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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, Nov. 18, 1968

I. ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Lord's Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting 11/4/68
- 5 Additions to the Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATION

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 9 Ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus for the Temporary Financing of Building Construction Costs for the Greenbelt Firehouse (2nd reading)
- 10 Appointments to Boards
- 11 A.P.B. Report #80 - Zoning Petitions A-7913 - Lakeside North

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 12 Resolution to Accept Streets in University Square Subdivision into the City Road System (1st reading)

V. Miscellaneous

City Notes

Tuesday's snow—though heavy—stayed above the freezing level. The Public Works crew found that the snow took care of itself by melting away. They turned their attention instead to the many leaf-clogged catch basins throughout the city, which they cleaned to free the flow of water. Refuse collection, despite the Monday holiday and the Tuesday weather, stayed normal this week. Full crews worked both days.

The city's new chipper machine is now in operation. The machine grinds up sticks and branches into small chips which can be used as a mulch for flower beds and for ground cover in heavily trafficked areas, such as under the play equipment at playgrounds or around the concession stand at the lake park. Besides the usefulness of the end product, the machine also has the advantage that it greatly reduces the bulk of material the city must dispose of. After working one whole day on branches and sticks picked up throughout the city, the machine had compacted many truckloads of larger debris into less than one truckload. The chipped material is being stored temporarily at the landfill site.

During the several rainy days during last week the Public Works crew caught up on many indoor projects. The Parks crew prepared stakes to be used when they plant over 500 trees during the course of the winter. Other members of the Department carried out various maintenance jobs on equipment.

The Municipal Services Building is under a roof—one to keep off the weather, at least, although the final surfacing material has not yet been installed. Interior work goes on inside the office building. Partitions are going up between rooms, and door and window frames are being installed. All exterior siding on both buildings is now in place, both brickwork and aluminum siding.

'Christmas Idea Exchange'

The Greenbelt Homemakers Extension Club will feature a "Christmas Idea Exchange" on Wed., Nov. 20, at the G.H.I. Hospitality Room on Hamilton Place at 8:15 p.m. Those attending may bring articles to display. For further information call 474-1706.

Membership in the club is open to any woman who is interested in creative arts, family living and community development. The club receives guidance from the University of Maryland Extension Service and the United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service.

News Review Board Elected

The 1968-69 officers of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, sponsors of the Greenbelt News Review, were elected at a special meeting on Nov. 10. Al Skolnik was re-elected as president to another 1-year term; Sid Kastner was named vice-president; Mary Lou Williamson, treasurer; and Virginia Beauchamp, secretary. These four members, plus Bess Halperin, were elected to the board at the annual membership meeting on Oct. 27. The board elects its own officials.

Mary Smith will continue as editor. Virginia Beauchamp was named as associate editor.

The board stressed the need for additional staff to help in proof-reading, make-up, and reporting of news. Anyone interested in working for the News Review is invited to come down to the newspaper's office on Tuesday night. The office is located in the basement of 15 Parkway.

'Holiday Food' Open House

The Co-op Homemaker's Open House will feature "Holiday Food Fare for the Family" on Monday, Nov. 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Co-op Hospitality Room located above the food store. Evelyn Bernson will be the guest demonstrator. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

Golden Age Club

On Wednesday Nov. 6, the following officers were installed at the Greenbelt Golden Age club held in the Youth Center:

Mrs. May Griffin, President; Mrs. Katherine Buker, Sec.; Mrs. Anna Voice, Treas. The new Board members are Mrs. Mae Zoellner, Mrs. Ruth Cooper, Mr. Norman Saltness, Mr. Irving Oring and Mr. Harold Taylor. The installation was by Mrs. Ina Stewart.

The Club heartily endorsed the new Bond Issue which will give us an addition to the Youth Center.

Boxwood Civic Assn. Supports Bond Issue

The Boxwood Civic Association, at its November 6 meeting, endorsed the City's proposed \$950,000 bond issue ordinance which will be voted on by the electorate on Tues., Nov. 26. This action followed statements by Mayor Edgar L. Smith and City Manager James K. Giese explaining the purpose and need for the bond issue.

POSTAL SERVICES DAY

Mayor Edgar L. Smith has declared November 20, 1968 Postal Services Day in Greenbelt.

The purpose of the day is to recognize Greenbelts 47 Post Office employees for their perseverance in handling the city's mail load.

The Greenbelt Post Office now serves 23,000 persons.

Puppet Show Sunday

"Bucky Beaver," a puppet show for young children, will be presented by the Piegari Puppeteers this Sunday, November 17, at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The show, sponsored by the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School, involves interplay between the puppets and the audience. Tickets are available for the 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. showings at Twin Pines Savings and Loans.

Goodbye and Good Luck To Vic and Rita Fisher

Rita and Vic Fisher are leaving town. During their twelve and a half year residence in Greenbelt, they were in the forefront of community volunteer service. Their major interests centered around the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Green-News Review and the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

An active member of the GVF&RS, Vic attained the rank of lieutenant. On numerous occasions he served as a delegate to county, state and international Fire and Rescue Squad associations. A top-notch first aid instructor in Greenbelt and Bladensburg, he helped initiate the Landover Hills and Riverdale Heights Rescue Squad. Under Vic's tutelage the men were well-informed in first-aid techniques even before the ambulances were purchased. He also participated in hospital training programs in Prince Georges County and was civil defense liaison officer between the county organization and the Rescue Squad Association. His experience in civil defense had its beginnings in 1953 and led to his being designated one of the first casualty station managers in the county.

Rita shared Vic's interest in GVF&RS. As a member of the woman's auxiliary, she was instrumental in helping the department win the first leg of the Governor Tawes' Trophy for Fire Prevention Programs. Her weekly column which appeared in the News Review - "When the Siren Blows" - was avidly read by Greenbelters for many years.

News Review

Both Vic and Rita served the News Review in many capacities. Not only did Vic oversee the business and circulation departments, but he hustled advertising as well. Rita started as a proofreader and worked at the job until the writing-bug bit her. As a reporter she covered the City Council and GHI beats, and wrote the very popular columns, "Behind Closed Doors" and the "Police Blotter." Her on-the-scene features on the Co-op food store fire and Klein's cave-in will long be remembered.

Labor Day Festival

For four years Rita poured her energies into the three-day Labor Day Festival. This past year she played a double role - secretary of the festival committee and carnival area chairman. At the Festival Dinner on October 27, chairman Leo Gerton presented a trophy to Rita for her outstanding service. He paid tribute to both the Fishers and said, "They were always there when we needed them, not only making tremendous contributions to the Labor Day Festival but to the City of Greenbelt as a whole . . . They will be missed."

Rita and her daughters, Mindy and Lori are already in Kenosha Lake, New York. Vic will be following soon. We wish them happiness in their new home and success in their new business venture.

PARKDALE PTA

Parkdale Senior High School PTA will elect officers on Tues., Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Dr. Gilbert Schiffman, Director of Education, will speak.

BOND ISSUE BALLOTS

The City Clerk advises absentee ballots to the Bond Issue Referendum may be obtained by writing a letter of request to the City Offices giving the reason for being unable to vote at the polling place on November 26, 1968.

Notice Of Special City Election

To Be Held On

Tuesday, November 26, 1968

On The Bond Issue Referendum

QUESTION: "Shall bonds in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$950,000) Dollars be issued by the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, secured by its full faith and credit, in and for the said City for the purpose of providing capital improvements to municipal facilities, as authorized and provided by City of Greenbelt Ordinance No. 662."

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City Clerk

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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

The Member Relations Committee of G.H.I. is sponsoring another Member Information Meeting for all GHI Homeowners on Wednesday, December 4, 1968 in the Social Room of the Greenbelt Community Church, at 7:30 p.m. All GHI Members are urged to attend.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

by the Mayor and Council
Personnel Committee

The Greenbelt City Council wishes to form a special committee to review the City's job classification and personnel plan and is seeking volunteers with personnel backgrounds to serve. The Committee will make its study and submit recommendations by this spring, thereby completing its task.

If you are interested, please notify the City Manager's Office (phone - 474-8003) or a Councilman.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Provisions will be made for absentee ballots for the November 26, 1968 Bond Issue Referendum. Requests must be submitted in writing to the City Clerk, City Offices, Greenbelt, Maryland. Ballots must be returned by mail and received at the City Offices before closing of the polls, November 26, 1968 at 7:00 p.m.

Nita P. Maschauer
City Clerk

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The Bond Issue

On Tuesday, November 26, you, the Greenbelt voter, will have an opportunity to vote on the \$950,000 bond issue being proposed by the city council to help meet the city's needs for capital improvements.

Among the projects that will be financed from the bond sale are:

- (1) construction of addition to Youth Center.
(2) construction of Springhill Lake Recreation Building.
(3) acquisition for parkland of parcels 7 and 8 near Boxwood Village.
(4) construction of new tennis courts and development of other park facilities.
(5) acquisition of rights-of-way for perimeter road.
(6) improvements in present roadways.

The widespread recognition of the need for these items is demonstrated by the many civic organizations that have issued statements in support of the bond issue. The method used to finance capital improvements — a long-range bond issue — is also supported because it spreads the costs among future taxpayers as well as present taxpayers, thus guaranteeing that those who will enjoy the improvements in the future will also be paying their fair share of the costs.

Criticism has been expressed that the bond issue as presented to the electorate does not permit citizens to pick and choose the projects they like. However reasonable the criticism may appear at first glance, the proposal to vote on individual items overlooks certain realities of life.

Many of the proposed capital improvements have different degrees of interest to the various blocs of voters in the city. For example, it is not unlikely that voters in the core of Greenbelt would favor an addition to the Youth Center but oppose a Springhill Lake Recreation Building on the grounds that the latter is of no direct benefit to them. For the same reason, Springhill Lake voters might approve the Recreation Building but reject an addition to the Youth Center.

By voting on the package as a whole, the temptation is removed for citizens to be governed solely by whether any item is of particular benefit to them. Instead, citizens are likely to view the entire package from the standpoint of whether it will benefit Greenbelt as a whole.

Citizens will still have a chance to express their views on individual items when the detailed plans for the projects are reviewed by council. At these discussions the arguments can be sorted out and a distinction made between opposition based on "it doesn't benefit me" approach and opposition based on other factors.

Community Church

The Reverend Robert L. Field from Orwigsburg, Pa., has been called to serve as minister of the Greenbelt Community Church. He has accepted the congregation's call and will assume his pastoral duties on January 1.

The Reverend Field is currently pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, Orwigsburg, Pa. He entered the ministry after working in industry and was a layman before becoming an ordained minister.

Mr. Field received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1966 from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he served as an Assistant Minister in the First Congregational Church in Randolph, Massachusetts. His previous education included two years of Engineering at Pennsylvania State University, and he received the degree of Bachelor of Industrial Design from Pratt Institute in New York City in 1957. While at Orwigsburg, he started graduate work at Lancaster Seminary.

Mr. Field is married and the father of two boys.

SHL MEN'S CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Springhill Lake Men's Club will be held at the Community House on November 20 at 8:30 p.m. The program will consist of a discussion with some of Washington's sports experts. All men living in Springhill Lake are invited to attend.

Little League Fall Dance Tickets At The Door

The Greenbelt Little League will have their Fall Dance at the Greenbelt American Legion on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. There will be prizes and drawings, so come out and get in on the fun! Tickets can be bought at the door.

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Letters to the Editor

Answers McDonald

As a member of the Advisory Planning Board and one who spends many hours each month investigating and evaluating the city's needs I can go on record as strongly supporting the proposed Bond Issue to be voted upon November 26, 1968 although I know that the program proposed is minimal compared to the city's needs. The City Council is exhibiting the kind of enlightened and far-sighted leadership we expected when we elected them to office. Costs of goods and services are increasing 3 to 5% per year and the cost of real estate is increasing a minimum of 7.5% per year. It is economically sound to purchase and build now when costs are low and pay over a period of years as income increases.

Greenbelt has had for sometime recreational programs and facilities equalled by few cities in the country. Quality and quantity of services provided here are envied by major cities many times our size. For all this Mr. Charles McDonald can take great pride for he had a great deal to do with the city's success while he was city manager. HOWEVER, I'm afraid that Mr. McDonald's letter to the editor last week was an unfortunate assessment of conditions in today's multi-sectional Greenbelt. I refer in particular to his allegation that city funds should not be spent for a recreation building in Springhill Lake because residents of GHI, Woodland Hills, Lakewood, Boxwood and Charlestowne Village cannot benefit from that facility.

There are many reasons why a Springhill Lake Recreation Building built with city funds is entirely proper. (1) Approximately 50% of Greenbelt's citizens reside in Springhill Lake contributing their share of taxes while 100% of the city's recreational facilities are located, where if we follow Mr. McDonald's logic, Springhill Lake residents cannot benefit from them. (2) A recreational building in SHL will certainly be open to all residents of Greenbelt. Increasing the physical plant available for recreation will permit increasing the variety of programs offered for the community, in the community. (3) Another benefit to the residents of GHI, Woodland Hills, etc. will be relieved strain on the crowded facilities in old Greenbelt permitting increased activities close to home. (4) Hardest hit by failure of the Bond Issue to pass will be the teenagers and younger children of SHL, who are separated from existing facilities by the Capital Beltway, Kenilworth Ave. and Greenbelt Road. These are not children from another district as Mr. McDonald claims, but children of Greenbelt residents. As SHL becomes older there will be an increasing number of children living there who were born in Greenbelt. It will be a bitter pill to swallow, being told that they are not considered part of Greenbelt.

Generations to come will thank us for being far-sighted enough to pass the Bond Issue on November 26, 1968.

Wally Cohen
Acting Chairman, APB

Fear For Southway Rd.

In the City's article appearing in the News Review, October 31, reference was made to the Southway Road reconstruction, pointing out that only one-half of the proposed \$120,000 will be needed if Federal urban secondary road funds are available.

This, to me, is a "revolting development." Southway Road already meets the first requirement of a secondary highway, since it connects two state highways (Greenbelt Road #193, and over Crescent Road to Kenilworth #201) and when it is reconstructed into a four-lane divided highway, it will certainly meet the other requirement.

Southway Road is already dedicated for public use, and whenever the State Roads Commission deems it advisable they may declare it a secondary roadway and provide for its reconstruction, maintenance, policing and speed limits to conform to State Highway specifications, as was done on Greenbelt Road.

I cannot think of any more certain way of making Greenbelt into a Langley Park or Silver Spring than to start reconstructing Greenbelt residential streets into four-lane divided highways. This alone should make the citizens rise up against the bond issue. But, added to this is the possibility of this roadway becoming the principal artery to the Beltsville terminal of the new Rapid Transit system from the Washington-Baltimore Parkway and its tributaries. To prevent this development, vote No on the Bond Issue on November 26th.

Charles T. McDonald

Bond Issue Endorsed

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., at its regular business meeting on November 6, wholeheartedly endorsed the proposed \$950,000 Bond Issue that is to be presented to the voters of Greenbelt later this month. We urge the people of Greenbelt to approve this Bond Issue, in order that Greenbelt may continue to grow and prosper in the future.

Marshall H. Zoellner
President

Walter Andersen To Give Recital

Walter Andersen, baritone, will give a recital on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m., in the Social Hall of the Greenbelt Community Church. The public is invited to attend.

Clarence Shaw, organist and choir director of Greenbelt Community Church, will accompany Anderson on the piano.

Demo Club Meets

The Greenbelt Democratic Club will meet on Wednesday, November 20, at 8:30 p.m. All members should attend, since the officers for 1969 will be elected.

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ) Hillside & Crescent Roads

- Fri: 7:00 p.m. - Youth Coffee House at the Methodist Church.
8:00 p.m. - Crisis in the Nation Seminar at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church.
Sat: 9:30 a.m. - Crisis in the Nation Seminar
10:00 a.m. - Autumn Cookout - Grades 5 and 6
10:00 p.m. - Senior High Happening
Sun: 9:30 a.m. - Church School Classes for Grades 5 and 6. Adult Classes
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship Service, the Rev David J. Robb guest minister.
Child Care - 2-B Hillside Nursery through Kindergarten, Fellowship Center
Grades 1 thru 4, Social Hall
4:00 p.m. - Recital given by Mr. Walter Andersen, Social Hall. Open to everyone in the community
Tues: 11:00 a.m. - Afternoon Service Group Meeting, Social Hall. At 1:30 p.m. the group will leave for the Salvation Army located on Bladensburg Road to work on a Christmas Service Project.
Wed: 4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
8:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
8:00 p.m. - Special program on the Kerner Report at the Lanham Methodist Church.
Thur: 4:00 p.m. - Grades 7 and 8
8:00 p.m. - Advisory Committee Meeting

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Building Projects Included in Bond Issue

by James K. Giese, City Manager

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

(This is the fifth of a series of articles concerning the proposed \$950,000 bond issue to be voted upon by Greenbelt electors at a referendum to be held on November 26, 1968.)

If the bond issue is approved at referendum on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, three building projects will be undertaken. If funds are available there is authorization for the undertaking of a fourth project. The tentative budget for these building projects is as follows:

Youth Center Addition	\$150,000
Springhill Lake Recreation Bldg.	60,000
Fire Station Addition	55,000
City Office Building Addition If funds Available	

Youth Center

The Youth Center, although functionally well planned for the purposes originally intended, has proved to be inadequate to meet all the needs for recreation programs desired by citizens. Therefore, in order to provide an expanded program, and to better serve residents' needs, an addition is proposed.

Two age groups in particular have requested more specialized facilities for the conduct of their programs. For the Golden Agers it is proposed that a club lounge room be provided for their use for informal gatherings, card games, committee meetings, and the like. It is expected that the lounge would be provided with a separate entrance. This lounge would be adjacent to an improved multi-purpose meeting room which the Golden Agers could use for their general membership meetings and which would be available for other meeting use purposes at other times.

Our youth enjoy gathering at the Youth Center after school and in the evening for socializing. Game facilities such as ping pong are popular with them, but this equipment must be set up in the multi-purpose room. It cannot be used, therefore, when some other activity is scheduled for that room. Also, the constant putting up and taking down of equipment results in a high rate of wear. Some games that would be popular such as pool cannot be provided because the equipment must be permanently placed and not moved around. It is therefore proposed that a game room be included in the addition and that this facility be made a place for the young people to gather without having to share their facilities with the adults.

Storage space is another critical problem in the Youth Center. As one example, the arts and crafts program results in a great many items having to be left and stored between classes, and lack of storage area restricts the use of the present arts and crafts rooms by other groups. There are a variety of equipment items which could be utilized in the gymnasium area but cannot be purchased because there is no space available to store the equipment. The weightlifters need a suitable space for the storage of their equipment. The band would like a place to store some of its instruments. The Boys Club and other leagues seek place for the storage of equipment. Therefore, in considering plans for the addition, a great deal of attention will be given to adequate storage space.

The number of instructional recreation programs could be increased substantially if there was classroom space available. There is a need particularly in the athletic league programs for shower facilities. There is only one office in the facility for the Recreation Department which must be shared by the Recreation Director, Youth Center Director, and Secretary as well as the various recreation specialists who require office space for administrative work. It is expected that a new addition would remedy these needs, too.

Almost half of the city's population lives in Springhill Lake. The owners of the Springhill Lake development are the biggest taxpayers in the city. Springhill Lake residents claim, and with some justification, that they do not get a fair share of the benefits from the City recreation program. While activities at the Youth Center are available to all residents and are used by Springhill Lake residents in ever increasing numbers, there is a problem getting to the Youth Center, especially for children because of the major roads which must be crossed. The management of Springhill Lake has built and operates a community center building in which a wide variety of recreation activities are programmed. Like our Youth Center, this community center is now inadequate to serve the recreation needs of that area.

The management of Springhill Lake has offered to convey land to the City for a recreation facility adjacent to the existing community center building. On this site it is contemplated that a small building would be constructed which would primarily provide meeting space for recreation classes and organizations. The more specialized type of facilities included in the Youth Center would not be duplicated at Springhill Lake.

Fire Station Addition

The City Council has awarded a contract for the construction of an addition to the City-owned fire station. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will reimburse the City for the cost of the addition, which will primarily be used for fund-raising and social functions. The Volunteer Fire Department could borrow the money themselves. However, the City can obtain a much better rate of interest than the firemen—less than 5% versus 8%. This savings in interest costs would amount to over \$15,000 to the Fire Department on a 20-year loan. Therefore, \$55,000 of the proposed bond issue has been budgeted for the fire station addition. If the bond issue is approved at referendum, the Fire Department will pay the principal and interest costs for that portion used to finance the building addition. If the bond issue is not approved the firemen will borrow the money themselves at higher interest costs, in order to repay the City for the addition. In either event, the fire station addition will not utilize any tax funds.

Municipal Building

There are no funds budgeted for any additions to the municipal building. However, if enough surpluses were left over after all other bond issue projects are completed then funds could be used for this work.

The present facility is adequate to meet the current needs of the City. However, with the city doubling once again in size it can be expected that additional office staff and additional police officers will have to be employed in the future. Presently the City offices lack space for the addition of any other personnel. The Police Department is already experiencing some overcrowding, and this will certainly increase in the future. At present the Police Department lacks a private waiting room and temporary detention facilities for persons taken into custody, their relatives, and other persons who come to the police on business. People under great emotional stress must wait in a public lobby. The basic station work of the officers all takes place in one small room which serves as an interview room, meeting room, laboratory for such things as finger prints and mug shots, squad room, and storage room for equipment.

Therefore, at some future date it will be essential to construct an addition to the municipal building, and authority is provided in this bond issue in the event that, as a result of receiving Federal aids or due to savings over current estimates, there might be funds available for this purpose.

— Space purchased by City —

Recreation Review

Teen Club Chatter: Teen Club memberships are being taken at the Youth Center Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Only new yellow 1968-69 membership cards are valid, so get your new card now. Teen Club membership not only represents a savings of up to half the regular price on Club activities, but admits the holder to the teen clubs of other areas as a member.

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Jr. High Roller Skating: Jr. High Roller Skating will be held at the Youth Center on Tuesday afternoons, 4-5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball League: The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor two men's basketball leagues. A highly competitive "A" league will play on Wednesday evenings with franchise fees. There will also be a Sunday night intramural league or fun league. All interested individuals or teams contact the Recreation Department at 474-6878.

Adult Ceramics Two new adult ceramics classes will start on Tuesday, Nov. 26 and Thursday, Nov. 28. Call 474-6878 to register.

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Claire and Sam Jacobs had an easy time at last Friday's duplicate bridge session when they finished 3 points ahead of the field. In second place was the team of Tina and Si Pristoop, followed by Alice and Burt Kerr. Next game: Friday, November 22.

Residents on Beaver Dam Rd. who have wondered about the identity of their daily long-distance runner, should be informed that he is University of Maryland graduate Martin Greenbaum. Dubbed "The Beaver Dam Express" by his brother Milton, Martin runs about 90 miles a week—a daily course that continues 15 miles beyond Beaver Dam Rd. Martin, who took up running in his junior year at college, is now ranked in the top ten in this area at the distance of the marathon. He received this ranking after his fine performances in this year's Boston Marathon and at the Olympic Marathon try-out in Atlantic City. Martin's future plans include placing in the 50-mile National Championship in New York and, if his luck holds out, a place on the Olympic team for the Maccabiah game held in Israel.

Marsha and Raymond Krasnick, 9177 Springhill, proudly announce the arrival of Jerald David's sister, Shani Beth.

At the Labor Day Festival dinner on October 27, Leo Gerton was honored for his dedicated efforts as chairman of the festival committee. He received a trophy.

A double birthday celebration was enjoyed by Isadore Reuben, 5-J Ridge, and his grandson, Paul Nathan Reuben, 5-C Ridge. Best wishes to both. Paul, who will be one year old on Nov. 14, celebrated early to accommodate his grandfather.

It's a girl for John and Pat Unger, 8 - A Crescent, Martha Louise made her debut on Oct. 30, and tipped the scales at 8 lb. 5 oz. She joins a brother and sister.

Dr. Leo Walder, 16 Lakeside, will have the unique experience of watching himself on a panel show from his hospital bed in George Washington Hospital. Dr. Walder, who is recuperating from surgery, will appear this Sunday on the NBC-TV panel show "Topic." A senior consultant at Behavioral Service Consultants, he will discuss "The House That Fear Built."

J. Walsh Barcus of 2T Gardenway, Greenbelt, Md., is a graduate of the Executive Systems Develop-

ment Seminar Course at the U.S. Army Logistics Management Center, Fort Lee, Virginia.

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