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The Long View

By Al Long

I sometimes wonder how my father and mother ever managed to raise me and live out their good, useful lives together. Just imagine living in those simple, rugged days without essential advice and assistance from juvenile delinquency experts, marriage counselors, child psychologists, psychiatrists and all the other helpful technicians and professionals who today make life livable and understandable.

I hate to admit it, because someone might say, "That explains that fellow Long," but I know for a fact that my mother never read a book on child psychology. And unbelievable as it might seem—and even admitting that I might be a problem child—she did raise a normal brother and sister under those primitive conditions. Now, my father, however, did have a child development aid which, although now obsolete, served then to promote better understanding between father and son and develop juvenile appreciation of a code of living. As long as he had that razor strap handy I never felt rejected and so impelled to go out and knife some other kid. I'll bet juvenile delinquency rates went down with increased sales of safety razors.

Of course, I suppose I missed something. He was never my buddy-buddy and I did not fully confide all things in him—although not too bright, I was not that dumb. Besides he had some magic way of always knowing when I broke a neighbor's window or smoked corn silk back of the barn, without me confiding to him. I always figured it was not a "little bird" but that nosy neighbor next door who never missed anything I did. But he was my father and lived up to the dignity and responsibility of that position in the family. Nor did he use that razor strap very often, only once, ouch!, or twice, ouch! ouch! that I can remember.

I remember one time when I was ticked out or as we now say, expelled, from school for misbehavior. For a whole week I hid that secret by leaving for school with my brother, wandering around all day and arriving home with him in the late afternoon. Then, realizing it couldn't go on much longer, I presented myself before the teacher and said, "My mother says, I should come back to school and behave myself, and not waste my time out of school like this." The Sister nodded approvingly, "Your mother's right. Go to your desk and study hard and mind the rules." I breathed a sigh of relief at such an easy solution to my tough problem and patted myself on the back at my cleverness at pulling the wool over everyone's eyes. Two days later at the dinner table, my father said, "You're back in school now, eh? Good, it's best to solve your own problems when you can."

I don't know how they did it without book experts, Dr. Gesell or Mary Haworth. Just think, what a job they would have done on me if they had all the modern advantages. I dread to think of it.

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A Communication

It was my pleasure to introduce the resolution in city council urging our people to cooperate with the State of Maryland in the Clean-Up Week campaign. As chairman of the joint committee on clean-up we have stressed the importance of clean-up which requires a lot of cooperation from the people of this community. The Governor has seen fit to emphasize its importance in a state-wide campaign whose theme is Keep Maryland Beautiful. Our particular emphasis in Greenbelt is to keep our yards tidy and that portion of our property which borders on city property. The sides of our hedges which parallels the roadways of Greenbelt is particularly vulnerable to litter, giving an untidy appearance to our community. If citizens would cooperate in keeping not only their yards clean but the areaways outside their hedge, it would do much to improving our appearance. Residents should familiarize themselves with the regular city pick up schedules and retain their trash collections in their own yards rather than depositing them on the roadways, which is a violation of a city ordinance. In contrast to other communities there are no alleyways or back entrances in Greenbelt where trash can be deposited. Last year there were 259 new families who moved into GVHC homes or apartments. This turnover is significant for it is these new people who must especially be educated to the proper disposal of trash. The newspaper has played, and can continue to play, a big part in helping to educate all the people of Greenbelt to become litter conscious. I noted with pleasure that the city trash receptacles at the Center have been given a new coat of paint this year. The new yellow color helps to make the can easily visible. I hope that people will use them and keep the Center clean.

Jim Smith

City Water Cut Off On Saturday Night

Water to Greenbelt residents will be shut off Saturday, April 7, from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sunday, city manager Charles McDonald announced. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, which supplies water to the Greenbelt system, will make the cutoff in order to install a new meter at the water tank. The present meter, installed years ago, is inadequate to measure water consumption by Greenbelters at periods of peak use, McDonald explained.

McDonald warned that water will probably be muddy Sunday morning. Residents should let it settle before drinking and should boil it before offering it to babies.

Tag Sale Sell - Out; 300 Disappointed

The sale of automobile tags at the Greenbelt firehouse last Friday afternoon was a "sell-out," according to city manager Charles McDonald. Over 1150 tags were sold, and about 300 would-be purchasers were turned away because the collectors from the Prince Georges County Treasurer's Office ran out of licenses.

Trash Bin Fire Doused Behind Variety Store

A crowd of 75 adults and children witnessed a fire in the trash bin behind the variety store last Friday. The blaze is thought to have been caused by a lighted match thrown in by a small boy, city manager Charles McDonald stated this week. Reported at 11:28 a.m., the fire was completely under control at 12:23 p.m.

Attention Residents

The Greenbelt water supply is to be cut off. In order to replace the main valve to Greenbelt's water supply, all water from the storage tank will be turned off at 11 p.m. Saturday, April 7.

The work will be completed and turned on by 7 a.m. Sunday.

It is recommended that residents draw a small quantity of water for emergency.

Charles T. McDonald
city manager

DR. KRAMER SPEAKS

The Women's Group of the JCC will meet Thursday, April 12, at 8:30. Dr. Amihud Kramer, former Greenbelter, will speak about his recent trip to Israel, and show slides. Dr. Kramer, a food processing specialist under the International Cooperation Administration, and his family were in Israel a year.

No Measle Epidemic Here, Says City Nurse

Any contagious disease can spread to epidemic proportions, if proper precaution is not used to isolate the patient and protect others from exposure, City Nurse Margaret Flackett announced this week. Measles has not approached a near epidemic stage in Greenbelt, but proper nursing and isolation should be carried out to prevent further spread, she added.

Parents should be urged to watch exposed children carefully and at the first sign of temperature, flushed face, sniffles, or watering eyes, the child should be put to bed at once and placed under a doctor's care.

Trout Season Open For State Anglers

Some 50,000 Maryland anglers will be out to hook the 100,000 brook, rainbow and brown trout with which the Game and Inland Fish Commission stocked Maryland streams, when the trout season opens 5:30 a.m., April 15.

Fishing licenses for residents will cost \$1.50 while non-resident fee is \$10. A special part-time non-residents license is \$1.75 and is valid for three consecutive days.

Each fisherman is allowed a daily legal limit of five trout.

Jim Wolfe Resigns From City Council New Swim Rates, Hours Established

By Claude Wimberly

A lengthy session of the city council on Tuesday evening was highlighted with the reluctant acceptance by Mayor Tom Canning of the resignation of councilman Jim Wolfe. Wolfe's action was not wholly unexpected. Members of the council voiced expressions of regret at his departure.

Wolfe indicated in his letter of resignation his appreciation of the fine cooperation given him by his colleagues and regretted his inability to continue to serve the community in his capacity as councilman, due to the policy of the state tax commission office which controls the county tax assessors office where he is employed.

Petitions and Requests

Representative groups of citizens were on hand to take advantage of the period allotted for petitions and requests of citizens. Lakeside residents again spoke in protest at what they considered to be "exorbitant" water rates assessed Lakeside homes during and after construction. City manager Charles MacDonald pointed out that in light of present metering arrangements, the charges were not only just, but far below that assessed by surrounding communities.

Members of the Izaak Walton League, accompanied by a member of the Maryland Game and Inland Fish Commission, along with a representative of the University of Maryland's Department of Zoology, offered their assistance to a program of regulating and managing the fishery resources of Greenbelt Lake with a view to increasing its game fish population and thus assuring adequate sport fishing.

A request for the council's expression regarding a proposed rezoning of an apartment house to commercial, for the purpose of conducting a real estate business in the basement was received with prompt disfavor.

Mayor Canning moved, and council approved with two dissenting votes (Smith and Wolfe), a resolution to be forwarded to the park and planning commission, that it is the desire of the council that all future petitions for zoning be held in abeyance, by the commission, until such time as the council's "master plan" now in process of development, be completed.

Inadequate Sewage System

In a report to the council regarding sewage problems which would result from the construction of additional housing units in Greenbelt, the manager advised that after consulting with state health department officials, present facilities were not adequate to care for the proposed contemplated 600 new units. MacDonald requested instructions from council directing him to further consult with proper authorities for the purpose of determining the cost of a hookup with the facilities of the Suburban Sanitary Commission as compared to the alternative of the commission's taking over the collecting system of Greenbelt. The council directed the manager to pursue this matter further.

Swimming Pool Rates

The council approved the continuance of last year's admission prices for the swimming pool with a slight modification, in that non-resident children between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age would be charged 25 cents—a five cent hike. One notable change, designed to relieve the congestion at the pool, would permit only Greenbelt residents in the pool between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m. daily. From 2 until 5:30 p.m. the pool would be open to both non-residents and Greenbelters alike. Bus-loads of children from the county will be permitted this year.

A boon to some citizens, would be a newly-inaugurated "family rate" of 50 cents after 5:30 p.m. This move carried a stipulation that children, admitted under this "family rate," would have to be accompanied by an adult member of the family.

The council resumed its hearings on the proposed "master plan" for the city, which has been under consideration for some months. Steady progress is being made towards its development, council members reported.

GCS Breaks Ground For Store Addition

Greenbelt Consumer Services this week started clearing and excavation of the site for the addition to its Greenbelt supermarket building, according to Bassett Ferguson, GCS Facilities Engineer. The work is being done by the George C. Martin Co., which built the present building in 1947 and has been awarded the contract to construct the addition, pending approval by the GCS board of directors. If the board approves the contract at its regular meeting tomorrow, full-scale construction is expected to get underway next week, with October 1 as target date for completion.

The addition, on the north side of the present building, is to be 45 feet wide and run the length of the present building, 176 feet. The upper floor will be devoted to stores, while the lower floor will house GCS offices.

Music, Song, Drama Fare Of Jr-Hi PTA

On Tuesday, April 10, Greenbelt Junior high PTA will present a program consisting of music, song, and drama, beginning at 8 p.m. A festival of music will be presented by the school band directed by Robert Dawson featuring numbers it has prepared over the winter. The glee club portion of the program will consist of a mixture of types of music including spiritual, patriotic, and popular. Raymond Finley conducts the glee club.

The third portion of the program is a choral drama. Two epic poems are being staged in the manner used so successfully in the national tour of "John Brown's Body." The choral group is a new experiment at Greenbelt Junior high, introduced by Clark Morton. The group first performed at Christmas. Morton hopes it will become an established group.

St. Hugh's Bazaar Led By DonBullion

Ed DonBullion, who organized the Labor Day Festival, has been appointed general chairman of St. Hugh's Bazaar scheduled for May 17. Mrs. Iseli has been appointed to handle the food for the affair. The big feature of the Bazaar will be the giving away of a 1956 Buick Riviera.

Keep Greenbelt CLEAN and GREEN GREENBELT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Here are Some of the Things You Can Do to Help

1. Always put trash in a covered can.
2. Carry a litterbag in your car.
3. Empty litterbag in your trash can.
4. Teach your children good litter habits.
5. Urge your friends to join the fight.
6. Familiarize yourself with city pick up service.
7. Observe all city ordinances relating to littering.
8. Educate your family NEVER to throw trash in any public place.

If you make Maryland your home—help make it a clean home.

Jim Smith, chairman
Greenbelt Joint Committee on Clean Up



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According to school officials, this is a very important meeting and the continuance of the Guild will depend upon the attendance. If you are interested in the education and welfare of your children then it is your duty to attend this meeting, but if the parents continue to show lack of interest in the meeting and general welfare of the Guild by not attending the meeting, then the Guild officers will move to disband, the officials added.

Senator Beall Offers Academy Appointments

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Citizens Ass'n To See Historical Film Strip

Film strips on the history of Prince Georges county and a description of the structure and functions of our county will be among the highlights of the April 9 meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, 8 p.m., home economics room, Center school.

Status of the federal section of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and action on current moves toward lifting the ban on truck use of the federal section of the parkway, including the part adjacent to Greenbelt, will also be on the agenda.

The film strips were compiled by the County League of Women Voters, which also will furnish the narrator.

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