

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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## Baptist Church Gets Formal Recognition

The Greenbelt Baptist Church will be recognized as a self governing church and will be received as a member of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention on Tuesday evening, November 19, at the First Baptist Church of Hyattsville.

The recognition and reception will occur during the two day eighty-first annual meeting of the D. C. Baptist Convention. The annual meeting will be held in the Hyattsville church which originally sponsored the Greenbelt Baptist Church four years ago.

The trustees of the Greenbelt Baptist Church signed a contract with G. Truman Ward of Vosbeck and Ward, A. A. I., architects, who will submit revised preliminary plans of the first unit to the building committee on Wednesday, November 20, at the home of Dr. James T. McCarl, building committee chairman. Detail plans and specifications are scheduled to be completed by January 15, after which they will be sent out for building contractor bids. If proper financial arrangements can be made, construction may be started in March or April on the four-acre property located on Crescent and Hillside extended. Presently Sunday services are held in the Center school.

## County Rec Dep Holds Teen Bowling Clinic

The Second Annual Teen Club Bowling Clinic, sponsored by the Prince Georges county recreation department and the Suitland and Badersburg Bowling Alleys will take place at the Bladensburg Bowling Center on Saturday, November 16, at 1 p.m., and at Suitland Alleys on Saturday, November 23, at 1 p.m.

The Clinic, which is open to all County teen club members, will last for approximately two hours at each location. Club members may choose the location nearest them. Instruction on bowling techniques including delivery, scoring, etc. will be given and the awards program of the American Junior Bowling Congress will be described.

The Prince Georges County Teen Club Bowling League will officially begin at the Bladensburg and Suitland Bowling Alleys on Saturday November 30. The league will be open to all registered teen club boys and girls. All clubs planning to enter teams in the league are urged to attend the Bowling Clinic on November 16 or 23. Further information may be obtained from the Prince Georges County Recreation Department, AP 7-8696.

## GARY FORD FUND

The Greenbelt Lions Club, the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, and the North End School PTA wish to announce that approximately \$850 has been collected to date, with donations still coming in, for the GARY FORD FUND.

## Poetry Corner

What a joyful thing is a HOLIDAY -  
For planning all sorts of things,  
To shuck off the cares of the daily grind,  
To take what the freedom brings.  
"Mark"  
8/30/57

## Anonymous Letters

The News Review has received several letters to the editor which have been signed with pseudonyms. Pseudonyms may be used, but the actual identification of the letter-writer is necessary.

The News Review is holding several letters signed with pseudonyms only until the writers identify themselves.

## Parents at High Point Go Back to School

The High Point High School Parent-Teacher Association at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 19, will have "Back To School Night" for parents as its program. Parents will have the opportunity to follow their youngster's daily school schedule in six ten-minute periods to learn from the teachers what each course covers in its yearly offering.

The usual 7:30 to 8 o'clock parent-teacher conference period will not be held for this meeting to allow time for the "Back To School Night" program. Instead parents are requested to report to the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. for a very short business meeting, and for a briefing by Allen I. Chotiner, principal of High Point, relative to the school curriculum and the "Back To School Night" procedure.

A Book Fair will be held in the cafeteria in conjunction with the meeting. Parents are invited to view and to purchase books.

## Library News

By Elizabeth B. Hage

The Prince Georges County Showcase has run its course, and, we believe, has proved to be a very worthwhile project for all concerned. In looking at the Library's exhibit, it seems quite obvious that some progress has been made in the ten years of the library's operation; but on the other hand, when the future plans of the library are considered and shown pictorially as they were, it seems equally obvious that the service to the entire county is quite inadequate.

The Prince Georges County League of Women Voters is in the process of studying the County Library System with the objective of learning the answers to some pertinent questions. Some of the questions they are asking are: How adequate is the Prince Georges County Library? How does it compare with standards for the country arrived at by the American Library Association? How is the library system financed? Is the financial support adequate? Can the people of the county get the books they need and want without undue inconveniences? What do the people of Prince Georges County want in the way of library services? Are they willing to pay for the services they want?

These are all important questions, and this is a good time to be asking them - when the Library is going into its second ten years of activity. We wish the League well in its endeavor. We are sure the results will be enlightening to us all.

## TUPPERWARE PARTY

Tupperware party, Tuesday November 19, at 8 p.m. in the social room of St. Hugh's School. No charge, door prizes and free refreshments. Proceeds will be used to get subscriptions to Boys Life for Cub Pack 750.

## CITY DIRECTORY

According to the Greenbelt Lions Club, the new Greenbelt City Directory is now in the hands of the printer and is expected to be ready for distribution to the public approximately December 1.

## Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick

**Band:** The Greenbelt Band will hold its first indoor concert in the auditorium at Center School, on November 25. The Band is giving a concert on November 18 at the National Training School.

**Photography Club:** Meets on Friday evenings in the kitchen at Center School. This Club is for all ages. Beginners are welcome to learn how to take pictures, either black and white or color.

**Basketball:** At the present time the Recreation Department has three Churches entered in an unlimited basketball league. All other churches or organizations interested please contact the Recreation Department.

**Turkey Trot:** A 2 mile run will be sponsored by the Recreation Department on Saturday, November 23. Prizes will be turkeys and silver tie bars. Send name to recreation department or pick up an entry blank at the city office.

## CubPack 746 Plans "Trip to Moon"

All Pack 746 Cubs who are interested in taking a "trip to the moon" will meet at the Methodist Church this Saturday morning, November 16th at 9:15 a.m. The Pack is going out to the Fort Belvoir Engineer School of Planetarium to make this interesting excursion.

Our next Pack Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20, when we will have OPEN HOUSE and the families and friends of all our Cubs are invited to the Methodist Church that evening from 7 to 9 p.m. to see our exhibits and demonstrations for "Achievements of the Year" month. The first part of the evening will begin with the annual inspection, so all our boys should remember to be there in full uniform.

Every fine wish for the Thanksgiving holiday from your Cubmaster.

## SCOUT LEADER COURSE

A Scout Leadership training course will be given at the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church for the next three Thursday evenings (November 14, 21, 28) starting at 8 p.m. for all fathers and adults interested in participating in our expanding Boy Scout Program. Leaders of the course are particularly anxious to have all the fathers of the boys who will be joining the new Troop attend these sessions. This is an excellent opportunity for you to make a place for yourself in your boy's Scouting experiences.

## Exceptions To Rule Against Pets Denied By GHI Board In 6-1 Vote

By Russell Greenbaum

After considering the appeals of about ten members who requested special exemption from the rule against pets, the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. at its regular meeting on Friday, November 8, denied all the appeals in a 6-1 vote. George Eshbaugh was the lone dissenter, while Frank Lastner and Bruce Bowman were not present at the meeting.

The board agreed that none of the cases applied to the exceptions to the regulation previously established by the board. These exceptions, voted by the board on May 24, 1957, permit seeing-eye dogs for blind members and the possession of a dog to provide protection for an elderly person living alone.

The appeals had been formally submitted in letters to the board, but most of the members involved took advantage of the board's invitation to appear in person to discuss their cases. All were obviously closely attached to their pets, and the board expressed sympathy for their plight. After presenting their cases, the members were told by board chairman Ed Burgoon that the board would take their appeals under advisement but might not reach a decision that night.

Later, after all the members had left, the board found that its regular agenda was completed at an early hour and decided to deal immediately with appeals. Each case was

examined from the viewpoint of the exceptions already approved.

Only two of the appeals were presented by women living alone who approach the "elderly" category, but in both cases the animals involved are cats, which the board felt could not be construed as providing protection. A third woman, who was later determined to be about 35, said she lives alone and that the police had seen evidence of prowlers who tried to break into her house while she was out of town.

Another woman reported that she worked and required the dog to protect her 19-year-old daughter, who was home alone all day. One appeal was made by a young housewife, who said her home is adjacent to the woods and that her husband is away at school during the evening hours. An appeal was also made by a middle-aged couple without children.

Two of the members claimed that they had moved to their present homes from elsewhere in Greenbelt and that the sales staff was aware that they owned dogs at the time the contracts were signed. Burgoon, however, asserted that in at least one case the member had signed a statement indicating an awareness of the regulations against pets and a willingness to comply.

In the later discussion, Eshbaugh, who had not been present when the board voted on the exceptions last May, said his dissenting vote was based on a need for further consideration of exceptions. The board felt that any additional exceptions to its regulations at this time would damage its case in court.

Some of the members making an appeal have already received contract termination notice. The remainder will receive their notices shortly. In all cases, members receiving termination notices because of their refusal to get rid of their pets are being told that no further action will be taken pending the outcome of the forthcoming court contest.

## Chasanow Complains

In another matter, GHI manager John Walker read a letter from Abraham Chasanow of Greenbelt Realty, Inc. protecting the board's action in making public comparative sales figures on members' home sold by Greenbelt Realty, GHI and the members themselves. These figures are regularly reported at board meetings and are usually published in the News Review as part of the regular report on the meeting.

GHI requires Greenbelt Realty to submit each month the number of members' homes it has sold. Chasanow stated that these figures should be kept confidential and not made available to the press. He indicated that if the practice continued, a suit for damages might result. The board, however, agreed that it was well within its rights in making this information available for general dissemination to its membership.

## Trash Collection

The board also heard a letter from City Manager Charles McDonald requesting that the board express its opinion on the matter of the three-days-a-week trash collection. Although not referred to in the letter, the board heard informal reports that the city council was also interested in knowing whether GHI would take on the additional bookkeeping for a proposed plan whereby GHI members not desiring the added collection day would not have the 17 cents increase added to their monthly payments. After hearing GHI comptroller Roy Breshars state that such a plan would seriously overload his staff, the board disapproved the idea and refused to get involved in the city's decision on this matter.

## Zoning Will Be Topic For Voters League

Zoning will be the subject of discussion as local units of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County meet this month. Discussion will center on basic principles of zoning and the extent to which practice in the County conforms to those principles.

The Chamber of Commerce booklet, Zoning and Civic Development, will be used for background. Other material to be used in the meetings will be a study compiled by League members of the history of commercial zoning in the area.

Zoning was adopted as an item of study by League members at their annual meeting, this year's focus being in anticipation of the new zoning ordinance now in the process of preparation.

Greenbelters interested in the general subject of zoning are invited to attend. The meeting is at the Geller residence, 117 Northway (GR 4-6223) at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20.

## Lions Sell Fruitcake

The many people in Greenbelt who purchased their holiday FRUIT CAKES from the Greenbelt Lions Club last year will be glad to know that they are available again this year.

Members of the Lions Club will be calling at your home soon with those same delicious "Benson's Old Home Fruit Cakes" made by the Benson Co. in Athens, Georgia.

Proceeds from this project are pledged to the Sight Conservation Program sponsored by Lions Clubs in this District.

## GREAT BOOKS MEETING

Would you like to bring back those happy high school days? Under the leadership of Leonard Baron, participants in the Great Books discussion group, meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, at the Library, may indulge in a good deal of nostalgia as they discuss Euclid's "Elements of Geometry," Book I. The public is invited.

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during the 1957

American Education Week

Your taxes build and operate the public schools of Prince Georges County. American Education Week, Nov. 10-16, is your opportunity to see what your dollars buy. Visit a school-it's open house week.



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## "AN EDUCATED PEOPLE MOVE FREEDOM FORWARD"

### CORRECTION

Last week the News Review incorrectly listed some of the names of the sixth grade essay writers as attending the Center School. Susan King, Sophie Abramovitz, and Barbara Ann Chotiner, who wrote essays on "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward" all attend the North End School while the Center School contributor is Naomi Baron.

## AN EDUCATED PEOPLE MOVES FREEDOM FORWARD

By Susan King

A country is only as educated as the people in it. America knows it is important to have education available for everybody, that is why we are important leaders in the world today. By studying a problem and looking into details about it, sometimes this will prevent a war.

In facing world problems our leaders are educated people whom we can trust in making important decisions.

In industry every year America makes new progress in factories and machinery and so on to help its people.

America's school system is such that any one can become a leader. People are realizing more and more the importance of getting a good education.

Right now there is a problem in some parts of the country concerning the colored people. Our educated leaders are studying the problem and we can feel sure that things will be worked out.

As we educate our people we can be sure that America will forever be a land of freedom and opportunity.

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Forum 8:00 p.m.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

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40 Ridge Road

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship groups 7:00 p.m.

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Primary through adults 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery, Kindergarten 11:00 a.m.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hillside and Crescent Roads

Donald N. MacKenzie and Robert C. Hull, Ministers

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship 9 and 11:00 a.m.

### CHURCH SCHOOL

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Junior through adults 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary 11:00 a.m.

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Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

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Center school recreation room

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Young Peoples' Endeavor 6 p.m.  
Evangelistic Service 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 10 - 16 is American Education Week - all public schools in Prince George's are observing open house that week.

## The Editor's Notebook

By Harry Zubkoff

Last week I was pleasantly surprised to discover that the co-op gas station now vacuums every car that comes in for a grease job. This sort of customer service is a welcome innovation, and I'm sure that all the car-owners appreciate it. It is also an indication that the co-op recognizes the fact that it is in a competitive business and is making every effort to meet that competition. After all, a satisfied customer is a come-back customer, and it's only good sense to try to outdo the competition down the street in attracting and holding customers. That is, when there is a competitor down the street.

Unfortunately, there is no competitor down the street in the food business. In this situation, I think the co-op is not quite so concerned about satisfying its customers. I make that statement because I noticed two weeks ago that sirloin steaks were selling for considerably less in the Piney Branch store than they were in the Greenbelt store. Is this because there is competition in the Piney Branch neighborhood, where there is none in Greenbelt? Naturally, I wonder about that, and if there is another explanation, I hereby invite GCS to use this space to make it. Until they do so, I can't help thinking that it seems unfair for the co-op to charge its Greenbelt customers more than its customers pay for the same thing in any of its other locations.

Just for the record, four people approached me personally, and three more by telephone, to report this situation and to ask what the newspaper was going to do about it. Actually, there is nothing the paper can do about it except to publish it so that the people know about it. I would welcome any letters to the editor on this subject giving our readers' views.

My carpool has quite a unique arrangement which I think others would be interested in. There are six of us - characters all - five drivers and one passenger. The passenger, of course, has to pay three dollars a week for his ride, which amounts to sixty cents a week for each of the drivers. Now sixty cents a week may be a lot of money to some of the carpool characters around here, but in our pool each of the drivers agreed to forego this pittance. Instead, each week, the passenger makes out a check to the favorite charity of one of the five drivers, who take turns deciding to whom the three dollars will go. As a result, several local organizations will be receiving mysterious donations in the mail, and if any worthwhile group wants to get on our list, just send your applications to Sid Barnett, 45-F Ridge, our executive secretary and general factotum. All applicants will receive equal consideration and prolonged discussion in our carpool - this I can safely promise.

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Greenbelt Rescue Squad and to our friends and neighbors for their kindness, assistance, and expressions of sympathy at the time of our bereavement.

Mrs. Henry C. Hart and family

## "A DISSERVICE"

To the Editor:

Attempts in the city council to confuse issues of policy with those of administration in the conduct of municipal business should invite general concern.

Persons elected to perform part-time services as councilmen are expected to be aware of operating principles involved in a city manager type of government. To undermine that type of government, by putting executive functions in the council, is a disservice to the community and a reversion to patronage politics.

If appointments and dismissals of town employees become the province of the council, merit standards will be subverted and responsibility dissipated. Proper supervision and maintenance of discipline by the town manager cannot be exercised in such a situation. The employees, furthermore, would be dependent for job security on their ability to curry favor with council members.

With one exception, candidates for the city council in the recent election did not inform the electorate of any ambitions to alter the existing form of city government. The candid candidate was defeated. It is fortunate, indeed, that the new home rule law provides for a referendum procedure to amend the city charter. Through that device the citizenry can assert its will that the city council confine itself to matters of policy and that the city manager be responsible for matters of administration.

J. P. Loftus

## CRANK HANDLE

To the Editor:

### Ode To Greenbelt

I'd hate to be the neighbor of a man with brains alog,  
Who would wish extermination of our friends the cat and dog.  
A cat's a useful animal and a cute and pleasing pet,  
And a dog is the truest friend a man could hope for on a bet.

I wonder if when he was young, he wasn't quite a pest,  
As he howled and cried at midnight while the neighbors lost their rest  
'Tis well his neighbors had more sense than he displays today,  
Or his extermination might have come without delay.

If he would read the records of heroic deeds in war,  
He'd find that dogs wear medals "over there" for what they are.  
They stuck to us when shot and shell would whistle overhead,  
And oft remained behind to whine a requiem over the dead.

If I were ruler of the world and craved the peoples thanks,  
I'd simply save the dogs and cats and exterminate the cranks.

Inez Bradley

P. S. Also remembering the animals were in this world long before any of us.

Sarah Gelberg  
Alexandria, Va.

## OPEN LETTER TO RUSS GREENBAUM

Dear Russ:

If I may call myself a fellow columnist, I wish to say a few words about the hornet's nest you have stirred up by your column.

First, I thoroughly agree with you. All one has to do to stir up trouble is to tell the truth about something.

Second, let's bring things to light that have been hidden by complacency. As some people seem to think, if we close our eyes to something, it will not be true.

Third, if we do nothing, it will clear up automatically.

Your children and mine will be going to these same schools in future years, and as parents it is up to us to see that they have an education in surroundings that are desirable from physical, social and environmental standpoints.

Last, but not least, I congratulate you on being able to write on such subjects and in such a way as to cut through the phlegmatic and lackadaisical attitude of your readers.

The controversy proves that you do have the readers. I missed your column last week, and I do hope that you will continue your interesting items.

Rebecca

Don Pratt

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TOY FAIR  
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10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
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at  
**Greenbelt Community  
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**Yuletide Decorations**

The Greenbelt Garden Club will see Mrs. Floyd Smith of Silver Spring demonstrate the use of garden grown products for Christmas decorating on Thursday evening, November 21, at 8 p.m. in the Social Room at Center School. Mrs. Smith is a lecturer, teacher of flower arranging, and nationally accredited flower show judge. She will show how locally available items, such as Indian corn, crab apples, okra pods, and red peppers, make unusual Christmas decorations for the home.

All Greenbelters and their friends are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

**VOLUNTEER  
NOTES**

Fire calls for the month of October, 1957 numbered only four. Of these, 1 was a building fire, 1 was a drill, 1 was a nine I, and the other was an electric pole fire.

One of these was a local alarm and the other three were mutual aid calls. Twenty-seven men were used and the fire trucks traveled 28 miles. Time on calls - 16 hours, 56 minutes. Pump time - 1 hour.

Ed Swisher completed his course in Advanced Rescue Operations last week at Olney, Md. This makes Ed an instructor in this subject. This course was a full week of full time instruction.

It was announced at the last meeting of the Fire Department & Rescue Squad that new ambulance procedure has been adopted in the District of Columbia. Ambulances are not to exceed 35 miles an hour anywhere in the District, with a maximum of 15 miles an hour through intersections, whether or not they have the green light, and are not to exceed 10 miles an hour when making turns.

The next monthly meeting of the Prince Georges County Rescue Squad Association is scheduled to meet at Prince Georges General Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 20. A motion picture of interest to all the members is scheduled to be shown.

On Wednesday, November 13, there was scheduled a lecture and demonstration on Oxygen Therapy at Providence Hospital. This was principally for the nurses of the hospital, but the members of the Rescue Squad were specially invited to attend.

A question that will have to be answered in the very near future: How can we get a new fire truck that is 25 feet, nine inches into a space that is 25 feet, one inch? The doors on the present fire station are not flexible enough to bow out the extra eight inches we need for this. Maybe someone can come up with the answer, frankly we are stumped.

There is still time to make your reservation for the dance to be held at the American Legion Hall on the night of November 23, from 9 to 1. If you would like reservations, call Kenny Robinson at 7363, or Bill Hopkins at 9457. Two bucks a couple, (couples only) and have a good time. Proceeds for our Equipment Fund.

**Library Notes**

Why not use a film for your next program? Prince George's County Memorial Library invites you to preview some films at the County Library Office, 5403 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. The films to be shown are as follows: Pressure Groups, Powers of Congress, Political Parties, Make Way for Youth, Children in Trouble and High Wall.

Civic groups and those interested in good government and juvenile delinquency will be especially interested in these films. For more information about them, ask your branch librarian, or call Miss Madeline Evers, WA 7-4916. If you find the films suitable for your group, they are available for immediate use.

**St. Hugh's Toy Fair**

On Saturday, November 16 at 8 p.m., there will be a toy Fair in the social room at St. Hugh's school. The Fair, under the chairmanship of Joseph Cawley, is being sponsored by the Parents-Teachers Guild and will feature a fine selection of toys for Christmas. During the Fair, the turkey raffle drawings will be made. The raffle was conducted by Grades three, five and seven and the children in these grades are to be congratulated for the fine work they did to make their room project a success.

**BIZARRE BAZAAR**

The women of Community Church will hold their Annual Bazaar in the Social Hall of the church on Saturday, November, 16 from 10 a.m. on. Many beautiful, colorful, hand-made items will be available, at reasonable prices. There is something for everyone-Toys, doll clothes, books, plants, aprons, bakery tables, snack bar, featuring turkey barbecue. Lucille Fonda will be on hand again to read the future in the tea leaves. Dorothy McGee will be doing her famed Silhouettes.

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# My Town

By Russ Greenbaum

One of the most exciting experiences I've had in a long time was spending all morning last Monday in my daughter's first grade class. As you know, all parents were invited to visit their children's classrooms this week as part of National Education Week. And so off we went to school together, Rachelle and I. For her it was routine (except to call out proudly to a few friends on the way that her daddy was going to school with her), but for me it was an adventure into a world in which I am normally an outsider—the world of the child in school.

The morning started off with the pledge of allegiance (with the words pronounced correctly and clearly) and the singing of "America." In the slightly off key, sweet high voices of children it seemed to have added meaning. Then teachers got down to business, eliciting such information from her class as the day, including the exact date, and the weather. I was surprised when she asked about the temperature and even more surprised when at least one youngster knew it. As it turned out, the class has a large movable thermometer, which one of the children sets each morning. The whole procedure struck me as an excellent way for youngster to become accustomed to the daily routines of life. No one knew that it was Veterans' Day (which is to be expected since many of us still call it Armistice Day) but one boy was aware that a veteran had something to do with war.

In almost every case the teacher did not simply tell them but gave the child a chance to supply an answer from his own store of knowledge, as limited as it might be. The results of this technique were impressive, with the six-year-olds responding eagerly with a forest of wildly waving hands. Incidentally, the class paid little

attention to the visiting parents, so wrapped up were they in the class activities. The only exception was the girl who had been appointed to obtain the signatures of the visitors in a special guest register prepared for the occasion. Quietly and with great dignity, the young hostess quickly approached each visitor as soon as he or she was seated and presented the guest book and a pencil. She didn't miss a single one throughout the morning.

The greatest difference from my own first grade experience were the reading books. There were still the simple phrases, but on each page was a picture which gave meaning to the short sentence. If Sally said to her dog, "Go home, Tip," it was because the picture showed Sally trying to roller skate with Tip nipping at her heels. The teacher even asked one girl to give her the sentence as Sally might actually say it. The reading the six-year-old gave would have done credit to Helen Hayes.

I noticed that the teacher never used the condescending word "children" to her class but usually called them "people." Certainly this is one way of avoiding the impression that children are in a separate category. As people, they are part of the world around them. My sharpest impression was the calm, gentle but firm manner in which the teacher handled her charges. With never a snap to her voice nor ever raising it above a normal conversational level, no matter what the crisis, she maintained complete control of her class at all times. I wonder if parents could get a special training course in how to do this. Oh, there were a few spats, but they were quelled quickly with sympathy for both parties.

After witnessing the normal routine of a first grade morning, I came away convinced that my child and the others in her class are getting off to a fine start in the long educational career ahead of them. Maybe she will occasionally encounter a teacher not quite so capable or understanding, but I am sure her early experience will carry her through. Thanks, Mrs. Hertz—and the many other teachers like you.

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Speaking of education, I can't help expressing my bewilderment at the choice of the topic of "Civil Defense" by the North End PTA for the annual joint meeting with the Center School and Junior High PTA in January. Surely everyone will agree that the main subject of a PTA is education. There are many PTA problems that need discussing at a joint session, and civil defense, as laudable a project as it might be, does not seem to me the most pressing problem for parents and teachers to work out—any more than the United Givers Fund, another worthwhile project.

## Your Home

By Ann Levine

Wall-to-wall, ceiling-to-floor, ready made drapes are gaining in popular acceptance. There are many reasons why decorators and homemakers are showing a keen interest in this type of area decoration.

In the first place, ready made drapes are much less expensive than the custom made and they look very luxurious. On the practical side, they will give a room of modest proportions the feeling of spaciousness, they hide ungainly corners and other architectural defects that are so commonly found around windows and window arrangements, and when fully drawn they will keep out drafts in cold weather that picture windows in particular seem to invite.

Being careful not to get a fabric that is "too busy," meaning a fabric with too much color and design which will attract the eye away from a more important part of the room, and keeping away from certain dark colors that tend to overpower and dominate the room, wall-to-wall, ceiling-to-floor

draperies can be very dramatic without being too dominating.

Wall-to-wall actually is treating a wall rather than a window, and is just what the doctor ordered for problem windows. If you have a window that is not exactly centered, that defect can be hidden by wall-to-wall drapes. If you have an air conditioning unit—and some of these units are built into the wall just below the window, giving the wall a slight but very unsightly protusion—wall-to-wall drapes will disguise this happenstance. The biggest headache, however, is the window which harbors a radiator beneath its apron. This crass object is seldom centered, and to make matters worse, is generally too high or too short to be useful. Even making a cover for it does not hide its imperfection. I have tried both the ceiling-to-floor drape and the sill length drape with unhappy results, until a friend who is a very talented decorator advised me to use the wall-to-wall drape, combining the ceiling-to-floor length with the shorter length drape. Experimenting with the two lengths of wall covering proved her thesis to be correct.

For the area above the radiator use the drapes in a length to fall 2 inches above the top of the radiator. For the rest of the wall use the ceiling-to-floor length. Be sure to center the wall, using the wall as an entity, not the window. By that I mean if your window is not centered in relation to the wall, and the radiator is not centered in relation to the window, which usually is the case, find the center of that wall and draw a straight line down from the molding at the ceiling to the top of the window frame and again from the window sill to the base board. That divides the wall in half. Figure out how many widths of material you will need for the width of the wall. If you are going to use a medium to heavy fabric, double width is required. If your choice is a sheer, triple width will drape best. Keep in mind always that you are decorating the wall and not the window. In all probability, one side of the window is wider than the other. Now, your figures will have to be approximate. Breaking up the wall into four parts, give one-half to the window area and one-quarter part to each side wall. The half or window area, which will be the exact center of the wall, will get the shorter length drape, and the quarter wall on either side will get the ceiling-to-floor length. Depending on how bad the physical window arrangements are, you may find—especially if you are working with an "L" arrangement or two walls at right angles—that you will be covering more window area on one wall than on the other. That, of course, does not matter. The important thing is that your wall is covered properly. In the case of an "L" arrangement where only one window has the radiator, both walls must be treated alike.

If you are planning on being a do-it-yourselfer, then you will have to measure your fabric very carefully for the correct lengths and have the necessary number of panels for the width. If, however, you are going to shop for ready made, you will find that retailers have these wall-to-wall drapes in many widths, the most popular being four, eight, twelve and sixteen feet wide. In the ceiling-to-floor lengths, the standard is 95 inches, with some retailers including lengths of 90, 99 and 108 inches.

Whether you use ready made or make them yourself, you will be delighted with the glamorous effect that wall-to-wall, ceiling-to-floor drapes give to a room. Happy draping!

Questions from readers will be answered in this column. Write to YOUR HOME, Box 68, Greenbelt, Md.

## The Long View

By Al Long

For the last four weekends we have been looking at houses in Bethesda in the National Institute of Health area and off Old Georgetown road. I don't know what may come of it because we've had the fever before and recovered without any bad results.

All the new houses have what is

called a "family room"—in fact that's about all some of them have. It's a very ingenious idea. If you complain to the salesman that it's only a three bedroom house, and you need four, he explains how easy it is to use the family room for a bedroom. If you insist on a dining room, he suggests the family room; also the family room can easily be used as a den, a parlor, a recreation room, a study room, or what have you. So you are back in a log cabin where you sleep, eat and live in one room, all for \$27,500 with a five and seven-eighths per cent mortgage.

Pat thinks we have visited a lot of different houses but it seems to me that all we've done is visit the same kind of house with different colored kitchens in each case. Whether you like the house or not depends on whether your wife likes the kitchen. That is where all the salesmen stand, and that is where most of the houses are sold. Well, I guess I'll have to break down and promise to paint, fix up the basement and modernize the kitchen,

or I'll wake up some one of these days with a \$27,000 mortgage.

### Trivia Addenda

I wish I knew who it is that always puts the stolen co-op super market carts in front of my house. It is hard enough to understand why people steal these carts and bring them home, but why don't the cowards keep them in front of their own houses? Can it be that they are really that ashamed of themselves for taking the cart away from the store in the first place? If I were the manager, I'd swear out a few warrants!

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I think Ben Goldfaden might have something. Maybe it's about time we reviewed the lop-sided charter which PHA foisted on the town. Times have changed, and we are living in America again, not in a PHA company town.

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There is no truth to the rumor that the dog "Limonchik" in Sputnik II is a former Greenbelt dog who was sent to Russia by GHI to keep him from testifying in the eviction cases.

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