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Parcel 6 Transfer Completed June 11

On June 11 the City of Greenbelt acquired most of Parcel 6. This property consists of the vacant land west of the Suburban Trust Company (between the bank and Center School), the west parking lot, and the wooded land east of the swimming pool and behind the supermarket. The agreement was signed by Mayor Francis White and Benjamin Rosenzweig, President of GCS, previous owner of the property through its subsidiary, Greenbelt Consumers Equipment Corporation. As a condition of the transfer, the city agreed to waive a debt of \$1800 owed by GCS to the city. The money was owed to the city as the remainder of the cost of the city's paving of the east parking lot. The corporation had been paying off this debt in annual installments.

Also part of the agreement was the stipulation that the vacant land along Crescent could be used only for municipal purposes. (It has been under consideration as a possible site for the proposed municipal building.) The city agreed not to allow the land to be used for a store or a service station. Any building on the section of the tract already under consideration for a parking lot (that land lying east of the swimming pool and behind the grocery store) was further prohibited.

One section of Parcel 6, consisting of 7500 square feet, still is retained by GCS. This is a tract just north of the postoffice and west of the statue, which is considered a desirable site for a commercial building.

PG Librarian Honored

A John Cotton Dana Publicity Award has been given to a scrapbook based on news releases and pictures, which was the work of Mrs. Edwin W. (Gwyn) Murphy, chairman of the Maryland Library Association Committee on publicity for 1961-62, and information specialist for Prince Georges County Memorial Library, Bladensburg, Maryland. The award was presented at the American Library Association's 81st Annual Conference, June 17 - 23, at Miami Beach, Florida.

The scrapbook, titled "Portrait of a Legislative Campaign", describes, through many newspaper clippings, the campaign of the Maryland Library Association to obtain passage of three bills to increase state aid at the 1961 session of the state legislature. The scrapbook also contains a booklet, "Good Libraries are Good Business for Maryland," which was based on replies to questionnaires sent to 160 business leaders in the state asking their opinions of public library service.

Mounting, pasting, clipping and format of the scrapbook were the work of Mrs. A. Bradford (Barton) McGuire, Annapolis, and Mrs. Sidney Barnett, Greenbelt. The award-winning scrapbook was selected from among one hundred entries.

Mrs. Murphy, who has been Information Specialist on the staff of Prince Georges County Memorial Library since 1959, is known to Greenbelters through her preparation of publicity concerning Mrs. Marjorie Muir's poetry club at the Greenbelt Library.

Stevenson Appointment

City manager Charles McDonald has announced the appointment of Richard Stevenson as Assistant Director of Recreation effective July 1. Stevenson had been serving as the Acting Director of Recreation until the recent appointment of James Wooldridge to that post.

County Wins Safety Award

Prince Georges is the first county in the nation to be awarded a Special Citation for Pedestrian Traffic Safety by the American Automobile Association. The County was found to be above the national standard in five of six categories judged by a national committee of traffic experts for the year 1961. Twenty cities and one state received similar recognition while Prince Georges was the only county recognized.

In making the award to the Commissioners, George Hammond, Manager of the Traffic Safety Division of the AAA, noted that the County had a pedestrian fatality rate of 3.3 per 100,000 persons, as compared to a national rate of 5.6 per 100,000.

Prince Georges was found to be above national standards in legislation and enforcement, engineering (cross-walks, signs, etc.), community organization, school traffic safety and public information.

Fourth of July Fireworks

A gigantic fireworks display, jointly sponsored by the city of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, will be held on the fourth of July at the Greenbelt Lake at 9 p.m.

Refreshments will be offered for sale and games of skill will be set up on the picnic grounds at the lake. No week-long Fourth of July Carnival will be scheduled, as in years past.

WOOLDRIDGE WELCOMED

by Elaine Skolnik

Representatives of 31 organizations (a total of about 62 persons), attended a reception given by the Recreation Advisory Committee last Sunday afternoon for Recreation Director James Wooldridge and his wife, Barbara.

Chairman Walter Dean of the RAC officially welcomed Wooldridge, complimenting him on the way he dug right in. "This man arrived on the scene at the busiest time of the recreation program and is doing a terrific job," Dean said. Wooldridge expressed his desire to offer Greenbelters a well balanced recreation program for all ages. We already have a good sports program," he noted, promising further expansion into other areas, especially the fine arts. A drama group has been formed," he stated, "with 26 teenage participants, and a day camp organized."

Mrs. Clare Pillsky, in charge of refreshments and table decorations presented the colorful floral centerpiece to Mrs. Wooldridge.

Recreation News

Children's Theater: The Recreation Department will form a Children's Drama Theater on Tuesday, July 10, 10 a.m., at the Youth Center. All children from 6 thru 12 interested in learning about drama in all its phases, should attend. There will be a registration fee for each child. This will help cover the cost of make-up, costumes and other supplies.

Lassie League Opening Game: Friday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. the Athletics and the Giants will play the opening game for the Lassie League. Game will be held on Braden Field, where Mrs. Edna White, Greenbelt's First Lady, will throw out the first ball.

TEEN CLUB NEWS

Teen Club Juniors are planning a trip to Ocean City, Maryland, on July 14, leaving at 8 a.m. Reservations must be made by July 6. Contact Janice McGlothlin, 474-7671.

Police News Review

Residents have complained to the police office about items they have lost at the pool. These are usually items they have placed around the pool area and left unguarded. There are baskets available for the placement of all items of clothing, and there is a special service available where, for a small fee, valuables can be checked for safe-keeping.

The police office received complaints from three residents of Parkway from the theft of clothing from clothes-lines. In each case, the items missing were women's under-garments. Also reported stolen from a basement clothesline in an apartment house on Crescent were some baby clothes.

Police received a report that five teen-age boys were swimming at the lake and chasing ducks last Saturday. The boys were not from Greenbelt. They were sent home with an older brother.

On Sunday an unexploded cherry-bomb was found in one of the stores at the Center.

Moon hub-caps were reported stolen from a car belonging to a resident of Westway. The loss was reported Tuesday morning. Also the same morning about five gallons of gas were reported stolen from a car parked on Southway.

Police received a call from the doctor's office reporting a superficial gunshot wound to the upper left arm of a man. The report showed that the weapon, a 22 revolver, went off accidentally while it was being handled by a friend of the wounded man.

The diamond ring, reported missing in last week's News Review, has been identified and returned to its owner.

On Saturday two bicycles were reported stolen from the Lakewood area. A call was received three hours later from a resident of East Riverdale, notifying Greenbelt Police that two bikes bearing Greenbelt license plates had been found in a wooded area near his home. These were the same bikes reported missing.

Little League Chatter

by Bud Dean

As the season progresses games get tougher and tougher as all teams start putting pressure on the leaders.

Monday - In a slugfest with Jones tossing for the D.A.V. Tigers and Hanyok for the champion Cardinals, the Tigers kept their lead in the League by downing the Cardinals. Stotler of the Cards had 4 for 4 and Hanyok of the Cards connected for his sixth homer of the year. DAV Tigers, 20 - American Legion Cardinals, 15.

Tuesday - Rained out.

Wednesday - Rained out.

Thursday - In a complete about-face, the American Legion Cardinals with Stotler pitching, teed off on the strong Jim Lemon All-Stars for a well-earned win. American Legion Cardinals, 11 - J. L. All-Stars, 8.

Friday - Behind the fine pitching of Mike Jones the GHI Giants shut out the Lions to hold the league lead in the American League. G. H. I. Giants, 8 - Lions, 0.

Saturday - In a makeup game the J. L. All-Stars and the Pepsi Cola Athletics squared off again and this time behind the fine pitching of Thompson and the heavy hitting of Joe Lemon - who went 4 for 4 - the All Stars knocked the Athletics out of a tie for the lead in the American League. Jim Lemon All-Stars, 10 - Pepsi Cola Athletics, 3.

Schedule for the Week of July 2
Mon., July 2 Tigers - Co-op.
Tues., July 3 All Stars-Lions.
Wed., July 4 - Open -
Thurs., July 5 Cardinals-Giants
Fri., July 6 Co-ops-All Stars

GCS Reveals Plans For New Store; July Construction Date Expected

by Robert Philleo

Plans for the new CO-OP store in Greenbelt were revealed last week at a joint meeting of the Greenbelt Co-op Stock Drive Committee and the Greenbelt GCS Delegation. Robert Morrow, acting General Manager of GCS, said construction on the new store is expected to start by early July and that the opening should be in late September.

NOTICE

Because of the holiday next week the News Review will go to press Monday night. All copy is due at 8 p.m. Monday.

Craft Exhibit Entries

Craftsmen in Washington, Virginia, and Maryland are invited to enter pieces in the Fifth Biennial Crafts Exhibition to be held at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, September 15 - October 11.

There's only ten weeks to get the piece of handcraft ready for submission at the end of August. But the Creative Crafts Council which is sponsoring the exhibit invites craftsmen to enter any pieces they have designed and made which have not been exhibited previously in a District of Columbia museum.

The classes of exhibits include: ceramics, ceramic sculpture, rugs, metal, leather, jewelry, enamels, stitchery, woodworking, mosaics, hand woven fabrics, hand printed fabrics, stained or handwrought glass. Only residents of the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland may exhibit.

An entry fee of \$2 for each class in which the exhibitor plans to enter is required. Three pieces may be submitted in each class.

Entries may be brought to the Smithsonian Museum August 31 between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. or on September 1 between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mailed entries should be addressed to Creative Crafts Council, c/o Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, Washington 25, D. C. to reach there by August 30.

Inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Ella S. Bolster, 4200 39th Street No., Arlington, Va. Telephone KENmore 8-4065.

Household Poisons

A helpful husband was doing the family wash in an automatic laundry. He'd taken his two little girls along with him to get them off his wife's hands. While he was busy with the wash, the children asked him for a nickel each to buy soda pop. Without thinking, he gave them the money. After a few minutes something rang a bell in his mind and he went looking for his youngsters to find out where soda could be bought for only a nickel. He found the children holding unmarked paper cups containing a clear liquid. The liquid was chlorine bleach. It had come from a vending machine in the laundry. Fortunately only one child had taken a mouthful of her "drink" and she had spat it out because it tasted nasty. So in this case there were no casualties.

Household products account for 20 per cent of all reported poisoning cases. And most of these cases are among young children. The clearest labeling won't protect a child. It's up to the adults in the family to make sure that a youngster doesn't get his hands on something that can kill him.

Cleaning compounds, detergents, bleaches, waxes, insecticides should all be kept way out of a child's reach. Remember that children can get into all floor level cabinets, unless they're kept locked. A tightly fitting door isn't enough. Very high up is best. Children climb on chairs to get to things.

Never, even for a minute, leave something poisonous in a glass, cup, pitcher or pop bottle. Keep all household products in their original containers. If a label comes loose, either stick it back on or prepare another label. Then, should an accident happen, despite your precautions, you can tell the doctor what the child has taken.

Architectural plans for the new store were necessarily limited by the fact that the old foundations are intact and will have to be used as a basis for rebuilding, according to the pending settlement with the insurance company. Among other things, this means entrances and check-out locations will be similar to the old store's.

Expansion of the store's selling space by 25% has been accomplished by shifting storage areas to the basement and blocking in the formerly recessed pharmacy corner. Additions include a bakery department, space for a credit union office, an information booth, and a meeting room and rest rooms on the mezzanine.

The Bakery was the addition most frequently mentioned by those responding to a questionnaire survey conducted by the delegation and committee. Although the bakeries in other Co-op stores have not been profit-making ventures, one will be included here because of strong community interest. The equipment and the baker will be moved here from the Penn-Daw store.

The principal changes in the new interior layout include placement of the meat department along the rear wall; produce and dairy on the East wall, with the produce in a U-shaped alcove where the former dairy was located; and frozen foods and ice cream near the west wall close to the check-out counters. The bakery service counter and bakery itself will be located in the northwest corner. An expanded grocery sales area will occupy the center of the store.

First-Aiders Dress Simulated Wounds

First-aiders, in a class being taught at the Greenbelt Firehouse by William Hopkins, 45-B Ridge, were called upon Tuesday, June 19, to render first aid to four "victims" who presented four different problems. Each victim came equipped with "Moulages," very realistic looking wounds which spouted imaginary blood. A crew of three was assigned to each victim while First Aid Instructors and others stood by as observers.

One victim was found to have a compound fracture on the upper part of his left leg. The closest pressure point was located and hand pressure was used until a tourniquet could be applied. Compresses and a bandage were applied to the wound and a splint was placed to protect the injured area from possible further damage.

The next victim was found to have an abdominal wound with some intestines protruding from the open wound. A sterile saline solution was applied to the wounded area through the use of wet compresses. No effort was made to replace the intestines. The victims legs were raised by placing a blanket under his knees in order to release pressure from the abdomen.

Another victim was found to have a wound, supposedly caused by a bullet, which penetrated his chest and lung. Pressure was applied to the wound by means of a compress and bandage and tape. The victim was turned on his stomach in order to increase the amount of pressure needed to attempt to stop the bleeding. The victim's pulse was checked constantly by one of the first-aid crew.

The last victim was found to have a compound fracture of the upper part of the arm. A compress and bandage were applied to the area. A splint was applied, with care being taken not to place the splint directly over the wounded area. This measure was taken to avoid further damage.

All the victims were questioned while they were being worked on. They were also kept warm as part of the treatment for shock.

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The Facts Are These

This week the ballots for the referendum on the housing for the elderly project will be mailed out to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members.

Because it has been so long since this project was last presented to the membership, we think it worthwhile to repeat the facts with respect to the major issues involved.

Financial exposure. — The estimated \$370,000 project will be financed through a 100 percent loan from the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The contribution by GHI can be broken down into two parts: (a) costs incurred if the project is carried through to the point of obtaining competitive bids (and then dropped — presumably because of high bids); and (b) costs incurred after letting of contracts.

The costs in the first category are estimated at \$7,500 — \$7,000 for architect's fees and drawings and \$500 for blueprints, traveling expenses, and legal expenses. (\$1,000 of this has already been expended.) Practically all of the \$7,500 would be recoverable as part of the development cost covered by the HHFA loan if the project is carried through to completion.

The costs in the second category are contingent upon whether rental income would be sufficient in the first year to cover operating expenses. According to the law, GHI must stand ready to meet the deficit up to 25 percent of the first year's operating costs. This amount may not be recoverable from further rental payments and could amount to \$7,000 — \$9,500, according to budget estimates of GHI. There are, however, certain safeguards for GHI if rental income proves insufficient, such as waiving principal payments and utilizing certain reserve fund in the first year.

In any event, the maximum possible cost to GHI, whether the project is halted before construction or carried through to completion, would be \$9,500. Considering that the corporation has currently cash reserves of \$660,000 and annual income of \$1,450,000, the sum of \$9,500 can hardly under any stretch of the imagination be considered a financial drain on the corporation or a risk of major magnitude.

Occupancy standards. — Applications for the rental units will be screened by GHI management according to standards that will give priority to present GHI members, their parents and grandparents, former GHI members, and other and former Greenbelt residents. Federal authorities have indicated that they would expect the sponsoring agency, whether a church, fraternal order, or cooperative housing organization to give first preference to their members in filling the units. Any non-discriminatory Federal regulations that might be issued with respect to 56 elderly housing units would probably be no less applicable to the 1,579 units of GHI which are also mortgaged through a Federal agency (FNMA).

Need for elderly housing. — The results of the questionnaire mailed to GHI members last year indicated that there would be little difficulty in occupying the 56 units, primarily with current residents of Greenbelt, parents of such residents, or former residents. Even if the results cannot be taken at face value, it is a known fact that we are an aging population. In 1950, the population aged 65 and over in Greenbelt was 1.2 percent of the total population; by 1960, the percentage had more than doubled — to 2.7 percent. It would seem to be a matter of simple foresight to have available an elderly housing project so that GHI members, who wish to do so, could take advantage of more convenient or more economical quarters upon retirement.

In short, we believe that there will be an ever-increasing need for elderly housing among GHI members, that the financial risk will be minimal in light of GHI's assets and resources, and that the fear that GHI will have little or no control over occupancy lists is grossly exaggerated. We hope that the GHI members will voice their faith in themselves and in Greenbelt by approving the project.

Zubkoff Rebuttal

To the Editor:

GHI members during the past few days have received a statement explaining the reasons why the previous Board of Directors favored an elderly housing project, and a statement prepared by the opponents of the project (the "cons") explaining the reasons why they oppose it. It is my opinion that the "cons" distorted, misrepresented, and twisted the facts in some respects, and I feel impelled to set the record straight.

1. The "cons" quote from a letter to the editor which wrote over a year ago opposing the elderly housing project as I understood it at that time, thus creating the erroneous impression that I still oppose it.

They know very well that I have changed my position since that time, after countless hours of intensive study, after examining the facts developed by the elderly housing committee and attending three public hearings to discuss these facts. I believe they had a moral obligation, which they refused to recognize, to indicate that I no longer oppose the elderly housing project but heartily favor it.

2. The "cons" submit that an elderly housing project is not within our corporate purpose and that it is primarily for non-members.

They are wrong on both counts. The by-laws state that our purpose is to "operate and manage housing projects in Greenbelt on a non-profit basis, and in the interest and for the housing of . . . members." A dispassionate interpretation indicates that an elderly housing project lies well within our corporate purpose. Both our legal counsel and the Government agency which holds our mortgage, FNMA, agree with this view. Moreover, the priority for tenancy in the project goes to members and their parents—not to non-members. It is crystal clear, therefore, that this project is primarily for the direct benefit and "in the interest" of members.

3. The "cons" suggest vaguely that GHI "is just not operating so well" today and that we should "do a good job of GHI before getting into new enterprises."

They cannot document that assertion. I do not mean to suggest that GHI is running perfectly or that there is not room for improvement in some respects, but what organization on earth can make such claims? The fact is that GHI is operating exceedingly well today, and this can be documented in many ways—in terms of financial stability, balance sheets, performance records, etc.—especially in terms of monthly payments held down in the face of rising costs. In the metropolitan area the costs to homeowners and tenants alike have gone up, on the average, twice as much as ours since 1955. This reflects a "good" operation. Moreover, our auditors and FNMA, which holds the mortgage and monitors our activities very closely, both are glowing in praising the effectiveness of our operation. Professional housing experts, not only in the U. S. but from all over the world, come here to study our operations and are highly impressed. Indeed, GHI is generally acknowledged by qualified observers as an outstanding example of a "good" operation in cooperative housing.

4. The "cons" point out that there are already enough units in town for elderly housing, citing the 60 GDC apartments and the 148 frame apartments.

They are echoing the arguments I initially advanced a year ago, before studying the program, but I find it saddening that they have learned nothing since then. An examination of these figures would disclose that two-thirds of the 60 and one-half of the 148 apartments are on upper floors, which alone, aside from all the other faults, makes them unsuitable for elderly housing. And the remainder also have serious shortcomings which render them unsuitable for elderly housing. The "honeymoon bungalows" are eminently suitable for elderly housing and were actually used as a model after which the elderly housing project was patterned. But there are only 16 of them. So the fact still remains

that there is a need for additional units especially designed to house elderly persons.

5. The "cons" assert that GHI must provide movable furnishings such as refrigerators.

They fail to point out that the architect can so design these units that refrigerators will be defined as "built-in" or "fixed", thereby bringing them under the mortgage at no cost to GHI. In my opinion, they have thus been less than candid.

6. This lack of candor recurs throughout their statement, most notably when they solicitously raise the curtain on the issue of integration.

This is an irrelevant issue, and has no place in a discussion of the pros and cons of the elderly housing project. The fact is, the same anti-discrimination provisions which apply to Greenbelt Homes now would also apply to the elderly housing project. I am reminded of the debate and discussion which took place ten years ago, just before GHI bought this property from the Government, and of the same fears which were expressed at that time. The issue was exaggerated then as it is now, and has nothing to do with the merits of the program.

7. The "cons" state that the use of the land for an elderly housing project is "contrary to the master plan for the development of Greenbelt."

This is not true! The so-called master plan has never been fully developed, nor has it been fully approved. Furthermore, it is silent on this particular point, designating this land as RPC, which is another way of saying that no real thought has been given to the problem. But more important still, is the fact that the city's Advisory Planning Board, which exercises extreme care in trying to guide the orderly development of Greenbelt, has reported favorably to the City Council on our rezoning request. This would indicate to me that they view the elderly housing project as being compatible with the surrounding community, and they, after all, are the local guardians of sound community planning.

8. The "cons" state that if "the project receives tax exemptions, it will take valuable land off the tax rolls . . . and throw the tax burden on the remainder of the community."

According to my calculations, GHI now pays the city a little better than \$900 a year in taxes on this land. If the elderly housing project is built, the taxes on the property will come out of the rentals, thus saving GHI members that \$900 a year. Nobody knows for sure if an elderly housing project will get a tax exemption, but if it does it will be as a matter of governmental policy and as an indication of the high esteem in which a grateful nation holds its senior citizens. In that case, GHI members would still save that \$900 a year, and the city would lose the \$900 a year that it is now getting. I submit that this is not a tremendous loss, amounting to about one penny on the tax rate, if that.

9. The "cons" state that they do not "consider it socially advantageous . . . to herd elderly persons away from the rest of the community . . ."

This opinion is directly contrary to the majority view of sociologists who have been studying the problems associated with senior

citizens for many years. The professional view is that an elderly housing project such as we have planned can be an integral part of the community, not "away" from the rest of the community. The residents will have full and free access to intermingle and participate in a variety of community activities where their considerable talents and experience will be recognized and appreciated. They will, at the same time, be among their contemporaries, with whom they feel a strong sense of kinship, sharing their problems and triumphs, finding common interests with the leisure to pursue them, and forging new bonds of friendship as active and useful members of society. The very fact that such projects are considered "socially advantageous" persuaded the Federal Government to encourage their construction, even to the incredible extent of offering to provide full (100%) financing to any qualified sponsor, such as GHI. Before appropriating some \$50 millions for this purpose, Congress examined the sociological question very carefully, and Congress is not easy to convince.

10. The "cons" obscure the issue by bringing up proposals which have been discussed and rejected. Thus, they report that Mr. Campbell once suggested the possibility of GHI furnishing management service to the elderly housing project without charge and that Mr. Burgoon once advocated donating the land for the project. They imply, thereby, that GHI will lose money and that the project will not be self-supporting.

They neglected to report, however, that these proposals were made in early, exploratory discussions, when all sorts of ideas were being considered, and that both proposals were quickly rejected by the Board of Directors. In any event, the Government agency which holds our mortgage, FNMA, will decide on the value of the land and will not release it from the mortgage unless the Government receives a fair market price, which, in turn, means that GHI will receive a fair price.

11. The "cons" state that this "problem was thrust upon us by a previous board."


They ignore the fact that a sizeable committee of members studied and labored over all the aspects of this project for a period of many months and concluded that it was feasible and of direct benefit to GHI and to the community. And they fail to mention that a duly constituted membership meeting approved the project and directed the Board to proceed with it.

I recognize, of course, that some people may have valid reasons to oppose the project and may be genuinely concerned for fear that GHI is over-extending itself in supporting the project. But I would urge those who oppose it to re-examine their positions, to make an earnest effort to reevaluate their assessment of the facts — in short, to review the problem with an open mind. Then they should vote their convictions in the forthcoming referendum, based on intelligent understanding and appraisal, not on pre-conceived notions or ill-defined objections or vague fears. And I would venture a prediction — that if the referendum approves and the project is ultimately completed, it will be hailed as a tribute to the vision of GHI members.

Harry Zubkoff

9:45 a.m. _____	Sunday School	6:30 p.m. _____	Training Union
11:00 a.m. _____	Morning Worship	7:30 p.m. _____	Evening Worship
7:30 p.m. Wednesday _____		Midweek Service	

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Crescent & Greenhill Reverend S. Jasper Morris, Jr. GR. 4-4040



The Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister

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Financial Risk Examined

To the Editor:

In our thinking about how to vote in the forthcoming GHI referendum on the Elderly Housing project, we should be aware of the arithmetic involved. The opponents of the project have sought to scare us silly with talk of the burden it would become on GHI and on our monthly payments. What are the facts as to the risk we are undertaking?

Let's assume the worst possible set of facts within the limitations set forth in the federal law providing for the government's loan of the money needed and in the recommendations of the GHI Advisory Committee on Elderly Housing, which are the basis of the plan now being voted upon.

The law provides that during the first year, and the first year only, the sponsoring organization is liable for any deficit up to 25% of the operating budget. After the first year, no liability for the sponsor (GHI). What is the worst possible liability? There will be 24 efficiencies to rent for not over \$60 a month, and 32 one-bedroom apartments to rent for not over \$75. (The target rentals really are below \$55 and \$70, but take the maximums.) This means a total operating revenue of not over \$46,080 a year. That's the budget.

Now, suppose that each unit stands empty, unrented, all year long. (We know that this won't happen—that people want to move in; but suppose it anyway.) This would mean a deficit of \$46,080, with our liability equal to 25% of it, or \$11,520. That's \$960 a month or, divided among the 1,579 GHI member families, the staggering amount of 61 cents a month. Of course, if the vacancy loss is 7% instead of 100%—and 7% is the rate the government figures on in its housing projects—then the \$60-75 rate would absorb the loss, whereas \$55-70 wouldn't. But suppose it wouldn't, then the burden per GHI member would be 4 1/4 cents per month. If the vacancy loss is 1%, the GHI member is hit by a liability of six-tenths of one cent each month, for a year. Our loss experience on GHI-owned GDC apartments is, we are told, one half of 1%.

What other financial burden is there? We may have to furnish movable fixtures, the opponents warn, which means that we may have to buy refrigerators. It is not anticipated that we'll have to buy them, but let's suppose we do. Well, several years ago we bought refrigerators for the GDC apartments at \$135 apiece, and—unlike other consumer items—refrigerator prices are down now. But take \$135. That's \$7,560. Divided among the 1,579 GHI members, that's less than 40 cents a month.

Are there any financial gains? No, if one means taking a profit; the project is to be non-profit. Yes, if certain side-effects are seen.

For instance, we'd sell 3 1/2 acres of idle land, on which we now pay taxes, to the project. An independent appraisal of the land put it at \$1,750 an acre, or \$6,125. The government agency holding GHI's mortgage will insist that we get a fair price, at market value, which may be more. But take the \$6,125 figure. That goes to reduce the mortgage on GHI. It enhances the financial health of GHI, though we must wait until the last year of the mortgage before it comes off our payments. Anything that enhances GHI's financial health enhances the individual GHI member family's equity—the safety of our investment in our homes.

Now for a bit of practical morality. In life, we all are given a hand by "strangers." When we mature, if we mature, we give "strangers" a hand, at times. We're all "strangers" here, sojourning together, and getting to know each other after we meet. So, a campaign slogan, issued by the so-called economy slate recently, against "Housing for Elderly Strangers" was clever, but callow, cruel. We in Greenbelt especially are the beneficiaries of help from numerous "strangers" who developed Greenbelt in the '30's and who, in the post-World War II period, resisted the efforts of the private real estate lobby to get

Housing For OUR Children

To the Editor:

The "other side of the story," mailed us all by the GHI Board, is submitted by men who obviously believe that only certain members of our Corporation are worthy of any consideration. Once a member or his wife decides he doesn't want the care of a two-story house, the authors of this statement maintain that the corporation has no interest in you, regardless of what your contribution may have been. "If you can't find an apartment or honeymooner here," they say (and those accommodations aren't always available), "go elsewhere. Go to Springhill. Your sons and daughters can help out."

How can you tell them that your son has his own boy entering college? And, anyway, you're afraid that in another ten, fifteen years one of you may need nursing care and that will be a real drain on them all?

These men, after shoving our elderly out of the corporation altogether, turn to complaining that housing for them should better be provided within the built-up sections to integrate them with all Greenbelt society. This would be a good point if these men could work it out and support it, but right now it's another red herring across the road.

It's the same case with their charges of GHI staff mismanagement, and the Corporation's fiscal weakness. These men are on the Board to supervise and support good management. Instead, they spend the Board's time, and Management's, in serpentine disputations. Is this the way they keep monthly charges down? Does GHI, like a leech, need outside financing? Then it's failing. Is it supposed to exist to batten some, while it kicks others out?

The need for housing for our elderly does exist. It has been demonstrated. Will it pass away, or even diminish with time? When were these units to be ready?

With one breath these men complain that this land use violates the "Greenbelt master plan." With another they propose that the land should be sold to a higher bidder, or else given away to a few members wealthy enough to build well on it.

Again, they protest the removal of less than four acres from the tax rolls. Why? Because the Corporation's tax burden would be lightened? Would they abolish all education, for example, because it removes land from tax rolls and imposes a tax burden on the citizenry? An adult should be able to recognize his burden and pick it up.

They mention integration. This possibility has been shown to be less than one-tenth of one percent. But their paper screams: "Too great a risk! Muster any arguments; kill the project! Give no quarter, block all improvements, kill it!"

We should not be surprised that the "arguments are so varied, so strong and so two-faced. Education is truly suspended on this threat; for this cause, bombs are now placed on the doorsteps of schools, churches, synagogues and homes. From fear of this word men destroy the institutions which serve them, and will serve themselves not.

Gordon O. Allen

Congress to turn Greenbelt over to private speculators who would have driven rentals thru the roof.

One of these "strangers" who helped us in that legislative battle to let the Greenbelt people buy Greenbelt cooperatively—a labor union lobbyist—sadly said to me recently that it seems that too often co-op housing seems to mean "Housing for me; the heck with the other guy."

I hope that he's wrong about this as far as Greenbelt is concerned. I hope so partly because if he's right, we'll earn and have fewer friends next time we need them. And partly because I'd hate to think Greenbelters are like that.

Mat Amberg

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ON ELDERLY HOUSING

Help at Community Level

To the Editor:

The number of people past the age of 60 is growing yearly at a tremendous rate. The people in this group are or have been highly productive, useful, contributing members to the society in which we choose to live. It therefore is logical that some provision be made for their well-being and comfort on the community level. If communities cannot or will not assume this obligation, then the only solution that the United States government will ultimately make will be total socialization, or a welfare state.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members now have an opportunity at their fingertips to prove to the country that social problems can be handled perfectly and adequately at the local community level. We have already voted approval for the housing for the elderly project here in Greenbelt, but it must now be put to another vote of GHI members simply because a small militant group has, in spite of the legality of the first vote, pushed through another voting referendum, which, by the way, has cost GHI members money in terms of printing, postage and Board of Directors meetings devoted almost exclusively to this second vote.

The last meeting of the Board of Directors had the major portion of the time devoted to the "Fact Sheet" on the elderly housing issue by the opposition group. By virtue of the fact that they were all present at that meeting, they pushed through a motion requiring that the elderly housing "Fact Sheet" be combined with a "pro" statement. A separate "con" (or anti) statement was to be prepared also, and both sheets were to be mimeographed and mailed out in the same envelope to GHI members to re-acquaint us with the whole elderly housing issue.

Most members have received the mailing by now, and a careful examination of the contents will reveal many flaws in the preparation of the opposition statement. The elderly housing program, for one thing, will not affect our monthly charges.

The selection of tenants will remain in the hands of the GHI Board. The federal government will finance the loan for the project, not GHI, just as federal funds originally built Greenbelt in the first place!

President Kennedy wrote a letter to all of us recently, which was published in the News Review. Re-read it. It may remind all of us of his speech containing the statement: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but, rather, ask what you can do for your country." We all now have an opportunity to do something. Do it by voting for the housing for the elderly program. Reaffirm our previous stand on this issue. Vote yes for elderly housing.

Mrs. Marjorie Bergemann

Thanks

My family and I acknowledge with sincere gratitude the many expressions of sympathy and thoughtful kindness coming from the members of the Greenbelt Baptist Church, many friends, and neighbors during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father, Milton B. Hawkins. We wish to thank our pastor, the Rev. S. Jasper Morris and Mrs. Morris, Dr. William J. Crowder, and Dr. Glenn W. Samuelson; also the Ladies' Aid Society and the Deacons of the Church. To all who sent flowers, sympathy cards, and called to express condolences, we are forever indebted and sincerely grateful.

Florence V. Hawkins and Family

Twist Contest

To the Editor:

As we approach the season of city celebrations, such as the Fourth of July, Labor Day, and the 25th Anniversary, when awards are made for the best fire engine, the best majorette, etc., it might be appropriate to suggest that this year we award a prize for the best twist, and the Greenbelt News Review should certainly be represented in such competition. To be a bit more pointed, some relatively recent issues of the Greenbelt News Review have, at least, failed to report some rather important facts and left out some rather important material in the facts that were reported—this I consider twisting and last week's edition is a good example.

In regard to the GHI news, you failed to report that Bernard J. Bordenet was elected chairman of the Audit Committee, or that Al Morrison made a motion to study a reduction in monthly charges to compensate for the decrease in city taxes. Or that discussion of Morrison's motion was blocked by a ruling of the President, Harry Zubkoff. You also failed to report that the President attempted to delay the establishment of the Sales Committee until a later meeting, and that the Sales Committee was established only after a ruling of the President was appealed, and the Board voted to overrule the President and establish the committee.

It also appears that there are people in Greenbelt who are trying to twist elderly housing into a religious issue or make a federal case out of it. And the News Review editorial tried to attribute fear to the opponents of the elderly housing project. Actually, the proponents of the project are the ones who seem to be motivated by fear. Fear of what? Could it be that they are afraid of the consequences of a referendum because they obviously had no intention of holding one, but intended to proceed with the project even though only 48 out of 1500 members voted in favor of it? We wouldn't have a referendum now, except that the members demanded it.

Although there are many overtones and undercurrents in the issue of elderly housing, it is primarily a corporate problem, and it always has been. Approaching elderly housing from this point of view, the members should ask the question before voting in the referendum: "Is this the best use GHI can make of its money, land and administrative talent?" and be guided in their answer. "What ifs" and similar propaganda with an emotional appeal appears to be just another means of twisting the basic issue.

In conclusion, if the suggestion is adopted, the twist contest should be one of the star attractions of a coming Greenbelt festival.

Bill Helm and Joe Comproni

Editor's Note: As regular policy because of the limitations of space reporters do not attempt to cover every item or parliamentary dispute that occurs in these meetings.

Pure Hokum

To the Editor:

The promoters of GHI elderly housing have adopted a priority list of tenants which they indicate will keep the GHI elderly housing project all white. They argue that if a church group should sponsor an elderly housing project giving priority to members of its denomination, such priority would be recognized by the federal government and hence that the GHI elderly housing project should be integration-proof. That is pure hokum. Any plan that would result in racial discrimination would be an evasion of a requirement not to discriminate. If the federal government decides to require integration, the result will be clear and certain; there will be integration.

B. J. Bordenet

Are They Zombies?

To the Editor:

I am not a partisan for or against housing for the Elderly. I am a hard partisan for orderly procedure and for responsible statements. If the carefully prepared meeting of November 16 had voted 49 to 39 against Elderly Housing I would strongly have defended that decision. There are fair reasons for and fair reasons against. Either way was reasonable, and on balance, the decision was made.

Like all other GHI members, I found in my mail on Monday several mimeographed pages. The first page, over signatures of all Board members, made some sense.

Then followed an anonymous 15 paragraphs of stuff. Who did that? Why is it anonymous? Was it composed, or is it sponsored by any one or any combination of Board members? Or do we face ghost writers and master-minds of the slatists who are not GHI members?

I do not accuse. I inquire. If there is any one paragraph (or phrase) which Joe Cherry, or Alan Morrison, or Joe Comproni, or Bill Helm puts his name to, I can discuss it with him. But if they are only Zombies, naturally we can deal only with those who pull the puppet strings.

Samuel Cornelius

Editor's Note: The opposition report was compiled by Joe Comproni and Bill Helm at the invitation of the board.

THANKS RESCUE SQUAD

My sincere thanks to the Greenbelt Rescue Squad for their prompt response and courteous service in taking my husband, Milton B. Hawkins, to the hospital. Mrs. Milton B. Hawkins.

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The Porpoise

by Pamela White, 8

A porpoise came ashore, And waddled to my door. It said, 'May I stay here, For a year?' I said, 'Yes, If you don't make a mess.'

Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - Granite 4-6060 Well, Pat Savage did it again. For the second duplicate bridge game in a row, she finished top. At last Friday's 5-table session she teamed up with Addie Kaighn to score 45 points, 3 1/2 points ahead of runners-up Tony and Ann Pisano. Third place went to Rick and Marge Thompson. Next game: Friday, July 13.

Barry Petroff, 20 Lakeside, graduates from the Benjamin Franklin University School of Accountancy tonight. Barry will receive the Degree of Commercial Science at ceremonies in the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel.

A boy, Eric Van Winkle, was born June 19 to Arlene and Jeremy Anderson, 45-J Ridge. Eric joins a brother Jeffrey, age 2. He arrived in time to be seen by grandmother, Mrs. Heitman Anderson, and aunt, Elizabeth Anderson of Seattle, Washington, who were visiting in Greenbelt.

In ceremonies at the Methodist Church, the following young ladies of Virginia Wilkinson's Girl Scout Troop 42 received their second class rank: Kathy Griggs, Susan Many, Beverly Francisco, Susan Gregerson, Linda Parlett, Diane Rousseau, Marilyn Skinner, Christa Wilkinson, Rachelle Greenbaum, Karen Chieppa, and Rita Skolnik. Receiving their intermediate rating were Sandra Sweeny, Coleen McCord, Becky Simons, Patty Taylor, Yolande Robinson, Pat Coulter, Robyn Webster and Pam Fontaine.

The Skinner family, 14-S Hillside, recently motored to Beaumont, Texas, to visit son, Gerald, his wife and four sons.

Elizabeth Goetz now resides at 43-A Ridge.

The James Markleys have a new address - 6-R Plateau.

The Charles N. Wilsons are living at 44-F Ridge.

The new address of the Balmer family is 4-K Ridge.

The Evans family now live at 14-G Laurel.

Peter Bowman, 14-Z-3 Hillside was awarded the B.S. degree in physics from Antioch College. Peter plans to attend graduate school at Indiana University under a three-year grant provided by the National Defense Education Act. Under Antioch's cooperative plan of education, which requires all students to regularly supplement their on-campus study with off-campus work experience, Peter worked for the U. S. Forest Disease Laboratory, Beltsville; Convair - Astronautics, San Diego, California; and for the Antioch physics department. He

also took part in the Antioch education abroad program, studying at the Antioch center in Guanajuato, Mexico, and in Germany at the Goethe Institute and the University of Tubingen. Attending the graduation ceremonies were Peter's family. At the same time, Ruth and Bruce took part in their 25th class anniversary at Antioch.

Leonard J. Muller, 10 Lakeview Circle, received the degree of Master of Business Administration from the School of Government, Business, and International Affairs of the George Washington University. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Denver (1960).

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burgoon, 37-K Ridge, enjoyed a vacation cruise to the Coral Isles of Bermuda and Nassau in the Bahamas. They sailed on the "S. S. Ocean Monarch."

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Don Fankhauser, 31-D Ridge. Ronald Earl was born June 11, weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Estep, 2-Q Plateau, are the proud parents of a son. June 15th was the important date.

A 4-week winner on "Bowler's Choice" was former Greenbelter Mrs. Ruth Benjamin, now a resident of Chillum. So turn your TV dial to Channel 7 on Saturday and watch Ruth try for another victory.

A recent guest of the Turners, 47 Lakeside Drive, was Eileen Turner's brother, Harry G. MacIntosh, Marybeth and Susanne Turner left with their uncle to spend the summer visiting relatives in New Jersey. While there, Marybeth will be godmother to her newest first cousin.

A welcome home to Ida Mae Muller, 10 Lakeview Circle, who has returned from the hospital.

Reverend Edward H. Birner and family left Sunday for Cleveland, Ohio to attend the 45th regular convention of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Welcome home to Linda Oldson, 26-B Crescent, who returned last week for her summer vacation. Linda is a student at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, Texas. Stephen Polaschik, 12-D Ridge was granted the degree of Master of Business Administration on June 6 at the commencement exercises of George Washington University.

Dennis M. Dunn, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dunn, 18-U Ridge, was serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Fort Snelling when it answered a Red Cross call to carry several tons of tents from Athens, Greece, to Tunis, Tunisia. The Fort Snell-

What I Like

by Anne Evanoky, 9

I like to swim In the noonday sun. I like to sleep When the day is done. I like to climb In the trees so high. And I like to eat A pumpkin pie.

ing has been operating in the Mediterranean area as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. The ship was scheduled to return to Little Creek, Va., on June 16.

ANTHONY M. MADDEN ON



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Little League All-Stars

by Bud Dean

On Sunday, July 1, the Little League will hold its Annual All-Star game at 2 p.m., McDonald Field. This game features the all-stars of the American League against the All-Stars of the National League.

The National League has taken the game for the last two years and this time the American League is out for blood. Lonnie Palmer, Coach of the National League, will be out to make sure it is the American League losing the blood, as he has some fine pitchers, plus a heavy hitting lineup.

Bud Dean, Coach of the American League, has been lining up his all-stars and getting them ready to do or die. He will also have some pretty fair country pitchers going for him, plus some pretty good boys with the wood. All in

National Guard Training

Ten members of the local National Guard Unit will leave June 30 for two weeks of outdoor training, returning on July 14. The Unit is under the command of Capt. Wilmer B. Duall.

Ten local members who will attend the camp are S/F/C Austin R. Green, Sgt. Kenneth A. Reamy, Sgt. John G. Riley, Sgt. Philip L. Petrone, Cpl. James C. Kuykendall, PFC Walter W. Rowzee, SP5 Harry E. Davis, PFC Peter E. Drulman, PFC Matthew J. McDonald, and PFC Dennis W. Wagner.

all, this should be a good Sunday take-in for all the folks in Greenbelt who like baseball. If you are around town, drop down to McDonald field and enjoy a fine ball game featuring the best of Greenbelt's Little League-future all-stars in action!

Tennis Classes

Tennis classes for groups of young folks from the ages of nine years through nineteen, are being offered free of charge by the Prince Georges County Recreation Department this summer.

Classes will be limited in size and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registration will be held at the following tennis court locations:

Lane Manor, University Blvd. & West Park Drive. Monday, June 25 - 9 a.m. - 12.

Suitland Senior High School, 5000 Silver Hill Rd., S. E. Tuesday, June 26 - 9 a.m. - 12.

Hollywood, 53rd Ave. & 52nd pl. Wednesday, June 27 - 9 a.m. - 12.

Fletcher's Field, Kenilworth Ave. & Carter's Lane. Thursday, June 27 - 9 a.m. - 12.

Classes will start on Monday,

Shoulder Paving

Paving and sealing of road shoulders on Ridge Road between Southway and Crescent has been completed by the Public Works Department. Also repaved were parking courts on 1 and 2 Gardenway, 14 Laurel Hill, 6 Hillside and 2 Northway.

July 2, and will be offered twice a week at each location. Information regarding the time and days of instruction will be given by the tennis instructor at the time of registration. No registrations will be accepted after the first week of instruction, July 2 - 6.

Group instruction will be given in the following age groups: 9 and 10 years, 11 and 12 years, and 13 and up. Each child must furnish his own tennis racket, and tennis shoes are required.

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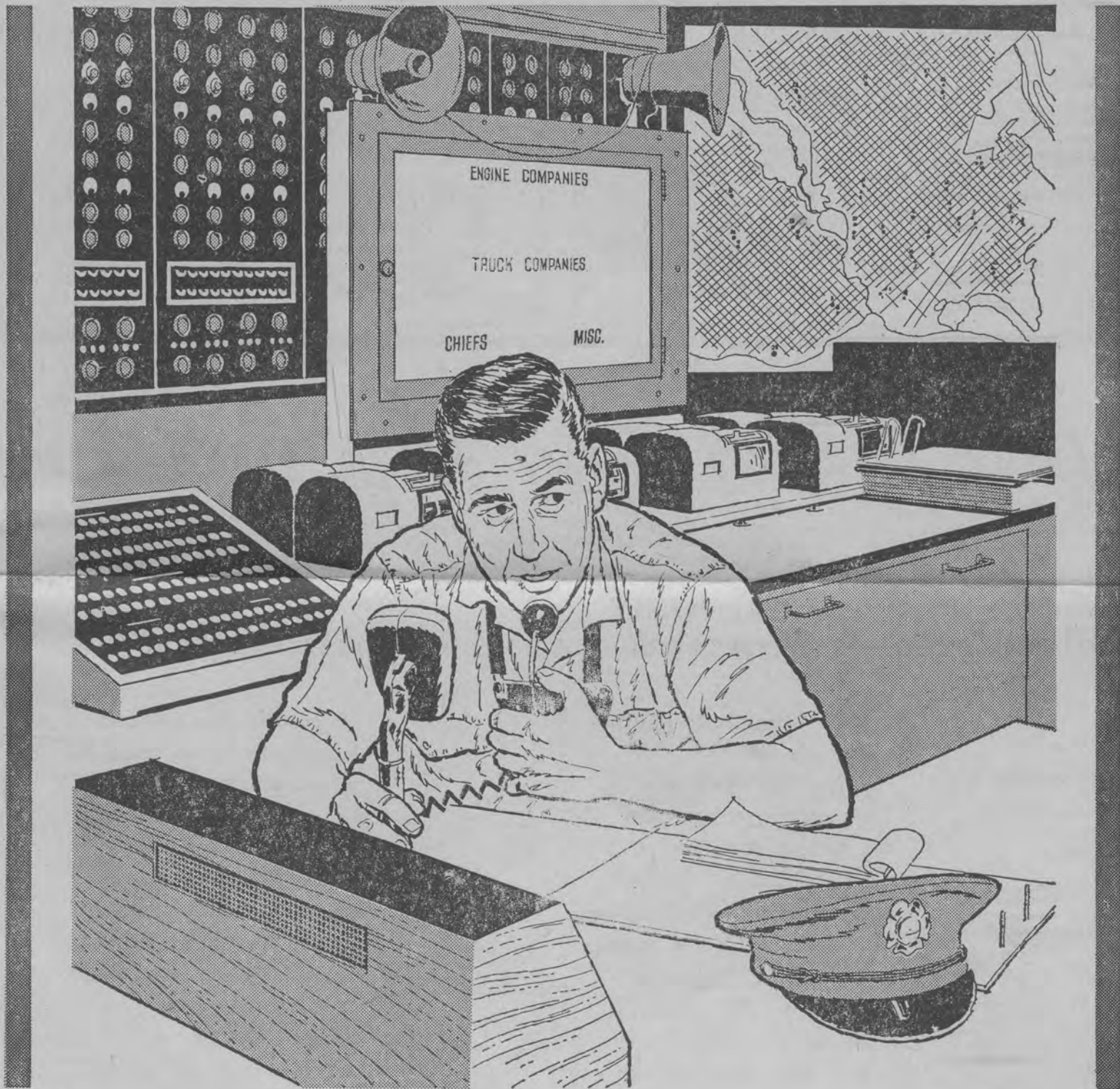
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*Point of View***Tennis Court Resurfacing**

by Dorothy Sucher

During the recent budget hearing, the Advisory Planning Board presented a report on twelve proposed capital improvements, listing them in order of priority. Last on the list was the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Several tennis enthusiasts in the audience stated that the grass in the court is now waist-high, which adds a certain element of the unpredictable to the game. They petitioned the council for relief, and were assured that the courts will be put in tip-top condition before very long. The cost will be around \$2,000 - \$6,000, and a nominal fee should cover the outlay over a period of several years.

This is not as simple as it seems. Who will collect the fees? Who will hand out the key and see that it is returned? Who will guard the courts to make sure no one sneaks in for a free game? The city cannot afford to hire extra personnel for the job.

An honor system was suggested. No one came right out and said it wouldn't work but several seemed doubtful. One respectable-looking gentleman confessed that in the old days, when the courts were used regularly, certain persons used to ask him to leave the gate ajar when he had finished playing. The gentleman did not say what his reply had been.

The Mayor ruled that these questions could wait, and passed on to

the next budget item. However, it never hurts to look ahead, and I would like to place before the city fathers a suggestion of my own, as a public service. I have no axe to grind. I, myself, play an occasional rubber of bridge, and that is all.

First of all, let us establish identical hours at the swimming pool and the tennis courts. For a nominal sum, we can equip the lifeguard at the pool with a pair of opera glasses and a megaphone. He should be instructed to train his opera glasses (and megaphone, if necessary) upon the tennis courts during the first five minutes of every hour. The distance is not great. In this way, the lifeguard can supervise the courts.

While the lifeguard is on tennis duty, only adults will be permitted to use the pool, in the interests of public safety. And the efforts of the lifeguard to shame free-loaders out of the courts (using the megaphone) should serve to keep the children amused while their parents take a dip.

My proposal has one flaw. What about people who climb the tennis court fence? Let us enlist the help of the Garden Club. Greenbelt's forests are rich in poison ivy. Could we not take advantage of this natural resource? If the Garden Club will only transplant several clumps and train them up the fence, the last objection to my scheme can be overcome.

New Playground

Strollers along Lakeside Drive may have noticed that a heap of fresh earth has been dumped beside the road. Lakeside Drive is being extended, and excess fill dirt from the grading work is being carted to a designated spot near the end of the lake. Ultimately, it is hoped that the area will be developed into a new Greenbelt playground.

The playground will serve Lakesiders, as well as residents in the GHI houses at Ridge and Crescent Roads. If present plans materialize, the new facility will include a small ballfield, as well as the usual playground equipment.

Ceremonies Drowned

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Springhill Lake subdivision were rained out Wednesday, June 20. No new date has been set for the ceremonies.

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