



Bus Fare Raised; N.E. Store Discussed

A new plan for the co-op was set forth by General Manager Sam Ashelman in his report to the regular meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Services board of directors on December 9 at 8 p.m. The personnel policy of GCS and the North End store's decrease in patronage were also discussed.

The board feels that better bus service can be furnished with a fare increase. Nightly service will be extended to carry passengers home from the last movie show. The increased fare will be 10c to the Center, with the option of purchasing a return ticket for 5c, which is good for any day within a week of the date of issuance. Otherwise all trips from the Center will cost 10c. Children from 5 to 12 pay half price. The board decided to adopt this plan for a trial period, to go into effect when the new fare is approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

North End Store

The board discussed the decreased patronage and resultant losses sustained in the operation of the North End store, and plans to investigate further on a tour to the store December 30. The North End Store advisory committee members are invited to attend the regular board meeting to be held that evening in the GCS office over the drug store.

Mrs. Carnie Harper and Henry Walter, of the executive committee, will meet on December 28 to review GCS personnel policy. The GCS board was invited to attend a Cooperative Housing Conference to be held at the Washington Hotel on Friday, December 16, at 10 a.m.

Chairman of the membership committee, Robert Mitchell, in giving his report suggested that out-of-towners on the GCS mailing list be sent literature explaining the advantages of GCS membership and that Bob Broadbent visit these people.

GCS is cooperating with the city of Greenbelt to decorate the center with a Christmas tree and colored lights.

LATE FLASH!

Santa Claus is coming to town Friday evening at 7:30! He will ride through town, circling the city in the fire truck with sirens sounding out his arrival. At the center of town he will be the honor guest as Mayor Harrington lights the Christmas tree.

Greenhills Sold To Tenant Group

By Aimee Slye

First of the "green towns" to be sold is Greenhills, Ohio, which was bought on December 6 by a tenant group, the Home Owners Corporation, for \$3,511,300, with a down payment of \$351,580. The agreement calls for a final closing and transfer of title within 120 days of the signing. The balance of the purchase price is covered by a twenty-five year mortgage at 4% per annum.

The Home Owners Corporation is a non-profit cooperative group composed primarily of veterans and tenants of Greenhills. The sale to the corporation includes a total of 610 acres of land embracing the entire incorporated area of the town of Greenhills, as well as thirty-two additional acres immediately adjacent to the southern part of the town in addition to the 185 residential structures containing 676 dwellings, a commercial building, a management building, and a service station. There are still 4,000 acres in the tract which PHA will dispose of through some other means. Some of the latter tract has already been leased to Hamilton County for a park district and recreational development under a ninety-nine year lease.

The largest city near Greenhills, Cincinnati, is 13 miles to the south, with Hamilton 8 miles to the north.

Rent Hearing Friday

A hearing will be held on Friday, December 16, in the United States District Court in Baltimore, on the motion for summary judgment by Public Housing Administration's Community Manager for Greenbelt, to determine the case of **Canning and Lastner vs. PHA**. The plaintiffs have asked for an injunction to set aside the increase last June in Greenbelt rents.

The motion for a summary judgment to determine whether government housing is subject to the Housing and Rent Act, and also whether the Government is a landlord and can be enjoined from increasing rents. Both sides have submitted briefs to the Court on the law in the matter and will present their oral arguments at the hearing. Abraham Chasanow is the attorney for Councilman Thomas J. Canning and Frank J. Lastner.

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Christmas holidays for the North End and Center schools will start at the close of school on December 22. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 1950.

Board of Education Selects Trustees

By Peggy Markfield

Three trustees have been appointed by the Prince Georges County Board of Education to serve the Greenbelt North End school. The North End school was purchased in August, 1949 by Prince Georges County from the Federal Government, during government disposal of properties built with Lanham Act funds. According to William S. Schmidt, county superintendent of schools, "It is the State law that all elementary schools must have trustees." The Center school is still owned by the U. S. government and therefore does not require the services of trustees.

A list of possible trustees was drawn up by Miss Thelma Smith, principal of the North End school, and three persons were chosen from this list by the County Board of Education. The trustees are as follows: Mrs. Harry S. Weidberg, 14-Z-2 Laurel Hill Road, appointed until the 3rd Saturday in May, 1950; Filip F. Junek, 14-T Hillside Road, appointed until the 3rd Saturday in May 1951; and Seibert D. Meade, 14 A Hillside Road, appointed until the 3rd Saturday in May 1952. A term ordinarily runs for three years with one vacancy occurring each year. In the case of Mrs. Weidberg, if she is reappointed in May 1950, her term will end in 1953, Mr. Junek's in 1954, Mr. Meade's in 1955. Trustees serve voluntarily and without gratuity.

Some of the functions of the trustees are, together with the principal, to approve or disapprove the use of the school building for community functions, to see that proper care is taken of the school building and recommendations for repairs or improvements made to the Board of Education, and to visit the school and contact the principal on any matters pertaining to the school. The principal may consult with the trustees on any matter of discipline within the school.

Free Holiday Trees Yours For Axe-ing

Greenbelt residents may cut their own Christmas trees this year according to a plan announced by PHA Manager Walter Simon. Several rules must be followed, and trees may be taken from only one area. The area is bounded on the west by Edmonston Road and on the south by Greenbelt road, about 1,000 feet east of the high school. Permission to cut a tree is given with the following conditions:

1. No tree is to be cut within 50 feet of the above roads.
2. Only one tree to a tenant, cut for own use.
3. Trees should be cut to within one foot of the ground.

Mr. Simon requests all tenants cutting trees to be careful of cigarettes to avoid fire in the woods.

Under new rules set up by the management, organizations will no longer have greens supplied to them for decorating purposes. Simon stated that he disliked to upset a custom of long standing but the practice had gotten out of hand and the landscaping force had to curtail these services excepting for entirely public gatherings. The landscaping force and funds are limited and the services of the men are more needed for other projects, Mr. Simon added.

Handful Hears Council Discussion Of Cities Budget For Coming Year

By Sally Meredith

Only four or five citizens attended the public budget hearing Monday night to discuss Greenbelt's \$225,683.72 1950 city budget with members of the council, heads of municipal government departments, and federal and school representatives.

Most voluble of the speakers was Councilman Steve Comings, convalescing from a week-old appendectomy, who brought his certified public accountant experience to bear on breaking down the 1950 budgets into portions comparable to the 1949 budget. His breakdown showed that, where the 1949 budget called for \$282,883.18 formerly grouped under "Recreation Department," the new figure for the same services—the swimming pool and the Youth Center, primarily—is only \$26,084.11. Receipts from the same source, according to Recreation Department Director Sam Fox, amount to approximately \$10,000, leaving a net cost of approximately \$16,000.

Rec Quibbles

Comings objected to \$300 for a tennis court attendant, claiming that the city would save money by opening the courts to the public free of charge, since he believes that collections amount to less than the salary paid the collector. Fox pointed out here that bids were being accepted on a complete resurfacing job on the tennis courts, and that he expected the improved surface to attract enough players to bring in a net gain.

Most of Councilman Comings' other objections also referred to the Recreation Department, including a protest against the present practice of providing municipal funds for gym classes for the public elementary schools while not providing the same facilities for the Catholic parochial schools. Questioned on this point, Fox said that all after-school activities were open to all Greenbelt children, but that no teachers were provided for gym classes in the parochial school, and that this was the first time the question had been raised.

Mac Delayed

Several questions that Comings placed with respect to the precise meaning of Town Manager Charles T. MacDonald's budget message were deferred for answer by the manager. He was expected to return from his out-of-town visit Monday evening in time for the hearing, but was delayed when his car broke down at Culpepper, Virginia.

One private citizen urged council members to provide uniforms in the budget for the local softball team, saying that he was ashamed of the appearance of the team during the 1949 season. Fox, however, said that to his knowledge no other municipality provided uniforms for local teams, and that a sponsor had offered to buy uniforms for the team.

Teachers Pay

The relationship between the salaries of kindergarten teachers and trash collectors was discussed. While the minimum salary for the teachers in Greenbelt is \$2300—only \$70 less than the minimum for higher level teachers throughout the county—it was pointed out that the trash collectors made only \$300-\$400 less.

The whole question of personnel classification and job analyses was touched on when Comings said he would like to see municipal employees receive a pay raise comparable to the one recently given federal employees. Mrs. Harrington explained that this had not been provided for because it was felt that Greenbelt's budget could not properly be compared to the federal budget, and that certain retirement and insurance provisions, and the addition of five holidays per year, while they had not increased take-home pay, had substantially increased em-

"Brownie Magic" At North End School

The entire enrollment of the North End school will participate in a Christmas program tomorrow in the school auditorium. A play in three acts, set to music by the music instructor, Mrs. Lyman Woodman, has been given the title "Brownie Magic on Christmas Eve" by the children. As the large stage cast performs, each of various grades will sing appropriate songs.

The project has developed with students and teachers working on costumes and special dances. Original words have been written by teacher and children for two of the songs.

Two performances will be given in order to accommodate visitors. Parents of children in morning kindergarten through grade three are invited to attend the 10 a.m. show. Parents of children in other grades are asked to come at 1:30 p.m.

Characters in the play will be: Mother, Deanna Bryan; Father, Melvin Melloy; Susan, Helen Loria; Grandmother, Ann Shaughness; Johnny, Richard Taylor; Jimmy, Jimmy Walsh; Santa Claus, Barbara Bell; Brownies, Leslie Levine, Karen Jorgensen, Sharon Shelley, and Beverly Pollack; toy soldiers, Mary Ellen Caldwell, Joyce Nugent, Charles Sawyer, Norman Brooks and Richard Ellis; Top, Alan Laflamme; Jack-in-the-box, Ray Mahan; dancing doll, Bonnie Stricklin; walking doll, Karen Woodman; and alphabet blocks, Howard Manning, Sally Arnold, Beverly Cuffley, John La Macchia, Sandra Jordan, Jerry Romer, Jack King, Sharon Longnecker, and Marcia Levine.

ployee benefits. She added that she refused to compare Greenbelt salaries to municipalities elsewhere in this area, because the Greenbelt salaries are much higher. To raise local salaries in line with the federal raise, she said, would cost approximately \$5500.

Mrs. Harrington also reported that under consideration was a proposal to take advantage of the State auditing services, which, she said, would probably be less expensive than the private audit formerly performed. Comings objected to this proposal, saying that private contractors would do a better job.

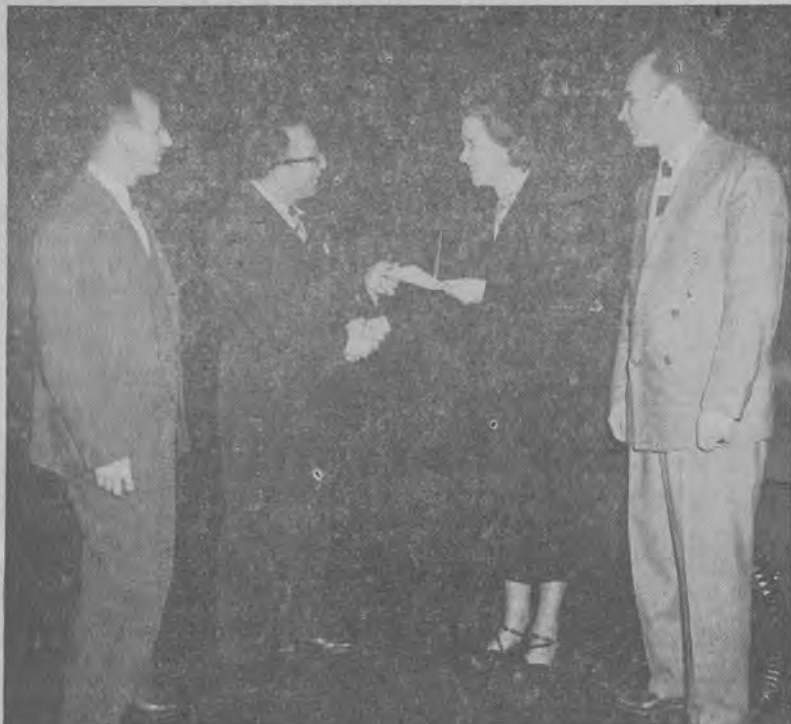
Simon Says—

Greenbelt's new community manager, Walter T. Simon, answered a council query on budget potentialities if the city is sold by saying that Public Housing Administration would still pay sums in lieu of taxes to cover all of 1950, and include in the sales price a figure to cover the months remaining in the year during which PHA would not be the owner of the city.

A mathematical error of some five hundred dollars was discovered by Simon, and Councilman Frank J. Lastner showed that the increase in the tax rate amounts to 13c rather than 10c.

Councilman Thomas J. Canning expressed the opinion that the budget seemed to be as low as it could be and still provide services on the scale currently accounted for, but that it might be wise to pare municipal provisions to bare necessities until the community had developed enough to lower the tax rate.

At its next regular meeting on Monday, December 19, the council will formally adopt the 1950 budget.



Miss Gertrude E. Smith of 2407 15th Street, N.W., Washington, being presented title to car she won in JCC raffle on December 10, 1949. Making the presentation is Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus, while Ben Herman and Jack Ratzkin, chairman of the Building Fund campaign, look on. (See story page 2.)

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Waltonains Elect; Plan Trips, Program

By E. DonBullian
One of the most interesting meetings of the year was held last Thursday, December 8, by the Greenbelt chapter of the Izaak Walton League. George Gordon, president of the Washington chapter, the surprise guest of the evening, talked on the efforts of the League toward conservation and the elimination of pollution in many of our rivers.

The following officers were elected for 1950: E. DonBullian, president; W. E. VanArsdall, vice-president; Paul Lung, treasurer; E. M. Weber, recording secretary; A. J. McDermid, corresponding secretary; and Jack Swisher, C. J. Van Camp, Oscar Zoellner, board members.

The local group readily accepted Mr. Gordon's invitation to go on a fishing trip to Allen's Freshet as guests of the Washington chapter. Members and their friends have been invited for a full day's perch fishing in addition to and for barbecued hot dogs and coffee. This is the initial trip of the coming year, scheduled for a Saturday in March, and most of the members present indicated their willingness to make the trip.

Unanimous approval was given at the meeting to the following projects: (1) the completion of McDermid's outdoor biological laboratory for the high school; (2) a more complete working arrangement with the Boy Scouts; (3) restocking of the lake in Greenbelt; (4) more fishing trips, with emphasis on overnight trips limited to \$3 to include food, lodgings, and transportation, and (5) more active cooperation with the Maryland division of the league.

Greenbelt was well represented at last week's State meeting at Ellicott City. The program included a dinner and a short business meeting, at which a new chapter was organized and chartered in Howard County, followed by entertainment.

St. Hugh's Guild Plans Christmas Party Sunday

The first annual Christmas party for members of St. Hugh's Parents' Guild, sisters of the school, children attending St. Hugh's and their younger brothers and sisters, will be held this Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the new parish hall. Each grade will present an entertainment, and Santa Claus will be there with gifts. There will be a big Christmas tree and carol singing. Refreshments will be served at the party.

Athletic Club To Elect

The Greenbelt Athletic Club will hold its annual election of officers on Wednesday, December 21, at the clubhouse.

Prior to the meeting there will be several movies shown, starting about 8:15 p.m. All members and prospective members (any male resident over 18) are urged to be on hand early.

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Have you ever been to a telephone company "open house"? Last week, while I was visiting my nephew Tom and his family, the local telephone central office held an "open house" and we all decided to go.

A nice young woman took a group of us through the central office and I enjoyed it thoroughly. I can't say I understood all the complicated equipment we saw, but I did understand the part about telephone party lines.

One of the telephone men explained that in spite of the great progress being made in expanding the telephone system, some folks are still waiting for telephone service. He said that by connecting two or more families to the same line—a party line—several families get service instead of just one. So, actually, party-line sharing helps bring telephone service to more people sooner.

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City.

RENT—from page 1
The defendant contends that, under the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of U. S. vs. Wittek, the rent control act does not include the federal government as a landlord, and also that the government cannot be enjoined from increasing rents.

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FOX TALES

By Sam Fox

Bowling Leagues at Drop Inn: The bowling league for the teen-agers is very successful, thanks to the parents that are helping. It looks as though Greenbelt will have good bowlers in the future. The Recreation Department will give to the winners of the league gold bowling pins. The league performs every Saturday and it would help the teams if the parents would come down and see their children having fun bowling.

Putting Greens: This summer we hope to have a new activity for all in Greenbelt, a nine hole miniature putting green for all the expert golfers and the ones who wish to learn how to play. We hope to have it next to the swimming pool.

Public Address System: Any organization wishing to borrow our PA system may do so by making arrangements with Recreation Department. We will sign the equipment out if the borrower will be responsible for all damages. We have it for you to use.

Teen-Agers Square Dancing: Come down to the Drop Inn, join the Square Dance group and learn how to do the dance that is sweeping the country. Every Monday night at 8 p.m.

Christmas Celebration: Don't forget the Recreation Department activities before Christmas: the children's Christmas plays at the theater Wednesday, December 21; Christmas carols at the Center on December 24; and Santa Claus giving Christmas canes to all.

High School News

The Greenbelt High school faculty gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beveridge who were married recently. The dinner was held at Brook Farm, Chevy Chase, on December 6 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge were presented with a beautiful Dirilyte bread tray.

The glee club under the direction of Miss Ellen Beckman will present its annual Christmas program to the PTA on Thursday evening of this week. High school students will hear the program on Monday and Tuesday.

The senior class of Greenbelt High school will hold its annual Christmas Ball on December 22 from 9 to 12 in the community building. Music will be furnished by Walter Hubbel.

Womens Gym Features Basketball, Dancing

By Ora Donoghue

The regular Wednesday night meeting of women's gym last week was highlighted by a basketball game between Mrs. Haroon's and Mrs. Hodzewich's teams. The newly-elected captains chose teams last week. It is hoped that enough women to complete two more teams will attend next time.

The scoring department was in capable hands on both teams. Betty Shreve assisted Mrs. Harmon in adding points for the latter's team, while Dolores (Wolfe) Clift and Dorothy Hodzewich kept the balls going through the net apparently faster than Harmon's team since the final score was 30-20.

A portion of women's gym will be devoted to square dancing in the future if enough interest is shown. Exercises are still popular, and volleyball, badinton, and pingpong are still regulars on Wednesday night.

A welcome goes to the newcomers of the last two weeks: Virginia Rexrode, Joy Rexrode, Polly Cain, and Laura Ubert. There will be one more meeting before Christmas, on December 21. First meeting date after the holidays is January 4.

Christmas Play Portrays Greenbelt On TV

Parents and friends are invited to attend a Christmas play to be presented by pupils of the Center school on Wednesday, December 21 at 10 a.m. According to Mrs. Elizageth Fugitt, principal, all the children in the school will participate in some way in the presentation of this performance. Each class appointed member to the play committee, which selected scripts written and submitted by their schoolmates. There were try-outs for the parts and understudies in the play, and other children made decorations and stage settings.

The plot of the play centers around a television performance on Greenbelt which is viewed by a former Greenbelt family.

Youth Center Elects Officers, Plan Dance

Election results for the Senior high youth center members disclosed that Gene Kellaheer was elected president; Joanne Slaughter, vice-president; Rita Snoddy, secretary; and Mike Littleton, treasurer. Both Gene and Joanne were officers last year with the Junior high, and Rita and Mike are newcomers to the ranks.

These new officers held their first meeting last Friday evening and have already planned a Christmas dance for this coming Friday night for the Senior high members and their guests from 8:30 to 12. Admission will be free for fully paid up members and 25c for all others. Music will be furnished by an orchestra with door prize and entertainment in addition.

The college-age group are planning a Christmas party, also, for this coming Sunday evening. Admission will be free with all boys and girls in this age group invited as well as young married couples. Out-of-town guests in this age group are also welcome.

The youth center bowling league will bowl this Saturday and has been entered in the American Junior Bowling Congress League. Individual awards and team awards will also be made by the AJBC to the local winners. The Youth Center treasury paid the fee for admission to the National Congress.

It was announced last week-end that the outstanding member for the month of November is Mike Juliano. Mike was chosen for his murals on the youth center walls.

Pre-Natal Classes Held

Pre-natal classes are being conducted each Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. by Mrs. Frances Stouffer, Greenbelt public health nurse, at 54-A Crescent Road. Additional information may be obtained by calling 6111. The inoculation clinic is also held each Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 at the same address.

Glee Club, Band Join In Concert

The Greenbelt High School Glee Club and the Greenbelt Band will present a Christmas concert on Monday evening, December 19 at 8 p.m. in the community building auditorium.

Band numbers will include Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Festal Overture, The Shrine of St. Cecilia, Joy to the World, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and Yuletide Echoes.

The glee club will present the following selections: Lachrymosa, Stars Lead Us Ever On (Janice Anzulovic, soloist) Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming, Beautiful Saviour, Adoremus Te, Marche of Turenne, Lullabye of Christmas Eve (Clara Arroyo, soloist) and Carol of the Bells. The glee club and band will present "White Christmas" as the closing number.

Homemakers Sponsor Mother Hubbard Cupboard

The Greenbelt Homemakers Club had its first meeting last Wednesday night and elected the following officers: Mrs. Charles Orleans, president; Mrs. Paul Kasko, vice president; Mrs. Nelson Holton, treasurer; Mrs. John Hurley, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Fox, program chairman.

Mrs. David Rothschild, president of the Prince Georges County Council of Homemakers, who was guest of honor, displayed a lampshade, an umbrella, a processed painting, and Christmas candles as examples of items which she had learned to make through the club.

The Homemakers Clubs of Prince Georges County are sponsoring Mother Hubbard Cupboards, one of which is now on display at the Center food store. Contributions of canned foods will be distributed through the Prince Georges County social service organization to needy families.

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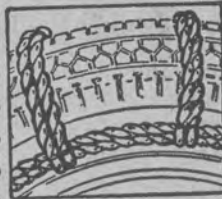
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