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## 300 Homes Without Power In Storm Helped by CD Team

300 Greenbelt homes, facing a night without heat or electricity for lights and cooking when last Tuesday's severe wet snowstorm tore down power lines, were offered aid when the city's new civil defense organization swung into action on short notice. Power failures began in the morning, and there was no certainty that service would be restored in many homes before the next morning.

Two hours after receiving a report of the desperate situation, local civil defense officials, improvising a plan, had enlisted the cooperation of community organization and private citizens in setting up an emergency canteen at the Youth Center with provision for overnight housing, if needed. In addition, transportation was arranged for snow-bound families, and a long list of homeowners was compiled, ready to take in the stricken families for the night.

The Youth Center was selected as the best location, and Superintendent of Recreation Warren Leddick and his assistant, Richard Stevenson, left their homes to clean and prepare the building, with the help of teenage volunteers. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad canvassed the town with a soundtruck, followed by a bus offering free transportation, and their Ladies Auxiliary set up a mobile kitchen at the Youth Center (coffee courtesy of the Co-op).

Road and parking areas around the emergency center were kept cleared by the city's Department of Public Works under Superintendent Albert ("Buddy") Attick, who is also Greenbelt's civil defense director. The Police Department, the overworked switchboard staffs at the City Office and GHI, church groups, youth organizations participated in the unprecedented action. A dedicated group of housewives spent hours at the telephone arranging stand-by housing for anyone in need.

Coordinating their efforts was Mrs. Joseph Sucher, deputy director for civil defense, who stated: "The generosity of Greenbelters and their willingness to help neighbors in distress, was truly impressive. But short notice and an improvised organization made faulty operation inevitable. To those who may have been inconvenienced, or who needed help and didn't get it, we offer our sincere apologies."

"The events of this snowy Tuesday will be studied by the civil defense committee for a long time. One thing is certain: that while Greenbelters have good will and good hearts in plenty, sound planning IN ADVANCE is also essential if we are to handle any emergencies, great or small, that might arise in the future."

## Business Changeover

Chef Jerry's Pizza, formerly known as Ben-Joe Pizza Carry-Out, is now under the management of Bob Sholton, who has taken a 90-day option to purchase the business. If the shop, which will continue to be known as Chef Jerry's until Sholton's option expires, proves a going business, Sholton will negotiate the necessary action to become sole owner.

Efforts to improve the cleanliness of the shop and the quality of the food served have been Sholton's prime concern since becoming manager.

## Police News

One 15-year old and two 16-year old boys were apprehended in the city warehouse on Sunday, March 4. Police found many broken windows, broken meters and recording equipment. A car, stored at the warehouse was found with its windows broken and tires flat. The rear door of the disposal building had been kicked out. The boys were surprised by a police officer checking the area in the late afternoon. Charges are pending.

A five year old Greenbelt girl fell out of a car when its door opened as it was turning off of Rt. 193 into Greenbelt on March 1. She was carried to the hospital by her mother and released with only minor bruises.

A resident called the police office on March 2 to complain of a loud party going on in an apartment nearby. One juvenile and two young adults were picked up by police. Subsequent investigation lead to the solving of two thefts in Virginia. The case was turned over to Anne Arundel authorities for further action. The youths were not Greenbelt boys.

When a little six year old boy showed up at one of the stores in the Center last week flashing a hundred dollar bill, police were notified. The child had taken the money from his home. His parents were notified, and both boy and money were taken home.

The Co-op Service station reported a breaking and entering Wednesday morning. The door had been pried open. A tool box was reported missing.

A number of items were reported stolen from autos last week, including a spotlight and several hub caps. One car belonged to a Bladensburg resident who had been visiting in Greenbelt.

## Files for State Office



Greenbelt City Councilman, David C. Champion, filed for the Republican nomination for state comptroller, in the May 15 primary.

Champion, a graduate of Maryland University's School of Business and Public Administration, is with an international firm of accountants and auditors in Washington, D. C. He formerly was with a utility, oil and gas consulting firm.

## Stevenson Temporary Recreation Director

Richard C. Stevenson, who has been serving as assistant teen director of the Youth Center in the employ of the county recreation department, has been appointed recreation director for the city on a temporary basis as a replacement for Warren Leddick who leaves this week for a new post in Austin, Texas.

Before a permanent appointment is made, the city council in its annual budget consideration in the spring will determine whether to establish two full-time city recreation posts, a superintendent and an assistant, or one full-time superintendent and part-time assistance, as is the case now. This decision will affect the job requirements for the position of superintendent.

Stevenson, 28, is a junior at the University of Maryland, majoring in the field of recreation. He has been with the city recreation department on a part-time basis since October, 1960. He has had at various times experience with all the city's programs, including service as director of the Babe Ruth League and softball programs.

## City Notes

The city will mail out invitations to all leading civic organizations to attend a meeting on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m. for the creation of a committee to plan Greenbelt's 25th anniversary celebration.

Council will hold a special meeting Monday to discuss architect's proposals for cutting costs of municipal building. It also hopes to meet with Charles Bresler to discuss the many questions raised by the Advisory Planning Board (reported in last week's News Review) with respect to his development near Greenbelt Lake. His petition for R-18 zoning is expected to come before the county commissioners in April.

The city needs \$15,000 to tide over its finances for the rest of the fiscal year. The council is balking at borrowing money from the bank, preferring to borrow from its own replacement fund. The city solicitor has been asked to render a written decision as to legality of this.

Proposal of GHI to move McDonald Field (Little League) to new site referred to Recreation Advisory Committee.... Councilman Bill Phillips suggested setting up summertime job referral service for teen-agers under guidance of Recreation Department.... Council agreed to keep functions of city clerk and purchasing agent combined in one position.

Edgar L. Smith, former city councilman, will open a law office in the city office building in the near future. Smith and his wife have been hard at work, polishing floors and painting the suite of offices they will occupy. Recently while working during a late council meeting, they served coffee to visitors, who were not nearly so indefatigable as the councilmen.

Greenbelt will participate in a mosquito control program this year, it was disclosed at Monday's council meeting. The cost will be \$300 to the city, \$300 to the county, and \$600 to the state.

The city has been offered a new lease on the office space it now occupies.

## GCS Land Transfer to City Stalled by New Co-op Proposals

By AL SKOLNIK

The city council rejected at last Monday's regular meeting the latest modifications suggested by Greenbelt Consumer Services (Co-op) in the proposed agreement for the transfer by GCS of Parcel 6 to the city. The broad outline of the agreement calls for the city constructing a road connecting the East and West parking lots and also additional parking spaces behind the Co-op store, in exchange for title to the land.

## New Lions Scholarship

The Greenbelt Lions Club will award an \$800 scholarship this year to a High Point senior residing in Greenbelt, according to scholarship chairman Bill Bevan. The Lions Club directors have voted also to increase last year's scholarship stipend from \$150 a year to \$200 a year.

The winner of the scholarship will be chosen by the faculty of High Point High School. He must be a 1962 graduate of High Point and live in Greenbelt. Last year's winner, Steve Mintz of I-C Westway, is a straight A student at Johns Hopkins University and a member of Tau Delta Pi fraternity.

Monies used for the annual scholarship fund are derived from the sale of Christmas fruit cakes. Profits from other activities, such as the New Year's Dance and the sale of local directories, are deposited in a general welfare fund that is used to help local residents needing financial assistance.

## Walton League Offers Trees to Community

The Greenbelt Chapter of the Isaac Walton League has made an offer to the city to donate and plant Chinese chestnut trees throughout the community. The city council instructed City Manager, Charles McDonald to accept the offer and follow up on it.

The trees are one year seedlings, 2 feet in height. Because of their small size, they would have to be planted in a sheltered area for protection and care until large enough to be moved to various parts of the city, according to McDonald. Possible spots for the new trees include the driveway to the Youth Center, a recently leveled area between Lakewood and Woodland Hills, and a proposed walkway in the north end of town.

The Isaac Walton League is an organization dedicated to the conservation of soil, woods, waters, and wildlife. The propagation of the Chinese chestnut tree has been a project of the Greenbelt chapter for several years and is part of a program, in conjunction with the Forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to aid in the eventual development of a blight-resistant variety of the native American chestnut tree.

## Local 8-Year Old Breaks Into Print

By JOANNE PHILLEO

Michael Sweeney, 8 years old, who lives at 116 Greenhill Road, has had an original poem published in the March issue of the Jack & Jill magazine. His contribution was chosen from hundreds sent in by children from all over the world. His poem is entitled "My Make-Believe Rocker", and appears on the At My Desk page of the magazine.

According to his mother, Michael's poem was a spontaneous creation inspired by reading other poems in Jack & Jill submitted by young readers. "I think I'll make one up", was his comment as he wrote his first poem. When he learned that his poem had been published, his reaction was that of a typical 8 year old - "Oh Boy!"

A crucial disagreement is over a newly proposed GCS requirement which would ban the use of the land behind the statue for a municipal office building on the grounds that it would block the accesses to the bowling alley. GCS suggested instead that the land be maintained as a mall or concourse.

Also in the original GCS proposal previously accepted by the city, it was agreed that if Parcel 6 were not used for public parking, roadway, sidewalk or other municipal purposes, the tract would revert back to the present owner, a subsidiary of GCS, with a 10-year limit to the reverter clause.

GCS has now proposed that the reverter clause be extended to the year 2000, since it has a lease on its store properties until that year. In addition, GCS proposed that the city be prohibited from selling any of the land between the bank and the Center School properties for commercial development, subject to the reverter clause.

## CALLED UNWARRANTED

The city council felt that GCS had injected new and unwarranted elements into the discussions. Councilman Dave Champion pointed out that the area behind the statue, while not his choice for a municipal building, is city-owned property and not subject to bargaining with GCS. As for extending the reverter clause to the year 2000 and restricting the use of the land, the council felt that such provisions were unduly demanding.

In connection with the municipal building, the council heard a suggestion by Greenbelt Development Company representatives that the GDC-owned tract of land at the corner of Crescent and Parkway (now occupied by garages) be utilized for an office building, most of which could be leased on a long-term basis by the city to house its municipal activities.

GDC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., has been interested in developing the vacant land for a professional office building, a high-rise apartment building, or some other income-producing purpose. It is seeking commitments from prospective lessors before giving serious consideration to such development.

## RECREATION REPORT

Chairman Bud Dean of the Recreation Advisory Committee submitted a special report and recommendations on ball fields, playgrounds and play areas, and tennis courts. He stressed the poor condition of the ball fields and the need for immediate action if the fields are to be ready for pre-season practice. If additional manpower is needed, the report suggested either that new personnel be recruited, personnel be assigned from Public Works, or the work be contracted out.

Dean also recommended that proper attention be given to the parks and playgrounds and that the tennis courts be resurfaced. The report envisioned that its recommendations would probably increase the present budget of the Recreation Department, but pointed out that the expenditures would be justified in view of the resulting future economy.

The report pointed out that many playgrounds were recently sodded at great cost.



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## Municipal Building Site

Although the city council has voted to change the site of the municipal office building from a location next to the new fire department building to the commercial center, we feel the possibility of locating the building outside the center should not be closed. We believe the issue is important enough to warrant further public discussion, and perhaps even a public hearing when all the facts are in. Already, since the council's decision was made, Greenbelt Development Corporation has proposed another site for the building and there may still be other suggestions from the public.

At this time we have no fixed views as to where the municipal building should be located, but we would welcome a public discussion of the following points.

(1) It has been stated that the acquisition of Parcel 6 makes it highly advantageous to locate the municipal building in the center. We would like to see these advantages spelled out. Would these be similar advantages to using the land to erect some other type of building, such as a library?

(2) It is argued that the site near the fire house is difficult to build on, entailing additional costs. How much additional costs percentagewise are involved? Would other suggested sites have comparable problems, involving extra construction and architectural costs?

(3) How do the various sites compare with respect to the amount of space available for future expansion of the building and for parking facilities?

We also think it would be helpful if the Advisory Planning Board were asked for its views. The choice of a site and its ramifications for traffic and other zoning problems would seem to be well within the province of the Board.

### Troop 202 Awards

At a Court of Honor held last Thursday night, boy scouts of Troop 202 received a total of 15 awards. Receiving awards were R. Blaine, M. Haker, H. Haslinger, R. Hufendick, D. McDonnell, B. Orleans, and J. Skillman. W. Wilkinson, the District Commissioner, presented to the

### Walton League Meets

The Greenbelt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 13, at the Club House next to St. Hughes Church on Crescent Road.

troop a camping plaque and two other certificates earned during the past year.

### New Home Service

A new emergency home service provided by a group of local housewives has been started in the community. Organized by Mrs. Theresa Schumaker, 1-D Westway, members of the group for a nominal fee take over the normal household functions of a family in a temporary emergency. The service is available for a few hours, a few days or a few weeks.

"I believe there is a real need in Greenbelt for a service that can take care of a household on short notice in cases such as where the mother is ill or away in some emergency," Mrs. Schumaker said. "Several local housewives serve as substitute teachers but cannot work unless someone can take care of their household."

Mrs. Schumaker said that all personnel in the group are carefully screened, and references will be furnished on request for those wishing to use the service. Those wishing further information are asked to call GR 4-8206 or GR 4-8258.

### Voting Registration

Are you a registered voter? In order to vote in the May 15, 1962 Primary Election you must be registered one month before the election. County-wide Registration Day is Tuesday, April 10, 1962 and all precincts are open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. In Greenbelt, on this day, registration is in the Center School. On Tuesday and Friday evenings until April 13 you may register at the County Service Building 5012 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville. To qualify you must have lived in the State of Maryland one year and in Prince Georges County six months prior to the General Election, November 6, 1962.

### St. Hugh's PTA

The monthly meeting of the St. Hugh's Home and School Association will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 8 P.M. in the school auditorium. Classrooms will be open from 7 to meeting time.

Kindergarten Registration for both center and North End Schools will take place on Monday, March 12, in the North End School Auditorium from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.


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"Mimi" Lee, wife of Blair Lee, a Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, was entertained at a tea in Greenbelt on Wednesday, February 27. The mother of seven children, Mrs. Lee discussed her husband's qualifications for office and answered questions of the approximately 22 Greenbelters who attended. Accompanying her and also available for questions was Blair Lee's Public Relations and Research Manager Richard Royce.

### Junior Science Show

Students of Greenbelt Junior High School will display their scientific abilities during the "Science Show Case of 1962", on March 8 and 9. The Dianne Barwick Chapter 719 of The Future Scientists of America is the official sponsor, and Mrs. Desmond is the faculty advisor.



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By ELAINE SKOLNIK GR. 4-6060

A very happy birthday to Connie Pierson, 19-L Hillside, who was eight years old on February 27. The big treat of the day was a theatre party for Connie and her friends.

Happy-happy birthday to Dean Shifflett, 19-G Hillside, who celebrated his eighth birthday on February 27.

Warren Leddick, his wife, Ann, and their son, Tommy, were honored at a surprise covered dish luncheon given by the Golden Age Club at their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 28th. The Golden Agers presented a gift to their favorite recreation director, who leaves with his family on March 10 for Austin, Texas to assume the post of Assistant Recreation Director. Warren brought to Greenbelt many fine ideas, and he will be missed. He goes to Austin enriched by five years of experience in Greenbelt - a community that is known throughout the country for its unique recreation program. We wish the Leddicks much happiness, good health, and success in their new home.

Friends of former Greenbelt, Florence Bloom will be saddened to learn that Florence's mother passed away. The Blooms live at 309 Belton Road, Silver Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howlin, 7-B Laurel, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, February 8 was the important date.

Carol Ann Hoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoff, 71-E Ridge, and winner at High Point High School for the 1962 Betty Crocker Search for the American

Homemaker of Tomorrow, has been notified that she is one of five girls in the state of Maryland selected as state finalists. To become the High Point winner, she achieved the highest score in the examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by senior girls on December 5. The girl named State Homemaker of Tomorrow is provided a \$1,000 scholarship by General Mills, sponsor of the program. The state runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship. The national winner will receive \$5,000, with second, third, and fourth place winners being granted scholarships of \$4,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000 respectively. Good Luck Carol!

Our deepest sympathy to Rose Haber, 1-G Westway, who recently lost her father.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Frankie Shifflett, 32-E Ridge, who celebrated his seventh birthday.

A very happy birthday to Bernie Jarvis, 33-B Ridge, who was nine years old on March 1.

Happy-happy birthday to A.D. Shelton, 4-H Ridge, who celebrated his sixth birthday on February 25.

Our condolences to Bud Dean, and family, 62-F Ridge, who lost his aunt this week.

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## Message From The Rescue Squad Chief

Why do we have this drive every year? Money! That's right, to collect money so we'll still be here next year. This drive is the main thing that keeps the RESCUE SQUAD ready to answer your call for help. The men VOLUNTEER their time to the SQUAD, but without money, who would put gas and oil in the ambulances, pay the laundry bill (we change sheets and pillowcase every time we make a run), buy tires, maintain and repair the ambulances?

We made 558 calls in 1961, using the ambulances 654 hours, and running the speedometers up 9,064 miles. Our men VOLUNTEERED a total of 1,962 hours, for which the only pay they received was a grateful thanks from the patients or their relatives.

We have to pay for the oxygen we use to save someone's life. The oxygen bottles cost \$3.70 and \$4.80 each, and we use most of one bottle on one patient from Greenbelt to P.G. Hospital. Next time you happen to be in a drug store look up the prices on 1" adhesive tape, 2" and 4" roller bandages, 3"x3" gauze compresses. These little things add up. We bought a new resistor for over \$300.00 last year.

I earnestly ask your support to enable us to continue to do our job. Everything we receive goes for equipment and supplies to help us serve you.

Remember, we do need you; we hope you never need us!

Sincerely,  
William D. Hissey  
Captain, Rescue Squad

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and Rescue Squad, Inc.

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## WANT A GOLD MEMBERSHIP CARD ?

For contributions of \$10.00 or more from individuals, we are giving a gold AMBULANCE CLUB membership card. The regular membership card can be kept by one member of the family, and the GOLD CARD can be shown with pride by another member of the family.

Be a member of this select group by giving \$10.00 or more. Show this card with pride. Each card is signed by the RESCUE SQUAD CAPTAIN, and unless otherwise desired, the Captain delivers this card in person, and gives his heartfelt thanks to the donor.

Remember, this donation is a bargain at \$20.00, more of a bargain at \$10.00 and a steal at \$3.65 which is our minimum.

## GRIME PREVENTER



If you're cleaning kitchen walls too frequently; if you're spending too much time scouring pots and pans . . . stop! Buy a Flameless Electric range. Cooks clean and fast automatically—takes the heat off you and puts it in the food where it belongs. Saves cooking and clean-up time, reduces cooking failures. And, Flameless Electric cooking is always economical at PEPCO's low household rates.

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