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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

Thursday, June 8, 1972

James Smith New GHI President As Nat Shinderman Steps Down

by Al Skolnik

James W. Smith was elected president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. at the special organizational meeting of the board of directors on June 1. Other officers elected were David W. Lange, vice-president; Thomas X. White, treasurer; and Norman W. Weyel, secretary. There were no opposition votes, though Howard Brooks, a new director elected last week, abstained from voting because he said that he was not personally acquainted with any of the nominees and therefore in good conscience could not participate in the voting.

Just before the nominations were opened, Nat Shinderman, president of GHI since May 1970, announced that he was stepping down and would not accept another term as president. Shinderman will remain on the board; his term has another year to run. Shinderman was praised by White for his services to the corporation as a board member since 1963.

Smith was first elected to the board in 1965 and has served since then with one short interruption in 1970-71 when personal business forced him to resign from the board.

Burgoon's Report

In presenting the official certification of the election results of May 24-25, Ed Burgoon of the nominations and elections committee expressed his dismay at the amount of harassment the committee had received during the past year and hoped it would cease.

He said the climax came last week when his personal integrity was challenged in his role as tabulator of the paper ballot voting for the coming year's nominations and elections committee. Burgoon explained that he was chosen to count the ballots because he was the only member of last year's nominations committee who was not standing for reelection.

Nevertheless, he said, the committee received letters charging fraud and requesting a recount because "the best qualified candidate for the nominations committee had not been elected" and because the ballots were not numbered.

The request for a recount was later withdrawn, Burgoon said.

The newly-elected Audit Committee also reported that it had met and had elected James R. Foster as chairman.

Next Steps in Survey

Most of the rest of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the next steps to be taken in consideration of the structural and management surveys. The board set Wednesday, June 14, for the general informational meeting for the membership on the management audit survey. It will be held at Grenoble Hall, St. Hugh's starting at 8 p.m. Representatives from the consultant firm of Cresap, McCormick, and Paget will be available to answer questions.

The next step in both surveys will be to get the reaction and input of management to the recommendations contained therein. The board will then consider the setting

up of committees to review the content of the reports. There followed some discussion whether these committees should be of an ad hoc nature to be concerned solely with the surveys or whether they should be merged with the already existing committee structure. The matter was put off until tonight's regular board meeting (June 8).

Another subject that came up for discussion was phase II of the structural survey which, Smith explained, involved more detailed, in-depth studies and comparative cost analysis of the various suggestions made by The Architectural Affiliation. There was a question whether phase II would also include a demonstration project involving a few of the buildings, but the consensus was that much more information would be needed first, either from TAA or other consultants. It was also felt that more membership input would be needed, with perhaps membership approval asked before any demonstration project actually began.

Other Business

The board approved for first reading the low bid for fuel oil submitted by Takoma Fuel Co. (price 12.79c a gallon for metered and 12.29c a gallon for bulk). Last year's low bidder was BP Oil Corp. for the metered and Takoma for the bulk.

The board unanimously turned down a request from a departing member for a waiver of the inspection fee of \$28.50. This inspection is made by the corporation and is limited to equipment and conditions that the individual member is responsible for. The board explained that the fee comes out of the sale price of the house and therefore is not a bill that must be met in cash by the departing member.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Teens interested in working with children this summer are invited to enroll in the Prince Georges County Health Department's Youth Corps.

After receiving training, volunteers will help youngsters make simple but creative toys that they can take home. The play groups will also serve as demonstrations for parents at the clinic to learn about children and how children learn and how to provide stimulation at very little or no cost.

High school students, 13 or over call Mrs. Shelton, 773-1400 x 435.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, June 8, 7:45 p.m. GHI Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Friday, June 9, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room

Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, Lake-Park

Monday, June 12, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, June 14, 7:45 p.m. C&P Telephone Glee Club - Lake-Park

8 p.m. GHI Informational meeting on Management Survey, Grenoble Hall, St. Hughs

FEELERS PUT OUT ON GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Representatives of Phil Lustine, Hyattsville car dealer, explored with city council last week the possible development of part or all of the 57-acre Golden Triangle for a used-car, new car agency and/or a national discount department store. The council was told that Lustine did not have a contract or an option to buy the land, which is owned by Milton E. Selig.

Located on Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Capital Beltway, the land is zoned C-2, a category which would permit among its uses a regional shopping center and a new car dealership. A special exception would be needed for the ancillary used car sales operation.

Regarding the latter, the county council is presently considering a bill which would permit used car sales lots to be operated in conjunction with and adjacent to a new car dealership as an integral part of the dealership.

The city council unanimously directed city manager James K. Giese to express its opposition to the bill, the intent of which would eliminate the requirement of a special exception.

SOCC Suit Continues

Clearing the underbrush of procedural questions, Circuit Court Judge William B. Bowie on June 2 paved the way for a hearing on the merits of the case with respect to Save Our Community Committee's suit against the county for approving the Greenbriar special exception allowing 2- and 3- bedroom apartments in excess of the number allowed by the zoning ordinance.

SOCC had filed a motion for summary judgment (request for judgment on the basis that the facts were not in dispute). This was denied as was the county's request that SOCC's amended petition for review be stricken. The county and Greenbriar Associates were given ten days to respond to the petitions. A trial date will then be set.

In other action Judge Bowie denied a second request by SOCC to move the case from Prince Georges County to another judicial district court (Judge Roscoe Parker had previously denied the request on May 15) and also refused SOCC's request that he disqualify himself from the case because he was a property owner in the county.

Thomas White represented SOCC; Glenn Harrell, the County Office of Law; and George Brugger, Greenbriar Associates.

FILMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

A "Movie Time" program for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will be presented at the Greenbelt library on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. from June 13 to July 25 in the Meeting Room. The program will include stories and fingerplays as well as films and filmstrips. No registration is required. Call the children's Department, 345-5800, for more information.

City Budget Set at 1,220,500 Tax Rate Hike Kept to 8c

by Al Skolnik

A municipal budget of \$1,220,500 for 1972-73 calling for an increase of 8 cents in the property tax rate, 3 cents of which represents funds set aside for capital improvements, was adopted by city council on Monday, June 5. The new tax rate is \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed valuation, compared with \$0.84 for the current year ending June 30, 1972.

The council followed very closely the path Mayor Richard Pilski indicated at previous public hearings that council would take with respect to cutting the tax rate. Expenditures were cut approximately \$34,000 below the budget presented by city manager James K. Giese, while revenue from sources other than the real property tax were estimated at about \$23,000 more than first anticipated. At the same time, the city's assessed valuation was reevaluated at \$55.2 million, up some \$1.4 million from the original estimate.

Council also avoided an increase in the waste collection fee by a reshuffling of the schedule. There will be two regular trash collection pickups a week with a third collection exclusively for newspapers and magazines. Homeowners would be required to separate the newspapers from other household trash and place them by their doors for the once-a-week collection. Giese said that he did not expect to be tooled up for the new schedule until the end of the summer.

Cuts in Expenditures

The biggest cut in expenditures came about through the deletion of capital equipment items. About \$14,500 was saved through eliminating purchase of teletype, portable radio, and criminal investigation camera for police department; intercom system, static roller, street sweeper, cultivating aerifier, and trailer spray unit for the public works department; and the trampoline and amplifier for Youth Center. About the only major capital equipment items left in the budget were the computer and 2 police squad cars for the police department plus \$1,100 added to the budget at the last minute for a motor scooter. Also new gym lights for the Youth Center were approved.

Another major cut came about as the result of eliminating funds of \$9,900 for construction of a waste recycling center. Enough money was left in the budget to continue existing programs and to institute new programs such as used oil collection.

Personnel costs were also reduced by eliminating \$4,000 for part-time help and by approving a pay increase for city employees of 3 1/2 percent instead of the 4 1/2 percent originally proposed. The lower pay hike was due to the fact that the cost of living had not increased as much as projected. The savings was \$6,200 including \$1,500 deleted for training programs.

The remaining cuts were attributable to reductions in operating and maintenance expenses and supplies and to an optimistic cut of \$1,000 in funds for snow and ice removal.

Compared with Last Year

Despite these cuts, the budget for fiscal year 1973 represents an increase of \$87,900 or 7.8% over the amounts appropriated for the 1972 budget. Most of this increase can be attributed to rising wage levels and cost of material and supplies. No new city employees are called for under the new budget except in the finance department where one new employee will be hired on an overlapping basis during the pre-retirement period of the city treasurer.

One major increase in expenditures will arise out of the new capital improvement fund which council agreed to finance by setting aside 3 cents on the tax rate. About \$18,600 will be raised in this way. Among the projects that will be financed through this fund are the resurfacing of Ridge Road (estimated cost \$10,500) and smooth sealing of Springhill Drive (at \$3,900). This capital improvement fund is considered a major renovation which if followed through in future years will make it possible for the city staff to plan future projects realistically with a knowledge that funds would be available when needed.

Other areas where increased expenditures are expected are in such fixed items as pension and insurance costs (up by \$10,900) and in the city's debt service which will amount to \$134,900 in fiscal 1973, compared with \$126,400 in 1972. The city has outstanding some \$1,113,000 in bond issues.

The recreation budget for 1973 shows no significant departures from the 1972 budget. Contributions to local recreation groups are as follows: Greenbelt concert band (\$750); jogging (\$100); Aquatic Boosters Club (\$1,025); SHL Boys Club (\$500); Greenbelt Little League (\$1,500); Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (\$1,000); and Greenbelt Tennis Assn. (\$25).

Revenue

The biggest factor in the revised estimate of revenues which will yield \$23,000 more than first estimated by Giese is an anticipated increase in the State-shared ad-

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NOTICE OF

GHI Informational Meeting

ON MANAGEMENT SURVEY

Wednesday, June 14, 1972

Grenoble Hall, St. Hugh's

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The 'Old Pro' at Work

An increase in the city's property tax rate is not usually a subject for praise, but there were certain developments that occurred during this year's budget considerations that warrant special comment.

In the first place, we were surprised by the lack of public interest in the budget, despite the 21-cent tax increase presaged by it. It was almost as if council had employed the services of an anesthetist. And perhaps it did, because undoubtedly contributing to the lack of a taxpayer's revolt was the experienced hand of Mayor Richard Pilski at the helm.

Mayor Pilski over the years has built up a reputation as a close but fair scrutinizer of city financial affairs. The city generally has confidence that he will dig out of the budget any unnecessary frills, examine carefully the merits of any new proposed expenditures, and seek out new sources of city revenue. This year was no exception, as the increase in the tax rate was kept down to 8 cents.

Yet, the Mayor has not been indiscriminate in his budget-cutting. He has been equally responsive to appeals for increases in the budget when they are supported by well-thought out and justifiable reasons. This year, for example, the council, upon Pilski's urging, introduced the concept of a self-financing capital improvement fund, through a 3c levy on the tax rate, in the hope that future capital improvement expenditures can be planned for on a regular basis without becoming the first victim of budgetary constraints, as has often been the situation in the past.

And it is to the Mayor's credit that he was able to muster behind him the solid support of the council which only a few weeks ago was at loggerheads over the Greenbriar project.

Mayor Pilski is also to be commended for introducing a procedural change in the treatment of the budget which the News Review has long advocated — namely, to use the official public hearing to acquaint the citizens with how the council viewed the budget proposed by the city manager. In the past, the public hearing was usually confined to getting public reaction to the city manager's budget, whereas the crucial point was to get public reaction to what the council was going to do to the budget. It is just possible that this year's finally-approved budget was more acceptable to the public because it had some inkling in advance of the direction in which council was going.

Try Biological Controls

To the Editor:

In response to the letter printed in a recent issue of the Greenbelt News Review I would like to congratulate Cheryl May for speaking up about a problem this community is having which has so far gone unresolved. The problem is the indiscriminate spraying of pesticides here in the ecology conscious city of Greenbelt! Not only is this spraying harmful to ourselves, to our children, and to our domestic pets, but it is harmful to other animals, birds and insects which are a vital part of our ecosystem.

Mosquitoes are the problem for which this spraying is done. As it is turning out, we are not only victims of the mosquitoes, but we are the victims of our own sprays. In the end the mosquitoes are winning the battle. Interestingly, Cheryl May pointed out in her letter that the mosquitoes become resistant to a particular pesticide and it is no longer effective. We have all experienced the return of these biting little creatures within a week's time after enduring the unpleasantness of mass pesticide fumigation. Thus, a new poison is used and the same problem continues. It is not only economically wasteful to pursue this circle, but it is dangerous! We must concern ourselves with this problem and stop such spraying.

Are Purple Martin birds the answer; or would spraying only those areas where the mosquitoes breed solve the problem? A new control is needed. Perhaps if more citizens of this community were aware of how dangerous these pesticides really are, we could unite in our efforts to fight against the haphazard spraying and meet the mosquitoes on their own terms. Biological controls are the answer. It is a matter of finding out which control would work best in this community. We could surprise our pesty friends and make Greenbelt an unpleasant community for them to overpopulate.

M. K. Shaanon

Community Church News

Beginning on June 18, Greenbelt Community Church will observe summer hours, with Sunday worship services at 9 a.m. This schedule will continue until after Labor Day. Infant care will be provided during the service, and for children from 4 years of age informal activities will be offered downstairs in the Social Hall, with singing, Bible stories, movies, discussions, and prayer.

The Rev. Robert L. Field will preach at the 11 a.m. service June 11 on "Jesus-His Major Message" and June 18 at 9 a.m. on "The Bible — Its Inspiration."

Vacation Church School opens Wednesday, June 21, with daily sessions from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. until Friday, June 30, at Greenbelt Community Church, with the cooperation of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and United Methodist Church. All children in the community from 4 years of age through the sixth grade are cordially invited to attend this ecumenical school. Registrations will be received at the three participating churches after the morning service on June 11 and also on June 18. No registrations can be accepted after that date.

Antiques, Fashion, Food

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood is sponsoring its third antique show at the synagogue, Ridge and Westway Roads, on June 12, 13, and 14. Twenty dealers will exhibit rare coins, paintings, and other unusual items.

There will be a lunch and fashion show on Monday from 1 to 3 p.m., and coffee and dessert on Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. with another fashion show. On all three days the Sisterhood will have a bake sale featuring delicious home baked pies, cakes, and breads of the sort that mother would bake if she had time.

For further information see the ad elsewhere in this issue.

Memorial Day, 1972

To the Editor:

I'm a big fan of public holidays and an enemy of using them to run away from here to the purple mountain's majesty. But if we stay here, let's have a celebration that speaks well for what this day is all about. People of Greenbelt are more creative, imaginative and better lovers of country than anyone attending Greenbelt's Monday morning Memorial Day program would ever have guessed. Do you wonder why more people choose to sleep or mow than come? It should be the pride of the American Legion, the VFW and all the other concerned organizations that this is not the America of 1918, 1945 or even 1952. Some of the changes are good, some are bad. We are not as simple, not as generous, not as sure. Plan a celebration that speaks to all of us now about the meaning of a day to remember. Think perhaps beyond the slain heroes of the battlefield to the slain heroes of America's labor movement, of women's suffrage and liberation, of slave revolts and freedom rides, of American Indian resistance to theft and genocide. Think of our ancestors who fled the battlefields of Europe to settle this country, of the draft resisters during the Civil War and World Wars I and II. This is the kind of past that, when remembered, may help us through the present.

I have three other quick thoughts. First: This is one of the few nations in the world where, since 1865, the war dead have been primarily soldiers. It's hard to feel noble about the deaths of the children, the old, the mothers. Second: We were told again and again Monday that the boys didn't die in vain. Why do we need to be told so often? And what's so unusual or shameful about dying in vain? Last weekend hundreds did it on the highway. If the fifty-thousand-plus American dead in Vietnam have died in vain, let's say so, face up to the guilt and not have to pretend that we or anybody else would be less free if they were alive.

Third: Larry Hogan, Monday's speaker, is worried that we'll become a second-rate power. The thought occurred to me: Why not? Most people live out their lives in little fifth- and sixth-rate powers, some poor, some not, without crime in their streets or cancer in their cells. What's so great about being a first-class power in our everyday lives? Larry Hogan likes taking 60c of your tax dollar for military spending. That's not the kind of thinking that made a Greenbelt possible 40 years ago, nor the kind of thinking that should characterize our peace-seeking community today.

Gabe Huck

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M. Burchick Ordained

The Burchick family, 20 Woodland Way, Michael, Myrna, Duane, James, Mark, Terence and Duane, announce the ordination of their son and brother Michael John, to the priesthood by the Most Reverend Raymond J. Gallagher, Bishop of Lafayette, Indiana. His friends and neighbors are invited to the open ceremony at St. Hugh's Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 17. This is the first ordination in a home parish in the area.

The Rev. Mr. Burchick, who has lived in Greenbelt all his life, was a member of Scout Troop 746 and an active participant in Labor Day Festivals. He attended St. Hugh's School, Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C., received his Bachelor Degree in Science from the University of Maryland, his Master's Degree in Science from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. He has studied theology for the last five years at Catholic University.

Father Burchick will be leaving for Marion, Indiana, the week after his ordination.

Thanks

To my friends and neighbors for their kindness and thoughtfulness during my recent stay in the hospital. Charles (Chuck) Farrell

Thanks

To the Editor:

I want to thank all of you who voted for me in the GHI elections week before last, and particularly those of you who supported me publicly.

I could not possibly be more pleased with the effectiveness of your support. I will try to see to it that neither you, nor the rest of the membership, are disappointed by the results.

Gordon Allen

Holy Cross Lutheran Church



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Schedule books listing summer courses at Prince George's Community College are now available in the Admissions and Records Office for any person interested in attending either Summer Session I (June 5 - July 7) or Summer Session II (July 17-August 17).

Registration for Session I will be from 1 until 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, with late registration being on Thursday, June 1 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Summer Session II Registration is scheduled from 1 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, with late registration proceeding on Thursday, July 13. Regular registration will be held in the Queen Anne Fine Arts Building and late registration will be conducted in the registration center of Kent Hall.

Classes will be in session from 8 a.m. until 9:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. A student may carry a maximum load of 7 credit hours per semester during these summer sessions.

Recreation Review

Tennis Lessons - 16 Years & Over

Classes are being offered for beginners and intermediate beginners on Mondays 8:30-10 a.m., 10-11:30 a.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Also Saturdays 8:30-10 a.m. and 10-11:30 a.m. Classes begin Monday, June 19 for 7 weeks. Registration fee due June 16 for Monday's class and June 22 for Saturday's class. For further information call 474-6878.

Swim for Lunch Bunch

Starts June 13 in the swimming pool diving well from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday. Limited to 25 participants. Fixed fee.

Governor's Track and Field Meet

Greenbelt residents 8-18 years of age interested in this competition to be held at Montgomery Junior College can sign up for practice sessions, to be held this Saturday, at the Youth Center from 9-11 a.m.

Volleyball Ends
Next Wednesday is the last night for volleyball play until the fall program begins.

Lake Park Summer Sounds

Greenbelt's Lake Park Summer Sounds' concert series will premiere the season with a highly entertaining performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band on Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m. on the bandstand at Greenbelt Lake. The band is under the direction of John DelHomme.

On Wednesday, June 14 at 7:45 p.m., the C & P Telephone Company Glee Club will return for their annual performance.

Admission is free for all the concerts and any further information may be obtained from the Recreation Department.

Boxwood Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic will be held at Greenbelt Lake Park on June 24, from 12 noon until dark. All Boxwood residents and their families are invited. Games for all ages and prizes awarded. Drinks will be provided for the children and beer will be available for the adults for a small donation.

Rhea Cohen Testifies

Greenbelt Councilwoman Rhea Cohen testified at Governor Mandel's hearings in Annapolis on Thursday, May 25. Speaking for the Metropolitan Washington Coalition for Clean Air, the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Association of Southern Maryland and the Prince Georges Environment Coalition she asked the Governor to veto two bills that would relax the State's air pollution controls.

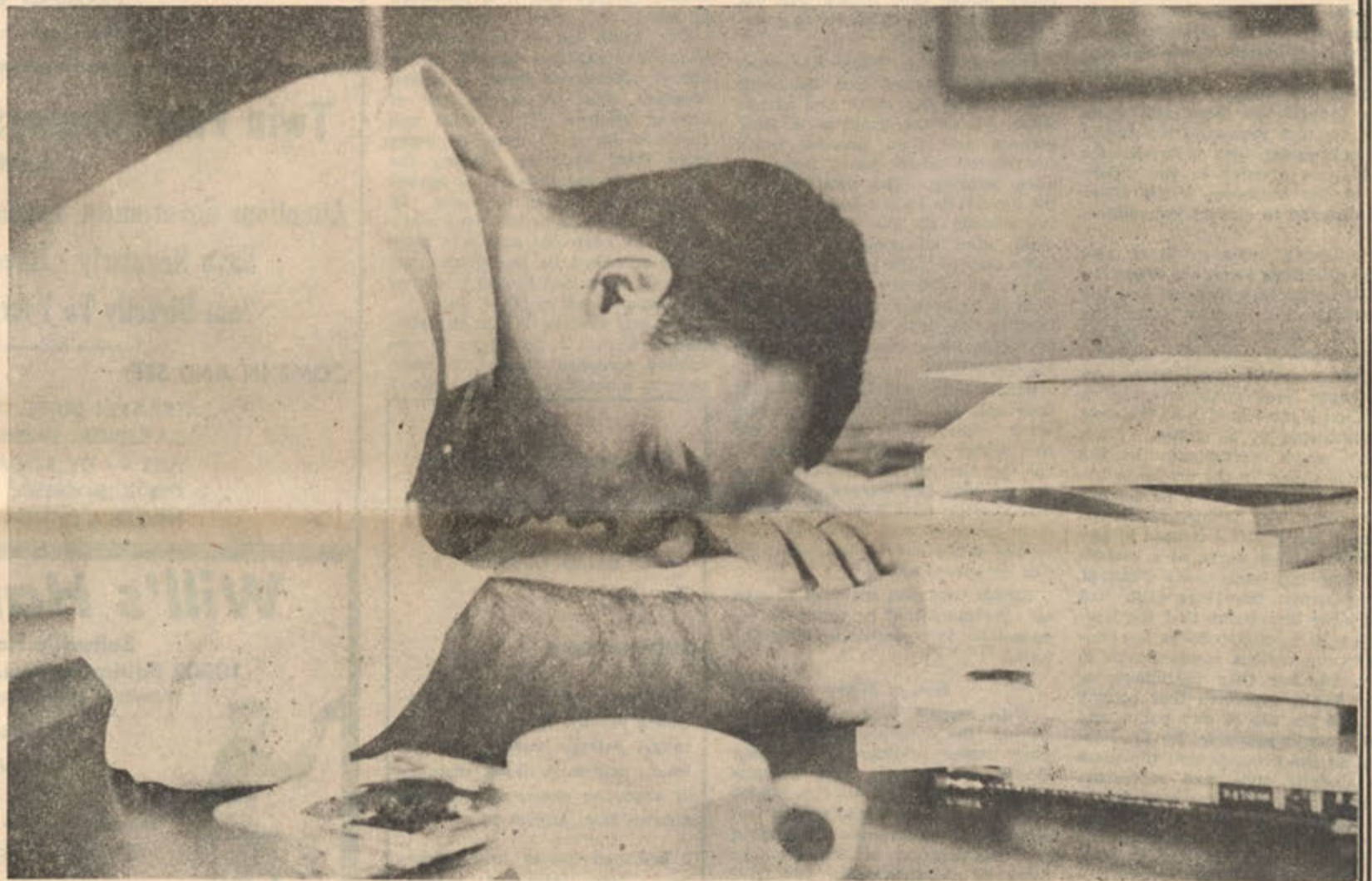
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 sions and income tax. The council is anticipating that the new city-leveled admissions tax of 10 percent will yield \$20,000 more than the old 4 1/2% tax. The council also expects that its share of the State income tax will be some \$15,000 more than originally estimated. On the other hand, the reduced tax rate will reduce the yield from the personal property tax on public utilities and other business corporations by some \$8,700.

All in all, the budget anticipated revenue from sources other than the real property tax of \$712,600, leaving \$507,900 to be collected from real property taxes. Applying this amount against an assessable tax base of \$55,200,000 yields a tax rate of \$0.92 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Discussion

The budget was adopted with little discussion from the audience, except with respect to the recreation program. Representatives of the Boys and Girls Club, led by Walter Dean, president, complained that they had the feeling that they were being treated as stepchildren by the city because of inadequate playing fields available for the club and the lack of presentable uniforms. Mayor Pilski said that council was well aware of the uniform problem and in fact, had added \$1,000 in the budget for this item, even though the Boys and Girls Club had not requested the funds. The only mixup that occurred, said Pilski, was a delay in the ordering of the uniforms which Giese was directed to correct immediately.

The club's representatives also asked questions about the financing of the Labor Day Festival and the distribution of profits from the Festival. David Lange, on behalf of the Festival committee, explained that since 1964 the Festival has no longer been youth-oriented as such, but is interested in all the civic organizations of Greenbelt. Each group which participates in the Festival shares in the profits to the extent of keeping 70 to 80 percent of its take. The balance which reverts to the Festival is used to pay expenses and to serve as a reserve for financing next year's Festival.

Apparently, the Boys Club was under the impression that the Festival each year distributes the profits to the various youth groups in town whether they participate or not. Pilski explained that council justified the use of city police and public works personnel for the Festival on the grounds that the more the various civic and recreation groups can raise their own funds, the less demand there is for direct city contributions to their activities.

CITY NOTES

Weekly paper pick-ups, according to City Manager James K. Giese, are averaging just under 11 tons. This figure is considered "a fairly good response," Giese said. Although the operation is not breaking even on a cost basis, the amount contributed exceeds in a month the largest collection figure when pick-ups were made monthly — about 32 tons. It also exceeds the city's estimate, based on newspaper circulation figures, of paper deliveries to this area.

Just in time for the opening of the swimming pool for the season, the Public Works Dept. put a fresh coat of paint on the wooden portions of the bath house. Some minor refurbishing was, however, left to be done during the following week, while the pool was closed during school hours.

Already attendance records have been high — swimming being encouraged by hot weather over the long weekend. Pre-season sales of season passes were greater by 10 than the number of passes sold by the same date last year.

Because of the holiday, the Public Works Dept. had less time for regular trash pick-ups, but also had heavier deposits of special trash and roadside trash to haul away. They also collected discarded major appliances, and cleaned two clogged catch basins — one on Empire Place, the other in a park behind 60 court of Crescent.

The Parks crew put in new sod in the beds in the Center and planted Marigolds. They also planted an-

Agreement Reached On Corrective Work For Beltway Plaza

by Elaine Skolnik

In a meeting at the site last week, an agreement was hammered out by representatives of the Beltway Plaza developer and State and county officials to move ahead on correction of the eroding slope next to Klein's. Also involved is an agreement between the developer, Sidney Brown, and the Prince Georges Board of Education for the granting of an easement on the school board's bus lot next to Kleins. Brown needs the easement, which sits atop an eroding embankment, so that he can construct a catch basin with pipes running down the slope to insure proper drainage and a proper slope.

The work will be done by Savoy Construction Company or by a subcontractor. State and school board officials made it clear that work will be closely supervised. Final approval will rest with the State Department of Water Resources, which stated that Brown will put up a surety bond of \$75,000 to guarantee performance.

Roger Kanerva, Water Resources spokesman, advised that the work will start at the north end of the slope, where the problem is least serious, and then proceed south toward the school board maintenance building. The first item on the agenda is to cut back into the sub-surface of the slope to see what kind of seepage problems there may be. "The object," he said, "is to go slow, to feel our way. This is to be a coordinated effort. Engineering firms will be consulted as we go along and they will also be inspecting."

School board officials stated that they will also keep an eye on the work. They want to be certain that water is collected properly at the top, that silt is prevented from getting into the watershed during construction, and that the job is done properly and safely and not to the detriment of the improved bus lot property.

Brown was also required to sign an agreement that he would be responsible for perpetual maintenance.

Rest of Slope

With respect to the rear slope behind the newly-enclosed shopping center addition, the county Board of Licenses and Permits (BLP) released last week a \$10,853 bond which Brown had posted last November to guarantee the grading and stabilization of the area by June 1. A spokesman for BLP said Brown had complied with the conditions, and that proper ground cover had been provided.

Gentry Drive

In another matter, Brown and the City of Greenbelt exchanged some hot words over responsibility for the maintenance of the slope on the west side of Gentry Drive (Cherrywood Lane), the road connecting Springhill Lake with Greenbelt Rd. alongside the A&P.

Brown maintains that erosion of the embankment was caused by the city when constructing Gentry Drive and that it is the city's responsibility to maintain the property.

City manager James Giese says that the area near Gentry Drive in which erosion has taken place was not part of the Gentry Drive street construction, was not disturbed by the city, is off the city right-of-way, and the city has no intention of assuming responsibility for it. As for the land that was disturbed by the Gentry Drive construction, Giese said the city will take whatever steps are necessary to prevent it from becoming an erosion problem, although it is customary throughout the county for the adjacent property owner to maintain the street right-of-way adjacent to his property.

In the meantime, there was a postponement of the Monday, June 12 trial in the case of the State of Maryland against First National Realty Corporation, the Beltway Plaza developer, and Brown.

nuals in the flower beds on Southway. Their major activity recently, however, has been cutting grass.

North Greenbelt's Woods

by Rhea Cohen

Twelve automobile tires in the woodland streams reminded us that civilization is nearby. Recently, I joined Nancy Neupert and Sandra Bracken, both of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, on a tramp through the wilds of north Greenbelt.

We saw no people in Parcel 1, but there was a clear unlit trail through the thickets. Picking our way between poison ivy patches, we noted May apple, partridge berry, and a plant called pipsissewa. The groundvine looked like a forest of fir trees in miniature. Another ground cover, Creeping Charley, spread a slope with round leaves.

The woods were rich with ferns and skunk cabbage along the streams . . . laurel in bloom . . . strawberries and blueberries in among the trees . . . tall tulip poplars, maples, oaks, sweet gum, sour-gum, and hickory. For a while we listened to a wood thrush piping and warblers warbling and then a scarlet tanager competing for equal time.

Nancy made the find of the day — a single pink lady's slipper in full bloom, so rare that it is protected by law.

Our noses led us to the city's abandoned sanitary landfill at the end of —Northway Road. It looked deserted, until we saw a pair of nesting killdeer. They called and fluttered about to draw us away from their fledgling. Seeing the baby bird in the distance, we agreed to leave the family in peace. In our retreat back to the road, while trying to keep our sneakers from being snatched by the thick mud, we were surprised by the tracks of a raccoon — and a large deer.

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Council Given Guided Tour of City Projects

by Alexander Barnes

Members of the city council, staff, and PRAB were given a guided tour of almost twenty on-going projects within Greenbelt by city manager James Giese on Saturday, May 27. Council members who attended the six-hour tour which included lunch at the American Legion were Mayor Richard Pilski, Mayor pro-tem Charles Schwan, Betty Maffay, and Gil Weidenfeld.

While much of what was seen could be classified as "project completed" or "work in progress" Giese took the opportunity to highlight proposals currently under consideration.

Ridge Road Center

First stop was at the Ridge Road Center. Plans here call for the addition of acoustical panels in the hall, and the elimination of areas where water is coming in. Next on the itinerary was a brief stop at the old landfill. The amount of required topsoil has just about been acquired. While having no immediate plans, Giese did say that it was large enough for one softball and one football field.

Riding along in the school bus the riders were directed to observe the need for roadwork on Ridge Rd. between Hamilton Pl. and Laurel Hill Rd., and on Research Rd. between Hillside and Ridge Rds. A quick swing up Laurel Hill Rd. north of Ridge showed the riders how the resurfacing there had improved the overall ambience of that area. Stopping next at parcel #7, Giese held up a staff site plan for the plot and described the proposal. That currently calls for regrading the site into two, an upper level along Crescent Road and a lower level at the lower part of Ivy Lane. A buffer strip would be maintained along Lastner and Ivy Lanes. No parking would be provided but an underpass to an enlarged parking area at the lake would be built.

Municipal Building

At the Municipal Services building the emphasis was on ecology. An oil trap built by Ernie Fromm of the GHI maintenance department was demonstrated. It consisted of a series of "dams" which flowed over or under, thereby separating the oil. While it appeared to be completely effective, Giese pointed out that an unexpected increase of flow would force the device to overflow, taking all the collected oil along with it.

While the travelers watched some glass crushed in the crusher, Giese described his proposal to increase recycling activities. A small building behind the Municipal Services Building, the recycling center, would house the activities. These would be expanded from the current glass and paper to include waste oil and tin cans.

Moving behind the Municipal Services Building to parcel 10, Giese held up the site plan for an indoor/outdoor tennis complex proposal which has been presented (unsolicited) to the city by Tennis Unlimited. Comments were made that the proximity to the Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue might mean a majority of users would not be from Greenbelt. It was pointed out that PRAB had objected to the proposed location.

On the way to the city cemetery, the bus travelled the service road along the north side of the lake. Giese took the opportunity to point out where the new facilities would be located according to the staff's master plan for development of the lake park. Arriving at the city cemetery, the city manager indicated that he proposed to keep the cemetery within its current boundaries. The surrounding area would be maintained as a park. The city currently has a moratorium on the sale of any plots. Pilski mentioned with some pride that he had bought four plots before the moratorium.

SHL Golf Course

Next stop was the Springhill Lake golf course. The areas of low land and high water were pointed out. The main cause for swampiness in those areas, according to Giese, is a drain pipe at a critical point which is too small. It was pointed out that there was sufficient land above the flood plain for a recreation center.

After a pleasant lunch at the American Legion, it was on to the bay end of Greenbelt Lake. This

stop provided a view of one of the silt retention basins which was recently completed. Proceeding on to the newly completed wing of Mishkan Torah, Giese pointed out where new parking spaces would be constructed by the city. He made a point of noting that they were stopping short of the corner to preserve a stand of trees.

Braden Field

The tour ended at the Youth Center after a quick look at Braden Field. At the Braden Field stop the city manager pointed out the problems of maintaining grass on an area that was constantly in use. The council members also viewed the new fence which was required to bring the main ball field into conformity with the regulations of one of the leagues playing there. In front of the Youth Center, Giese pointed out how he would re-route the service road into the area now used as a backboard tennis court. The staff plan then calls for the building of another sidewalk on the other side of the re-routed road. This would provide access to the center without crossing the service road. The old parking lot would be turned into a multi-purpose court, and handball courts would be built at the tennis court. The day's sight-seeing concluded with a tour of the Youth Center conducted by recreation director, Darald Lofgren.

MIXED TENPIN BOWLING

In the Boxwood Mixed Tenpin bowling league the champions are the No. 1 team captained by Sue Simko. The league had a split season. The first half was won by the No. 4 team captained by Colleen Shafer. A roll-off was held last Sunday. At the end of four games the teams were tied. An extra frame was rolled in which the Simko team won 59 to 56.

New officers were elected: Jerry Shafer, President; George Brinsko, V.P.; Walter Wight, Secretary. Any one interested in bowling this fall should contact one of the officers.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

by Mike "Turtle" Jones

All adults interested in competitive swimming are urged to attend the annual officials' clinic at Silver Spring YMCA this Saturday, June 10, from 10 am to 12 noon. Officials for the Greenbelt Swim Team meets, beginning July 1, should attend this session. Other information, including the schedule of meets, will also be available at the clinic.

Practice for the "A" team will continue at 4 pm Monday thru Friday until public schools close for the summer.

SPLASH PARTIES AT POOL

Greenbelt KAVA is again conducting its summer program at the Greenbelt Municipal Pool. Splash Parties for Junior and Senior High teens will be held every Friday night beginning tomorrow night, June 9, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. An admission fee will be charged. Band dates are scheduled for June 23, July 14, July 28 and August 11.

Dr. Leo Walder Explains Counseling Center Work

by Katherine Keene

Almost two dozen Greenbelters gathered in the Community Church on May 31 to hear psychologist Dr. Leo Walder of Behavioral Service Consultants discuss the new counseling center scheduled to open soon under the sponsorship of Greenbelt CARES.

Dr. Walder stressed that this will be neither a center for treatment of severe neuroses nor for psychoanalysis. "There is no lying on a couch remembering what happened when you were two years old," he said. Instead his method is intended to be for anyone at all who wishes to change his behavior in any way—parents, single people, children, adolescents, anybody at all.

Accompanying Dr. Walder were several members of his volunteer staff, including a social worker, sociologist, and psychologists. The method Behavioral Service Consultants use with striking effectiveness is re-training through rewarding desirable behavior. Emphasis is on what the parent can do for his children in the home, or even what an employer might do to change undesirable traits in an employee, or the employee to readjust himself in his relations with other people.

Said Walder, "The center will be for transmitting to people with responsibilities for other people's behavior how to apply better methods of inducing desirable behavior. This does not mean to control other people, but how to teach self-management so a person may himself achieve more desirable behavior."

Problems the center will take up might range from those of a family where the parents are unable to get a child to do as asked without an emotional scene to more serious family problems such as a child who runs away or even becomes a police problem. However, it will not be merely a family counseling service.

Emphasis will, it is hoped, be on preventive counseling: to give Greenbelt citizens an opportunity to discuss personal or family problems in a meaningful and helpful way before an individual or family has trouble.

Those attending the meeting asked many questions of Dr. Walder and his assistants. To their questions Dr. Walder emphasized that Greenbelt CARES will not be a usual mental health or family counseling service, but will be considerably broader in scope.

It is hoped that Federal funds will be available for CARE. Individuals making use of its facilities will be asked to contribute either money or service for the center. At the start it will be open on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:45, at the Community Church.

Environmental News

by Gabe Huck

QUESTIONS. How often does your lawn need water? Does tap water really get colder if you let it run? How many gallons a day will a slow leak leak? Does not flushing the toilet after urinating constitute a health hazard?

I'd love to give you the answers, but that would defeat the purpose. They're all in a booklet that you've probably had around for several weeks. It's called: "It's Up to You: A Customer Handbook on Water-Saving and Wastewater-Reduction." The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission put the book together and sent copies to all homes in the area. Apartment managers were told they could obtain copies if they wished for their tenants. If you live in an apartment and haven't received the book, ask the resident manager to provide one for each apartment by writing Public Information Officer, WSSC, 4017 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, Md. 20781. If you live in a private home and can't find your copy, write the same address. The book is free.

The book is 22 pages of information that every one of us can use: on cooking, washing, appliances, drinking water, teeth brushing, toilet use, drips, outside watering, car washing. We're using 120 gallons a day apiece and it's going up. Much of it is needless. Every individual and family should be able to take this book and work out a plan that would make for sensible water use that won't be burdensome in any way. WSSC is also offering workshops for businessmen and property managers, films and speakers for all kinds of groups, and "I Save Water" stickers.

There are a few criticisms to be made of the book. Here and there WSSC suggests we save water by wasting paper: disposable diapers and paper drinking cups, for example. Do they know what the paper mill had to do to lots of their precious water in order to give us that Dixie cup?

Demo Phoners Needs

The Democratic party is asking for five hundred volunteers to man the phones for the party's national telethon, Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9. The telethon, originating from Miami and Hollywood, will be attempting to raise funds for the party. Any Greenbelter wishing to participate for a four-hour shift should contact Margaret Baldwin, 474-4618, or Betty Allen, 474-4963. Volunteer groups are now forming, and car pools will be arranged to take workers to the Washington, D.C. headquarters.

WMA SERVICE CUT?

The WMA Transit Co. has asked the Washington Transit Commission for further reductions in its suburban schedules. If granted this would mean discontinuing only the early morning Saturday run in Greenbelt, according to Mr. Cowgill of the WMA Co.

Service in Greenbelt was previously cut back March 1, 1972 by eliminating several runs in the middle of the day. This means there is over 2 hours between runs from 10:15 a.m. to 2:56 p.m. At the same time service was cut, WMA rerouted buses through Greenbelt making it possible to go to the Center and back by bus. Fares remained the same.

WMA is asking for further reductions in scheduling buses because the Washington Transit Commission did not completely grant the company's original request. At that time the Commission believed the company might receive a government subsidy. Since this help has not been forthcoming from federal, state, or county governments, the WMA company has again asked for all the reductions in routing that it originally requested.



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