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FIRST COUNTY ELECTION UNDER CHARTER TUESDAY

Greenbelt voters will have plenty of candidates to choose from in this Tuesday's special county charter election. Seven candidates are vying for the new \$35,000-a-year post of county executive and 50 persons are campaigning for the six \$15,000-a-year council seats. Five of the councilmen will be elected from council districts. The sixth (for which Greenbelter Perry A. Smith is a candidate) will be elected at large. Winning candidates need not capture a majority of votes — only a simple plurality.

Greenbelt is located in the 1st district, which will see Greenbelt Mayor Francis W. White competing against 8 other candidates. Greenbelt voters will not only indicate their choice for councilman from the first district but are also entitled to cast a vote for the county executive, the councilman-at-large, and for a single candidate from each of the other four council districts. (See chart on page 2 for list of candidates.)

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on January 26 at three places: Center School (third precinct), North End School (sixth precinct), and Springhill Lake Community Hall (eighth precinct).

About 8,800 Greenbelt residents are eligible to vote. Only 5,167 voted in last November's election and the number voting Tuesday is expected to be much smaller. Voters are reminded that they are eligible to vote if they have participated in a General Election (not city) in Greenbelt within the last five years.

Tuesday's special election was made necessary by the approval of a home-rule charter for Prince Georges County by the voters in November. Under the charter, the previous five-man board of county commissioners was expanded to 11 members and became a county council with a new county executive.

The six councilmen elected Tuesday will join the five county commissioners who were elected in November to form the 11-man body. The first county council will take office on February 8, 1971 and will serve a four-year term, as will the county executive.

Environment Questionnaire

Prior to January 26 elections, the Twin Pines Savings & Loan and the Springhill Lake Community House will display the results of a questionnaire which the Prince Georges Environment Coalition sent to all the County Executive and Council candidates.

Among the topics the survey covers are land use and zoning, roads and transportation, the sewer ban, and various pollution control measures. Two of the 27 questions concern there organization of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The Prince Georges Environment Coalition, a federation of county organizations active in environment issues, is headed by Greenbelt resident Rhea Cohen. The next public meeting of the PG-EC will be on February 25 at 8:30 in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library, to discuss public transportation in Prince Georges County.

BCA ELECTS OFFICERS

The newly elected officers of the Boxwood Civic Association are: president, R. Richstatter, vice-president, Larry White, treasurer Jane Kellaher, recording secretary Doris Elliott and corresponding secretary, Marie Weber.

WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Jan. 22, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Co-op Hospitality Room
Tues., Jan. 26, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Special County Elections
Wed., Jan. 27, 8 p.m. Water Pollution Talk, Greenbelt Library

Discussion On Water Pollution

On Jan. 27, G. Bruce Fisher, Chief, Planning and Resources Office, Federal Water Quality Administration, will talk on water pollution at the Greenbelt Branch of the PG County Library. This is the third in a series of seven meetings on environmental pollution cosponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees and the PG Library. Future topics will include pesticides, pollution's effect on wild life, noise pollution, and specific Greenbelt pollution problems. The programs are held on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. and are free to the public.

Citizens Charter Slate Candidates Reception

A coffee for the Citizens Charter slate headed by County Executive candidate Bill Gullett will be held at the Auerbach residence 14-X Ridge Rd. on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The candidates available to meet the voters will be Melvyn Meer, Robert Bender and Thomas Donovan.

GHI Pushes Heat Controls, Seeks Membership Reaction

by Al Skolnik

At its Thursday, January 14, meeting, the Greenbelt Homes Inc. board of directors received its first report on what management is doing to reduce home heating costs and to decrease complaints about too much heat in the frame homes. GHI manager Roy Breashears told the board that in both the brick and frame homes the plant clocks have been set so that heat is off between midnight and 5 a.m. except when temperatures are below 30 degrees. In addition, the number of minutes of each heat cycle in the frame homes have been reduced by one or two minutes.

Breashears said that so far the corporation has received three or four complaints about cold houses, but that some people are still complaining about overheating. The assistant director of engineering, Ernest Fromm, has been asked to experiment with two rows of frame homes which complained of too much heat. It is planned to install in one a more up-to-date "weatherman" and in the other, more sophisticated radiator valves which will allow members to raise or lower the temperature in living room and master bedroom of their homes.

The board is planning a member orientation meeting in February at which time an up-to-date report on the "battle of the heat" will be given. Other topics being considered for discussion are the yardline boundaries and the methods being considered for enforcement of regulations. In the meantime, membership reaction to the heat control measures will be sought, perhaps through a questionnaire.

Legality of 1971 Increases

GHI president Nat Shinderman reported that as the result of the recent hike in monthly charges, the corporation has received a few letters questioning the legality of the more than 10-percent rise in charges for the frame units. The basis for the protests presumably was a GHI by-law provision that reads as follows:

"If at any time a decrease in the Corporation's income or an increase in expenditures would involve an increase of 10 percent or more in the member's monthly 'operating payments' as defined in the members' Perpetual Use contracts, no final action shall be taken thereon by the Board until after a membership meeting shall have authorized such increase in the members' monthly 'operating payments'."

The board had voted (without calling a membership meeting) an

overall increase in operating payments for 1971 that was less than 10 percent, but the increase averaged 12.7 percent for the frame units and 5.7 percent for the brick units.

In this connection, Shinderman read a written opinion from the corporation's counsel, Albert Ginsberg, (and concurred in by GHI's other attorneys, Krooth and Altman) that the by-law clause can only be interpreted as referring to the operating payments for the entire or collective membership and not to the operating payments of an individual member. Ginsberg especially noted the plural use of the term "members" in the by-law language.

As thus interpreted, the 12.7 percent increase for the frame units, which varied from that of the brick homes because of the internal accounting system which separates the costs incurred by the two types of units, was deemed to be legal.

Board Jolted

The board received a jolt from treasurer Darwin Beck who com-

Intermediate Art Classes To Begin Jan. 25 at SHL

Beginning Monday evening, Jan. 25, a series of classes in beginning and intermediate painting classes will be held at the Springhill Lake Community Room under the direction of Jack Dillinger of the U. of Md. Art Department.

Dillinger, a former Greenbelter, has also taught at the Corcoran School of Arts and Long Beach Foundation of the Arts.

Classes will meet each Monday evening from 7:30 to 10 p.m. for twelve weeks and will be structured as a series, but with allowance for individual background and approach. The registration fee will be due at the first class. For further information call 779-1750. The class is open to all Greenbelters.

QUERIES ON RECREATIONAL LAND FOR SPRINGHILL LAKE EXAMINED

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

The city's proposals for securing land in Springhill Lake for recreational purposes have given rise to a number of questions. The city is in need of a half-acre site to locate a 7,000 square foot SHL recreation center, which was authorized by the electorate in a November 1968 bond issue referendum. It is also in need of open space and land for ball fields to serve the SHL area, which has no city facilities of this nature. The only field available to SHL residents is at the SHL elementary school.

The two needs are related because of suggestions that an 11+ acre tract located at the northwest portion of the project on the east side of Cherrywood Lane between the industrial tract and the apartments could be developed for ball fields, picnicking, and other recreational uses, with one corner used for the SHL recreation center building. The land, which is zoned for garden apartment use, is presently being used for a nine-hole, par 3 golf course, but the Springhill Lake apartment owners are willing to sell the land to the city for \$10,000 an acre and to donate a site for the recreation center.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has authorized an open-space grant to assist in the purchase of the land. The city is now in the process of having appraisals made of the value of the land. City officials state emphatically that they will not pay more than the appraised valuations.

Among the questions raised:

(1) Can the 11-acre tract, most of which is located in a flood plain of a tributary stream to Indian Creek, be developed for ball fields, playgrounds, picnic area, tennis courts, and off-street parking?

(2) Can the tract, or any portion thereof, be used for the construction of a recreation center building?

(3) What alternative sites are available for ball fields in the SHL area?

(4) What alternative sites are available for the location of a SHL recreation center?

The answer to these questions may well determine what is considered a fair price for the city to pay for this land. Flood plain areas, which cannot be used for apartment construction, have sold for as little as \$3,000 to \$6,000 an acre.

Flood Plains Can Be Used

In answer to the first question, the city has been advised that flood plain areas can be used for the development of ball fields and the like, but that the practice is currently not considered desirable. While many county ball fields, especially in the Riverdale and Adelphi areas, are located on flood plains, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission now tries to avoid this practice because of the difficulties and expense of maintenance.

City officials say that temporary flooding in times of heavy rain need not be harmful if the field is laid out to control the drainage. This is what has been done at Braden Field. Harold Kramer, SHL apartment part-owner, told the News Review that much of the 11-acre tract has already been filled for the golf course, and that there has been relatively little water accumulation.

The county code prohibits filling the flood plain area unless in conjunction with a public improvement project, in which case the State Department of Water Resources must first approve the plans. The county must also determine the effect upon storage capacity. The problem is that filling a flood plain can create backwater some place else; an equal amount of earth must therefore be removed from within the flood plain area. The city would have to submit a flood plain study to demonstrate that the fill can be done without affecting the flow of water in the stream at flood stage.

An MNCPPC staff member observed that where a relatively small area is involved, as in Springhill Lake, and the adverse effects are minimal, the chances for securing a permit for a ball field and recreational uses should be good.

Problems With Center

With regard to whether any part of the 11-acre tract can be used to locate a recreation center, the city's engineers, Greenhorne and O'Mara, told the city in a letter dated November 16, 1970 that the only portion of the site which is not within the 50-year flood plain, and therefore eligible for use for structural recreation purposes, is the area in the vicinity of the first tee. (The 50-year flood plain refers to the area inundated as the result of the worst storm record in the past 50 years.)

This area, however, is not large enough to accommodate the recreation building as initially designed. The initial design was for a square building on the ninth green, and city manager James Giese says that the building can be architecturally altered so as to be made oblong rather than square. If so done, then the building would be pretty much located out of the flood plain at the first tee, although some filling in would still be required, inasmuch as structures must have a floor elevation of two feet above the 50-year flood elevation. As already noted, filling in of a flood plain cannot be done without the approval of the State Department of Water Resources.

Greenhorne and O'Mara also told the city that without the benefit of soil borings they cannot determine accurately what the additional construction costs would be to meet the proper footage requirements. They guessed that the increase would be as much as 10 percent.

The engineers held out hope that the construction of the Cherrywood Lane culvert and the flood control projects of the Corps of Engineers on the Little Paint and Indian Creek branches might have the effect of lowering the flood elevation enough that a suitable area outside the flood plain area might be found for the construction of the recreation center.

Contacts with State Water Resource officials appeared to con-

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Rebuttal to Smith Charges

To the Editor:
In last week's News Review Jim Smith, 4-H Southway, took off on "GHI's delirious dilemma" in the "interest of honest, sincere communication."

Mr. Smith's knowledge of GHI's affairs is shallow and his desire to communicate a little late. He has had no interest in serving on a GHI committee, nor has he attended any of the Board meetings held in all of 1970, including the two special meetings on the proposed 1971 budget. I am a little mystified as to where he acquired his expertise.

Mr. Smith charged that the presentation of the alternate budgets developed questions "including the solvency of the corporation." This insidious allegation does great disservice to the membership. GHI's financial position is sound and is not in any jeopardy. The report of our auditors confirms this, and Mr. Smith's comment raises an unjustified scare.

Mr. Smith displays his ignorance and his carelessness when he states, "The shocking truth is whenever a proposed budget increase of 20.71% can be slashed more than 50 percent it clearly indicates a dangerous and adventurous trend." He implies that the Board padded its budget for no good reason. The Board presented what it considered a budget necessary to meet GHI's needs, and cutting it was indeed dangerous and adventurous.

Because the Board had to go under the 10% limit for operating costs, we had to

- a) effect a major reduction in the addition to working capital and reserves despite a concern shown for them at the May 1970 Annual Meeting;
- b) eliminate the trim paint program;
- c) reduce the time in which heat is furnished; and
- d) drastically curtail care of the common areas.

These steps will have serious consequences if continued in future budgets.

His discussion concerning the capital improvement program is so much twaddle. The capital improvement program was presented in an earlier membership meeting, including the detail Mr. Smith demands. It would have again been furnished at the Special Membership meeting had the opportunity been provided. The capital budget is a matter of record and is available to any member.

Incidentally, the contemplated \$16,000 survey, if made in 1971, will be repaid over a period of 10 years like other capital items.

My plea to the membership is not to accept everything recommended by the Board without question. By all means get the facts from the records or some other qualified source and form your own opinions.

Meanwhile watch for open meetings to be announced shortly. The criticisms we received at the open meeting of December 17 were constructive. We want more of this useful dialogue.

Nathan Shinderman,
President, GHI

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 8:30 p.m. at the Temple Social Hall. Ben Rosensweig, previously associated with the Greenbelt Consumer Services, will speak on consumer affairs.

Skating Danger

To the Editor:
While ice skating on Greenbelt Lake this weekend, I observed that the area provided for the ducks is located in an area of high skater use, and that this open hole in the ice constitutes a danger to the skaters. I observed several children skating very closely to the edge, and some were even playing with how close to the edge they could get.

Why can't the ducks be kept in a corner of the lake, for example near the far end of the dam, which is unused by skaters? If this is not possible, could the city provide roadblock horses to protect skaters from potential tragedy?

This matter should be considered in light of the fact that many children are on the ice without parents and supervision is at a minimum.

David Broida

Meade-McFadden

Mr. and Mrs. Seibert D. Meade announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Minetta, to John J. McFadden, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McFadden, Sr., of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Miss Meade is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, and is presently employed as an occupational therapist with Prince Georges County Public Schools.

Mr. McFadden is a graduate of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and is presently a graduate student at the Pennsylvania State University.

A June wedding is planned.

Mrs. G. Gilliland

Former Greenbelter, Mrs. Grace Gilliland, passed away on Sat., Jan. 16, after a long illness. She had been living recently at the Americana Nursing Home in Clinton, Md. but had been a resident of 19-E Parkway for several years. Burial was Tuesday in the family plot at Brunswick, Md.

Film at Mishkan Torah

The Sisterhood of the Mishkan Torah will present the award winning film, "The Two of Us," on Saturday, January 23 at 8:30 p.m. in the Mishkan Torah synagogue. A short comedy film will also be shown during the intermission, and refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, January 24 at 2 p.m. there will be a special showing for children only, age eight and over. The public is invited. For reservations or information call 474-1652.

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Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg
Spiritual Leader

Cantor Donald Weisman

Friday Services 8:30 p.m.

Sat. Congregation 9:30 a.m.

Jr. Congregation 10:30 a.m.

For Membership Information
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6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

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(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md.
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(Nursery through 2nd grade at 11:00)
Church School (3rd grade through adults) 9:30 A.M.

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
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GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 1971

CO-OP COMMUNITY ROOM

8:00 PM

Door Prizes

Refreshments

CARTE BLANCHE VERSUS GHI'S BUDGET

Since the News Review justifiably reserves the right to shorten letters of undue length to the Editor, it sometimes becomes not only desirable but imperative to publish the unpublished portions of the letter at the expense of the writer. Whether the board realizes it or not the most important relationship between the board and the membership is the budget. In the future, whoever is responsible for the preparation of the annual budget should apply sufficient and meaningful definitions to assist in justifying the budget before the membership. To wit: Relating is to tell the story; narrate; recount. To connect or associate, as in thought or meaning; show as having to do with; show a relation between; as relate theory and practice. To have some connection or relation. Opponents of the board repudiate the board's resolution, buster, including their pompous, self-righteous, holier-than-thou-title of "Americanism" chairman. If, in GHI's house organ or elsewhere, the board asserts or implies that the rank and file in the membership are likely to become a tool of the board's apparatus, they are a liar.

Jim Smith
Sea Horse House
4-H Southway

Paid Ad

Candidates in Tuesday's County Election

County	Alliance For Action	Republicans	Citizens Charter Slate	Citizens for Honest Government	Other
Executive	Steny H. Hoyer	William W. Gullett	William W. Gullett	Arthur A. Marshall	Francis J. Aluisi Carlton G. Beall Elbert M. Byrd, Jr. Leo E. Green
1st Council District	Francis W. White	James W. Bequette	Melvyn L. Meer	William J. Smith	David A. Elliott Jerome Anzulovic Michael M. Cory Danny D. Ballard Donald J. Evans
2nd Council District	Royal Hart	Maurice E. Abbott	William J. Avrutis	Harry W. Penn, Jr.	Robert W. Banning
3rd Council District	Francis J. Santangelo	Gerard F. Holcomb	Robert B. Bender, Jr.	Nicholas J. Nolan	Joe C. Adams Charles E. Callow
4th Council District	Ronald Richardson	Eugene A. Zamer	Ronald R. Reeder	Lansdale G. Clagett	Sheldon L. Freud E. Kathleen Shoap William D. Tranmer Ralph N. Small Vincent B. Goldsmith David H. Gwynn
5th Council District	Frank J. Komenda	Lucille B. Potts	Thomas A. Donovan	Joseph F. Vallario	Lamar E. Kemp Roy L. Chambers Joseph Mona James Alvin Duley
Councilman-at-large	Perry A. Smith	Margaret B. Mentzer	Lawyard L. Wilson	Francis C. O'Brian	Howard A. Bahem J. Evans Walter George A. Enuton Morris B. Falk William N. McKeever Walton G. Banks Gladys N. Spellman George I. Clark

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unreasonably High

The last issue of the News Review contained a letter stating that the Springhill Lake flood plain (now a golf course) is being considered for purchase by the City of Greenbelt for \$250,000. This is not clear and I have endeavored to determine the facts. The owners of Springhill Lake offered to sell the flood plain to the City for \$100,000 in February 1970. On April 14, 1970 the City estimated the value at \$240,000 when applying for a grant from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The total in the application was \$427,000 and included \$240,000 for the flood plain plus some other sums for the Lutheran Church and Furey properties. Half of the \$427,000 or about \$214,000 will come from Greenbelt and the other half from HUD. These figures are unreasonably high, since the owners of Springhill Lake will receive \$240,000 for land they admit is worth only \$100,000.

Robert Auerbach

Distorting the Issues

Leo Gerton and Martin Anderson omitted some very important facts in their letter to the editor last week. They knew perfectly well that:

1. R-18 zoning on the Charlestowne Village tract (50 acres, not 100) had the protection of covenants which limited development to 7 units an acre. (R-30 zoning had not yet been adopted in early 1962.) These covenants were signed by the developer and filed with the land records of Prince Georges County.
2. In 1966, the Greenbelt City Council, of which Francis White was a member, filed suit when the developer broke these covenants.
3. Francis White was a key witness for the City in the lawsuit involving a portion of Charlestowne Village Tract, which the developer promised in a written agreement to give to the City, but did not. The City won.
4. The City has not yet even entered into negotiations with the developers of Springhill Lake for the golf course land since it is a waiting appraisers' reports. Gerton and Anderson would have you believe that the sale has been consummated. Only the developer has mentioned the figure of \$10,000 per acre. Even at this figure, however, the total maximum City expenditure would be \$45,000, not the \$250,000 cited in their letter. The City Council of Greenbelt deplors the kind of tactics that deliberately distort the issues and confuse the citizens.

The Greenbelt City Council
 Edgar L. Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem
 Joel A. Katz, Councilman
 Elizabeth K. Maffay, Councilwoman
 Richard R. Pilski, Councilman

Out in The Open
 Ah, it is now all out in the open—the reason for the trumped up allegations concerning the proposal to purchase Springhill Lake open space is political; a blatant smear attempt on Mayor White, who happens to be the leading candidate for County Council from the 1st District. And, as is typical, on the eve of an election!
 Not only has this matter been an open public record, but Gerton and Anderson well know that not even negotiations have begun; that the question awaits appraisal reports; that only the developer has quoted a figure of \$10,000 per acre; but then, even at that figure, the total cost of the transaction would be \$80-90,000, of which the city would pay only half—not the \$250,000 they cite.
 Gerton, above all, however, knows that there was no basis in fact to Mrs. Cohen's insinuations. The proposal never had anything to do with the developer, but was a response, following the bond referendum, to a series of meetings held with all SHL organization and club leaders who were concerned about the total absence of public open space and recreational facilities in that complex housing almost 11,000 people. As an unsuccessful candidate for City council, Gerton was living in Springhill

Lake at the time of the last City election. Not only was he declaring himself the "SHL Candidate" to leaders there, but he publicly supported their need for open space and facilities. (As a matter of record, all candidates but Milton Hoffman supported this, as well as the crying need for the Gentry Drive exit.)

We all have a right to re-examine priorities of government at any time, but I believe that the intelligent voters of Greenbelt prefer to do it by examining the facts and facing the issues squarely, not by attempting to confuse through distortions and smears. That kind of tactic may be fun and games to some politicians, but just can't be overlooked when a man's reputation is at stake, or when it jeopardizes meeting the crying needs of a significant portion of this City's taxpayers who have tried so hard—and so patiently, I believe—to have other Greenbelters try to understand these two problems. But worse, I believe, it makes a mockery of our democratic process.

Robert H. McGee

Stale Facts

This is in response to the recent letter of Messrs. Gerton and Anderson, who have joined their friend, Mrs. Rhea Cohen, in a smear campaign against Mayor Francis White of Greenbelt. That letter appeared even after two careful explanations, published in this paper in recent weeks, which clearly outlined the Greenbelt City Council's position on the Springhill Lake Golf Course property as a site for a total recreation center. The explanations show clearly that the charges of bad faith on the part of the City Council of Greenbelt are untrue.

The Maryland State Legislature, in its wisdom, has passed a law setting forth a statute of limitations of three years, within which a person may bring a legal suit into court. The rationale behind this legislation is this: stale facts and hazy memories are not in the best interests of justice.

Neither is it in the best interests of Greenbelt citizens to re-hash a controversy which occurred seven or eight years ago, by presenting, at this time, biased viewpoints of stale facts and hazy memories.

Instead, we should consider how the citizens of Greenbelt presently evaluate the performance of their mayor.

Mayor Francis White, who is now a candidate for the County Council, has been endorsed by the Greenbelt Democratic Club and the Springhill Lake Democratic Club. Also, more than forty people in Springhill Lake alone are actively working in Mayor White's Alliance for Action campaign. Moreover, Mayor White has received the unanimous endorsement of the Greenbelt City Council in his candidacy.

But even more important, in the last city election Francis White received the greatest plurality of votes ever received by any candidate in a Greenbelt city election, which was over 50% more votes than were received by candidate Leo Gerton (co-author of the above-mentioned letter), who was not elected.

Prince Georges voters won't be deceived by this smear campaign, which is obviously motivated by a petty, personal grudge.

Gil Weidenfeld

Missed the Point

It was a jolly good show on the part of the Springhill Lake Civic Association President, Mr. Mulvihill, to come to the defense of Francis White (News Review, Jan. 7, 1971). He has, however, missed the point in Mrs. Rhea Cohen's letter.

He states that Springhill Lake has "virtually no outdoor recreation facilities." The property that the City is planning to purchase is presently being used as a golf course. If a golf course is not a recreational facility, what on earth is it?

He also states that "no commitment has been made to purchase the land at any price." Well, there is an intent to buy, and this is evi-

denced by the HUD application. Presumably the Manager has better things to do than fill in frivolous applications to HUD that the City has no intention of following through.

None of us in "old Greenbelt" begrudge Springhill Lake obtaining more recreational facilities. But the point is that what is now an outdoor recreational facility, namely a golf course, will probably end up in other uses because of the planned roads, if it is purchased by the City.

Owing to the above considerations, Mr. Mulvihill's defense of Francis White should be rejected as partisan, the more so because of the bullet vote which succeeded in placing a Springhill Lake-oriented majority on Council in the 1969 City election.

S. Moryadas
 Cathy Foster

Stuck in the Mud

I, too, applaud the efforts of Greenbelt's mayor and council to provide Springhill Lake residents a much-needed flood plain. Unfortunately the children will still severely lack a playing field. For them, spring softball practice will begin only after a long drought. It is the perfect park setting for strollers in galoshes. The few remaining dead and dying trees do not obstruct the sight, sound and smell of the Beltway, our most obvious landmark. As a fitting gesture, the grateful citizens could hold a thank-you picnic for City officials ankle-deep in their newly acquired open space.

The flood plain information that I have reported seems to be unwelcome news to some people. It is nevertheless available in public documents, most notably in a letter the City Manager received November 19 from engineering consultants.

Because at least 50% of the subdivisions' acreage is pavement or rooftops, a heavy run-off of surface water flows into the low-lying golf course. Floodplain underbrush and native trees slow the drainage and direct much of it to replenish the ground water supply. At the same time, the foliage filters out air pollutants from traffic and industrial sources, screens unsightly views and dampens the roar of highways. The denser the vegetation, the more effectively it fulfills these functions. This golf course is a textbook example of devastated woodland.

Let us buy it and restore it, and it will serve us well, but to prepare it for intensive use the City must order hydraulic engineering studies and draw up plans including these likely elements: (1) paved ditches to divert run-off; (2) regrading of existing terrain; (3) fill dirt two or three feet deep stabilized by pilings; and (4) retaining walls or dikes.

As Mr. Mulvihill said in his letter, the recreation center site is Greenbelt's "for the asking." According to the City's engineers it is in the only part of the golf course adaptable for construction, but it is too small for the proposed building. Perhaps the ball field could be put there instead and the center built next to either the elementary school or the community house. There is other open space for a softball field north of Springhill Drive. The owners could dedicate the required land to Greenbelt, as a fitting trade-off for the City's Culvert loan to them.

Long needed: persistent citizens and officials to persuade the developers to accept public acclaim and a tax write-off for their gift. Also lacking: civic leaders who really care about the people in Springhill Lake, to persuade the City—particularly during Council meetings—to use the 1968 bond issue and get the building underway.

Instead of congratulating the City government for two years of inaction, politically motivated SHL spokesmen should concern themselves with the prospect of 11,000 disheartened—to say the least—Greenbelt residents stuck in the mud of their "total indoor-outdoor recreational facility."

Rhea Cohen

Mayor White Supported

Messrs Martin Anderson and Leo Gerton established some kind of a record for letters to the News Review in their missive which appeared in last week's issue. They know that the Charlestown North high rise was built after the developer unilaterally abrogated a covenant, given by him to the city, not to undertake such construction. Knowingly to assign to Mayor White blame for what was done by another is a malicious act.

In keeping with the entire tenor of their letter they fail to note that the Mayor, in concert with the great majority of the citizens of Greenbelt, fought long and hard to secure a master plan for this area which would permit orderly growth, in harmony with the historical character of the community. They ignore, too, his efforts to bring about a relocation of the senior high school—a major community goal and also crowned with success. Not to mention his activities in connection with these matters might be regarded as a mere oversight on their part. After all, they were only the two most important public issues of the last decade.

Charles F. Schwan

Unconscionable Attack

The Anderson-Gerton letter of last week was an unconscionable attack on Mayor White and contains many distortions and innuendos deliberately prepared in an irresponsible manner.

Mr. Gerton knows full well that, as a member of the City Planning Board in 1962, his Board recommended the covenanted zoning which the County Commissioners granted that year. He also knows full well that the developers unilaterally breached the covenant and developed 25 (not 100) acres in R-18 zoning. He is further aware that the City Council made every effort, even through the State Appeals Court, to deter this action by the developers.

The misinformation alluded to throughout their letter represents the kinds of irresponsible actions which only distort our democratic process.

Ben Goldfaden
 Former City Councilman
 (11 years)

Biting the Bullet

In last week's News Review, there appeared a letter signed by myself and Mr. Gerton, who is presently out of town on business (fishing in the Bahams). Therein, we expressed some criticism, more in sorrow than in anger, of Council and Mayor White for their plans to purchase that property known otherwise in sporting and high financial circles as the Springhill Lake Golf Course.

We have received much justified criticism for what, in all humility, we acknowledge to be a certain lack of precision or clarity in our comments. Being forced to bite the bullet, a playful item also in the repertory of the Springhill Lake condottiere, we must admit we were dead wrong.

The figure in dispute is not "nearly a quarter of a million (\$250,000)," as we had earlier stated, but more accurately \$240,000, this being the amount estimated in the HUD application of April 14, 1970 for the value of the land in question. The total amount in the HUD application was \$427,000, including additional amounts for the Lutheran Church and Furey properties. Somewhat over half this quantity (\$214,000) was to come from HUD and the remainder from the City.

This HUD application, incidentally, would seem to be more widely read in Greenbelt than Portnoy's Complaint.

Thus, in correction of our prior letter, we must admit that Mayor White and the City Council are prepared to pay to the Springhill Lake developers a mere \$240,000 for the golf course; half with our City tax money and half with our Federal tax money.

Martin Anderson

No Laxity Here

We often hear about the deterioration of City services all over the Country and also how terrible the Postal Service is. Right? Well, let me tell you a tale—two of them, in fact.

When I retired three years ago, I bought three gallons of paint to redecorate my house, upstairs and down. Then I got disillusioned about the amount of time a retiree has to call his own, and never did get it all done. Last Monday I decided I had to get at the upstairs ceilings, so I opened the gallon of ceiling white and found it a mess of gook. I dipped some out into another container, put in some water and stirred and stirred, but it remained globs of gook swimming in slightly whitened water. The next problem was to get rid of it. If I put it in the trash, the men would turn the can upside down to empty it, the lid would come off the paint and ploooooosh! all over the front walk. If I put it down the drain, I'd have to call the GHI plumber fast. So I called 474-8000, City of Greenbelt office, and told a nice young lady my problem. No sooner told than solved. She told me not to put it out, but she would send someone up to knock on my door and I could hand it to them. Then it couldn't get spilled. An hour later that is exactly what happened.

Today, I decided to file my Maryland State Income Tax Return. So I worked it up, figured it out, wrote a check, signed everything and put it in the proper envelope, stamped it, and walked across the street to the mail box, dropped it in, and, feeling very virtuous, returned home. There, on the table, was the check made out to Comptroller of the Treasury, staring me right in the face. Alas! So this time I called the Greenbelt Post Office and presented a nice young lady there with my problem. (Don't we have a lot of nice young ladies in Greenbelt?) Ten minutes later, a Postman came up, opened the box, and upon my presenting proper identification, gave me back my letter to the Maryland State Income Tax Division. I opened it, inserted the check, resealed it, and mailed it again, all within a half an hour of the time it was first mailed.

Don't we live in a nice town?
 Janet M. James

Why a New Look?

I was greatly disturbed after reading an article entitled "PRAB Receives Report on Use of Woodland." This article stated that plans are being made for "a new look" for the area behind 13 court of Hillside down to Crescent Road.

My question is: Why should we need a "new look"? Natural open space for its own sake doesn't seem to be appreciated. Children as well as adults, have enjoyed this unmarked, untouched area. With everything being modernized and mechanized, it has been a definite asset to have an undisturbed field still existing in Greenbelt. If children want a formal playground, there are many others within walking distance, as well as basketball practice area at St. Hugh's School.

Already the interesting stream, liked by many children, has been filled with chunks of asphalt on the grounds that the gully was dangerous. I seriously doubt that the danger factor was large enough to warrant this. No notice was taken of those who liked the stream, and there are many.

I urge the city to leave this area alone.

Ruth Kastner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The News Review regrets that it will be unable to publish letters to the editor unless they are typewritten, double-spaced on one side of the paper, and are submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday night. We reserve the right to shorten letters of undue length.

City Notes

Engineers for the city were conducting field survey work during the week of January 18 on Research Rd. between Hillside and Ridge and on the intersection of Ridge and Laurel Hill. Their findings will be used in drawing up specifications for the reconstruction of these roadways at some future time.

Although Laurel Hill north of Ridge has undergone a widening and reconstruction program during this fiscal year, rebuilding of the intersection with Ridge was postponed since changes there in control of storm drainage would require prior approval of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. As similar approval will be needed for changes on Research Rd., the two pieces of new road construction will be dealt with together.

The city's crew took the initial step in dealing with a persistent drainage problem along Lakeside Drive, where a perpetual seepage of water makes a large puddle on the inside of the curve. In the winter the large sheet of ice formed by this puddle becomes a traffic hazard. To control the problem, the city plans to install a drainage pipe to carry surface water and water from several small springs into an existing catch basin. Installation of two sections of this pipe and its connection with the catch basin has already been accomplished. The rest of the work will be completed following delivery of the additional sections of pipe.

Walking in winter weather was made somewhat easier for the children at St. Hugh's school when the city crew also removed ice and snow from the sidewalk along Crescent Rd. between Parkway and the school, and filled a muddy spot in the gravel path on the other side of the street near Northway with stone chips.

Construction of the box culvert in Springhill Lake to carry a roadway across Indian Creek is proceeding somewhat slowly because of inclement weather. The top-side of the culvert was poured recently, however.

During voter registration sessions during December at the Greenbelt Library, sixteen residents were registered to vote in municipal elections.

Nurse Assistant Course

Department of Adult Education, Prince George's County Public Schools in cooperation with Prince George's County Chapter, American Red Cross, Prince George's County Health Department, and the Health Facility Association of Maryland is sponsoring a course in Nursing Assistant Training for Nursing Homes which will begin on Tuesday, February 2, 1971 and continue each Tuesday through March 16, 1971, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Classes to be held at the Prince Georges County Chapter of the American Red Cross (just one block east of Prince Georges Plaza); 6206 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland, will include training in basic nursing skills related to the needs and care for the elderly and the disabled. Upon completion you will receive a Trained Nursing Assistant Certificate. Tuition will be charged.

Registration will be held on Monday, January 25, 1971 at the Red Cross Chapter building from 7 to 9 p.m. or you may register by mail (call 927-4400 for application).

TRAFFIC TIPS

The vast majority of traffic accidents are caused by little things. A little less speed, a little more alertness, a little more following distance, a little more patience and courtesy would prevent most of them.

Many drivers do not understand the function of a yield sign. A yield sign means just the same as a stop sign... unless the way is absolutely clear. If there is any doubt at all, come to a complete stop.

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plained bitterly about the dragged-out board meetings which, he said, represented "town hall meetings of the year" rather than the efficient deliberations of a responsible policy-making body. He denounced the endless and repetitive discussions on minor matters, many of which he felt could be handled through other means.

Shinderman agreed that volunteer self-policing by each board member has not worked. He therefore suggested that each board member prepare suggestions for streamlining board procedures, which will be considered at a committee of the whole meeting on February 4.

The board received another jolt when it received a letter of resignation from Gordon Allen, chairman of the Landscape and Environment Committee. In his letter, Allen charged the board with "operating in direct competition with the membership and in opposition to our long-term best interests."

The board was bewildered by the resignation, since, as board members Tom White and Dave Lange put it, "the board has valued very highly the diligent and productive efforts of the chairman in producing material needed by the board" and has so stated publicly. The letter gave no clue as to the specific points of differences and White thought it would be worth while for the board to ascertain "just what the problem is."

In other committee changes, Ben Rosenzweig was appointed to the Finance Committee and Edward Devonshire to the Maintenance Committee. White was named chairman of the Planning Committee.

Other Matters

The board agreed to close the finance office on the second Wednesday evening of each month whenever that date falls after the tenth of the month. The office will still be open on the first Wednesday of each month to handle monthly charge payments.

The board heard a plea from a father whose son had constructed a playhouse that was considered structurally not in conformity with playhouse regulations. The board thought that if some minor improvements in appearance were made the playhouse might be considered an exception.

The board voted to grant GHI employees the same holiday schedule as has now gone into effect for Federal employees and employees of the city.

Boys and Girls Club

Basketball Score Card

10 yr. boys won 1	lost 2
beat Marlboro, 10-8	
11 yr. boys won 0	lost 3
12 yr. boys won 1	
beat Berwyn Hts., 25-20	
13 yr boys won 1	lost 2
beat Bladensburg, 38-35	
14 yr. boys won 1	lost 1
beat Glen Arden, 35-29	
15 yr. boys won 1	lost 1
beat Cheverly, 40-39	
16 yr boys won 0	lost 3
18 yr boys won 2	lost 1
beat Adelphi and District Hts.	
11 yr girls won 2	lost 1
beat Lewisdale, 23-8	
beat Laurel, 7-6	
13 yr girls won 0	lost 3
15 yr girls won 2	lost 1
beat Belair, 14-13	
beat Camp Springs, 12-6	
Total B.G.C. Record: won 11 lost 20	

Film, Talk on Space Flight at Library

For an "Out of This World" evening, the Greenbelt Branch of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library has arranged a program on Manned Space Flight and Technology Utilization on Monday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. in their Meeting Room at 11 Crescent Road. William Watson, Public Information Officer at Goddard Space Flight Center, will speak, show two films, and participate in a question and answer period. The program has been planned to coincide with current interest in the forthcoming manned space flight. Admission is free.

Recreation Review

Arts and Crafts (Children)

This popular class is open to all elementary school boys and girls — and it is free. Sessions are held as follows: Ridge Road Center, Monday - Grades 1 & 2; Wednesday - Grades 3 & 4; Friday - Grades 5 and over. Beginning Thursday, January 28 at the Youth Center - Grades 1, 2 & 3 and on Tuesdays Grades 4, 5 & 6. All of the classes will meet from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Miss Janie will instruct at the Youth Center.

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Get in shape for tennis. All persons interested in playing badminton - indoors - should call the Recreation Department to register their interest. If the interest is high, such a program may be initiated.

Holiday Roller Skating - Tues., 26th

The polls are open and so is the Youth Center. Roller skating from 9 - 10:30 am for Grades 1, 2 & 3; 10:30 - 12 noon, Grades 4, 5 & 6; 12 noon - 1 p.m., Teen Skate. Open Gym and Teen Lounge from 1 - 5 p.m. Ridge Road Center will be open from 4 - 5:30 p.m. for Drop In.

Jaycee Week

Jaycee Week, Jan. 17-23, is when the United States Jaycees and its affiliated state and local organizations set aside a week to observe the founding of the Jaycees.

This week celebrates the founding of the Jaycees in 1915, when Henry Giessenbier saw a need for a young men's civic group and organized the first chapter in St. Louis, Mo. The movement spread so fast that in 1920, the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce was formed with 24 cities represented. The Maryland Jaycees were formed in 1940. The name of the organization was changed from Jr. Chamber of Commerce to the U.S. Jaycees in 1965. The Jaycees are not associated or connected in any way with the Chamber of Commerce groups. Jaycees, are young men between the ages of 21 and 35 from all walks of life and dedicated to community service.

Jaycees, now more than a quarter million strong, work for community betterment in 6,400 communities in the nation. Maryland has nearly 5,000 Jaycee members including 37 active Greenbelt men.

Community projects completed by the Greenbelt Jaycees in the past year included: securing a dilapidated building from the City and after making extensive repairs opened the building as a summer day camp, Camp Pine Tree, for children in the community; cleaning five truck loads of old tires and debris from Greenbelt Lake and its tributaries; painting the playground equipment at Candy Cane City; providing guidance and companionship to 8-12 year-old fatherless boys; conducting an annual awards dinner at which time the Outstanding Young Educator, Joe Emerson, and the Outstanding Young Man, Joel Katz, were honored; and conducting numerous civic information and education projects such as County Executive Candidates Nite and the Environmental Seminar (currently being held at the library).

Membership in the Greenbelt Jaycees is open to all men 21 to 35 years old. Contact Dave Conley at 345-2154 or Bob Hansen at 345-8803 for further information.

Bicycles, Minibikes Are Subject to State Laws

Maryland Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Ejner J. Johnson has asked parents and teachers to instruct youngsters that bicycles and other play vehicles are now subject to the state's new motor vehicle code when operated on highways. The code became effective Jan. 1.

Under the revised code adopted by the 1970 legislature, bicycles are also subject to certain equipment requirements and their operators must obey the rules of the road the same as motor vehicle operators. The provisions are identical to those of the national uniform vehicle code.

The new code prohibits bicyclists from carrying passengers unless the bicycle is designed to do so, and the bicyclist must not carry any bundles or articles which prevent him from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

Unlike pedestrians, who are required to walk facing traffic, bicyclists must ride to the right side of the roadway, or on a bikeway adjacent to the roadway. They may not ride more than two abreast and are prohibited from dual-lane highways where the posted maximum speed limit exceeds 35 miles an hour and from all controlled-access highways.

Commissioner Johnson said all bicycles using the highways must be equipped with brakes and a bell or device (other than a siren or whistle) capable of giving an audible signal for a distance of 100 feet.

In addition, every bicycle must be equipped with a white headlamp visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 600 feet.

The new law also prohibits any person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, skateboard, roller skates, sled or any other toy vehicle from clinging to any vehicle on a highway.

Johnson said any violation of the new law is a misdemeanor. It is also a misdemeanor, he continued, for any parent or guardian to knowingly permit a youngster to violate the provision.

The commissioner further cautioned parents and youngsters that mini-bikes and other motorized vehicles are banned from highways unless they are registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles and operated by a licensed driver. Most play vehicles require safety equipment to meet registration requirements.

Spellman to Be in Greenbelt

Former Prince Georges county commissioner Gladys Noon Spellman will be in Greenbelt on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Jackie Shabe, 65-K Ridge. Mrs. Spellman is a candidate for the councilman-at-large seat in the upcoming county council election on Jan. 26. Everyone is invited.

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firm that what the city had in mind was possible. "Our main interest," one official said, "is to prevent intensive development of a flood plain area. Recreational use of these low-lying lands seems to be a proper use. One small building and a ball field on the flood plain will probably meet no objections." He added that the application would, of course, have to be studied before any decision was made.

Alternatives

If, for price or other reasons, the 11-acre tract is not acquired, what other areas are there in Springhill Lake that can be used for ball fields? About 1 1/2 acres are needed for a softball field and about 2+ acres for a regulation baseball field. The only vacant tracts of this size left are a 2.18-acre parcel at the corner of Edmonston Road and Springhill Drive, which is zoned commercial-office, and the industrial tract. The former is of questionable shape (at least for a baseball field) and land in both these areas can be counted on to cost much more per acre than the golf course tract.

Alternatives for a recreation center building are more numerous. The Springhill Lake owners have reiterated their offer to donate 20,000 square feet (about a 1/2 acre) to the city for a building. One site proposed was the SHL community house grounds, but the owners want assurances that the design of the building will conform to the present structure. Another possibility is the 2.18-acre C-O tract mentioned above, but the owners have indicated that they would want the city to purchase the rest of the tract also, since they do not want to break up the property. A third possibility is a tract off Edmonston road (where the road used to dead-end) which is now used for the parking of trailers and boats. Still another may be a strip of land to the west of the SHL elementary school service drive. However, this may be needed as open space to justify the existing apartments.

Finally, there is the school board property where the SHL elementary school is located, but initial city reaction is that it is not feasible to build adjoining recreational facilities on that site.

The consensus appears to be that the golf course may not be the best land for recreational purposes, but that it is the only land that is available from a realistic point of view considering cost factors. As for the recreation building, it appears that the building could be located on the golf course, but there are other alternatives that should be explored before a decision is reached.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

by John Armstrong

Since the election of officers and a board of directors, the club has been moving steadily in trying to build a strong Boys' and Girls' Club. Under the direction of Jerry Shafer, the club has established several committees that are looking into areas of particular concern to the B.G.C. at this time.

Registration regulations were drawn-up by Bill Carlson, Bob Barton, Colean Shafer, Ray Leber and Jerry Shafer. In the past, no requirements were made of young-

sters registering in the B.G.C. programs. This does not mean that certain youngsters cannot participate. What it does mean though, is that youngsters must give particular information during sign-up just as adults do in city voting registration.

Joe Wilkinson, Bob Bicknell and Clift Raley are now preparing a budget for this year which officially begins April 15 (baseball season).

Buzz Martin, Bill Carlson, Jerry Shafer and Bob Barton each are heading separate fund raising

committees. One such program the club has in mind is presenting for a second time, the famous softball sensation, "The King and His Court."

Other members of the board, Shaughnessy, Mongelli, Millhollon, R. Smith, E. Smith and the Jenkins' all are helping to get the B.G.C. programs off to a fine start.

All of the officers and members will be present at an open meeting to be held in the Greenbelt Municipal Building Feb. 2, 1971 at 8 p.m.

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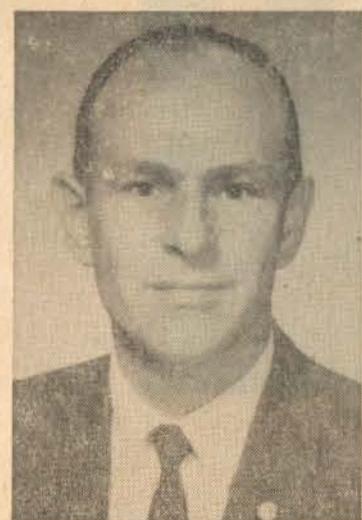
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Entrance for New Bank To Be on Edmonston Rd.

by Virginia Beauchamp

Planning for vehicular access to the new branch of the Peoples National Bank of Maryland, now rising on Edmonston Rd. opposite the Greenbelt Junior High School, was the first order of business from the moment that the site was selected. According to bank president Marlin Husted, traffic patterns in and out of the narrow strip of land, which lies between Edmonston and Kenilworth Ave., have been of particular concern because of the already serious traffic congestion on Greenbelt Rd. at the Kenilworth-Edmonston intersections.

Through a series of conferences over a period of several months between bank officials and representatives of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, specifications for the driveway to the bank were worked out. Providing both entrance and exit for the property, the single driveway will be located 250 feet from Greenbelt Rd. on Edmonston, almost opposite the driveway exit from the school. It will offer access to a 40-car parking lot and to the three drive-in windows, to be located under the building's second story.

The building itself will contain 9,000 square feet of space. It will house the bank on the ground level, including the drive-in windows. The upper level, consisting of 6000 square feet, will be leased for office space and will be subdivided to suit the tenant, Husted said. It is being constructed at a cost of \$259,000 by Wrathall and Ovalle Builders, a Beltsville firm. Its total value, including land and furnishings, is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$450,000.

According to current landscaping plans, all native trees which are large and well-shaped will be maintained. Brush and scrub trees, however, will be removed and new trees planted to preserve a buffer of foliage between the building and the highway to the south.

Banking Facilities

The sixth outlet for the firm, the Greenbelt branch will provide all banking facilities except trust services, according to Husted. Scheduled to open June 1, it will be open twelve hours daily, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, from 8 till 2 p.m.

Originally authorized in 1965 under federal regulations, the Greenbelt branch was first planned for construction on the Golden Triangle. It was shifted to the new location when plans for commercial development of the Triangle fell through.

Neil R. Greene, architect, of Silver Spring designed the building.

AAA SUGGESTS DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Now that winter has come, motorists should be receptive to a short refresher course in "child-centered defensive driving," suggests Norman R. Weiss, Manager of the AAA's Local Division.

Motorists must be very much aware of school age youngsters on their way to and from school and playing after school.

Watch for reduced speed-limit signs in a school zone, remember the law about stopping for a stopped school bus and keep in mind that school children may forget the rules of pedestrian safety when getting off public buses. Be on the look-out for children riding bicycles.

As a parent, help your child find the safest walking route to school and teach him safety rules. If he takes a school bus let him walk to the pick-up point. And above all, don't drive children to school unless absolutely necessary. Unnecessary automobile traffic in school zones creates increased traffic and safety hazards.

Bible Class Forming

A non-denominational Bible Class is now forming to study the Bible in survey form. Interested persons may call 474-6679 for further information.

Story Program for Tots

Registration for story programs for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds will be held at the Greenbelt Branch of Prince Georges County Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The programs will be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for 3-year-olds; on Tuesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for 4 and 5-year-olds. The programs will start on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and continue through March 11.

Registration is required, but no child may enroll in more than one of the four groups, Mrs. Carolyn Estridge, branch librarian said. There is no charge for any library program.

Boys, Girls Club News

This year the Boys and Girls Club had a championship 100 lb. football team. These boys spent nine weeks together and now have nothing to remember their team mates by. If there is anyone, an amateur or experienced photographer, who would be willing to offer his services in taking team pictures or know of anyone who might, please contact Bob Barton (474-2065) or write B.G.C. P.O. Box 142, Greenbelt, Maryland.

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Alice Conkey of Greenbelt has been named District Supervisor with the Department of Parks and Recreation of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Prior to Mrs. Conkey's new position, she was a Community Director for the Beltsville and Calverton areas with the Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince Georges County.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger N. Craine, Jr., 33-P Ridge, have "adopted" Maria Ipanaque, a twelve-year old girl of Ecuador by contributing \$16 a month through the Foster Parents Plan, Inc. (352 Park Ave. South, N.Y., N.Y.). The Craine's contribution brings the Ipanaque family a monthly cash grant, and distribution of goods such as vitamins, blankets, towels, medical and dental care, etc.

Greenbelter Joseph F. Meadow is the new chairman of the Prince Georges County Consumer Protection Commission. The appointment was made by the county commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellerin, 54 Lakeside, were entertained at the Odyssey Restaurant in Columbia, Md. on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on January 8.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has awarded a \$226,640 grant to the University of Maryland in College Park for "The Theoretical and Experimental Studies in Space". The studies will be conducted at College Park under the direction of Greenbelter, Dr. Howard Laster, a professor of physics.

A daughter was born to former Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Schwan III, on Dec. 22. Julie Ann weighed 7 lbs 8 oz. Her proud grandfather is Charles F. Schwan Jr., 7-A Crescent.

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The length of the non-credit courses varies from 5 to 16 weeks, one or two evenings per week, for a variety of subjects.

For more information, call or write the Conferences and Institutes Division of University College, University of Maryland, (454-2322).

City To Honor Two Retiring Employees

A farewell reception will be held for long-time city employees, Mrs. Linda Dove and Otis Keys, on Friday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

An accounts clerk with the Finance Department since Sept. 10, 1943, Mrs. Dove lives with her husband Robert in Hyattsville. Former Greenbelters, they have two sons.

Keys, an employee of the Public Works Department, has been with the city since Sept. 7, 1949. He and his wife, Elva, reside at 16-Z-4 Ridge in Greenbelt. They have four children.

Greenbelters are invited to attend the reception.

Library and UN Sponsor Foreign Policy Discussion

The Greenbelt Library and the United Nations Association of Greenbelt are jointly sponsoring the foreign policy discussion series "Great Decisions... 1971."

The discussion group will meet at the Library on eight successive Wednesday evenings beginning February 10. A nominal charge will be made for registration, which will include the discussion booklet prepared by the Foreign Policy Association.

The group is open to anyone of high school age or older. Detailed information may be secured at the library or at the Twin Pines Savings & Loan office.

Make Way for Postman

Postmaster Emory A. Harman has requested that patrons try to keep their sidewalks cleaned after snow storms.

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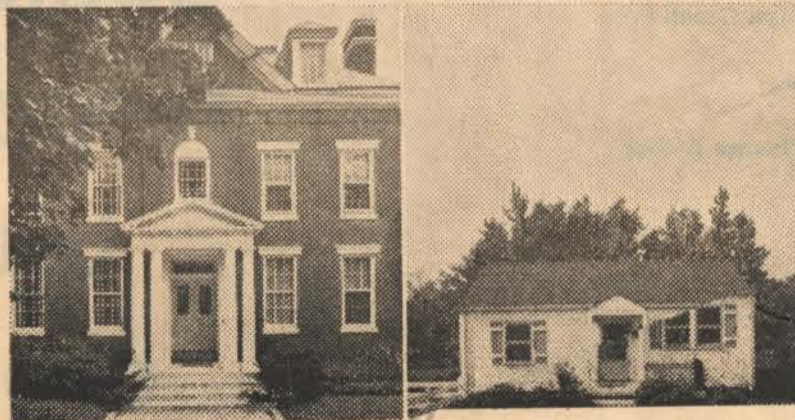
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