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Regular Council Meeting Cut Short Budget Proposal Cuts Take Longer

by Emanuel Dondy

With the budget very much in the air, Monday night's regular City Council meeting quickly disposed of the business at hand in order to make attack number two on City Manager McDonald's proposed budget.

By 9:30 the following matters had been discussed:

1- Gov. McKeldin's proposal that the Beltsville airport be reactivated for light aircraft use. Council turned thumbs down on this plan, recommending, instead, that the Maryland Municipal League go on record favoring extended use of Friendship Airport.

2- James E. Schallmo's letter to the Mayor complaining of vandalism near the 7 Court on Research Road and the lack of action on the city's part. This letter, signed by nine neighbors, noted that broken auto windows, stolen gas caps, cut clothes lines, and a nearly-started fire drew only the response "don't worry, the shingles are fireproof" from an unnamed someone. City Manager McDonald promised to look into the whole affair, after stating that the letter was the first inkling he had had of the matter.

3- Samuel Ashelman's letter to the Mayor professing good faith on GCS's part with reference to the Q and S trailer. This letter was referred to the City Solicitor for action, with the council affirming its decision to have the trailer removed.

4- A resolution to collect all old Christmas trees on Saturday, January 5, the twelfth day of Christmas, and to burn them that night at Braden Field. This was passed unanimously.

5- The Prince Georges County Volunteer Fire Department's proposal to build a testing dock 80 feet long and 8 feet above the water level at Greenbelt Lake. This was to be used to test various types of apparatus. The Council voted against the idea because the dock would mar the beauty of the Lake, and it would also create a potential hazard.

6- Councilman Smith, for Sam Rowland of 2-R Laurel Hill, spoke about the variety of parking lane widths in Rowland's area. Since space limitations help create these problems, Mr. McDonald will try to work out something with GVHC.

7- A request by some members of the Izaak Walton League to build a raft on oil drums to be used as a fishing island in Greenbelt Lake. Council referred this matter to McDonald for action, noting their fear that such an island might also bring about unsought-for dangers, particularly to children.

Second Special Meeting

At 9:30 the regular meeting was adjourned and the second special meeting on the budget went into action, if such could be the expression used for a slow, deliberate and minute examination of the document on an item by item basis. The end of the first special meeting found the Council in the middle of page 3; the end of the second meeting showed twelve pages had been completed. With about 3 pages to complete before a final decision by December 20, it looks like our City Council and Manager will have a busy pre-holiday season.

With a very vocal group of citizens, particularly those from the Lakeside area, exercising their democratic prerogative to examine freely and completely each budget item, the emphasis of the questioning bore heaviest on reserves for replacement of equipment. A complete study of this subject was suggested so that decisions will not be made based only on the cost of individual pieces of equipment.

The hour and a half session went into such diverse matters as insurance (we don't carry insurance); election costs (can't we get the League of Women Voters to put in more volunteer help on the registration program?); stationery for the finance department (isn't going from \$25.00 in 1956 to \$50.00 in 1957 too big a jump?); stamps for the same department (again, the change from \$100 to \$150 seems too big); the solicitor's salary (have we ever thought of paying the solicitor per diem rather than on an annual basis?); the community building (is the county buying it, or why don't we try to get more rent out of them?); teaspoons, knives, forks, cups, saucers, pots and pans for the community building (why supply these for groups using the building?).

These subjects, with the questions they raised and the answers provided by the City Manager and Council, give a living example of the relations between government and the people it serves. Forgive a reporter's stepping out of his role to urge that more and more Greenbelters participate in this important business. On yes, so far about \$2400 has been tentatively subtracted from the \$66,000 requested by the Manager in the first twelve pages.

President Elkins To Address Lions Dinner

Dr. Wilson Homer Elkins, President of the University of Maryland, will be guest speaker at the Greenbelt Lions' dinner meeting, Monday, December 10, at 6:45 p.m. at the Community Church.

He will talk on a subject which the Lions Club feels will be of interest to every Greenbelt who has college-bent offspring — the preparation and requirements necessary for students planning to enter the University of Maryland.

Lloyd L. Moore, publicity chairman for the Lions, stated that the organization is highly honored to have Dr. Elkins take a few hours out of his busy schedule to visit it. He urged every member of the Lions Club to be on hand and to bring guests. Dinner reservations may be made by calling Bill Bevan, GR 3-2606, by tomorrow night.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Tuesday, December 18, 1956, a Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place in the Community Center, and include Choral Groups. The Band Majorettes will meet in front of the Center School and parade down into the Center. At the Center each Choral group will sing a Carol followed by a Community Sing. Everyone is invited to attend. Santa will arrive during the gathering to talk to the kiddies.

Great Books Club

The first-year group of the Great Books Club will meet next Thursday, 8:30 p.m., in the Center school library to discuss Book I of Aristotle's Politics. This will be the fourth meeting of the group, which meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month, and new members are welcome. There is no charge, but it is wise to read the evenings selection beforehand.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Manny Dondy and Russ Greenbaum are covering the city budget hearings for the News Review. Greenbaum's report on the first meeting appears in the right-hand column, and Dondy's article on the second will be found on the left.

Post Office Announces Mail Hours For Xmas

Postmaster Edward C. Kaighn announced the following hours of window service at the Greenbelt Post Office during the 1956 Christmas season.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Dec. 10 to 21.

Monday, Dec. 24, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: Dec. 8-15-22, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: Dec. 9-16-23, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For the information of patrons, unsealed Christmas cards, containing no writing, may be mailed for two cents. Cards containing writing must be prepaid at the first class rate of three cents, if sealed or unsealed.

Al Long Finally Opens New TOPS Restaurant

Greenbelt Al Long, a member of the editorial staff of The Greenbelt News Review, warms up the grill this week for the first time at his new TOPS Drive-Inn. The restaurant, located at the corner of Hamilton Street and Queens Chapel Road, is the fifth unit in a new Washington area chain. Other TOPS locations are in Bethesda (7626 Wisconsin Ave.); Takoma Park (6501 New Hampshire Ave.); Arlington (Arlington Blvd. at Glebe Road) and Lee Highway (at George Mason Drive). The Queenstown unit marks the fourth TOPS opening in the past four months.

Al Long has an extremely modern building, with the latest of equipment and fixtures. All of the food he will serve at TOPS is among the highest quality that can be bought. For example, only pure ground sirloin is used in TOPS chili.

Long hopes that many of his Greenbelt friends will stop in and say hello at the new location. He and his manager, Si Byrne, will be in full operation by December 1.

What Goes On

Friday, December 7—8:45 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Social room, Center school.

Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8—8 p.m., "Boy Meets Girl" production at High Point high.

Saturday, December 8—2 p.m., "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp", Center school auditorium.

Monday, December 10—6:45 p.m. Dr. Elkins addresses Lions Club, Community Church.

Tuesday, December 11—Toastmasters Club, Social room, Center school 8 p.m., Jr. High PTA Christmas meeting at the school.

Wednesday, December 12—8:15. League of Women Voters meet, 8-C Ridge

Thursday, December 13—8 p.m., Kindergarten seminar at Center school.

8:30 p.m., First Year Great Books Club, Library.

Council Cuts 'Extra Help' Employee Out of Proposed Budget For 1958

by Russell Greenbaum

An initial slash of \$3,750 from the 1957 budget, which is \$42,137 greater than last year's budget, was made by the Greenbelt city council at the first of its special public meetings on the budget Friday, November 30. The proposed budget would raise the tax rate from about \$1.68 to \$2.23.

Taking up first the legislative and executive area of the performance budget, the council lopped off \$450 from the \$612 originally proposed for operating expenses connected with the meetings of the city council. The \$612 increase had been included because of the 42 extra meetings held during the past year. The salaries of the five councilmen are fixed at \$500 per year by city ordinance.

The amount requested for the expenses of the city clerk's office was \$421 less than 1956, and this section was passed without discussion. There was also no discussion by the council of the city manager's salary, which remains the same at \$9,675 per year, although one citizen questioned whether the city of Greenbelt required such a "high-priced" manager. Another citizen defended this salary, noting the duties and broad responsibilities which the city manager has to shoulder.

Extra Help

Most of the evening's discussion centered around the request for an additional clerk-stenographer or administrative assistant who would also serve in the fiscal and recreation departments as fill-in for the city clerk in the latter's absence. The salary for this additional help amounted to \$3,300.

City manager McDonald based his request for the extra help on the fact that it would permit the city clerk to devote more time to codifying ordinances and keeping records which have increased materially in the past few years. He also pointed out that this additional employee could fill in for other employees on sick leave or annual leave. The fiscal and recreation departments also needed extra assistance, he maintained.

Councilman Ben Goldfaden led the fight to cut out this extra salary entirely and instead merely utilize the \$500 allotted for part-time help, which was also included in the 1957 budget as in the 1956 budget. Goldfaden argued that although he did not doubt that an added employee would be very useful, he felt that the city office could get by without it. He noted that cuts must be made in the budget and that this was a good place to begin.

Councilman Jim Smith supported Goldfaden, declaring that the grand total of salaries for personnel employed by the city was \$173,000 as compared to a total of \$74,600 for College Park, which has twice the population of Greenbelt. Manager McDonald refuted this comparison as not valid, asserting that Greenbelt supplied far more services than College Park. He added that it was like the difference between Cadillacs and Fords.

Aladdin and his Lamp Play At Center School

The Adventure Theatre will present their three-act production of "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" this Saturday, 2 p.m., in the Center school auditorium, sponsored by Center school PTA. Tickets will be available at the door.

Adventure Theatre is a long-established little theatre group of more than 300 adult members, chiefly interested in presenting classic fairy tales set to music. Original music for the current production was composed by Freda Berla of Washington. The cast of 20 includes Rhodes K. Scherer, a bacteriologist at Beltsville, and Heather Batson, who lives in Prince Georges. There is also a large production staff.

WOMEN VOTERS

The League of Women Voters will meet at the home of Mrs. Rosene Bender, 8-C Ridge, on December 12, at 8:15 p.m. On the agenda will be a continuation of the October topic for discussion: Planning and Zoning. All women are welcome at this meeting.

Special Budget Meetings

of the

City Council

Friday, December 7

Monday, December 10

Wednesday, December 12

Friday, December 14

8 to 10 p.m.

at the

City Office

Meet Warren Leddick, Recreation Director

By Helen Dondy

Readers of the NEWS REVIEW must by now be aware that Warren Leddick is now "Mr. Recreation"—the city's new Recreation Director. We wonder how many know that Leddick is also an athlete of no small standing. Track and cross country is Leddick's field participating in national and international meets. In 1952 he was a member of the Navy Olympic team and in 1954 he set a new South Atlantic AAU record for the six mile run, which still stands.

Originally from Schenectady, New York, Leddick has been living in this area since 1953. "Recreation is my first love," Leddick says. His career is industrial design but on receiving his Certificate from Parson's School of Design, NYU, he soon realized that his heart was not in this work. In the Navy four years, he spent part of that time as a Special Services recreation supervisor. After his discharge he entered the University of Maryland specializing in recreation. Leddick has also worked in this field in Schenectady and was recently a Teen Club supervisor with the Prince Georges Recreation Department.

The Navy not only directed him towards his present career but also to his wife Ann who was a WAVE. Married for two and a half years, the Leddicks are now making their home in Greenbelt at 26-E Crescent. Young frv will be interested to know that for two years Leddick was a navy "frogman", in underwater demolition work.

Asked to give his impression of Greenbelt, Leddick said that from what he has seen "we have numerous facilities that cities of larger size do not have. The athletic program exceeds that of many communities and the roller skating program simply does not exist in most other communities. But," he mused, "recreation is for all individuals, not just a few — all age groups. The program must be varied to the needs and interests of the entire community."

In addition to his duties as recreation director, Leddick is continuing his studies at Maryland



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Budget from a Rumble Seat

On the surface, Greenbelt's budget procedure seems fairly simple and clear cut. Basically, the city manager prepares a budget calling for funds he considers essential to operate the municipal services. Then the council exercises its collective judgment as to what it considers essential. The result, as always, is a compromise — and while compromise is the essence of the democratic process, it is not always easily achieved, nor does it always make for the best solution to a problem.

This year in particular, there is definite rumbling beneath the surface. Some councilmen are especially displeased, even disturbed, at the size of McDonald's budget request. He has prepared a budget, they claim, which is decidedly unrealistic and which, if passed, would put an end to the future growth of Greenbelt. The tax rate, they charge, already too high, would take a further step upwards, and thereby effectively discourage anyone from building homes or businesses here. Consequently, the council is placed in the most uncomfortable position of having to slash the budget ruthlessly in order to bring it down to manageable proportions. But, they complain, they do not know what is truly essential and what is merely desirable. They are, after all, a part-time group — and admittedly amateurs, at that. In short, they are forced to slash, not only ruthlessly, but also indiscriminately. Thus, if they wind up with a fair amount in the budget, and a fair (in their opinion) tax rate, they still will not know if they have chopped the essentials and retained the inconsequential, or vice-versa. And, they conclude bitterly, the city manager, upon whose professional experience and ability they must rely so heavily, does not help

at all. Indeed, he has made their job doubly difficult by asking for so high a budget, and by defending all the items in it with equal and impartial vigor. They insist that he should have prepared a much smaller budget request, one which they could approve with a minimum of cutting; and furthermore, that he should have indicated to them which items he considered high-priority and which ones he would agree to cut, if necessary. There is, of course, another line of reasoning which contends that the city manager did exactly what he was supposed to do. It is his responsibility, this side declares, to draw up a budget which will enable the city to do all the things it is expected to do, and it is council's concurrent responsibility to decide what these things are. Thus, council should make policy decisions, and provide guidance to the city manager, whereupon the manager should make budget recommendations to implement the basic policies. It is not reasonable, they assert, to expect the city manager to do his job and council's, too. Therefore, they conclude, if there is any condemnation of the city manager for proposing too high a budget, there should be equal condemnation of the city council for failing to provide him with clear policy guidance.

There is some merit to both lines of reasoning. We can appreciate the dilemma in which both the city manager and the council find themselves. Both parties are under constant pressure to produce a workable budget — that is, to provide Greenbelt's traditional services and, at the same time, lower the tax rate. But it must be recognized that both ends cannot be accomplished. Somethin's gotta give! And this, we believe, is the heart of our perennial budget problem. The city council must decide, and then make it unmistakably clear to the city manager, in what direction they want Greenbelt to move — toward higher taxes with better service and less growth, or toward lower taxes with austere services and more growth. Opinion is divided on the council, as it is among the citizenry, on this vital question. Yet, a decision must be made. We must know where we are going.

The council, as one of them put it, "must get up front alongside the driver so we can see where we're going, instead of sitting in the rumble seat where we can only see where we've been!" Otherwise, the budget will simply continue to be a series of last minute compromises which merely beg the question. It will solve nothing, accomplish nothing, satisfy no one. It will neither encourage future growth nor improve present services. It will leave everyone dissatisfied, even as they are with the present state of affairs. It will be, in short, exactly what it seems to be — a budget from a rumble seat.

BAPTIST CHAPEL

Center School
Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
4-E Hillside - GRanite 4-9424
Thursday, Dec. 6 - 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service at the Parsonage. Period of prayer. Bible study in James 4, "The Cure of War." Everyone is welcome. 8:30 p.m., Visitation committee meeting.

Sunday, Dec. 9 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning worship service in the Center school auditorium. Chapel choir will sing. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Preparation for Christmas." 2:30-4 p.m., Visitation program. Members are asked to come to the Parsonage for assignments, instruction and prayer before visiting families who have recently moved in Greenbelt. 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages. Mrs. John S. Stewart Jr., director. 7 p.m., Evening worship service. Dr. James T. McCarl will lead the informal hymn singing. The pastor will preach, "An Ideal Church," based on 1 Thessalonians 1.

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Bible class taught by Mrs. Hazel Wilson.
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m., Chaperaies rehearsal at the home of Mrs. John J. Oleksak, 33-P Ridge. 7:30 p.m., Chapel choir rehearsal at the Parsonage.

Seminar On 5-Year Old Set For Thurs., Dec. 13

Thursday, December 13, the Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten will be host to a seminar on the development of the five-year-old, conducted by Mrs. Evelyn Shulman. Mrs. Shulman is child consultant for the Prince Georges County Council of Cooperative Nursery Schools and Kindergartens.

The meeting will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the kindergarten room in the Center school. Members of the county council will attend, and Greenbelt's kindergarten and nursery school parents are invited.

CANNED SNOW

The cub scouts of pack 746, the new pack sponsored by Mowatt Methodist Church, are selling canned snow. They will be around to see everyone. Orders must be placed before December 14.

APPRECIATION

We should like to express our deepest appreciation to all our friends and neighbors in Greenbelt for their many kindnesses during our recent bereavement. We will always cherish the memory of their wonderful generosity in our time of grief.
Bernard Bordenet and family

THANKS

\$404.72 was collected in the retarded children's drive. The Prince Georges County Association for Retarded Children wishes to thank those Greenbelters who helped raise this sum towards further research and schooling for these youngsters throughout the county.

Thanks personally to the Block Captains and their volunteer helpers. The American Legion Post No. 136, Elizabeth Pels, Senior Scout and 9 year old Barry Novick, in helping these children to help themselves. For further contributions and information please call GR 4-9542.
Mrs. Doris Kaskeski, Director

WELCOME
to the Services
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CENTER SCHOOL
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Training Union
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Nursery for crib babies and toddlers open during all Sunday services.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone: GRanite 4-9200
Thursday, December 6: 8 p.m. Sunday school teachers meet at the church.

Sunday, December 9: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class. Classes held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m. Church services. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11 a.m. service. Ushers for the day: Messrs. Erdmann, Noll, Graunke, and Tatum. Visitors are always welcome to our services. Cookies for the Lutheran Institutional Missionary Auxiliary "Good Cheer" program should be brought to the church by 1 p.m. Sunday school Christmas program rehearsal begins at 2 p.m. 3 p.m. Walthers League meets at the church 8 p.m. Bible forum meets at the Church.

Monday, December 10: 8 p.m. Voters meet to discuss the 1957 budget and other important business items.

Wednesday, December 12: 7:30 p.m. The Drama of Christmas continues in our Advent services. Pastor Birner's sermon theme: "An Angel - God's Messenger". Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Friday, Dec. 7—First Friday: usual daily Mass at 7 a.m. Communion will be distributed before and during the Mass. Children's Mass 8 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Masses at 7, 8:30, and 9:30 a.m. Evening Mass at 7, followed by Confession until 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9—Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and High Mass at 11 a.m. Baptisms at 1 p.m. Please contact the Pastor beforehand.
Daily Mass at 7 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers

GRanite 3-5846

Sunday, December 9: Morning worship at 9 and 11. Mr. Braund preaching. Church school as follows: 9 and 11, nursery, kindergarten, and primary; 10 junior, junior and senior high, young adults, and adults. 7 p.m. Second annual family Christmas workshop and party, Social Hall.

Monday, December 10: 8, Friendly service sewing group, 2-B Hillside.

Tuesday, December 11: 8 Fidelity Bible class party, 2-B Hillside.

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library held their annual elections on Tuesday, November 27. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Marianna Schmidt; Vice-President, Imogene McCarthy; Secretary, Leah Warner; Treasurer, Joseph Loftus. The recent Book Fair, held at Center school with the assistance of the Women's Club and the cooperation of the school, was quite successful and will be repeated each year with possibly some adult as well as children's books offered.

BASKETBALL

The senior boys' club will hold basketball practice on Monday, December 10, at 8:30 to 10, in the Center school. All boys from the ages of 17 to 19 are invited to attend.

Rev. Eric T. Braund Leaving Greenbelt Soon

Community Church is losing one of its pastors. Reverend Eric T. Braund plans to leave about the first of the year for a position in Philadelphia with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The Church has not yet announced any plans to replace him.

Explorers' Program

The "tigers" of explorer scout post 229, sponsored by the Lutheran Church, have a wonderful program coming up for the next three months.

Outdoor: Trip to Virginia mountains, trip to Camp Roosevelt, and explorere (council).

Social: Explorer Ball December 15, skating party, and hayride.

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The Editors Notebook

By Harry Zubkoff

I couldn't help noticing at the last two special meetings of the city council, that the Lakeside residents appeared "en masse" to monitor the budget discussions. This citizen interest and participation is, of course, admirable. The many able men who live in the Lakeside homes can contribute substantially to the discussions, and councilmen should pay attention to their thoughtful analyses of the budget. They have a sizeable stake in Greenbelt and are concerned about the city's future growth.

Primarily, they are concerned with lowering the tax rate. There is nothing wrong with this concern, and certainly, they should be commended for attending the council meetings to express this concern. But I would caution the council that the Lakeside group doesn't represent everyone. There are, after all, only 21 of them, as against almost 2000 other homes here. True, their individual taxes are higher than those levied against regular Greenbelt homes, because their houses are so much more expensive. But collectively, they pay only 2% of the real-estate tax dollars in Greenbelt, for which they receive a direct return of 6% of the community service expenditure. The cost of street lighting alone on Lakeside is \$525, more than 20% of the total amount which the city spends for lighting. So they are getting something for their money.

Still, their desire to reduce taxes is a legitimate one and is shared by a great many other residents. This the council must bear in mind. At the same time, however, there are plenty of residents who would welcome a bigger budget with improved services and higher taxes. These people have no interest in expanding Greenbelt, and would like the community to remain exactly as it is. After all, they say, who wants another 500 homes with crowded streets, crowded schools, inadequate shopping facilities, not enough parking space, limited water and sewage facilities, and all

the attendant headaches to say nothing of increased costs to present residents? We came here, they go on, to get away from all those things and to enjoy a nice, quiet suburban life, and are willing to pay for the unique services which our community can offer. We would rather pay more taxes to retain our present standards and improve them, they say, than suffer increased costs from an expanded community, with a consequent degeneration in service.

This viewpoint is as legitimate as the other, and should also be borne in mind by council. All of which means that council has some difficult decisions to make, and if the residents are interested in the outcome, they had better attend the special meetings and make their views known.

SPECIAL MOVIE

Upper grade students of the JCC Youth School will attend a special showing of the movie "The Ten Commandments" on Monday, December 24, at 9:45 a.m. at RKO Keith's Theatre, 619 Fifteenth St., N.W. Inasmuch as this is a special showing at student rates, paid reservation must be turned in to Mrs. H. Zubkoff, 17-H Ridge Rd. by Monday, December 10. Anyone desiring additional information phone GRanite 3-5801.

The Legionaire

By Mary Kenan Hadley

With Christmas only three weeks away, the County Library this week reminded residents that ideas and suggestions on all aspects of the holiday are available in books at the library.

Material ranges from the story behind Christmas to instructions for making gifts, decorations, and Christmas cakes and cookies, the Librarian said. A special section of holiday material has been set up by libraries as a convenience to patrons. Books and magazine material is also available.

The story behind the celebration of Christmas is told in such books as James Barnett's AMERICAN ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS, Frances Weiser's CHRISTMAS BOOK, Alfred Hotte's 1001 CHRISTMAS FACTS AND FANCIES, and Earl Count's 4,000 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS. Poetry and stories found in the HOME BOOK OF CHRISTMAS edited by May L. Becker; LET'S CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, by Horace Gardner; and WORLD'S GREATEST CHRISTMAS STORIES, edited by Erick Posselt.

Numerous books are also available which offer suggestions for attractive and useful gifts that can be made at home. Instructions for gift wrapping are covered in Adelaide Shaw's SIMPLIFIED GUIDE TO GIFT WRAPPING and Drucella Lowrie's ART OF WRAPPING GIFTS.

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MONDAY - 7:16, 9:16



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CHANUKAH PARTY

A Chanukah luncheon party was held Sunday afternoon at the JCC building by the Youth School of the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County. The advanced Hebrew students participated in the blessings and the lighting of the menorah. A Chanukah skit and group singing completed the program. This was followed by individual classroom games, stories and films. Potato pancakes (latkes), the traditional food for this holiday, highlighted the luncheon. The gaily decorated auditorium, candle party favors and exchange of gifts added greatly to the festivities.

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Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halpin, 11-L Ridge. Michael Wherry arrived on November 15 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. He joins one brother and three sisters.

The Simon Kaufmans, 14-C Laurel have a new telephone number. GRanite 3-4284.

The Leon Kahns, 9-F Ridge had Thanksgiving dinner with former Greenbelters, Glenn and Muriel Burrow in Rexford, New York. Rhea and the children spent several enjoyable days with the Burrows, who send all their Greenbelt neighbors and friends a great big hello.

A speedy recovery to Dotty Lazeroff, 6-C Hillside who is in Hahnemann Hospital.

The Joseph Nusinovs, 50-C Ridge, have a new telephone number, GRanite 3-5537.

Dr. Hans Wodak was elected president of the Prince George's County medical association at its last meeting. The association is a chapter of the American Medical Association.

A 7-pound girl has been added to the family of Sam Ackerman, 43-C Ridge. Born December 3, Valerie joins a brother, Joseph, aged 1.

Howard Hunt of 3-D Research rd. was awarded his 10 year scouting card at the monthly meeting of the Prince Georges District of the Boy Scouts of America held at Lanham Methodist Church Wednesday, November 28.

Hunt began his scouting career in 1946 as assistant cubmaster of Pack 202 in Greenbelt. Later on he served as chairman of Troop and Explorership No. 202. For two years he served as neighborhood commissioner and up to one year ago he served on the neighborhood committee. In addition to the chairmanship of the organization and extension committee which he took over four years ago, he is chairman of Explorer Post 229 in Greenbelt.

Center School PTA

Erika Thimey, director of the Washington Dance Theater, is conducting modern dance classes for the Center school again this year. Her inspired teaching has proved to be a great educational success, and the children have progressed well in their first month's work in dance technique and creative work.

There are still a few openings in the youngest group, 5-6 years old, and in the newly organized adult class. Those interested may contact Helen Dondy at GR 4-9437.

According to Miss Thimey, her work with children aims toward sound physical and mental development, good posture, poise, grace and the overcoming of shyness, self-consciousness, or over-aggressiveness. "Modern dance," she said, "creates an interest in all the arts, thus opening to the child the wonderful world of culture."

The aim for the adult class is a sound physical workout that produces grace and poise, regaining one's physical norm and simultaneously stimulating to the mind and emotions, providing relaxation to counteract the tensions of busy modern life. "The class is conducted in such a fashion that it isn't purely a gymnastics or exercise class but a recreational activity through an art medium."

Miss Thimey is assisted by Lois Roberts of Bladensburg, a member of the Children' Dance Theatre and long-time student of the modern dance. The classes also have the services of one of the outstanding accompanists in the modern dance field, Evelyn Lohoefer, who has been a great asset.

The Long View

By Al Long

Well, finally we opened for business; come and see us—Tops Drive In at the corner of Queens Chapel and Hamilton street. (See ad on page 4.)

As for me, I'm going to bed for a week—maybe when I wake up rested and refreshed I'll order a Sir Loiner myself. Then I'll write a book—entitled "Mr. Long Goes Into Business", written while he recovered at St. Elizabeths.

Greenbelt A. C.

Elects Officers

At a meeting held on November 28, the Greenbelt Athletic Club elected new officers for the forthcoming year. Named as president for the second successive year was Al Iwens. And as vice president, Bud Dean.

Other elected officials include Al Campo, Secretary; John Moroner, Treasurer; and H. Neff, Custodian. The seven man Board of Directors named by the members are: Bud Reese, Jim Staley, Joe Rimar, Frank Youell, Pat Payne, Al Patton and Roy Arthur.

With the advent of a new administration, the theme of the Athletic Club during 1957 will lean heavily toward more participant activities. Plans are also in the offing to provide members and their families with varied Saturday night entertainment to be held on the clubhouse premises.

Advancing another step toward a well-rounded athletic program, officers are hoping to work more closely with city management in efforts to promote wholesome all-age sporting events. Reminiscent of the past season's success with the Greenbelt men's baseball team, Cal Aulisio, manager of the local greater year in 1957.

'Recreation Review'

The Youth Center is holding its Annual Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 22.

All regular activities held in the Auditorium of the Center School will be canceled from December 24, 1956 through January 1, 1957.

The Gym will however be open December 26, 27, 28 and 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. for Girl's activities and from 3 to 5 p.m. for boys. The Youth Center will be open these same evenings for roller skating. On December 28, 1956 the Youth Center will hold a Sock Hop.

On Wednesday, November 28th the Golden Age group held its first meeting in the Social Room in the Community Building. There were ten women and two men present. Mrs. Herbert Hall told of her trip to England last summer and Mr. Hall told of his coming to the United States from Canada as a young man. The group participated in games such as scrabble and card playing. Every one got acquainted and had a good time.

High Point Presents Play

High Point high school will present its first dramatic production of the year, "Boy Meets Girl", on Friday and Saturday, December 7 & 8, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Admission will be 50 cents for students and 75 cents for adults.

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