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A Christmas Greeting

By Rev. William S. Crowder,
Acting Pastor, Greenbelt Baptist Chapel

This is the season when we would all say to each other two wonderful words — "We Care". How neglectful we become in expressing our love and concern and how helpful it is that Christmas is a time of loving, giving, and caring. We need this special occasion to escape from the busy affairs of life so that we may say to our friends — "We Care". This is what I, as a Christian minister, would say to you today.

We are grateful to God to share together in such a splendid community as Greenbelt. We enjoy so many of the blessings of the country while living with all the conveniences and services of a city. It is a place of unusual beauty in summer and our homes are comfortable in winter, but our city has assets beyond these. Here, we are not lost in the teeming thousands, but we know each other in the individuality of a small town. There is a sociability and real neighborhood spirit found here that is unusual. We have a sense of belonging. We find ourselves in a community fellowship. Let us take advantage of another opportunity to say what we feel in our hearts — "We Care."

We care today because God cared way back 1900 years ago, and He cared enough to give His only Begotten Son — the best gift the world has ever known. We have come to share a little of His wonderful spirit of love and concern.

I know our pastors and church leaders would wish me to say to the editor and staff of this paper — "We Care". You have labored so unselfishly and efficiently to give us a community newspaper of which we are justly proud. Your generosity with space in publicizing the work of all our churches has placed us much in your debt.

In behalf of our churches, I greet you, my fellow citizens, and desire for you a very happy Christmas, and all the blessings that God can crowd into the most glorious year that you have ever had — the year 1955.

New Baptist Pastor Ronald Atherholt Tops To Begin Work Here Cleanup Essay Writers

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, minister of Christian education of the First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, has accepted the unanimous call of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel and will begin his work on February 1.

Because of the demands of his work as Director of the Department of Missions and Evangelism for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Doctor Crowder, acting Pastor of the Baptist Chapel, has asked that he be relieved of his responsibilities as of December 31. Rev. Clarence R. Ferguson, who for 25 years was the pastor of the Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church, will serve as Interim Supply until the arrival of Rev. Samuelson in Greenbelt February 1.

The new pastor is thirty-four years old, and is a graduate of the pastor's course of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois. He holds an A.B. Degree from Wheaton College, and received his Master of Religious Education Degree from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Northwestern University and the University of Delaware and is presently taking courses at the University of Maryland.

Prior to his work with the Silver Spring Church, Rev. Samuelson had served as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Merchantville, New Jersey. The new pastor is married and has two children—Linda Ruth, two and one-half, and Donald Glenn born on December 9. The Chapel is negotiating for the purchase of a Greenbelt home to become the Baptist parsonage.

St. Hugh's Teen Group To Hold Dance Monday

St. Hugh's Teen-Age Sodality will hold its annual Sno-Ball on Monday, December 27 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. in St. Hugh's Parish Hall. Tickets may be obtained by calling GR. 3-2147 or they may be purchased at the door. Admission is 75 cents single and \$1.00 couples. Music will be furnished by the "Varsity Six."

Twelve-year old Ronald Atherholt and ten other young prize winners of the Cleanup Committee essay contest were congratulated by Mayor James N. Wolfe and Councilman James C. Smith last Wednesday afternoon, December 15, during an intermission of the Greenbelt Citizens Association movie benefit. They accepted awards totalling \$53 for their essays submitted to the Joint Committee on Cleanup on the subject, "What I Have Done During the Summer to Help Keep Greenbelt Clean."

Councilman Smith, in his remarks preceding the presentations, spoke as chairman of the Cleanup Committee which sponsored the contest. He noted that many organizations made up the Cleanup Committee. He said Greenbelt Consumer Services, Greenbelt Motors, Greenbelt News Review, Lions Club, The American Legion Post, and Greenbelt Veterans Housing had contributed toward the prize money. The children were reminded by Smith that keeping their city neat and clean is a continuous, 365-days-a-year job. He praised the writers for the good work already done, and hoped they would keep it up.

The best essays, which were judged and selected by Reverend Victor J. Dowgiallo and Reverend Robert C. Hull, were written by:

Ronald Atherholt, 3-A Crescent, twelve, first prize of \$25.

Alexis Pogorelskin, 9-G Ridge, ten, second prize of \$15.

Anne Pogorelskin, 9-G Ridge, eight, third prize of \$5.

The dollar awards went to Ian Duncan, Martin L. Walden, Linda Lee Fontaine, Ellen Vernoff and Vanessa Webster of Center School, and to Mary Jane Flynn, Joan Haslinger and Joan Loftus of St. Hugh's.

No Bank Evening Hours For Next Two Fridays

The administration of the Suburban Trust Company has decided to not reopen its various banking offices on Friday night, December

What Goes On?

Friday, December 24 - Community Church holds Holy Communion at 11 p.m. preceded by half-hour of special music with organ, piano and flute. Midnight mass at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Doors open at 11:30 p.m. Carols sung by St. Hugh's Choir. Hebrew services held at 8 p.m. in Home Ec room of Center School. Candle-lighting time at 4:12 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 - Community Church holds Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. St. Hugh's masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. St. Hugh's Boys' Choir to sing during 8:30 mass.

Sunday, December 26 - CHURCH SERVICES Community Church morning worship at 9 and 11 a.m. with Rev. Hull preaching. Baptist Chapel morning worship at 11 a.m. with Dr. Crowder preaching. "Imperialistic Good News." Evening worship at 6:45 p.m. with sermon, "Opening Their Treasures." Methodist Church hears Rev. Strausburg as guest minister at morning worship at 11 a.m. in celebration of Student Recognition Day. St. Hugh's - Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Family Communion.

Monday, December 27 - St. Hugh's Teen-age Sodality annual Sno-Ball from 8-11 p.m. in St. Hugh's parish hall. No community choral group meeting this week.

Thursday, December 30 - Meeting of Great Books group at home of George Reeves, 2-C Eastway, at 8:30 p.m. Topic for discussion: Plato's Republic. Mid-week service and quarterly business meeting of Greenbelt Baptists Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Staff To Discuss Ending Newspaper

A special "survival" staff meeting has been called by News Review Editor Russell Greenbaum at his home at 1-G Westway on Thursday, January 6, to discuss discontinuing publication of the newspaper.

Two basic problems which appear insurmountable—a shortage of staff members and diminishing advertising revenue—have made such a step necessary, Editor Greenbaum has announced. There have been no new recruits join the volunteer staff in the past year and a half, and advertising which is largely dependent on firms outside the Greenbelt area has decreased steadily during that period.

"I am extremely reluctant to take this step," stated Greenbaum, who has been serving as editor for less than three months. "However, as badly as Greenbelt needs a newspaper to report the various civic activities to its residents, I feel that there is no longer enough interest in the community to support a weekly newspaper on a volunteer cooperative basis."

24 or on Friday evening, December 31. This would seem to be an appropriate action as seldom would customers want to use the banking offices on these two evenings. All offices will of course be open during regular daytime banking hours on the 24th and 31st.

Tax Situation Here To Be Studied By Committee of GVHC Members

By Bernard Krug

A special committee of GVHC members will study the tax situation in Greenbelt and will report to the GVHC board of directors, it was announced at the regular meeting of the board on Friday, December 17.

150 Attend Dinner For Frank Lastner

Over 150 people attended a testimonial dinner for Commissioner Frank Lastner last Monday night in the Chesapeake Room in College Park. Local citizens representing every civic and religious organization in the community gathered to express their appreciation for the work ex-Mayor Lastner performed in the interests of the city during his long career in local affairs.

The affair, first planned as a small intimate dinner, snow-balled into the large meeting when friends of Lastner heard about the dinner and insisted on attending.

Reverend Eric T. Braund presided as master of ceremonies, and Rev. Hull performed the invocation. A pen and pencil set was presented by Mayor James Wolfe, and a wrist watch was presented by Walter Bierwagen, president of Greenbelt Consumer Services "on behalf of all the people in GCS and Greenbelt."

City Manager Charles McDonald cited the long strenuous efforts on Lastner's part in dealing with governmental agencies to procure benefits for the city, and Mayor Charles Davis of College Park spoke of the growing reputation of Lastner as a civic and public-spirited citizen of the county. Frank Riley, president of the local Legion Post Home, praised Lastner for his work in Greenbelt, also.

After the turkey dinner, guests lined up to shake hands with Lastner, his wife, Hilda, and their daughter. Lastner was visibly moved by the display of affection and respect on the part of his friends and associates.

Md. Librarians Seek To Improve System

Proposed public library legislation which will be presented to the Maryland Assembly in 1955 was discussed at a regional dinner meeting at the Maryland Library Association recently. The proposed library bill will be based on the principle that an adequate income for public libraries per capita should be a minimum of \$1.50.

Miss Nettie B. Taylor, state supervisor of county and institutional libraries, in reviewing the "Present Status of Public Libraries in Maryland," pointed out, "The average county library income in Maryland is now 77 cents, and these libraries will need 73 cents to meet this goal."

"The Greenbelt Library, which the city council recently voted to integrate with the county system, received an income of \$1.57 per capita during 1953."

Miss Taylor also declared that slightly more than 200,000 persons live in areas in the state where there is no public library service.

Karitas-Putnam

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Karitas of 2-D Southway announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Ann, to Dr. Charles Somerby Putnam, Jr., son of Mr. Charles S. Putnam and the late Mrs. Putnam of Elmira, New York. The wedding will take place late in January.

The new group was formed following submission of a petition to the board from 25 residents of defense housing, requesting that the board take action to see that a more acceptable arrangement of taxes be made. After some discussion, it was decided that Directors Bruce Bowman and Al Long would choose two members each for the new committee.

Bowman will choose the defense housing members, and Long the old Greenbelt housing members. Bowman will act as officiating member of the committee. The suggested names will be brought back to the board to vote on before the committee commences its study.

Title Passes

Elliot Bukzin, president of the board of the Greenbelt Land Improvement Corporation which recently sold the undeveloped land to the Warner-Kanter Company, of Cincinnati, announced that title to the land passed to that company on Friday. The original parcel of 31.25 acres was incorrectly surveyed.

The correct amount of land was stated as being closer to 31.00 acres. The Cincinnati company has until March 1, 1955 to take up its option on the remainder of the land, and until April 1, 1955 to "put together a deal that will be acceptable to GLIC, Peoples Development Corporation, and the PHA." The company plans to begin construction of single-family dwellings in Greenbelt next spring.

By-Law Motion Fails

Board member Al Long moved that the GLIC be asked or directed to change its by-laws to provide: (1) that no contract regarding undeveloped land be signed by any member or officer before approval by the GLIC Board; and (2) that all such contracts be in writing and be read at one meeting and voted on at another meeting not less than 5 days later. The motion lost for lack of a second.

Webster's Resignation

The board regrettably accepted the resignation of Ralph Webster as president. Webster, who leaves in January for an indoctrination position with the Hines Hospital in Chicago, has announced that his family will stay in Greenbelt for about six months until he receives a permanent assignment.

Other Actions

In other actions at the same meeting, the board:

1) was informed that all advertising space in the January issue of the GVHC Newsletter had been sold;

2) heard manager Paul Campbell state that the tree at the entrance to Greenbelt could not be illuminated this year because of the need for a permit, the services of a licensed electrician, and other requirements that would delay the lighting until after the holidays. Campbell stated that next year his office would start this project in November so that it could be finished before Christmas;

3) discussed the retainer now being paid to GVHC attorney Abe Chasanow;

LIBRARY CLOSED

The library will be closed for the holiday period beginning December 23, until January 3. During this time books will not be due to return.

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Community Church Lists Xmas Services

On Friday, Christmas Eve, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Community Church at 11 p.m. The Service will open with the Chancel Choir and Mrs. Edna White, soloist, singing "O holy night." Two choruses from Handel's "Messiah" will be sung—"And the Glory," and the "Hallelujah Chorus." Preceding the Service at 11, there will be a half hour of special Christmas music, including "Gesu Bambino" with Miss Goetze at the organ; Mrs. Kern, pianist, and George Townsend, flutist.

On Saturday, Christmas Day, there will be a Service at 10:30 a.m., and on Sunday, December 26, there will be identical services of Christmas music and carols of many lands, with all choirs, numbering about 70, participating.

Apples Now On Hand For Eating, Cooking

Fully ripened and hand picked apples are ready—ready for munching or cooking into your choice of sweet or spicy servings.

Look for apples that are ripe, free of bruises and blemishes, of good color for the variety, and firm. Then decide how you want to use the apples and choose accordingly, says Janet Coblentz, nutritionist for the University of Maryland Extension Service.

For eating raw, choose those that are pleasing in appearance, texture and flavor—such as Delicious, both Red and Golden; Baldwin; Jonathan; and Grimes Golden.

For stewing, select those that cook in a short time—Jonathan, Baldwin or Rome Beauty. You can use apples with bruises and cuts for this purpose.

For baking apples, select those that hold their shape, such as Rome Beauty, York Imperial or Golden Delicious.

If you want to buy an apple that suits every purpose, use McIntosh, York Imperial, Cortland, Northern Spy or Stayman.

Excellent apples are plentiful this year. Use them often for between meal snacks. Apples eaten raw provide some Vitamin C. Their cellulose and pectin stimulates the digestive tract, and their firm texture gives exercise to teeth and gums.

GREENBELT BIRTHS

A seven pound, 12 ounce daughter was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kahn of 2-C Gardenway on December 13. The girl named Velma Joni is their second child.

Other recent Greenbelt births were a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nosworthy of 7-J Research on December 1 and a boy also to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Granados of 13-K Ridge on December 7.

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