



## Green Valley Homes Becomes Fourth In Series of Local Housing Projects

The fourth housing development scheduled to be constructed in Greenbelt has reached the planning stage. Known as Green Valley Homes, it will offer for sale houses in an even wider variety of sizes and prices than the three projects already planned.

These three projects, for which all details of planning except financing are complete, are the Woodland Homes and the two Ridgewood Homes developments. All four projects are being undertaken on a non-profit, non-speculative basis by Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc. This organization was formed last May in an agreement with the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation to provide single-family detached homes ready for occupancy.

These GCB housing projects, together with a fifth project (a non-profit land sub division sponsored by Lakeside Homeowners, Inc.), are all part of a master plan to develop the more than 700 acres to which GVHC now holds title. Co-operative techniques will largely be used in this program.

The Lakeside subdivision is a separate development undertaken by an organized group of Greenbelt residents and their friends. Members of this cooperative are purchasing lots in this development and thereby putting up the cash necessary to release the land from the PHA mortgage. They will carry through the development to the point where the lots are complete with roads and utilities, and each member will then construct his own home.)

The GCB projects are all to be located in the area north of the portion of Crescent Road extending from St. Hugh's Catholic Church and school to the Greenbelt Lake parking lot. (The Lakeside subdivision begins at Crescent Road opposite Westway and extends in a semi-circle northward, westward, and comes around parallel to the south shore of the lake.)

### Three Co-op, One Not

The three GCB projects already planned are to be management-type cooperatives utilizing FHA insurance. Title and management of the development will be vested in a corporation formed by the members who purchase a home. The fourth project, Green Valley Homes, is a non-profit, non-speculative sales-type project, featuring individual ownership and conventional financing. Although not a cooperative, it will be planned, constructed, and financed cooperatively.

The Woodland Homes and the two Ridgewood Homes projects have already been approved by FHA, and construction loans have been obtained. The only obstacle now remaining before these projects can be offered to prospective members is a firm commitment on the long-term mortgage financing. The kind of commitment secured will also in large measure determine the size of the necessary down-payment.

When these and all other arrangements for the construction of the houses are completed, membership in these three cooperatives will be offered. In that way member-owners can be assured that construction will be started as soon as 90 percent of its units have been subscribed and down-payments made in full.

### Woodland Homes

Woodland Homes, located on a 20-acre tract adjacent to Parkbelt, will be a 50-unit development of three-, four- and five-bedroom houses on 75 by 120 and larger lots. A model home, now under construction on Northway extended, is substantially complete. The extension of Northway down to Crescent Road opposite St. Hugh's will

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## Northwestern High School Accredited

It has been announced by John P. Speicher, Principal, that the Northwestern Senior High School has been fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The name of the school will now appear on the Association's List of Accredited Schools. Northwestern was evaluated in March, 1953 by a Committee appointed by the Middle States Association under the general chairmanship of Dr. Howard Kinhart, Supervisor of High Schools in Anne Arundel County. Northwestern now has an enrollment of 1840 students in grades 10, 11, 12 with a faculty of seventy-five members.

## Majorettes Compete On Reward For Talent

The Greenbelt Majorettes will appear on television (WMAL-TV) channel 7, Saturday night, December 5 at 7 p.m. to compete in the Gunther "Reward for Talent" program. The Majorettes will be accompanied by the Legion color guard. Any money derived from this undertaking will be used for child welfare.

Two winners will be chosen, one by a panel of judges and one by a write-in mail vote. "Pop" Bell is asking all Greenbelters to send in post cards voting for the Majorettes.

## School Auditorium Gets New Curtains

The community building stage will get a new set of curtains soon as the city council approved a request from city-manager Charles McDonald for \$805 to purchase flame-proof curtains for the front and back of the stage. Another \$1500 was approved for painting the interior of the auditorium.

McDonald disclosed that the old curtains were discarded when their condition deteriorated badly losing their flame-proof quality. The stage could not be used for civic or school affairs without an adequate backdrop, as the back of the stage is unpainted cinderblock.

Repairs on the roof of the auditorium have stopped damage to the interior of the auditorium, but it needs painting badly, McDonald asserted.

The money appropriated comes from a "miscellaneous fund" of \$10,000 set up in the budget for emergency expenditures. The unexpended funds will revert to surplus at the end of this year. There is still some left, McDonald said.

## Lakeside Lots Ready For Outright Purchase

In an exclusive interview this week the Cooperator learned that the Greenbelt area being developed and available for immediate purchase is Lakeside Homes, Inc. The land involved is divided into sixty-five (65) lots. They were not extensively advertised, their availability being made known primarily to Greenbelters and their friends. To date, forty-two (42) of these choice woodland lots have been sold, leaving twenty-three (23) available for future purchasers.

### Dec. 31 Deadline

These lots range in price from \$1,300 to \$2,300, and their size is approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre. They may be bought between now and December 31 with a \$100 down payment, which includes \$25 membership fee, payable to Lakeside Home-owners, Inc. The remainder may be paid in three installments in 8 months at a 5% carrying charge. Those purchasers wishing to make the payment in full will not, of course, have a carrying charge. Price of the lots includes all easements, or utilities, such as streets and sewage. The land will be purchased by December 31, and each purchaser will have a fee-simple title. The corporation's membership is made up entirely of people who want low-cost lots of their own in Greenbelt.

### Local Option

There will be no restrictions in the deed, except that the houses to be built must have the approval of a committee of the Lakeside Home Owners, Inc. This is not intended to tell people what they can or cannot do, but to keep the development a nice place to live in. There will be no other buildings or encroachments of any kind between the lots and the lake. Residents will have the same recreational and other facilities that Greenbelters enjoy. Future school sites and business centers have also been mapped out.

Located above the Center School in the area overlooking the recreation field and the lake, these lots will be easily accessible by car. Anyone desiring to walk there can do so by going up the hill on Crescent Rd. A path has been made behind the 3-4-7 courts of Crescent, leading to the sites. The lots are staked, and it is possible to view the remaining ones.

Further information concerning these lots may be obtained by calling Granite 3-2651 after 5 p.m. and on week-ends.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

1. Why are repair charges for brick and frame homes kept in separate accounts by Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation?
2. Are maintenance costs higher for brick or frame homes?
3. Does GVHC make paint available to members for interior painting?
4. May GVHC members remove radiators from their homes?
5. Where can members buy such things as window shades and garbage pails, which GVHC does not furnish?

## City Council Wrestles '54 Budget; Chops Proposals Down to \$307,466

By I. J. Parker

A five-and-a-half hour bout with the budget by the city council last Monday resulted in a \$22,400 cut from the proposed budget for 1954 presented by City Manager Charles McDonald. A tentative budget of anticipated expenditures of \$307,466.50 was approved, subject to changes at this Monday's public hearing. McDonald's proposed budget totalled \$329,866.50. The final figure is about \$2100 less than this year's anticipated expenditures.

## PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY NIGHT

The long-awaited "Public Hearing" on the budget for 1954 will be held in the auditorium of the Community building, Monday, December 7, at 8 p.m. Choice of this site was made because of expected crowds attending this meeting.

The public hearing is provided for in the city charter and gives citizens a chance to express themselves on cost of services, size of taxes, and other budget matters. This meeting will also serve to help the city council determine the fate of the Greenbelt library, which has reached controversial proportions in the community.

## American Legion Holds Open House Saturday

This week is American Legion Week in Greenbelt and the adjacent communities. American Legion Post No. 136, through its members, will acquaint each eligible veteran with what the Legion stands for and what it means to him and his family. Each veteran will be asked to join the Legion and take part in promoting the principles and aims of the Legion.

The Legion has fought and is continuing to fight against bills aimed at reducing or eliminating those rights and privileges of veterans. It is constantly on the alert for and fighting against any act or action which is un-American and subversive. The promotion of welfare of children is one of the largest programs of the Legion. Through the Post Service Hospital and Rehabilitation Officer, veteran's rehabilitation is carried on. Members' dues aid in these programs.

On Saturday, December 5 at 9 a.m., the Legion will hold Open House to all veterans. Those wishing to join should bring their papers.

## Two-Way Radio System Dedicated By Lastner

A two-way radio system was officially dedicated Monday, November 23, by Mayor Frank Lastner in the city administration offices, prior to the city council meeting. Lastner called police Cruiser No. 1 and inaugurated use of the modern communication system, declaring, "It gives me great pleasure to dedicate this radio system, which is another of the fine services the city of Greenbelt provides its citizens."

At present only one car is equipped to take messages, but another cruiser will be equipped shortly. A test made last week disclosed that messages can be received by police cars as far as Four Corners, Silver Spring, clear and distinct.

Formerly, the police station called Hyattsville, which in turn sent the message over the air to the

Main cuts resulted from the following actions:

\$10,000 was cut for a proposed "cost of living increase" to city employees which was recommended for approval should federal salaries be raised. Council members felt that the federal government would not approve such a raise at least until July 1, and the remaining half-figure could be achieved from existing revenue.

### Paint From Surplus

\$6500 requested for painting the exterior of the community building and warehouses was chopped. Money for this project will come from the surplus of \$25,000 resulting from this year's operation.

\$1800 was removed when it was considered that an employee hospitalization plan was not feasible at this time.

\$1000 for "conferences and training" was sliced for several department heads. (\$500 for this item was approved for the mayor and council.) Mayor Frank Lastner disclosed that his attendance at conferences as a result of his duties as mayor was a financial drain on his personal income, and he could not attend such functions without municipal assistance. He felt the item was an important one in conducting municipal affairs.

\$1000 was cut from playgrounds and another \$1000 from roadways.

\$1300 for community promotion was removed.

### More For Water

Approved was a 4 cent per 1000 gallons of water increase in the water bill for sewer service.

Approval of the library appropriation was delayed until the public hearing to await citizen reaction. The meeting began with a discussion by two county library representatives on the proposed integration of the Greenbelt library with the county system. The appropriation for the library amounts to \$11,577. Savings of approximately \$10,000 could be achieved with integration, it was disclosed.

### New Tax Rate

Consideration of the revenue budget was not undertaken. The only part of this portion of the budget which could be changed is the amount needed from personal and real property taxes to get an amount equal to expenditures. A tax rate cannot be established at this time, according to the council, because the new appraisal from the county has not been announced as yet. (However, undisclosed sources reveal that the tax rate is expected to reach a figure of \$2.25 per \$100 assessed valuation of real property. McDonald requested consideration of a rise in the personal property tax, from \$1 to \$2 or even \$2.25.)

cruiser. Now the police receive messages directly from the station. A receiver, which announces calls from the county system, is also installed in the office. There is a remote control unit in an adjoining office for use during council meetings.



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## They Like Our Schools

Any American, even the most casual PTA member, is willing to discuss the faults of the American educational system. Indeed, it is almost unfashionable today to defend it. So it comes as a pleasant surprise to find a group of French educational leaders studying American schools with an eye to improving their own system.

This group sponsored by the French Ministry of Education, is impressed with many aspects of the American school system — its diversity, for instance, its abundance of materials and its flexibility. M. Henri Lageyre, inspector-general of technical education for the Ministry, said "we admire your constant communication between the world of affairs and the world of teaching and the teachers." He said the group also admired "the discipline, joyous and free, which the students impose upon themselves; the richness of your scholarly world and your pedagogical methods; your practicality and simplicity of heart."

This praise should be pondered by American educators and laymen alike. Apparently our school system is not so bad as it is sometimes made out to be. It is right that we criticize our schools in order to improve them, but it is wrong to ignore their virtues. Considering the tremendous enrolment increase in the American school system during the last 50 years, its adjustment and progress have been little short of miraculous.

## Public Hearing

Those of us who were here at budget time two years ago recall only too well how the city scuttled the kindergarten when the federal government refused to go along with it. The important point then was the fact that the council accomplished this with a minimum of discussion with the citizenry. Whether this was the council's fault for operating in semi-secrecy or the fault of the electorate for not being too alert to the situation is beside the point. The fact remains that the kindergarten was scuttled — and by the time most of the people woke up to that fact, it was too late.

The same thing could happen this year. In spite of the fact that a public hearing will be held Monday night to discuss the budget, it will hardly provide time enough for all the items on the budget — or off the budget — to be considered and debated. Even two such hearings, and there might well be two, could not accomplish this purpose. Yet, it is extremely important that the citizens communicate their desires to the council. How? Well, one way would be to send postcards, letters, or telegrams to the council. A deluge of cards on the library question, for example, might do much to influence the council when it makes a decision either for or against integration with the county system. Those who feel strongly either way on this question — or on any other budget item — ought to let the council know.

As for the library question itself, we cannot help feeling that there is more here than meets the eye. Can it be that the council is focusing attention on the library, so that it can quietly proceed with certain other actions? A spotlight on the library could easily serve to blind people to other, and equally significant, measures. Of course, this may not be the case at all, but under the circumstances it would seem most wise to carefully scrutinize the rest of the budget — to ask questions at the public hearing — and to make sure that the council's actions are responsive to the wishes of the people. This is democracy in action — not government in a vacuum!

### WOMEN VOTERS MEET

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Unit of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County, will be held Wednesday, December 9, at 8:15 at the home of Mrs. Jane Hunt, 3-D Research Rd., Gr. 3-6936.

Topic of discussion will be Fiscal Management in Prince Georges County.

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## Family Day at Church To End In Carol Sing

Church Family Day will be observed at Community Church this Sunday. Regular Sunday School classes will not be held, so that teachers, choir members, et al, will be able to attend Church together at the same time. At both the 9 and 11 o'clock church services, children and parents of the Sunday School and Church will participate in this family-type service. The various departments of the Church School will present hymns and Scripture responses which they have been studying in the past three weeks.

### Tree-Lighting

At 6:30 Sunday evening, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Church lawn will take place. The public is invited. Members of the Senior High Department of the Church School will lead the ceremony under the direction of Earl Thomas. The permanent Christmas tree was given three years ago by the members of this department.

The following will participate in the program: Organ chimes played by Mrs. Donald Kern; "O Holy Night" sung by the Chancel Choir a capella with Janet Huffman as soloist, and Elizabeth Goetze directing; invocation by Jack Huffman; welcome by Annie Redd Fontaine. George Sheaffer will introduce the honored guest who will actually turn on the Christmas tree light.

Following the ceremony, everyone will be invited into the Church social hall for the singing of Christmas carols and refreshments served by members of the Chancel Choir.

## Sodality Party Dec. 7 Welcomes Members

Reception of new members into St. Hugh's Sodality will be held Wednesday evening, December 9 during the Novena services at 8 p.m. in St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

The December meeting, beginning at 8:30, will feature a social evening including a Christmas party and entertainment by TV star Ray Allen and Bobbi Weidel of Berwyn. In past years gifts have been exchanged. However, this year, as a donation to aid the completion of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, each sodalist is bringing a cash offering which will be placed in a receptacle at the foot of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Teen-age Sodality will be special guests at this meeting.

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## Chanukah Celebration Sunday Afternoon

The current Chanukah holiday will be celebrated by the Jewish Community Center School and Hebrew class in the Center school auditorium on December 6, at 2:30 p.m. Israeli and Chanukah dances which were taught the children by Mrs. B. Metalitz of College Park, a skit about making the traditional Chanukah pancakes, a Chanukah pageant; the acting out and singing of Chanukah songs, and lighting the Menorah (prayers in Hebrew), will be seen and heard in a program under the direction of Rabbi Waldman. Every child has a part in it, and all parents and friends are invited.

Because of this celebration in the afternoon, no Sunday School will be conducted the morning of December 6.

### HEBREW SERVICES

By Rabbi C. Waldman

Services will be held Friday, December 4 at 8 p.m. in the home economics room of the Center School.

Candle-lighting time is at 3:50 p.m.

### GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor  
Telephone 2051

Friday, December 4: 8 p.m., Sunday School Teachers' meeting at the church.

Sunday, December 6: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church services. A nursery is maintained during these services for the benefit of parents with children under five years of age. Visitors are always welcome. 4 p.m., Rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas program.

Thursday, December 10: 8 p.m., Meeting of the Church Vestry.

### Megill - Cameron

A wedding of local interest took place on Sunday, November 22, at 4 o'clock at the Greenbelt Community Church, when Mary Megill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Megill, 1-A Eastway, and Robert Cameron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo R. Cameron of Strasburg, Va., were married in a ceremony performed by Reverend E. T. Braund. The wedding, and reception which followed in the social room of the church, were attended by a large crowd of relatives and friends.

The attractive bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white lace over Skinner satin and iridescence, with matching tiara and finger tip length veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and chrysanthemums, with a white orchid. The maid of honor was Maureen Murray whose gown was blue net and velvet. She carried a bouquet of shades of yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Betty Megill and Joanne Murray, whose dresses were similar to the maid of honor's but in rose net and velvet. They carried bouquets of white carnations tied with blue ribbon. The groom's best man was Harry Lichter of Strasburg, Va., and his ushers were Bill McCombs and Tom Cameron.

Besides the parents of both the bride and groom, other members of the wedding included the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Mae Hockett, her brother Rex, and sister Nancy. On the side of the groom were his sisters, Mrs. Lucy Ellen Fultz, Mrs. Patsy Combs, and his brother, Paul Archie Cameron.

When the bride threw her bouquet to the bevy of young eligible girls, much to their dismay, it was caught by her ten year old sister Nancy!

The bride is a graduate of Greenbelt High School; the groom attended Bridgewater College, Virginia. After a week's honeymoon, the couple will reside at 8-V Laurel Hill.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister  
Harry B. Miles, Assistant

Sunday, December 6 - 9:30 a.m., Session of the Sunday School. Dick Hoffman, superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Worship with sermon by the minister. Special music by the choir. 6 p.m., Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Chapel on Woodlandway.

Monday, December 7 - 8 p.m., Annual Christmas Party at the residence of Mrs. Fairy Corbin, 4-G Crescent, with Mrs. Mary Irvin as cohostess. All women are invited to attend.

All Sunday Services at North End School, Ridge Road.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School

Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.

Acting Pastor

GR. 3-4844

Sunday, December 6 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School, J. S. Stewart, superintendent. Classes for all ages. Attendance last Sunday - 47. 11 a.m., Morning Worship Service; sermon followed by observance of the Lord's Supper. Nursery for babies and small children maintained during Sunday School and Morning Worship Services. 7 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for the entire family. Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Director. Story Hour for small children. 8 p.m., Evening Worship Service.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Mid-Week Service, room 201, Center School.

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor  
GR. 3-5911

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children, and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This is Sodality Communion Sunday in the parish with members receiving at the 7:30 Mass. Teen-age sodalists will receive at the 8:30 Mass. Religious instruction for Catholic children enrolled in public schools each Sunday after the 8:30 Mass.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Reception of new members into the Teen-age Sodality.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception; a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. Masses at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Novena Services at 8 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Reception of new members into the Sodality during the Novena. December Sodality meeting at 8:30 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull  
Elizabeth Goetze, Music

Sunday, December 6 - Church Family Day. Morning Worship, 9 and 11 o'clock. Mr. Braund speaking "Why I Believe in a Community Church". New members will be received. No Church School classes. Everyone will attend either 9 or 11 o'clock Church. 6:30 - Tree lighting ceremony on Church lawn, followed by Carol singing in Social Hall, for families in the community.

Thursday, December 10 - 8 p.m. Fidelis class party at the home of Mrs. Guthrie, Berwyn Heights.

## Purchase Plan Stated For Rental - Tenants

A method by which those people renting masonry Greenbelt homes may apply part of their rent to the purchase of their home was approved by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors at their meeting on Friday, November 27.

Tenants must purchase the homes in which they are living before July 1, 1954, in order to take advantage of this offer. They will be notified at a later date as to the amount of their payments which can be credited toward the purchase of the home.



## Housing Board Votes Legal Action Against Moving Van "Nuisance"

Action against Allan A. Bryan, who conducts a moving business from his home at 2-E Northway, was initiated by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors at their meeting Friday night, November 27.

After hearing Bryan present his case, the board voted by the necessary two-thirds majority that his business was conducted in a manner that constituted a public nuisance and that the board's general counsel should be asked to explore what legal action is to be taken against him. Preference is to be given such equity action as a restraining order, a temporary injunction, or a permanent injunction.

The prime cause for the complaint against Bryan is that his moving vans are parked on the nearby residential streets. The GVHC Board notified Bryan last April that this was a public nuisance and contrary to his mutual ownership contract, but action was deferred to give Bryan time to make other arrangements for his business.

### Space Available

Recently the city council made available to Bryan and other owners of trucks a parking space away from the residential area which could be utilized for overnight parking. The board charged that although Bryan previously stated that he would use such parking space if it was provided him, he has failed to do so. Bryan gave as his reason that he resented "the petty, obnoxious charges hurled against me."

Bryan's main defense was a long prepared statement which he read to the board. In it he cited the principles of the U.S. Constitution and specifically the sixth amendment, which guarantees a fair trial and the right of the accused to be confronted by the witnesses against him.

Bryan further declared that he would appeal any adverse decision of the board to the members of GVHC at their next meeting. If his failed, he would appeal to the courts of the state of Maryland.

### Appeal To Members

Ralph Webster, president of the GVHC board, offered time at the quarterly membership meeting of December 3 for Bryan to appeal his case to the membership. Bryan, however, pointed out that the ten days allowed him to prepare an appeal after the board decision would extend past the date of that meeting. He will not make his appeal until the following membership meeting, which will be in February.

In answer to a direct question from Webster, Bryan admitted that his moving business would constitute a nuisance in a residential area if continued for any length of time and expanded. He informed the board that he is now negotiating for a service station and, if and when the deal is completed, will move his trucks there.

At St. Hugh's Thanksgiving festival, the following persons were winners of turkeys: W. Ratin, 1773 Lanier St., Washington; Mr. D'Augustino, 16-L Ridge; T. W. Johnson, Emerson & Orme; Bud Addis, Severn, Md.; Bob Seel, 2400 16th St., Washington; E. H. Zumbum, 10-L Laurel Hill; Mr. Young, Gunther Beer Distributor; Don Cheseman, 10-G Plateau Place; T. O'Connor, 7-L Southway; Patsy Ruleman, 41-A Ridge; Gloria Cipriano, Greenbelt; John J. Shannon, 46-J Ridge.

"Pop" Gallagher and Munnely were the top sellers of turkey raffle books. Gallagher won the turkey for selling the first prize ticket, D'Augustino received second prize, a turkey, as seller of his winning ticket. Munnely received \$5 as third prize, Andrew Han-yok received \$3 as fourth prize seller, and again Munnely received \$2 as fifth prize seller. All other sellers of winning tickets received \$1 each.

## Fishing Lines



As all fishermen know, the season closed, November 30. That's all for this year; hope everyone had a good measure of luck and fun. I did, and am anxiously awaiting next season so I can try it some more. Now is the time to clean up gear and note what new stuff you will need next season. Now is also the best time for purchasing fishing gear. You might find it a bit more reasonable out of season, and be ready when open season rolls around again.

Next year should be an exceptionally good one at Greenbelt lake. There were quite a number of fish in the lake which escaped this season and there will be a large stocking during the month of January. Possibly some pickerel will be put in along with the bass. I expect Greenbelt lake to be one of the best fishing places in this area next season, and I intend to be prepared to go on opening day.

Fishing Lines will be discontinued with this article until next season. Hope I have given a little information and encouragement. So long till next season.

The Greenbelt chapter of the Izaak Walton League meets the second Thursday of every month. Plenty of interesting things are happening and we have a fine time. Come down and visit our next meeting December 10 and get acquainted. Meeting place, Firemen's Hall, time, 8:30 p.m.



By Dorothy McGee, phone 8083

Inspired by the Muscular Dystrophy telethon, Paul and Bobby Green, 3-K Eastway, and their pal, Paul Gerson, 45-D Ridge, knocked on doors Sunday afternoon and collected \$12.01 for the fund. During the summer, the same little trio collected for the Cerebral Palsy fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goldberg, 14-L Hillside, had extra cause to be thankful on Thanksgiving with the arrival of their third child, Janet Ruth at George Washington Hospital. The Goldbergs have another daughter and a son.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. Grace Green, 10 Forestway, is confined to bed, suffering from arthritis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay W. Brubaker, 6-R Ridge, became the parents of a 1 lb. 8 oz. baby girl November 29. The baby, who will be named Elizabeth Sherry, has a big sister, Barbara Gay.

Mrs. Irving Oring, 1-F Westway, and her youngest son, Robert, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in New York City visiting relatives.

Mrs. Charles Cormack, Jr., 35-G Ridge, recently returned from Prince George's Hospital after undergoing minor surgery. She recovered nicely by Thanksgiving Day, and with her husband Charles, 2-year old Holly and 5-month-old Charles Marshall III enjoyed a family dinner at the Charles Cormack, Srs. Down from Baltimore for the day were the Cormacks' son Robert, his wife and daughters, Barbara 9, and Sherry 4.

The Cooperator is having an envelope-stuffing party Sunday evening at the home of Miriam Solomon, 2-E Westway. The Cooperator will be mailing letters to all Greenbelt residents about subscriptions.

A new lodge of the Knights of Pythias is being formed at Lanham, which will also serve the citizens of Greenbelt. All members, former members, and others interested should contact Benjamin H. Wolfe, 8-H Plateau Place, GR. 4-4591 for further particulars. Baptist Pastor Moves to Greenbelt

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Crowder have moved to 4 Woodland Way, Greenbelt. Dr. Crowder is Acting Pastor of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel, which meets in the Center School, and he is also Director of the Department of Missions and Evangelism of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. The Crowders moved to Greenbelt from 9312 Longbranch Parkway, the Four Corners area of Silver Spring. The Pastor's new telephone number is GRanite 3-4844.

Louis C. Pakiser, Jr., 6-R Hillside, a member of the American Veterans Committee, is in Europe as one of the delegates to the World Veterans Federation. He has been in the Hague and will visit the offices of the Federation in Paris. Mr. Pakiser was, until recently, the National Executive Director of the World Veterans Federation, which represents 19 million veterans in 20 different nations. The American Veterans Committee, the American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, and Blinded War Veterans are the American organizations whose slogan is "Citizens First, Veterans Second." Mr. Pakiser is expected home in about a week.

## The Long View

By Al Long

Greenbelt is a nice, friendly place for pleasant living. It is a pleasure this time of the year to saunter around the Center meeting old friends and noticing how many new families are in town. Last Saturday I was enjoying the sun in the Center when an old timer came along. "Say, I heard you're going to write for the Cooperator again. Your old column? The Long View, wasn't it?"

"You heard right. Now that the Cooperator is recognized by the Post Office as a newspaper, Harry Zubkoff wants to pep it up and make a real free press out of it. Even allow a little opposing point of view now and then. Might even mention the word free enterprise occasionally."

"So I heard, but will the big advertiser allow this? Never did before, you know. Remember when your column was thrown out?"

"Well, either the Cooperator's got some money, or else old 'Strong Heart' Zubkoff has the courage of a lion, a literary lion, that is. Because he is going to try it."

"That will be interesting to watch. But they won't like it, I'm sure. By the way, you're on the GVHC Board. What's this I hear about us having to pay a big legal bill for the rent protest thing? Don't we have two different law firms on a good retainer fee basis?"

"Hush. Hush. Don't talk so loud. Do you want me to get suspended from the board for security violations?"

"What do you mean security? What are you talking about?"

"Well, you see, the board is very much disturbed about security leaks . . . the board members divulging secrets to the enemy and that sort of stuff."

"What secrets? What enemy? Who is the enemy anyhow?"

"Why the members, of course, like you and the others. Secrets about the operations of GVHC."

"Well, I'll be - - -!"

"Yes, it's funny about that sort of thing, so I'd better not talk about GVHC. It's safer, you know."

"It's beyond me but I must be

## More Light . . . ..... Less Heat

by Ben Rosenzweig

Return of the prodigy — In order to render a better service to the readers, the management of this paper has decided to return this column, which has been missed by none for the past umpteen months, as a result of popular clamor. To my loyal reader(s), many thanks. Apropos of nothing. Nothing having brought it to mind, it would be worthwhile to consider the character of the community in which we live. It would not be too far-fetched to consider the name of this community Co-op-town. In this fair city we have pooled our individual resources, set up our own business enterprises know nas Greenbelt Consumer Services; met our financial problems through our joint interest in the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (when, of course, we have not done business with our good friend Henry Brautigam); and most recently, we launched the largest co-operative of the lot, when Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation purchased the housing and undeveloped land in behalf of the residents and members of the community. It's a good sign when people learn to live and work together in their own mutual interest. Just like old times, when neighbor helped neighbor, — or else got it in the end . . . by scalping, sometimes, like with World Series tickets.

That old, familiar feeling — Some of these evenings we really get to feeling old when we get home. But to get that off-, we will have to meet our friends, neighbors, and countrymen at the City Council, PTA, Boy Scouts, church groups, co-op study circles, the volunteer squads, community band - we got 'em all. You need them and they need you. Complaints from the Boys Club, Little League, Girl Scouts, and fraternal orders form a line to the right . . .

getting on home. By the way, what will you be writing about in the Cooperator?"

"Oh, I don't really know yet. Things about Greenbelt and the people and organizations in Greenbelt. Maybe something about the dog and cat issue or the Legion Post or perhaps even about a plot to keep free enterprise out of Greenbelt, even in the undeveloped land. Haven't really decided yet. Bye - be seeing you."

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## TELEPHONE COMPANY ASKS PSC FOR RATE INCREASE FOR SERVICE IN MD.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has asked the Public Service Commission to grant it increased telephone rates so that it "may continue to progress with and contribute fully to the growth and development of Maryland."

The company stressed in its application that problems caused by inflation have "plagued" all utilities including telephone companies throughout the post war period. It noted that increases in telephone rates since the war have "lagged well behind increased costs, with the result that serious and irreparable losses have been incurred by the company. The stage has now been reached where effective remedial action is imperative if impairment of the company's ability to provide its vitally important communication services is to be avoided".

### Better Service

C & P told the commission it has carried out large-scale telephone construction for a number of years in order to provide for the "extraordinary" public demand for new and better grades of service. Pointing out that its program today "surpasses anything heretofore experienced", C & P said additions to telephone plants in Maryland will total \$29 million in 1953 and will climb to \$30 million in 1954.

The company's petition noted that today's record telephone construction is being provided at currently existing high price levels with the result that, as additions are made, the average investment per telephone will be substantially increased.

Wages were cited by C & P as one example of continued high operating cost. New wage agreements providing substantial increases for employees were negotiated in August and September. These increases alone, it was emphasized, "offset a substantial portion" of the company's last rate increase.

### Modern Techniques

The company declared it "has sought by every means consistent with sound management to offset the effects of inflation through efficient and economical operations". As an example, it said use of the most modern techniques and equipment, developed through the continuing research program carried on in the interest of telephone users in the state, has made possible "a significant reduction . . . in the number of man hours per telephone required to provide the high standard of service available in Maryland".

Without this emphasis on improved efficiency, C & P indicated its financial condition would be "even more critical than is now the case". It added, however, that experience has shown that the financial health of the company "cannot be restored through this medium alone. It must be accompanied by a repricing of its services which realistically recognizes the needs of the company interpreted in the light of present-day economic facts".

In its petition, the company asked the PSC for a new determination of the fair value of its property, a finding of what constitutes a fair return of such fair value and the approval of a schedule of rates and charges which will yield such a return.

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### My Daze

#### ONCE DURING SCHOOL RECESS A MIXUP DEVELOPED.

A teacher who didn't have her whistle with her had to get her group's attention. She asked another teacher to blow the whistle for her, but what happened was that the second teacher's class gathered around. They thought THEY were being summoned. Our daughter, who's in the class of the teacher who blew the whistle, claims she wasn't fooled like the rest, for she knew all along what was going on.

**CRISP FALL LEAVES**, lured by the breeze into descent.

Nearly cover up the ground, to greet our steps with a crunchy sound.

We love the trees in or out of season, but here's a lament, And here is the reason:

We'd rather sow or mow or shovel snow, than rake,

We don't mind work that has an end, but friend,

When there are so many leaves to rake, we ache.

**THE SUN HAD ALREADY CUT THE FOG**, but the airplane bringing the men in from across the continent couldn't land upon first approaching the airport. There'd been no landings in the early morning fog, and twenty planes were already waiting their turn to land, now that the fog had lifted.

You're number twenty-one, the pilot was told, and in the meantime he had to circle over Leesburg, Va., thirty miles away going two hundred fifty miles an hour, ten miles in each direction. The backed-up planes were landed in quick succession, even number twenty-one, only an hour late. At last, five restless, over-excited youngsters, waiting with their mothers, spied their daddies among the passengers moving toward the gate. —daisy.

## COPS MOVE TO CITY OFFICES IN CENTER

The police department has completed its move to the city administration offices above the variety store in the center. Only the fire department remains in its former location at present, with all municipal departments in the Center office.

Residents are reminded by city manager Charles McDonald that the phone number is still 2011 for city office or police department calls. Vacated space formerly occupied by the police department will be rented to various local civic organizations. The revenue will go towards the rent for municipal offices leased from the federal government.

## McDonald's Budget Figures

The 4 cents per thousand gallon additional charge for sewage will mean an additional revenue of \$8,800 to the city, if approved. McDonald declared this would put the city on the same basis as other taxing bodies in the county, as no other municipality provides sewage service to its citizens. If you pay an average \$3 a month for water, it will go up about 40 cents more. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission charges 14 cents.

"No other municipality collects refuse from any commercial center without a charge," McDonald states. PHA used to do this for GCS, but McDonald wants a reasonable charge imposed.

McDonald recommends an additional amount to be raised by increasing the personal property tax. The tax is now 1% but the manager advises a raise to bring it even with real property, or at least to 2%. Hardest hit again, would be GCS.

Lower revenues are expected from admission taxes (the theater is not doing well); franchise tax; increases are expected from motor vehicles and gas taxes, bicycle tax, and income tax payments; same revenue expected from trader's licenses, motor vehicle and auto tags. If the library is "integrated" we would lose about \$400 in fines.

The federal government still owns some land in the city and we can expect some more "payments in lieu of taxes" from PHA. The new appraisal of privately-owned apartments will bring in additional revenue.

## Athletic Club News

The Greenbelt Athletic Club held an informal open house meeting Monday, November 16. About thirty members attended.

Plans were made to start a new membership drive and to create a strong club which can be a benefit to the community. With elections coming up next month and many of its present officers no longer active in the club, it was decided to hold a meeting on Thursday, December 3 to elect new officers.

The Men's Gym Night program, sponsored jointly by the Recreation Department and the Athletic Club, is becoming more popular. Captains were appointed to start organizing volleyball teams. Those interested in joining a volleyball team, contact one of the captains listed below:

Joe O'Loughlin, 11-R Laurel Hill (6708); George Confer, 2-P Laurel Hill (5401); Pete Cookson, 7-A Laurel Hill (2877); Dan Bohner, 22-H Hillside (8231); Calvin Aulisio, 18-D Crescent (6876).

## Town Budget

CITY OF GREENBELT MARYLAND

Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

Account Classification	Estimated Expenditure for 1953	Recommended by Manager For 1954	Approved by Council for 1954
<b>General Government</b>			
Mayor and City Council	1,500.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
City Clerk	2,033.00	2,377.00	2,227.00
Executive Other (Manager)	23,457.00	26,134.00	26,134.00
Finance (Treasurer)	9,220.00	10,210.00	9,810.00
Accounting and Auditing	900.00	9.00.00	900.00
Finance Other (Bond and Int.)	235.00	255.00	255.00
Legal Counsel	1,005.00	1,005.00	1,005.00
Municipally Owned Bldgs.	6,000.00	26,216.00	19,716.00*
Rental of Offices	3,900.00	5,160.00	5,160.00
Community Promotion	850.00	2,050.00	750.00
Elections	271.11		
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>49,371.11</b>	<b>76,257.00</b>	<b>67,877.00</b>

\*\$6,500.00 for Painting Community Bldg. and Warehouses to be taken from 1953 surplus.

<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	35,963.00	33,432.50	33,332.50
Fire Department	6,502.00	7,632.00	7,632.00
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>42,465.00</b>	<b>41,064.00</b>	<b>40,964.50</b>

<b>Highways</b>			
Supervision	1,899.00	1,446.00	1,446.00
Roadways	18,447.00	21,066.00	20,066.00
Highway Lighting	5,300.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
<b>Total Highways</b>	<b>25,646.00</b>	<b>29,512.00</b>	<b>28,512.00</b>

<b>Sanitation and Waste</b>			
Supervision	678.00	3,790.00	3,790.00
Sewer and Sewage Disposal	9,310.00	8,837.00	8,837.00
Street Sanitation	6,950.00	5,724.00	5,724.00
Waste Collection and Disposal	22,072.00	28,921.00	28,921.00
<b>Total Sanitation and Waste</b>	<b>39,610.00</b>	<b>47,272.00</b>	<b>47,272.00</b>

<b>Conservation of Health</b>			
Health Department	3,595.00	2,665.00	2,665.00

<b>Recreation</b>			
<b>Cultural</b>			
Library and Music	10,681.00	11,577.00	11,577.00**
Organized Rec. (Swimming Pool)	15,500.00	11,159.00	11,159.00
Municipal Parks	16,353.00	12,815.00	11,815.00
Other Recreation	20,944.00	8,850.00	8,700.00
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>63,478.00</b>	<b>44,401.00</b>	<b>43,251.00</b>

<b>Public Service Enterprises</b>			
Water Service	56,000.00	56,520.00	56,520.00
Other (Bus)	9,415.00	10,275.00	10,275.00
<b>Total Pub. Ser. Ent.</b>	<b>65,415.00</b>	<b>66,795.00</b>	<b>66,795.00</b>
<b>Pension, Contributions and Payments</b>	<b>7,510.00</b>	<b>9,400.00</b>	<b>7,600.00</b>
<b>Workmans Compensation</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Other Miscellaneous</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>

**Total All Departments** 309,590.11 329,866.50 307,466.50

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## Junior High News

by Peggy Markfield

Charity, besides reading, writing and arithmetic is also taught at the Junior High. The Student Council conducted a canned food drive for certain needy families in this vicinity last week, which no doubt, helped to insure a happy Thanksgiving for them.

Principal Allan Chotiner announced that 157 children made the Honor Roll for scholastic achievement for the first nine weeks of school. Students to be eligible must attain a "B" average in all subjects. A letter of commendation is sent to both the child and his parents, for it is the school's feeling that the parents, too, should receive some recognition for the child's high scholastic attainment.

As a reward for obtaining the most magazine subscriptions, Groups 7-J Boys and 8-E Girls and Boys were taken on a tour of Fort McHenry last week. All expenses for the trip were defrayed by the school.

Boxes of miscellaneous items, filled with combs and soap, and other needed items, will be sent to needy children overseas by the school's Junior Red Cross.

"Our School is As Good as We Make It" is the title of the new school motto chosen by the student body. Phyllis Chasanow chairman of the campaign which resulted in the school obtaining its motto and Home Room Group 9-1 is given credit for authoring it.

A musical evening is planned for the next PTA meeting December 9. The program will consist of selections by the combined 8th and 9th grade Glee Clubs, in addition to offerings by the school band. The Glee Clubs and Bands will be led by faculty members. Miss Mounting who directs the 8th grade Glee Club, Mr. Finley, who directs the 9th grade Glee Club and Mr. Dawson, Band Director.

A report to the parents on health and report cards will be given by Principal Allan Chotiner.

## Drop In Advisor Asks For New Site

A member of the Youth Center Advisory Board requested that the city council give serious consideration for a future building and site for the Drop-Inn. The member, Bev Fonda, reminded the council that the land under the youth center is being offered for sale and that the present building cannot be moved. He also declared that previous meetings on the subject had not resulted in anything definite.

City Manager Charles McDonald stated that the Athletic Club building may be used as the nucleus of a larger building. The Athletic Club building is on Greenbelt land. McDonald pointed out, and is rightfully the city's property. (The Athletic Club was built and paid for by the members themselves on city property. However, the materials used were alleged to have been the federal government's.)

Mayor Frank Lastner added that Greenbelt Consumer Services is bidding on the property under

## Methodist Building Fund Reaches Goal

The initial \$10,000 goal of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church Building Fund Crusade has been reached. Members and friends have pledged more than enough to reach this goal. Plans are now being drawn for the new building, and construction will begin early next year.

The fund raising committee plans a town-wide campaign in the near future. The committee has recognized the unusual pride taken in their community by Greenbelt citizens, and feels that each person will want to contribute to this building which will soon take a permanent place in the town's expansion program. At a recent meeting of the committee at the home of Rev. C. R. Strausburg, Frank Barrick was elected permanent treasurer of the Building Fund.

The Methodist Men at their November meeting at the home of Ralph Noble decided to give assistance to any needy families residing in the city. Walter Kopacz and Noble were elected co-chairmen of a committee to conduct this program. It was proposed that all members repair toys they may have in their homes, and give them to the committee for distribution. Clothing and canned goods will also be accepted. The plan is primarily to get gifts for children of needy families, but other items will be accepted. Anyone knowing of families in Greenbelt unable to give their children Christmas gifts should contact either Kopacz, GRanite 3-6528, or Noble, GRanite 3-3483. Persons having toys or clothing that they would like to contribute to this program can also call. Arrangements will be made to pick up the items offered. It is requested that toys be repaired and painted before they are turned in.

At the same meeting the Men decided to sell fruit cakes and candy for Christmas to raise money for the Building Fund. A committee was appointed by William Hoff, Vice-President to handle all arrangements. The December meeting will be held on the 21st at the home of Rhoderick McKenzie, 10-S Plateau Place. The major portion of the meeting will be devoted to a Christmas program prepared by the Program Committee headed by Herbert Irvin, Beltsville.

the Youth Center, and if they are successful they may conceivably permit continued use of the land by the city. He advised a "sit tight" attitude.

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## HOUSING from page 1

be one of the streets of the development, while an extension of Woodland-Way will be the other street.

The living rooms of virtually all the houses will face towards the rear of the lots and public or community park areas beyond. On the more steeply sloping sites 32 homes with finished "basements" will be built. The downstairs portion of these houses will contain two bedrooms, an unfinished recreation room, a second bathroom and a separate ground-level exit. The upstairs floor plan will be identical with the basement-less model.

Prime contractor for these houses will be Carl M. Freeman, Inc., of Bethesda. The development has qualified for a 40-year, level-payment mortgage of 4 1/2 percent.

### Ridgewood Homes

Ridgewood Homes will be a 101-unit development of three-bedroom houses located north of the lake picnic area on Crescent Road. It will be built in two sections, Ridgewood "A" and Ridgewood "B". Its main access will be Ridge Road extended around and down to Crescent Road. Six short streets with 120-foot diameter turn-arounds at their ends will extend up a gently-sloping wooded hillside from this main road, and all the houses in the development will front on them.

Walkways will lead from the ends of the six streets through a park area along the hillside to a new elementary site and a neighborhood shopping center. This will completely separate the main pedestrian walkways from all through automobile traffic.

Houses in this development have been designed for GCB. They will all have three bedrooms, and there will be some basement models where the ground slopes steeply. All units will have paved driveways, and more than half will initially have carports. Virtually all trees not physically interfering with construction of the houses will be left—to be thinned out at the owner's pleasure.

Precision Built Homes of Pikesville, Md., is scheduled to be the primary contractor for these projects. A model home for these two projects will be built this winter, adjacent to the Woodland Homes model.

### Green Valley Homes

Green Valley Homes will be next to Woodland Homes just across Crescent Road from the Pepco substation. Its main street will be the continuation of Hillside Road, which is now a cleared and graded right of way along which the Pepco power line runs northward to the Defense Homes. This project will offer a variety of two-, three-, four-, and five-bedroom houses, including both the Woodland and Ridgewood types. Prices will vary from about \$12,000 to \$20,000. The house will front on several north-south streets running eastward from Hillside Road extended. All lots in this project will be at least 75 by 120 in size, with a few up to 100 feet or more in width for individuals desiring more expensive homes.

### To Each His Own

Those interested in purchasing homes in this development will be asked to join a membership association which will sponsor the development along with Greenbelt Community Builders. Memberships will be offered before final financing arrangements have been made, because each member will negotiate his own individual mortgage.

Arrangements will be made for prospective purchasers to view the different types of houses available for construction in this subdivision. These will include the Woodland Homes model, the Trade Secrets house and several other types being built by Carl M. Freeman, Inc.

Members of the association will be asked to take charge of the sale program after it has been launched, and they will control the development. GCB will provide all technical services to members, including land planning, on a service charge basis. A more detailed announcement on this project will be made in the near future.

## COUNTY LIBRARY HEADS OUTLINE POSSIBLE GAINS OF INTEGRATION

Two Prince Georges County library officials spoke to city council members and a throng of citizens last Monday night and outlined the results of integration of the local library with the county system, if undertaken. E. R. Eamblitz, president of the county library board, and Mary Kenan Hadley, county librarian, answered questions from the council members and citizens prior to consideration of the budget.

## Navy Wives Enjoy Pot Luck Dinner

The Truman Riddle Navy Wives and their husbands attended "pot luck" dinner Wednesday, November 18 at the home of Hubert Wiram, 60-B Crescent. Mrs. Wayne Tucker and Mrs. Robert Halpin were co-hostesses, and Mrs. James K. O'Neill was in charge of the games.

The Navy Wives, at a business meeting held at the home of Mrs. Richard Heise, 8-D Southway, voted to sponsor Brownie Troop No. 49. They also voted to donate funds to the Greenbelt Band, and a sizeable sum realized at a recent benefit bake sale was sent to the Advisory Board of the Drop Inn. Plans were made for the Club's Thanksgiving Project for some deserving family.

The next meeting of the Truman Riddle Navy Wives will be held Wednesday, December 2, at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Keeney, 18-F Ridge.

All wives of enlisted Navy, Naval Reserves, Coast Guard and Marines are invited to join the Navy Wives Club. For further information call Mrs. J. K. O'Neill, president, at 8041.

### Cooperator Meeting

There will be a Cooperator board meeting Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at Miriam Solomon's, 2-E Westway. The whole newspaper staff will hold an "envelope stuffing" party immediately afterwards.

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The officials disclosed that the county library system maintains 8 libraries and 2 bookmobiles. Their budget for the past two years was \$112,000, and this year saw 5 new libraries established. Revenue for the libraries comes from appropriations by the county commissioners and from state aids. The state provides that not less than 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation be granted to the library system. In addition, revenue of 12 cents per capita has been approved for the coming year from taxes.

### No Time Limit - No Fine

The county library now has 50,000 books plus pamphlets and visual and aural aids. The system has facilities for 110,000 people. The books are circulated without a time limit or a fine. Miss Hadley stated that modern library procedures provide that fines are no more conducive to returning books than the honor system. "Fines are found to be ineffective, and raise administration costs considerably," she declared. She explained that the library is primarily set up for children's use. When the budget was cut and threatened the supply of adult fiction, arrangements were made to loan books on a rental library basis. Miss Hadley declared that this keeps books of an "evanescent" nature off the shelves, and permits supplying new fiction at low cost.

Greenbelt would get a full-fledged librarian and an assistant if it joined the county system, Eamblitz disclosed. The books in the Greenbelt library can be returned, if the city wishes to withdraw at a later date; they must be marked, however, and will impose a physical burden if this occurs.

A cursory examination of the local library by the visitors elicited the statement that Greenbelt books are badly in need of repair, and that many volumes are out of date and should be removed from the shelves. They declared that the reference volumes would be maintained, perhaps enlarged, and a duplicate set of encyclopedias will be available for circulation.

### Book Supply Assured

They assured the council that the library volume would not be depleted by integration. The books in any library are determined by the wants of its members, Miss Hadley declared. In Greenbelt, books from other libraries may be moved to its shelves, and books from Greenbelt would be sent to other libraries within the system, depending on demand.

Hours of the Greenbelt library would also depend on the services desired by local patrons, it was disclosed. The library would be open 40-50 hours a week, including Saturday hours.

Asked whether they would advise integration, the visitors declared that it should inevitably happen as a matter of growth of the county. It would make the county area more "homogeneous" and would enhance the growth of the library system itself. More citizens would attend county commissioner meetings to demand larger appropriations for the library, they averred.

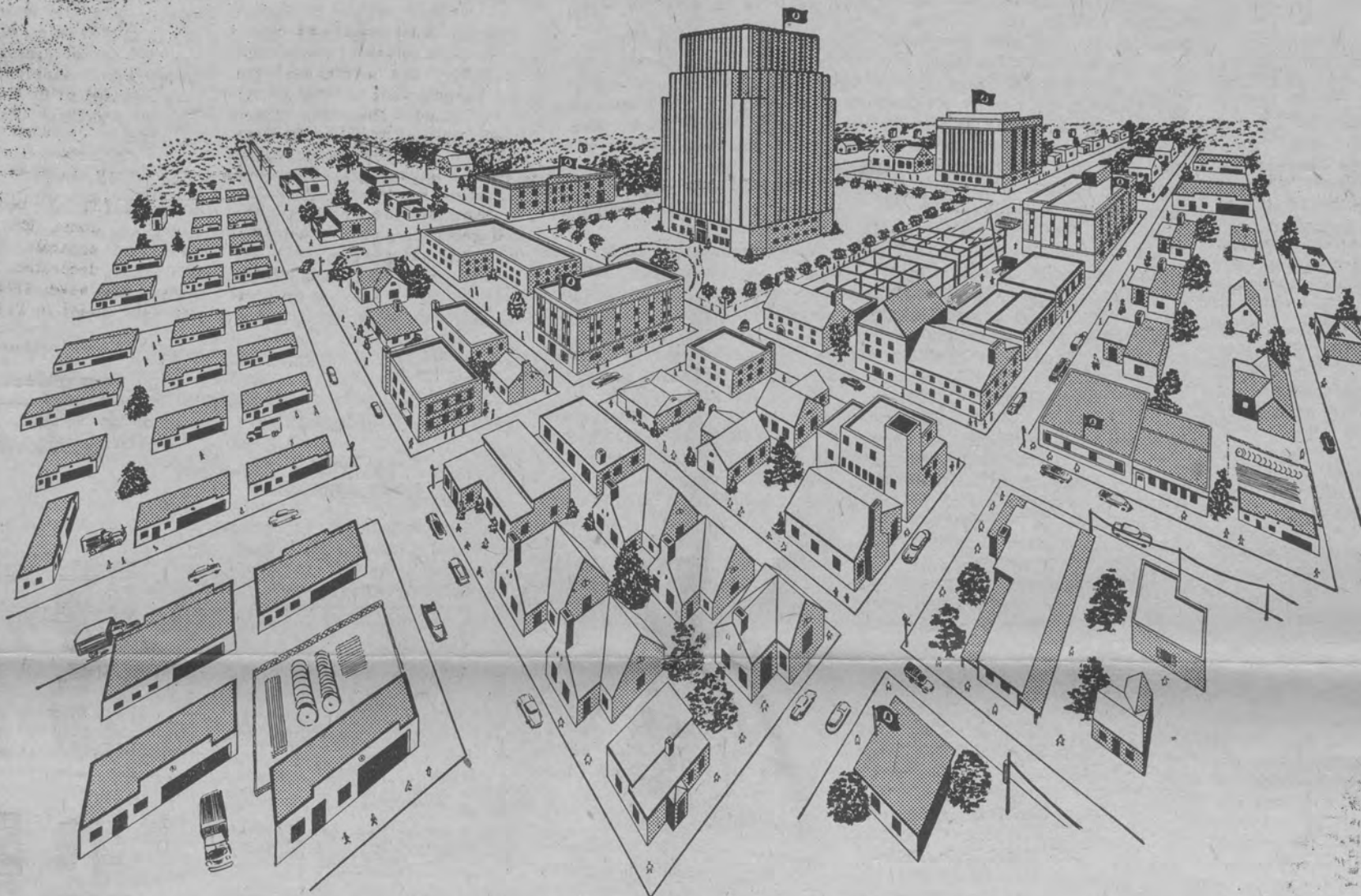
The library board at present has requests for several more libraries to be established. They will grant those which meet the requirements; it takes about \$25,000 to establish a new library, they stated. In Greenbelt, they added, the matter of establishing a library would be simple, since there already is one operating.

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## Letters To The Editor

### County Taxes

According to reports appearing in the press recently, the Commissioners of Prince Georges County have directed the county assessor to be prepared for a 10 percent reduction in all county assessments by December 31, 1953. At the same time the county treasurer issued a report which showed an unappropriated surplus of county funds at the end of the first quarter of the current fiscal year of approximately \$1,400,000. The League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County believes that it is not to the best interests of the county to reduce all assessments 10 percent. The League also urges that the reported surplus be used to provide necessary services to the county, funds for which were stricken from this year's budget on the grounds of insufficient revenue.

In a letter dated November 18, 1953 the League recommended to the Commissioners certain points for their consideration. In regard to the 10 percent reduction in assessments, we would like to point out the following:

(1) While it is true that the total assessed valuation of the county is rising, this fact by itself does not tell the whole story. One must also add that the population of the county is constantly growing and that the total cost of county services these people require is also rising. We wish to point out that at least half of the county's revenue is a product of the total assessable base multiplied by the tax rate. One cannot talk about lowering assessments without anticipating a rise in the tax rate to produce the same amount of revenue unless the county is willing to dispense with certain services to its residents.

(2) After January 1, 1954, according to the present law, no reassessments in the county will go on the books for three years. All that can be added will be assessments on new construction and improvements. But in this three year period the population will continue to increase and the total cost of services required will continue to go up. Since any present reduction in assessments will be frozen for three years after December 31, such a reduction will only serve to hasten the possibility of an increase in the tax rate to provide necessary revenue before the end of this three-year period.

(3) A 10 percent reduction in all real estate assessments will not correct possible inequities in these assessments. The taxpayer who feels that his property reassessment this past year has been higher than reassessments made on comparable property the previous year, for example, will not be given the reduction in assessed valuation he feels to be necessary to eliminate the supposed inequity.

(4) Any reduction in assessments will raise the ratio of the county's total bonded indebtedness to its total assessable base. This will weaken the county's financial position when it contemplates a bond issue to finance needed school construction and other capital improvements.

(5) Commissioner Waters has been quoted in the newspapers as saying that residential and commercial property value in the county in 1953 is \$324,800,000 and that a further advance of \$40,000,000 is expected to be added at the end of this year. Using the total of these figures and the present county tax rate as the basis for computation, it becomes apparent that while a 10 percent reduction in assessments will save a taxpayer with property assessed at \$5,000 about \$10.65 in taxes per year, the county will lose over \$775,000 in yearly revenue.

(6) Commissioner Waters as quoted in the newspapers has pointed out that "Every time the county's assessable base advances \$12,000,000 it loses \$70,000 from the equalization fund." But to complete the picture it should also be pointed out that based on the present county tax rate every time the

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county's assessable base advances \$12,000,000 the county gains over \$250,000 in yearly revenue. Furthermore, to lower the assessable base of the county deliberately in order to lose less (or gain more) from the state equalization fund for schools completely violates the intent of this fund.

Concerning the surplus in the county's general fund, we would like to point out the following: this surplus may properly be considered to be unappropriated funds which are now available for county services denied in the current budget. These services were disallowed on the grounds there would be insufficient revenue to pay for them. Substantial reductions were made in the funds requested by the Health Department and County Libraries, for example. Reductions of varying proportions were made in the budgets of all departments. In the face of this limitation of services to residents of the county, we do not consider as valid the use of this surplus as a reason for reducing the county's basic source of revenue.

In conclusion we heartily endorse the present system of quarterly financial reports as providing a clearer picture of the county's current financial status than was heretofore possible.

Mrs. Haig Dermen, President, League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County.

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## Cub Scout Pack 202 Plans Year's Program

The program for the coming year was announced at the meeting of Cub Scout Pack 202 held at the Fellowship Center of the Community Church Friday night, November 20. Pins and badges were awarded for various activities.

Among the events planned are a Christmas party, a build-a-radio drive in January, the Blue and Gold dinner in celebration of Boy Scout Week in February, and a soap box derby. The scouts also attended the football game between George Washington University and Richmond last Saturday.

Bobcat pins were given to Kenneth Powell, John Santora, Anthony Barbera, and David Arensdorf. Two-year pins were received by David Dalbow, Richard Moss, William Maguire, and William Thompson.

Richard Godol was awarded a lion badge, a silver arrow, a denner's badge, and a two-year pin. Other badges went to Frank Capestosto, Carl Proctor, Robert Greene, Brian Tierney, Michael Ratzkin, Robert Fink, and Tommy Stage.

Feature of the meeting were baked goods prepared by the boys. Hans Erik Jorgensen won first place for his cake, and Robert Fink took this honor for the best cookies.

## UIZ ANSWERS

1. The board, management and membership of GVHC are all interested to know the cost of maintenance for both frame and brick homes. Adjustments in maintenance charges in the future may be the result of such accounting.
2. So far frame house maintenance has not run higher than brick although that is expected to be the case. In 1953 repairs in brick homes ran high as new owners moved in.
3. GVHC does not give free paint for interiors, but through a buying arrangement, members may purchase such paint, at a considerable saving.
4. GVHC permits members to have radiators removed from brick homes, provided a regular plumber does the job.
5. The Greenbelt Consumer Services' variety store here is cooperating with the maintenance office in GVHC in an effort to meet the needs of residents which GVHC cannot supply. Shades may be purchased to fit Greenbelt windows and garbage can inserts are on order.

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### Women's Club News

It was homecoming and reunion time for the Woman's Club of Greenbelt Thursday, November 19 when Mrs. Harry L. Harcum spoke on her recent trip to Europe. Mrs. Harcum is known as the "Mother" of the Greenbelt club, since she was the guiding spirit when the Club was organized. She is a Past President of the Maryland State Federation of Woman's Clubs and is at present the parliamentarian of the State organization. Many former members of the Club were present at the meeting, among them six members who were present at the first meeting of the club 13 years ago. Among the guests, who returned to Greenbelt for the night were Mrs. Roy S. Braden, Mrs. Paul Hawk and Mrs. May Fitch.

Mrs. Harcum toured Europe last summer, mainly to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Greece. She also attended the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

After seeing the condition of many European countries, Mrs. Harcum stressed the need for women around the world to join hands, illustrating her appeal by telling the story of the lost child and how a search had gone on but the child could not be found. Then the searchers joined hands and, walking slowly together, finally found the child. But it was too late. The child was dead. The mother of the child exclaimed, "If only we had joined hands sooner". If the women of the world would only join hands and work together for peace, said Mrs. Harcum, they have the power to prevent a third World War.

Mrs. William L. Moore and her daughter provided music with piano selections. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Orleans, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Clinedinst.

### County Recreation Dept. Runs Basketball Clinic

A Basketball Clinic for all coaches, leaders and their players will be conducted by the Prince Georges County Recreation Department Tuesday, December 8 at the Bladensburg High School Gym from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The clinic will be directed by Burris Husman, formerly assistant varsity coach and head freshman coach, University of Maryland. The program, which is designed to help coaches of Boys Clubs, church leagues, industrial leagues, etc., will include basic basketball skills and tactics, special problems of play, methods and drills for coaching, interpretation of rules and special conditioning for basketball. A special film, "King Basketball" showing rules, regulations and tactics will be shown.

### COUNTY BASKETBALL

A Christmas Basketball Tournament for boys, sponsored by the Prince Georges County Recreation Department, Boy's Club and YMCA, will be held December 28, 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Northwestern and Suitland High Schools. Boys teams will be entered in four classes: 90 pounds, 110 pounds, 130 pounds and 150 pounds. Entry forms are available from the Recreation Department, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland. Entries close December 13 and all teams interested are urged to send in entries immediately.

The Prince Georges County Recreation Department will hold an organization meeting to form a Girls Basketball League on Monday, December 7 at the Department's office, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland at 8 p.m. All representatives of interested girls' teams from Prince Georges County are invited to attend.

### Boys Club Football

By E. Don Bullian

The 1953 Prince Georges County 105 lb. Football Champions put on a show of power and deception in defeating Green Meadows 28-0 in a post season game last Saturday. The Boys Club had beaten Green Meadows during the regular season by a score of 13-0 but they were not convinced that Greenbelt had the better team. The 28-0 score does not indicate the superiority of the Greenbelt boys. They missed one touchdown when the half ended on the one-foot line and still another when a scoring pass play was called back because Palmer, the center, went down the field under a forward pass to block for the receiver. What young Palmer did is against the rules but it shows the spirit and team play of the entire team.

The game started off with a bang when Dale White took the kick off on the 30 and bee-lined 70 yards down the middle for a touchdown. The blocking he received was excellent. McCord plunged for the extra point. Matson's succeeding kick-off was downed on the GM 28, and an off-side penalty put it on the 23, where Matson recovered a fumble. Andrusic and Matson made 3 each. McCord legged around end for 17 yards and a touchdown. Matson plunged for the extra point. Green Meadows ran the next kick-off to their own 42. They made 8 yards in three tries and decided to kick. The kick was blocked by Matson and recovered by Taylor, who was playing a great game at left end. Greenbelt was forced to kick and the ball was grounded on the 18. A vicious tackle by Dunn, who broke through the line, resulted in GM loss of three yards. Two line plays produced no gain. Green Meadows kicked out to the 40 and recovered a Greenbelt fumble. Three tries for a two yard gain forced them to kick to the Greenbelt 30. A White to Bowman pass netted 25 yards. McCord lost a

yard and GM recovered a fumble at mid-field. Andrusic intercepted a pass. McCord and Matson got 3 apiece, a forward was grounded then White threw a 20-yard pass to Bowman who ran another 20 for the TD. Matson plunged for the point making the score 21-0. Matson recovered the ensuing kick-off on the GM 33. A White to Taylor forward produced 28 yards ending up on the 5 yard line. Matson got 3, Andrusic 1 and the half ended.

The second half kick-off was a high end-over-end boot which gave Markowitz time to get to the receiver. He did this with such force that the ball popped out into the waiting arms of Matson who fell on it on the GM 40. That's what you call real team work. Don Bullian made 8. McCord got a first down on the 25. A Greenbelt fumble gave Green Meadows the ball on the 28. Cain, who played a great game at guard, set them back 3 yards with a hard jarring tackle forcing them to kick. The kick was taken by Greenbelt on their own 35. Don Bullian made 6. Matson broke loose for 41 yards, to the 18. McCord, White and Don Bullian made 5 yards each. Matson drove for 2 with McCord going around for the last yard and the touchdown. McCord rushed for the point. Score 28-0.

The following kick-off was taken by Green Meadows to their 40. White recovered a GM fumble at mid-field. Don Bullian made 5. Taylor got 4 and the quarter ended. White drove for a first down on the 35. Then came the touchdown pass to Bowman which was nullified by the penalty mentioned earlier. Matson's kick was grounded on the 45. Don Bullian intercepted a pass on his own 38. McCord made 3. Matson made a first down on the 48. Don Bullian then caught a 15 yard pass from McCord. Greenbelt was on its way to another touchdown when the game ended.

The work of defense linemen is often overlooked but Hanlon, Fenton, Weber and Moore did some

### City Renews Lease On Working Space

The city government will renew its lease with Public Housing Administration for rental of the police and fire building, and the city administration offices. Both spaces cost the city \$7200 again. City manager Charles McDonald was authorized to sign the lease, which gives the city the right to sublet some of the space. The police department is moving to the administration offices soon, and the old space will be made available to local groups.

Councilman Thomas Canning called "ridiculous" the use of funds to lease space from the federal government while the city owns a huge community building. He used the occasion to urge the council to begin immediate negotiations with the county board of education for the sale of the community building. The money derived from the sale could be used to build a new community building, Canning declared, and insisted that "pressure" be used on the county to hasten the sale.

McDonald was instructed to begin serious discussions with the county on the sale, and to arrive at a fair appraisal value of the building as soon as possible.

very fine work in the line and should be commended for their share in Greenbelt's victory. The efforts of Coaches Link and Sauls deserve recognition. The hours they spent in developing a well rounded team was apparent throughout the entire game. Their concern for the boys is very noticeable. If a boy seems tired or has been tackled too hard, out he comes. In fact, Bruce Steffen was in uniform but did not play because the coaches had some doubts about his knee and would not take any chances with it. Greenbelt parents can feel safe when such as these are looking after their boys.

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