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Greenbelt Citizens Stress Safety in Public Service



Left to right: Robert Mogel, Metropolitan Fire Department, Washington, D. C. "Fireman of the Year" for 1958. Joseph D'Agostino, Past Chief, Greenbelt Rescue Squad, Dr. Howard M. Bubert award given by the Maryland State Ambulance and Rescue Association, also nominated as Rescue Squadman of the Year by the Prince Georges County Rescue Squad Association, for which the W. R. Beattie Trophy was awarded. Henry Wynkoop, Rescue Squad Captain, Henry received a trophy for being top man in his rookie class in the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. Joseph G. Klingler, Policeman of the Month for July, 1958, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. Hal Silbers, Prince Georges County Civil Defense Director, has received the following awards; U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1957 Maryland Man of the Year Award; Prince Georges Jaycees, Distinguished Service Award; Prince Georges Municipal League, Citation for Service Rendered; Greenbelt City Council, Citation for Community Services Rendered.

GHI Raises Monthly Charges; Cites Pay Raise, Fringe Benefits, Taxes

By Al Skolnik

Increased monthly charges of \$1-\$1.25 for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. brick units and \$1.25-\$2 for frame units, effective January 1, were voted unanimously by the board of directors last Thursday night, December 4. These increases were needed to balance the 1959 budget, which showed a net increase of \$27,800 in anticipated expenditures for next year.

In the budget document submitted to the board, GHI manager John O. Walker reported that increases of \$46,500 were budgeted for labor costs, fringe benefits, real estate taxes, and water charges, while decreases of \$18,700 were budgeted for maintenance, contract work, fuel oil, fire insurance, and electricity costs.

Labor Costs Up

The biggest item increase was payroll expense of \$18,500. The board voted to include in the 1959 budget about \$16,000 to cover the cost of a pay increase of 10 percent for blue collar workers and 7 percent for white collar workers, effective Jan. 1. Periodic administrative increases accounted for the remaining increase.

Director Frank Lastner, chairman of the personnel committee, in recommending the pay hike, stated that it was needed to bring GHI salaries more in line with those currently prevailing in this area. "Since the last GHI pay raise," he said, "blue collar workers in the government have been receiving steady increases and the Federal classified workers have received a 10 percent increase. With the adoption of the 1959 budget, we now have the means of, providing more realistic salary scales which will retain employees." Lastner added that he did not feel in good conscience that he could ask GHI employees to wait any longer for a pay raise that was long overdue.

Taxes

The second big item increase was \$13,200 for real estate taxes. The See GHI, Page 3

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick
Youth Center

Starting the weekend of Jan. 9-10, a new program will be inaugurated at the Youth Center. Friday, Jan. 9, only Junior High students with cards will be allowed. Saturday, Jan. 10, only Senior High students with cards will be allowed. The Youth Center will continue to operate on the basis of a Junior and Senior night. The dress at all dances will be sport shirts and slacks for boys; blouse or sweater and skirt for girls. Admission will be 25c for both groups, with membership card.

Remember, starting Jan. 9, Friday night is for the Junior Teen Club and Saturday Night is for the Senior Teen Club.

WHAT GOES ON

Sunday, Dec. 14—3 to 6 p.m. Covered Dish Supper, American Legion Hall
Monday, Dec. 15—8 p.m. Public Hearing on city Budget, Center School Auditorium
Wednesday, Dec. 17—8 p.m. Gift Wrapping Class, Social Room, Center School
Thursday, Dec. 18—8:15 p.m. GHI board meets, Administration bldg.
8:30 p.m. Sitter's Club annual meeting, 2-E Northway
Friday, Dec. 19—3:30 p.m. Santa Claus arrives, Braden Field
Tree lighting in Center

HIGH POINT MUSICALE

The High Point High School PTA will present their annual Christmas Musicale on Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. The program will feature the Glee Club, the Band and the Majorettes of the school. There will also be a visitation period with the teachers.

SITTER'S CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Sitter's Club on Thursday, Dec. 18, at the home of Elaine Skolnik, 2-E Northway, at 8:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

NOTICE

As prescribed by the City Charter, there will be a Public Hearing in the auditorium of the Community Building, Monday, Dec. 15, 1958 at 8 o'clock, to afford citizens an opportunity to speak on the City's proposed budget for 1959.

Winfield McCamy,
City Clerk

Budget Cuts, Pay Raise Set \$1.61 Tax Rate; Public Hearing on 15th

By Russ Greenbaum

By ruthlessly cutting any item that struck them as not essential to the city's operation and with a little bit of luck, the members of the city council added \$7500 for pay raises for city employees and still managed to come up with a revised 1959 budget that raises the city tax rate by only 3.5 cents to \$1.61 per hundred dollars assessed evaluation. The budget, which now totals \$263,046, was tentatively approved by the council at a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, and will be presented to the citizens for their review at a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 15, in the Center School auditorium at 8 p.m. prior to final passage.

Luck played a part when City Manager Charles McDonald discovered at the last minute that revenue not previously anticipated will result in an additional \$5000 surplus in 1958 or a total of \$10,000 surplus carried forward to 1959. This added money plus planned additional income in 1959 of \$2600 from a raise in swimming pool admissions and a slight raise in bus fares helped to hold the proposed 1959 tax rate down to \$1.61, even though the new budget is only about \$100 less than the original figure submitted by the city manager that had set a tax rate of \$1.71. The original budget would have resulted in a 13.5 cent increase over the 1958 tax rate of \$1.574.

The council had set its sights on reducing the budget and cutting down the losses from the swimming pool and bus service so that funds for a substantial pay raise for city employees could be included without increasing the 1958 tax rate. Actually, prior to Monday's meeting a budget had been devised with a tax rate of about \$1.50. However, a decision initiated by Councilman Ben Goldfaden to provide a full year's wage for Sherman Friend, custodian of the Community Building (Center School) to be sold to the county as of June 30, added \$2038 to the budget. (Normally his salary is covered by rent of the building to the county, which will end in June.)

Friend, who has indicated that he will not continue as custodian of the building under the county, would then be out of a job. Goldfaden, noting Friend's long years of service to the city and that he could be employed in the new community buildings when they are built, argued that he should be continued in city employment without a break.

Part Time Help

In addition to this amount, Councilman Alan Kistler brought up the request of the city treasurer and city clerk to be allowed each five more hours a week of part-time help. The total amount for the year for the extra help is \$848. The council was cool to this request, particularly since McDonald refused to support the critical need for this help. However, an impassioned outburst by the usually placid city treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Kandler, in which she asserted that unlike other department heads she was forced to spend many hours on detailed clerical work and to slave-drive her staff because of lack of help, led Councilman Goldfaden to move for the insertion of the funds.

Since every thousand dollars budgeted by the city that is not balanced by revenue means a one-cent raise in taxes, the added \$2900 brought the tax rate up to \$1.53. Kistler then proposed that the council accept the department heads' request for a ten percent salary raise, but Goldfaden's compromise move for \$7500, to be distributed according to the recommendations of the personnel classification committee now making a survey, was accepted.

Swimming Pool

Previously the council agreed to raise swimming pool admissions by ten cents for everyone over 16 years of age and by five cents for those below that age. It was estimated that this would bring in an additional \$2000 in revenue. Utilizing the new hourly pay rate for pool employees, it was anticipated that the pool would be closed about seven days during the season because of bad weather and that this would save about \$765. On this basis the swimming pool account was realistically balanced for the first See BUDGET, Page 3

Credit Union Takes Insurance on Loans

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union has taken out group credit life insurance on all of its loans. The insurance covers outstanding loans and all new loans. This means that if a borrower dies, the outstanding balance of his loan will be paid off by the insurance company and any collateral turned over to his estate or beneficiary. In the case of joint ownership, the collateral will be turned over to the surviving owner. Where more than one person signs the loan note, the insured party is the one whose signature appears first on the note.

The insurance is handled by the Washington National Insurance Company, Washington, D. C. It was placed with this Company after a study and investigation by a committee of Credit Union Officers, consisting of Allen D. Morrison, El Dall Hughes, and Joseph D. Compton. The Committee reviewed proposals from companies represented by several local agents as well as proposals from several out of town and out of state agencies. The Washington National Insurance Company was selected because of its lower cost and because the policy coverage does not contain restrictions as to amounts covered on individual loans. This restriction appeared in the policies of most of the other companies. This Company specializes in group coverage and insures many of the Credit Unions in the area.

Under the Policy, there will be a premium of fifty-five cents per thousand dollars of outstanding loans, per month. The premium will be paid by the Credit Union. Dividend returns will be made to the Credit Union based on claim experience. Returns to Credit Unions of similar size to the Greenbelt Credit Union amount to 62% of the premium if no claims are paid. Claims paid reduce this return, however. The insurance became effective Nov. 10.

NEW YEAR'E EVE DANCE

Plans and preparations for the gala New Year's Eve Dance, sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, at the Greenbelt Armory on Dec. 31, are rapidly nearing completion.

The Decoration Committee, under the chairmanship of Jay Brubaker, is planning to transform the Armory into a night club setting. Major attention will be given to installing adequate and attractive lighting effects.

Other arrangements, for the tables, checking facilities, the erection of a stage for the orchestra and the many details that are required are in the capable hands of Emory Harman, assisted by Ed Don Bullion.

Tickets and table reservations may be obtained from any member of the Lions Club or by calling Charles M. Cormack, 6-B Ridge, GR. 4-9435.

Moved? Notify State

The Maryland Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, James B. Monroe, wishes to advise that the Department is preparing to print applications for the new license plates, and requests that you immediately notify the Department in writing if you have moved, or your address on your registration card is incorrect. Your name, correct address, title number, and license plate number should be given. Also the number of your driving license, if that too bears an incorrect address.

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Santa to Arrive Next Friday in a Helicopter

Gala Christmas Program

Monday - December 15th — The Community Band will visit individual courts and play Christmas Carols.

Wednesday - December 17th — Gift Wrapping Class in the Social Room at 8:00 P.M.

Friday - December 19th — Annual Tree Lighting in the Center

Friday - December 19th — Santa will arrive on Braden Field in a Helicopter at 3:30 P.M. Gifts will be given to all children present.

News Review Officers

Virginia Beauchamp was re-elected president of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, publisher of the Greenbelt News Review, at a special meeting last Sunday night. Russell Greenbaum was chosen vice president and Al Skolnik secretary. Anne Levine, a newcomer to the board, was elected treasurer.

The board renamed Harry Zubkoff as editor of the News Review. Zubkoff, whose present term as editor began in Sept., 1956, stated a preference for having the editor's job rotated among the staff. He was prevailed upon, however, to continue as editor for an indefinite period. Victor Fisher was named as business manager to replace Betty Cress, who resigned.

CIVIL DEFENSE

The Civil Defense siren signals are simple to remember. There are only two signals:

The Alert Signal is a three to five minute steady blast on the siren. This means tune in your radio to 640 or 1240 for directions.

The Take Cover Signal is a three minute wailing tone or short blasts on a siren. This means take cover at once in the best available shelter.

Bill of Rights Day

Charles Link, Chairman
Americanism Committee

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Americanism Committee of Greenbelt Post No. 136, The American Legion, would like to call your attention to, "Bill of Rights Day", December 15, 1958.

The Americanism Committee will give emphasis to Bill of Rights Day, by presenting to the local school's a framed copy of this document on man's rights, which is the individual's shield and armor and guarantees every American Citizen protection of life, liberty and property; it recognizes that human life is sacred, therefore, our rights, are protected by provisions in the original Constitution by the Bill of Rights and by supplementary amendments.

Every guarantee of liberty written in the Bill of Rights becomes the obligation of every American Citizen to preserve for posterity.

High Point High Points

By Marion Ryss

High Point's basketball season opens with the game against Coolidge on Friday, Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m. in Coolidge's gymnasium.

The next game will be at home against the Walter Johnson "Spartans," at 2 p.m., Dec. 16. All High Point students may attend for the price of a ticket. Let's show our mighty "Eagles" that we are one-hundred percent behind them. See you at the game.

Parents, it's time to hike up to High Point again for the annual PTA Christmas Program, featuring the High Point Band and Glee Club performing for your pleasure. From 7:30 to 8 will be a brief period for parents to visit with the teachers.

A sneak preview of graduation will occur Thursday, Dec. 18, when the seniors will get measured for their graduation caps and gowns.

National Honor Society will hold its first induction ceremony this year on Thursday, Dec. 11. This assembly will induct only seniors, but next time juniors will also be eligible.

Mighty "Eagles" football team will be honored at the Kiwanis Club Football Banquet at the Prince Georges Country Club on Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. A trophy will be presented to High Point for winning the Prince Georges County Football Championship.

A Christmas dinner is planned on Dec. 18 for all teachers and their husbands, wives, and children.

Lois Schrom, a senior at High Point, of 2-C Laurel Hill, is to be thanked for the beautiful Christmas display she made for the school office. It has received many admiring glances and almost makes going to the office enjoyable.

Under an international exchange program visitors from countries in Europe and Asia will arrive Friday morning, Dec. 12 and stay until after lunch. The delegation is made up mostly of businessmen, just a few of the many visitors that High Point entertains during a school year.

Two new teachers have joined the staff at High Point. Mr. Robert Trumbule, a former Greenbelter, teaches mathematics, and Mrs. Barbara Culp, formerly at Northwestern, will become a gym teacher.

High Point's Band and Majorettes travelled to Bethesda Sunday, Dec. 7 to take part in the annual Christmas parade. They marched down the street on frozen limbs and played with numbed fingers. It was chilly, but fun?

High Point's cafeteria has been turned over to the willing hands of the Student Council. The cafeteria is now under the complete control of the students. Members of the student council attend each lunch shift and see to it that discipline is maintained and that everything is clean and neat for the next shift. Offenders are tried by the student court. Music is played and has made the lunch period very pleasant.

All seniors who are not planning attending college are being given the opportunity to take the Maryland Employment Service Test called the General Aptitude Testing Battery. These tests are free and may result in jobs.

Decorating the High Point lobby for the past few weeks is a Japanese exhibit by Stephanie Schein of 8-Q Ridge rd. Stephanie is to be complimented on this lovely piece of work. Many people have spoken admiringly about it when passing it in the lobby.

PARK THE MARK

Once a poet named Mark there was
Who my mind kept quite in a fuzz
Obscure is he wonder I do
Or is he not just getting through?
Park (11/25/58)

VOLUNTEER NOTES

By Don Pratt

Hoyman Cleaners has on display two beautiful trophies for awards to members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. These are for the most active members of the Company, being given for the most runs made during the year on Fire Calls and on Ambulance Calls.

The awards will be made at ficers at the American Legion Hall on Jan. 17, 1959.

Thursday nights there is instruction in first aid ambulance equipment and rescue techniques under the direction of Assistant Rescue Squad Chief, George Clinedinst. Let's build up the attendance at these classes. George will cover any subject that is desired. Let him know ahead of time so he can have an instructor on any special subject. Oxygen apparatus has had special emphasis. As we have four different kinds of equipment it is important that we all know the operation of each piece.

Four of the junior members, Steve DeCoste, Dennis Dunn, James Hunt and Neal Smith have formed a first aid team, and will soon challenge any four-man team in the Company to a first-aid contest. This has been stimulated by the donation of four individual trophies for team members that have the best team average in a year-long contest planned in the Company.

George Clinedinst has the rules drawn up for these contests. Four-man teams are to be formed, and competition will start soon after Jan. 1.

A First Aid Instructors course will start on Dec. 15 at the Red Cross Chapter house at Hyattsville. Any person that has an Advanced First Aid card is welcome to take this course. Several members of the Company are planning to take this course.

Baptist News

Work on the new Baptist church is progressing with encouraging results. Rev. Glenn Samuelson announced this week. The partitions on the ground floor for three nursery rooms, a beginner room, primary room, junior room are now being put in place by the bricklayers. Roofers will begin to shingle the roof this week and glass will be set in the windows next week. It is hoped that the church will be completed on or before Jan. 30 when the church will engage in "The Week of World Missions." A different missionary will address the congregation each night, at this time.

Preparation are now being made for the Christmas Musical Program to be presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 14, and the Sunday School Christmas Pageant to be featured on Sunday evening, Dec. 21.

WANT TO TEACH?

The County Recreation Department is receiving applications from individuals interested in teaching children in the Department's recreational classes program, after school during the week or on Saturday mornings. Classes include: ballet, baton, tap dancing, ballroom dancing, Hawaiian, creative art, creative dramatics and tumbling. Applications should be sent to Prince Georges County Recreation Department, 4803 Riverdale rd., Riverdale, Md.

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Twin Pines Notes

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The Board also voted to place 20% of the quarter's savings into Reserves, and to pay savers the regular quarterly 1% dividends, plus a special dividend of any surplus earnings remaining at year end.

A novel arrangement was also discussed which would make it possible for a family buying a co-op home from Greenbelt Homes to pay the full price of the home if they wished, and so reduce their monthly payments to the equivalent of only the operating charges. It was agreed to present the plan to the Greenbelt Homes Board for their consideration.

In other action the Board voted to increase the management fee to bring the total for the year to \$1,000. They also set a late payment fee of \$1.00 to be charged borrowers whose loan payments are more than 5 days late more than once in a calendar year. Also, President Bruce Bowman was asked to appoint a committee to plan for the annual meeting which is to be held during the first quarter of 1959.

New Year's Eve Party

The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County is planning a gala New Year's Eve party at their building on Ridge and Westway on Wednesday night, Dec. 31. The Dukes of Rhythm will play for your dancing pleasure from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. A buffet supper has been arranged. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cold cuts, side dishes, and other delicacies. Set ups will be provided. Everyone will get horns to toot, funny hats to wear, and streamers to throw. Call Ratzkin, GR. 4-9448, or Herman, GR. 4-8631 for reservations.

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CHANUKAH PARTY

The Women's Group of the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County is giving a Chanukah Party on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 9 p.m. in the JCC Building, Ridge rd., and Westway. A program and refreshments are planned.

A Chanukah program will be presented by the Youth School of the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the JCC Building. Everyone is invited to join in the holiday festivities. There will be regularly scheduled classes in the morning.

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time in the history of the city.

Bus Service

It was agreed, however, that nothing could be done to make the bus service even approach the break-even point. To cut down losses somewhat it was decided to eliminate the first run in the morning (leaving Greenbelt at 6:20 a.m.) and the last run in the evening (leaving the highway at 8:01 p.m.) There will also be a minimum fare of ten cents in the first two zones. These changes will have to receive approval from the transit authority before they can be put into effect. This would save about \$745 in expenses and add about \$800 in revenue.

Police Department

Police Chief Jim Williams failed to win approval for his extra full-time police officer, but the council went along with his and the city manager's estimate that the hours of duty for the foot patrolmen could be cut. During the winter months on Monday through Friday the patrolman will go off duty at 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. and on Saturday night he will go off duty at midnight instead of 2 a.m. This will save \$520. It is felt that the need for these patrolmen is less in the winter than in the summer when teenagers are out of school.

Recreation

Recreation Director Warren Leddick cut about \$520 from his department by dropping special instructors for tennis and a few other sports. He also revealed that the county will not operate the North End playground this summer on a regular basis because of lack of attendance which means the city need not provide anyone for that program. (The county will have occasional special programs at the playground.)

Leddick, however, objected strongly when the council led by Goldfaden would not accept \$400 in the budget for trophies and medals for the annual marathon race and organized adult and youth sports leagues. It was felt that the city should not start a precedent of awarding trophies for all sports activities. Leddick managed to get \$150 retained for the youth leagues.

Other Acts

Other major cuts in the budget were \$2100 less for the replacement of equipment, \$1590 taken out by allowing no funds for conference travel (although some will be permitted during the year on a limited basis,) and various cuts in materials and supplies mostly initiated by McDonald. The city manager also urged to council to include \$300 for mosquito control, but the council felt that the money could be obtained for this without setting it aside in the budget.

Aside from the pay raise, a major addition to the original budget was about \$1000 to put city employees under a major medical care plan and \$900 necessitated by a new state ruling that regular part-time employees must come under the state retirement program. Deductions will be made from part-time employees' salaries for this purpose matched by city funds.

AMERICAN LEGION AND MEMBERS OF AUXILIARY

Covered Dish Supper,
December 14, at 8 to 6 P.M.
MENU: baked ham, frankfurters, candied yams, baked beans, bread and butter, potato chips, coffee and milk
Adults—50c
Children (under 12)—25c
Bring a dessert, your children and prospective members. Recorded music, 6 to 9 P.M.

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amount budgeted for 1959 was based on actual 1958 taxes, which turned out to be more than expected, partly because of an ad valorem tax of \$4,900 levied by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. Some board members expressed fear that this item was not being realistically handled, since no allowance was made for possible city and county tax raises in 1959.

Fringe Benefits

The third item increase was \$7,800 in fringe benefit costs arising from GHI's assumption of 65 percent of the cost of hospitalization, surgical, major medical, and life insurance benefits for its employees. About \$1,000 of this amount is the corporation's share of providing similar fringe benefits for GHI directors.

Water Charges

An increase of \$3,000 in water costs is anticipated for 1959 over the 1958 budgeted figure. Some uncertainty is connected with this item, since it is not known how water metering by WSSC will affect aggregate costs. However, a surplus of \$17,000 has been built up in the water account for the past two years which can be used if actual water costs exceed the budgeted figure.

The remaining increase of \$4,000 in the budget is due to a miscellaneous number of factors such as higher payroll taxes, transportation costs, and depreciation expenses charged to heating and maintenance.

Offset to Increases

The biggest offset to these increases was a drop of \$7,000 in the amount budgeted for maintenance contract work. Currently only about half the \$20,000 allocated for this item is being spent as GHI finds itself able to handle more and more of the contract work. A similar situation is expected to prevail next year, unless there is a shortage of labor.

Another item reduced in the budget was \$5,000 in fuel oil costs. Based on projections from the first nine months experience, fuel oil costs for 1958 were some \$10,000 under the 1958 budgeted amount. The 1959 budgeted amount, however, was reduced only \$5,000 so as to allow some leeway for price increases and unusual cold weather. The 1959 heating budget also reflects a saving of \$1,500 in electrical costs. These savings in fuel oil and electricity, despite an increase in average degree days in 1958 over 1957, are attributed to increased electrical controls installed in the heating units.

Fire insurance shows a reduction of \$4,300 in the amount budgeted for 1959. This saving assumes that dividends of a regular nature will be paid under the new five-year policy purchased last summer from Firemen's Mutual Insurance.

Miscellaneous items make up the remaining \$1,000 reduction in the budget.

Monthly Charges Up

As a result of the increased budget, monthly charges will rise an average of \$1.50 per month, with proportionately higher percentage increases for frame units than for brick units. Partly responsible for this situation is the shift in the amount of maintenance and repair work being done on the two types of units. In 1958, maintenance costs for brick units, when projected from nine months experience, were \$12,000 under the budgeted amount, while maintenance costs for frame units exceeded the budgeted amount by \$9,000.

Insurance Bids

Seven insurance companies submitted competitive bids for the GHI insurances expiring Jan. 1 and covering workmen's compensation, auto insurance, burglary, boiler, and general liability. With the identity of the individual bidders unknown, the board chose Nationwide Mutual to underwrite all the coverages except boiler insurance which was renewed with Lumbermen's Mutual.

Nationwide, who is the present underwriter, submitted bids that were not only lower than those of any other company but also some \$1,000 less than the premiums currently being paid.

NEW CAR FINANCING

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Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik, GR. 4-6060

Putting at stake their unparalleled 3 game winning streak amassed at the opening of the 1958 59 Greenbelt bridge season, Dale Frese and George Kaufman ran into stiff East-West opposition at last Friday's 6-table duplicate game and fell below the onslaughts of victors Lee and Larry Fink and runners-up Charlotte and Lou Miller. Nevertheless, the Frese-Kaufman record of 3 straight wins remains unchallenged, although the Finks now have a record of two wins and a second. In the North-South direction, Ed Keefe and Al Skolnik teamed up to win a comfortable victory over their nearest rivals, Gerard Weber and George Klies, Jr. Next month's game, because of the holidays, has been postponed one week, to Friday, Jan. 9.

Our deepest sympathy to Billie McDonald, 2-J Northway, who lost her father last week. Billie flew to Mont. for the funeral.

Birthday greetings to Pam Tucker, 22 Woodland, who celebrated her 11th birthday on Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Branch, 13-H Ridge, and daughters, Kay, and Barbara spent Thanksgiving weekend in Philadelphia as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. McBride. On Saturday, they all attended the Army-Navy Football game. Their son, Dan, a midshipman at the Naval Academy, joined them after the game. Dan escorted Judy McBride to the Cotillion given in Philadelphia in honor of the midshipmen on Saturday night. Miss McBride accompanied him back to Washington where she returned to the Marjorie Webster Junior College. Kay Branch returned to State Teacher's College in Frostburg, Md. late Sunday evening. Kay also came home last weekend to attend the wedding of Miss Ann Burton in College Park.

I don't believe Dan Branch, Sr. will ever forget the 1958 Army-Navy Football game. Sitting behind him was the Princess Grace of Monaco. "She's more beautiful than her pictures," said Branch. When Mrs. Branch asked about the Prince, Branch said, "Oh I didn't notice him!"

The Intermediate Girl Scouts of Troop 416 are very proud of the letter they received from the Social Service Agency commending them for their donation of a Thanksgiving basket.

Patrols from St. Hugh's, Center School, and North End School, joined other patrols from the area in a Christmas Celebration at the Hyattsville Theatre. The North End Drill Team was also invited. Hosts were the Automobile Association of America. All the youngsters were treated to ice cream, a penny bank, and saw some films.

A get-well-quick to former Greenbelt, Jennie Klein, who is recuperating from an operation. The Kleins live at 1946 Rosemary Hill dr., Silver Springs.

Mrs. Harold Lloyd, 13-Y Hillside, is very proud of her dad, Major Robert D. Thompson. A man who contributed to cementing good relations between American troops and the people of Chaumont, France, the Major now fills the job of Wing Adjutant at Perrin, Tex. Major Thompson was cited for the part he played in reducing auto accident rates while with the 48th Fighter Tactical Wing in France. The 48th was awarded the National Safety Council's award of honor for 1956, due to the accident rate reduction. In recognition of this achievement, as well as the part he played as project officer for beautification of the base, Major Thompson received the Air Force Commendation Medal. Prior to his landscaping program, the base was knee deep in mud, and following it the Wing received a \$500 award as the most improved U. S. Air Force in all of France. Major Thompson lived in Greenbelt for 7 years.

C. Wayne Tucker, 11-L Ridge, recently arrived in Honolulu abroad the S. S. Lellani. Tucker, who is the State Operations Officer of the

Disability Insurance division of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, was to spend 4 days in Hawaii consulting with the Hawaiian office of the same organization.

Stuart A. Oring, son of Irving Oring, 1-F Westway, has been elected President of Rochester Institute of Technology's Chess Club for the current academic year. Stuart is a fourth year student in RIT's Photography Department.



Pvt. Gerald L. Arnold

Army Pvt. Gerald L. Arnold, 23, whose wife, Frances, lives at 19-P Ridge, recently completed eight weeks of basic combat training with the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua L. Arnold, Berwyn Heights, attended Mt. Rainier High School and was formerly employed by the Potomac Electric Power Co., Washington, D. C.

John E. Cherrix, 4-E Gardenway, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Cherrix is a member of the Washington, D. C. staff of Price Waterhouse & Co.

Army Pvt. Clyde A. Martin, 18, son of Mrs. Ella Martin, 25-G Ridge, recently completed eight weeks of artillery training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Martin entered the Army last June and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He attended High Point High School.

Local Youth Convicted

By I. J. Parker

One of the three teen-age boys awaiting sentence for car theft was arrested and convicted last week of breaking and entering the food store and bowling alley and was sentenced to an indefinite term at Loch Raven School for boys. His accomplice was sentenced to a 1-year minimum term.

"The Case of the Crepe-Soled Shoes" was solved by officer Joe O'Loughlin after an intensive 9-hour investigation. The only clue in both thefts was the print of a crepe-sole shoe on the slick bowling alley. Stolen from the food store were fifty cartons of cigarettes, after a window on the loading platform at the rear of the store was broken. Later in the week, the bowling alley was entered through a side door, and money from the pin-ball machine, the cigarette machine and the juke box, in addition to 300 packs of cigarettes, was taken. Four bowling ball bags were used to carry away the loot. The bags were later found in the abandoned "haunted house" in Beltsville.

Using the shoe print as evidence, O'Loughlin questioned one youth who owned a similar pair, but could not produce them. According to Chief Jim Williams, the boy had shredded the shoes and disposed of them by flushing them down the toilet in his home. O'Loughlin questioned one youth evidence had been recovered at the sewage disposal plant and the boy confessed.

Mrs. Lawrence O. Mott President of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt, attended the Board of Directors' Meeting of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs on Tuesday, Nov. 18, in Baltimore.

A donation of Christmas Gifts from the Greenbelt Club was taken to the meeting by Mrs. Mott, adding to the many given by other Clubs to the Maryland Mental Health patients.

League of Women Voters

The 1959 County Engagement Calendar and Directory, published by the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County, is now on sale, according to Mrs. Harold Hayes, president.

Modeled on its predecessors, the Calendar contains space for writing engagements and appointments and shows the school holidays as well as the due-dates for income taxes.

To avoid disappointment, calendars for personal use and for Christmas gifts should be bought soon from the League's public relations chairman, Mrs. Gerald P. Brierley, 11-C Southway, GR. 4-9312. The price is still 50c.

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