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Ten Top Stories of 1966

In accordance with its annual custom, the Greenbelt News Review has selected the ten top stories of 1966. Since naturally enough there is less than complete agreement on the relative importance of each event, the following choices are not necessarily listed in the order of their significance.

- County Board of Education reverses decision to condemn parcel 15 near the Capital Beltway for a new Greenbelt senior high school and selects parcel 2 near Baltimore-Washington Parkway over objections of city council, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and citizen groups. At year end, GHI suit to enjoin construction of school on parcel 2 goes before Maryland Court of Appeals after adverse decision of lower court.
- County commissioner's decision to zone 57-acre Golden Triangle for a regional shopping center upheld by Circuit Court. City council votes 4 to 1 to take appeal to Court of Appeals, with councilman David Champion dissenting.
- Disregarding his own signed 1962 covenants and agreements, Charles Bresler constructs high-rise apartment building on Charlestowne Village tract and refuses to deed 3.3 acres to city for public parkland. His action upheld by Circuit Court which declares covenants and agreement not legally enforceable since they were conditioned upon the city's making favorable zoning recommendations. City council decides to take case to Court of Appeals, with councilman Champion abstaining.
- Theodore Lerner and associates proceed with development of 494-unit apartment project on 25 acres of Charlestowne Village tract after Circuit Court ruling that Lerner is not bound by the 1962 Bresler covenants which called for density not to exceed 7 units per acre. Lerner had acquired half the Charlestowne Village tract after the 25 acres previously owned by Bresler had been sold following foreclosure.
- City secures \$167,575 open-space grant from U. S. Department Housing and Urban Development to help in purchase of 22 acres of parkland located near Greenbelt Lake. At year's end, owners of land, Crescent Leasing Corporation and Charles Bresler and associates, challenge city's need for additional parkland and city institutes condemnation proceedings.
- Charles Bresler sues *News Review* for \$2 million on grounds that its accounts of his activities were printed to expose him "to public scorn, hatred, contempt, disgrace, and ridicule." *News Review* replies that its articles were constitutionally protected, and that they were fair and accurate reports of official public and judicial proceedings and thus fair comment upon matters of public interest.
- County commissioners, at urging of city council, GHI, and citizen groups, deny request for commercial zoning of parcel 8, at entrance to city near Boxwood Village. At year's end, owner Simon Michnick appeals case to Circuit Court.
- Civil rights issues come to the fore as the Greenbelt Committee for Peace in Viet Nam is barred from participating in the Labor Day Festival and city proposes regulations governing meetings and parades on city property, including the issuance of permits.
- Protests of Springhill Lake residents on traffic and schools bring results. Traffic congestion during morning rush hours is eased by mid-summer opening of an additional exit directly to Kenilworth Ave. Double shift for elementary school children arising out of delay in opening of new Springhill Lake Elementary School is avoided by city council's offer of temporary classroom accommodations in Municipal Building and Youth Center.
- City adopts \$601,750 budget for 1966-67 calling for the lowest regular tax rate in its history, \$0.99 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is 8 cents below the 1965-66 tax rate.

Annual Tree Burning

The Annual Christmas Tree Burning carried on by the Fire Prevention Committee of the Greenbelt Department will be held at the Fire House on Monday, Jan. 2, 1967, at 6 p.m. A "Fire Safe Holiday" was the Department's aim and Fire Marshall Joseph Wenrich, asks all to cooperate by helping to rid our community of a potential danger to life and property. Trees kept up too long are a fire hazard; trees discarded where children at play might decide to make use of them, can be the cause of injury.

The collection stations for discarded trees will be the same as last year: North End School, the Jewish Community Center and the Fire House. Each child who brings a tree to these stations will be given a ticket entitling him to attend a movie, "Gulliver's Travels," shown at the Fire House at 7 p.m. that evening.

An open invitation is extended to all residents to attend the Tree Burning. The Ladies Auxiliary will be on hand to serve cookies and hot chocolate to everyone.

Recreation Review

by Darald G. Lofgren
Director of Recreation

Teen Club Chatter

There will be a "Juke Box Record Hop" on Friday, Dec. 30, from 8 to 11 p.m. Casual dress. The old juke box will be taken out of storage for use for records brought in by teen age participants. Admission free.

The "Soul Searchers" will play for the Jan. 7 dance.

Square Dancing

There will be an Open Square Dance, for beginners, on Sunday, Jan. 8, 7 to 10 p.m. Colonel Eugene Lindsay will call.

Girls' Basketball

A Greenbelt Girls' Basketball Team, for ages 15 and over has been formed. Competition will be from area teams in Northern Prince Georges County, and all games will be played at the Greenbelt Junior High School on Thursday evenings. More players and adult volunteers are needed.

Snowfall Finds City Prepared

As usual after heavy snowstorms that hit the metropolitan area, travelers between various suburban communities report that snow clearance has been better in Greenbelt than in any of the other towns around. A couple of factors helped out the city crew in last weekend's snow—one the quality of the snow itself, which was light and fluffy and "easy to cone with," in the words of Public Works Director Albert S. Attick; the other was the timing of the storm, after rush hour traffic was over and the week's work was done.

The city crew began a salting operation about 8 p.m. Friday. On Saturday morning they began plowing out the city streets, working continuously until 3 a.m. Christmas morning. In addition to streets, they also plowed the parking lots of the city's churches in anticipation of the Christmas services. On Monday one crew worked to widen the plowed area of the streets. On Tuesday night they sanded slippery spots.

A crew of 6 men, with five vehicles, worked during the day and night of Saturday. One vehicle was assigned to Springhill Lake and Charlestowne Village. The other four vehicles cleared all the remaining sections of Greenbelt. This division of trucks worked very well, according to Attick.

All vehicles held up very well during the whole period of extra work until the men were putting the finishing touches on the last church parking lot at 3 a.m. Then one truck had engine trouble, causing damage to the radiator.

The post-Christmas trash collection on Tuesday included all of the usual Monday collections except the apartment houses on Crescent, as well as the normal Tuesday collections. One trash truck is scheduled to make collections on the Monday following New Year's Day.

Last Jog-Along of 1966

The final Jog-Along of 1966 will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at Braden Field. A one-and-a-half mile group jog-at-your-own-pace, sponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees, will be held the last Saturday of each month.

During 1966, 145 persons of all ages and of both sexes participated. Two logged over 500 miles and 12 others over 100 miles.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Tickets are still available for the New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club. This yearly social event will be held at the Greenbelt Armory at 9:30 p.m. with Lee Maxfield's Orchestra providing the music. Reservations may be made by calling 474-6012.

Men's Basketball

The City Men's Basketball League will be starting this season in January. Individuals and team representatives should have their names placed on the roster at the Recreation Department. A City team will be organized to represent Greenbelt in the Prince Georges County Men's Tournament.

Youth Center Closed

The Youth Center will close for the New Year's Holiday at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, and will remain closed through New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

An Interview With . . . Mrs. Golden

by Mary Smith

Mrs. Ethel Golden, principal of Springhill Lake School, has a long and varied background as a teacher to aid her in her present assignment. Her many years of teaching experience enabled her to cope successfully, for eight weeks at Center School, with scattered classrooms and an admittedly difficult situation; now her knowledge and skill are being called into play in the process of combining 467 students, fifteen teachers and a new school plant into a functioning unit—the new Springhill Lake School.

A native of West Virginia, Mrs. Golden holds a BA degree from Fairmont State Teachers College, W. Va., and an MA from the University of Maryland. Her professional experience includes teaching first grade in West Virginia, acting as consultant for a company that publishes school textbooks, teaching for one year in Italy in a U.S. Army Dependent School, five years teaching fourth and fifth grades in Bowie, Md., and fourteen years as principal of Chillum Elementary School.

Her personal background includes a honeymoon trip around the world in 1937. She is married to a retired Army Officer and has a married daughter and one granddaughter, "the apple of my eye."

She has words of praise for her teaching staff. "Many are new to teaching, but they are all enthusiastic and hard-working." She feels that the weeks at Center School were difficult and demanding for both teachers and children but that the experience had much value. "It taught us all that learning and growth can take place under imperfect conditions."

The curriculum will be the standard one for grade schools. There will be no SRA reading program; this is the prescribed county policy for new schools. French is being taught, beginning with the fourth grade. The school has many audio-visual teaching aids, such as overhead projectors for classroom use, "listening posts" for quiet individual study, and previewers through which the children can view films at their own rate of speed and comprehension.

When the library shelves are stocked, Mrs. Golden hopes a

librarian will be assigned to the school; there is an adjoining workroom for a librarian and also a special room where six students at a time can use pre-viewers and where teachers can project films they plan to show later in their classes.

There are fifteen regular teachers and "half-time" special teachers for music, physical education, French and speech therapy. Present enrollment is 467 students, 99 being kindergartners and 130 coming in daily by bus from Boxwood Village and Lakeside North. Capacity of the school is 490.

Mrs. Golden's philosophy is that "schools exist for children and we must provide whatever contributes to the well-rounded development of the child". She sees each child as an individual—"each is important, each one has his strengths and should be given an opportunity to make his own contribution."

She is pleased with the caliber of her students—"I have found our children, as I get to know them, to be a very capable group, eager to learn." She attributes much of this to the parents—"Children value what parents value, and our parents here care very much about the education of their children."

The School Building

The one-story building is of a new design; it has two sections, each containing classrooms, connected by a window-walled corridor and the front lobby. The interior color scheme is monochromatic and soothing to the eye, light beige tiled floors, creamy white tiling on the lower walls and ivory-white upper walls and ceiling. The neutral whiteness is relieved by soft overhead lighting, blue exit doors and colorful art displays here and there on the walls. It all looks light and bright and clean and attractive.

The school swarms with workmen and janitors, moving in new supplies, working on electrical connections, assembling bookcases, putting in shelves, etc. There are fifteen classrooms, all in use. Four rooms are incompletely furnished and not in full use as yet—the library, cafeteria, healthroom and multi-purpose auditorium.

The auditorium seems likely to be a busy place, since it will be used for assemblies, for lunch, for physical education and meetings of all kinds, including PTA. A gleaming stainless steel kitchen adjoins it, shining and sparkling with expensive equipment, but it is not yet in use. The playground is surfaced and the play equipment has arrived but is not installed.

Jascourt New Chairman of Recreation Advisory Board

Hugh Jascourt was elected chairman and Chuck Collins vice chairman of the Greenbelt Recreation Advisory Board at its first regular meeting last week. Recreation Director Darald Lofgren was appointed executive secretary of the board.

Jascourt, an attorney who is full-time executive director of the Federal Bar Association, was named the Outstanding Physical Fitness Leader in Maryland in a contest sponsored by the President's Council and is currently the Physical Fitness Chairman for the D.C. AAU. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Lakeside Citizens Association and is the State Director of the Greenbelt Jaycees. Collins, a teacher at Greenbelt Junior High School, is a long-time member of the Board.

The Board's major task for the year will be to arrive at a master plan for recreation and parks so that matters referred to the Board may be determined in full context rather than on a piecemeal basis. The first specific item of study is the needs of the Golden Age Club, which is being investigated by a subcommittee headed by John Churchill.

Moving Day at MNCPPC

The week preceding Christmas has also been the first for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) in its new Prince Georges headquarters. The new office building at 6600 Kenilworth Ave. replaces historic Calvert mansion, off Riverdale Rd., which has been the commission's headquarters in the county since 1949. Formal dedication of the new building has been tentatively set for May 20.

While no final decision has been reached concerning the future of Calvert mansion - which will now be closed to the public, it is hoped that ultimately it can be modified to serve as a public information center for MNCPPC.

Carol for a Very White Christmas

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa-la-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la

Stepping outside would be folly
Fa-la-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la

Blizzard's coming, snow is falling
Fa-la-la, Fa-la-la, la-la-la

Traffic on the roads is stalling
Fa-la-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la

In the snow the kids are merry
Fa-la-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la

Mud and water home they carry
Fa-la-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la

When they come back from their capers
Fa-la-la, Fa-la-la, la-la-la

Deck the floors with old newspapers!
Fa-la-la-la-la-la, la-la, la-la

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The Last Meow

Last week the News Review presented some representative excerpts from the numerous letters received from defenders of cats. This week we are presenting excerpts from letters taking an opposite position.

After reading about Miss Keene's recent efforts at turning Greenbelt into a feline paradise, my hair fairly stood on end. Before going farther, however, it is only proper that I state the position from which I am commenting. My wife and I are the adopted parents of a little female kitty known by all at The Dovecote as Noche. It was two years ago Thanksgiving Day that she took possession of our hearts and home. As a resident of Greenbelt, Noche has not been allowed to run free outside of the house. She is strictly a house cat and does not seem to resent it.

There are several reasons for this policy of confinement. They are: 1) In the house we do not have to worry about the threat of dogs or diseases.

2) In the house she is not a nuisance to our neighbors. 3) In the house she can not attack the birds which we enjoy watching and she enjoys stalking (not with color camera but with predatory intensity) from the harmless side of a window.

The three of us are thriving under these conditions (cat, people, and birds). Such would not be the case if the present cat ordinance were relaxed, thereby giving other cats the liberty to wander at will in your yard and mine.

In concluding it should be remembered that the present pet ordinance is the only protection for the property owner in similar situations. Let us not be hasty as we consider a proposal that could be detrimental to our own well being.

Robert C. Dove
Master of The Dovecote

As it is not yet 11 a.m., and I have had two unpleasant or annoying experiences this morning, I feel I must state my opinion too, on this controversial ordinance regarding pets, particularly cats. This morning, a cat wearing a collar, thus having a home, walked leisurely across my completely fenced-in yard. This ordinarily might not be considered an annoyance, but, I happen to be the owner of 2 dogs, one of which I happened to be walking on a leash at the time, within my fenced property. This dog pulled me over "hill and dale" and rugged terrain to get to the cat; it was difficult to hold on to the leash and yet keep from falling. My other dog ran towards the cat who had climbed a tall tree. Everyone knows that cats and dogs have a lifelong vendetta against each other. Must I bear the burden of worrying about terrified kittens and cats in fights or aloft in a tree, that the owners seemingly do not share???

Whenever a cat or kitten sets up vigil outside my front or kitchen door or picture window, and this happens frequently, it creates havoc within my home. My dogs then become uncontrollable and I feel this is an unnecessary brunt to bear since my pets are confined. Sure, the dogs bark and howl, as the cat lovers complain, but often the cause, are these feline stalkers.

Now, to return to my second annoyance of the morning. While driving up Lastner Lane towards Ridge Road, I quite suddenly had to apply the brakes to avoid hitting a large duck, who had come out from between two parked cars. Since there are always many cars parked on both sides of the street it was impossible to swerve aside to avoid hitting the duck. This could be a quite hazardous situation.

As you can see, I am most emphatically in favor of a restrictive and enforced ordinance concerning all pets. I know many pet owners (of cats and dogs) who do not find it difficult to comply with existing regulations and I do not think it fair that they, along with those families who do not own any pets, suffer the annoyance of unconfined animals.

Elaine R. Nussbaum

OPEN LETTER TO CITY COUNCIL

Dear Sirs:
Speaking on behalf of my associates, I respectfully submit that further debate on the relative merits of us cats should be dispensed with. The question of our value to the community will never be resolved.

It will not be resolved because sweeping generalities about us are inaccurate. There are good cats and bad cats. There are clean cats and dirty cats. There are quiet cats and noisy cats (also called Hep Cats). There are peace-loving cats and belligerent cats.

But, one thing for certain, we are not so important that the Greenbelt City Council should spend its time and effort arguing about us instead of resolving weightier problems. Nor are we important enough that our citizens should waste time writing angry letters denouncing us or praising us.

Some people love us. We, in turn, love them back. But let's face it, other folks despise us. Well, what the heck, no one's perfect. Actually our code is fairly simple: Love those who love you; try to live peacefully with everyone; fight only when unreasonably provoked and then fight hard and courageously.

When you get right down to it, in many ways we're not much different from humans.

Tom Cat

(Editor's Note: With this letter, we are calling a temporary halt to further letters on the feline controversy before we are engulfed in a "catastrophe.")

To the Editor Speaking Sternly . . . by David Stern

MISSING THE TARGET

To the Editor

While the council doubtlessly is acting in good faith in proposing regulation of public meetings and parades, it failed to explain or clarify the problems which it seeks to regulate by the imposition of penal sanctions. Its solution is objectionable for a number of reasons, including the inappropriateness of using artillery to swat a fly and missing the main targets completely while slaughtering innocent bystanders wholesale.

Under the broad language of the preliminary drafts of proposed ordinances it could be an imprisonable offense for a small group of persons to be at a bus stop, to use public walks, streets, and parks to go to work, school, church, or elsewhere or engage in a picnic, friendly group discussion of sports or other topics, or otherwise congregate or move in a small group on public property—all innocent and absolutely reasonable and legitimate conduct in which we peaceful citizens should be free to engage without threat of incarceration.

The assertion of the desirability of regulating the use of public parks by allocating time and space in advance through a permit system for various legitimate reasons does not justify the imposition of penal sanctions in any and all situations. Two examples were given of situations requiring regulation—possible public disturbances of public meetings by rival extremist organizations and the use of a captive Independence Day audience to launch a political campaign. Just how the proposals would prevent such situations is unexplained.

The cited politician's using a captive audience apparently did involve his own group within the public gathering, but the proposed ordinance would not make it illegal without a permit for a solitary enterprising politician without retinue or identifiable accomplices but with a compact public address the same thing, nor would the proposed language cover the situation where members of a rival organization mingle with and become a physical part of a duly licensed group and disrupt it from within—a situation more likely to take place if the proposals are adopted than attempting to hold a rival meeting at the same time and place or nearby.

I suggest that existing law adequately covers riots and the like, that additional penal sanctions are unnecessary, and that we peaceful citizens should be able to use our public sidewalks, streets, roads, and parks for innocent and legitimate group activities without incurring the risk of imprisonment or police harassment. Space in the public parks can be allocated to groups under a permit system without any penal sanctions at all. I further suggest that penal sanctions would be appropriate only for the purpose of preventing breaches of the peace and interference by other persons or groups with peaceful citizens using the parks and streets under a lawfully issued permit or otherwise and should be directed only against those persons or groups who interfere from within or without with peaceful citizens lawfully enjoying the use of public property.

Incidentally, notwithstanding your recent self-serving proclamation that you report the news accurately, fairly, and objectively, I noticed your lengthy adulatory narration of the ACLU lawyer's assertion that the mere requirement of obtaining a permit to hold a public meeting on public property is inherently an unconstitutional restriction of freedom of speech along with your complete omission of the city lawyer's direct and total refutation of his main thesis by citing and quoting a Supreme Court decision squarely holding that requiring a permit to use public property for a public meeting is not an unconstitutional restriction of freedom of speech.

B. J. Bordenet

PREDICTIONS FOR 1967

January Snowstorm dumps two feet of you-know-what on suburban area; Greenbelters enjoy clean streets while the rest of the county grinds to a standstill. "Shucks, it was easy," says Public Works Manager Buddy Attick to News Review reporter. "I only wish there weren't so many abandoned shopping carts beneath those snowdrifts. The snowplows really get a bang out of them."

February Appeal of Golden Triangle zoning is denied due to a point of technicality. Except for this it is implied the city might have had a very good case. City council meanwhile convenes in closed emergency session to consider cat ordinance.

March Police Chief borrows radar from county to enforce those "speed checked by radar" signs, nets a big haul of prominent citizens. Ensuing uproar makes everyone forget cat ordinance as new police board begins its investigations.

April As snows melt, highway crews begin converting Crescent Rd. into a dual arterial highway. "It is unbelievable how fast your city grows," says highway commissioner in meeting with city manager. "A good thing that we have plans to match your growth."

May Foundation laid for new library. At ceremony, Commissioner Gladys Spellman extolls novel concept of "walk-in library" tested here for first time. "This is the only library I know whose customers bring their books in shopping carts," she says. Foundations are also cast for Southway overpass, the Corvette bargain center, 29-story "Greenbelt Towers" and sundry similar petty projects.

June Greenbelt begins to live up to its nickname, "apartment city": same morning as prankster puts up "for rent" sign on city building, city manager receives three offers. Sign removed in afternoon, offers rejected by council after closed executive session. Springhill Freeway, by-passing the Kenilworth traffic jam, is opened to the public, while the dualization of Northway is progressing rapidly.

July Following firework show, city fathers place construction of comfort station at lake park on top of agenda. Gold struck on "Golden Triangle": owners request heavy industrial zoning.

Thanks, Kids

To the Editor:
The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 23, wishes to take this opportunity to publicly thank the over 30 youngsters who collected for the "Forget-Me-Not" Drive during the month of November. Thanks, too, to coaches Jerry Shaffer, Ray Leber, and Larnie Palmer for their untiring efforts on our behalf.

This money is used by DAV solely for their hospital and welfare work in the area.

Dan Stotler, Chairman
Forget-Me-Not Drive
DAV, Chapter 23

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Perdue-Lewis

James H. Perdue, Miami, Florida, and Mrs. Margaret Perdue, 46-C Crescent, happily announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen Margaret Perdue to James Russell Lewis, son of Russell Lewis, Baltimore, and Mrs. Dorothy Della Valle of Adelphi. The wedding took place Christmas Eve, 8 p.m., at the University Park Church of Christ, 6420 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville.



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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Specialist/4 William E. Beebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beebe, 47-E Ridge, was chosen Battalion Soldier of the Month for December at Fort Belvoir. Beebe, with the 91st Engineer Battalion (Combat), was selected for his soldierly knowledge, personal appearance, military bearing, oral expression and knowledge of current events. He entered the Army in 1964 and served in Viet-Nam.

Ben Herman, 2-A Crescent, has retired after thirty years and four months of government service. According to the Goddard News, Herman started "in the Navy Department as an assistant Messenger and progressed to become a General Supply Officer responsible for the housing of 22,000 employees in twenty different buildings in the Washington area . . . Herman came to Goddard in Nov. 1959, to use his hard-earned experience on the similar problems faced at this Center. He has been the guiding force on every personnel move since." Ben and his wife, Terry, have been residents of Greenbelt since 1941. He has a married daughter, Marlene Truesdale, and two sons, Jack and Mel.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Glayde Goodenough, 35-K Hidge. Kathryn Hazel made her debut December 13, weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. She joins a brother, Hans, and a sister, Gigi.

First Lieutenant William S. Sandilands, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sandilands, 11-R Ridge, was graduated Dec. 16 from the Air University's Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. He was one of 430 students specially selected for the 44th class to receive the professional officer training. The lieutenant is being reassigned to Ent AFB, Colo.

A graduate of High Point High School, he received a B.S. degree in business in 1964 from the University of Maryland.

Thanks

To the Editor:

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and help when we lost our son, Brian.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paris and daughters, Elaine and June

ART GUILD NEWS

There is still time to sign up for the ten week course in painting and drawing, sponsored by the Greenbelt Art Guild. Mr. Woody Ritter of the U. of Md., an accomplished artist in both the commercial and fine arts, will be the instructor. Primarily, the course is for beginners and intermediates. Arrangements have been made with a local dealer for the purchase of any necessary art supplies at a discount. However, students are requested to bring materials which they already possess, including easels, to the first meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7:30 - 10 p.m., at the Youth Center. A nominal registration fee may be paid at that time. Prospective students are requested to phone 474-4027 to signify their intention to join.

There will be no critique during the month of December. The next critique will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25. The place will be announced later.

Greenbelt Theatre

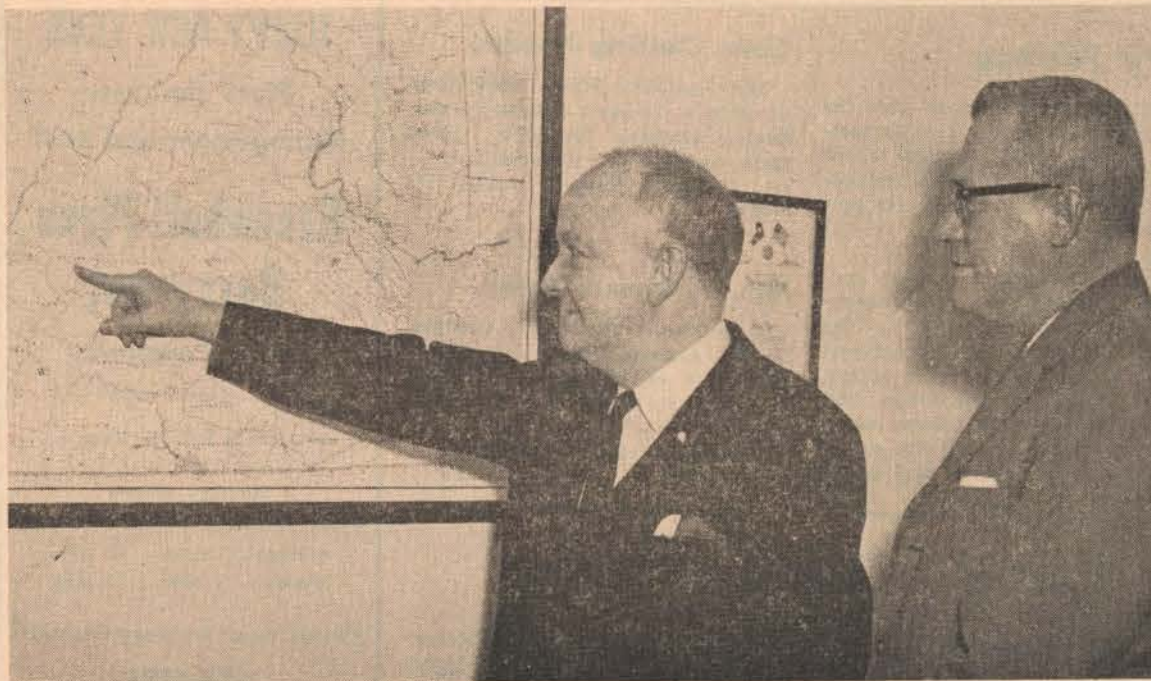
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Thurs., Fri., Dec. 29 - 30
Audrey Hepburn, Peter O'Toole
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Sat., Sun., Mon.
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Elvis Presley in
SPINOUT

Starts Jan. 5th
Jerry Lewis - Connie Stevens
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WAY-WAY-OUT



A new POSTAL SERVICE OFFICER in the U. S. Post Office Building in Washington is Fred H. Denney (right) of 19 Woodland way. Mr. Denney, who formerly worked at the Hyattsville Post Office, here is being shown a location on a map by F. Alvin Webb, Washington regional director.

Hot Line

The Greenbelt Jaycees will get answers, solve problems, and cut red tape for Greenbelt residents. We need your response to continue a column of this type. If you have a complaint or would like to know why your situation is hopeless, write!

Since last spring there has been an unsightly mound of clay dirt situated outside building No. 2 on Parkway as well as a large conglomeration of cement. No one seems to want the responsibility of removing them. The Resident Manager has stated that it was the responsibility of the fuel company who made the excavation in the first place, but the fuel company has made no attempt to remove it. Could you please find a way to get rid of this eyesore? Mrs. S.

The people with whom the fuel company had sub-contracted to do the excavation cleaned up this area about a week ago.

We in section V of Springhill Lake have never received an issue of the Greenbelt News Review. There has been talk of the lack of interest in Greenbelt among Springhill Lake residents — but isn't this a two-way street? Please get us the Greenbelt News Review — J.C.

The News Review told Hot Line that it has been concerned for some time about its deliveries in Springhill Lake. It has been pursuing a policy of leaving a handful of newspapers in each apartment hallway, but coverage has been incomplete because of the difficulty of securing youths to deliver the paper at a cost the newspaper can afford. The News Review will be glad to cooperate with citizen groups in improving the coverage. One suggestion being considered is the use of the new Giant store as a central depository where individuals could pick up their free weekly paper when they shop. In the meantime, Springhill Lake residents not receiving the newspaper are asked to write the News Review or call 474-6060.

Send queries to:
Greenbelt Jaycees Hot Line
P.O. Box 86
Greenbelt, Md. 20770

Please include name, address, and telephone number (not for publication.) Be sure to send all pertinent information, but don't send anything you want returned. If you wish just send a postcard with your name, address, and telephone number. We will get in touch with you.

Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

1. There are songs.

Popular songs have always fascinated us. There are exciting tunes, lilting tunes, soothing tunes, swinging tunes. But what really makes the biggest impression on us are the lyrics. In our youth we memorized many of them, no mean trick considering samples such as "Flat foot floozy with a floy floy" and "You're my fillegadusha sugamarusha folderolda boom too deay." These spellings may be off a bit, but at least you know our intentions are good.

We have noticed that lyrics are more down to earth these days. Consider these haunting lines, for instance: "Why she had to go, I don't know. She didn't stay, she went away." Lines like that don't leave you guessing, if you know what we mean. Compare them with an oldie like this: "And then the song became a sigh, forevermore became goodbye . . ." Very pretty, no doubt, but what does it mean? It leaves you hanging in mid air, unlike the following little jewel which we caught on our car radio the other day: "I'll be your friend right to the end, but this looks like the end, my friend." Gets you right here, don't it?

2. The Movie Serial.

We sincerely hope that our local movie theatre will not permanently close its portals. Particularly now, when it is in the third or fourth installment of a cliff hanger serial.

With great nostalgia do we remember these continuous capers from our childhood. Through them we were first introduced to science fiction. You see, there was this story about two young people who went to a far-away planet where the accepted mode of extinction was to dissolve people into gas. For fourteen episodes we suffered and rejoiced with the hero and heroine, and booed the wicked Empress. Alas, on the fifteenth Saturday we fell prey to the flu (then known as grippe), and could not drag our feverish self to the last episode. What agony, never to know how our celluloid friends were rescued from the dissolving ray.

And so the years passed and still our yearning was unfulfilled, until one winter day, our Government job took us to Buffalo, New York. Buffalo is cold in the winter, and one Saturday afternoon, we took refuge in a nice warm neighborhood theatre. Well, Sir, by now you can guess the happy ending of this tale. Five hundred miles away in distance, and years and years later, we saw the fifteenth and last chapter, and our heart was at rest. We no longer recall how the protagonists were saved, but never will we forget the cruel and haughtily sneer of the villain queen, as she dissolved into

The End.

REV. LOOMIS TO PREACH

The Rev. David J. Loomis, Chaplain, United Campus Christian Fellowship, University of Maryland, will be the guest speaker this Sunday at the Greenbelt Community Church. Chaplain Loomis' sermon will be "Crusade, Odyssey, or Pilgrimage?"

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City Notes

The city has agreed to give the old fire siren to the Fire Department of Rio, West Virginia, which has requested it, provided the department removes it from its present site.

The marking off of parking spaces on Centerway will be postponed pending further work by the paving contractor. The street was paved with a crown—that is, with a raised center. Specifications call for the pavement to slope away from the curb alongside the stores to drain water off to the other side of the street.

Girls' Clothing Needed

The Lawyer's Wives Association of Prince Georges County is collecting clothing for girls. Sizes 14-18 (misses) are especially needed. Call Mrs. Francis Borelli, HE 4-0979.

Md. U. Alumni Assoc.

A meeting of the Prince Georges County Alumni Association of the University of Maryland scheduled at 8 p.m. on January 5 has been cancelled.

A program will be rescheduled at a later date.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Under the terms of the Lanham Act, the new "defense" homes being built on the periphery of Greenbelt could only be occupied by the following eligible groups: a) enlisted men in the three top grades of the army, navy, air force, etc; b) civilians working in army or navy posts; and c) civilians working in defense industries. A Family Selection staff was at work processing applications for these homes . . .

The town was in a ferment over the possibility that many families would have to move out of Greenbelt because their incomes had increased and now exceeded maximum standards as set by the Farm Security Administration. About 300 families were affected . . .

At a special meeting on this subject, it was stated that residents planning to build their own homes in Greenbelt (in the Home Owners Co-operative) would be allowed to stay until the homes were built; also that employees of the Administration and of local co-op enterprises could stay on even with high incomes if they paid additional rent . . .

The hospital was still having its troubles. The Health Association appointed Dr. Silagy as medical director on November 12; ten days later the husband-wife team of doctors, who had joined the hospital staff only weeks earlier, tendered their joint resignations to the Board of Directors . . .

The first pastor of the Community Church, the Rev. Robert Kincheloe, left to serve in a Baltimore church. The new minister was the Rev. Wilmer Johnston . . .

It was disclosed that only about 100 applications had been received for the new defense homes (1000 were to be built), leading to the ironic possibility that on the one hand 300 "wealthy" families would be leaving Greenbelt while, on the other hand, many of the new homes would be standing empty . . .

In the elementary school (now Center School) the social, home economics and arts and crafts rooms were being converted into classrooms to provide space for the expected influx of children from the new defense homes . . .

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