

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Council Continues Study Of Re-Zoning; Makes Tentative Stand On Industrial

By Claude Wimberly

The city council, convened in two special sessions, since its last regular sitting, continued its close scrutiny of petitions directed at the park and planning commission for the re-zoning of various properties within the city for industrial and commercial use.

## The Long View

By Al Long

I started out Friday evening to write about the annual GVHC membership meeting which will attract a bare quorum of members next March 14. Just thinking about it made me dry. So I stopped into Al Farber's Cocktail Lounge for one of his famous martinis. One tasted so good that I had to have another to see for sure if they were that good or if it was just my first impression. It pays to be scientific about these things so that then you can truthfully state, "Al Farber makes the best martinis in Chicago," rather than a wishy-washy statement like, "I think Al Farber makes the best martinis in the Loop." Well, there were several other scientists sitting at the bar and we conducted a thorough experiment based on a complete sample and while I'm sorry to say that I neglected to get my copy of the final report, I will venture to suggest that he does make a very smooth martini.

Saturday, I started out again to write about the Annual GVHC Meeting and how important it was for all to attend. Well, you have to admit it is a dry subject and that we've had some pretty dry meetings. So I sort of started to meander down to Berghof's to see if imported German beer would quench a thirst better than the kind that made neighboring Milwaukee famous. But, I stopped into Al Farber's Cocktail Lounge for a minute first and—by golly he does make a mighty fine martini. (If I could only get him to serve a few at the GVHC membership meetings, but why dream?) Besides, I'm sure people who have a financial interest in their homes will come to the meeting anyhow.

Sunday I couldn't go to Berghof's—because it's closed. So before writing a humdrum column about the importance of coming to the dry old membership GVHC meeting, I thought I'd just stick my nose in Al Farber's Cocktail Lounge and say hello to Al (we have gotten to be pretty good friends, and he's worried too that more folks don't come to the membership GHCV meeting). You know, his martinis are out of this world and by now he so interested in the GC annual HV meeting membership that he's coming himself.

Now, if he and I can come in the condition we are in—why then everyone should come. It's March 14 at 8 p.m.

## Putnam-Kinzer

On Saturday, February 11, Kathryn Marie Putnam became the bride of Charles William Kinzer, Jr. in an afternoon wedding ceremony at West Point, Virginia. The bridegroom, son of Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, 6-H Ridge, was raised in Greenbelt but has in recent years been living in Richmond where he attended the University of Virginia and is currently enrolled as a medical student at the Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Putnam of West Point, Virginia. The couple plan to make their home in Richmond until June graduation.

Petitions under study were those involving land adjacent the Junior high school and other properties on Edmonston road belonging to the Pollin and Warner-Kanter interests, respectively. The council has been asked by the Park and Planning Commission for its recommendations on these petitions.

### Tend to Delay

The council in its discussions, brought to light a number of factors that tend to delay final action and keep the whole question of rezoning under continuing study. Chief deterrent to any definitive action appeared to be lack of information, which necessitates the council referring questions back to the several agencies involved.

Members of the council pointed out that petitioners had failed to provide sufficient data giving the exact coordinates of the properties to be rezoned; in one instance failed to sign the petition and in another failed to provide a copy of a proposed amendment to the original petition.

Although meetings were open to the public, there were no spectators, nor were there any representatives of the proponents of the petitions.

### Expressed Attitude

Councilman Alan Kistler, at the Monday evening session, read a statement which in a broad sense, expressed the attitude of the council with respect to the question of rezoning the tracts under discussion at these two meetings:

"Rezoning RPC to L-1 (industrial) is tentatively acceptable to the council. Adjacent areas are similarly zoned; and use of this land for residential purposes appears to be rendered impracticable by the proposed location of the new roadway and the designation of Edmonston road as a truck route.

"It is the feeling of the council, however, that any such rezoning should be contingent upon the requirement that the owners provide suitable screening along borders of the tract, and property of Greenbelt Junior high school, Edmonston road and the proposed freeway.

"In addition, council is of the opinion that no rezoning should be authorized that would increase the cost to the state of land required for construction of proposed roadways.

"Effect the proposed rezoning would have on Greenbelt Junior high property is a matter council feels should be given serious consideration. The location of certain types of industrial operations permitted by L-1 zoning in close proximity to a school grounds conceivably would not be desirable."

### Summation

Although Kistler did not propose this as a measure to be voted by council, other members appeared to feel this a fairly accurate summation of the council's general attitude with regard to any recommendations it would eventually make to the Park and Planning Commission.

The council has limited the length of its discussions in the special sessions to two hours.

Another special meeting to consider the petition of rezoning the triangular tract lying between the Armory on Southway and the 9-10 courts, has been scheduled for Thursday, March 1 at 8 p.m.

## AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of  
Greenbelt

MARCH 5, 1956

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Resolution - Sidewalks in Subdivisions
7. Consider Three Petitions for Re-Zoning in Greenbelt

## Center PTA Discusses "Problem Children"

"Children With Problems" is the theme of Tuesday's Center School PTA meeting, March 6, 8:30 p.m. at Center school. A panel of four members will discuss behavior and discipline problems.

Mrs. Sara Thompson, Center school teacher, and Rev. Eric T. Braund, minister of the Community Church, will discuss the topic from the classroom's point of view. Mrs. Lillian Harvey, Board of Education counselor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Goldfaden, Executive Secretary of the Social Service League of Prince George's County, will explain how the community at large is trying to help children who do not seem to be adjusting at school.

Some of the questions to be considered are: Are there many such children at Center school? What are their problems? What are the trouble signposts? How do the school and the community deal with the problem? Why should one child's difficulties be the concern of all parents?

Ample time will be allowed for questions and discussion.

Mrs. Helen Dondy and Mrs. Leslie Robinson are co-chairman of the program arrangements.

## Woodland Hills Sites Now Open To Non-Vets

Non-veterans may now purchase homes in the Woodland Hills cooperative housing development. Since closing of the original membership lists last fall, a "package deal" including lot, improvements, home, and electrical appliances has been restricted to veterans. Previously non-veterans could purchase a lot only, but, according to Tony Madden, president of the group, they may now elect the "package deal." Reason for the change is to expedite disposal of the remaining lots. Abraham Chasanow, 151 Centerway, will handle sales for the group.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has now approved site plans of the co-op. The firm of Greenhome and O'Meara has started the survey and engineering work, and it is expected that land will be cleared and grade for streets started in two to three weeks. Home construction is to start in April.

## HIDDEN SIGN REVEALS DATE

# County Commissioners Set Hearing On "Gas Station" Zoning Request

By I. J. Parker

Hidden among trees planted by the city and Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation at the proposed filling station site on Southway is a sign announcing a public hearing to be held by the county commissioners March 21 at the county Public Service building in Hyattsville. The hearing is for the purpose of determining whether to re-zone the site to C-2 Commercial, so that Greenbelt Consumer Services, the local consumer co-operative, can erect a gas station there.

## GVHC Tree Contract Awarded Nunnary

Last Friday's meeting of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors disclosed that Frank Nunnary, 4-B Crescent, was the low bidder on a contract to plant trees in Greenbelt. The trees were purchased jointly by the city and GVHC. Nunnary will furnish the labor for the project.

The annual membership meeting will take place Wednesday, March 14. It will be held at the Greenbelt theater, starting 8:15 p.m. A new board will be elected, and a plan for refinancing homes will be considered. The membership will also consider two by-law amendments—one to clarify membership requirements—and the other providing for the annual membership meeting to be held the third Wednesday in March.

## GVHC Host To 100 Foreign Students

Bruce Bowman, Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board member, played host to 100 foreign students from thirty countries (Saturday afternoon, February 24). The teen-age students saw Greenbelt as part of a community housing tour of the United States. They were chosen by their respective countries after winning an essay contest on the theme of "communities they wished to learn about in America." The native costumes and alert, intelligent questions spoken in unusually good English, impressed him, Bowman said. Following the housing tour the students also visited the co-op stores, after which tea was served in the home of Greenbelt Consumer Services hostess Mrs. Carnie Harper.

## TOASTMASTERS INCREASE

The Toastmaster Club of Greenbelt held its regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the Center school. Toastmaster of the evening was Joseph Hanyok, who had arranged an interesting program. Principal speakers were H. F. Hufendick, Lloyd Lovaas, Leonard Webb, Ed. Burgoon, and Arthur Plackett. Club membership is increasing steadily, and president Robert Hurst expects to have a full quota of charter members within a short time.

## NORTH END PTA MEETS

"Social studies and its relationship to the curriculum" will be discussed at the North End PTA meeting Tuesday, March 6, at 8:30 p.m. in the school. Teachers will conduct the meeting and the program, president Joseph O'Laughlin disclosed. Parents are urged to return their child study pamphlets for other material.

According to authoritative sources, the petitioners, Warner-Kanter, have requested the public hearing by the county commissioners to force the Park and Planning Commission and the city council to reach speedy decisions on their recommendations. The city council is expected to come to their decision Monday night, their next regular meeting. The Planning Commission, still waiting for the council recommendation, will meet March 7 for their decision; a determination that must be presented to the county commissioners by the hearing date. (The planning commission meeting is usually closed, but interested citizens can ask to be heard if such request is made to Miss Haynes, secretary to the commission chairman, AP 7-2200.)

### Mayor Surprised

Mayor Tom Canning last Tuesday night said he was surprised to hear that a sign had been posted on the site. He and the other members of the council paid a personal visit to the sign after their special "planning" meeting last Monday night. "The site is not staked out enough for me to determine the exact location," Canning disclosed. "A detailed description of the property is lacking from their petition . . . only a sketch is shown. They haven't made the changes they assured us of at the council meeting. It's all very puzzling to me . . ." Canning stated.

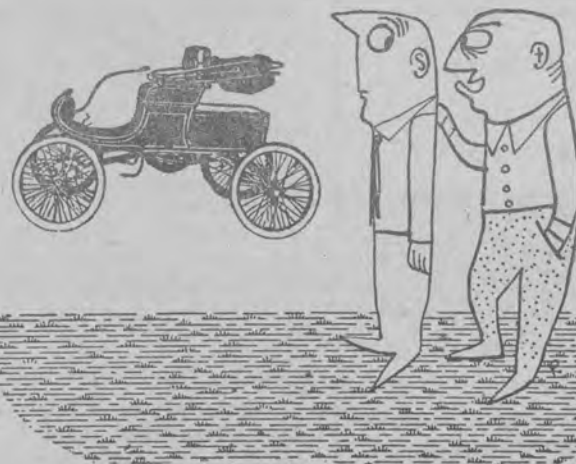
City council action on the petition has been awaiting in formation from the state roads commission, which city manager Charles McDonald has requested. McDonald, ill at home with laryngitis, has not received this data yet. The information needed concerns additional right-of-way that may be needed to widen Greenbelt road pavement to accommodate the increased traffic expected from the new design of the Parkway-Glenn Dale road interchange.

Earlier last week, McDonald had advised the council that C-2 zoning would be impractical at the site and spoke in favor of C-1 with "special exceptions" which allows a filling station to be erected only under certain conditions or "exceptions."

## Cub Scouts To Dine And Present Awards

Cub scouts of Greenbelt will have their annual "Blue and Gold" dinners tonight. These are "pot-luck" family affairs, at which some of the boys are graduated into boy scouting and others receive various awards.

Pack 202 (Theodore Dalbow, Cubmaster) will hold its dinner at the Community Church, and Pack 229 (James Keene, Cubmaster) will eat at the Lutheran Church.



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## By - Pass

The obvious haste of the gas station petitioners leads us to believe that they have little faith in the city council's and planning commission's future decisions regarding the re-zoning of the site. By-passing these two bodies, who have direct and profound concern with the proposal, the Warner-Kanter and GCS group are attempting to bring the issue to a head quickly.

The matter of haste is legitimate. GCS must vacate their present filling station by November and in order to build another in the community they must have ample time for construction. Why the city council has delayed this long may seem puzzling: they have been informed of the facts and have heard ample citizen comment to come to an intelligent decision.

There are other related problems that so affect the site for the purpose of a gas station, that the haste of the petitioners appears unwarranted at this time. There is the question of right-of-ways, on which the council is expecting more information from the roads commission. There is the traffic problem which will result from new changes in the Glenn Dale road interchange. And there is the validity of a C—"commercial"—change which could permit other kinds of commercial enterprises that would be totally unsuitable for that location.

By going directly to the county commissioners, the petitioners have alerted the local citizenry to the fact that GCS wants that gas station and wants it bad. It is now up to the community residents to take their expressions directly to the final determining body . . . the county commissioners. Fortunately, one of the commissioners is a former Greenbelt mayor, Frank Lastner. We are sure he would welcome the public expression of citizens now and at the hearing.

Lastner, who fostered traffic safety and took deep pride in the annual traffic safety awards to Greenbelt for passing a full year without a traffic fatality, is sure to give close consideration to this zoning petition from that viewpoint particularly. Always a popular leader in Greenbelt, Lastner has been instrumental in spreading the good name and qualities of our city throughout the county. He will certainly question whether it is expedient for the city to encourage expansion, development and growth at the risk of endangering the lives of its citizens.

## Unquote

Basically cooperatives are membership organizations. They should be and usually are formed, owned, controlled, and patronized by members. As one comprehending lady put it when asked if she belonged to a certain cooperative, "No, I do not belong to that association. It belongs to me." If members were as well informed as this lady, many problems of cooperatives would not exist.

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Provision has been made for one scholarship from each District of the state, and applicants must take the Senatorial Exams at designated places in each county on March 24. Later, students must pass entrance requirements established by the Peabody, by arrangement with the school during May.

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## Methodist Church

Meeting at 40 Ridge Road  
Stanley F. Knock, Jr., Minister  
42-L Ridge Road - Phone 9410  
Sunday, March 4 - 9:30 a.m., Church School. 11 a.m., Church School, kindergarten and nursery departments. Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Knock. His sermon is entitled "Insights Into Suffering: Uncontrollable Evil." 5:30 p.m., Family Fellowship Hour. The study hour will have Rev. A. Odell Osteen leading the adult session. 6:30 p.m., Family Supper Hour.

Monday, March 5 - 8 p.m., Fourth Quarterly Conference.

Thursday, March 8 - 3:45 p.m., Brownie Troop No. 109 meets. 4:30 p.m., Membership Training Class for Youth. 6:45 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop No. 49 meets. 8 p.m., Adult Choir rehearsal.

## Baptist Chapel

Center School  
Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor  
4-E Hillside Rd. - GRanite 4-9424  
Thursday, March 1: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Cottage Prayer Meetings. 10-K Laurel Hill, 4-E Hillside, 28-A Ridge, 4-D Crescent. 8:30 p.m., Chapel Choir rehearsal at the Me-Carl's, 28-A Ridge.

Friday, March 2: 7:30-9 p.m., Visitation Night.

Sunday, March 4: Sunday School at 9:45 p.m. 11 a.m., Morning Worship Service. Chapel Choir will sing. The pastor will preach on subject, "Let Us Examine Ourselves." The Lord's Supper will be observed. 6 p.m., Training Union. 7 p.m., Evening Worship Service. Message "Boldness In Preaching" based on Acts 4.

March 4-17: Emphasis on visitation of prospects prior to Pre-Easter Services—March 18-23.

## Lutheran Church

Edward H. Birner, Pastor  
Phone: Granite 4-9200  
Sunday, March 4: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible class. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church services. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Reception of new members at the 11 o'clock service. 7 p.m., Bible Forum.

Wednesday, March 7: 7:30 p.m., Mid-week Lenten Service. Sermon topic: "Children - Of Satan."

## Catholic Church

Rev. V. J. Dowgiallo, Pastor  
58-A Crescent - Phone 5911  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and 11 a.m.  
Weekday Mass: 7 a.m.  
Wednesday: Novena, 8 p.m.  
Friday: Stations of the Cross, 8 p.m.

Sodality to attend 7:30 Mass this Sunday. Regular meeting of Sodality will be held Wednesday, February 7. All ladies are asked to bring to the meeting a gift to be auctioned off at a "Penny Sale" right after the business meeting. Gifts may be anything from groceries to fancy needlework.

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Rev. L. Philip Samuelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Schenectady, New York, will be the guest preacher for the pre-Easter services of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel beginning Sunday, March 18 through Friday, March 23 at the Center school.

Mr. Samuelson, older brother of Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, pastor of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel, attended King's College, Belmar, New Jersey prior to World War II. He served as a chief petty officer in the Navy and was one of the survivors of the sinking of the USS Vincennes in the battle of Guadalcanal. As a result of this experience he dedicated his life to the Gospel ministry.

Mr. Samuelson completed his educational training at the Eastern Baptist College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the A.B., Th.B. and B.D. degrees. While in school he used his six-foot-six height to advantage by playing on the basketball team. He is considered to be one of the tallest preachers in America.

Mr. Samuelson has served as pastor in churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and has also been a missionary to the Hopi Indians in Arizona.

## Community Church

Hillside and Crescent Roads  
GRanite 3-5846  
Friday, March 2: 8-9:30 p.m., Primary Department Parent's Night, Social Hall.

Sunday, March 4: Morning Worship, 9 and 11 a.m., Sermon by Mr. Braund, "Meek and Lowly of Heart." Church School as follows: 9 and 11, Nursery, Primary, and Kindergarten; 11, Junior, Junior High, College Age, and Adults; 11, Pre-Nursery at 2-B Hillside. 2:30-4:30, Junior Department Parent's Day, Social Hall. Youth Fellowships: Jr Hi, 6:30-8, Fellowship Center; Sr Hi Fellowship and Class, 7-8:30, Social Hall.

Monday, March 5: 8 p.m., Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 6: 12:30, Afternoon Guild, Social Hall.

Friday, March 9: 8 p.m., Lecture and Forum, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Professor of History at Howard University, and appointed to be a full professor and chairman of the History Department in Brooklyn College, Social Hall.

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It was daddys' night at the Nursery school meeting last Thursday night. Discipline was the topic, and words of wisdom poured from these daddys' mouths. Oh yes, mamas were allowed to attend, but could only speak if called on.

A double birthday party was given for Judith Perlzweig, 6-E Hillside, and Paul Green, 3-K Eastway, at the JCC building in celebration of their 14th birthdays.

The Frank Kribys, 3-F Eastway, and the Ralph Neumanns, 60-H Crescent, have just returned from a glorious vacation in Clearwater Beach, Florida. They went to Sarasota to visit former Greenbelters—the Benefiels and Freemans.

A very happy birthday to Rachelle Chasoff who was nine years old February 22.

Girl Scout troop 77 under the leadership of Mrs. Boggs went on a tour of Prince Georges Hospital on February 8. These young ladies have been studying Home Nursing with Mrs. Rose Amberg.

February 17 was a big day for Paul D'Agostino, 46-F Ridge. He was four years old.

The Girl Scouts' program last Sunday at the Center school was in observance of International Thinking Day.

"Fashions of 1960" highlighted the party given by the Junior High school Fellowship of the Greenbelt Community Church last Sunday evening. A mock wedding and a "shadow show" were also presented by the youngsters.

Local girls make good!! If you were watching Milton Q. Ford's Quiz Club last Wednesday, the very telegenic faces of Evelyn Barnett, Esther Gersen, Gladys Chasoff, Ethel Gerring, Francis Miller and Edith Ratzkin would have graced your living rooms. Gladys won a bottle of 'My Sin' perfume, and Ethel walked off with a plane trip to New York City (for two), accommodations at a well-known hotel, and breakfast in bed. Such luxury. (Yes, I'm jealous.)

Congratulations to Herman and Rosalie Sirlin, 5-L Eastway on the birth of their first child, Samuel Walter. Rosalie, a concert pianist, had been teaching piano at Sweet Briar College during the past few months.

Mary Linda Hudson has a brand new sister. Born February 15, Donna Fay weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. The Hudsons live at 2-E Gardenway.

It's a boy for the Lee Hermans, 2-J Research. Richard Lee was born on February 11 and weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. He joins two sisters and one brother.

Estelle Goldberg, 20-D Ridge, has mother, Mrs. Einstein from Brooklyn, visiting.

A delightful show, "The Queen and I" was staged by the J.C.C. Sunday School in celebration of Purim.

Happy birthday to Michael Holmes, who celebrated his 12th birthday on Monday, February 27.

The Purim Carnival planned for Saturday, March 3 has been cancelled.

Members of the HI-Y Club of Greenbelt junior high had a grand time swimming at the YMCA in Washington on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Olsen, 1-E Westway, are the proud parents of a beautiful redheaded boy, born February 16 at Prince Georges county hospital. His name is Gregory Neil, weight 7 lbs., 7 oz. His grandmother, Mrs. Arthur E. Fisher of Missoula, Montana, arrived on time to celebrate his birthday.

The Pierre A. Gadols, 15-B Laurel, are calling him David Steven. David made his debut February 24 and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. At home are two brothers, Richard and Robert.

## Co-op Institute Needs Students For Program

The Cooperative Institute Association announces that a week-long program will be held at Bard College, July 22-28. The Association's secretary, Doug Eglinton, announced that although scholarships are voted it is hard to find people to attend. These meetings are devoted to making your community a better place to live. Tuition, including room and board is \$50 a person, or \$40 for children under 12. For further information and reservations, you should contact the Cooperative Institute Association, 133 Centerway.

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## A Communication:

I was very sorry to see Mr. Reeves express the point of view that he did last week toward the News Review. I have heard it rumored that the staff of the News Review as individuals do not "like" GCS and it may be this which Mr. Reeves deplors. But even if this is true—and I do not know that it is—these dislikes have not been publicly expressed in the paper which has remained, on community issues, independent (there have been exceptions to this, but not in connection with issues in which GCS was involved). For example, in the current matter of the proposed filling station on Southway, the paper has printed both sides; also in the matter of the GCS's withdrawal from the Federation.

I believe that if the paper printed only the side favorable to GCS, I for one would cease to read it, as GCS has already one "house organ" called the "Co-op Newsletter," which propagates its viewpoint. Hence to print independently on matters of controversy increases real circulation, meaning the number of those who read the paper as opposed to the number of porches receiving it on Thursday evening.

I am willing to accept the thesis of GCS that it is not profitable to advertise in the Review—not directly profitable, that is, in a way that is measurable from week to week. It becomes then a question of whether they should advertise as a public service. Do they have any responsibility to Greenbelt beyond that of selling us our "money's worth"? We all, including the GCS management, surely agree that they have some. How much? Can they accept enough responsibility to see that the paper continues to exist, so that local problems can be aired and a body of enlightened citizen-opinion continue to guide our community? I hope so, because if cooperatives, represented by GCS, cannot accept this much responsibility in a democracy they are lagging behind private business and are less ethical than these brothers in private enterprise. Wendell Berge, former head of the Federal Anti-Trust division in Washington, speaking just before his death to a Unitarian Layman's League, said, "The average businessmen recognize that business, just as government, has many public responsibilities, which it must perform well if it is to deserve the trust and patronage of the public. . . They cooperate in measures for the public good." I am sure that in the opinion of enlightened businessmen they would have a very special responsibility to keep alive such an instrument for public good as a newspaper, especially when no other organization, public or private, is in a position to save it. Think of the good will GCS would gain by such a move.

I want to remind Mr. Reeves also that we do not want to be too engulfed in economic motives. If something is "profitable" to those of us outside the business world, this is only partially convincing—we also want to know, Mr. Reeves, whether it is good for the community; and GCS must come to think in those terms if they are to convince us that they should have our backing. We are no longer impressed with the size of GCS. We want to know where it is going from here.

Marianna Schmidt

## 'Exceptional Children' Chapter Organized

A local chapter of the International Council for Exceptional Children has recently been organized in Prince Georges county. This is the sixth chapter to be formed in the State of Maryland, which not long ago completed plans for organizing a State Federation of ICEC. The officers of the new Prince Georges Chapter are: Gale E. Brown, sight conservation and Braille teacher, Hyattsville Elementary, president; Miss Bess Lemmon, special class teacher, Berwyn Elementary, vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Gray, principal, Ridgley Center, Landover, secretary-treasurer.

The ICEC is an organization whose purpose is to promote the education and well being of all children who, because of a physical, mental or social deviation from the normal, require special education opportunities. It is a Department of the National Education Association of the United States, and the only nation-wide professional organization, at present, interested in all exceptional children. The membership of each chapter consists of professional, lay, and student members, of which, at least fifty percent must be professionally engaged in the education of exceptional children.

The Prince Georges Chapter will hold its first general meeting Wednesday, March 7, at the Hyattsville Elementary School, 43rd Avenue. The time is 7:30 p.m. All members and all persons who wish to become associated with ICEC, either as professional, lay or student members are urged to attend this meeting.

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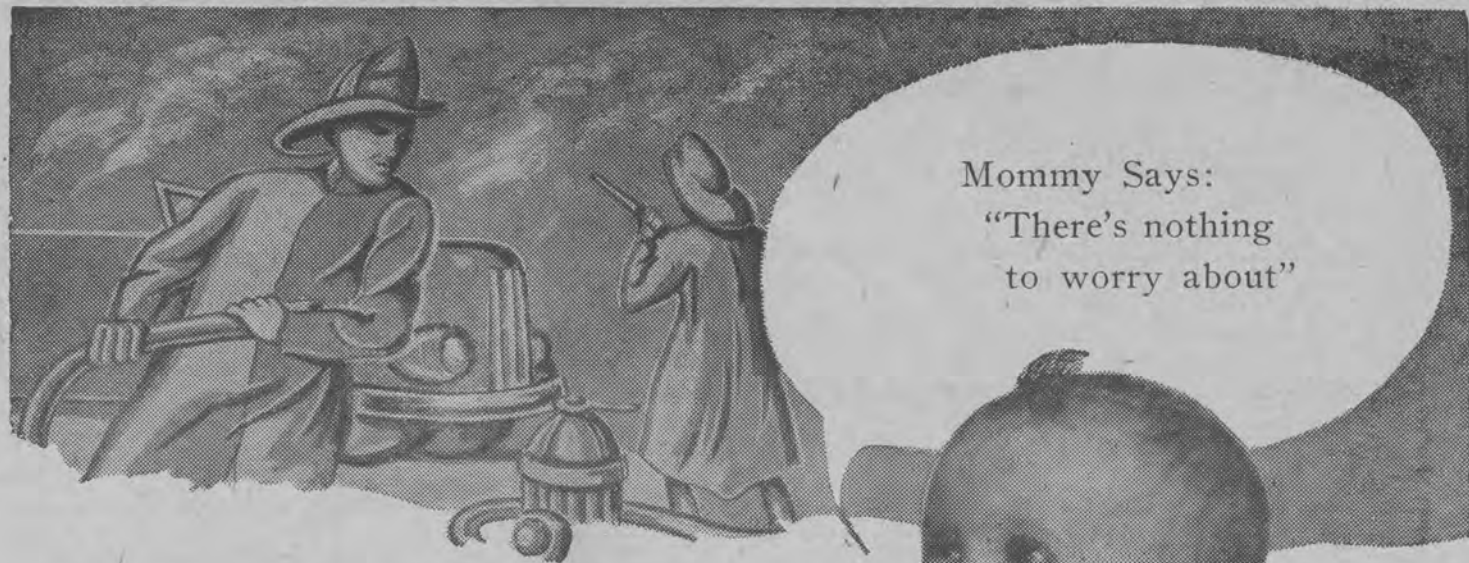
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