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Five Cents

Council Starts Action To Set Up New Capital Improvement Budget

By Russ Greenbaum

The new city council has gone on record in favor of funding urgently needed major capital improvements to the city, which have long been shunted aside by previous council bodies. The principle of a separate capital expenditures budget to be financed on a long term basis rather than by current taxes was officially adopted by the council by resolution at its regular meeting Monday night.

This new type of budget was proposed by city manager Charles McDonald in an attempt to break the bottleneck on capital improvement apparatus quicker and more direct access to the North End. Mayor Alan Kistler noted that the city was already legally obligated to cut the road through and that it was only a matter of providing the money.

In presenting the six month budget to the council, McDonald included a separate capital outlay budget totaling \$33,200. He recommended that these items be financed by a long-term bank loan or a bond issue so that the cost of these items would not increase the tax rate excessively in any one year, and spread the cost more equitably. Included were such improvements as the extension of Greenhill road in the Lakewood subdivision to join Hillside in the North End at a cost of \$9,000, which was accepted by last year's council but postponed because of the expense involved.

Items

Other items in this budget were \$5,000 for the construction of a pavilion at the lake park, \$3,500 to resurface all three tennis courts (both of which were submitted in last year's budget but eliminated by council), \$5,000 for a street-cleaning machine, \$1,000 for a radar unit for city police cars, and about \$5,500 for various work and equipment to develop the new recreation area adjacent to Woodland Hills. In addition, the council suggested that other items should be added to this capital budget, especially funds for improving the city's recreation areas which have deteriorated seriously in recent years. The council did not discuss or specifically approve all the items in the \$33,200 budget.

Actually the citizens themselves will decide on these additional expenditures. The resolution passed by council notes that the "city charter provides that before any bond issue may be floated or the municipality obligated for capital improvements, the city council shall submit the ordinance to the voters for referendum or confirmation."

Indicative of the swift action planned is that the resolution, which was approved on Monday night after a vote to suspend the rules, states that the city manager is to prepare an ordinance within the next 30 days. This is "to include financing for the capital outlay items listed in the six months' budget together with other capital improvement items that will be needed in the next five years."

Protest

In connection with the extension of Greenhill road, Lakewood home owners appeared at the public hearing to protest making the main artery of their subdivision a through street which would channel a large volume of high-speed traffic downhill from the North End. On Friday night a contingent from the adjacent Woodland Hills development appeared before the council to support the extension. Lewis Bernstein, head of the group, pointed out that joining the road with Hillside would relieve the present heavy traffic on Northway and equalize traffic so that neither Greenhill road nor Northway would be heavily traveled.

Bernstein said that the community as a whole would benefit, especially since it would allow fire

At Last

By Rita Fisher

At last it's Christmas eve,
And throughout Greenbelt's city,
The Christmas trees are glistening,
And the lights all shine so pretty.
The faces of children are glowing
As they think of the wondrous joys
That await the arrival of morning,
And the realness of long wished
for toys.
Each package has finally been
wrapped,
The Christmas cards signed, sealed
and sent.
And though mommy and dad are
excited,
Dad's pockets are empty, mom's
energy spent.
Just a few hours for morning to
come,
And we'll watch as the children
arise,
And we witness the wonders of
Christmas
As their happiness brightens their
eyes.
And as we all greet one another
With hearts feeling light and gay,
We will wish one and all that we
meet
"A Merry Christmas" today.

Bus Service

The Greenbelt bus will not be operating on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25.

Local Leaders Discuss Greenbelt's Role During "Youth Fitness Week"

By Claude Wimberly

Representatives of more than a dozen different youth, church, athletic and other local organizations met with civic leaders in the Greenbelt City office on Wednesday evening, December 2, to discuss the promotion of "National Youth Fitness Week" and the role Greenbelt will play in the nation-wide observance during the first week in May.

The meeting, held under the joint chairmanship of Mayor Alan Kistler and City Manager Charles MacDonald, was called to discuss a proposal set forth by Warren Leddick, city recreation director, in which Greenbelt would be called upon to exemplify the model small community in furthering the promotion of health programs among the youth of the country.

Proclaimed by President

"National Youth Fitness Week", as proclaimed by President Eisenhower, is being conducted by a Presidential Committee under the leadership of Dr. Shane MacCarthy. This committee will sponsor work among the leaders of the country's youth organizations to promote physical, mental and moral well-being among the young people of the nation.

Leddick, who was unable to attend the meeting because of illness, had pointed out in a circular to the Greenbelt youth organizations and other groups that following a conference with Dr. MacCarthy, it had been decided Greenbelt would be designated the small community to be a model for youth fitness programs. MacDonald broadly outlined the need for a continuing week-long schedule of events during youth fitness week aimed at pointing up the town's city-wide recreational program as most outstanding among the smaller cities throughout the country.

Queried as to whether or not Greenbelt had received a firm commitment from the MacCarthy committee to play a major role in the forthcoming program, MacDonald replied that the only thing which would prevent Greenbelt's designation would be the failure of the people of the city to come up with a suitable program. He added that the MacCarthy committee had agreed to furnish a well-known speaker, perhaps Dr. MacCarthy himself. This speech, as well as

Council Passes 6-Month Interim Budget Totaling \$141,919 After \$16,735 Slice

By Al Skolnik

An expenditure budget of \$141,919 for the six-month period January 1 - June 30, 1960 was approved by the city council on Monday, December 21, after making net deletions of \$16,735. Practically none of the deletions affected the expanded services proposed by City manager Charles T. McDonald in his original budget message on November 25.

Included in the adopted budget were amounts to cover the addition of one full-time officer, one full-time clerk, and one part-time clerk to the police department, of one skilled laborer to the highway department, and of one skilled laborer and summer-time help to the municipal park and playground department.

With this additional personnel, the police switchboard will be kept open 24 hours a day, instead of being closed between midnight and 8 a.m. Also, the municipal park department will be able to engage in an expanded maintenance and restoration program. In connection with the latter, the council added \$1,300 to the budget for sodding of areas which were becoming "dust bowls."

The council adopted almost intact the recreation program proposed by the manager. Included were sums to provide adequate teachers for the swimming program and a swimming team coach. In addition to approving such regular programs as men's gym, women's slimnastics, arts and crafts, bowling league, basketball, summer program, special holidays, and umpires and scorers, the council allotted \$80 for its share of the expenses of a teen-age roller skating program.

Deletions

Almost two-fifth of the budget decrease was due to the deletion of replacement costs (\$6,458) which followed a council decision to declare a moratorium on such expenditures for the next six months.

These replacement costs, however, will be reflected in the 12-month fiscal year budget starting July 1, 1960.

Another major deletion was insurance costs of \$4,051. Instead of charging a whole year's premium to the six-month budget, the council allocated only the actual amounts that would be expended. Since these policies fall due May 31, the council directed a one-month extension of the insurance with the one-month costs included in the six-month budget. The 12-month fiscal year budget, of course, will reflect the entire year's premium charges.

Other items were deleted because of expectations that the costs would not be incurred in this six-month period. These included \$500 for a planning commission, and \$1,500 for a detailed audit. An item of \$2,373 for a foreman's position in the highway department—now filled by the former custodian of the Center School—was also deleted. The remaining deletions consisted of cuts in material and supplies.

Tax Rate

The council did not attempt to project a 1960 tax rate from the six-month budget, since the latter does not include many items that will have to be included in the 12-month fiscal year budget on which the 1960 tax rate will be based. The income yield from sources other than real property taxes is also very uncertain at this time.

Nevertheless, the increased payroll costs resulting from the addition of new personnel can be computed on an annual basis: \$6,600 for the police department, \$3,000 for the highway department, and \$3,600 for municipal parks. This total of \$13,200 is equivalent to about 14 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Capital Budget

Before approving the budget, council took note of the proposed capital outlay budget by approving a resolution requesting the city manager to submit within 30 days proposals for financing such a budget. According to the city charter, any proposal for floating a bond issue or loan for capital improvements must be submitted to the voters for referendum. The budget as passed does not include any allowance for major capital improvements.

Girl Scout Leaders

At a Girl Scout meeting on Saturday, December 12, Mrs. Isabel Foster, district director, explained the important role a neighborhood chairman plays in bridging the gap between the troop leaders and the district office in all affairs. She would have the duty of attending district meetings once a month and then holding a neighborhood meeting to pass on the information pertinent to the troops. She would be able to keep leaders informed of all new developments and also pass on records and forms.

A woman is desperately needed in Greenbelt to fill this volunteer position. If so desired, two women, working together, could do the job. Anyone interested or wishing further information can contact Mrs. Foster at WA 7-2080.

Also needed in Greenbelt, in order to re-activate troop 416, is an assistant leader. Acceptable would be teen-agers who are sincerely interested in Girl Scouts. Recently the Senior Girl Scout troop was discontinued. Perhaps one of these girls would like to continue in the Scouts by becoming an assistant leader. Anyone wishing to fill the position can contact Mrs. Foster or Mrs. Fisher at 9689.

Use of Local Library Increases 33 Percent

The Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George's County Library has shown a 33 percent increase in circulation since 1955, when it joined the County system, and the increase was attributed largely to an expanded budget for the entire County Library System, by Miss Elizabeth B. Hage, Director, this week.

She said that Greenbelt's circulation was 31,713 in 1955-56 and had risen to 42,338 by 1958-59. At the same time she noted the County Commissioners' appropriation for the entire library system has moved from \$184,810 in 1955-56 to \$301,198 in 1958-59.

Greenbelt's share in the larger operating budget is shown in a number of factors. In 1955-56 it had a book stock of 7,860 and was open 40 hours a week; at present it has a collection of 11,092 books, an increase of 42 per cent, and is open 49 hours. At the same time additional part-time help has been added to the staff.

"People are reading more books and also utilizing added services such as our Film Collection of 131 Motion Pictures and our Record Library of 4,010 recordings," she said. "In addition we answered 73,396 reference questions last year," she added.

Mrs. Marjorie Muir, Greenbelt Librarian, said that the increased circulation "reflects the improved situation throughout the whole County Library system made possible by a larger budget."

Youth Center Hops

The Board of Education of Prince Georges County has approved the use of Center School for a teenage dance on New Year's Eve. The dance will be held in the auditorium from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission will be 25 cents per person.

There will not be a dance on Saturday, December 26 or January 2, due to the extensive repair work in the school.

There will be a dance on Tuesday, December 29 at the Jewish Community Center from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission will be 25 cents. Both dances will be for all teenagers in Greenbelt between the ages of 13-19.

The Greenbelt Department of Recreation wish to extend to all a Happy Holiday Season.

JCC NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The Jewish Community Center will hold a gala New Year's Eve dance with a full orchestra at the JCC Building at Westway and Ridge. For information about tickets call GR. 4-3212.

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The Council Invests Our Money

Immediately after the last city election the *News Review* made an optimistic assessment of the new, youthful city council. We stated our belief the potential of the new council would impart dynamic action to city affairs. Since then, although the council has been sitting for barely more than three months, this promise has already been fulfilled. Meeting almost weekly since their election, the council members have climaxed their fast and furious pace by approving a budget which boldly invests our tax dollars in the future of Greenbelt.

Before their seats were warm, the councilmen began whipping into final shape the city's new building program. Although appreciative and respectful of the efforts of former councils, the new council showed immediately that it did not intend to rubber stamp previous decisions. In the case of the youth center building, the council eliminated the costly auto shop which, it turned out, nobody wanted anyway. As a result of the council's driving pressure, final plans are now being drawn for an eminently practical building that will be the envy of every community in Prince Georges and the surrounding counties. The chances are excellent that the building will be in use this summer.

In the case of the budget, previous councils have always looked at each item primarily from the viewpoint of how it would affect our tax rate. It became an obsession either to reduce the tax rate or limit any increase to a few cents, regardless of how the city continued to deteriorate and stagnate. This present council has made but scant reference to the tax rate in its budget discussions. This did not mean that the councilmen were eager to spend money. Small items were examined carefully and cut, where necessary, as well as large items. The important point is that these cuts were made to achieve the most efficient city government, not simply to keep expenditures down to the previous year's level.

As an example, new personnel approved in the new budget will add an initial amount of more than \$12,000 to the city's annual payroll. Yet if the requests of all department heads for personnel had been approved, this figure would have been much greater. Now employees are desperately needed to take care of the city's growing needs. These additions will most certainly increase our tax rate for 1960 by a substantial amount. Yet the council was realistic enough to realize that there was no way out.

The spirit of the new council seems to have infected the entire city administration. City officials have kept in stride with the driving pace set by the council without complaint. Indeed, they now face their duties with new enthusiasm as a result of the council's intelligent appreciation of their problems and its bold, imaginative means of reaching a solution. City manager Charles McDonald finds he is being kept on his toes, but he is enjoying the challenge and particularly the new respect that is being given him.

On Monday night an observer appeared to express surprise that a study of the new capital expenditures budget would be completed within 30 days. McDonald turned to him with a grin and said, "You don't know this council."

Those citizens who don't yet know this council should attend meetings and watch it in action.

CHAPERONES NEEDED

To The Editor:
In order to insure a safe and entertaining New Year's Eve celebration for our young adults we have been fortunate enough to have obtained the Center School Auditorium for a dance. However, in order to carry out the plans of the County Recreation Department we must have chaperones or there will be no party. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Confer have graciously offered their services, but we need more help.

If you are over twenty one and remember the fun you had at Drop-Inn, or if you are over fifty and like to see our young people enjoy themselves without any threat to their lives or limbs, or if you are in-between, we can use you. We can promise you a pleasant evening with our young people. Please telephone me at 8922 and volunteer your good services as chaperones.

Thank you,
JANET PARKER

Chanukah Oneg Shabbat

The Youth School of the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County will be conducting special services on Friday, at 8 p.m. An Oneg Shabbat will follow featuring community singing and refreshments. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this Chanukah celebration in the JCC building, Westway and Ridge.



By E. Skolnik

The air was thick with excitement Tuesday afternoon in anticipation of Santa's arrival at Braden Field. Rosy faces turned upward for the first glimpse of Santa's helicopter, and when the whirly bird was only a dot in the sky, the youngsters let out with cheers and whoops. Santa's elves were on hand, passing out stockings filled with candy, and Santa, himself, greeted each child.

How lucky we are that Warren Leddick, our Recreation Director, was able to contact Santa and bring him to Greenbelt. The program was excellently planned, and many thanks to Leddick, Police Chief Williams, several eighth grade boys from St. Hugh's, the Lion's Club who furnished the helicopter, all the helpers, and John Merricks, who was on the scene.

In his first brief before the Maryland Court of Appeals, Councilman Edgar Smith successfully secured the reinstatement of William L. Osborn's suit to recover the \$55,000 "rainy day" fund he had deposited with a Hillcrest Heights, Md., couple for safekeeping in 1951.

A very happy birthday to Melanie Stair, 6-T Hillside, who celebrated her fourth birthday on Tuesday.

Birthday greetings to Cindy Slepitz, 55-G Ridge, who will be six years old on Christmas.

On December 28, Naomi Parker, 45-J Ridge, will be ten years old. Happy birthday Naomi!

Fifth grader, Gail Boykoff, 2-C Northway, has a happy birthday coming up. She'll be ten years old. Glad to hear that Victor Bennett, 1-D Research, is feeling better after a head injury. Get well quick—Vic!

Birthday greetings to Robert Parker, 2-L Research, who celebrated his seventh birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Noll, 9-Q Laurel, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Paula Ann made her debut on December 14, weighing 9 lbs.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. John O'Mahony, 14-X Hillside. Joseph Michael was born on December 9 and tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 2 oz. He has a sister, Susan Ann.

They named him Charles Phillip. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schoenwetter, 14-U Ridge and he has a sister Cherry Lynn. Charles was born on December 5, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz.

A very happy birthday to Mitchell Parker WHO
On December 25 will be not one but TWO.

I wonder what brand vitamins our conscientious City Manager, Councilmen Clark and Treasurer are consuming these days so that they are able to remain alert and wide-eyed at 1:30 a.m. The pace was too much for me at last Friday night's budget hearing, and I gave up at midnight. (Whoops, almost forgot to add *News Review*

Reporter Russ Greenbaum's name to the list of the hardest. He stayed with pencil and pad to the end.)

Condolences to Helen Slepitz, 55-G Ridge, on the loss of her uncle.

Airman 3/c, Herbert Barbieri, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barbieri, 19-F Hillside, was unable to come home for Christmas, so he did the next best thing and went to a Ski Lodge at Mt. Baker, only to sprain his ankle on the first day of skiing. Herbert is now back at Blaine Air Force Base, Blaine, Washington, for the holidays.

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Methodists Observe Holiday Season

The Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church will observe Christmas Eve with a Candlelight service at 11 p.m. The church will be open from 6 p.m. with continuous Christmas music being presented.

Student Day is being observed on Sunday, December 27. The youth of the church will participate in the service.

On New Year's Eve, there will be a Watchnight service at the church of carols, hymns and fellowship beginning at 10:30 p.m. with Holy Communion at Midnight.

This year, in the spirit of Christmas, gifts were presented to the Swartzell Home by the Sunday School department. Gifts were also presented to a ward of women at St. Elizabeth's Hospital by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

by Rita Fisher

I stopped by the Fire House Saturday night around 10:30 p.m. to look through the reports on the activities of the men for the week. The records showed two fire calls and one rescue squad call for the week. Both fire calls were brush fire reports. One occurred on December 10 at 3:54 p.m. and was a grass fire at the rear of 4 court of Gardenway. The other brush fire was reported on December 11 at 11:03 p.m. and was at the underpass of Crescent and Hillside. The rescue squad was called on during the week to carry a person with back pains to P.G.

Well, as I was copying down the report, the radio came alive and the dispatcher said, "9-1 Parkway, between East Riverdale and Greenbelt." This was a call for action—One of the men said, "That's us," and immediately jumped into the ambulance and moved it out of the way so that the fire truck could move out.

The siren went off three times. (9-1 means auto accident). It seemed to me as though men came running from all directions and were ready to go by the time the siren hummed to a stop. Twenty men showed up in answer to the summons. They came from Northway, Southway, Laurel Hill, Lake-wood, all over town.

I just stood out of the way and watched them go. I could hear something of what was going on by the radio transmitter. Some of the men had to cross a patch of woods on foot in order to get to the scene of the accident on the Expressway. It turned out to be a bad one and at least four persons were carried to P. G. suffering from such injuries as possible concussions, broken limbs and internal injuries.

I thought about leaving but noticed that my car was blocked by a few of the men's cars and I decided to wait around and just watch. As the pieces of equipment came in, each one was cleaned and made ready for the next call. Linens were changed in both ambulances. The hose was turned on and each ambulance was hosed down and dried. The fire truck was also washed down and when I finally left, after midnight, they

Don't Get Mad at the Drug Store

As we entered our favorite drug store the other day, we were nearly bowled over by an irate female stomping out.

"You'll either have to keep your customers happy or widen your doors" we remarked to the pharmacist, as we hunted for a toothbrush to match our wife's new shower curtain.

"I could have ended up in court trying to keep her 'happy' he replied. "She wanted me to renew a prescription and her doctor had marked it 'not renewable'. It would've been against the law for me to renew it."

We indicated interest, and he went on to tell us that there are city, state and federal rules telling him what he may do and what he mustn't do. He may not, as he said, renew a prescription if the doctor has marked it "not renewable". The customer has to get another prescription from the doctor. If the law requires a prescription for a certain drug, the druggist can't sell it without a

were still cleaning the equipment.

I heard the new chief of the Rescue Squad remind some of the men to "be here at 4:30." He meant just a few hours later because five of the Rescue Squadsmen were going to man the ambulance and be in Baltimore by 5:30 a.m. They had volunteered to join in a big evacuation of patients from Old Sinai Hospital in Baltimore to the new Sinai Hospital. This operation was estimated as lasting about ten hours.

I can't help but think of how grateful we all should be to these men and the deep admiration and respect I have for the work they do. Their weekly occupations vary, policeman, paid fireman, postal worker, white collar worker, mechanic, salesman. Yet they are all there to do the same thing, help when help is needed when the siren blows. And many times without the aid of the siren!

Youth Center Elects Officers, Plans Dances

Saturday, December 12, the Senior Teen Club elected a new slate of officers, at which 76 members cast ballots. Elected President was Bill Hodges; Vice President, Jack O'Neil; Secretary, Pat O'Connell; Treasurer, Dianne Shago.

Four dances will be held over the Christmas holidays, on Saturday, December 26, Tuesday, December 29, New Year's Eve and Saturday, January 2. The dances will be held at Center School either in the Social Room or the Gym. The Board of Education is planning a major overhaul of the social room and also plans to refinish the gym floor. There is a possibility that the dances will move from one room to the other depending on how the work progresses. All dances with the exception of the New Year's Eve dance will be for Seniors only. The Junior dances will be conducted as usual at North End School on both Saturdays during the holidays.

The New Year's Eve dance will be for all Teenagers, and at least five couples must be sent to hold the dance. Parents wishing to chaperone New Year's Eve, should contact Mrs. Parker at 8922 or the Recreation Dept. at 2011.

prescription. He mustn't sell a larger quantity at a time than the prescription calls for. If the doctor specifies a certain brand of a drug, the prescription must be filled with that brand, and no other. And there are many more regulations, besides.

All these rules are for the protection of the customer. For instance, the angry woman who barged into us on her way out had got 12 sleeping pills on a prescription three days before. The directions said "One at bedtime if necessary for sleep". She'd evidently used four times that much. Although safe if only the prescribed amount was taken, the drug was one to which she could have become addicted. It could also kill her if she took too many at once. That's why her doctor had limited the prescription. And she got mad at the druggist! (This column is sponsored in the interest of better health by: YOUR TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION.)



Have a wonderfully Happy Holiday Season. We wish you all the health and happiness in the world during the coming year.

Ben Franklin's
In the Center

Dec. 24, 1959

NEWS REVIEW

Three

Baptists Honor Two

Members and friends of the Greenbelt Baptist Church will honor two of their members, Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Hawkins, during the annual watchnight service program on Thursday, December 31. The Hawkins celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on December 30. The program begins at 9 p.m. at the church with the showing of the sound film "The Bible on the Table." Those attending will then enjoy a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins at which appropriate talks will be made by various leaders of the church. Milton B. Hawkins serves as a deacon of the church and Mrs. Hawkins is a member of the deaconesses. Both have been active members since the inception of the church.

Refreshments will be served by the Hostess Committee. At 11:30 p.m. there will be a devotional service ending with prayer as the new year of 1960 begins.

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New Greenbelt Pharmacy

GHI To Buy 7 Acres; Board Plans Gutter Program, Issue Sales Data

By Al Skolnik

In anticipation of the sale of the undeveloped land and its release from the Public Housing Administration mortgage, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. authorized management at its meeting on Thursday, December 10, to exercise its option of purchasing 7 acres of land adjacent to the present Administration building, to be used for maintenance facilities and for a nursery for trees and shrubbery.

The option price of the land is \$750 an acre. The board directed the cost to be paid from the land sale proceeds, final payment of which was received December 1. According to latest reports, the sales agreement covering the transfer of the undeveloped land between the present owner, Marvin Warner, and the purchasers, Webb and Knapp, will take place toward the end of the month.

In reply to a letter of inquiry from a member, GHI officials explained that according to its original agreement with Warner-Kanter, the more than \$100,000 profit from the land sale must be used for the general benefit of Greenbelt. This, according to one interpretation, would preclude, for example, its distribution among members or its direct application to the monthly charges.

The GHI board and management concurred in the view that the proceeds should be treated and maintained as an asset of the corporation. Thus, any use of these funds for financing such projects as housing for the elderly or renovation of the frame homes would essentially take the form of an investment, with provisions made for the return of principal and interest to the corporation.

Gutter Guards

A program of installing gutter guards for homes with sloping roofs was approved by the board. Such a program, which would involve the placing of copper screening on the gutters so as to prevent fallen leaves from stopping up drains and causing roof leaks and other structural damage, was estimated to cost about \$12,000.

Management was directed to initiate the program where it was deemed most necessary and to draw upon maintenance reserves if necessary to meet the costs. At present, the responsibility for cleaning out roof gutters is left to the individual member.

Sales Statistics

According to a report compiled by the secretary of the board, the GHI sales office was responsible for selling 43% of the brick homes and 48% of the frame homes during the period January through November 1959. Resales by members accounted for 19% of the brick and 17% of the frame. Resales by others accounted for 37% and 34%, respectively.

Tid-bits

Director Hans Jorgensen was named as GHI representative to the city's new committee for the establishment of a planning commission. . . . GHI employees were granted a half-day off on Christmas Eve, following the Federal government policy. . . . The annual GHI lighting of the Christmas tree at the entrance to the parkway on Glendale rd. is scheduled to take place December 15.

Car Pool Safety Tips For Drivers, Riders

A car pool may be a companionable money-saving way for a group to drive to and from work, but a crowded car can create special problems for a driver unless both he and his riders follow some rules of car pool conduct.

An article titled "How Dangerous is Your Car Pool", in the current issue of Home & Highway magazine published by the Allstate Insurance Companies, offers both driver and passenger advice on rules of behaviour that will make the trip safer and more pleasant for all.

According to author Stan Lettas, when you are the driver in a car pool, you should keep these tips in mind:

Establish a well timed route with a safe pickup point for each rider. Make sure that you stop at a point out of the main traffic bow to avoid obstructing traffic, and one that will allow your passenger to approach and enter your car in safety.

Allow plenty of time. Even punctual people are sometimes unavoidably late. Time the route and allow extra time of at least five minutes for each rider. In rainy or icy weather, be sure to allow plenty of extra time because of adverse driving conditions and slower traffic flow.

Give some thought to seating arrangements. Load the car so that riders getting off first will not have to crawl over others to step out on the curb side of your car. Don't overload the car. A car pool

Cub Pack 202

The Cub Scouts of Pack 202 held their regular pack meeting and Christmas party Friday evening, December 11. The boys sang carols while trimming the tree with decorations each den made.

Den 5 presented a "Nativity" playlet. Den 1 gave the old version and the new Mad "Hip" version of "The Night Before Christmas." All boys were given an opportunity to break the Santa Pinatas made by Den 9. Santa Claus arrived with gifts and candy for all children present.

The following awards were given: Steven Wilkinson, Bear Badge, Lion Book, silver and gold arrow, Assistant Denners stripe; Lee Hurst, Wolf Badge, Bear book, Silver and gold arrow; Kenny Doss, Assistant Denners stripe; Mark Wilkinson, gold arrow, Chief Denners stripe; Douglas Dalbow, Chief Denners stripe; Kenny Stair, silver and gold arrow. Larry Silvers, Allen Stickney and Billy Webb received the Arrow of light award and were received into Boy Scout Troop 202 by Sam Cress. Ronald Parrish, John Whitbeck and Gene Cochran, new members, received their Bobcat pins.

shouldn't include more members than can ride comfortably in the smallest car in the pool.

The article also offers the following tips for passengers:

Don't distract the driver. Never carry bulky packages or open newspapers that cut off the driver's vision and that crowd the other riders. Avoid excited discussions or arguments that might distract the driver. And don't call the driver's attention to scenes along the route unless you're sure it's safe to do so.

Be on time and don't upset the driver by being late. Be sure to call up the night before and inform the driver if you plan to be absent the next day.

Don't dispute the authority of the driver. He is in charge and as a passenger you must abide by his wishes.

Help the driver by calling his attention to driving situations he may not be able to see clearly, especially at blind intersections and railroad crossings. But don't overdo it. Be a co-pilot, not backseat driver.

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