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Five Cents

Mrs. Maglothin Given Fair Chance to Live

By Russell Greenbaum

The condition of Mrs. Lila Mae Maglothin, 26, shot under as yet unexplained circumstances in the bedroom of her home at 32-H Ridge on Tuesday night, Jan. 6, is improving. Surgery successfully removed the bullet buried in her forehead, and the latest word from Prince Georges County Hospital is that she now has a better than 50-50 chance to live, according to Greenbelt Chief of Police Jim Williams.

Meanwhile, Donald Lee Maglothin, 27, her husband, who has been charged with assault with intent to kill in connection with the shooting, still awaits a preliminary hearing, which has been postponed until Jan. 30. He has made no statement beyond referring all questions to his wife and to state that it was an "accident." His wife has not regained consciousness since the shooting.

The question of who actually fired the gun, as well as the circumstances surrounding the shooting, still remains to be determined. The absence of any sign of powder burns shows that the gun went off two feet or more from the victim but does not rule out that Mrs. Maglothin may have fired the gun, the police say. (Although a story in the downtown press reported that Maglothin had said the shot was not self-inflicted, there is no verification that he made such a statement.)

A paraffin test of Maglothin's hand made after the shooting would show whether or not he fired the gun. It is not known if the county police made such a test, but it is assumed that this fairly routine procedure was followed.

The chain of events that led to the shooting is also presently obscure. The one clue is that all of Maglothin's clothes were downstairs laid out as if preparatory packing. It is not known whether Maglothin brought down his clothes or they were brought down earlier by his wife before he came home.

Other details of the tragic event gathered by the Greenbelt police has made possible at least a partial reconstruction of what happened. Maglothin, a motorcycle officer with the District police, came off duty that morning and appeared in court on a case. He was expected home early in the afternoon but did not arrive until about 8:45 p.m., when a neighbor saw him drive into the court. This was a little more than an hour before the shooting.

The indication from the neighbors is that no loud argument took place. (The frame house type, in which the shooting occurred, is notorious for carrying the sound of voices.) The fact that the holster for Maglothin's .38 police revolver was found downstairs makes it probable that he took off his gun down there rather than in the bedroom where the shot was fired.

There were only three bullets in the gun at the time it was fired. If Maglothin unloaded his gun when he removed the holster, which would be a normal action on his part, it is theorized that someone later hastily reloaded it with three shells. (Six bullets were missing from the holster, and others were lying around the room.)

Chief Williams has pointed out that the gun has a safety device so that it cannot be fired by jarring but only by pulling the trigger. The gun fires easily when cocked, but it can also go off when not cocked, although a hard pull would be required. The assumption is that the gun went off in a struggle over it. A loud shot was heard by a neighbor just prior to the shot.

None of the neighbors know of

Traffic Safety Week Winds up Saturday

By Leslie Robinson

Greenbelt's traffic safety week will wind up Saturday afternoon at the Greenbelt Theatre with 75 prizes, a full length movie, a feature length movie, 6 cartoons, free soft drinks, free cupcakes, and the Maple Glenn Drum and Bugle Corps, according to Sgt. Austin R. Green, chairman of the traffic safety program.

General admission is at the regular prices. Members of the School Safety Patrols are admitted free and guests of the Patrol are admitted at half price.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. and last until almost 5 p.m. Between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. a feature, Charlie's Haunt, and 6 cartoons will be shown. There will be an intermission at 2 p.m. when Mayor Canning will introduce the traffic safety part of the program. Indian Chief Cloud will be there. Inspector Dick Mansfield will draw safety cartoons. Following the safety program is the main feature, Long Trailer, with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez.

At 4:12 p.m. drawings will be made for 75 prizes which will include games, soft drinks, dollar bills, and free tickets to the movie. The prizes were donated by the following: Happy The Ice Cream Man, High's Dairy Products Corp. of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, L & M Market, Coca Cola Co., Pepsi Cola Co., Veteran's Liquors, Dr. McCarl, Greenbelt Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Greenbelt Realty Co., Tanners Cleaners, Hoffman Cleaners, Doc's Garage, Greenbelt Co-op Service Station, Greenbelt Flying A Service Station, Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Bowling Alley, Suburban Trust Co., Twin Pines Savings and Loan, Ben Franklin 5 & 10 Store, and Sgt. Green, (who donated 3 prizes to make the total number of prizes come out to 75.)

And that's not all. Refreshments for everyone will be donated by the Coca Cola, Continental Baking Co. (Hostess Cupcakes), and the County Fair Bakery, states the chairman of the prize and refreshment committee, Leo Gerton of High's Dairy Products.

RECREATION REVIEW

Basketball League

Saturday, Jan. 17, the first games in the Recreation league will be played. The junior high school boys will start at 12 noon with the senior high boys starting at 2:30 p.m.

Teen Club Basketball

Last week on the Hyattsville Junior High court Greenbelt lost to Bladensburg 44-33. The Greenbelt team is scheduled to play Kentland tonight at 8 p.m. at Hyattsville.

SEWING CLASS

A new class in the Bishop Method of clothing construction will begin Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Greenbelt. Those who have completed the basic sewing course may register for the tailoring class, starting on Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. at High Point High School.

Please call the following people to register or for further information. Mrs. Hinnov, 6626; Mrs. Ungar, 3477; or Mrs. Bridge, 7072. They will also accept the registration payments; checks for \$5.00 should be made out to the Prince Georges County Board of Education.

any family problems or marital difficulties that could have led to the catastrophe. The Maglothins have always been considered desirable neighbors. Maglothin, who was reported by the police to be hysterical after the shooting and had frantically summoned the neighbors, is still said to be considerably shaken.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of Greenbelt, Md.

January 19, 1959

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, Jan. 5, 1959
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Monthly Departmental Reports
7. Ordinance - Second Reading - Establish a New Municipal Traffic Code
8. Ordinance - Establish a Minimum Cost of Equipment to be included in the Replacement Account

Polio Clinic

Questionnaire

The third and final Polio Clinic is to be held here on Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Center School. There is no age limit and the fee of \$1.00 is to be paid on the Clinic Day.

For the purpose of an estimate in ordering the serum, please clip out this notice and send it into the Greenbelt Health Department, City Office, Greenbelt, Md., not later than Jan. 23.

Total number of persons in your family desiring to receive their injection at this Clinic

HIGH POINT PTA

High Point's PTA will hold its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the High Point cafeteria. Teacher visitation will be held from 7:30 to 8 p.m. At 8 Allan I. Chotiner, principal of High Point, will answer questions on the school program that have been submitted by parents and on any other question that is related to school. It can be a very informative meeting, so get your questions and come.

REMEDIAL READING

Registration for the Saturday morning remedial reading classes should be made by Jan. 16. Parents interested in enrolling their children are asked to call Miss Long, Center School principal, GR. 3-2596, or Mrs. Grimm, North End principal, GR. 3-2066. The reading classes begin Feb. 7.

JCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a membership meeting of the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 8:30 p.m. in the JCC Building, Westway and Ridge. The Nominations Committee will report.

SYMPATHY

Neighbors and friends on Plateau extend their sympathy to Mrs. Irene Donahue and family on the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Miller.

De Luxe Apartment Project Planned Near Jr. High, GHI Board Learns

by Al Skolnik

Future development of Greenbelt occupied the attention of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board of directors at their regular meeting, Thursday, January 8. Reports had it that a well known local developer was moving ahead on plans to construct a luxury-type apartment project between the Greenbelt Junior High School and the sewage treatment plant on Kenilworth Ave. The project, it was reported, would be liberally interspersed with park, playground, and recreation areas, including tennis courts and a swimming pool. The proposed site, which is owned by the Pollin interests, is now zoned as light industry, and it is expected that a request will shortly be made to rezone it for apartment dwellings.

One of the stimulants for the construction of such a project is the proposed establishment of a space research laboratory and plant by the new National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the north side of Glen Dale rd. within a half-mile of the Washington-Baltimore pky. Director Frank Lastner also reported that the Glen Dale Junior-Senior High School, which will be located about a mile from the pky. on Glen Dale rd., is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 1960.

Turning to its own development problems, the board moved to have a final land survey made of the 7-acre tract adjacent to the maintenance building. The survey would be preliminary to purchasing this land, for which GHI now has an option.

Elections

The GHI nominations and elections committee has begun to organize for the coming election of the 9-man board of directors scheduled for the third Wednesday in Mar. Board members, who receive salaries of \$400 per annum (officers, \$500), are elected for one-year terms under a voting system whereby successful candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast. If there are not enough successful candidates, a run-off election is held a week later.

Members of the nominations committee are George W. Adams, Beverly Fonda, George Frenner, Ben Koszniewski, and Steve Polachnik. The committee is especially concerned with getting a sufficient number of candidates to run for office. Last year only 14 members competed for the 9 vacancies. One suggested remedy calls for each court to take on the responsibility of naming a candidate.

Credit Union Holds Annual Meeting Jan. 21

The twenty-second annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be held in the city office building Wednesday evening, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

On the agenda are a review of 1958 operations, including financial reports; declaration of dividends; and election of five members to the Board of Directors, two Credit Committee members, and a Supervisory Committee of three.

Incumbents up for reelection to the Board of Directors are Alan Morrison, Joe Compton, and Jim Beck. Also nominated for the Board are Joseph T. Haslinger and Murray Ryss. Cyril Turner and Anne Kazlauskas have been nominated for the Credit Committee vacancies. Nominees for the Supervisory Committee are incumbents Edward C. Kaighn and Joseph C. O'Neil, and Carl L. Eubank, formerly on the Board of Directors.

Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

Free Movie for Kids

Those free passes to a movie which were issued to each Greenbelt youngster bringing in a Christmas tree for the annual burning will be honored at a special showing at the Greenbelt Theatre on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Two consecutive showings of the film "Passage West," starring John Payne, will be offered, the first one starting at 2:45.

At least 1300 trees were brought in this year, according to the estimates of members of the Fire Department on the scene.

Volunteers from the Fire Department will act as ushers at the performances. The projectionist at the theatre will donate his services.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik, GR. 4-6060

In a 7-table duplicate bridge game featured by the entry of 5 new teams, the old "pros" maintained their dominance last Friday night. In the North-South direction, front-rankers Dale Freese and George Kaufman linked up in a dual with George Klies, Jr., and Gerard Weber that ended in a first-place tie. The Klies-Weber combine has been coming up fast, registering two seconds and a tie for first in the last 4 games. In the East-West direction, Jim Anderson and Lew Marsh teamed up for a 643 game which was sufficient to outpace their nearest challengers, Charlotte and Lou Miller.

It's a pink bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Bartlett, 58-A Ridge. Shirley Anne made her debut on Jan. 8, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. She joins four sisters, Susan, Lois, Diane, and Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, 35-K Ridge, announce the arrival of a son, John Robert, Jr., was born Dec. 27, (his daddy's birthday) weighing 4 lbs. 10 oz. He joins three sisters, Judy, Nancy, and Peggy.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Percy Andros, 2-A Northway. Thomas Glenn arrived Jan. 7, tipping the scales at 8 lbs. 4 oz. He joins four brothers and a sister.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Omega Farris, 14-A Crescent, who are the parents of a son born on Dec. 8.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNally, 16-D Ridge. Catherine made her debut on Dec. 11, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. She has a sister Mary Beth and two brothers, Joseph and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Otto, 20 Parkway, announce the birth of a son, Mathew Harold was born on Dec. 20, weighing 7 lbs. 1/2 oz. He has a brother Michael.

It's a blue bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lecklitter, 22-B Crescent. Michael Edward was born on Christmas Day, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. He joins a brother, Gene, Jr., age 2 1/2.

Congratulations to Morris and Nettie Steinman, 2-G Northway, on the arrival of their first grandchild. A daughter, Kathy, was born to Audrey and Burt Steinman on Jan. 6. Kathy weighed 7 lbs.

Birthday greetings to Mark Crowder, who celebrated his eighth birthday.

Lil Goldberg wants to thank Mary Ellen Lentz, Ann Chotiner, Ruth Roberts, Evelyn Adkins, Ruth Bowman, and all those who helped make the North End Book Fair a great success.

Birthday congratulations to Robert Reese, 1-F Northway, who was eight years old on Jan. 1.

Happy birthday to Missy Aylward, 2-H Southway. Missy is now four years old.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Moore, Jr., 14-R Hillside, who celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Jan. 6. Wanted—one youngster for the North End Kindergarten. Call GR. 4-9576 or GR. 4-6630.

The Greenbelt Dance Group has sent out an SOS. The group which meets at Center School every Tuesday at 4 and 4:30, has many openings for children five years and older. Call GR. 4-9479.

Marine Pfc. Joseph E. Donellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden H. Donellan of 44-A Ridge, is serving with Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15, a unit of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing based at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif.

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