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Parkland Condemnation Pressed by Council

At a special meeting of council on Monday, to complete the October 3 agenda, City Manager James K. Giese reported that a reply to the city's condemnation suit to acquire parcels 9 and 10 for parkland has been received. William Kahler, the attorney representing Crescent Leasing Corporation, said the property owners will challenge the city's need for the land. Approval has been given by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for an Open Space Grant in the amount of \$167,575, and the city is seeking to acquire 4 parcels of land consisting of 22 acres located around Greenbelt Lake.

According to Giese who checked the city solicitor should be immediately last week, the sheriff had still not served the necessary papers for the condemnation of parcels 11 and 12, owned by Charles Bresler and associates. The suit to acquire additional parkland was filed approximately a month and a half ago. Councilman Francis White expressed concern on the sheriff's inability to locate Bresler and urged that every effort be made to speed up the matter. Mayor Edgar Smith suggested that if anyone can assist in this effort, the city solicitor should be immediately notified.

Council authorized the city manager to proceed with the construction of a gravel pathway on the north side of Crescent road. The pathway, estimated to cost \$1,600, will provide a safer route for Boxwood Village residents walking to St. Hugh's and the Center.

The Treasurer's Annual Report and Auditor's Report were accepted with a special commendation to Mrs. Mabel Kandler, city treasurer, for her presentation of the report.

A city charter change, which clarifies procedures for publishing the registration lists, and a resolution establishing a Police Inquiry Board were introduced for first reading.

Appointments to boards were again postponed and a special meeting will be held on the subject.

The council moved that those responsible for bringing the Baltimore Symphony to Greenbelt be commended for their effort and urged citizens to lend their support to this enterprise.

U. S. Post Office Puts ZIP In Xmas Mail

About half of the population of the U. S. are reported to use ZIP codes in their mail, but Postmaster General O'Brien would like to better this record. And so, faced with the annual flood of Christmas greetings, he is launching Project "Zip-a-List".

One reason for which people fail to include ZIP codes of their correspondence is that they simply do not know them. To remedy this, the Post Office will deliver "no postage needed" cards to each of the city's 5380 residential stops beginning October 10, which, incidentally, is also the beginning of "National Zip Code Week," proclaimed by President Johnson.

Each card will have blanks where residents can fill in the addresses of correspondents whose ZIPs they lack (addresses only—names are not required). The cards will then be returned to the Post Office, which will supply the missing code numbers and send them back to their senders.

"This is a good time to get the ZIP Codes missing from your lists," Greenbelt Postmaster Emory A. Harman noted. "This Christmas, Zip Code will be as important as shopping and mailing early for the efficient and on-time delivery of

LATE BULLETIN

The County Commissioners, sitting as District Council, on Wednesday unanimously disapproved the request of Crescent Leasing Corp. for commercial zoning on parcel 8 located at the intersection of Kenilworth Ave. and Crescent Rd.

In a resolution passed after a two-hour hearing, the commissioners gave the following reasons for their denial:

1. "... That the recommendation of the Park and Planning Commission was based on a proposed plan not adopted by the District Council.

2. "That relocation of Crescent Road is at present a proposed road and the evidence does not indicate a date for construction.

3. "That all changes to commercial are south of the interchange on Kenilworth Ave., and that the present commercial zoning is sufficient to satisfy the needs of the area.

4. "That granting of commercial zoning at the intersection of the main entrance to the town of Greenbelt would increase the traffic flow at this point.

5. "That the general area around the subject property is zoned for single family houses.

Conclusions: The changes in the area are not sufficient to make the zoning of the subject property mandatory on the District Council, and the District Council concluded that the granting of the zoning is not in the public interest because of (1) the lack of need for commercial zoning, (2) the tendency of encouraging strip zoning by the granting of a small two acre tract, and (3) the intrusion of commercial property in the well-planned town of Greenbelt.

Commissioner Frank Lastner made the motion to deny, seconded by Commissioner Gladys Spellman. Chairman Jesse Baggett and Commissioners Bayne Brook and Robert Sutphin were present.

Attorney Emmett Nanna represented the City of Greenbelt with the following witnesses testifying against the petition for commercial zoning of the tract: Mayor Edgar Smith, City Manager James K. Giese, Malcolm H. Dill, city planning consultant, Mrs. Ross representing 124 Boxwood homeowners, Board Director Clifford Simonson, representing GHI, and Jim LoCicero, representing Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt. In attendance also were Councilmen Richard Pilski and Francis White; Michael Fischetti, assistant to city manager; and approximately 30 citizens.

Bank Raises Interest Rate

Suburban Trust Company has increased the interest rate to 5% on its Savings Thrift Certificates, it was announced today by J. Robert Sherwood, President.

The effective date of the new rate was October 1. Suburban's Savings Thrift Certificates are available in a minimum amount of \$1,000 or more in multiples of \$100. The maximum sum is less than \$100,000. The certificates may be obtained for time periods of six months or a year and are automatically renewable.

U. of Md. Band Alumni

The University of Maryland Band Alumni Association is interested in contacting former band members. Please call the president, Dr. G. Gary Clendenin, 652-2880.

the record-breaking avalanche of mail expected in the preholiday weeks."

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Mon., October 17, 1966

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to order
- 2 Roll call
- 3 Lord's Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting 10/3/66 and Special Meetings of 10/6/66 and 10/10/66
- 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

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III OLD BUSINESS

- 10 Resolution to Amend Section 40-17 title "Same; Revision" of the City Charter (2nd reading)
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- 14 Open Space Land Acquisition
- 15 Annexation of NASA
- 16 Acceptance of Road Work - Springhill Lake
- 16 Special Exception - Dry Cleaners

IV NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Expenditure - Swimming Pool Construction Fund

First Symphony Concert Postponed Until Dec. 5

The Greenbelt Symphony Society announces that the date for the opening concert has been changed to December 5. The new date will give time for the Society to enroll a considerably larger number of subscribers than have so far signed for the series of four concerts by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

The opening concert on Monday, December 5, will present the same program as that previously announced for the first concert. This will be a repeat of the sold-out opening concert of the Symphony's Lyric Theater series in Baltimore.

Other dates of the series will be Thurs., Jan. 19; Thurs., March 30; and Saturday, April 29. Solo artists and programs for the full series of concerts will be announced prior to the December 5 opening date.

Campaign headquarters for the series will remain open at Twin Pines Savings and Loan through Saturday, Oct. 15, and telephone inquiries are invited at the special number of 474-1053. After this week, subscriptions may be obtained.

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WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:45 p.m. GHI Meeting, Hamilton Place.

Friday, Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Coop Hospitality Room.

Sunday, Oct. 16, 4-10 p.m. Start of Fabric Sale, JCC.

Monday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. Court hearing on GHI suit, Circuit Court, Upper Marlboro. 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Bldg.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, North End School.

City Council Votes 3-2 to File Appeal on "Triangle" Ruling

by David Stern

In a special meeting convened four days before the legal deadline, city council voted 3 to 2 to appeal the ruling by Judge Ralph Powers, which upheld the commercial zoning of the "Golden Triangle". GHI board president Charles Schwan, who attended the meeting together with other board members, voiced his organization's support and said that GHI would join the appeal.

The special short meeting which was held Thursday night in order to bring a decision on the matter, was opened by Mayor Smith who summed up the issue and invited discussion.

GHI Supports Appeal

Speaking on behalf of GHI, which participated, together with the city, in the case heard by Judge Powers, GHI board president Charles Schwan urged the council to appeal the case. He noted several points favoring an appeal, such as the fact that so-called "changes in the character of the neighborhood" on which the rezoning was based largely involved developments and highways already zoned or planned when the previous application for rezoning was denied in 1962.

Schwan stated that though GHI could appeal alone, it would be far better if the city took the initiative. The city's voice in these matters, he said, "is far stronger than ours". He added that GHI would join the city in appealing and had already instructed its attorney to make the appropriate preparations.

Answering Schwan, councilman Francis White said that he believed there were enough changes in the neighborhood to justify rezoning, especially if one distinguished physical changes from "paper changes."

He also claimed that nowadays courts seem reluctant to reverse the commissioner's decision on matters like this. For this reason, he did not think an appeal would succeed, and was opposed to it.

White further noted that the city is now faced with a trend towards high density development. We need less density, more individual homes, he said, and the money which would be spent on the appeal might be better spent on cases involving these developments.

Supporting the appeal, Council member William Hoff cited the city's attorney as indicating he was given insufficient time to study the case. By filing an appeal, Hoff said, time to investigate the matter further would be gained.

Chasanow Warns of Revenue Loss

The next speaker was Abraham Chasanow, an oldtime Greenbelt resident and attorney, founder of the Greenbelt Realty Co.

Chasanow started by pointing out the growing pressure for development and increased population. "Greenbelt that we know and have known is going to change," he said, "perhaps not to the better—but it will change." He added that the "Golden Triangle," too, is bound to be developed, and that the city is missing a great amount of tax revenue by delaying this development.

In the case itself, he continued, there exist already two strikes against the city: first, he claimed, the facts are against the appeal,

Circuit Court Hearing On GHI Suit, Monday

A motion for summary judgment to dismiss the complaint filed against the County Board of Education by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will be heard on Monday, October 17, at 10 a.m. before the Circuit Court at Upper Marlboro. GHI is seeking to restrain the school board from constructing a senior high school on parcel 2—the land between the GHI properties and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. GHI charges that the school board acted arbitrarily, capriciously, and in breach of its trust as a public body in assigning the school to parcel 2 instead of parcel 15, the location which had been previously planned and was preferred by the city and its residents.

and secondly, the city council itself is on record as recommending (in 1962) commercial C-2 rezoning. Although the vote at that time was 3 to 2, he said, the effect as far as the record goes is no different than if it were unanimous.

There is a feeling that Greenbelt is "crying wolf" too often, he added. If the city was going to appeal too indiscriminately, the courts might not give it sufficient attention when it has "a real case." Also, such actions could hurt other municipalities with similar appeals.

Schwan answered by pointing out that the city had not in the past brought many cases to the court of appeals and added that he gave credit to the court to judge each case on its own merits, even when it appeals a judgment based on certain facts.

Is A New Shopping Center Needed?

Concerning the added revenue, Schwan said that a 4th shopping center, in close proximity to the ones existing or planned, will not constitute an asset to the city.

Councilman Dick Pilski expressed similar sentiments when he pointed out the yet unused commercial zoning on the Schrom property and added that if commercial C-2 zoning is withheld from the "triangle," we might yet get office park zoning there. He recalled that in 1962 he supported C-2 zoning for the land. Since that time, he said, many people have told him that they did not support such zoning, and he therefore believed that the community favored an appeal.

Mayor Edgar Smith, who spoke next, concentrated on the traffic situation. Even now, he said, daily traffic jams occur on Greenbelt Road around 5 p.m., and with new developments in the nearby area this can only worsen. He claimed that no plans have been shown for coping with this problem and concluded that this is not the time for commercial zoning on the tract. He then moved to file an appeal and Pilski seconded.

In the ensuing discussion, councilman David Champion recounted at length his reasons for opposing the appeal, even though in 1962 he did not favor rezoning. At that time, he said, he wanted to give Sidney Brown (developer of Beltway Plaza) a chance to establish a regional shopping center on his land. But Brown, he said, missed this opportunity; his shopping center never grew to "regional" size and was likely to remain small until such time when no other commercially zoned land is available. He did not believe such a center could be established on the Schrom tract, either, due to lack of access roads. Hence, Champion said, there actually exists a need for an additional shopping center.

Furthermore, he noted that there's no indication that the tract's owners would back away if they failed to obtain rezoning now. He had been personally in contact with them, and felt that they were willing to wait many years, if necessary, for the required zoning.

Champion also stressed the tax revenue from the tract, claiming that it should be possible to cut the city's tax rate by 25 percent. He noted that many citizens supported the appeal, but claimed that the position to which he was elected demanded using his own judgment, based on facts.

In the final vote, Smith, Pilski and Hoff voted for appealing, Champion and White voted against it. Following the vote, Smith instructed city manager Jim Giese to have the city's attorney file the appeal.

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To the Editor

Thanks

I would sincerely appreciate it if you would permit me to take this means of thanking the many public-spirited citizens of Prince Georges County who were kind enough to attend the Pressman for Governor Rally sponsored by the Independent Democrats of Prince Georges County on Monday, Sept. 27. I was quite impressed by the attentiveness of the audience and the intellectual level of the questions which were asked after my talk.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind cooperation, I am
Hyman A. Pressman
Independent Candidate for Governor
(Ed. Note: Pressman spoke at a meeting held in the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church.)

Thanks

We wish to express our grateful appreciation to the Greenbelt Rescue Squad for their support and kind response on the several occasions when we needed them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ging

Thanks to J.C.C.

We of Recovery, Inc., wish to express our deep gratitude for having been able to have a group meeting in the Jewish Community Center. Recovery is expanding on a national scale so greatly that we felt it necessary to move our Greenbelt group to another area that would be more centrally located. Our new location will be in Laurel, Md.

To the many Greenbelt groups who assisted us, we also express our thanks.

Recovery, Inc., is an association of former mental and nervous patients. For information regarding meetings or a panel demonstration write: Recovery, Inc., P. O. Box 7524, Baltimore, Md. 21207.

Sincerely,
Bill Miller

RECOVERY, INC.,
Area Leader, Md.-N.Va.-D.C.

P.G. CHORAL GROUP

This Monday at 8 p.m. the Prince Georges Choral Society is conducting rehearsals at the Oxon Hill Senior High School. The coming season will include Christmas selections and preparation for their spring concert. The Society is most interested in adding male voices to their group and will welcome new members to the Monday meeting. For further information contact Carl McKinney, 423-1196 or Ceil Kraemer, WA 7-4524.

City Notes

If the vigorous autumn winds continue, all those colorful leaves will begin to swirl down from the trees and settle on the lawns and walkways. Then the busy gardeners around town will be raking them in piles. And then, once again, the city's Litter Gitter, that vacuum sweeper for old dead leaves, will make its rounds again. City officials have two reminders on the use of the machine: it eats only leaves, not twigs and branches; and because of its relatively short hose, it can reach only a few feet from the edge of the street. Residents are asked to rake leaves along the parkways next to the streets, not into the streets themselves.

The public works crew has been busy this week moving a big pile of gravel from one storage place to another—from a position near the city warehouse where it obstructs the construction crew on the State Roads Commission office building, to a site at the end of old Crescent Rd. near Greenbelt Lake.

Police Chief William T. Lane attended the 73rd Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Philadelphia from October 1-6.

An innovation in the city's parks is being tried on an experimental basis with the addition of a large asphalted play area at the Lake Park playground. Seventy-five by forty feet, the area will be marked off for a basketball court, and hop scotch, volley ball, shuffle board, and similar games that require a hard surface for playing. The same contractor who will do the smooth-seal program on several of the city's streets will also pave this play area. In addition, the city public works crew has installed a "swinging park bench," similar to the one at Candy Cane City, facing the play equipment at the Lake Park. A shelter, to provide shade, has been built over this bench.

Rain has slowed down many public works programs recently. Because of the rain, the city crew has been working mostly indoors, both on repairs at the Youth Center and on cleaning up the shop area in the warehouse. The smoothseal paving program has also been delayed by the rain. All curb work has been completed on Lakeside. Ten days ago, a contractor installed curbs and sidewalks on Ridge between Northway and Plateau Pl. The streets paving should begin at any time.

Recently the city crew took on the job of tidying up the entrance to the city on Southway by cutting weeds and tall grass on the median strip. Although this area is actually the right-of-way which should be maintained by the State Roads Commission, the city crew has stepped in to improve appearances.

At a luncheon meeting of the Maryland City Managers' Association ten days ago, city manager

James K. Giese retired from his post of president after a year's service in that position.

The record-breaking heat of the past summer shows up in the attendance figures for the swimming pool; a total of 105,240 people took a cooling dip, as compared with 51,280 in 1965. Attendance at the pool through Labor Day was 104,397, with an additional 843 using the pool in the seven extra days when the pool was open after Labor Day. Revenue figures are not yet available.

Contractors have installed additional mercury vapor lights in Braden Field around the baseball field. This program was begun last year and is now completed.

The city received and installed several new see-saw boards to replace broken and missing ones so that now each playground has serviceable see-saws.

The recent heavy rains caused flooding of basements in various parts of the town; some homes in the Boxwood development were affected and a few furnace-room basements in GHI buildings were awash with water that had flowed down the steps. Incomplete storm sewer work in one section of Boxwood caused a heavy flow of water down some streets for a time. The next day these streets were muddy and slippery; however, at no time during the storm were any streets in the city impassable. Some catch basins became blocked with debris as a result of the rains and had to be cleaned out.

Failure to finish some streets in the Country Estates section of Boxwood has caused the city to enforce the performance bond of the contractor. The bonding company has instructed the contractor to finish the work, and it is expected that the streets will be surfaced shortly.



James O'Brien Named Greenbelt Librarian

James L. O'Brien became Greenbelt's new Head Librarian on October 10. O'Brien, a 23-year-old native Mississippian, has been working for the Prince Georges County library system since mid-September. He holds an M.S. degree from the School of Library Science of Louisiana State University. O'Brien has been studying the plans of the proposed new Greenbelt branch. He does not know when construction will begin and commented that he had been warned "not to hold my breath until then."

He hopes soon to start filling some of the gaps in the present collection. As construction proceeds on the new building, the pace of his book purchasing will increase.

He commented: "I want to encourage people to read a lot more, and I would especially like to encourage the people who are not yet accustomed to using the library."

Greenbelt Grab-bag . . . by Punchin' Judy

The Punchin' household has been invaded by mice. No, wait, don't call the exterminator! We mean the "stay in the cage" variety. Well, actually, they don't exactly stay in a cage. Early in their career they learned to squeeze, climb, seep, and ooze out, but they always return to home base. This is eminently sensible of them, since our cat, although he has reached the age of fourteen years, would not differentiate between the common, edible mouse, and the fancy, also edible, variety.

When our son first acquired these three rodents, we did the standard amount of fussing, fuming, and fretting. We objected to their tails, their mobility, and their fragrance. Now, in an uncomfortable way, we find them rather fascinating. We say "uncomfortable" not because of squeamishness, but rather because their actions are so startlingly reminiscent of another genus of mammals which is rather prevalent on this planet.

First of all, these little critters are absolutely intent on polluting their water supply. Give them a fresh dish of water, and they waste

no time putting in any chips, husks, or other debris they may find in their cage. Within a short time, their water is unfit for consumption. Does that remind you of any species you know?

For another thing, consider the family life in a mouse house. Our white mouse recently presented us with a litter of three pink wrigglers. For a couple of days she fussed over them constantly. First she covered them completely. Then she decided they were too warm, so she uncovered them. They had no sooner become accustomed to the change in temperature than she decided it was time to cover them. The babies accepted it all philosophically, realizing that mothers are mothers, and must be coped with.

Father mouse found the confusion caused by a young family too hectic. Over the wall he went and into the adjoining cage, where he could relax in peace and read the evening paper, or whatever is the equivalent in mouse life. But his solitude did not last long. The babies were barely beginning to grow fuzz when their mother tired of them. "I've got to get away from this house," we assume she cried. "These kids are driving me crazy!" The third mouse was engaged as baby sitter, and she faithfully tended the little ones, while mother and father had an evening out.

Now the babies are becoming adventurous, and sometimes creep out of the nest. But their mother is the overprotective type, and a firm disciplinarian. Let a baby wiggle just an inch or two from the nest, and she drops her bridge hand, or whatever she happens to be doing at the time, rushes over, grabs Junior by the ear, and tosses him back into the nest. The babies squall, but mother says she knows best, and father turns his head and pretends he didn't see a thing.

There are other resemblances to a certain species that we are all rather familiar with. But there are differences, too. So far these mice have shown no inclination to burn down any woods. On the other hand, they do have a tendency to pile their nesting material as tall as possible. Who knows, perhaps they are contemplating a high rise development.

Catholic Club News

By DIANE MORTHORST

The Catholic Club of Greenbelt will take a trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains on Saturday, Oct. 15. Bring your own picnic lunch and beverage. Call Connie Marks (345-3987) for more information.

On Sunday the Club will hold its monthly meeting in the Church Hall, at 10:30 a.m. Elections will be held at this meeting.

AN Open Letter

The newspapers in the Washington area reach nearly two million people every day. Our churches reach 10,000 every week. We decided that if we want to tell people about the United Church of Christ we'd better take to the newspapers, and here we are.

We have three main thoughts about church membership. You should worship God and obey his will. You should receive help in meeting your needs. You should help meet the needs of others. We are a church which avoids fixed ideologies but feels very strongly that the mission of Jesus Christ is to serve the world.

You'll find us helping out in India with a roadside leprosy clinic, in the Marshall Islands with a new high school, in Seattle with a storefront ministry for narcotics addicts, in Pittsburgh with a ministry to high-rise apartment dwellers, and in Ghana with a school to teach modern farming.

If we seem to be emphasizing what we think we should be doing for others, instead of what the church might do for us, that is how we view our faith. It's not because we don't have moving Sunday services, first-rate Church schools, opportunities for fellowship, clubs for teen-agers, young marrieds, and senior citizens. We do. But religion - for us - is primarily service to God and service to our neighbor, whether he is next door or ten thousand miles away.

The United Church of Christ is a 1957 union of two older denominations—Congregational Christian, and Evangelical and Reformed. Together we make up a broad cross section of people you'd like to have as neighbors, as friends, to work with, and to worship with.

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and The Evangelical and Reformed Church

Greenbelt Community Church
Hillside and Crescent Roads
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Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Rev. Kenneth B. Wyatt, Minister

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Perry F. Miller, Pastor

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9:45 a.m. _____ Sunday School 6:00 p.m. _____ Training Union
11:00 a.m. _____ Morning Worship 7:00 p.m. _____ Evening Worship
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill S. Jasper Morris, Jr., Pastor 474-4040

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22 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



Twenty-Five Years Ago

The Co-operator was granted a charter of incorporation by the D. C. government and was henceforth to be known as the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association. The charter was believed to be the first ever granted to a producers cooperative newspaper . . .

In August an ordinance was passed which raised the salary of councilmen from \$100 to \$250 a year. There was much criticism of this action since it came at a time when there were fears that the Town Hospital would have to close for lack of operating funds . . .

The shuttle bus which ran between Greenbelt and Berwyn was providing only irregular service and the price of bus tickets had increased. Many citizens who had previously ridden the bus bought cars or joined car pools. An editorial in the Co-operator pointed out that gasoline was being wasted in time of war; 200-300 cars with 1200 passengers were being driven daily into D. C. and using much more gas than the one bus had used . . .

Frank Lastner was elected president of Greenbelt Consumer Services . . .

The Board of Directors of the Health Association hired two new doctors (a husband and wife team) for the Town Hospital and three weeks later voted to ask for the resignation of the head doctor. The reason given was that the doctor had not cooperated with the Board nor welcomed the two new doctors. The doctor refused to resign. Feelings ran high in town and a petition was circulated and signed by 300 residents, demanding the resignation of the members of the Board . . .

The Federal Government ordered a 15% reduction in supplies of gasoline to all filling stations. When the GCS filling station used up 80% of the new allotment in twenty days, a decision was made to sell gasoline in the future only to Greenbelt residents . . .

Town Council elections were held in September and only Allen Morrison (now president of the Golden Age Club) gained sufficient votes to be assured of a seat. In the run-off election held a week later, Frank Lastner was one of the four new councilmen appointed . . .

There were three cases of poliomyelitis in town, all under strict isolation . . .

A town regulation required that laundry must be removed from clotheslines before 4 p.m. . . .

The Co-operator changed from the offset printing process to regular printing . . .

Prince Georges County had no county hospital and there was talk of need for building one . . .

The Greenbelt Police Department sold its two horses, "Pete" and "Mack," since they were no longer needed for patrolling the Lake area . . .

State Candidates Featured at Plaza

"Candidates on Parade" will be featured at Prince Georges Plaza from October 18 through 21.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County, all candidates have been invited to appear during the four days to meet the voters. Specially arranged candidates' forums are

Tuesday, Oct. 18, On the Mall—7:30 p.m.—Congressional Candidates, 8:30—Gubernatorial Candidates.

Wed., Oct. 19, in Auditorium—8 p.m.—Candidates for State Legislature, Sub-District 2;

Thurs., Oct. 20, on the Mall—8 p.m.—candidates for State Comptroller & Attorney General;

Fri., Oct. 21, in Auditorium—8 p.m.—County Commissioner Candidates.

The voting public may submit questions to the candidates by placing them in specially marked boxes on the Plaza Mall prior to the 18th. Each candidate will be given time to make a statement and then answer questions.

The League of Women Voters is non-partisan. League members will be on hand throughout the week to distribute their General Election Voters Guides. These Guides will contain explanations of the 16 Amendments to the Constitution and the Referendum question on a parallel Bay Bridge, in addition to information on the candidates.

Democratic Rally Oct. 19

Democrats of the 1st Legislative District, Prince Georges County, will hold a "Meet The Candidates" Rally at the Knights of Columbus Hall, College Park, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19. The affair will feature a torch-light parade, free food, soft drinks and "all the beer that won the prize in 1893," according to the chairman of the rally, Francis White.

"Maybe we don't have politicians like Jimmy Walker, 'Bathhouse John' Coughlin or 'Hinky-Dink' Kenna anymore, but the people of the 1st Legislative District should know that fun didn't go out of style with the mustache cup. We Democrats still know how to enjoy ourselves."



Alyman Pressman, independent Democrat candidate for governor of Maryland, visited Greenbelt Sunday, October 9, to open his first legislative district campaign headquarters. Bob Crowley, campaign manager for this district, welcomed the group of about 50 people who came to meet the candidate and introduced Greenbelt Mayor Edgar L. Smith. Mayor Smith then welcomed Mr. Pressman and introduced him. (Left to right: Elbert Byrd, Smith, Pressman and Crowley.)
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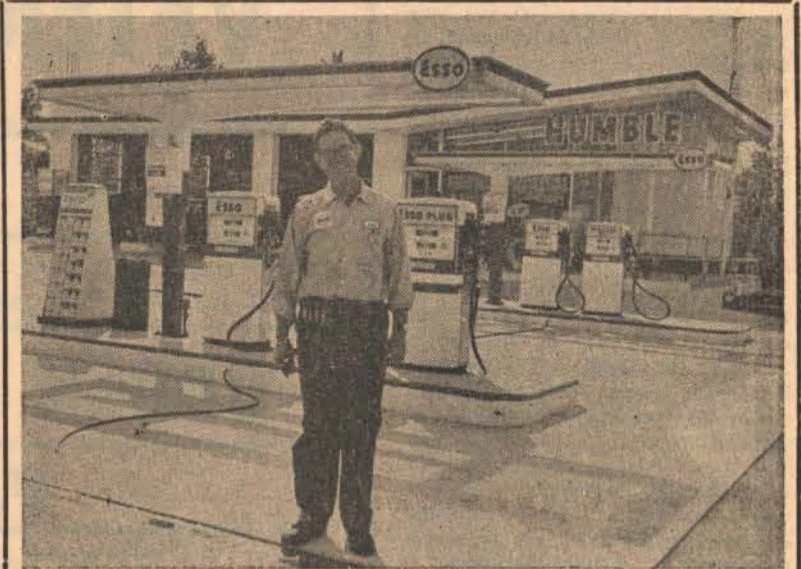
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The Police Blotter

The police department lost two of their men this past week. Arthur Castaldi, clerk-dispatcher, left to join private industry and Officer Fuca resigned to return to New Jersey. Replacements for these men are needed.

PFC Paul Reamy conducted a traffic safety lecture on Oct. 7 to 50 WMA bus drivers at the terminal in Coral Hills. Stress was placed on driving conditions in Greenbelt.

Chief of Police Harold P. Bruett of Greendale, Wis., was an honored guest of the Greenbelt police recently. He was full of praise for the department and plans to communicate further on police procedures.

A 5 year old boy playing with friends darted out on his bicycle, without looking, into Crescent Rd. in front of the Municipal Bldg. Unfortunately, he ran into the path of a car coming down the street, and although the driver slammed on the brakes, he could not avoid hitting the boy. The boy suffered a few broken bones, and is recovering.

Officers Brunk and Salvatore found and solved a crime for the County police before they knew about it. The two officers were on routine patrol around the Co-op Gas Station at 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 1 when they saw a heavily loaded car with three men loitering about. The officers stopped to investigate and found a bolt cutter (standard burglar tool) in the back of the car, and a loaded pistol on the front seat, while a search of the individuals turned up two switchblade knives. The trunk of the car was found to contain large quantities of copper building materials. Since a call to the local police revealed no report of any recent theft, the officers began investigating and found the materials were taken from the construction site of a new school on Glen Dale Rd. The three men are now under the custody of the sheriff's office.

Two ladies living at Lakeside North complained to the police that they had witnessed acts of indecent exposure three times during the last week. Investigation revealed that these incidents were witnessed through a bedroom window. The man involved was requested to be more careful where he undressed the next time.

A Lakeside resident went to the door the other day to answer a call. She was met with an eyeful of smoke with an equal amount of odor. A smoldering cherry bomb on the front lawn was the cause.

Two boys, ages 13 and 14, were caught in Arlington Co. early one morning driving a 1962 Dodge stolen in Greenbelt. These boys were involved in joyriding on other people's motor bikes not too long ago. The boys were released to the custody of their parents and the owner of the Dodge made a trip to Arlington to recover his car.

Officers Philip Coombs and Ralph Bennett are attending a month's course on police procedures at the Maryland State Police Academy at Pikesville.

Chief Lane has announced that two new officers were appointed to the force effective Sept. 20. They are Philip R. Coombs and Robert E. Capps. Both men bring prior police experience with them. Coombs, currently residing in Oxon Hill, has recently been discharged from the Air Force where he served as an Air Policeman. Capps, a Riverdale resident, has six years experience as a State Trooper.

Effective Sept. 25, a promotion for Eugene R. Ambrose from Patrolman to Patrolman 1st Class.

Three boys were recently picked up for stealing a motor scooter before its owner was aware that it was stolen. Two of the boys were found to have been involved in the recent Tuesday bicycle thefts. The police recovered parts of several of the bikes and made the boys put them back together. Also recovered were assorted tools and the motor from a small lawn mower. All recovered items have been returned to their owners.

The last few weeks have seen six cars stolen in Greenbelt and two recovered which were stolen in neighboring communities. All

of the cars stolen had been left open and most were G.M. cars whose owners had neglected to lock their ignition. Chief Lane suggests that the auto registration card be kept with the driver rather than in the glove compartment. In the event your car is stolen, information on the card will facilitate recovery. Duplicate cards can be obtained from the Dept. of Motor Vehicles for a nominal sum.

Three girls, ages 5, 6, and 9, walking home from Candy Cane City, viewed a man on Parkway standing in a basement doorway pulling down his pants. They went home and reported it to their mother who called the police. A Parkway resident observed this same individual earlier in the day properly dressed. The police give the following description: white male, 5'7", age around 35, medium build, dark hair, pale complexion, needed a shave, wearing a grey jacket, light trousers, sunglasses, and a green baseball cap.

Three cases of accidental ingestion occurred during the past few weeks. All involved pre-schoolers and all were overdoses of baby aspirin. In one case, a 2 year old boy climbed to the top of the linen closet to reach the bottle.

An 11 month old boy climbed to a window in his parent's third story apartment, pushed the screen out and followed it down to land on the grass 30 ft. below. There were no apparent injuries.

A 32-year-old Springhill Lake man was less fortunate. He decided to go out to his patio for a breath of air, forgetting that he had just shut the patio door, and walked through it.

A workman was injured near the city warehouse when he was hit with a steel beam that he was helping to unload from a truck. The workman was employed by the state in the construction of the new building for the State Roads Commission.

A breaking and entering was reported at the construction office of a firm at the Beltway Plaza. The only item stolen was a \$200 camera.

Facts About Cataracts

Metropolitan area residents concerned about cataracts can learn the hopeful facts about this eye condition by dialing 737-5011 at any time, day or night. The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (UGF) has recorded a message by Dr. John Harry King, a local ophthalmologist, to tell how more than 95 percent of cataract patients can have their sight restored.

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Recreation Review

By DARALD G. LOFGREN
Director of Recreation
Teen Club News

The "Five Vibrations" (winner of the Labor Day Battle of the Bands Contest) will play for the Teen Club Dance this Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8-11 p.m. at the Youth Center. Dress code for the evening is school clothes.

Greenbelt Band Concert

Our Greenbelt Band will have their Fall Concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at North End Elementary School. Admission free. The program has been planned to please all ages. Youngsters under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Men's Touch Football

Playing every Wednesday night at Braden Field is our Touch Football League. This Wednesday, Oct. 19, the following teams play: 7 p.m., Springhill vs Maxie's; 8 p.m., Midway Florists vs Kelly's Krushers; 9 p.m., Lagana's Lads vs Lake-side North.

Plan Ahead

Halowen is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for "Trick or Treat" Night, Monday, Oct. 31. Details later.

Ladies' Sports 'n' Shorts

Once again Tuesday night will be for the ladies. Basketball, volleyball, ping pong and occasional roller skating are offered. Come on down, 8 p.m. to the Youth Center. Bring a friend. Admission is free.

Study Hall

Junior and Senior High students may study at the Youth Center from 7-10 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Scholarships Offered In Short Story, Piano, Dance

The Washington chapter of The National Society of Arts and Letters announces the offer of three scholarships totaling \$2,500 to be presented to talented students in the greater Washington area in the fields of literature, dance and music. \$1,000 scholarships are being offered in literature and music, and a \$500 scholarship in dance.

Literature students must be between the ages of 18 and 26, and will compete in the short story field. Deadline for the return of the required application forms is November 30. Deadline for short stories is December 10. For details and application blanks contact Mrs. Robert T. Andrews, 820 Turkey Run Road, McLean, Va. The winner of the Washington chapter's \$1,000 short story scholarship will compete in the National Society of Arts and Letters National Career Awards Competition for a cash award of \$1,000. The national competition will take place next May.

Piano students must be between the ages of 15 and 24. There is a required repertoire. February 22 is the deadline for the return of the application forms. Details and application forms for the piano competition may be obtained from Mrs. H. Russell Bishop, 2235 Que Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Competition will be held in early March.

Dance students must be between the ages of 13 and 16. February 22 is the deadline for the return of application forms. Contact Mrs. Robert M. Hanson, Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, Md. for details and application forms. The dance competition will be early in March.

Back to School Tips

The fall school term is upon millions of American youngsters, and their parents, once again, are reminding themselves that certain things must be done to get the children ready.

The American Medical Association recommends a medical examination for the child who is starting school for the first time. Your doctor will know what to do. His examination will cover all essential aspects of your child's health, including the giving of immunizations, when necessary.

Most doctors feel that four or five examinations during the elementary and high school years are sufficient for most children. Of course, if any untoward symptoms arise at any time, a visit to the doctor is in order.

A special examination is also important if your child is participating in school athletics.

In the excitement of the first few days of school, the small child may forget all of the safety warnings you've been teaching him. Each parent should be sure the child knows how to cross intersections en route to school. He should know about deportment on the school bus. He should know the

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rules of bicycle safety.

Give careful thought to your child's entire schedule during the school year. Does he have plenty of time to play? That is, play at things he selects, and not something that you or a teacher select for him. Does he have time to just sit and dream, if he wants to?

Or, are you lining up a fall and winter that includes daily rounds of music lessons, dancing classes, after-school athletics, social affairs, and family affairs, in which the child must participate whether he wishes or not?

Cooperation between the home and school and the guidance of the physician can prevent an overload.

University Theatre Season

University Theatre, a versatile combination of student and professional actors at the University of Maryland, will open another season at the J. Millard Tawes Fine Arts Center, on October 26.

Heading the theatre's list of offerings is "Hamlet," Shakespeare's classic tragedy, with Broadway actor Robert Milli playing the lead role.

A '57 graduate of the university, Milli performed opposite Richard Burton in the John J. Gielgud production of "Hamlet" in the role of Horatio, Hamlet's friend and confidant. The performance marks an anniversary for Milli — it was ten years ago that he played his first

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tained from any of the many workers engaged in the campaign, or by writing to the Greenbelt Symphony Society at Post Office Box 344, Greenbelt.

Hamlet, here at Maryland on the University Theatre stage.

"Hamlet" will be presented October 26 to 30, under the direction of Dr. Rudolph Pugliese, with set design by Charles J. Schmidt.

Tickets to "Hamlet" will go on sale October 19. For information concerning season subscriptions and reservations, contact the Fine Arts Box Office between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at WA 7-3800, extensions 7744, 7840, or 7841.

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