents), but also winning his princess. The narration was competently handled by Tod Leasia.

I was greatly impressed by the ability of these youngsters to project themselves so gracefully into their roles. They handled the story with understanding, and you could see from their actions that they loved every minute on stage.

The enthusiasm of the audience could be felt as they reacted to these poised youngsters. How unlike the squirming audiences of

my day who suffered while their children recited memorized words which had no meaning. One forgotten word and deathly silence followed. There was little chance of this happening to the North Enders for this play was their very own. Under the supervision and guidance of their teachers, they lent ideas to the script. Even while the play was in rehearsal, changes were made by the participants as they began to feel and understand their roles. Some of the dance steps were taught by experienced children. The students handled publicity, mailed out invitations, worked on the posters, props, scenery, etc. I thought the art work for the Club Scene was most impressive. The technical crew had to figure out the intricacies of hoisting the basket up and down from the stage. The glee club sang beautifully. They accompanied the dancers in every scene, and even learned to sing the Lichtensteiner Polka in German.

Your critic rates this production an A plus. Much commendation must go to the producer, Mrs. Grimm, and her wonderful staff, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. Murray, Mr. O'Laughlin and Mr. Yates.

**MAJORETTES**

In the Memorial Day Parade Friday, May 30th, at Falls Church, Va., the Greenbelt Majorettes and the junior group, the Prancers, placed second. The following day the senior group received judges' award at the Fireman's Carnival in Odenton, Md. The new Greenbelt Ambulance also took first place, as best appearing ambulance in the latter parade.

**GRATITUDE**

To the Editor:

My family and I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our neighbors and friends for the many prayers and Masses that were offered and the beautiful floral tributes and sympathy cards that were sent on the passing of my mother.

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# A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF GREENBELT

For the first time in the history of Greenbelt there are union pickets in front of one of the local enterprises.

The men picketing the Greenbelt Theatre are there because the present owners of the Greenbelt Theatre LOCKED THEM OUT OF THEIR JOBS and replaced them with non-union help.

Union men, members of the Motion Picture Machine Operators Union, Local 224, have served the Greenbelt Theatre ever since its existence. The Union has always realized that continued employment of its members depended upon successful economic operation of the theater. Several years ago, in order to help the theater, the requirement that 2 men serve in the booth was changed and since then only 1 man operation of the booth became the rule.

The Union was aware of the economic situation which the present owner of the theater faced. Since the interests of both sides could only be served by a reasonable give and take, the Union in discussions with management offered to meet the owner's conditions as to labor costs. We must tell you that the Greenbelt Theater was already enjoying the most favored union contract rate in the area. Our reasonable suggestions and offers were turned down.

Our Union members have served the people of Greenbelt for many years. One of the pickets worked at the Greenbelt Theater for 14 years. Another pickett worked here for 8 years and was a resident for 11 years.

We believe that with the growth which Greenbelt will enjoy that a successful theater operation is possible. We are most anxious for Greenbelt to continue to have a theater and are prepared to help. But faced with an absolute refusal on the part of the owner to listen to reason, faced with the lockout of men who had served the Greenbelt Theater for many years, we had no alternative but to place a picket line in front of the theater.

You, the people of Greenbelt are the "Court of Last Resort." We know that you want to keep your theater. We are sure that you believe in fair play. You can help tremendously by not accepting an attempt to destroy standards which many people have worked for many years to achieve. You can impress upon the owner of the Greenbelt Theater that you believe in fair play.

We urge you to respect our picket line. Please patronize only those establishments which play fair with their employees.

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