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## Greenbelt Hit by Two Fires

### 25 Families Left Homeless at Plaza Apts; No Injuries

Two major fires struck Greenbelt on Thursday, April 3, within a period of only 7 hours and left 36 families homeless. The worst of the two, which enveloped the entire row of Greenbelt Plaza Apartments at 9 Parkway adjacent to the east shopping center parking lot, burned out 25 families and caused damages in excess of \$200,000. The other fire at Springhill Lake left 11 families temporarily stranded; damages there were estimated at \$15,000. Neither fire resulted in any casualties.

**Plaza Apartments**  
The fire call was received at the Greenbelt Fire Department (GFD) at 4:50 a.m. and in less than two minutes the first fire truck was on the scene. The fire at this time was coming through the roof above 9 Parkway, Section C. Two more fire trucks and two ambulances from the GFD arrived, followed later by engines from Beltsville, Branchville, College Park, Berwyn Heights, West Lanham and Hyattsville, Riverdale Heights, Glenn Dale and Laurel. A total of 60 firemen were on the scene; Greenbelt Fire Department had 23 volunteers and three paid firemen on duty. At approximately 6 a.m. the fire was under control. During the fire, apartments were checked for persons, but all were safely out of the building due to the quick actions of the Greenbelt police and some apartment residents. Firemen rescued a cat and a bird.

According to the Prince Georges Fire Marshal's Office, the origin of the fire is still undetermined. Fire victims reported that they saw fire and smoke coming from air ducts next to bedroom furnaces. Fire officials, however, believe that fire may have started in the attic area rather than the furnace room itself. A gas company officer said he could find no evidence of fire originating in the furnace where the main blaze was discovered.

In any event, the fire spread from one unit to another through a common attic space. Greenbelt Plaza apartments were built prior to the adoption of the present county fire code in 1965. According to the *Washington Post*, fire officials said that the building code in effect when the units were built did not require fire walls to be built to the roof.

According to Abraham Chasnow, whose Greenbelt Realty Co. manages the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments, the owner of the burned-out building, Dr. Samuel Feldman, plans to rebuild as soon as possible. First estimates by a building contractor sent out by the insurance company (Zurich Insurance Co.) which handled the fire loss indicates that some of the less damaged apartments may be ready for occupancy again within two to three weeks. Reconstruction of the roof—the major job in repair of the building—has also been estimated to take about that period of time.

**Springhill Lake**  
The other fire occurred in Springhill Lake apartments at 9120 Edmonston Court around noon. Eleven families were displaced and damages were estimated at about \$10,000 to the building and \$5,000 to household contents. Thirty-five firemen re-

#### STILL NEEDED

Cash Donations - (Checks payable to American Red Cross or to Greenbelt Disaster). Bring to Community Church, Hillside and Crescent or to Parsonage, 2 Hillside.

Furniture (including children's), T.V. Stamp Books, Ironing Boards.

Men volunteers to drive trucks to help pick up and deliver furniture as people move into new quarters.

Call 474-6171

#### Eye-Witness Accounts

In building 9C Parkway, at about 4:30 a.m. the cries of her two-week-old baby awoke Mrs. Patricia Ross. Once awake, she smelled smoke and woke her husband, Wayne. The Rosses live in a duplex apartment with two bedrooms on the second floor, but on that particular night the new baby was sleeping downstairs in the livingroom. Ross said, "Thank God the baby was downstairs, because flames and smoke were pouring out from the furnace in the second bedroom." The Rosses aroused their neighbors and one of them, Kenneth Nicholson, ran to the adjoining building to waken other tenants. Apt. No. 204 in building 9C, occupied by the Dale Sheldons, was the most heavily damaged of all.

In building 9D the first to smell smoke and awaken was Amy Waggoner, who aroused everyone in that building. Amy praised the presence of mind of the firemen, who closed many closet doors in the apartments and spread tarpaulins over furniture, thus cutting down considerably on smoke and water and fire damage to possessions.

Councilman Leo Gerton was awakened by a policeman pounding on his door. He praised the valiant work of the firemen and commended the police for their immediate help and cooperation throughout the day.

Thomas Sherman, 9B, woke up, smelled smoke, heard crackling sounds from the fire burning in the roof overhead, and found smoke and flames pouring from the ventilating ducts, especially in the bathroom.

#### Fire Dept. Reminder

Do not hesitate to call for us. Sometimes and far too often people at a fire tend to think that someone else has called for the Fire Department. It is far better for two, three or even four people to call the Fire Dept. than for none to call at all.

#### Fire Proclamation

An official proclamation was issued Monday evening by Mayor Smith and members of the City Council expressing sympathy to those 75 people left homeless by the Greenbelt Plaza Fire. Smith also extended deepest thanks to all those who volunteered time and energies helping those displaced by the fire.

sponded to the call from several local fire companies.

According to fire officials, the fire started accidentally in the kitchen area of apt. 303 and smoke filtered through the rest of the building.

Fire victims were set up in the Howard Johnson Motel in Chevy Chase, but by the week's end, nine of the families were back in their apartments.

### Residents Respond Swiftly to Pleas By Amer. Red Cross

Greenbelters reacted swiftly and with their usual whole-hearted generosity when the news of last Thursday's pre-dawn Plaza apartment fire spread through town. Equally prompt was the Prince Georges County American Red Cross Chapter Disaster chairman, Robert Puttcamp, who was called at 7 a.m. and arrived on the scene at 7:30 a.m. With his team of Red Cross workers, he set up initial headquarters at the Firehouse and began tackling the problems of locating and registering the fire victims, finding them first temporary living quarters and later permanent housing, and collecting clothing and furniture. Puttcamp termed the Greenbelt fire the most serious one he has handled in the approximately 2½ years that he has served in his present role.

During the course of the day Greenbelt's volunteer groups, churches, and organizations were marshalled. At a 2 p.m. organizational meeting, chaired by postmaster Emory Harmon and attended by the Rev. Robert Field of the Community Church, Victor Smith of GCS, city manager James Giese, and Red Cross officials, it was decided that all activities would thereafter be centered in the Community Church basement.

Displaced families from both the Greenbelt Plaza and Springhill Lake fires were told to register at the Community Church. A system of cataloging their needs was set up so that they could be matched with the list of donations, especially furniture, when housing was located.

All over Greenbelt phones rang as officers of civic organizations reached their members to compile lists of what could be donated in the way of furniture, bedding, dishes, utensils and clothing. Even the Center School patrols contributed their mite, telephoning other children to bring donations with them to school.

By early afternoon mountainous donations of clothing began to arrive at the Church and were efficiently sorted by representatives of women's groups, who had received their basic training in innumerable rummage sales. Center and Beltway Plaza merchants donated infant supplies, food and drugs, and even remembered Easter candy for the children. The city helped to carry away from the destroyed apart-

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## Council Concerned Over Danger At Beltway Plaza Embankment

by Marti Silverstein

A potentially dangerous situation existing in Greenbelt—the embankment at Beltway Plaza—was a main topic of discussion at the April 7th city council meeting. Absent was councilman Leo Gerton who was ill in the hospital.

The embankment item was placed on the Council agenda at the request of councilman Pilski after a recent tour of Greenbelt. Pilski cited the embankment (which is located at the east end of Beltway Plaza adjacent to S. Klein's) "as a safety hazard and the city's responsibility." He further noted that the Board of Education's bus maintenance yard is located a scant 12 feet from the edge of the embankment. According to Pilski, "cars parked in the Klein lot within 150 feet of the bottom of the embankment are in extreme danger, since the embankment could collapse at any time with the coming spring rains."

Mayor Smith stated that "it was incumbent upon the city to take action." He further noted that a letter was sent this weekend on the matter to Francis Aluisi, chairman of the Prince Georges County Commissioners, requesting a meeting as soon as possible. It was recommended that copies of the letter be sent to the Board of Education, County Building Code inspectors and other interested parties.

Robert Mueller, a Springhill Lake resident and geologist, whose memberships include the Sierra Club (Conservation group) and Citizens for a Better Environment, a recently formed group of area residents dedicated to conservation, stated that in addition to the esthetic problem in this situation, the area was eroding and silting, which is costing taxpayers money. He differed with Councilman Pilski's comment that sodding the area could act to hold back the embankment. Erosion said Mueller, has progressed to the point that more drastic measures need be taken. He further noted that in addition to the imminent danger to cars parked beneath the embankment, several SHL children have been seen playing on the upper edge of the embankment. Further action on this matter was withheld pending response to the letter sent to commissioner Aluisi and the receipt of further investigation.

#### Lake Concession

A special memo was presented to council by city manager James Giese and Dr. George Cantwell, representing the SCH corporation which manages the concession at Greenbelt Lake. The memo noted that concessional operations at the Lake have been somewhat unsuccessful in the past two years. It was questioned whether to expand or remove the operation. Among requests cited were more boats to be purchased and the installation of a public telephone at the lake.

City council voted to oppose construction of a gasoline station on Glenn Dale Road to be located approximately 500 feet east of the access ramp to the B-W Parkway. The property is zoned C-2 and the site of over two acres was considered to be too large for filling station use. The construction of a large sign to be seen from the Parkway was considered to be most undesirable. The action taken by council was

in accordance with the recommendation of the Advisory Planning Board.

City manager Giese issued a progress report on the acquisition of part of Parcel 15 adjacent to the Greenbelt Lake. Negotiations with the owners represented by Theodore Lerner have been unsuccessful. The city is restricted by the Federal Government in the amount it can offer for the property. Council therefore recommended that city solicitor Emmett Nanna institute condemnation proceedings on the property.

## GHI Election

The nominations and Elections Committee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., is still actively seeking candidates to run for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. There are 5 positions on the Board and 3 positions on the Audit Committee to be filled. Any GHI member is eligible to run for these elective posts. If you are interested, please contact one of the following members of the Nominations and Elections Committee:

George Adams 474-9263; Darwin Beck, 474-2073; Andrew Feeney, 474-6051; Cathy Foster, 345-2025; Jackie Shabe, 474-6998.

## DOG BITE VICTIM

Richard Schubauer, age 8 years, of 7932 Lakecrest, was bitten on the hand by a dog on Sunday afternoon April 6 in the vicinity of the Charlestowne Village Townhouses. The dog must be found immediately or Richard will have to undergo a series of painful rabies shots. The dog, a small short-haired terrier with a black, brown and grey body and white legs, wore a collar and tags. Anyone who has any helpful information, please contact the Schubauers, 474-5205.

## LITTLE LEAGUERS

by Sterling Tropp

Don't forget the Greenbelt Little League Spring Dance this Saturday night between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. at American Legion Hall.

Tickets can be obtained from anyone affiliated with the Little League at Twin Pines or at the door.

There will be prizes and drawings, so come out and get in on the fun.

## WHAT GOES ON

Thurs. April 10, 7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Board Meeting, Hamilton Place.

Fri. April 11, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Co-op Hospitality.

Sat. April 12, 9 p.m. Little League Dance American Legion Hall.

## Planning Board Drops Zoning "Hold" Policy

Concern over the growing number of zoning applications being held until the completion of a master plan has caused the Prince Georges County Planning Board to do away with the "hold" policy on zoning petitions.

Up to this time, any zoning petition filed in areas where a master plan was being prepared by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission would be held until that master plan was prepared and adopted by the Commission.

Because of this "hold" policy on petitions, the Commission was not able to work on a great number of cases that were filed.

With the adoption of the new policy, applications will no longer be held up even when a master plan is under study for any given area.



Greenbelt Plaza Apartments after the fire, showing the caved-in roof at 9-C.

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## Aftermath Of The Fire

"When I heard it was Greenbelt," said Prince Georges County American Red Cross Disaster Chairman, Robert Puttcamp, "I knew I would get cooperation. But the response that came was overwhelming." He was reflecting over the events of a crowded day that had left Greenbelters impressed with the cool and efficient functioning of the Red Cross operation in helping out the fire victims. Equally impressed were Red Cross volunteers with the organizational talents and outpouring of generosity that they had been able to call upon in the community at large.

No one wants a disaster, of course. But sometimes disasters have their redeeming features. Greenbelters can take pride in the sense of community solidarity that developed in the aftermath of last week's fire.

## Letters to the Editor

### Answer to Miss Keene

It appears that Miss Keene has missed the entire point. A closed executive session is not a forum. My friends were first requested by the Board to attend a meeting to "consider the termination of your Mutual Ownership Contract." Then after informing the Board that they "refused to attend any more of your 2 to 5 hour inquisitions," which is what they considered these Executive Sessions, my friends were then invited by letter to attend a "forum" along with "any persons you wish to bring." They were also informed in this letter that "the Board will proceed whether or not you are present." It was then that they decided to attend this forum.

Miss Keene stated: "It is simply not true that they expected to attend a public discussion . . ." Then why were a reporter, a police officer, and other GHI members present at my friends request, expecting to attend a "forum"? Miss Keene further stated: "We are concerned that reputations not suffer since many accusations may be false or mistaken." I would like to know whose reputation are they protecting, the accused, the accuser, or the Board's? Why does the Board refuse to identify who your accuser is so you can prepare a proper defense? Why does the Board assume the accused are guilty and must prove their innocence, since the first letter from them . . . to present any evidence that you may wish as to why the Board should not consider the termination of your . . . Contract? Why does the burden of proof remain on the accused party and not the accuser? Furthermore, if a proper investigation was made in the first place, people could be spared the injustice of being brought before the Board on "false or mistaken" accusations.

Personally, I feel it's about time GHI kept their nose out of neighbors' squabbles and tend to the more important "corporation business." Let the proper authorities handle it. Where else in the U.S.A. are people guilty and can be evicted from their home unless they can PROVE they are innocent?

Mary F. Ford

### Thanks

Words fail us when we try to express our appreciation for all the help that was given us by the city at large during and after the fire—by the firemen, by the police, by city officials, The Red Cross, organizations, stores and individual families. We are truly grateful.

Residents of 9 Parkway

### Thanks

The family of Monte L. Taeler expresses their gratitude to everyone for their thoughtfulness during their bereavement.

Mrs. Monte Taeler

### Farewell to Paul

Our shoe repairman has had to sell his shop to another. No one knows how many soles, heels and many other repairs Paul has done for many citizens of Greenbelt during the many years of service here.

Thank you and may your health improve and may you enjoy a good retirement. We hope that Chester Main will prosper in your place.

Only a citizen without a car can appreciate a good shoe cobbler and I am that citizen.

The new hours at the shop are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

K. C. Buker

### Thanks

My deep appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kind remembrances during our recent bereavement.

Mr. Ernest DeGagne and family

## GCS Announces Merger

Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., has announced a union with Peninsula Cooperative Association, Hampton, Virginia. Greenbelt, the nation's largest consumer cooperative, is located in the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan areas. Peninsula Cooperative operates in the Hampton-Newport News areas.

Robert J. Dressel, President of Greenbelt, announced today that over 80% of Peninsula Cooperative's members have offered their stock in exchange for Greenbelt's. Greenbelt has accepted the offer and the issuance of new shares will take place over the next 60 days.

Greenbelt Consumer Services now has over 26,000 members. The union with Peninsula Cooperative will bring an additional 4,000 members. The combined cooperatives will then be operating 22 supermarkets, 8 auto service stations, 6 Scan furniture stores, 5 pharmacies and one book and record shop.

Greenbelt Consumer Services reported sales for 1968 of approximately \$43 million. Combined sales in 1968 for the Peninsula facility exceeded \$2½ million.

Both cooperatives have management contracts with Checchi and Company, a Washington based business consultant firm. Robert E. Morrow, Vice-President, Checchi and Company, is chief executive officer for both operations.

## Viola De Gagne

Mrs. Viola DeGagne, age 64, 6-V Plateau, died on April 4 after a long illness at Prince Georges Hospital. A resident of Greenbelt since 1953, she was active in community affairs and was a member of St. Hugh's Church. Mrs. DeGagne is survived by her husband, Ernest, daughters, Mrs. Simone Conroy of Richmond, Virginia, Mrs. Theresa Marshall of Southern Maryland, Mrs. Helene Slaughter of Urbana, Maryland, a son Andre DeGagne of Seat Pleasant and ten grandchildren.

## City Notes

Like most of the community, the city government was called into action during last week's fire in the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments. The police helped to rouse residents in the moments after the fire was discovered and posted a guard on the building during the day until the property had been secured. (No guards were needed at the Springhill Lake fire which occurred on the same day, since the management was able to take over the problem of security within a short time.)

Transporting of Red Cross supplies and of donated clothing from their original headquarters at the firehouse to the subsequent one in the Community Church was made possible by use of a city-owned truck. A city truck was also used to transport some of the personal goods of residents.

Three major construction projects within the city are progressing at a rapid pace. Paving for the parking lot at the library was poured last week and concrete curbing along the driveway also was poured. Paving of the driveway was to be completed this week.

At the firehouse roofing was being installed on the new addition, while grading of the area around the Municipal Service Building neared completion. All curb work has also been finished there.

The Public Works Dept. expects to finish the work on the ball diamonds at Braden Field, with the possible exception of clean-up of the drainage ditch, by the week's end. They have brought in sand, dumped fill dirt on the small field near St. Hugh's School, and prepared for sodding. Using the newly acquired back hoe, they cleaned a portion of the drainage ditch near the main ballfield. The ditch will then be separated from the diamond by a fence, to be erected by a subcontractor.

The Public Works Dept. has been concentrating in spring clean-up. With the help of a number of Boy Scouts on two different weekends, they got most of the lake area cleaned of litter and debris. The city crew also operated the leaf vacuum around town and cleaned up roadsides.

The Parks crew, who completed planting trees in the Boxwood subdivision last week, moved over to the Lakecrest subdivision this week. They planted trees on the city right-of-way for various homeowners who had ordered them through the Lakeside Citizens Association. The crew also plans to plant a buffer of trees between the ballfield at the bay end of the lake and residences on Olivewood Ct.

A position on the Parks crew was made vacant recently when one of the employees returned to Pennsylvania in order to become eligible for a state pension due him as a result of a lung ailment he had acquired from earlier employment as a coal miner.

## Philadelphia is New Income Tax Address

Federal income tax returns should no longer be filed with the Internal Revenue Service District Office at Baltimore, Maryland, but with the IRS Service Center, 11601 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19155, beginning January 1. This applies both to tax returns with remittances and those with refunds due.

The IRS Mid-Atlantic Region, which includes Maryland and the District of Columbia, is the latest to require direct filing of all income tax returns with IRS regional service centers, under a law enacted November 2, 1966. Direct filing of returns will eliminate initial handling at the district office, where they are packaged and shipped to Philadelphia for processing.

According to Mr. Machiz, District Director of Internal Revenue, direct filing will in no way curtail services taxpayers have been accustomed to receiving from the IRS district office. He said, "By relieving the district office of the burden of receiving returns and preparing them for transshipment, we will have a greater opportunity to render services to taxpayers."

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ments what was salvageable, storing it in space provided by Center School. Furniture is presently being stored at the Greenbelt Convalescent Center.

### Housing Arrangements

In the next few days, special efforts were directed at getting temporary housing for fire victims. Through the coordinated efforts of men's service organizations, local realtors, and the Red Cross, quarters were found for most in the Brae Brook and University Square apartments. A few were lodged in the Laurel and Carlton East apartments. Interviews with the victims revealed that most of them want to go back to the Greenbelt Plaza apartments.

The Red Cross is still on the job working cooperatively with local volunteers at the Community Church, who will be manning the phones and assisting the fire victims as they come in for clothing and household items.

Miss Patricia Jermon, Red Cross Supervisor for Disaster Case Work, stated that the Red Cross has expended approximately \$3,500 so far. The volunteer organization has assisted quite a few with initial rent payments, deposits, medical needs (a few lost their eyeglasses in the fire), food, and gasoline. There was "a great need" after the fire, she said, but "Greenbelt is a splendid community and it was wonderful the way people rallied to help."

(Editor's Note: A team of reporters, consisting of Virginia Beauchamp, Al and Elaine Skolnik, and Mary Smith, collected information for and wrote the accounts of the fire and community response.)

## Baptist Church Revival

Greenbelt Baptist Church is joining with Baptist Churches of North, Central and South America in "The Crusade of the Americas." The theme is "Christ the Only Hope." Revival services will be held April 13-20: weekdays, at 10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Rev. Thomas O. Dekle, Pastor of Shenandoah Baptist Church of Miami, Florida, will be the evangelist. The Rev. Mr. Dekle is a native of Florida and a graduate of the University of Miami. He holds a religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and has served churches in North Carolina, the District of Columbia and Florida.

Major David T. Hottel, evangelistic singer, is a native of South Carolina and holds degrees from Converse Conservatory of Music, Furman and George Washington Universities. He is Minister of Music at Congress Heights Baptist Church in Washington.

Pastor S. Jasper Morris and the Greenbelt Baptist Congregation cordially invite the public attend these special services, April 13-20. (Nursery care will be provided at all services.)

### CRUSADE OF THE AMERICAS

### REVIVAL

APRIL 13-20

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent &amp; Greenhill Roads

S. Jasper Morris, Pastor

### Sunday Services:

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Revival Service  
6:00 p.m. - Training Union  
7:00 p.m. - Revival Service

### Weekdays Services:

10:00 a.m. (except Saturday)  
7:15 p.m. (including Saturday)

(Nursery provided for all services)

THOMAS O. DEKLE, Evangelist

DAVID T. HOTTEL, Singer

You are cordially invited to attend!

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. GR 4-4477

Edward H. Birner, Pastor. GR 4-9200

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY NURSERY



## Civic Groups Can Earn, Keep Greenbelt Clean

The city's new program of working with non-profit organizations in the cleaning up of the shores of Greenbelt Lake has met with such success that the city has decided to continue this program and undertake other cleanup efforts. Organizations wishing to raise funds can receive a donation from the city in return for their members cleaning up public areas. The City contributes to the organization at the rate of \$1.00 per hour of work obtained from each member of the organization.

Three organizations have benefited from this program so far and have received a total of \$160 in contributions from the city. Two other groups are scheduled to do work shortly. Most of the groups have been youth groups, although one men's church group will participate.

Clean-up jobs undertaken are tailored to the age level of the organization, with the older boys and men getting the tougher tasks. Jobs to be done are cleaning out streams feeding into the lake and picking up paper and trash in park areas and along the road.

All groups that have participated so far have worked hard and have accomplished more than the City could have done for the same money using higher paid City help.

Groups interested in raising funds in this manner and in bettering their city by helping to keep it clean should contact Gary Stenhouse, Administrative Assistant, at the city offices (474-8000).

## ESTIMATED TAX DUE

Persons required to file a declaration of estimated Federal income tax for 1969 must file Form 1040-ES and pay at least 25 percent of the estimated tax due on or before Tuesday, April 15, 1969.

Irving Machiz, District Director of Internal Revenue for Maryland and the District of Columbia, said self-employed persons must include their self-employment tax in computing estimated tax due for 1969.

Publication 505, "Tax Withholding and Declaration of Estimated Tax," which furnishes detailed information on this subject, may be obtained at your local IRS office.

## Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside &amp; Crescent Roads

The Rev. Robert L. Field, Pastor

474-6171

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.

Church School (Grades 5 and 6) and Adult Bible Classes.

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service. Sermon: "A Time to Live; a Time to Die." Gen. 11: 1-9; Eccl. 3:1 and 2.

Infant care - 2-B Hillside. Nursery and Kindergarten - Fellowship Center. Primary - Social Hall.

# INCOME EQUALS EXPENDITURES -- THE GHI STORY FOR YEAR 1968

by Al Skolnik

An almost perfect matching of disbursements and receipts was the experience of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. in 1968, according to the year-end financial report submitted by comptroller Don McGinn to the GHI board of directors on Thursday, March 27.

Total receipts during the year (including \$37,000 from budgeted reserves for roofs, water lines, and parking court maintenance) amounted to \$1,334,522; total disbursements (including \$6,200 allocated for replacement of reserves) equalled \$1,334,604—a difference of less than \$100. All these amounts exclude mortgage principal and interest payments.

In the previous year, receipts exceeded expenditures by \$5,700, but in 1968 the reverse was true when disbursements exceeded income by \$61,800.

Comparing actual 1968 expenditures with budgeted amounts, however, shows some deviations in individual items. Among the major items that showed higher expenses than anticipated were waste collection (\$4,800), administration and sales (\$5,400), and heating costs (\$18,300). Items showing a lower cost than anticipated were real estate taxes (\$9,200) and water costs (\$8,400). Overall repair and maintenance costs were about the same as the budgeted amounts. In the case of the brick homes, however, expenses were greater than in the estimates; in the case of the frame homes, lower than the estimates.

For the brick homes, the main additional expense involved the trim paint program, which expended \$21,900 in 1968, compared with \$12,200 budgeted in 1968 and \$11,500 expended in 1967. For the frame homes, the reduced expenses were due to such factors as loss of maintenance personnel and reduced use of materials. This was offset to some degree by the additional amount expended for water line replacements of \$4,500 over the budgeted amount of \$30,000.

## Income

Receipts from monthly charges, which account for 89 percent of the corporation's income, were up \$75,000 in 1968 from 1967, as the result of the hike in members' charges at the beginning of 1968. Receipts from sources other than monthly charges rose by \$5,300 over 1967, with the sales department

fees, which were also raised at the beginning of the year, accounting for most of the increase.

On the expenditure side, disbursements were \$74,000 greater in 1968 than in 1967. Heating costs accounted for \$26,300 of the increase (due mainly to fuel oil price hikes), and repairs and maintenance for \$34,400. Other items up were waste collection costs (\$4,800) and administrative and sales (\$16,500). A slight offset to these increases was an actual drop of \$7,900 in legal costs involving school site and zoning suits. Real estate taxes were approximately the same for the two years as were most other items.

## Greenbelt Nursery School A Cooperative Success

by Cathy Harris

### PART II

Parent education is an important aspect of the cooperative nursery. This year the Greenbelt Nursery School has had guest speakers at two of their membership meetings. Terry Beresford gave a stimulating talk on the subject of violence, particularly in relation to its effect upon children. Last week Dr. Trudy Hamby of the University of Maryland spoke on the development of creativity in the pre-school child, illustrating her talk by giving parents a simple creativity test and by showing samples of children's art.

The school now has a small parent library, newly created by its Long Range Planning Committee. The library contains new and sometimes controversial books, pamphlets, and magazine articles concerning children, which parents are encouraged to use freely. Jonathan Kozol's book *Death at an Early Age* and John Holt's *How Children Fail* and *How Children Learn* are among the titles available.

In addition to the general membership meetings and private conferences between teachers and parents, class meetings are held during which the parents and teacher from an individual class get together and discuss aims, goals, and methods, interspersing serious discussion with anecdotes about themselves and their children.

Nursery school becomes extended into the community through the involvement of its members and alumni in community affairs. In addition, the school's few fund-raising activities are planned to bring part of the nursery school into the community.

Twice a year the Greenbelt Nursery School sponsors puppet shows geared to the three to six-year-old level. Last fall many young Greenbelters enjoyed Bucky Beaver; a showing of Winnie-the-Pooh is planned for April. During the Labor Day festival this last year, the school set up an easel where, for a very nominal sum, young children could paint a picture to take home.

For many parents the cooperative nursery school is more than just a place for children to play and grow. Their ideal is expressed perfectly (by a mother in Katherine Whiteside Taylor's book: This mother, "when asked if she was doing 'all that work' just to keep her child in a cooperative nursery) answered with intensity and conviction, 'it is something far deeper than that. Of course we do want nursery school experience for our children. But we also want to learn everything we can about human growth and interaction through studying them and ourselves. What we are learning will help not only now but all the way along. It will also help us contribute to the well-being of our world. Our job cannot stop at our front door or even with the nursery school yard. We must make the whole community a decent home for all its children if it is to be really good for our own.'

## PG General Hospital Opens New Wing

Recovery in-the-round, in the Washington area's most modern emergency room, is a reality at the Prince Georges General Hospital complex in Cheverly.

Opened in January, the hub-shaped facility is located in the new nine-story Tower addition of the complex, now undergoing the final stages of a \$10.5 million dollar expansion program, which includes a resident hall, expanded parking facilities, a 100-bed extended care facility and the Tower addition, which is now being phased into operation.

Fifteen spoke-like treatment areas surround a central nursing station, which has been designed with all areas within view and easy accessibility. Also in the unit are two observation rooms and a patient dispensing area, situated inside the entrance adjacent to the treatment cubicles.

With triple the space of the old emergency room, which last year handled over 50,000 patients, the new emergency department also includes a fully-equipped operating room, capable of handling any type of emergency surgery as well as an orthopedic room for applying casts and performing orthopedic surgical procedures. A specially equipped X-ray unit is also located within the department as an integral part of the unit and will provide fully developed X-ray films in 90 seconds.

The entire relocation program is expected to be completed within the next two months. Transfer to the Tower addition includes, in addition to the emergency room, the laboratory, X-ray, clinic, social service, physical therapy and patient units—A & C wings, all moving from the old hospital annex, which is then scheduled to be torn down. Improvements in the 25-year-old hospital will bring the total bed capacity to over 600, including a new 50-bed psychiatric unit.

The hospital complex is also earning a widespread reputation as an educational center with stepped up professional and accredited training programs in nearly a dozen areas of health related activities to help meet existing shortages in para-medical careers.

## Veteran Education

Veterans separated from service after Jan. 31, 1955, were reminded today by the Veterans Administration that they are now entitled to one and one-half months of educational assistance—up to a maximum of 36 months—for each month of military service.

J. H. HUBBELL, Manager of the Veterans Benefits Office said a law which went into effect Dec. 1 liberalized the previous Post-Korean GI Bill and provides for additional educational assistance (maximum 36 months) to veterans with a least 19 months of continuous service after Jan. 31, 1955, who have satisfied their military obligation.

HUBBELL pointed out Post-Korean veterans have eight years from the date of their separation from service to complete training under the third generation of GI Bill.

Some Post-Korean veterans entitled to educational assistance under more than one VA program, previously limited to aggregate benefits of 36 months will now be entitled to aggregate benefits of 48 months.

The VA especially urged Post-Korean veterans who did not return to school because they could complete only a couple of years of college under the old formula—one month entitlement for each one month service — to contact their nearest VA Office.

## TRAFFIC TIP

It is utter carelessness when a driver is injured by smashing into the windshield, the instrument panel or the steering column and is not wearing his seatbelt. The injury can hardly be called an accident.

## What to Do With Unordered Items

Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson suggested several ways to handle the rising volume of unordered merchandise received through the mails.

Unordered shipments trouble many postal patrons, who mistakenly believe they have two choices: Either send back a payment, or return the package and pay postage for its return.

If you don't want an unordered item - such as ties, greeting cards, pen and pencil sets or auto key rings - put the merchandise aside for a reasonable period of time, and if unclaimed dispose of it. Refuse to accept a package you believe contains goods you didn't ask for. Just write: 'Refused - Return to Sender' on the package and put it back into the mails.

'If a person uses an item, he is legally obligated to pay in most states. However, New York and Illinois have enacted legislation which makes such items an 'unconditional gift'.

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## MNCPPC Initiates Organization Survey

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is undertaking a survey to determine the existence of all civic organizations and their boundaries in Prince George's County.

The Commission's Special Projects Division, in conjunction with the Public Relations Department, is initiating this survey in Prince George's County now that a similar study has been completed in Montgomery County.

Known civic organizations will be mailed area maps of their proposed boundaries and will be asked to send back these maps indicating any corrections. Organizations will also be asked to send the names and addresses of their current officers.

When the survey is completed, a large map will be prepared to indicate a comprehensive picture of organization boundaries. From this map, the Commission will be able to determine which associations should be consulted during the preparation of master plans and who should be notified regarding zoning and subdivision changes.

## PG AREA SCIENCE FAIR

The 21st Annual Prince George's Area Science Fair will be held April 19 to 21 in the Cole Activities Building of the University of Maryland, College Park.

The Science Fair will be open to the public on Saturday, April 19, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; on Sunday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon and from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and on Monday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Awards Assembly will be held on Sunday, April 20, beginning at 2 p.m.

## Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik, 474-6060

Congratulations to Arthur Bernstein, 440 Ridge, who passed the D.C. Bar examination.

Washington Senator, Mike Epstein, who resides in Greenbelt, drove in the first run for the Senators at the opening day game.

Karen Goldstein, 56-C Crescent, and Leslie Griggs, 14-V-5 Ridge, were the winners in Center School's Improvement Contest. Karen composed a poem and drew a poster, while Leslie wrote a composition on the subject. Both received transistor radios.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. John Crisman, 47-B Ridge. John Michael was born March 31, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz. He joins Jane and Teresa.

Tamara, a Valentine's Day baby, has come to live with Jack and Nancy Taylor at 4-G Southway. Tammy is a darling, and we wish all three Taylors, all our good wishes.

Sp/4 Wayne Felde, son of Mrs. Ruby Felde, is home on leave after a tour of duty in Vietnam. Wayne will be stationed in Fort Dix, New Jersey.

A/C Robert Mogel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mogel, 45-T Ridge, is home on leave. He was stationed at Good Fellow Air Force Base, Texas.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Councilman Leo Gerton. Leo was hospitalized last Friday evening, a day following the fire that damaged his apartment.

Richard Loutsch, son of Mr. & Mrs. George W. Loutsch, 13 Maplewood, enlisted in the Air Force for four years and is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Our deepest sympathy to Ernest DeGagne, 6-V Plateau, who lost his wife, Viola.

Barbara Baker, 9003 Breezewood Ter., was honored for service to the Indiana Memorial Union, the campus student activities center on the Bloomington campus.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Carl J. Munson Jr., of Greenbelt received the Bronze Star Medal recently at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. WO Munson was presented the award for meritorious service in ground operations against hostile forces during his last assignment in Vietnam. He is a recorder with the United States Army Physical Disability Agency at Walter Reed.

Michael A. Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lindsey, 6231 Springhill Drive, is stationed at the United States Naval Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois, where he will graduate on April 29.

A .690 game by Ann and Tony Pisano was more than sufficient to win last Friday's duplicate bridge session going away. Some .063 percentage points behind were the teams of Lucille and Lou Lushine and George and Reiko Beckert, tied for second place at 39½ match points. Next game: Friday, April 11.

World traveler, First Lieutenant Ronald A. Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Charles, 2-D Gardenway, has visited thirty-one countries, the latest being a touring holiday of Korea. Stationed in Japan, Charles has continued to practice Judo, an art for which he has gained many honors. He captured the black belt grade from the Kodakan, the world center of Judo, on Feb. 20, which was also the date of his twenty-fifth birthday. Charles expects to remain in Japan for at least another six months and return to Greenbelt via some eighteen countries, including Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. Charles also finds time to write "classical romantic poetry."

Our Florida correspondent, Mrs. Joseph Long, writes touchingly of a reunion between two former Greenbelt families. The separation stretched over twenty-seven years, but recognition was quick when Ruth and Ed Weitsman, Oswego, New York, and Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Axelrod met by chance in Lafayette, Indiana, where Dr. Axelrod is a professor of biochemistry.

It's a pink bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newman, 13-G Hillside. Symantha Crachelle made her

## Speaking Sternly

(With this article, we follow the lead of those stupid articles providing improbable answers to impossible questions. Impossible answers to improbable questions? Sunday supplements — please copy)

### Information, Thank You

Q. Is there a cure for penicillin?  
A. Yes. Pneumonia.

Q. I have heard a song somewhere in which the refrain goes "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." What are the rest of the words?  
A. "Jimmy Hoffa's making license plates in jail, but his trucks keep rolling on."

Q. Does Maryland have a progressive income tax?  
A. Yes. A few years ago it used to be 3%, but then it progressed up to 5%. Our Annapolis correspondent assures us that more progress can be expected in the future.

Q. I am very conscientious about maintaining the boycott on California grapes, and I have heard about something called the statutory grape. Does it come under the boycott?  
A. Our expert at the State Penitentiary reports that while statutory grape (also known as "The Forbidden Fruit") is not peculiar to California alone, you are well advised to boycott it.

Q. Who said: "America, America, God Grace His Shed With Thee?"  
A. These words were said by the priest of a small and very poor church in Santa Fe, N.M., so poor that it was forced to conduct services in an old shed, and he said them when he happily accepted a road map of the United States which a passing tourist donated to cover some of the bare walls of the sanctuary.

Q. Do blondes have more fun?  
A. According to General Custer, who was blond, no.

Q. On the dollar bill, there is a picture of an unfinished pyramid, together with a Latin inscription. What does the inscription say?  
A. "He who doesn't have the money to finish should not start building."

Q. How can I tell a black bear from a grizzly?  
A. Climb a tree. If it climbs after you, it is not a grizzly.

Q. How does one get rid of disposable diapers?  
A. The U.S. Post Office has provided for this purpose a large number of square blue boxes with red tops, conveniently located. The

debut March 17, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. She joins Tamrah and Rachelle.

George Easton, Jr., captured first prize in the category of Engineering in Parkdale's recent Science Fair. His project was a "Solar Still." (Let's hear from other Parkdale winners.)

Pictured on the front page of the March 27 issue of the Prince Georges Sentinel were Mrs. Jackie Shabe and her children, 1-C Northway, Jackie, a representative for "APT" (Against Poverty Together) appeared before Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel in March to discuss the needs of poor people.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Charlotte Clinedinst, 54-C Ridge, who lost her husband George last week.

Mrs. Anne Kritzer will participate in the St. John's Georgetown House Tour of April 11 and 12. She will hostess at the 1820 town-house home of Mrs. Frank Wisner.

Army Private James R. Scullen, Jr., 9166 Edmonston, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training March 7 at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. Scullen received his B. A. degree from Cornell University in 1968.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to George Eshbaugh, 12-A Ridge, who was recently hospitalized.

James A. Grant, a former Greenbelt resident who is presently an assistant teacher of economics at Washington State University, was the recipient of the National Merit Award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Grant, 19-C Ridge, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Kerr, 19-A Ridge.

Condolences to Mrs. Melvin Goldstein, 6-Y Plateau, who lost her father, Herman Rosenthal of New York City.

contents of these boxes are regularly emptied, as given by the schedule posted on each of them. Try not to be present at those times.

Q. What is the most effective way to lose weight?  
A. Orbiting in space will get rid of all your weight, completely. We regret to note though, that it will do nothing to your mass.

Q. How many people work in the Pentagon?  
A. About half of them.

Q. What is nuttier than a bushel of squirrels?  
A. Readers who take this column seriously.

AND THIS is it for this time, folks. If you have any other questions, send them to this column, care of the News-Review.

## Symphony Orchestra Needs String Players

The University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra is interested in hearing from area residents who would like to play with the orchestra. Additional string players are especially needed in all sections.

Under the direction of Edward Reger, the orchestra includes university students, faculty, and staff and residents of the community. There is one rehearsal each week and one hour of credit is offered per semester. Several concerts planned for the 1969 season include one in April, May, and October, a musical show in November, and a symphony concert in December.

For more information or an appointment, call the symphony office at 454-2501 or write to the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra, Department of Music, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

## Summer Intern Work For College Students

American University's third annual Urban Careers Program will recruit 150 undergraduate college students as interns to work this summer in local government and other public service agencies in the Washington metropolitan area.

The internships will provide first hand experience with critical community problems in such fields as housing, poverty, education, transportation, employment, crime and health. Jobs will be available in local governments, city and metropolitan planning agencies, urban renewal agencies, community organizations and research offices.

Seminars will provide interns with an opportunity to explore the problems and challenges of a career in urban public service.

In addition, The American University will offer two courses in urban affairs for a limited number of students, one at the undergraduate level and one at the graduate level.

The final date for filing an application for the Urban Careers Program is May 1, 1969. Candidates must be residents of the Washington area or in attendance at a college or university in the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia. Preference will be given to 1968-69 juniors and seniors.

## National Parks Map

Where may I fish in the National Park System? Which national parklands provide camping facilities, swimming, food, and lodging? How did I get there from here? These and other questions commonly asked by vacationing Americans are answered in a new series of eight full-color maps offered for sale by the Government Printing Office.

This attractive group of maps, packaged in a specially designed envelope, is a new guide for park visitors. It contains an 18x28-inch United States map showing the relationship of more than 260 National Park System areas with the Interstate Highway System. With it are five detailed regional maps showing the major highways and nearby parks, routes, and cities. Also included are two individual maps locating parks, memorials, and recreation areas in the New York City and Washington, D. C. metropolitan complexes.

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**Greenbelt Grab-bag**

by Punchin' Judy

The Fifth Dimension has made a recording of Aquarius and Barbara Streisand is looking for Frank Mills. What I don't understand is what took 'em so long. The two songs mentioned are from the musical Hair, which has another half a dozen numbers as good or better. In fact, the whole musical score is just great. Of course, that's great not like in Beethoven's Ninth, but great like in Oklahoma! or The Sound of Music.

Now there is an analogy for you. I'll bet that no one in his right mind would think of comparing The Sound of Music and Hair. Fortunately, nobody has ever accused this columnist of being in her right mind, so here goes. First of all, there is something rather innocent and touching about both shows. Hippies, it turns out, have their joys and troubles just like Austrian aristocrats. Claude does not like to be drafted any more than Capt. Trapp and both agonize over their decision. Love, too, is a happening that comes to flower children as it does to governesses.

As far as telling it like it is, I'm not certain that Sound did. I'm pretty darn sure about Hair, though. Of course, I don't recall hearing the word "darn" used in the latter show, although several other four letter types were included. However, I have become inured to these after fifteen years of traveling through Greenbelt's underpasses, so I hardly noticed.

What a bouncy, peppy production. The young people in it are just beautiful, and they are so bubbly that one feels it must be natural, not just the result of very good direction. The effect is contagious. I don't remember wanting so much to be a part of the action since I saw the movie Madame Curie when I was a high school student in love with chemistry.

But enough of comparisons. There are some aspects of Hair which aren't like anything I've ever seen. The psychedelic lighting is fantastic and the casting has to be seen to be believed. Who'd think of having a Negro girl play Abraham Lincoln, and yet it seems perfectly natural at the time. My favorite scene took place between one of the young men and his parents. It took three people to play his mother, and one of them was a man. Two men and a woman played the fathers. Make sense, really. I'm a parent myself, and I'm not the same person at all times.

I'd like to tell you about the famous nude scene, but I didn't see it clearly. It was a moving and dramatic moment, and my eyes were filled with tears. I don't usually get so emotional, but this grabbed me, it really did.

But most of it wasn't sad. Most of it was wild and noisy and colorful fun. And how can you get mad at a show that has lines like: "Good morning, starshine, the world says hello. You twinkle above us, we twinkle below."

**Library Group Organizes**

The Friends of the Greenbelt Library held its first regular meeting last Thursday, March 27, in the city council chambers at the Municipal Building, elected an executive committee of seven members and adopted the by-laws of the new organization.

A discussion of the special collections which will be gathered and maintained at the Greenbelt Library was led by Mrs. Mayzee Darby, assigned by the Prince Georges Memorial Library system to set up the collections. Community planning and consumer co-operatives will be the two areas involved in the special collection, with the initial emphasis being placed on material concerning Greenbelt and its development.

Twenty Greenbelt and area Friends were present and became charter members of the new organization. The organization boasts 27 charter members at the present time and, by a motion unanimously adopted, the books of the organization will remain open for three months for those interested to join and be counted among the charter members of the organization.

Elected to serve on the executive committee, in addition to the Librarian of the Greenbelt Library, who serves as an ex-officio member of the committee without vote, were: James Cassels, Leo Gerton, Albert K. Herling, Seymour Kaplan, Joel Katz, Charles T. McDonald, and Mrs. Leonie Penney. The members of the executive committee will elect the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the organization from among their number.

The by-laws adopted were designed to avoid having the executive committee become a self-perpetuating leadership group.

Charles T. McDonald presided.

**The Talking Trash Can**

Some years ago, Greenbelt's Sanitation Department, indulging in one of those periodic but futile campaigns for a cleaner city, set up a special trash receptacle in the Center and wired it for sound. A small transmitter-receiver was hidden in the can and a man with a mike was stationed in a window overlooking the scene.

Greenbelt's News Review reported that a woman came along and tossed a chewing-gum wrapper on the sidewalk. The trash can spoke sharply. "Madam", it said, "a cleaner Greenbelt is up to you". The woman glared at the can but made no move to pick up the piece of paper. "What is your name, madam?" the can now asked her. "I don't speak to trash cans!" she snapped, and walked away.

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## Recreation Review

**Results of Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** The Easter Egg Hunt, held at the Lake Park on Monday, was again successful. Winners of prizes were as follows: In the Pre-school division, the large egg was found by Jimmy White and the Golden Eggs were found by Jimmy Wilhelm, Joanne Capotosto, and Leslie Wright. In the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, grade division, Janet Levesque found the large egg and Barbara Hand, Greg Montambault and Pamela Rosetti found golden eggs. In the 4th, 5th, 6th, grade class, Terry Nelson found the large egg and the golden eggs were found by Clair Capotosto, Phil Beard and Thomas Levesque. The easter bunny appeared with even more goodies for all.

**New Dog Obedience Class to begin:** The Greenbelt Recreation Department will run another Dog Obedience class on Tuesday evenings from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The class starts on April 15. Call now to register for this popular class. The class instructor is Ben Petkof Call daily 474-6878 to register.

**Men's Softball:** There are still openings for teams in the 1969 Men's Slow-Pitch Softball League. Triple headers will be played under the lights on Greenbelt's Braden Field, Monday through Thursdays. Contact the Amateur Softball Association District Commissioner, 474-6878, for further information.

**Spring Playground:** A spring after-school playground will be conducted at the North End School from April 21 through May 29. In cooperation with the County Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, two leaders will be on duty from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The program will consist of organized sports and games and will be available to school age children free of charge.

**Ping Pong Tournament**  
Four divisions of play involving 46 participants and numerous spectators at the Youth Center

highlighted this year's Ping Pong Tournament. In the Girls division, Jo Ann Miller defeated Dawn Miller for the championship trophy. The Boys division found a close battle between Dean Shiflett and Mickey Corbin. Hot Dog Corbin finally won out. In the Men's and Womens divisions, Mrs. Margaret Brunnatti defeated June Murray, while A. J. Nuzzo had a tough time beating Hugh Cottingham 21 to 19 in the third game, best two out of three series. Arrangements have been made to play tournaments with other youth centers in the area.

### Women - Interested in Daytime Exercise and Fun?

Join our exercise fitness class. Fun, games, exercise and sport activities, will be featured along with roller skating. Free babysitting. Call now, 474-6878.

**Results of the recent Kite Flying Contest:** The kite flying contest was a great success with over 35 participants. In the 10 years and under Boys category, first prize went to Bill Bradford of 1-C Woodland Way. In the Girls category, Pat Skillman took first and Anne Marie White took second. In the 13 and under category Leslie Griggs of 14 Ridge took first with Kips Harrison for the Boys in that category. Tom Skillman of 103 Northway took the Boys 16 and Under division. We hope to have more of this kind of fun in the near future.

### Adult Karate

The art of self defense is being taught at the Recreation Department. Call now to have your name placed on the list.

### Interested in a Particular Activity?

Give us a call 474-6878. If we can find enough people to join you in this activity, we sure will start it.

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## Fire Prevention Tip For April

by J. G. Wenrich

### PUT RUBBISH ON THE RUN

Beauty is only skin deep, according to the old saying.

Sometimes clean-up around the house during the year is only skin deep too. Out where the family does most of its living, everything is neat and orderly as can be.

But how about the attic or storage closet, the basement workroom or garage corner?

These are apt to be the forgotten spots, and they can be the trouble spots, where destructive, dangerous fire starts.

Put rubbish on the run in all these areas.

Clean out any stacks of newspapers and magazines, discarded clothing, mattresses, old furniture and lamp shades, draperies—all the clutter that collects in attics, basements and closets.

Do the same clean-up job in the home workshop too—shavings, scraps, oily rags, old paint cans.

Don't forget about the trash accumulating in the garage, and get rid of any crates and cartons outside the house.

A good, thorough clean-up job now—and repeated at regular intervals—is one of the smartest things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire.

## VFDRS Catering Service

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad operate a catering service. The proceeds benefit the GVFDRS.

Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary are: president, Mrs. Dorothy Varda; vice-president, Mrs. Peg Leibe; treasurer, Mrs. Cleo Dutton; secretary, Mrs. Bobby Hissey; historian, Margaret McKinney. Anyone may join and attend meetings which are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Fire House For information regarding the catering service call 474-6039.

## Lions New Year Ball a Blast

by C. M. Cormack Jr.

After all the guests had staggered out of the Greenbelt National Guard among and all the bills straggled in, the GREENBELT LIONS CLUB found they had netted \$450 from their annual Years Eve Dance. Last years dance netted \$740. While the heavy New Years Eve snow fall caused some cancellations last year, the flu bug really chewed into the profit this year. Those who did make it this year, however, appeared to enjoy themselves immensely.

The band that provided such wonderful music for the dance has agreed to a return engagement next year, so you long range planners, keep us in mind.

The profits from the New Years Eve Dance, like similar Lions Club functions, will be applied to charitable causes such as payment for eye examinations, purchase of eye-glasses and procurement of medically prescribed corrective or prosthetic devices for people who are unable to afford them. For the most part these needy people are local citizens, both adults and children.

## Play for Children

The Fine Arts Theatre Box Office will open on April 14 for the University Theatre production for children, "Young Dick Whittington and His Cat." Performance dates are Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20. Curtain times are at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. each day in the Tawes Fine Arts Theatre, College Park campus.

The story is by Alan Broadhurst and under the direction of Miss Margaret McKerrow. Art Ruyan, a Maryland undergraduate, has written original music and lyrics for the production.

For reservations and information, contact the Fine Arts Box Office at 454-2201, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

## HANDICRAFT SHOW

Fantastic crafts - and commonplace ones, too - will be on exhibit Saturday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church education building. Jewelry and silver work, woodcarvings, rag rugs, leaded glass and handwoven fabrics will be among the wares on view. Some will be available for purchase.

The setting for the exhibit is itself recently the recipient of an award of mention for architectural merit from the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It is located on the South side of Powder Mill Road two blocks West of Cherry Hill Road in Adelphi. Only the parking lot is visible from the road and it is marked by a lighted sign. Visitors may park in the lot; a path leads from the lower side of it to the church.

## "LET'S TALK IT OVER"

The Parish Council of St. Hugh's Catholic Church is sponsoring a series related to racial problems, called "Let's Talk It Over," to consist of 4 sessions to be held in Grenoble Hall, below St. Hugh's Church. The session will be held from 8-10 p.m. on April 30, May 7, 14, and 21 and will consist of a 35 minute talk by a prominent speaker followed by a question and answer period and roundtable discussion. Refreshments will be served.

## Bowie College Admissions

The Office of Admissions at Bowie College is now accepting applications for the fall semester of 1969. The college will be offering a program of financial assistance for undergraduate students consisting of loans, grants, scholarships, and part-time employment. All applicants must take the S.A.T examination. Further information and application forms may be secured by writing the Director of Admissions, Bowie State College, Bowie, Md. 20715 or by telephoning 262-3350, ext. 43.

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