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Legion Drill Team Helps Branchville

The American Legion Post 136 Drill team will participate in the dedication ceremonies of the new fire-house in Branchville, it was announced this week by Austin Green, drill team chairman. Drill team members are requested to meet at the Legion home at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

The newly organized drill team first appeared at the dedication of the local Legion Post Home last August 29 and also appeared in the National American Legion parade in Washington, and the Defenders Day parade in Baltimore.

The drill team has 36 members, at full strength, and drills every Thursday night behind the Center school from 7 to 8 p.m., or in inclement weather at the Post home. Green urged all Legion members in good standing interested in the drill team to contact him at Tower 9-6276, Manager Joseph Rimar, GR 3-7952, or Drill Master Melvin Taylor.

Kagawa Says Co-op Stabilize Economy

Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader and president of the Cooperative League of Japan, spoke in Washington on Monday evening, September 20, to over 600 church and cooperative members.

Pointing to the steady stream of refugees from Communist East Germany to the Western zone, Kagawa indicated that satisfying men's material needs is not enough to make them happy. He also enumerated some of the difficulties encountered with uncontrolled, individualistic capitalism and presented his view that a healthy economic system, like a healthy body, needs all its parts—capitalistic enterprise, cooperative people's organizations, and at least some governmental control.

The speaker asked his listeners to picture the situation of men, women and children in Japan—with 88 million people living in a space the size of California. He described the development of the Raffeisen credit unions in Germany, showing how a spiritual concern for the welfare of these people had been translated into terms of practical economic action. He recounted how in Britain, in the time of shortages, meat stores refused to handle meat at the price established by the government; when the cooperative agreed to distribute meat at the fixed price, other stores soon followed suit. Finally, he spoke of the achievements of Sweden, through its cooperative movement, in maintaining a stable economy and reducing crime and delinquency. He urged Christians to demonstrate their concern for others by working to build a cooperative base for a stable society and a more peaceful world.

During the question period, Leonard Baron of Greenbelt asked whether Japanese cooperatives faced the problem of maintaining democracy as they grow larger. The Japanese leader replied that that was certainly a problem, but that the answer was constant education of the co-op members.

The Reverend Eric T. Braund of the Greenbelt Community Church offered the invocation and benediction. The meeting was arranged by the Potomac Cooperative Federation. A collection was taken for Kagawa's work of building churches, cooperatives and other institutions to serve the people of Japan.

First PTA Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

"Information for Parents" is the general theme of the first meeting of the Center School Parent-Teachers Association to be held Tuesday, October 5, at 8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Harold Hufendick, PTA president, urges parents to come before 8:30 to secure their PTA membership cards and to register.

The meeting will begin promptly, Hufendick promises, and will end early enough so that parents will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and chat informally with them and each other during the refreshment period at the close of the meeting.

Presentation of colors by a Boy Scout unit will open the meeting. Explanation of the PTA program for the year by the president, and a short talk by the principal, Miss Hannah E. Long, on the questions most often asked by parents are the main events of the program. PTA committee chairmen and the teachers will be introduced.

Two cups will be awarded: one to the room having the most parents present and the other to the room with the most fathers present by Vincent Caruso, membership committee chairman.

Sewing Classes Hold Registration Tuesday

Registration for Adult Sewing Classes and Shop Classes will be held at the Greenbelt Junior High School, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The first class will begin on October 19 and classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30. A \$2 registration fee will cover 24 two-hour sessions.

If enough ladies are interested, the sewing classes can be divided into two groups. The beginners to meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings and the advanced people to meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Navy Wives Plan Gold Benefit Dance

At the regular bi-weekly meeting of the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club Wednesday, September 22, held at the home of Mrs. Harry Grant, 19-C Ridge, plans were discussed to hold a benefit dance for the club's welfare projects. October 9 is the date of the gala event and the cozy, intimate Greenbelt Athletic Clubhouse will be the locale. Popular Mike Loftus and his "Mud Cats" will furnish the music for dancing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mrs. Edward S. Turner is chairman of the dance, and her committee includes Mrs. Dean Jensen, Mrs. Clifford Graviet, Mrs. Edna Baker, and Mrs. James K. O'Neill. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets may contact Mrs. Turner at GR. 4-9278.

Mrs. Darryl C. Bailey was designated to be the Club's official delegate at the National Navy Wives Convention to be held October 22 in Jacksonville, Florida.

The next meeting of the Navy Wives will be held October 13 at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Keeney, 18-F Ridge.

Any wife of an enlisted Navy, Naval Reserve, Coast Guardsman or Marine is eligible for membership in the Club. For information, call the President, Mrs. Richard Heise, on GR. 3-4236.

What Goes On?

Monday, October 4—City Council meets in office over Variety Store at 8 p.m. Greenbelt Citizens Association first meeting of year at Center School at 8 p.m. North End PTA meeting at North End School at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 5—Center School PTA meeting at 8:30 p.m.; registration at 8:15. Registration for adult sewing classes at Greenbelt Junior High at 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6—North End PTA kids movie at Greenbelt Theater at 3 p.m.

Friday, October 8—GVHC Board of Directors meeting at Hamilton Place at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 9—Navy Wives Club Dance at Greenbelt Athletic Clubhouse from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Preliminary Plans For Educational TV Station

Preliminary plans for an educational television station on ultra high frequency channel 26 has been announced by the Greater Washington Educational Television Association. This group is composed of 22 member organizations—five universities and colleges, eight school systems in the District, Virginia, and Maryland, and nine cultural institutions.

The money for the station is to be raised by a public campaign. It is estimated that to build the station and equip it will cost \$550,000, and an additional \$200,000 will be required to operate it for one year. A grant of \$150,000 from the Ford Foundation has already been assured provided double this amount is raised locally.

Since two new commercial stations on ultra high frequency channels are expected to be opened soon, this would give this area a total of seven TV stations, including the four VHF stations already here.

The educational TV station will offer both direct education and general cultural programs. The first type will include classroom instruction at all levels in the school system as well as instruction in various skills and hobbies and "how to do it" programs. High school and college courses can be taken for credit through these programs or just "sat in on."

Other programs will range from archaeology to zoology and include music, drama, art, literature, politics, and government affairs. There will also be programs in civic and community affairs, discussions of local problems, and citizen participation in the operation and policies of the station itself.

Some of the institutions which are part of the organization are the Corcoran and National Galleries of Art, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institute, and the National Symphony Association. Dr. Martin A. Mason of George Washington University is chairman of the board of trustees.

The Association will hold Channel 26, which it has been assigned by the FCC, only so long as it makes a genuine effort to establish an educational TV station. It is pointed out that the channel is valuable commercially and will be taken from educational groups if they do not make use of it.

The Association will supply speakers and short films at the request of any club or organization interested in educational television. Those interested are asked to contact the Greater Washington Educational Television Association at 2038 Eye Street, N.W.

FHA Stymies Johnson-Crooks Deal; High Taxes Here Given As Reason

By Russell Greenbaum

Negotiations with the Johnson-Crooks Company, the West Coast builders who have been planning to develop most of Greenbelt's vacant land, were suddenly terminated last week during the final stages when the Federal Housing Administration refused to underwrite mortgages on the type of homes the building firm was planning to construct. This action was reported to the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors by Director Elliot Bukzin on Friday, September 24.

School Notes

By Peggy Markfield

Parents are advised that children will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 6, so that teachers may have their regular monthly teachers' meeting. Contrary to last year's policy of holding the meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, the meetings will be staggered. They will take place either the first Wednesday or the second Wednesday of each month. Notice will be given the children in sufficient time previous to the meetings.

Mrs. Maxine Grimm, principal of North End, reports that classes are set up quite well as of this week. The first month of school sees some shifting of students from one class to another, new admissions and sometimes a few transfers to other schools due to various reasons. According to Mrs. Grimm, it usually takes a few weeks for students to get back into the routine of school life. Enrollment at North End stands at 346 students with several changes in teachers from last year.

Parkway Shack Site Cleared Near Here

Land being cleared on the south side of Greenbelt road near the Greenbelt-Edmonston intersection will be the site of a maintenance shack, it was learned this week from Harry Thompson, official of the Interior Department. The shack is now resting on the right-of-way of the new Baltimore Parkway and is being moved to the new site so that the Parkway can be opened on the target date, October 16.

Thompson declared that the shack will house grass mowers, snow removal equipment and other items necessary to maintain the federal portion of the Parkway. The site chosen has no significance other than it is near a road leading to the Parkway, is on Interior-owned land, and the structure is too "unsightly" to be near the Parkway, Thompson added.

Plans to develop the large tract of federal property south of the Greenbelt road into a "multiple-purpose" park are still being considered, but is delayed because of the Parkway activity and the lack of funds at this time, said Thompson. The plans call for an 18-hole golf course, huge fieldhouse and picnic and recreation facilities.

North End PTA Plans Movies, Talent Show

The North End School PTA will sponsor the movie "Jack and the Beanstalk" with Abbott & Costello on Wednesday, October 6, at 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Theatre. The admission will be 25c payable at the door.

On November 5 a talent show will be held at the North End School. Anyone with talent who would like to participate please call Mrs. Frank Svoboda, Ways and Means Chairman, at 6846.

Bukzin, recently appointed to the board, is president of the Greenbelt Land Improvement Corporation (GLIC), which is the GVHC subsidiary that controls the vacant land and has been conducting the negotiations with Johnson-Crooks. He revealed to the board that the FHA mortgage approval was the last important hurdle to be overcome prior to concluding the contract. FHA, however, felt that Greenbelt's taxes were too high and that the Johnson-Crooks homes would therefore not be saleable.

Both Johnson and Crooks had come to Washington prepared to close the deal but were stymied because of FHA's refusal to make firm commitments on their homes. Without FHA approval, no deal was possible, and all negotiations ended. Two FHA representatives who personally visited Greenbelt last week felt that the town had definite possibilities as a growing community, but it was pointed out that in only one other comparable nearby area (Falls Church, Va.) are the taxes higher than Greenbelt.

Mayor Frank Lastner, who is also a GVHC director, told the board that he was already preparing a recommendation to the city council that taxes be reduced next year. He was not ready to reveal further details but asserted that he would urge strongly that such reductions be made.

GVHC and GLIC directors were scheduled to meet with FHA this week primarily concerning mortgage approval of the Ridgewood Cooperative Homes, but it was also hoped to obtain some softening of FHA's attitude with regard to the approval of future building projects that might be planned.

Landscape Money Voted

In other business conducted at the GVHC meeting Friday the board voted to allocate up to \$1500 to match an equal amount voted by the city council to landscape the Southway entrance to Greenbelt. The new landscaping, which will dress up the area markedly by next spring, will be carried to the other side of Ridge road.

Residents of the 58-court of Crescent road presented a complaint to the board that residents of nearby apartments were using the parking area in the 58-court, thus forcing residents of that court to park in the street. The problem is complicated by the fact that it is not clear to what extent the area is public property.

A possible solution suggested by Lastner is that parking permits, similar to those used by government workers to park at work, be issued at a nominal fee. Lastner said that the police have been instructed to cooperate with GVHC in keeping out cars that do not belong in the court. The GVHC board said that action will be taken to alleviate the situation.

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Have You Given Yet?

Of all the communities around Washington, the outstanding model of cooperation is Greenbelt. So this seems peculiarly appropriate. It's about the Community Chest — a cooperative job if ever there was one.

Between October 1 and November 4, the beginning and end of the county Chest drive, there will be plenty of stuff about the campaign.

Don't leave yet, though.

The Prince Georges Chest is not a far-away charity thing affecting only some unfortunate. It can help you. Fact is, it did help a Greenbelt family recently.

This family had a whopping hospital bill. The family managed, and is still managing, to pay part of it. But it was a bill of about \$7,000.

The father in this family makes good money. Not enough to face up to that rap, however.

So the Community Chest of Prince Georges County took over. The father paid what he could and the county Chest took care of the rest.

The remainder amounted to \$14 a day — a day, remember — for more than a year. Multiply \$14 times 365. It's a lot.

Winding this up quickly, the statistics are:

The county goal is \$65,000 and whatever else can be collected.

The campaign begins October 1, ends November 4.

If you have already donated in the District, slam the door on the neighbor who will come around to collect at your home.

Uh — if you DO slam the door, please look at your kids first.

But maybe you're all set up to handle a \$5,000-plus hospital bill, without help from the other people hereabouts. And maybe all of them are equipped to meet a crisis like that without YOUR help.

Whats Going On In Greenbelt?

PUH-LENTY!

In Fact, More Than Is
Published Each Week In The
Greenbelt News Review

This is a frank confession that not all the news in Greenbelt gets into the paper. The reason is simple — it often happens that we have no one available to get the details and to write the story. To solve this problem, we need reporters and writers on our volunteer staff to handle regular assignments as well as to train for editorial staff positions.

Requirements: 1) Curiosity about what's happening in Greenbelt, 2) a passion for getting the facts, and 3) a desire to write.

Compensation: The satisfaction of doing your community a service, and also finding out what's going on behind the scenes in this lively town.

Bonus: Learning the news first.

For further details contact the editorial staff or visit the News Review office in the basement of 9 Parkway any Tuesday night.



Thanks must go to the Tuesday night Mah Jong group composed of Mrs. Evelyn Barnett, Mrs. Jane Green, Mrs. Rose Haber, Mrs. Pearl Levine, Mrs. Sylvia Hoffman, and Mrs. Ida Ryss for the contribution of \$25 they made to the Jewish Community Center building fund. JCC President Ben Rosenzweig has come out in favor of bigger, better, and more Mah Jong groups.

Brownie Troop 109 had a wonderful time Saturday at Andrews Air Force Base. Janet Parker, the leader, reports that without the fine support of all the parents, the excursion would not have been the success it was. The Dohertys, the Lazaroffs, the Chasnoffs, the Barnetts, and the Gambles not only provided the necessary transportation, but kept the Brownies from straying and braved the mobs to keep the troop well supplied with the hot dogs, soft drinks and ice cream that were provided at this Open House in honor of Kids Day.

A daughter has been added to the household of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strickler of 18-Z-1 Ridge, well known residents of Greenbelt. The girl, weighing seven pounds, five ounces, was born at Prince Georges County Hospital on Tuesday, September 21 and has been named Dawn Colleen. The two Strickler boys, Mark, 7, and Scott, 4, are now getting acquainted with her.

Local NCJW Unit Merges With County

The Greenbelt Section of the National Council of Jewish Women announces its merger with the University Section to form the Prince Georges County Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The Greenbelt Section was formed locally in 1948 with 25 charter members and Adelaide Weidberg served as its first President. It has interested itself in community activities in addition to state, national and international affairs. As one of its last local projects the Section participated in the sale of the Greenbelt directory and is using the funds realized from that to present a gift of books to the Jewish Community Center Sunday School library; as well as needed equipment to the Calvert Homes School for Retarded Children.

The newly formed County Section will be in a position to increase its participation in community activities and further Council's legislative, education and international relations program.

The President of the County Section is Mrs. Melvin Menes, 3322 Gumwood Drive, University Hills. The Membership Chairman, Mrs. Ann Prival, is extending an invitation to all interested women to attend a tea on October 14 at the Prince Georges Country Club. For further information call Myra Hertz at GR. 3-8722.

League of Women Voters To Study Health Services

"A Study of Health Needs, Present Services, and Future Requirements in Prince Georges County" is the subject selected by the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County for study as one of its local items during the current year. It will be discussed at the unit meetings throughout the County during the month of December.

This change of agenda was made at the September meeting for all units of the League, held at Hoffman Hall, First Methodist Church, Hyattsville.

Litter Rhymes

submitted by: Mrs. Ruth Newman
6-D Crescent

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Saturday, October 2: 9:30 to 12 noon, Landscape Bee, Fall planting.

Sunday, October 3: Morning Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. World-wide Communion, Joash Chest processional, reception of new members, meditation by Mr. Braund - Spiritual Integration - "That They All May Be One." St. Cecilia and Treble choirs at 9 a.m. "Let all the world in every corner sing"; Chancel choir at 11 a.m. - John Huss's Communion Hymn, "Jesus Christ, our Strong Salvation." Church School as follows: 9 and 11 a.m., Nursery, Kindergarten, and Primary. 10 a.m., Juniors, Junior High, Senior High, Adults. Youth Fellowship will resume meetings. Junior Highs at 6 p.m., Sr. Highs at 7 p.m.

Monday, October 4: 8 p.m., Board of Trustees meet.

Tuesday, October 5: 12:30 p.m., Afternoon Guild, Social Hall; 4:15 p.m., Treble choir (girls in 7th, 8th, 9th grades).

Wednesday, October 6: 8-9:30 p.m., Chancel choir (adults).

Thursday, October 7: 4 p.m., St. Cecilia choir (girls from 8 to 12).

Friday, October 8: 4 p.m., Boys' choir (from 8 to 14).

Monday, October 11: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Church School training course for teachers and parents and any interested; to continue on two more Monday evenings, October 18, and 25.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

North End School

Stanley F. Knock, Jr., Minister
42-L Ridge Phone 9410

Sunday, October 3, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School Service, Classes for all ages. Herbert Irvin, Superintendent. 11 a.m. Morning Worship, conducted by Rev. Knock. This is World Wide Communion Sunday. A nursery is provided for the smaller children.

Monday, October 4, 8-8 p.m., W.S.C.S. monthly meeting, Room 225, Center School. Program on the United Nations, and a special guest will speak about the national W.S.C.S. Assembly held in Minneapolis last May.

Tuesday, October 5-7:45 p.m., First Methodist Church, Hyattsville, Leadership Education School.

Wednesday, October 6-8 p.m., Parsonage, Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

Thursday, October 7-8 p.m., Room 122 Center School, Choir rehearsal.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3:30 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. 11 o'clock Mass is a High Mass sung by St. Hugh's Choir. This is communion Sunday for members of the Sodality at the 7:30 Mass, with members of the Junior Sodality receiving at the 8:30 Mass.

Religious instructions for Catholic children enrolled in public schools each Sunday after the 8:30 Mass in St. Hugh's School.

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

Wednesday: Miraculous Medal Novena at 8 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

October meeting of St. Hugh's Sodality after the Novena services.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.,
Acting Pastor

4 Woodland Way, GR. 4-9242

Sunday, October 3-9:45 a.m., Sunday School, John S. Stewart, Superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship, Sermon: "Dedicated Lives" — A special service of dedication for new Sunday School officers and teachers. The Lord's Supper will be served. A nursery for babies and small children is maintained during all services. 6 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for entire family, meeting in five units. 6:45 p.m., Evening Worship, Sermon: a visual message, "The Creation".

Thursday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., Mid-Week Service, Room 222, Center school. 8:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Friday, October 8, 4 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal, Arts & Crafts Room, Center school.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone: GRanite: 4-9200

Sunday, October 3: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Sermon by Pastor Birner: "Divine Aid in Anxious Hours." Visitors are always welcome. A nursery is maintained for the benefit of parents with small children.

Monday, October 4: 8 p.m., The Lydia Guild meets at the church.

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ON CHASANOW

To the Editor:

I agree with your editorial in last week's issue that we can now rejoice over the clearing of Chasanow's name. However, when you state that Greenbelt no longer lives in the shadow of despair and need no longer have nervous feelings, I must take sharp issue with you. False accusations have not stopped and there are still several citizens in Greenbelt who are waiting to have their names cleared.

As they say, charity begins at home, so let's start with myself. When Abe asked me several months ago to file an affidavit on his behalf, I did so. One accusation against him was that he had associated with me, and I would certainly not want any person to suffer from such association. So, I stated in a notarized statement that I was not a subversive character, had never been a member of any organization on the Attorney-General's list, and knew of no subversive organizations in Greenbelt. Such a request from Abe was ironic, to say the least, because he had previously called me a Communist, and had stated at a GVHC meeting that I was a liar. I might further add that when he requested me to file a statement, he did not retract his previous accusations, nor offer any reasons for them, so it's possible that he still feels that way. I would be interested in knowing, and I am sure that others in Greenbelt would be interested in knowing. I was very happy to file a statement on Abe's behalf, and have never worried about jeopardizing my own personal situation by stating on several occasions both in Greenbelt and Washington that Abe Chasanow is not and never was a subversive individual, whatever else he might be.

Along with half a hundred other people, all of us involved in the sale of Greenbelt, I have experienced this anonymous assassination which was the "basis" for the case against Chasanow. As recently as two weeks ago I was asked for information by the FBI on the basis of an anonymous phone call which stated that I could furnish information about "subversive activities in Greenbelt." After I stated that I knew of no such activities, the investigators were naturally curious as to why I should be the subject of such a call. I reviewed the events leading up to the sale of Greenbelt and pointed out that those of us who favored resident ownership of the city were very happy here, while those who favored continued government ownership and subsidized housing were the ones who are unhappy about the situation. Which idea, I asked, is closer to Communism? (There is also the question of anonymous phone calling. I leave it to your judgment as to who was exercising subversive activity in this instance.) I was curious in turn about the continuing waste of time and energy on this sort of thing, in view of the extensive investigations to which any of the citizens associated with the formation and operating of GVHC have been subjected, and over a period of some years. It seems that a little checking of files might save both time and the taxpayers' money.

As I stated previously, we can all rejoice over the rightful clearing of Abe, but, as a city and as a nation, we are not out of the woods by any means. There are still several Greenbelters and ex-Greenbelters, some of them in Chasanow's own office, who are still attempting to clear themselves or have faced repeated suspensions and hearings, and do not know when it may occur again. They are no more subversive than Chasanow, and the charges against them are as flimsy as the ones against Chasanow. Will we now stand up and help these neighbors to clear themselves, or will we continue to hide our heads, as long as the terrible nightmare of fear does not descend upon us personally?

None of us can be free of fear until two things happen: 1. There are some people who are without fear. These are the people who have a spiritual faith in the goodness of mankind. These people recognize the realities of mankind, attempt to understand man's strengths and weaknesses, and live their lives in paths which will help

man to help himself, and to go forward in the faith that man can have and should have in each other. 2. The rest of us, however, depend to a great extent on the outside forces which shape our lives and our environment. We can only be without fear when we know that we can count on certain safeguards, such as being able to face our accusers, being presumed innocent until proven guilty, and being given a fair trial with counsel when charges grave enough to warrant an indictment are brought against us. How many of us have been guilty of passing judgment on people we do not even know, just on the basis of hearsay gossip? The Navy's actions against Abe Chasanow are a terrible indictment of our times, but history records that excesses by governments have occurred when people lose faith in each other, and have allowed themselves to be governed by suspicion and fear. God grant that we may regain our equilibrium and build our relationships with each other and with other nations on the basis of love, faith and hope, and abolish the cancerous growths of fear and suspicion.

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SUBJECT: WHAT I HAVE DONE DURING THE SUMMER TO HELP KEEP GREENBELT CLEAN.

- RULES:**
1. Essay should be 200 words or less.
 2. Essay should be countersigned by parent.
 3. Essay should be turned in by Friday, October 22nd.

HOW ESSAY WILL BE JUDGED:

1. There will be two groups for judging, one for elementary grades, and the other for Junior and High School students, so put down your name and address and school with your essay.

Winners will be picked on basis of accomplishment in helping keep Greenbelt tidy during the summer, rather than expression or length of essay.

PRIZES:

1. Total for the two groups will be \$100.
2. Each group of \$50 includes a \$25, a \$15, a \$5, and five \$1 prizes. Prizewinning essays will be published in the local newspaper.

WHERE TO SEND ENTRY

Mail essay to Joint Committee on Cleanup
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or bring essay to Greenbelt Motors Tag and Title Service in the GCS Shoe Repair shop between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and between 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., Monday thru Saturday, on or before October 22.

JUDGES:

Reverend Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor, St. Hugh's Catholic Church
Reverend Robert C. Hull, Minister, Community Church.

The Long View

By A. C. Long

I sympathized with Abe Chasanow through the fourteen agonizing months he was under suspension and so far I have endured the fourteen days of his much publicized restoration, but my patience is fast wearing out. If once more just one of my kids knocks the newspaper out of my hands (their way to get my undivided attention) to tell me, "Look, Greenbelt is on TV", or, "Here's a picture of Greenbelt in Life magazine", I will blow my atomic top and make the tests of AEC look pretty puny.

The Chasanow affair and its effect on Greenbelt and Greenbelters was to me a most interesting experience. I am sure that Abe did not share my scientific inquisitiveness and was not a willing catalytic agent for the community's reactions. No one would voluntarily go through such a nightmare even for my scientific treatise. Once the body is dead, however, an autopsy ought to be made.

My first observation is that the right dosage of hate, fear and frustration can produce a venomous, destructive force on a body politic; the only antidote for which is a strong dosage of reason, knowledge, charity and courage. It is not always possible to administer this medicine, as the patient in the throes of disease often destroys the healer. Because of this danger many doctors are afraid to treat this malady and run for cover when they see evidences of it's becoming epidemic.

It is not endemic to any one people and often slyly attacks those who think they are immune to it. In such cases it can be most virulent. Strangely enough, a well-balanced formula of hate, fear, and frustration (caused by Russian Communism) and reason, knowledge, charity and courage (our American heritage) provides complete protection and develops the mental and moral fibres so that it can be completely eradicated as a communicable and contagious disease.

Another observation is that some practitioners, mostly witch doctors and voodooists, believe that liberalism, unionism, New Dealism, even liberal Republicanism and similar symptoms, which in the past have shown up in healthy persons as St. Francis, Pope Pius XI, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, are definite evidences of Communism. This is not true as Russian Communism is the absolute absence of all of these symptoms and cannot tolerate them for a minute. They may be disturbing to some people but they are not symptomatic of Russian Communism.

More observations later about this interesting disease.

A pleasant visiting Swedish Cooperator was stranded in town last Sunday evening with no place to sleep (usual GCS mix-up, you know) and where do you think the cab driver took him to get things straightened out? Why, to that Cooperator Long's house, of course. Got him bedded down on the Harper Ranch before midnight and without several committee meetings either.

My oldest son, "Kayo" writes from Saigon that he noted two instances of modern living in that part of the world—outrigger canoes with outboard motors and plastic chopsticks. We have a lot to offer those people, don't we?

It was necessary for me to be late to the last GVHC Board meeting because of an important Reserve Officers affair. Made the mistake of advising them I would be tardy and, by golly, they almost adjourned before I got there. It may have been coincidental but it was the earliest by far that any Board meeting had ever ended in the history of the corporation.

The Cooperator's policy is that if Long writes anything about GCS, "censure it!" It's a good thing that GVHC and the City of Greenbelt do not advertise in the paper

My Daze

I'D TRIED TO BE WISER THAN LAST YEAR, when our eldest took off for first grade, and I'd plied him with endless questions about school. I was thrilled and eager, but he wouldn't answer directly. He opened up about school later, when he felt like doing it. This year, my pleased incredulity at our daughter's starting public school surpasses even last year's delight, but I was determined to be more patient and less prying. I must not have been skillful enough about hiding my curiosity, for today as our brand-new first grader arrived home for lunch, she followed her "Hi, Mommy" with the warning, "Don't ask me what I did today."

IT WAS REALLY A VERY DULL YEAR. NO CICADAS (seventeen-year-locusts), only fireflies. There is no comparison between the interest the locusts aroused among the youngsters, and the common ordinary fireflies. Not until 1970 will we have another noisy, exciting Spring like the last. The children seemed well content with fireflies, however. Early this summer a friend commented that she finally realized fireflies were the reason she suddenly ran out of jars when usually she had plenty.

WHEN THE THREE-YEAR-OLD BROKE SOME RECORDS, it was no feat, only feet stepping on phonograph records he'd taken into the crib with him. We're taking the damages out of his semi-weekly allowance, perhaps even docking him for some knick-knack destruction, and six cents for sticking unused postage stamps on the wall. Now the poor bankrupt cherub keeps pleading, "I promise I won't break anything. Give me money."

FEW HUSBANDS ARE AS GRACIOUS AS MINE. LUCKY ME. He consoled me after I said, in a self-deprecating mood, "You know, I'm a lousy housekeeper." "Don't worry," he replied, "that's the least of your faults."

NATIONAL SYMPHONY Boasting one of the finest schedule of features in its four year history, Montgomery and Prince Georges counties' famed "Music At Your Doorstep," popular annual concert series presentation of National Symphony programs, under the direction of Howard Mitchell, has been announced for the coming season.

The series, composed of four concerts, will be given in Ritchie Coliseum at the University of Maryland. For the opening concert, October 21, the soloist is Roger Pries, talented young pianist whose home is in Silver Spring. Mr. Pries has appeared several times with the National Symphony and he played with the orchestra during the making of its new high-fidelity Westminster recordings last season. The artist's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pries of Bonifant Road, Silver Spring, have been ardent supporters of the National Symphony for many years. Mr. Pries is chairman of the Suburban Concerts Committee which undertakes to bring the Ritchie Coliseum series to music lovers of Montgomery and Prince Georges counties.

or there wouldn't be anything much left not to write about. (Ed. Note - We also "censor" those things which we consider in poor taste, although unfortunately, we don't always catch everything.)

New housing construction statistics have jumped up too 300 percent—two empty co-op houses and one private venture at Lakeside. Very few communities in the country show a 300 percent increase in new homes and Greenbelt should be very proud of this unusual record.

The biggest laugh of the month is President Bierwagen's remark that GCS is prepared to welcome competition in Greenbelt when stores are sold by PHA—about as welcome as a mother-in-law on a honeymoon!

BAZAAR

An open air bazaar will be held by the Lydia Guild of the Greenbelt Lutheran Church. Friday, October 8, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Center. Items for sale will include house plants, baked goods, nylon handbags, Christmas cards and wrappings.

Girl Scout Camping Caravan Oct. 11-15

A Camping Caravan sponsored by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., will be set up at Camp Rockwood, Bethesda, from October 11 to October 15, to demonstrate camping procedures and equipment to local Girl Scout troops and camping enthusiasts.

Staffed by camping experts, the Caravan consists of a station wagon fitted with camping equipment suitable for all climates and terrains. Most of the equipment, such as canvas wash basins, lightweight tents, and cooking utensils, can be made from ordinary household materials.

The Caravan will stop at Camp Rockwood as part of a national tour to encourage outdoor camping activities. Its emphasis is on safe and healthy camping with make-it-yourself equipment.

Demonstrations will be held especially to train Girl Scout leaders who do not have extensive experience in camping. Training sessions will cover three types of camping activities—outdoor activities for inexperienced leaders; troop camping for leaders of intermediate and senior Scouts, and "primitive" camping for Scouts training for national and international camping events.

Under the direction of Catherine Hammett, president of the American Camping Association and a member of the national Girl Scout staff, the Caravan will sponsor a conference for training volunteer leaders in the Girl Scout out-of-door program and an institute on planning "primitive" camping events.

The project is under the supervision of the Camping Division of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

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By M. Muir, Librarian

A poll of favorite books among the young fry, members of the Greenbelt Public Library, created the following line-up in a count of 175 votes.

Alcott - Little Women - first place, Clemens - Adventures of Tom Sawyer - second place, Phelps - Ketch Dog - third place, Bialk - Ride 'em Peggy - fourth place.

For the fifth place there were four books that tied: Baum - The Wizard of Oz, Brennan - The Good-Bad Boy, Renick - Jim's own basketball, Stevenson - George Washington, Boy Leader (biography).

For the sixth place there were also several ties; Clymer - The Grocery Mouse, Higgins - Juliette Low (biography), Lansing - The Pony that Kept a Secret, Melady - Saints for Home and School (biographical), Stevenson - Daniel Boone (biography).

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