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Local Businessmen Form Association To Promote Center, Attract Trade

by Virginia Beauchamp

Sparked by Donn C. Liston, owner of the Greenbelt Bowling Center, a new group, calling itself the Greenbelt Business Men's Association, came into being at a meeting in the Greenbelt Theatre last Friday morning. Purpose of the organization is to promote the Center business area to shoppers in Greenbelt and the surrounding towns. In the words of Liston, organizer and newly elected president, the group's motto should be: "Get together, stick together, and promote together."

Others besides Liston attending the organizational meeting were Stanley Whitcup, a partner and manager of Tanner's Cleaners; Abraham Chasanow of Greenbelt Realty; Mrs. Charles Walton, representing the Greenbelt Theatre; Leon Strauss, owner of the Greenbelt Pharmacy; Harry Weiner, manager and part owner of the Ben Franklin Store; Mrs. Louise Gibson, representing Greenbelt Consumer Services; Danny Jones, representing the Co-op Service Station; Edmund Howley, representing the Greenbelt Barber Shop for owner Charles Marino, who was ill; Frank Hawkins from High's Dairy; and Mrs. Virginia Beauchamp from the News Review, the only non-profit organization represented. Besides those at the meeting, Liston reported, a number of other businessmen in the community had expressed themselves in favor of the move. Among these was Anthony Madden of Nationwide Insurance, who stopped off to express his support, even though he was unable to stay for the formal meeting.

The only other officer of the organization besides President Liston is Mrs. Beauchamp, who agreed to act as secretary - treasurer. Whitcup and Mrs. Gibson were designated as a committee of two to study charters and the organization of other similar groups. For the time being, those present agreed to remain a local group only, although affiliation with such an organization as the Junior Chamber of Commerce was suggested as a possible later action. Immediate future plans call for establishing a promotion committee, probably at the group's second meeting to be held at the Greenbelt Theatre at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Long-range desires of the group include bringing about changes in state and county zoning restrictions against billboards. They hope to place attractive signs, probably at Southway and Greenbelt rd. and Southway and Crescent, to advertise the shopping center. Another more distant desire expressed was to attract to Greenbelt a clothing store. This was felt to be the one type of business essential to a complete shopping area which is currently missing from the local scene. Even this need, it was pointed out, is partly filled by GCS and the Ben Franklin Store, both of which sell certain items of clothing.

With many new residents drawn to Greenbelt through construction of new homes and the projected apartment building, and with a fairly constant turn-over of residents in the older dwellings, the Greenbelt Businessmen's Association hopes, through its promotional plans, to attract an ever-increasing number of shoppers to the Center.

PRIZE WINNERS

Winners of the grand prize of a play gym, tent and sandbox, sponsored by St. Hugh's Church, were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd De Shong, 7-M Research. The drawing was made by the Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo at the parish picnic on July 27.

Plans for Labor Day Queen Contest Given

This year the Labor Day Weekend Festival Committee is planning a bigger and more elaborate Popularity Contest as part of the activities for the weekend of August 29 through September 1. These plans include the presentation of all contestants on two television programs, publicity photographs in Washington newspapers and a mammoth dance for the Queens. Because of the elaborate plans, all competing organizations must submit entries almost immediately. Lloyd Lovaas, Committee Chairman, has announced.

Every organization participating in the Popularity Contest is requested to submit the name of their representative, subject to the following rules:

1. Entries will be limited to single girls between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive. Previous first place winners are not eligible.

2. No entries will be accepted after August 18, in order to provide equal publicity for all contestants.

3. All contestants will be required to be present on the J. Perry Show at 11 a.m. on August 23 and on the Milt Grant "Record Hop" during the last week of August. Evening gowns are required. Each girl will be presented individually on the programs. First, second and third place winners may also be presented on television shows during the week following the Festival.

4. The contestant with the greatest number of votes at 11 p.m., August 31, will be crowned Queen of the Festival and receive the Queen's trophy. The contestants with the second and third highest number of votes will also be awarded trophies.

5. All entries shall be accompanied with a check for \$10.00, which will be credited to the organization's entry, starting her off with 1000 or 2000 votes, depending upon the date or receipt, as outlined in the next paragraph.

6. From the 12th to the 31st of August inclusive, each penny contributed will be counted as one vote. Prior to the 12th of August, however, each penny contributed will be counted as two votes, thus giving those organizations with limited funds an opportunity to compete on a more equitable basis by voting earlier. All voting containers will be collected for tally at 10 p.m. on August 11.

Entries should be addressed to Lloyd Lovaas, c/o Greenbelt Consumer Services, Greenbelt. Checks should be made payable to the Greenbelt Festival.

To avoid a last minute shortage of booths, Lovaas pointed out, requests for booths should be made as soon as possible.

New GHI Post Created

Roy Breashears has been named assistant manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. In this new spot, he will be GHI manager John O. Walker's right-hand man, but will continue to perform the duties of comptroller.

The post of assistant manager was created by the GHI board of directors in order to provide a more orderly procedure for shifting of responsibilities in the absence of the manager, instead of relying upon makeshift arrangements as was the case last spring during Walker's absence.

Breashears has been with the corporation since March 1953. In August 1954 he succeeded John Phariss as GHI comptroller. A native of Oklahoma, he came to the Washington area in 1950 to work in the Office of Price Stabilization. He lives with his wife, Vera, and son, Jimmy, 5, at 6-E Ridge.

GREENBELT LAKE

Although by no means intending to give free license to parked car petters, the city council gave a little leeway to lovers of moonlight on the lake by revising its new ordinance setting up regulations for municipal parks including the lake area. The new law passed by the council at its regular meeting on Monday, July 14, omits a provision that would have made it illegal for persons to sit in cars parked at the lake.

The law, however, forbids cars to park in the lake parking lot after 11 p.m. Another change made in the final law in the interest of youth was to reduce the age required for a permit to use a row boat or a canoe on the lake from 21 to 18. In other respects the provisions of the new ordinance are as originally proposed.

JCC HAY RIDE

On Saturday, Aug. 2, the Youth Group of the Jewish Community Center are going on a hay ride to Patapsco State Park, leaving from the Center at 7 p.m.

There will be a special meeting of the City Council on Monday night, August 4, at 8 P.M. to consider a petition for rezoning land on Crescent Road opposite 56-Court, and land on Parkway Road between 7 and 9 Courts.

Winfield McCamy
City Clerk

GHI Board Debates Rental or Sale Of Remodeled North End Property

by Al Skolnik

Announcement that the remodeling of the North End property will be completed within a month touched off a discussion at last Thursday's meeting of the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., on whether the four renovated units should be sold or rented.

Those favoring outright sale argued that the philosophy of the co-op is to encourage home ownership and discourage tenancy. Those opposed pointed to the fact that GHI already has a subsidiary, Greenbelt Development Corporation, which operates the apartments on a rental basis and could also handle the North End property. It was also brought out that selling the property would entail finding a mortgagee for the property. Unlike other GHI housing units mortgaged by Public Housing Administration, the North End property was brought outright for cash by GHI.

GHI manager John O. Walker introduced other considerations. The vacant land around the renovated building is being considered as a site for a senior citizens housing project. Such a project would need to be on rental basis, if its singular character were to be retained. Thus, Walker concluded, it might be wise to think of the whole property as a unit in deciding its disposition. In fact, he said, GHI attorneys, Krooth and Altman, are now considering several alternative ways of legally handling the property.

Director Frank Lastner, acting GHI president in the absence of ailing Ed Burgoon, appointed a committee consisting of Hans Jorgensen, George Eshbaugh and Lloyd Moore to evaluate the attorney's suggestions and report back to the board with recommendations.

Fire Insurance

Final arrangements were made for the purchase of fire and extended coverage insurance from Firemen's Mutual Insurance Company. The new policy, effective July 28, 1959, will be written for a blanket amount of \$7,845,000 without any co-insurance requirement or \$50 deductible.

Firemen's Mutual won out in the competitive bidding last February over Nationwide Mutual, which has carried the insurance since GHI took over from PHA in January 1953. The present policy with Nationwide, with four years to run, has been cancelled.

Comptroller Roy Breashears reported that the anticipated saving over a five-year period would be about \$30,000, provided Firemen's past dividend rate prevails in the coming years. "This saving is considerably in excess of the amount (\$17,500) first estimated at the time of the bidding," said Breashears. He attributed this to several factors.

First, the financing of the 5-year premium amount of \$88,000 will be done primarily through a loan from Suburban Trust Company at an interest rate lower than that offered by the insurance company. The savings in interest alone over the 5-year period, Breashears said, will amount to almost \$6,000.

Second, a reduction in the broker's fee from \$8,000 to \$5,000 will save another \$3,000. Finally, Nationwide has indicated that it will waive the short-rate cancellation penalty normally incurred when a policy is cancelled before its expiration date. In this case, the penalty would have amounted to over \$3,000, he added.

Nationwide still carries the corporation's general liability insurance, auto insurance, workmen's compensation and burglary and comprehensive destruction insurance, with an annual premium of approximately \$8,000.

Disability Insurance

Walker reported the first returns on the inquiry sent members regarding interest in subscribing to the disability insurance plan proposed by Continental Casualty Company of Chicago, Ill. Of 265 returns, 72 members indicated non-eligibility because of age, 36 indicated an interest and 157 stated they were not interested.

Property Assessment

Management reported that the county assessor's office is recon-

sidering the assessment value of the GHI frame units and has asked for a listing of the prices at which these units have sold during the last three years. As originally appraised, the assessed valuation of GHI property was \$5.5 million. Related to the purchase price of \$6.9 paid by GHI for the property, the assessed valuation was considerably above the 50-60 percent of market value normally used in determining the assessed value. On the other hand, the price paid by GHI was presumably much lower than the actual value of the property, which according to one real estate appraisal in 1952 was approximately \$9 million.

Special Services

The board turned down a request from the Sales and Service Office to charge a flat \$25 fee for certain changes in the mutual ownership contract occasioned by separation, divorce, or death in the family and addition of minor children or other relatives as heirs. The board felt that these services should be provided at no charge unless out-of-pocket expenses are incurred by the office.

Sheriff's Auction

Management reported that it purchased the member's home put up for sale at a sheriff's auction this week. No competing bids were made, and the purchase price was the amount of judgment against the property plus the costs of the sale—about \$980.

Six Percent Grade For Greenhill Rd.

An engineering survey of the new Greenhill rd. prepared for the city by Greenhome and O'Mara has come up with 6.22 percent grade for the portion of the road that would connect with Hillside rd. The council in a special meeting on Monday, July 21, accepted these plans and paved the way for later official action to join Greenhill to the new Lakewood (Green Valley) development with Hillside.

The new grade is almost half as steep as the 11 percent previously estimated by the City manager. He has been instructed by the council to inform those who petitioned against joining the two streets of the new survey and the council's intention to take affirmative action.

At this meeting the council also gave final approval to an agreement turning over the Greenbelt sewage disposal plant and water systems to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Another Ball Field?

Preliminary consideration was given by the city council at its regular meeting on Monday, July 14, to the possibility of constructing a ball field for use of North End youngsters. The action came as a result of a campaign led by Mark Rudy of 5-B Plateau pl. to provide a recreational outlet for the numerous youngsters in his area.

The council's main problem is to find land suitable to build a playing field without extensive reconstruction. No city land is available for this purpose. The area called "the jungle" adjacent to Laurel Hill rd. and owned by GHI would require considerable drainage and filling in.

Two possibilities are under consideration. One is an area behind the 13 court of Hillside. The land is now owned by Warner-Kanter, Inc. but will soon be dedicated to the city. The other area is the land adjacent to the North End School, which would require quite a bit of fill. Since this land is owned by the county board of education, the council passed a motion to explore the matter with the county board.

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Business and Businessmen

More than most communities, Greenbelt is noted for cooperative endeavors. It is the home of "the world's largest consumer-cooperative." It boasts a housing cooperative with 1500 member-families. Perhaps we should not, therefore, be surprised that Greenbelters turn instinctively to group action for solving their problems or filling their needs. From baby-sitting and nursery school management to home construction and running a newspaper, Greenbelters act through cooperative organization.

But the city's independent businesses have never, until now, adopted this method. Concerned as they are with profit margins, business leaders are also beginning to appreciate how success or failure in other local businesses might affect their own. They have recognized how all are blighted by a common problem which no one business can meet alone. The problem: Greenbelt's population, large enough to sustain a good-sized business community, has continued to disperse its buying power throughout many other communities in the Washington area. Local businesses have suffered; local stores have stood empty.

During the past year, however, three new businesses — a drug store, a variety store, and a service station — have located in the Center. Two others, the theatre and the bowling alley — are under new management. Perhaps because of the influence on the business scene of these new people, we find many of the merchants and businessmen of Greenbelt now turning to joint effort in meeting their common problem. To attract to the Greenbelt shopping area more of the very considerable purchasing power which the city's population represents, these merchants have recently banded together to promote not only their individual enterprises but the town itself — to sell Greenbelt to Greenbelters. The *News-Review* is happy to see this enlightened action. We are happy to offer to the Greenbelt Business Men's Association our best wishes for great success.

FOREVER GRATEFUL

To the Editor:

"We" as parents of three very active boys, living in the average Greenbelt home—no basement, we do all our living in the living room — have racked our brains for a way to express our gratitude to the Greenbelt Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Explorer Scouts, troop 239, for what they have done for our son.

Not being financially better off than the average family, any material gift we could afford would be most inadequate. The only way we know is to express publicly, our sentiments.

Through the activities and interests of the above mentioned agencies, our teen-age son has had invaluable training in fire-fighting and prevention, community responsibility, road and driving hazards, first-aid and something more to think about than rock 'n' roll.

They have given him a sense of accomplishment, built his morale, given him a place to "hang out" other than the Center, and physical work he can "get his teeth into."

Believe me, Greenbelters, our local volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Explorer Scouts are on the ball. They do much more than the general public is aware of. In their quiet, unobtrusive way, they see to the welfare of the community and our youth.

We shall remain forever grateful, and are sure our son will always cherish their interest and association.

Mrs. Grace Smith

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OPEN LETTER

Mr. Robert Mogel, Chairman
Greenbelt Clean-up Campaign
Re: Prince Georges County Clean-up Campaign

Dear Mr. Mogel:

We read the article in the Greenbelt News Review on "The Final Report on Clean-up Campaign" in Greenbelt. We were greatly surprised and impressed by the tremendous job of planning and organization done by you and your associates, and the response of the entire community to this program.

Having personal knowledge of similar projects in other communities we wish to compliment the residents of Greenbelt on one of the best planned and most successful campaigns in the entire county.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding the clipping from the News Review, and several photographs to the "Keep Maryland Beautiful" Committee in Baltimore so that they can use this information as an illustration to other communities of a truly successful campaign against the "litter-bug" problem.

Sincerely yours,
Frank Lastner
County Commissioner for
Prince Georges County
Edgar L. Smith
Chairman, Prince Georges
County Clean-up Committee

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Mark

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Tuesday Evening

Lutheran Girls' Chorus To Sing at Convention

The Girls' Chorus of Greenbelt Lutheran Church will attend the International Waltham League Convention at Oxford, Ohio from Aug. 10-14. The girls have been invited to sign at the Monday morning Matins Service.

The Convention, held annually, attracts about 2400 young people from the 48 states, Canada and from abroad.

The girls sang last April at the Eastern District Waltham League Talent Festival, where the judges awarded them a superior rating. Upon recommendation of the District Talent Committee, the International Convention Program Committee invited the girls to sing.

The girls, who have been singing together for three years, have been directed by the Rev. E. H. Birner. Leland Leasia, formerly of Greenbelt, has been the accompanist.

The eight members of the chorus attending the Convention are Sandra Berg, Carleen, Dolores and Sharon Brown, Helen Frissell, Martha Graves, Epp Laane and Esther Robertson.

Catholic Men's Retreat

About 40 men of St. Hugh's Catholic Church will leave Greenbelt this Friday to spend the weekend of Aug. 1-3, at the Manresa retreat house on the Severn River at Annapolis. An annual affair for the men of St. Hugh's, the retreat is a time spent away from the cares and distractions of the world and devoted entirely to earnest prayer and meditation, hearing the word of God, taking spiritual inventory of their lives, and seeking to better know and serve God, their country, their neighbors, and their own families.

A cordial welcome is extended to all non-Catholic men of Greenbelt who are interested in the same general objectives to attend the retreat as guests of the St. Hugh's group.

August Bonus Offer

Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association moved this week and now has its office on the ground floor across the Mall from the Greenbelt Theater.

To celebrate the move, Twin Pines is offering a Special Bonus to savers. Everyone depositing money during August will have an amount equal to 1% of his deposit immediately credited to his account. Thus all savers receive an extra dollar for each 100 dollars deposited during the month. This is in addition to the regular 1% per quarter dividend that all savers earn.

The Special 1% Bonus is available to present and new members alike. Bruce Bowman, President of Twin Pines, pointed out.

Stone-Snow

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Stone, 7-J Southway, announce the marriage of their daughter, Cassie Mae, to Selben W. Snow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snow of Mt. Airy, N. C., on July 19 in the home of the bride's grandfather, Elder F. P. Stone, Dobson, N. C. Elder Stone performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Mt. Airy.

THANKS

To the Editor:
We wish to thank the Rescue Squad for their prompt arrival, their kind and courteous assistance and service. It is certainly an assurance to know that in time of emergency the Rescue Squad is available.

Jenny Klein
Sonia Garin

THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity of reaching my many friends who so kindly remembered me on my 79th birthday by visits, phone calls, cards, gifts, birthday cakes. May you all be as fortunate as I with so many lovely friends and neighbors. Thank you again.

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Those Living Behind Locked Doors

by Rita Fisher

Mrs. D. is 72. She has been there eighteen years. She seemed as normal, healthy and alert as any woman of that age. She has more freedom than others in that she can go beyond the locked doors on occasion. There was Mrs. L., who has been vulgar and sloppy but was now sociable and neat. There was one who sat as far apart from the others as possible, taking shorthand and not interested in our presence. One woman had strips of cloth and constantly was making a braid. There were those who sat and mumbled and seemed oblivious of their surroundings. They were waiting for us. The lady who looked like a clubwoman, complete with suit, hat and shoulder bag. Their faces were smiling, scowling or just plain blank. Outsiders know so little and care so little for those who must live behind locked doors.

On Wednesday, June 18, I went along with four other women to give a "party" to some patients at St. Elizabeth's hospital. For me, it was the first time, but I have pledged myself to go every month if it is at all possible. If there's anyone reading this who has ever felt bored with her surroundings, read on and learn how lucky you are.

To begin with, these parties have been going on for a number of months now. The original group of women was organized by the W.S.C.S. of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church. The "party's" duration is actually about an hour and a half. The first group took an indoctrination course at the hospital in order to learn what to expect and how to handle these mentally ill patients.

While we were on our way to the hospital, I was curious as to what to expect, since I had not been there before nor had I taken this indoctrination course. I learned that these patients, all women of mixed religion and races, were originally an actual "sight to be seen." They had been unkempt, sloppy and smelly.

But the large recreation room we were brought to, after the attendant led us through about five locked doors, was definitely a neat and tidy place, with flowers in vases, tablecloths, clean floors and walls, and even some live fish in a bowl. The women, in general, were neat and clean looking. They were waiting for us. Some stood at the door, the locked door, waiting as we ourselves would wait for company to arrive at our own homes. They were not all at the door, though. It's a sight so difficult to describe. The smiling faces that were so obviously glad to see us, the forlorn and "lost look in the eye" faces of women sitting so still in their chairs, those who turned their backs on us, and the one who lay on the floor behind the bench, wanting no part of us—until a little later.

We brought along cupcakes and punch and gifts. These gifts consisted of pins, earrings, bracelets, cosmetics, hankies and scarfs. These gifts are not necessarily new things, just discards, bargains, and items that women have gotten tired of seeing around the house. We started a bingo game, and these gifts were their prizes. The looks of love and possession of these prizes is something I could not dare to describe. We sang songs and walked around, asking them all to join in. The pianist was a patient, an excellent musician, but her over-rouged face and unthinking eyes affected my heart. I believe the women really enjoyed themselves most when we decided to do some marching. I felt like the Pied Piper as I watched them slowly join the parade. After that we served the cupcakes and the punch. It was at this time that our little friend on the floor behind the bench came out to get some refreshments, after which she resumed her position on the floor.

I learned that our little group of women are the only "party-givers" for that ward. But it has been so extremely rewarding. Now remember this: only an hour and a half a month! What a harvest this small amount of time has reaped. These patients have found a little something to look forward to, and it is good therapy for them in that they prepare for the visits much more than we prepare to go to them. They've found a reason for cleanliness and have been gradually coming out of their shells.

I left the hospital crying. All I could think of was the loneliness

and desperation we had just left behind. I only knew I had go back. I will go back. I realize that I am only human and have my own failings and my own needs in this life. But I have found a place where I am needed, and it's a blessed feeling.

I'm sure there are many women here in Greenbelt who can spare a half-day each month and gain so much from the experience such as I have had. Why not organize groups in your organizations and donate some time to these forgotten people? Or join us. Anyone interested can get information as to procedure from Mrs. Jo Meade at 7232. God willing, I will try to write more each month as I go back and try to bring a little happiness to those who must live behind those many locked doors.

The Stepperettes

The Greenbelt American Legion Stepperettes were presented with annual awards by Commander William Clark of Post no 136, after the Memorial Day Ceremony, May 30, 1958. Hilbert O. Kurth, who manages the girls in Nancy Markleys' absence, announced that 40 had perfect attendance for the year and 3 had 3 absences.

The Stepperettes are now three years old. The group started as a small answer to Greenbelt's problem of not having a program of organized activity in which girls could participate. Nancy Kurth started the group with four girls meeting first, in her bedroom, then the living room, from there to the fire hall and when the number grew too great for those quarters she asked the city for permission to use the school auditorium. At present, besides the manager, there are two Assistant Managers: Mrs. Joan Kelleher and Judy Lewis; three instructors: Karen Jorgenson, Joyce Pendleton, and Phyllis Pomerton, and two junior leaders: Jane Brooks and Marsha Mogel.

The girls participate in parades throughout the area, including two Cherry Blossom Parades. At the 1957 Maryland State Convention of the American Legion in Baltimore they received first award for best majorettes. The two junior leaders have been invited and have participated in DC Recreation Department Camp Shows, at hospitals and camps in the Washington area. At the Christmas party each year, the girls bring cans of food for the baskets that are filled by the Legion. In the summer time they have a picnic at the lake, put on by the parents and attended by about 80% of the fathers, mothers and children.

At Glen Burnie last November 11, the girls amazed their hosts because although the group consisted of about 85 girls, they were the best behaved children's unit present. The group is usually too large to travel in automobiles, so they go by bus to various places, in or out of the state. "Happy", the bus driver, (he doesn't live in Greenbelt) is the proud possessor of a sport shirt made of the same material as the uniforms. Before the girls board the bus, he contributes a stick of gum to each and as they wend their weary way home, "Happy" is rewarded with a lot of tired youngsters singing their thank you song to him.

It isn't easy to be in charge of as large a group as the Stepperettes, and all who participate are indeed performing a public service.

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Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik - GR. 4-6060
It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kraft, 6-Z-2 Plateau. Cheryl Lynn arrived on July 8, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. She joins one sister and two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Deavers, 6-Z-1 Plateau, announce the birth of a daughter, Glenna Lee made her debut on July 5, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. She has a brother Glenn, age 2½.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hull, 30-A Crescent. Gary Allan arrived on June 17, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. He joins a brother Jay, age 2½.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, 54-A Crescent, announce the arrival of a daughter, Mary Kimberly made her debut on June 30, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. She has two brothers, Johnny and Randy.

Birthday greetings to Phyllis Rosenzweig, 4-E Crescent, who celebrated her eighth birthday on Monday, July 21.

A farewell party was given for Hilda Danish, 16-Q Ridge, at Dominos Restaurant on July 16. The Danish family are moving to Takoma Park.

The Geiger family, 4-D Crescent, have Mrs. Geiger's sister, Patricia Purcell, of Ann Arbor, Mich., visiting.

A business trip took Tom and Edith Fitzhugh, 15-J Laurel, to Endicott, N. Y.

The Turkette family, 15-C Laurel, vacationed at Solomon Island.

Birthday greetings to Johnny LeFever, 14-W Laurel, who celebrated his sixth birthday. Decorating the party table was a train shaped birthday cake, and each guest was presented with a train-car bearing his name.

An outdoor double-surprise baby shower was given for Naomi Fox and Kitty Richardson by Virginia Many, Ann Jordan, Florence Goldsworthy and Pauline Magrum at the latter's home, 15-L Laurel.

The Newkirk family, 20-G Hillside, vacationed at Dare Beach, Md., for a month.

Congratulations to Pat Newkirk, who was the first place winner of the Maryland State Novice Championship at the State Competitions for Baton Twirling, in Baltimore. Pat's group, the College Park Juvenile Group, won the Maryland State Juvenile Championship.

So glad to hear that Mrs. Witowski, 52-B Ridge, is feeling so much better.

Mrs. A. B. Seward of Pittsburgh visited the Seward home, 35-A Ridge, on Tuesday, July 15. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Seward of Baltimore spent the evening of the fifteenth with their mother. And a very happy birthday to Mrs. Mina Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. James Flynn of San Francisco wish to be remembered to all their Greenbelt friends and neighbors.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howey, 34-E Crescent. Robert Charles, a first child, was born on July 22, weighing 5 lbs. 15½ oz. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howey, 6-R Hillside, and he has an Aunt Linda. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sines, 24-C Crescent.

Back from a wonderful vacation at the Pines Hotel in the Catskill Mountains are the Bukzins, Steinsmans, Ratzkins, and Shindermans. Glad to hear that Norman Nusinov, 50-C Ridge, is home from the hospital and is feeling fine.

The Harry Greenbaums, 23-A Ridge, have a new telephone number—GR. 3-4292.

Frances and Jimmy Wilcox, 12-L Plateau, are the proud parents of a son. David James was born on July 13, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. He has a sister, Sally, age 3½ and a sister, Becky, who celebrates her second birthday today.

Sorry to hear that Ed Burgoon, 37-K Ridge, is in the hospital again. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Visiting the Allen D. Morrisons, 58-H Crescent, this weekend was his nephew, Stanton R. Morrison. The Beltsville Research Center was

of great interest to the visitor, who has recently completed four years in the Department of Agriculture, British Honduras. Earlier this month he flew to London and from there motored to Paris, Madrid, Rome and the World Fair at Brussels. This fall he will begin studies at the University of California at Berkeley for his doctorate in agricultural engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Helsley, 20-F Hillside, and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Martin, 2-E Research, have just returned from a fishing trip in Me. Our congratulations to Helsley, who caught the largest bass so far this season—a small mouthed black bass weighing 5 lbs.

The Rowland family, 47-D Ridge, have just returned from a marvelous vacation in Bear Lake, Mich. They are water-ski enthusiasts.

Glad to hear that Lil Gollberg, 14-L Hillside is recuperating fast from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The Aulisio family, 2-B Northway, enjoyed their vacation visiting Mrs. Aulisio's mother who lives on a farm in Va. The children had a grand time riding ponies.

Dr. and Mrs. James W. McCarl, 9 Forest Way, were hosts last week to Senora Mary Luisa de Ruiz, her daughter, Senora Silvia de Ruiz, and Miss Astrid Loder of Guatemala City, Guatemala, who were visiting the nation's Capitol and Md.

Another weekend guest of the McCarls was Cadet Eric Richter, a native of Guatemala attending Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pa. Cadet Richter is currently attending R.O.T.C. encampment at Fort Meade, Md. and Camp A. P. Hill, Va.

Senora de Ruiz and her husband, Dr. Charles Ruiz, were hosts to Dr. and Mrs. McCarl in Guatemala last Jan.

Want a Pen Pal?

Want a pen pal? Barbara Skolnik has received many wonderful letters from children living abroad as a result of her appeal for a pen pal in Ireland's Junior Digest. Barbara can't possibly handle all this correspondence herself. So she'd like to introduce you to several of her friends from foreign lands in hopes that some Greenbelt youngsters will want to become pen pals.

From Northumberland, England, twelve year old John writes that he is most interested in photography and also collects press cuttings. Fourteen year old Francis lives in Malaya and collects viewcards and stamps. Wan is a fourteen year old Malay boy, and his hobbies are scouting, stamp collecting, cycling, etc. Ten year old Alwi lives in Malaya. His father is a book seller, and the family lives in the book store. From Glasgow we have red-haired Joan, who has a red-haired brother. Joan is ten and she writes that her hobbies are "general." Marie lives in England. She writes, "I am 13 . . . I have brown eyes and brown hair." One of Marie's hobbies is making plaster models.

If you want a pen pal, call Barbara, GR. 4-6060.

Some Timely Advice

The following is an excerpt from "Marine Corps Reserve Notes" and was written by the Director of Reserves, Major General Alan Shapley.

NOW — — — — — READ THIS

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teen-agers:

What Can We Do?
Where Can We Go?

I can make some suggestions. Go Home. Hang the storm windows; paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Mow the lawn. Shovel the walk. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job. Help the minister, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And when you are through—and not too tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does NOT owe you a living.

You owe it your time and energy and your talents, so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again.

In plain, simple words: "Grow Up;" quit being a cry baby; get out of your dream world; develop a backbone, not a wishbone; and start acting like a man or lady.

I'm a parent. I'm tired of nursing, protecting, helping, appealing, begging, excusing, tolerating, denying myself needed comforts for your every whim and fancy, just because your selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality and thinking and requests.

All-Stars Runners-Up

By Warren Leddick

Last week at Bel Air, Md., the Greenbelt Babe Ruth All-Stars took to the field in the first game of the State Tournament, opposing the Frederick, team which had previously defeated Greenbelt four times. This year, however, behind the three-hit pitching of Wilson Rowe, the Greenbelt boys defeated Frederick 2-1. The next day Greenbelt faced a strong team from Aberdeen and won 7-4 behind the four-hit pitching of Jack O'Neill. Joe McNally, Fran Day, Dennis Moore, Bernie Emmert and Ricky Thompson each collected two hits. Moore's triple was the big blow driving in two runs and then permitting him to score on an error. The following day pitted Greenbelt and Bel Air for the State Championship and to represent Maryland at the Regional Playoff in Albany, N. Y. Both teams played heads up baseball. Greenbelt scored a run in the first inning. In the second inning Bel Air came back with two runs to take the lead. Greenbelt scored again in the third to tie the game up. From the third inning on Wilson Rowe again pitched a four-hit ball game for ten innings, when Bel Air finally scored to win the game. It was a real championship game played by two championship teams. Greenbelt was well represented.

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