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High School, Home Improvements, New Construction Studied by GHI

by Rita Fisher

Recommendations on the construction of new homes, the granting of home improvement loans for existing Greenbelt homes, and a discussion of GHI's feeling on the Bresler-Board of Education City Council affair, were the main topics of discussion at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Director Nat Shinderman, reporting for the Ad Hoc Committee on Building Additional Homes, recommended that the manager be directed to initiate zoning requests before January 1, which is the date that was given for zoning appeals to be considered.

Another recommendation of the committee was that all homes to be built by GHI be sold and operated under a perpetual lease contract, and be managed by GHI.

The committee requested that management start making contacts with construction firms for surveys and architectural plans. Referring to funds to be used for construction, the committee recommended that corporation reserve funds be used initially for the purpose of construction of the new homes, with the understanding that these reserve funds would eventually be returned with interest.

At the time of resale of these new homes, it was recommended that the corporation should have first option to repurchase the homes at a controlled price; that resales be made on the basis of an established formula set up by the Board; and that present members have first priority on the repurchasing of the homes.

The Board said that the recommendations would be taken under consideration and used for guidance as they proceed with plans for construction.

Financing Improvements

Director John O'Reilly, reporting for the Finance Committee in regard to re-financing home improvements on existing homes, recom-

mended that the corporation make the loans but that the money be used for home improvements only. Suggested maximum amounts to be loaned are: \$2,000 for kitchens in brick homes and \$1,500 for kitchens in frame homes. A sum of \$1,000 for improvements to bathrooms in either brick or frame homes was also recommended.

Recommended also was that improvement loans, when added to other existing loans, not exceed 80% of the value of the unit. The maximum term for repayment would be 10 years.

The report was accepted and approved by the Board.

High School Site

Nat Shinderman reported to the Board on the Oct. 11 Special Meeting of City Council, which was mainly concerned with the acquisition of the High School Tract. It was the opinion of the GHI Board that there was considerable uncertainty about the feelings of council regarding the negotiations.

Director Ed Burgoon made the following motions, which were approved: first, to get in touch with legal counsel to investigate past actions in case the City Council makes a decision in favor of negotiating; and secondly, to notify all GHI members, by means of a circular that the matter would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

How Long to Bring A Case to Trial?

by Elaine Skolnik

The question of how long it takes to get a trial before the circuit court has come up with respect to the condemnation suit filed by the Prince Georges County Board of Education against Consolidated Syndicates, Inc. (Bresler-Lerner) for acquisition of a 32-acre plot behind the American Legion Post, fronting on Capital Beltway for a Greenbelt Senior High School. The Board of Education on October 12 directed its attorney to return the case to the active trial list, after numerous postponements since the original filing date of January 21, 1965.

The first hearing was set for May 6, 1965—almost five months after the initial proceedings were instituted. The suit was then postponed to July 22—2½ months later. A third postponement to September 8 involved an interval of 1½ months. Now, a new trial date of April 7, 1966 has been set—a further delay of almost six months.

According to Circuit Court officials, a three-month waiting period between the filing date and the trial date is normal. However, in an emergency or hardship case, the judge has the power to call a special jury and to shorten the waiting interval to three weeks. The assignment office can push a case up and rush it at the convenience of the parties involved. However, it is not necessary that both parties agree to a hearing date, as the initiative is with the party bringing the suit.

Circuit Court officials stated that the Board of Education case was unusual in that one of the parties (Bresler) is a member of the State legislature, which would be in session for the first three months of the year.

WHAT GOES ON

Friday, Oct. 22, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Sunday, Oct. 24, 8:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of News Review, 3 Maplewood Court

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Peace In Viet Nam Meeting - 6A Crescent

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8:30 p.m. Democratic Club Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, Oct. 28 - 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meets

Spellman Questions Study Of High-Rise Apartments

The County Commissioners debated, on Oct. 12th, a controversial report made by the County Economic Development Committee on the economic effect of high-rise apartments. The report has been subject to criticism by citizen groups and a citizen planning association, though the statistics in it are claimed to have been reviewed and endorsed by other County agencies.

The subject came up for discussion when Commissioner Gladys Spellman questioned expenditure of County funds by the Economic Development Committee on the study. She asked the other members of the Board to consider limiting any "major undertakings" by appointed committees without prior approval by the Commissioners. Commission Chairman Jesse S. Baggett said "I do not think we ought to suppress any facts if they are true and if they are true they ought to be published. I am not going to appoint committees and tell them what to report." Mrs. Spellman stated however she felt "a substantial proportion of the members of the Economic Development Committee are in a position to profit handsomely themselves from high-rise zoning," and she questioned that committee's developing a study of high rise zoning generally. "We do not zone land or determine land use by the impact on the County's finances," she added, referring to conclusions in the report that high rise apartment returned a "profit" to the County as compared to single-family housing because less County schools and services were required by such apartments.

Commissioner Spellman's points were however not accepted by the other Commissioners, who defended the report as being within the province of the committee.

Deadlines for Christmas Mail

Armed Forces Overseas

October 21 - November 10
Christmas parcels by surface transportation and Christmas cards

Domestic Mail

December 1 - December 10
Air Mail Parcels
December 5
(For distant States) Parcels
December 14
(For nearby States) Parcels
December 10
(For distant States) Cards
December 15
(For nearby States) Cards
Alaska and Hawaii Mail - Surface Mail no later than November 30, and Air Mail no later than December 15, to insure delivery before Christmas.

Plant Sale on Friday

The Lydia Guild of Holy Cross Lutheran Church will sponsor a plant sale on Friday, Oct. 22, at the Center near the Greenbelt Consumers Discount Supermarket, from 2 to 8 p.m. Potted plants in several sizes will be available.

COUNCIL REJECTS BY 4-1 HIGH SCHOOL SITE DEAL

by Mary Lou Williamson

More than 150 citizens came to hear how the new City Council would respond to pressure by a local developer for higher density zoning on a large tract of land in exchange for uncontested consummation of the sale of a Greenbelt senior high school site to the Board of Education at the Council meeting Monday night.

Council sat quietly listening for more than an hour to citizen statements before voting to reject the proposal (4-1) with Councilman Dave Champion dissenting. Councilman Richard Pilski's motion states that the "Request of Consolidated Syndicates, Inc. (Bresler-Lerner) for the city's support of its zoning requests for parcels 1 and 2 in exchange for the sale of property to the Board of Education for a high school site be denied, and that the Board of Education be urged to pursue the acquisition of the high school site in parcel 15."

Mayor Edgar Smith opened the discussion by inviting members to comment. Champion thereupon moved to table the discussion pending an executive session. Council, he noted, had not yet reviewed a statement of facts on the issue prepared for council by City Manager James Giese. Councilman Francis White seconded. The motion failed, 3-2.

Mayor Smith then directed the City Clerk to read the 4-page statement aloud, and offered the extra 20 copies to the audience. A mad scramble followed, and hesitant hands went away empty.

Champion charged that the public was receiving incorrect information "especially in the local News Review, which contained," he alleged, "two statements, both on page one, that are wrong." (See accompanying article). He offered Giese's memorandum as being "more accurate" in its discussion of the risks involved in delaying the acquisition of the school site.

Giese's Statement

The statement sketched the his-

tory of the school site negotiations, and ended by listing seven possible adverse effects if no agreement was reached on the school site: (1) The opening of the new senior high school will be delayed until after 1967. (2) There will be further overcrowding of High Point; (3) The cost of acquiring the land will probably be increased; (4) A jury decision may result in a price too high for the Board to pay; (5) Further delay may force the Board to select another school site; (6) If the site is abandoned, the land may be rezoned for apartments; (7) If the site for a junior high school (on parcel 11) is also jeopardized by the failure to reach an agreement on the senior high school site, the city may be forced to purchase all of parcel 11 as parkland.

Giese noted, however, that at no time has the Board of Education indicated any intention to abandon either of these school sites. Similarly, he said, no assurances have been given that these sites would never be abandoned under any circumstances.

Giese then described the effects of developing parcels 1 and 2 as R-30 apartments, in accordance with the owners' request. These parcels would then have a population of nearly 7,000. Under the city plan, the ultimate population is estimated to be less than 3,000. If some of the parkland designated by the city plan is zoned for residential use the increase in population would be substantial even if the city plan was otherwise followed.

Giese concluded: "Acceptance of the proposal of the owners will result in the Board of Education being able to proceed with the construction of a senior high school and a junior high school in the vicinity of Greenbelt Lake, but with parcels 1 and 2 being rezoned at a density greater than that proposed in the City Master Plan."

"Denial of the proposal will delay the acquisition of school sites and the construction of schools. There is a chance that the schools may have to be located at other less desirable sites. But the City may get zoning of parcels 1 and 2 at a density less than that approved by MNCPPC in its plan for Greenbelt."

GHI Statement

Charles Schwan, President of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., reading from a prepared text, gave his corporation's unequivocal opposition to the proposed R-30 zoning of all of Parcels 1 and 2. Zoning changes, he reminded council, must be justified on the basis of change in the neighborhood or public need. "The only change has been in the construction of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, a limited-access highway that serves to isolate the area except as it abuts the Research Center and GHI (both unchanged since the zoning map was drawn)."

Schwan urged the Board of Education to resist vigorously any further delay to a settlement on the value of the land.

Schwan strongly hinted, "It is entirely conceivable that the delay incident to a requested zoning change would exceed that incident to condemnation proceedings."

In conclusion he said, "Now that the Board of Education has announced its intention not to be used by him, we trust that the City Council will take similar action. You will have the support of virtually the entire community if this should be your decision."

Hal Siegal, vice-chairman of the

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ANNUAL MEETING FOR NEWS REVIEW STAFF

The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., publishers of the News Review, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Virginia Beauchamp, 3 Maplewood Court. All present staff members of the News Review are asked to attend. The 5-man governing board for 1965-66 will be elected.

Scholarship Examination

Residents of Prince Georges County planning to apply for scholarship awards for higher education should register by Nov. 6 for the Multiple State Scholarship Examination, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 20. The awards, which range to a maximum of \$500 per year, are awarded for study at universities, colleges and junior colleges in the State of Maryland. For further information, contact Dr. Katherine Fossett, Director of Pupil Services, Board of Education, Upper Marlboro (627-4800, ext. 224).

TRICK OR TREAT

"Trick or Treat" for UNICEF will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Boys and girls who plan to help collect will meet at the Youth Center at 3 p.m. Each group of collectors must be accompanied by an adult. At 5 p.m. the collectors will return to the Youth Center and be treated in turn to refreshments and a movie. UNICEF funds are used overseas for emergency health needs of children and for maternal care.

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The Limits of Compromise

Somewhat a few citizens seem to have gotten the impression that the city's own Master Plan adopted by the previous council in March, 1965, is unfair to developers. They ask whether the Master Plan, 1965, is realistic, alleging that it doesn't take into consideration the developers' desires. The city, it is claimed, must be less uncompromising in its attitude toward the development of the vacant land.

The truth of the matter is that the city's Master Plan already represents a compromise between what the city desires and what the developers desire. But some of the developers are not satisfied with half a loaf; they want the whole loaf, and in a few instances, do not seem to care what methods are used to achieve their goal.

Let us take, for example, parcels 1 and 2, the 230 acres between GHI property and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Originally, Advisory Planning Board members visualized these parcels as being reserved largely for single-family homes. Later, the APE compromised by recommending that strips of land closest to the GHI property be reserved for R-30 apartments. Eventually, the city's Master Plan, as finally adopted, called for more acreage in R-30 apartments (63 acres) than in single-family homes (55 acres). Yet, the developer is not satisfied; he wants the entire acreage in R-30 apartments.

We deny the claims that Greenbelt has not accommodated itself to the needs of the developers and that we must now sit down with the developers and further compromise the Master Plan. We deplore the timorous attitude that says "we'd better be nice to the developers, because we may need something from them some day."

On the contrary, we say that it is time for the developers to grow up to their responsibilities, to accommodate themselves to the wishes of the city as expressed in the city's Master Plan and community goals, and to stop pressuring the city to accept proposals that are against its interests.

A Constructive Proposal

Let's keep Greenbelt green AND CLEAN, said the writer of a recent letter to the Editor. The City Council has made a constructive suggestion to this end by urging Center merchants who sell cold soda to switch from bottles to cans or paper cups. Greenbelt is fortunate in having an unusually civic-minded group of merchants, and we can be hopeful that the Businessmen's Association will endorse the council's proposal, even though the change may cause some temporary inconvenience.

Broken glass litters our pathways, playgrounds, school yards, and parks. Aside from being unsightly, it is a menace to the hands and knees of small children. The city's present cleanup crews are inadequate, yet with the time at their disposal they could do a much more thorough job if litter were confined to trash that stays in one piece.

A voluntary resolution by the Businessmen's Association to ban the sale of cold soda in bottles would earn the gratitude of Greenbelters who love their parks but sometimes feel rather ashamed of them.

Free Movies and Slides On Food Preparation

Movie and slide programs are available free of charge to civic and community groups from the Speakers' Bureau of Washington Gas Light Company. The gas company provides a trained speaker and all necessary projection equipment.

The home service department has a number of excellent motion pictures which are of special interest to women's organizations. One of the newest is Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, which features five authentic Pennsylvania Dutch recipes. Also in this series of films are: Italian Cooking; The Art of French Cooking; and The Pleasures of Chinese Cooking. All four are 20-minute color films.

Other programs on wood preparation are:

DIONE LUCAS—Cooking expert Dione Lucas shows how to make delicate, fluffy omelets with a variety of fillings, in a half-hour color film.

DO COME TO DINNER—a great favorite with teenagers. This half-hour movie tells the story of two teenage girls preparing a meal for their favorite movie star.

PARTY TIME MAGIC—A lively 40-minute slide program, chock-full of party food ideas.

Any of the programs can be booked by calling ST 3-5225.

Thanks from Rescue Squad

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad, I would like to thank the News-Review for printing my request for crutches, walkers and wheelchairs. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation are due to those who responded.

As a result of the letter you printed, we have received sufficient crutches to replenish our depleted supply. We also received the offer of a "loan" of a wheelchair, when needed. Great . . . If there are any more such loans available, please let us know. Call 474-5511 and let us know your name, address, phone number, and the item you have available for loan. We will keep this information on file and contact you as the need arises.

Vic Fisher

Lt. Rescue Squad

Fabric Sale at JCC

The Woman's Group of the Jewish Community Center will hold a Fabric Sale on Sunday, Oct. 24, from 2 to 10 p.m. and on Monday, Oct. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Remnants in 1 to 10 yard lengths will be featured along with ready-made custom drapes. Bring measurements.

The Time to Act is Now

To the Editor:

While my only relationship to this community is one of employment, I have nevertheless been following with interest the recent struggles over the procurement of land for the proposed high school. With the indulgence of the residents of Greenbelt, I should like to express an "outsider's" viewpoint.

I must take the stand that the idea of compromising the city's master plan in order to satisfy the desires of the owner of the proposed high school site is both unjustifiable and horrifying!

There is, now, a definite lack of single family residences in this community, a community which is otherwise a very well planned, and I might add, eye-pleasing one. The addition of a well - thought - out single-dwelling development would serve to stabilize, unify, and enhance the pleasant characteristics of this city. On the other hand, the highly transient population, which could only be the result of dense zoning, would in no way help to achieve these goals. In support of this statement I need only direct the attention of Greenbelt residents to my own community, nearby Laurel. The erratic growth (geared toward dense zoning) and the "moneygrabbing" aroma of rezoning within that city have created an impossible situation when one considers the relationship of the city's needs, and the abilities and facilities necessary to meet them. As a result, unified spirit in that city is an uncomprehensible dream, crime rate is high, recreational facilities are minimal, and the percentage of registered voters is less than in Greenbelt.

I hasten to add that the efforts of the present officials to correct the zoning situation in Laurel is commendable, but, any action they may take can only be considered in terms of hindsight. Greenbelt has an advantage here, in that it can prevent the same situation from occurring with a little foresight. Every resident of Greenbelt should take it upon himself to impress the city council (your duly elected representatives) that they cannot allow this city to suffer at the hands of a single individual.

Greenbelt residents must realize that the problem of zoning is a major one, and that the results are not always satisfactory. However, once the rezoning has been accomplished, and the development established, no amount of complaints can correct it. You must also realize that you, the residents, and only you, will be the losers! The time to act is now! Unified, the citizens of this community can prevent any such rezoning from occurring.

Ron Ladue

Junior Highlights

by Gary Thorne

The current enrollment of Greenbelt Junior High School is 918 students. There are 304 students in seventh grade; 300 in eighth grade; and 285 in ninth grade.

This year Greenbelt Junior High School has a new vice-principal, Thomas Ullrich, formerly an industrial arts teacher at Buck Lodge Junior High School. George Anderson, former vice-principal, is now vice-principal at Suitland Senior High School.

Student pictures were taken of all ninth graders and one half of the eighth grade on Monday Oct.

Two hundred students participated in the student council sponsored trip to the New York World's Fair on Saturday, Sept. 25.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister

9:30 - Church School, Grades 5 through 12, and adults.

10:45 - United Nations Sunday, Church School Infants through Junior Grade 4.

11:45 - Coffee Hour Fellowship.

12:30 - Young Couples Interest Group outing to Fort Washington.

(A United Church of Christ)

CFPG Letter to Board of Education

The following letter was sent to Superintendent William S. Schmidt of the Prince Georges County Board of Education by Lloyd L. Moore, chairman of the Steering Committee, Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt:

October 13, 1965

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Thank you for your letter of September 14th in which you expressed the concern of the Board of Education about delays in acquiring the tract of land East of the Beltway between Greenbelt Road and Greenbelt Lake for a senior high school site. You further expressed hope that the Greenbelt City Council would take speedy action on the approval of the Master Plan so that the School Board could deal with the developer for the acquisition of this property.

The 'CITIZENS FOR A PLANNED GREENBELT' are also concerned about this matter, in a number of ways. To us, it appears that much of the delay has been caused by laxity on the part of the Board of Education itself, in its dealings with the developer. It is disturbing to us to know that the Board would, in any way, consider or indirectly assist the pressures of the developer to effect a 'tie-in' deal on zoning of other property in order to expedite acquisition of this school site.

At an open meeting on October 11, 1965, the Greenbelt City Council announced to the public that the developer had made such a proposal to them. Specifically, it was proposed by the developer that in exchange for an agreement by the City Council to endorse a particular zoning application for higher density development of Parcels 1 and 2 in the North End of Greenbelt, he in turn would agree to consummate the sale of the school site to the Board of Education at a mutually agreed price.

As a matter of information, the City Council adopted a Master Plan for the city of Greenbelt on March 8, 1965, and the citizens of Greenbelt have been fighting actively to uphold it ever since. The changes of zoning requested by the developer for Parcels 1 and 2 are in direct violation to this Master Plan and accordingly will be opposed vigorously by those pledged to support the plan.

Further, since the only relationship between Parcels 1 and 2 and the proposed school site is the mere coincidence of ownership by the developer, the 'CITIZENS FOR A PLANNED GREENBELT' cannot comprehend the propriety of such a deal having been proposed and being considered on a 'tie-in' basis.

We were pleased to learn that the School Board took action, at its meeting of October 12, 1965, to pursue the acquisition of this school site on the merits of the case alone, on a basis independent from actions of others, and that authorization was given to the School Board solicitor to negotiate a settlement with the developer if at all possible within specified limits.

This gives us more hope for the future inasmuch as the past action of the School Board to 'pass the condemnation suit for settlement' and thus cancel out the hearing set for September 8, 1965 seems to us in retrospect to have been injudicious and a resulting instrument of delay.

Since you have already instructed your solicitor to have this suit reinstated on the docket, may we suggest that some of the delay be made up by a motion for advancement of the trial to an early date, possibly in November. Otherwise, the trial date may be set for early 1966 and be in conflict with the regular session of the State Legislature. In which event, a further delay may be anticipated inasmuch as the developer will undoubtedly be in attendance at these sessions as a delegate, and may not be available to appear at the trial.

Further, since present appraisals may be too old to be valid by the date set for trial, it is also suggested that your solicitor be directed to see that reappraisals are obtained by both sides to insure their being in order and to forestall possible delay on this point.

The citizens of Greenbelt are desirous of having our community developed in a planned and proper manner and agree that the developer is entitled to a 'fair' return on his investment and activities. However, we do not believe it to be proper or right for our children to be deprived of their rightful educational facilities and opportunities solely because of a desire on the part of the developer to hold out for the maximum profits available.

We thank you for your continued interest and efforts in the 'Greenbelt School Crisis' and hope that progress may soon be made that will provide additional school facilities that are needed for this area.

(Space purchased by Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt)

Lecture on Jewish Music

The first in a series of lectures, "Dimensions in Jewish Culture," will be held on Monday, Oct. 25, at the Jewish Community Center, Ridge and Westway, at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Estelle Abraham will speak on "Jewish Life Over The Past Fifty Years - As Expressed In Music." For information about the series, which will run through April 18, call 345-8966. Persons under 18 and over 65 will be admitted free.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Greenbelt Democratic Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 27 in the City Council room of the Municipal building at 8:30 p.m.

President Walter (Bud) Dean has announced that the guest speaker at the meeting will be Congressman Clarence Long from Maryland's second Congressional district. All members are urged to attend.

9:45 Sunday School 7 p.m. Training Union
11 a.m. Morning Worship 8 p.m. Evening Worship
8:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor GR 4-4040

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Perry F. Miller, Pastor
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Classes for pre-schoolers and Nursery provided
40 Ridge Rd., 474-9410 * * * Parsonage, 474-7293

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
2 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, GR 4-4477
Edward H. Birner, Pastor, GR 4-9200
WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
WEEKDAY KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY



Point of View by Dorothy Sucher

by Dorothy Sucher

Padded seats in the City Council chambers! It didn't make the front page of the *News Review*, but as far as I was concerned, it was the big news of the summer when I made the discovery at a council meeting.

News Review reporters have grumbled for years about the economical iron maidens to whose embraces we had to submit whenever we covered council meetings. Oh, that creeping paralysis spreading upward from the hips and reaching the brain at about 11 p.m.—with sometimes another hour or two to go before adjournment! The councilmen who complained about our garbling their midnight oratory didn't realize the difficulties we had to contend with.

Numbness spread downward even faster, doubtless aided by gravity. By 10:15 the left foot fell asleep; by 10:30 the right foot joined it. When we arose and began stamping our feet, it was not rage at the council's proceedings that prompted us, but a primitive need to restore our circulation.

Now that they've padded the seats, however, I no longer hesitate to urge every Greenbelter, especially the newcomers, to attend a council meeting one of these days. It's an education in the democratic process that puts civics classes and newspaper perusal in the shade.

When I moved to Greenbelt in 1957, I had never lived anywhere but in New York City. "Politics" and "politician" were dirty words to me—dirty and dull. The strength of my opinions on matters political was equalled only by my ignorance.

Politics in New York seemed too big and too remote. I realized that it affected me, but it never occurred to me that I might affect it in turn. In short, politics was something perpetrated by Them—not a responsibility shared by Us—and the attitude for a true New Yorker to adopt was a cynical apathy summed up in the phrase, "Go fight City Hall."

Fighting City Hall was something no one in his right mind would do, which accounts, to a great extent, for the mess New York City is in today.

It took Greenbelt to teach me that fighting City Hall can be fun.

I don't mean to imply that all New York City needs to solve its problems is the loan of our City Council, a copy of the Greenbelt Master Plan, and a Bronx chapter of the Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt.

I do mean, however, that as far as my personal education is concerned, the fascination of the time-honored American sport of politics is something I failed to grasp in the city; it took life in a small town to teach it to me. The tug of war between contrasting interests—not in form of vague abstractions, but in the shape of real men and women arguing because they have something vital at stake: their pocketbooks, their principles, the education of their children—the play of personalities in the elected officials and the citizens who come to their meetings—the suspense of a close vote, the triumph when your own side wins and the chagrin when it loses—all these make politics absorbing, and they can't be appreciated by relying exclusively on second-hand reports.

Transacting the public business of even a miniscule municipality like Greenbelt is complicated. Conflicting claims to the inelastic tax dollar must continually be weighed. Compromises must be reached between the dreams and the realities—which doesn't necessarily mean all the dreams will fly out the window, because they can and do alter the realities if the dreamers are stubborn enough.

Let's not forget the comic relief of politics, too, which is particularly in evidence at budget hearings. The stout elderly gentleman reading an impassioned plea to the Recreation Department to refrain from subsidizing ballet lessons—as alarmed as though some totalitarian plot were about to force him to do entrechats and arabesques against his will; the embattled gardener with the bedraggled rose-

bed, urging the city to mount an all-out campaign against the Japanese beetle; the advocates of a 24-hour guard posted at the statue in the Center Mall to prevent juveniles from painting its feet green; any true council-meeting buff has a mental gallery in which these and similar types are enshrined.

Now we have a new council. Old hands will want to see how they measure up to their predecessors, and new residents will be trickling in with petitions and complaints, or just out of curiosity, to learn what's going on in town. Some are sure to catch the council-meeting bug, especially now that those padded seats have been installed.

CITY GUESTS, U. N. DAY

A number of foreign students will be guests in Greenbelt homes on United Nations Day, Sunday, Oct. 24. After being entertained at dinner, the guests and their hosts will get together in a city-sponsored meeting at the Municipal Building starting at 7:30 p.m.

Arrangements are being made by the United Nations Association branch in Greenbelt, working with International House in Washington. Requests from prospective host families (call 345-8630) are expected to exceed the supply, although a few students' names are still available. Although each of the foreign visitors speaks English, an effort will be made to honor special requests for such languages as may be known or spoken in the host home.

Mrs. Irene Hensel, appointed for the third year by the City Council as chairman of the United Nations Day celebration, is also chairman of the local United Nations Association, which is assisting with the activities and the arrangements. United Nations literature and gift items are presently available at Twin Pines and will be on display at the Sunday night meeting.

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Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, put into the record a letter written by CFFG to the Board of Education urging that the trial date for the condemnation suit be advanced to November (see page 2).

Citizens Speak

A procession of citizens took the floor to make impassioned speeches—some from prepared texts, some extemporaneously. The mayor occasionally had to caution them to refrain from engaging in personalities.

Albert Herling suggested skulduggery in the September court postponement. Although he praised most of the City Manager's report, he criticized the section entitled "Risks and Conclusions," saying they appeared negative in the extreme. He suggested a list of positive steps that council ought to take: 1) fight Bresler's "blackmail"; 2) make clear to the Board of Education—no deals; 3) make clear to the District Council (zoning authority) unanimous opposition to the requested R-30 zoning; and 4) seek the swiftest possible court settlement. "For anything less," charged Herling, "Would be other than what you believe. And when the chips are down, this is exactly what you'll do."

Emotions rose along with the temperature of the room.

Harvey Geller spoke against the higher density zoning, stating Greenbelt needed more single-

family homes, whose owners he felt tended toward greater interest in local affairs and government than did apartment dwellers. In Springhill Lake, with a population of 3,000 (all rental units), only 38 citizens registered to vote in the city elections.

Pilski asked if anyone in the audience cared to speak in support of Bresler's proposal.

Only James Martin took the floor. He suggested that Bresler's action was not "blackmail" but the legitimate advance of his rights to develop his land. Martin suggested, by way of example, that GHI's long-range planning committee had been doing much the same thing some months ago. He alleged that the density of the "frame homes (GHI) is far more atrocious than anything Bresler's considering." GHI Board member Nat Shinderman firmly denied any similarity in method, pointing out GHI's efforts to develop its land are in accordance with the Master Plan. Furthermore the present density of GHI homes (6½ units per acre) is less than half that of Bresler's plan (14 units per acre).

Motion to Reject

Pilski then moved to reject Bresler's proposals. William Hoff seconded the motion.

Champion said, "I think we're being hasty," and stated his intention to vote against the motion. He added that he felt the crowd of citizens present did not represent a true cross section of the community. He felt strongly that a jury settlement of the land value could easily be as high as \$49,000 an acre. The Board of Education, he alleged, has never paid more than \$10,000 an acre for a school site, in which case the Board would have to find another site. Champion said he would rather see the high school at the land-fill than across the Parkway.

A member of the audience, Harvey Geller, pointed out that no Board of Education condemnation case has ever gone to trial because if it does the jury will determine a fair price.

Final Action

White agreed with many of Champion's statements regarding additional study. He summarized his own attitude by saying that "while the risks (of delay) are great, the problems of higher density somewhat outweigh them. The risks, however, are still with us. Let us not place an iron curtain between the developer and the city council." He offered an amendment that the denial be without prejudice to future negotiations that might result in benefit to the city of Greenbelt.

Pilski urged passage of the motion without qualifications.

The amendment failed 3-2.

After a 10-minute recess to reword the motion, Council quickly disposed of it voting 4-1, Champion alone dissenting.

Smith, at the end of meeting, said "We will meet soon as possible with the Board of Education and try to set up an earlier date for a hearing on the basis of hardship." (It has been learned that the new trial date is set for April 7, 1966.)

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It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Norman McCarthy, 5-H Eastway. Christina Marie made her debut on September 27, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. She joins a sister Collen Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerr, 38-D Crescent, proudly announce the birth of a daughter. Eve-Ann Marie arrived September 4, weighing 5 lbs. 9 oz. Eve-Ann's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Granims, 4-B Ridge, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Kerr reside at 3 Forestway.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marcellino, 14-L Laurel. Thomas Morris, Jr. was born September 28, weighing 6 lbs, 9 oz. He joins a sister, Lisa.

Seaman Apprentice Martin J. German, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin German, 23-M Ridge, is scheduled to graduate October 8 from the Naval Fire Control Technician School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Mrs. Dorothy Gonthier, 9-H Ridge, who is a member of the staff of High Point Senior High attended the first national conference on "The Role of Paperback Books in Education" at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Happy, happy birthday to Kathy Smith, 131 Northway, who will be 11 years old on Friday.

The Greenbelt Fire Dept. is in a furor!! The judges are trying to decide who has the best FIRE PREVENTION POSTER. Winners will be announced in the NEWS-REVIEW in the near future.

Our deepest sympathy to Steve Polaschik, 12-D Ridge, who lost his father.

Golden Agers

With cooler weather, attendance at meetings of the Golden Agers is increasing. Refreshments will again be served, beginning November 3.

An auxiliary to the club was organized on Sept. 23 under the leadership of E. Joseph Long. Seventy-six persons were enrolled as members, with up to 300 members expected in a few months. The following were appointed temporary officers: President, Douglas R. Ward; First Vice-President, Mrs. Lorraine E. Nuzzo; Second Vice-President, Francis L. Birchard; Secretary, Mrs. Shirley L. Clute; Treasurer, Miss Helen C. Donegan. The Executive Board are: Mrs. Barbara Chambers, Mrs. Claude W. Weaver, Miss Ora Donoghue, and Miss Evelyn E. Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brown of 5-A Ridge are new members, and Mrs. Kathryn Maloney and Mrs. Giarth D. Wade have returned after an absence of several months due to a death in each family.

The club's trip to Florida is planned for Oct. 24, and most fares have already been paid. Also under consideration are a trip to the homes of Washington and Lee, and to Yorktown, Jamestown, Williamsburg, Richmond, and other places of interest. For three days and two nights, the cost per person would be about \$20.00 with the club paying the remainder.

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CLOVERBUDS 4-H NEWS

by Linda Simonson

The Cloverbud 4-H'ers are patiently awaiting the arrival of their Prince Georges County Fair checks. In the meantime they can admire their ribbons - purple for championship, blues for excellent—and exhibits, reds for good exhibits, and whites for fair exhibits.

In the lead with purple ribbons is Ellen Hanyok, with championships for her canned tomatoes and pickles, as well as 10 blue and 4 red. Linda Simonson entered the most exhibits (35) and won a championship on her club craft along with 17 blue and 14 red ribbons. One champion science project was entered by Laura Simonson. Laura also claims 13 blue ribbon entries and 15 red. Jenny Simonson won a purple ribbon for her children's toys and 11 blue and 7 red ribbons. One third of Gail Neumann's 3 blue ribbon entries won championships. Congratulations!

Mary Virginia Haker received 3 blue and 4 red ribbons on her entries. Patty Zanin also did quite well, winning 1 blue and 4 red. Maureen Geiger won 2 blue and 1 red ribbon on her entries. Dianne Pranger won 1 blue and 2 red. Patty Geiger concluded her first 4-H year with 3 red and 1 white ribbons. The cookies for which she received the white ribbon won the championship at Anne Arundle County Fair last month. But that's the way the ball bounces!

Four of the girls, Ellen Hanyok, Laura, Linda, and Jenny Simonson participated in the style show at the fair. Laura, Linda and Jenny also gave their demonstrations and won blue ribbons and cash prizes.

4-H LITTLE WOMEN

by Lois Bernstein

On Oct. 13, the Little Women 4-H club had a meeting to elect new officers. At the meeting we had a visitor, Indy Longas. She was much impressed by 4-H.

Our new president is Ann Michelle. Assisting her in her work is vice president Ruth Kaplan. Our secretary is Lois Bernstein. Our treasurer, Carol Collins, will keep our accounts. We will learn new songs every week with our song leader, Olga Penny. To report the news we make in our club is Janet Goldberg. We will be led in recreation by Holly Geller.

Viet Nam Peace Meeting

The Greenbelt Committee for Peace in Viet Nam will hold a general meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Irene Hensel, 6A Crescent.

A Fairy Tale for Girls

Once upon a time there were sixteen little girls. They had Brownie uniforms, a place to meet, lots of enthusiasm, and there were several other little girls who were waiting to join their Brownie troop. The troop had an assistant leader, a committee of cooperative mothers, and everything it needed except for just one thing: a Brownie leader. These little girls were too young to remember that way back then, when Greenbelt was half as populous, there was no trouble at all finding a Brownie leader. But that was long ago. Is there a happy ending to this fairy tale? Maybe. Maybe you can supply it. If you have a seven or eight year old girl, she would be thrilled to be able to say her mother is her Brownie leader. If you promise not to tell, we'll let you in on a secret. It isn't hard work. In fact it's fun. Interested? Call Mrs. Bachtler, 474-2418.

CHILDREN'S POETRY HOUR

The Poetry Hour will begin this Friday, Oct. 22, at the Center School Library in the auditorium, under the leadership of Mrs. Marjorie Donn.

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Speaking Sternly . . . by David Stern

THE KITTEN EXPLOSION

These days population experts keep warning the world to brace itself for the swelling population explosion. By 1984 or thereabouts, they predict, this country's population will pass the 300 million mark. Prince Georges County's will exceed a million, and as for Greenbelt, my Greenbelt—well, let's hope that there will be room enough to sit down. Only there won't be, you see, on account of the kittens.

For what the so-called experts seem to forget is that even now the growth of the kitten population all but eclipses that of human society. If the present rate continues, by 1984 (as they themselves could verify by giving their slide rules an extra twiddle) the U.S. will be flooded coast to coast with billions of kittens—unravelling the threads that hold our society together, snarling the economy, eating us out of house and home and making us completely forget the trifling issue of our own population explosion.

If you don't believe this, ask our friend Roy. He knows. From his own experience.

Roy works down the hall from us and lives pretty close to where we do, so it is only natural that we trade rides going to work. Roy's experience with kittens is derived directly from his cat Myrtle. That is, he calls her Myrtle when there are guests around; at other times she's addressed as Fertile.

One day last week, when it was our turn to drive, Roy arrived at the car lugging a big cardboard box.

"Five kittens, as cute as can be," he said after stowing the box in the rear and regaining his breath. "How would you like to have the pick of the litter?"

"Thanks," we replied. "As much as we love kittens, they unfortunately grow into cats."

"You ratfink! At least, help me get rid of them at work." In the office we put the box in a strategic location near the coffee percolator and tacked above it a sign announcing "KITTENS" and directing all enquiries to Roy's desk. They soon had plenty of attention: everybody came to look and admire, the secretary lifted one out and stroked it for a while (until the beast clawed a rip in her shirt), and the summer help thoughtfully put into the box an ashtrayful of the cream that's kept in the office for coffee. As far as business went, however, it was No Sale. At one time, it's true, we counted only four kittens, but a few minutes later our celebration was cut short by a fellow from the end of the hall, carrying in one hand the missing kitten by the scruff of its neck and in the other a huge box.

"You guys need a box with higher sides," he said, "or do you want them all to climb out?"

Lunch time came and we still hadn't given away a single kitten, when Roy had a brilliant idea. Or so it seemed. "Let's put the box in front of the cafeteria entrance," he said. "Everybody passes there on the way to lunch, and I'm sure some people won't be able to resist those cute little buggers."

We carried the kittens to the cafeteria entrance, had our lunch, and as soon as we finished made a bee-line to the box to see how we made out. Roy was the first to reach it. "Good grief!" he yelled. "What happened?"

"There are seven kittens in the box now. Oh, wait till I catch that son-of-a-gun who did it! Oh, the pleasure when I wring his neck!"

As we drove back home that evening there were still seven kittens on the rear seat and Roy was close to hysteria. "Let's stop at the Co-Op garage," we told him, for lack of any more constructive statement. "We know a chap named Chuck there who always comes up with some bright solution whenever we are in a mess. Besides, this car needs gas."

"Hmm," said Chuck when we had briefed him on the situation, and pulled from the wall an old antifreeze ad. He turned it over to expose its other side, clean and white. Then he pulled open a drawer, and a set of big rubber stamps

materialized in his hands. "SALE!" we read, as he pounded out the letters. "PUT A KITTEN IN YOUR TANK." He continued, "Free Kittens with every Tankful of Gas," then rummaged a bit through the drawer, came up with a box of slightly smaller script, and added: "One to a Customer Only, Please."

The sign had been barely posted when the incredible happened. "Let me see those free kittens," drawled a tough looking customer. Chuck dragged out the box: "Take your choice, sir. No, I'm not allowed to give you two." There was a commotion at the other pump and Chuck quickly added, "Please make up your mind, mister. That lady over there wants her free kitten, too."

In ten minutes' time our stock dwindled to zero. The last thing we heard as we drove away, after thanking Chuck for his help, was his voice answering an impatient woman in a Volkswagen bus full of kids. "I am sorry, lady," he said. "We are all out of kittens now. You should have come earlier in the day."

Hepatitis Warning

Infectious hepatitis, an acute disease of the liver, is most prevalent during the fall and winter. Although it can occur at any age, the disease most frequently occurs among people under 20 in schools or other institutions. Recognition of symptoms and prompt reporting of suspected cases are important in preventing spread of the disease. Outbreaks among school children in two Maryland counties accounted for 25 per cent of the 709 cases reported in Maryland during 1964. Prior to 1950, reports of the disease were rare; since 1960, however, 500 to 1000 cases have been reported yearly.

Caused by a virus as yet unidentified, infectious hepatitis can develop into serious and prolonged illness. The symptoms are similar to those of influenza: sore throat, headache, fever, muscle pains, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite and abdominal pain. Jaundice may be evident within a week following onset of the disease, but in many cases there is no appearance of yellow in the skin or eyes. When such symptoms appear, they should be reported promptly to the family physician, the local health department of the appropriate school health authority. Early diagnosis and control measures not only prevent the spread of the infection but also can lessen its serious effects. Parents and teachers, should remind children frequently of essential hygienic practices such as hand washing with soap and warm water, particularly after using the toilet or before eating. Also they should be instructed not to put their mouths directly against drinking fountains or to use other children's eating or drinking utensils.

Jog Along Program

The Second Jog Along event in Greenbelt will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Braden Field. This program is open to anyone, of any age, who is interested in physical fitness, an exercise program, or the fun of running in a group. This Jog Along is just that, jogging at your own pace for 1½ miles. If a record is kept of the miles done in practice, a trophy can be earned upon completion of 100 miles in one year.

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County's Annual Report

Prince Georges, fourth annual "Report to the People" reflects the continuing population growth of the County—the net increase per week is well over 800 persons.

Commission Chairman Jesse S. Baggett, in a covering letter in the report, points out "Our greatest obligation continues in the field of education, where over 70 cents of each tax dollar is allocated."

Baggett invited citizen participation "at all levels of your County government."

The 52-page illustrated booklet will be distributed at the County Fair this week and will also be available at all County libraries, police stations, and at both the Courthouse and County Service Building.

Library Film Series

Prince Georges County Memorial Library will continue its FILMS OF DISTINCTION series on Thursday nights in October, Miss Elizabeth B. Hage, Director, announced. The films will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Regional Library, 6530 Adphi Road, Hyattsville.

On October 28 films featuring interior and decorative arts will be shown. **GEORGE MASON OF GUNSTON HALL** shows the historic home on the Potomac built between 1755 and 1758. **WINTER-THUR: AN ADVENTURE IN THE PAST** portrays a tour through the famous Winterthur Museum near Wilmington, Del., housing the DuPont collection of early American interior and decorative arts. **CLAY** demonstrates use of clay and **CRAYON** shows ways in which this medium can be used artistically. **FINGER PAINTING OF WU TSAI YEN** displays the creative genius of the Chinese artist. All are in color.

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Greenbelt Players Stage a Workshop

In case you've been wondering just what has happened to the Greenbelt Players, here's the answer. Instead of following through with a new production, they have turned their attention to self-improvement and are holding a theatrical workshop. Every other Friday evening (starting October 15) you may find them at the GHI Hospitality Room, industriously doing their homework.

This is a new departure for the group and it should help them present better performances to their Greenbelt audience. For the players, this training will enable them to try their hand at more difficult roles and also at directing. And it will enable those who may be a little sceptical about their own performance facing a large audience to read and act to their own delight and whim.

The workshop is open to everyone. For further information, contact Susan Harbour. 345-7978.

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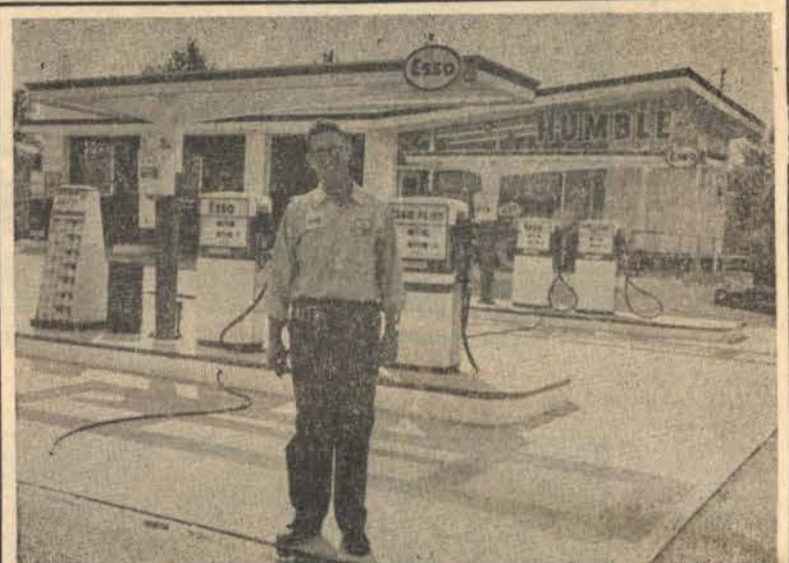
An audience of about 50 people attended the first of the evening programs sponsored jointly by the Arts and Crafts Guild and the Recreation Department on Sept. 23. Dr. Jane Armstrong lectured on Impressionist and Post-Impressionist painting and showed slides.

The second program, planned for the end of October, will probably consist of films on one period of art and on the life and work of a particular artist. The schedule may later include musical evenings and other varied events.

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Greenbelt Grab-bag . . . by Punchin' Judy

Watching the new television schedules this fall, we noticed a program called "My Mother the Car." This strikes us as eminently reasonable, because we, for years, have had a whole family of motorized relatives.

The one we most dearly love and could not possibly do without is our sister the washing machine. A more loyal, self sacrificing, hard working appliance it would be difficult to find. Between us there is a deep bond; we understand each other. She is treated with the greatest consideration and affection. How we miss her when we are on vacation and how we worry when she has one of her rare ailing spells!

Not as well loved, though quite indispensable, is the kitchen stove. She is a sort of mother-in-law figure. Actually, we are devoted to each other, but she is just a bit temperamental and does flare up once in a while. We get along all right, but still it's a real pleasure to get away from her once in while.

The refrigerator is more of a father image. He is the provider, tall and massive. He blows hot and cold occasionally, but he's always good for a hand-out.

Of course, we mustn't forget Aunt Dishwasher. A kind helpful soul, she is always ready to give a hand with the dishes, and doesn't even object to an occasional pot or pan. Her husband, Uncle Disposal, grumbles a lot, but bless his heart, he eats almost everything.

The TV is a grandfatherly type. He tells the children stories by the hour, although his tales are sometimes not really suitable. He needs a lot of doctoring, but we hope he's good for a great many years to come.

Our cousin the air conditioner is a real cool cat. You couldn't ask for better company on a hot summer night. The whole neighborhood likes him.

Last week we had a big family feud. Our mother-in-law the stove simply blew her top; she was so mad she was spitting sparks. Father Refrigerator went off. Couldn't stand the commotion, probably. Cousin Air Conditioner was so burned up he melted his switches behind him, and Uncle Disposal turned out to be an old drip. Grandfather Television got his wires crossed and the results were shocking. The only ones that stayed on our side were dear reliable Sister Washing Machine and good old Aunt Dishwasher. They stuck with us through hail and hot water.

By now we have patched up our

Recreation Review

by Richard Stevenson
Director of Recreation

Gymnastics

Gymnastics classes will begin this Saturday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. Most classes are filled; however, the 1 p.m. class still has a few openings. Youngsters interested may sign up Saturday or contact Mr. Christy for information regarding future classes.

Arts and Crafts

The crafts program is off to a grand start. Classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. A highly successful Saturday morning class is offered at 10 a.m. at the Youth Center. A nominal fee, for supplies, is charged.

Ballet Class

Saturday morning will usher in the first class of ballet instruction. A limited number of openings are still available. Registration may be completed Saturday at the Youth Center.

"Trick or Treat"

A message has been received from the "Great Pumpkin," by way of Charlie Brown, that "Trick or Treat" will be held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Men's Football League

The 1965 Touch Football League will open its regular season play next Wednesday, Oct. 27, with 3 games. Exciting football, at its best, will be played each Wednesday evening. The first game is scheduled for 7 p.m.; games will follow at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

troubles with Stove. It was a minor misunderstanding, but then it's generally the little things that start all the trouble. The only ones still sulking are Disposal and Air Conditioner. But that's how it is in families. Somebody always has a screw loose.

Pet Pooch Particulars

Is there a cold-nosed, warm-hearted, playful pooch in your house? If so, Maryland 4-H members offer advice to keep him that way.

Bathe your dog in water of 100° F., which is closest to his own body temperature. During the shedding season, with your dog between your legs, massage his coat and skin with your hands to loosen hair. Then stroke from head to foot with the palms of your hands. Do this twice a day in your backyard, and shedding problems will be few. Cut out hair mats with scissors, trimming knife, or plucking razor. Check ears for mites and louse eggs. See your veterinarian if the ear channel is red, inflamed, hot, or has a foul odor.

Painting Critiques Resume

Next Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, the Greenbelt Arts and Crafts Guild's monthly painting critiques will resume. The instructor will be James Forbes. The nominal charge entitles participants to bring one painting for criticism.

The regular Wednesday night art classes will not meet on critique nights, which are held the last Wednesday of each month. For late registration in courses, call 474-2948.

Homemakers Discuss Brazil

The Greenbelt Homemakers Club—a group of women interested in creative arts, community development, international relations, landscape gardening, and family health—invites Greenbelters to join its ranks or attend its programs. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, at the GHI Hospitality room, Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, and will deal with Brazil. Slides and artifacts from Brazil will be displayed by Mrs. Bettie G. Denson of the Foreign Agricultural Service of U.S.D.A.

B'nai B'rith Square Dance

The Medina chapter of B'nai B'rith Women invites everyone to join in a square dance on Saturday, October 23, at 8:30 p.m. Paul Hartman, professional square dance caller, will lead the fun at the Springhill Lake Community Center.

An admission fee will be charged. Refreshments will be available, and door prizes will be given.

Meeting on Elderly Housing

The Co-op Congress Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., will hold special meeting on Friday, Oct. 22, at 8:15 p.m. in the Community Room (basement) of the Piney Branch Store, 8548 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. Authorities on cooperative housing for senior citizens have been invited to speak. All interested GCS members are welcome.

New Spacecraft Paints Developed at Goddard

Researchers at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center have developed a new series of spacecraft paints which show promise for wide commercial application.

The new paints will adhere to most metals and many non-metals, such as fiberglass, laminates and cellulose materials. They will not crack, peel, chalk, flake or fade when subjected to temperature extremes ranging from 1800 degrees Fahrenheit above zero to 320 degrees Fahrenheit below zero. Additionally, the paints are washable, can be made in any color and have a long shelf life.

Goddard developed the new paints for use as an exterior coating on spacecraft. Highly stable white coatings which exhibit unchanging heat absorption rates are required to help control the temperature of spacecraft in space.

The new family of inorganic paints utilize an alkali-metal silicate as a binder and any one of a variety of inorganic phosphates as a wetting agent. With the introduction of various other inorganic ingredients, the characteristics of in the paints can be altered over a wide range to meet specific spacecraft needs.

Organic paints are not generally suitable for spacecraft coatings because they are not stable when exposed to temperature extremes and the sun's ultraviolet radiation. Previous inorganic paints, including alkali-metal silicate paints, have not completely filled the bill because of unsatisfactory adhesion and sealing properties as well as inadequate spreadability characteristics.

The adhesion and sealing problems inherent in silicate paints which are naturally porous are eliminated in Goddard's new paints when they are coated with phosphate mixtures. These mixtures precipitate into the voids of the porous silicate paint to act as a filler between the silicate pigment particles.

The phosphate coatings on the new paints not only enhance the life of the paints but give them a high optical reproducibility. Reflective measurements made on samples measuring from 0.3 to 2.4 microns (millionths of an inch) thick exhibited a spread in reflectance of no more than 1 to 1½ percent.

A novel feature of some of the new paints is the use of aluminum oxide as the pigment and filler. Due to this feature, these paints exhibit high stability under the ultraviolet conditions of space. The aluminum oxide also allows this paint to retain its whiteness even when subjected to temperatures up to at least 1800 degrees Fahrenheit.

Unlike most other ultraviolet resistant silicate paints, most of Goddard's new paints do not have to be baked but can be cured at room temperatures in order to be washable. This feature will eliminate the need to protect the paint with strippable coatings during pre-launch handling.

Researchers Dr. John B. Schutt and Charles M. Shal of the Thermal Systems Branch of Goddard's Space-craft Technology Division, developed the new paints.

The Police Blotter

Police Chief William Lane, back from a vacation in Florida, was dismayed by the condition in which he found the Center Mall, which is littered with bottles and papers. The chief asks citizens to cooperate by using the trash receptacles. He commented that he does not want to make arrests for littering, but the city does have an anti-littering ordinance on the books and police officers have been instructed to enforce it whenever they observe flagrant violations. Violators are liable to fines ranging from \$5 to \$50.

Police are investigating vandalism at Candy Cane City, the playground next to the swimming pool. Several of the plywood nursery figures mounted on the fence were damaged in the early hours of Sunday, Oct. 17.

Several motorists have been ticketed for speeding in school zones. Chief Lane reminds citizens to slow down near schools, where the speed limit is 15 m.p.h.

Police Officers Eugene Ambrose and David Brunk will spend a month at the Maryland Police Academy in Pikesville, where they have enrolled for the basic course.

4-LEAF CLOVER NEWS

The members of the 4-Leaf Clovers 4-H Club held an election of officers on Thursday, Oct. 14. The new president is Donna Barber; vice president, Kathy Roland; secretary, Regina Wilkinson; treasurer, Mary Lou Ladnier; song leader, Colleen Kinclius; reporter, Susan Roland; recreation leader, Susan Brown. The leaders of the group are Mrs. Karlander and Mrs. Brown. New members are Lois Barber, Sarah Brown, and Susan Roland. A Halloween party is planned on Friday, Oct. 29.

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