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Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wins Acclaim for Outstanding Program

by Leta Mach

The program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is "very good, especially considering all the financial constraints we're under," says Lesley Kreimer, member of the Prince Georges County School Board from Greenbelt. ERHS principal Ray Ogden speaks with pride of the school's achievement in its seven years of existence. "The breadth of the program," receives highest marks from Ogden.

ERHS is a comprehensive high school that prepares students for college or the business world and everyday life. But it is a comprehensive high school with a plus—a science and technology center. The science and technology and comprehensive programs are distinct but not separate. Students and staff members of both programs freely intermingle.

Enrollment

ERHS is a well respected high school. Evidence of this is the constantly rising enrollment despite generally declining enrollments countywide. Ogden explains that many parents take their children out of private schools to attend ERHS. Kreimer suggests that parents move into the area so their children can attend the school. This year enrollment hovers at about 2524. Capacities for the school have been pegged at 2450 design capacity and 2205 enrollment capacity. (The school is using the building slightly differently than designed, with for example a suite for guidance services.)

Kreimer says it is "somewhat unusual" for enrollment to be above capacity. ERHS is one of the few "growing" high schools. Students from six schools—Goddard, Martin Luther King, Greenbelt Middle, Thomas Johnson and William Wirt—are within the set boundaries of the comprehensive high school. Approximately 900 students are enrolled in the science and technology center.

Science and Technology Center

Admission to the science and technology center is based on academic standing and competitive testing. Each year about 225 ninth or tenth graders out of 2,000 applicants enter the center. Up until this year, when a second science and technology center opened at Oxon Hill High, students came to Roosevelt from all over the county. Now ERHS serves only the northern half of Prince Georges County. ERHS students who lived in the southern half of the county toured Oxon Hill last spring and were offered a chance to transfer. No more than 20 did so. That loyalty and the mere fact that another science and technology center was opened testifies to the success of the program at ERHS. Kreimer terms the program, "very successful." The program

is well respected and demand to attend the center has steadily increased, she explains. Students in the center regularly get accepted at highly competitive colleges. Once in college, students are generally successful, perhaps because of the center's emphasis on lab work.

Originally, a vocational center rather than a science center was proposed for the new high school. Kreimer felt this science-oriented program was needed more, but she also wanted to be sure Greenbelt didn't lose its high school. "I think we got the best of both worlds," she says. Certainly the comprehensive program serving all Greenbelt students benefits from the influx of science and technology students and teachers.

Science and technology students are in the same classes, lunch periods and recreational activities as students of the comprehensive high school. Science and technology teachers also teach courses for the comprehensive high school. Only two courses—biology tech and chemistry tech—are not blended courses. The tech center is headed by a science and technology coordinator. The coordinator also handles other programs for the comprehensive school, serving as testing coordinator and talented and gifted coordinator for the building.

Comprehensive School

In addition to the principal and science and technology coordinator, ERHS staff consists of three vice-principals, one administrative assistant, one security counselor, six guidance counselors, seven secretaries and 102 teachers. The teachers are the "keys of success," explains Ogden. "To maintain a program, you have to have good teachers," he asserts. Kreimer adds, "the administration there is quite good."

Highly visible ERHS successes include an It's Academic team that has reached the finals and an orchestra which took second place last summer in international competition. The school usually has more merit scholar finalists than most other county schools. ERHS test scores are the best in the Prince Georges County school system. True, other schools don't have science and technology students, but Ogden points out that all students take the tests and "all do pretty well."

"As a whole school we are truly a comprehensive high school," says Ogden. The school offers more courses than any other school in the system and more high-level courses. A new class this year is Sign Language II, spawned by Sign Language I, which was new last year. Television Production I is also offered—a shorter single period version this year. ERHS offers interpreters for hearing-impaired students. The school's business and math programs have joined the computer age and use microprocessors and science terminals.

Several programs give students first-hand working experience. Almost 100 students in CVE (Cooperative Vocational Experience), DE (Diversified Education) and Special Education work-study programs spend part of each day at a regular job outside school. Employers include NASA, Harry Diamond Laboratories, NIH, the Agricultural Research Center and fast food restaurants. Many jobs are clerical-ly oriented. Some science and technology students get field experience working with scientists during their research practicum.

The Budget

Prince Georges County school budget problems are no secret and ERHS has been affected. Generally the school is trying to do the same with less. No classes were dropped because of budget cuts. Class offering changes resulted from student interests and abilities. The most visible change is in class size. Last year high schools were allotted 47 teachers for every 1,000 students; this year that number has dropped to 46 teachers. Obviously, this translates into more bodies in the room than last year. The average number of students in a class is 28-29. As with any average, there would be noticeable variation between individual classes.

At ERHS, more students meant shortages this fall. In fact, for the first month, there were not enough chairs. Books had to be scavenged from surpluses at other county schools and in a rare case books had to be bought because the classes, and thus the books, weren't available in other county schools. Ogden readily admits that some teachers are using books they don't want because the budget doesn't provide for new books. For example, science textbooks, particularly for the upper level classes, are old—10-12 years old relative to today's scientific knowledge. Even before science books are published, they're dated, Ogden explains.

TRIM has affected ERHS in See E. ROOSEVELT, pg. 8, col. 1

Philharmonic Performs

At Roosevelt Saturday

The Prince Georges Philharmonic will perform music by Franz Joseph Haydn and Richard Strauss on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Edwin Thayer, principal hornist with the National Symphony Orchestra, will be the featured soloist in the Horn Concerto No. 1 in E flat, Op. 11 by Richard Strauss. Music Director Ray Fowler will conduct the orchestra in Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" and the overture to Strauss's opera Capriccio.

Jan Turkiewicz of Greenbelt is the concertmaster.

For ticket prices and further information call 779-7360.



Paul Schmidt makes the final adjustment as the new curtains are hung at Utopia Theater.

— Photo by Bill Cornett

New Curtains at the Utopia; Plays, Films, Music Planned

by Konrad Herling

There's a new look at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center - curtains! When news of their possible availability was brought to the Arts Center, a letter was sent to the membership and articles were written requesting individual contributions to help cover the cost. Contributions did come in and the Arts Center now is the proud owner of dark blue, velour curtains giving the theater more definition. The curtains are visible evidence of the Arts Center's efforts to improve and enhance the appearance of its interior.

The Arts Center is now working toward obtaining access to a storage area to keep its props and other set materials, items one now sees lining the walls of the theater. The Arts Center will also be requesting funds from the city for painting the theater, marquee letters and new display cases as well as repair for the display case currently in use.

Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc. will hold its annual meeting at the Utopia Theatre, Thursday evening, March 24, at 8 p.m. Election of new officers will take place and the membership will be informed of the organization's state of affairs which will include programming, marketing, financial outlook, house maintenance, and capital improvements for the next year. Questions regarding membership status should be directed to John Ward or Trix Whitehall at 345-4487. Membership dues will be

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., March 12, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cultural Arts Center Bake Sale. Front of theater in the Center.

Tues., March 15, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee - Municipal Building. 8 p.m. E. Roosevelt High School PTSA.

accepted up to the meeting time itself. (Membership is required for voting during the meeting.)

The Play

The Greenbelt Players, under the direction of Cliff Smith and assistant direction of Betty Xander will be the beneficiaries of the new curtains as they present the murder mystery, "A Murder Has Been Arranged." Written by Emyln Williams, the play will run for three weeks: Friday and Saturday, March 11-26, at 8:15 p.m., and a Sunday matinee performance, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Sir Charles Jasper, author of the famous book "The Occult Through the Ages," has arranged an intimate dinner party on the stage of the St. James Theater in London. All participants have been requested to wear costumes of ghosts throughout history. Sir Charles is celebrating his 40th birthday. On November 26, 1930 at exactly 11 p.m., he will inherit two million pounds if he is still alive. Sir Charles, a devotee of the supernatural, believes that a prophecy made 55 years ago will be fulfilled on his birthday. The ghost of a man murdered in the theater will appear following the presence of a deaf woman. Fear

See UTOPIA, page 4, col. 1

Honors Chorus Presents Program at E. Roosevelt

As part of "Recognition of Music in Our Schools," the Prince Georges County Honors Chorus, comprised of 138 students representing 19 senior high schools, will hold a concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 13. Admission is free.

The chorus and its program of varied works by master composers is under the direction of J. Weldon Norris.

The newly organized Middle School Honors Chorus under the direction of Joan Beavins will also be featured on the program.

The combined choruses (senior, middle and elementary) and the Senior Youth Orchestra are looking forward to their May 1 performance at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall at 8 p.m.

For ticket information please call Mrs. Ramsey at 301 868-1598.

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Agnes G. Mudd

Agnes Gardiner Mudd, 92, mother of Eileen Labukas of Lakeside Drive, died December 21 at Doctors' Hospital of pneumonia following surgery. Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Hugh's Catholic Church by the Rev. Anthony DalBalcon, Director of Villa Rosa Nursing Home of Mitchellville, where Mrs. Mudd had been a resident for several years. Graveside services were held at Arlington National Cemetery.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Mudd resided with the Labukas family of Greenbelt.

Mrs. Mudd, the eldest of ten children, was the daughter of former Charles County Commissioner Aloysius Bowling Gardiner and Mrs. Gardiner. Following completion of her studies at St. Catherine's Normal Institute in Baltimore, she was a teacher and later principal of elementary schools in both Charles and Prince Georges County. In 1918 she married Leo Summers Mudd, nephew of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd. Up to the time of her death, she still received Christmas cards and letters from some of her former students. She was active in church and community work serving as an officer in the Ladies of Charity, Mothers Club and Women's Community Club. Writing poetry was her hobby and she composed lyrics for a song published during World War I entitled "Yesterday the War Clouds Gathered."

She is survived by a son, Francis Camalier Mudd of Mitchellville, another daughter, Anna Lee Mudd of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three sisters and one brother.

A Memorial Fund has been established in her name at Villa Rosa Home. Friends and relatives are invited to participate.

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Film on Adolescence

On Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's will present the James Dobson, "Focus on the Family" movie, "Preparing for Adolescence." Dr. Dobson recommends taking a pre-adolescent child (ages 9-10) away for a weekend or day to help prepare him for the temporary feelings of inferiority and self-doubt that he will later experience as a teenager. He also discusses the unhappy results of pushing children into adolescent ways of thinking and acting before they are teenagers. All Greenbelters are invited to attend the one-hour film.

E. Roosevelt PTSA

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 8 p.m. Two sessions will be conducted concurrently and repeated for another 45 minute period. One will be devoted to "Computer Technology for Students" and the other "Is the Tech Center Working?"

The membership will have the opportunity to vote on whether it should propose to the County School Board that students who take courses in college while enrolled in high school should receive high school credit for such courses. When these students take college courses they often miss two classes in high school because of travel time involved.

THANKS

To the Editor:

With sincerest and heartfelt gratitude we would like to thank the Greenbelt Rescue Squad, Fraternal Order of Police, and all of our other friends and neighbors who gave their assistance and support during my wife's recent illness and death. Everyone's kindness has made her passing a little easier to bear.

Edmund B. Haviland Jr.
 and Family

William Schofield

Greenbelt friends and former neighbors were saddened to learn of the death of William L. "Bill" Schofield.

The Schofields lived for a number of years on Gardenway before moving to Hyattsville. Mr. Schofield, a veteran of World War II, and a long-time employee of C & P Telephone Co., died of leukemia on February 17 at Doctors Hospital in Lanham. He is survived by his wife Louise, daughter Mrs. Malinda Chillemi, granddaughter Kimberly Camelot and his father William H. Schofield.

Funeral services and interment took place in Harlowe, North Carolina.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers will meet on Wednesday, March 16, at 8 p.m. in the home of Frances Grosskurth; co-hosting will be Winnie Phibbs.

The program will be given by Shirley Hibbs on "Caffeine Is a Risk Factor."

Membership is open to anyone interested in learning more on subjects presented through the Cooperative Extension Service and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

For further information call Irene Szafran at 474-8168.

Holy Cross Lutheran Hosts College Choir

The Concordia College Choir of Bronxville, New York, will present a concert of sacred music at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 18.

The program will include a Bach Motet and pieces by Billings, Purcell, and the modern composer, Barber. The concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

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Mae S. Haviland Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Mae S. Haviland of Greenbelt died on February 12. She was the beloved wife of Edmund B. Haviland and the mother of Daniel E. Haviland. Burial was in the George Washington Cemetery.

Girl Scout cookies will be sold by the Brownie troops of Greenbelt at Suburban Bank on Friday, March 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Mowatt Memorial

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Our Neighbors

Virginia Beauchamp appeared on a talk show on Channel 20 on March 3. With talk show host Carol Blunt and three other guests, Virginia discussed the development of celebrations of Women's History Week and plans for this year's events, March 6-12. The day before she attended a ceremony at the State House in Annapolis when Governor Harry Hughes read a proclamation establishing Women's History Week for 1983.

Ruth Kastner and Chuck Hagegans, 3 Crescent, announce the birth of their first child. Wendy Irene made her debut on Feb. 28, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. Her mother is on the staff of the Greenbelt News-Review. Maternal grandparents are former Greenbelters, Sid and Bernice Kastner.

Congratulations to Jim and Lynn Merricks on the arrival of Robert Allen on February 5. Young Robert weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. Proud grandparents are Pete and Eileen Labukas of Lakeside and former Greenbelt, Jean Merricks of Florida.

Patrick and Debi Shanahan presented Mrs. Otilie Norris of Green Ridge House with her 25th great-grandchild. Jaelyn Naomi made her debut Friday, February 18, weighing 8 lbs. 14½ ozs. She was born on Debi's mother's birthday. Jaelyn is the 8th grandchild of Larry and Alverta Naomi Shanahan, 2 Court Westway. She has two brothers, Ryan Patrick, 6 and Christopher Patrick 11 months. She also has an aunt, Margie, and two cousins, Donna and Debbie Brunatti, in Greenbelt.

William and Anne Stratton have a new baby girl, Elisabeth Corbin, (Lisa) who weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. Elisabeth has a sister Katherine, 3. Her grandmother, Bertha Stratton, formerly of Greenbelt, now resides in Front Royal, Va.

1983 has started off with a bang for Mrs. Stratton, who also has been presented with two more grandchildren. On January first Rebecca Jeanne was born to Barbara and Steve Hess. She joins a brother, Michael, and sister, Tori. Christopher Sterling was born on February 18 to Connie and Bill Perry. Congratulations all!

It's a boy for Susan and Frank Gervasi, 34-J Ridge. Nicholas Frank was born Feb. 28 and tipped the scales at 9 lbs. 12 oz. Nicholas, like his 3-year-old sister Ellen, was born at home and has 2 other sisters, Marisa and Jenny. Nicholas' father is on the board of GHI.

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Mrs. Frances P. Stouffer, Greenbelt's Public Health Nurse from 1944 to 1952, died Wednesday, March 2, at her residence in Gardenvale, Alabama. She was 90 years old.

Our deepest sympathy to Edmund B. Haviland on the death of his wife Mae.

Science Center Presents Astronomy with Humor

"Is the dark side of the moon really dark?" is among the humorous topics that will be discussed in a planetarium program to be presented at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, Greenbelt Rd. Wednesdays, March 16 and April 6, and on Fridays, March 18 and April 8. All programs will begin at 7 p.m.

Entitled "The Universe Game," the program offers a funny look at astronomy while teaching the audience how to identify constel-

lations and study other facts about the universe.

There is a small admission fee. For further information, call the Science Center at 577-8718.

Spring Yard Sale

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Sunday 3/13
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Furniture, books,
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Greenbelt, Md.



Greenbelt Tennis Association

Membership Registration

WHAT: Tennis anyone? Spring Membership Meeting and Breakfast Social.

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

WHERE: Greenbelt Youth Center Multipurpose Room

WHO: All city residents interested in tennis play, future tournaments and social events, as well as plans for the support of the city's youth program in the co-sponsored National Junior Tennis League.

REFRESHMENTS: Free - coffee, tea and pastries will be available for interested guests and members registering for the 1983 season.



Follow up the meeting with a set of tennis. Bring a friend or meet new tennis partners. For additional information, contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department, weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878.



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and trepidation grip the dinner guests.

Cocky, arrogant Maurice Mullins, cousin of Sir Charles and next in line to the inheritance, enters uninvited. Strange and horrifying things begin to happen.

The author has been able to ensnare the imagination of his audience from the rise of the curtain (and the Arts Center has one now) and to hold it spellbound until the finish.

For further information, call John or Trix at 345-4487.

New Film Series

Last weekend, the Arts Center began its new film series entitled First Friday and Saturday Film Series. There are fourteen films left in the series, which will run the first weekends of April, May and June of this year (the three films, "Play It Again Sam," "Lavender Hill Mob," and "Room Service," make up a comedy mini-series, otherwise known as Series III). Then Series IV starts up in September and runs through June of 1984. Gus Weiland, chairman of the Film Committee, has said that the committee has attempted to come up with a series which is entertaining, educational, and excellent. It also is a series selected from the result of a poll taken by moviegoers at the Arts Center during the previous two months. Anyone interested in becoming a subscriber should call Gus or Rosemary at 474-1360.

Fund-raisers

The film committee is looking

for groups interested in making a film night into a fund-raising event for their organization as well as for the Arts Center. The Arts Center is currently planning an evening for the Jaycees. The Greenbelt Democratic Club held two fund raisers during the series just concluded.

Baltimore Symphony

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is coming back to Greenbelt Wednesday evening, April 20, at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School, under the auspices of the Greenbelt Arts Trust and the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

Alan Balter, the personal choice of Maestro Sergiu Comissiona for conductor, is Associate Conductor of the orchestra. Balter's growing acclaim has brought him guest conducting appearances with many symphonies, including some in Japan. He always receives critical accolades.

The Program will be: Verdi's "Overture to La Forza del Destino," Schubert's "Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished)," Bizet's "Symphony in C Major" and Strauss' "Tales from the Vienna Woods." Tickets will be on sale at the city finance office, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Coming Programs

Other programming highlights consist of Clam Chowder, Friday evenings, April 8 and April 15 and John Haugh, much acclaimed soloist, resident of Springhill Lake and Ed Lewis, director of the Greenbelt-Lanham Chorale and music and choral instructor at Duval Senior High. Lewis also is a resident of Greenbelt.

Home Buyers School

"Buying a home is often the largest single purchase many consumers ever make. It can be a confusing and stressful experience if you don't do your homework," said Bruce Winston, President of the Suburban Maryland Home Builders Association.

To explain the home buying process, the Association will sponsor a home buyers class on Wednesday, March 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The purpose of the class is to offer all the basic information a prospective buyer needs to knowledgeably purchase a home. The session will cover in lecture and question and answer form such topics as loan qualification, contracts, financing, settlements, and purchasing decisions.

The class is open to the general public as a service.

To register or to obtain further information, contact the Suburban Maryland Home Builders Association at (301) 434-6800.

Bake Sale

This Saturday, under the direction of Eileen Peterson, the Arts Center will be sponsoring its monthly bake sale. Peterson, despite last month's blizzard, still held herself and the Bake Sale together and raised \$54 for the Center.



**GHI PRESENTS
an
ENERGY MANAGEMENT
WORKSHOP**

March 16, 8-9:30 p.m.
GHI Lunch Room..

This month's Energy Management Workshop focus is "How to Use Window Quilts & Shutters." The workshop will feature examples of energy-saving window treatments. A slide show will demonstrate how members can make their own insulated Roman shades. A PEPCO speaker will also talk about PEPCO bills and saving energy.

GREENBELT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

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GHI Board Zeroes in on Rehab Problems: Movement of Foundations, Swales, Painting

by Barbara Likowski

As Phase II rehab is winding down, several rehab problems, some of them major, were tackled by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors at the February 24 meeting. All board members were present except Joe Jenkins who was ill, Jim Smith presided.

The board, sitting first as the board of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Development Corporation (GHDC) spent 90 minutes discussing severe foundation problems in 17 building units, four of them pinpointed as priority. These units had been noted during the CDC survey as having the most serious problems. Management, directed by the board to get an estimate of what was needed so that corrections might be started under Phase II, hired Lyon and Associates, an engineering firm from Baltimore.

After completing site inspections of the 17 units, Lyon estimated a cost of \$60,757 to furnish the necessary engineering documents to repair and correct damages. In the most serious case, they found the foundation of one building moving at such a fast rate that if corrections are not made immediately, the damage would become uncorrectable.

Anthony Cortea representing Lyon was present at the meeting to answer questions. He explained that the problem with building 289 (6 F-J Hillside), is believed to have been caused by poor drainage conditions above and below ground (broken drain tile) causing the foundation to move. He proposed testing the drains with dye. If the underdrains are not functioning properly, the dye will not emerge, giving proof that the water is going under the building. Should this be the case, the tile will need to be replaced, an expensive job. Some minor regrading on the surface may also be needed to reestablish the original swale patterns.

Several board members had inspected building 289. Why, director Margaret Hogensen asked, did cracks show in the building and not in the foundation? Cortea explained that when the foundation is bad it moves and causes cracks in the walls.

Director Mark Dombrowski reported not seeing much water in the basement nor cracks in the walls. (Cracks were just in the mortar, he said.) Others disagreed. Staff architect Stan Ser-

sen pointed out that the further back they went, the more water they found.

Director Janet Cantwell thought bids should have been sought from more than one company. Other directors and some members agreed.

Director Frank Gervasi thought that the priority buildings should be fixed, but maintained that there were more buildings that needed work. He also suggested that the swale system should be looked at throughout GHI. Smith said he would hate to give back the money that is available for possible borrowing from the Co-op Bank, then 5 or 10 years from now find that more work needs to be done and have to do it at the prime rate. He said he didn't want to use the money if it was not needed but he'd want to be sure it wasn't needed before returning it. "We may want to do a Phase III," he said, "find out what's needed and go back to the membership." Director Don Volk did not think this could be done in four months.

The board decided to ask the manager, who was scheduled to meet with Co-op bank officials before the next board meeting, to ask if some of the money not used could be available for use past the July 1 deadline. If the bank refuses, serious thought should be given to how many buildings could be done immediately . . . 1, 4, 17? The manager was asked to seek competitive bids for the work on the 17 buildings. "If we get bids," Smith cautioned, "we have to be seriously considering accepting one."

Masonry Painting

On another rehab item, manager Tim Mitter asked the board for a restatement of policy on painting masonry units under the rehab program. At the January 28 board meeting, management had felt it had been the consensus of the board that the painting should be done. Management planned to (1) do structural repairs, (2) bring units up to the same standard of exterior appearance, (3) correct code violations, and (4) do structural work such as waterblasting and tucking on blocks, caulking and sealing bricks before starting the program. Members who opt to do their own painting must do the job equal to or better than what is planned under rehab. Management plans to do a color survey among members before putting the job out to bid (hopefully within 90 days). Member

Eunice Coxon hoped that there would be fewer colors and more uniformity than in the frame homes.

Cantwell didn't think that the consensus of the board had been to paint. Both she and Hogensen are opposed to painting. Ser-sen felt that a lot of tiny cracks would be taken care of by painting. People had the choice of sealing or painting. Cantwell pointed out that sealing did not give members the option of going back to the original brick. She felt that the sand blasted bricks may have deteriorated because the top layer had been removed but did not think this applied to those bricks which had not been sandblasted. Gervasi questioned the legal problems that might occur if people were forced to paint. Smith asked who would pay if the bricks did deteriorate because they had not been painted.

Member Lucille Jacoby questioned the value of a paint job that would last five or six years and would take 15 or 20 years to pay for (under rehab).

Member Wilmer Boswell cautioned board members against painting before they were certain they did not have to put siding on the block homes. He cited his inability to get the temperature in his block home above 68°. If GHI were to insulate the block homes, new siding would be needed. Something should be done now, he said, while it is still cold. Although no vote was taken, the consensus seemed to be that masonry homes should be painted.

Coxon asked the board when corrections will be made to the siding of framehome additions. Mitter thought by summer.

Moisture Problems

Moisture in the brick homes was also addressed by the board. Management has been doing some testing with a heat exchanger. Some improvement has been seen. Some people are using vapor barrier paint. When Williams attempted to move a motion that he had made at the last meeting off the table it almost died for lack of a second. Williams felt that by putting insulation in the attics, the dew point was raised and caused the moisture/mildew problem. He proposed enlarging vents on the ends and between the units of one brick building as a test. Dombrowski was against knocking out any bricks and suggested louvres instead. Smith thought that management and the engineering consultant ought to determine

what to do on an individual basis. The motion passed. Lewis opposed, Dombrowski abstained.

Computer Purchase

Management requested that the board authorize the general manager to obtain a Tandy Mod 16, printer and accessories at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.

In 1981 the board had given management permission to purchase a microcomputer. This was used to do the rebate checks, saving the Corporation \$10,000 (equal to the cost of the system). In October, 1982 the board authorized the expenditure of almost \$11,000 for a hard disk and software programming, enabling GHI to produce the monthly charge and tax and interest letters. These would have cost the Corporation almost \$30,000, if done by an outside vendor. Management would now like to fully utilize the system so that they could produce the rehab cost and July, 1983 monthly charge adjustment letters.

The finance committee in its report to the board recommended that the board defer the acquisition of additional computer hardware pending the preparation review and approval of work flow charts showing the operations of the fiscal department. The committee also asked that it be allowed to reopen discussions with auditors to secure more reasonable bids for the 1982 special audit.

Williams thought the proposed purchase should be referred to the finance committee. Hogensen thought the board should have been given more time to consider this, since another system might better serve their needs.

Members Joe Comproni and Coxon asked that the finance committee review the plan. No hasty decision should be made, they said. However, the motion to purchase was made by Dombrowski and passed with Cantwell opposing.

Meter Pads

The board received a report from the aesthetics and environment committee recommending that meter pads be covered by means of an L-shaped screen with the exterior surface of the siding to match the adjoining house in color and material. The screen would be set 4 to 6 inches back from the face of the build-

ing and raised 6 to 8 inches off the ground. It would look like a part of the house and eliminate the need for foliage and foliage maintenance. Smith asked to hear from the people involved before any decision is made.

A member of 5-B Eastway requested an exemption to addition regulations. Their neighbor at 5-C has objections. This member has an addition on the other side (D) and feels he will be boxed in by the second addition. He asked for protection of his right to a pleasant place to live. He also feels it will affect the value of his house should he wish to sell.

Cantwell was sympathetic but felt the board should consider the fact that growing families may need more space. Williams wanted to have the neighbors talk once more with management. Hogensen moved to approve. Cantwell seconded. The motion carried with Gervasi abstaining.

The board also voted a contract with Western Termite and Pest Control for termite extermination services at a cost not to exceed \$3,249 (first reading). (Western was the only one of five companies asked to bid which did turn in a bid.)

The board indicated by consensus that parking spaces to be considered for reserved parking not include rental garages. Members at 3 Court Eastway had asked permission to use garages for this purpose.

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