

Greenbelt News Review

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Five cents

Red Cross Bloodmobile Here Nov. 4 Sponsored by Greenbelt Lions Club



Charlie Cox, Beltsville, and Maybelle Willett, Chairman of P.G. Red Cross

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Greenbelt, Wednesday, November 4, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Center School. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, the Bloodmobile will be stationed in the school gymnasium, with a complete staff of nurses and physicians in attendance. The local Woman's Club will act as hostesses and provide refreshments and clerical help. The quota set for Greenbelt is 100 pints, the same quota as set last year and exceeded by 7 pints at that time.

Donors must be between the ages of 21 to 59 and have not given blood during the past two months. Those aged 18 to 21 can give blood with their parents' consent. Records are kept of donors and credit is given if any emergency need arises later for the donor or his family. According to Red Cross officials in Prince Georges county, a dire need to replenish the blood bank exists.

Last August, the local Lions club replaced 14 pints of blood used during a serious heart operation on Charlie Cox, son of Janet Cox, a teacher at the Greenbelt Center school since 1953. The successful operation has permitted Charlie to return to school this year.

Fred Birdseye, chairman of the bloodmobile committee for the Lions, announced that transportation to and from the school for donors will be available to anyone calling prior to November 4. His number is GR 4-9546. Pupils at the Center, North End and St. Hugh's schools have painted posters now on display at various points in the business center, and scouts from various troops in Greenbelt are distributing flyers reminding residents of this worthwhile event.

The entire procedure of donating blood takes no more than 30 minutes, it was disclosed. "There is no gift more precious to the giver or to the receiver than blood," Birdseye stated, and he urged residents to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the Bloodmobile.

NEWS REVIEW MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association will be held on Sunday, November 1, at 8 p.m. at the Alfred Skolnik residence, 2-E Northway. The election of the governing board for 1959-60 will be held. All staff members of the New Review are invited to attend.

WHAT GOES ON

Friday, October 30 - 7 to 8 p.m.
Trick or Treat
6:30 p.m. "UNICEF" drive
Saturday, October 31 - 6 p.m.
Halloween costume party at Center.
6:30 p.m. "UNICEF" drive
Sunday, November 1 - 8 p.m.
News Review annual membership meeting.
Monday, November 2 - 8 p.m.
Council meeting, city offices
Wednesday, November 4 - 8:15 p.m. Library - sponsored "Churchill" film, JCC building.
2 to 7 p.m. Bloodmobile, Center School
Saturday, November 7 - 9:30 p.m. Jaycees Dance, American Legion Hall
All day, Scouts Goodwill Drive

Report: School Sale Effect On Programs

By Al Skolnik

How have Greenbelt's recreation and community activities fared in the two months since the Center School has been transferred to the county board of education?

According to recreation director Warren P. Leddick, most of the city's recreation activities have been able to continue at the school. The city had the most at stake in the transfer since its recreation program was highly dependent on the previously city-owned Center school facilities.

The only activities that Leddick has not been able to fit in are weight-lifting, boy's tumbling, the table tennis club, and the Golden Age Club. The latter meets during the daytime, and the county has a rule against using the building for outside activities during school hours. Leddick is now negotiating for the Golden Age Club's use of the Jewish Community Center.

The other activities ran into difficulty because of competition for space—the auditorium is the only space now available, in contrast to previous years when the social room, the homemaking room, and the arts and crafts room were also available. A solution for the children's tumbling program was found by integrating it with the physical education program of the public schools.

Higher Costs

One effect of the sale of the property is that the recreation budget must allow for the cost of using previously-free Center School facilities. For example, women's slimnastics and men's gymn are now costing the city \$12.50 a night, and when the heat is on \$17.50 a night. Youth activities are being charged a custodian's fee of \$1.50 an hour with certain exceptions such as arts and crafts, Scouts, and the Greenbelt Community Band. The band is no longer permitted to store its instruments in the building.

A DARKER PICTURE

The picture is even darker with respect to other recreation and civic activities unconnected with the recreation department. These generally have found the fees prohibitive or else, in the case of adult activities, have found the available space preempted by youth activities. Among these groups are the Toast masters Club, the Garden Club, the Duplicate Bridge Club, the majorettes, stepperettes, and various dance and music groups.

Some of these organizations have petitioned Greenbelt Consumer Services to convert some of the office space vacated by the move to Beltsville into a community meeting room.

GCS-News Review Begin Negotiations To Start Advertising, End 'Cold War'

The Greenbelt Consumer Services board of directors last Friday evening heard a plea from the *Greenbelt News Review* to resume advertising in the local newspaper. Speaking for the *News Review* was Al Skolnik, secretary of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, publisher of the *News Review*. Skolnik's presentation to the GCS board noted the background of "cold war" between the newspaper and the co-op, but dismissed it as ancient history. (See *News Review* statement, p. 2)

"We are willing to start afresh," he said, "and to let bygones be bygones." Entirely aside from the business aspects of advertising in the *News Review*, and entirely aside from the dollar return to be derived from such advertising, Skolnik pointed out the rich harvest of good will and public relations value which would accrue to the co-op should it agree to place institutional ads in the newspaper. He appealed to the GCS board on the grounds that the co-op supported many community activities in all the locations where it does business, and that similar support of the *Greenbelt News Review* as a community activity was a worthwhile objective. In concluding his presentation, Skolnik disclosed that he had earlier that evening received an offer to meet with GCS general manager Sam Ashelman and members of his staff to discuss this question, and announced that he was ready to do so as soon as possible.

Don Cooper, secretary of the GCS board and one-time editor of the *News Review* when the paper was called the *Cooperator*, welcomed Skolnik's appearance before the board and complimented him upon his forthright and forceful presentation. It was the first time in the last twelve years, he indicated, that he had heard a reasonably good word from or about the *News Review*. He pointed out that the board, as a matter of policy, left the advertising details up to management, but that he wanted to express a spirit of friendliness and cooperation on the part of the board.

General Manager Sam Ashelman indicated that the co-op was currently working on some kind of joint effort together with the other businessmen and merchants in the shopping center to encourage and perhaps expand the volume of business for all of them. He promised to meet with Skolnik at an early date to discuss the possibility of GCS advertising in the *News Review*.

Flash

As the paper went to press, word was received that an all-morning meeting Wednesday between GCS and *News Review* representatives has resulted in the co-op organization agreeing to resume advertising in the future. Further details in next week's paper.

4-H Club News

By Pamela Green - Age 12

Mrs. Geller's 4-H Cloverettes group elected officers for the coming year Monday, October 19. They are: Eva Garin, President; Charlotte McCauley, Vice President; Carol Dalton, Secretary; Barbara Bowman, Treasurer; Lynn Munan, Song Leader; Pamela Green, Reporter; Barbara Skolnik, Delegate to 4-H County Council; Barbara Geller, Recreation Leader; Elsie Geller, Lynn Rousseau and Jeanette Louk, Administrative Assistants.

On Saturday, October 24, the girls all piled into Mrs. Dalton's Microbus and went to the National 4-H Center, on Connecticut Ave. for training in their duties as officers. They also went on a tour of the different buildings there which used to be a girl's finishing school. It was bought by the 4-H recently, and all over the nation 4-H members contributed towards furnishing and remodeling the Center.

Trick or Treat For UNICEF

On Friday night at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday night at the same time, children will be collecting money for the United Nations Children's Fund. They will be going door to door with the words, "Trick or Treat for UNICEF."

More than two million youngsters had the fun of sharing their Halloween last October with the sick and hungry children of the world. In Greenbelt the campaign is being sponsored jointly by the following groups: Community Church, the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, the Jewish Community Center, Boy Scouts and the 4-H Clubs of Greenbelt.

Children participating Friday evening will meet beforehand at the Community Church for instructions. Those participating Saturday evening will meet at the Jewish Community Center.

All of the money received will go to alleviate the sufferings of the 600 million children around the world who are either hungry or sick. Last year UNICEF's programs in mass disease control, long range nutrition, mother-child welfare, and emergency help reached 45 million children and their mothers. Just one penny provides the vaccine to protect a child against tuberculosis. Just one penny provides 4 large glasses of milk. Just five cents means penicillin to cure a child of the dread tropical disease, yaws.

Every child who participates in this collection will have a carton with the black and orange UNICEF marker on it. Each will also be wearing the official identification tag with the words "Trick or Treat - UNICEF." Please give your contribution only to those who are thus identified.

"The Trick is to Treat" the world's children. Reverend K. Wyatt would appreciate volunteer parents to drive the children. Call him at 6616 or 6171.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MD.

November 2, 1959

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting, October 19
Minutes of Special Meeting, October 14
4. Petitions and Requests of Citizens
5. Written Communications
6. Ordinance - Second Reading - To provide Funds to Pay WSSC for Water
7. Approve Recreation Expense for Rental of Gymnasium and Custodial Fee
8. Firehouse Contract
9. Theatre Dispute

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Pres.: Virginia Beauchamp; Vice Pres.: Russell Greenbaum; Secy.: Al Skolnik; Treas.: Anne Levine and Isadore Parker.

MAIL SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$2.00 per year: (\$3.00 out of Greenbelt Advertising may be submitted by mail (Box 68, Greenbelt) or delivered to the editorial offices in the basement of 9 Parkway (GR. 4-3131), open after 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. News deadline 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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News Review Statement

Following is a summary of the statement presented at the meeting of the board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services on Friday, October 23 by Alfred Skolnick, secretary of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, publishers of the News Review.

I have been delegated by the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association to present our views to this body and to explore the possibilities with you of reaching some accord with respect to receiving financial support from your organization.

As you know, the News Review is a co-operative, non-profit newspaper, staffed by volunteers, which has been appearing weekly in Greenbelt for 22 years without missing an issue. It is distributed free of charge to every home in Greenbelt, and thus is dependent on advertising and contributions from individuals and organizations for its survival.

At the outset let me say that the majority of the board of directors are relative newcomers to Greenbelt and the newspaper. We are not intimately acquainted with the origin of the disputes between GCS and the News Review or with the circumstances that led to the breach between the two organizations. What is more important, we are not really too concerned. We want to look to the future rather than the past, just as I am sure the GCS Board has its eyes on the future.

Speaking for myself, we were attracted to Greenbelt as a place to live by many things. First, the physical assets offered—a planned community with many parks and playgrounds, a comprehensive recreation program, and housing at a reasonable cost.

But, more importantly, we were attracted by the community spirit that had developed here. A community spirit that gave birth to and nurtured the co-op movement, and so successfully that today GCS has been able to expand beyond the city's borders and compete successfully in other areas.

This community spirit has also been exemplified by the local newspaper, kept alive all these years by the devotion of many dedicated citizens, some of whom are now serving on the GCS board. To many of us here it is the News Review that gives a distinguishing mark to Greenbelt, makes it a living, cohesive community and an attractive place to live.

It is because we feel that the newspaper is so vital to the community and its future development that we feel that we are here tonight appealing to the GCS board for support and asking that by-gones be by-gones. We feel certain that the GCS board is as much concerned about the future growth of Greenbelt as we are. It is in this spirit of a common goal, that we should like the board to consider the possibility of advertising in the NEWS REVIEW.

I know that whenever the matter of advertising is discussed, a question is always raised whether GCS would be making maximum use of its advertising dollar by placing ads in the NEWS REVIEW. I do not want to argue for advertising on this basis. We certainly believe that you will receive value paid for, but I would not presume to inflict my views on your organization. The dollars and cents aspect of the question is a matter for your organization to decide for itself, after consultation with your experts.

But I am making a strong plea for advertising support of another basis—simply that the paper is an important civic function which we hope GCS will see fit to support as a matter of community service and pride. If it will help any, don't call it advertising but simply community promotion, a token of GCS's good will, similar to the many other community services that GCS is offering, such as sponsorship of Little League teams, participation in labor Day Festival and other community affairs, making available meeting rooms and other facilities to local organizations, and so forth.

Even your support on a limited basis will be gratefully received. Perhaps the most that you would care to do at this time would be to place small institutional ads—something every week which simply states "Co-op invites your patronage. Store hours so-and-so". Such space could be looked upon as a form of bulletin board, and perhaps your public relations people could think of different things to push each week, such as "Co-op reminds you to put anti-freeze in" or "Co-op reminds you to turn back your clocks", or "Co-op invites you to inspect our new line of kitchen appliances, Danish furniture or what have you". Still another possibility might be a series of useful consumer tips.

All this would certainly create a very favorable impression on the consumer and promote goodwill for GCS. Of course, needless to add, there would also be a windfall of favorable publicity that would accompany the resumption of advertising by GCS in the newspaper.

In closing, let me say that as the representative of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, I stand ready to meet with your designated representatives at any time, the sooner the better, to reach a mutually advantageous agreement on this matter.

13th ANNUAL DANCE

The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County is holding its thirteenth annual dance on Saturday, November 14, at 9 p.m.

in the JCC Building, Westway and Ridge, Greenbelt. Barnee Breeskin's orchestra will play. Door prizes. Further information call GR. 4-3212.

APPRECIATION

My family and I wish to express appreciation for the many kind words of sympathy received in regard to the recent loss in our family.

Jack Sanders
17-J Ridge

GHI Board Discusses Courts and Lawsuits

A somewhat favorable report on the appearance of courts and yards was received by the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. at its regular meeting, Thursday, October 22.

The author of the report, Harry L. "Pop" Bell, 16-B Crescent, is employed by GHI to make periodic tours of inspection, noting areas that need corrective action, and reporting on conditions in general.

Bell reported that he was quite pleased by the cooperation received from homeowners when items needing correction were brought to their attention. Most common faults were the non-conforming fences, which tended to sag, the litter in open garages, and garbage cans kept out on porches or in yards.

For litter conditions in the courts, Bell suggested that each court try to organize their children in teams which would be assigned the task of cleaning up the court once a week.

In checking on the garages, he found that many vacant garages are being occupied by trespassers and suggested that GHI erect signs on empty garages indicating "For Rent."

Bell commended the churches and their caretakers for beautifully maintained grounds, shrubbery and lawns. He also thanked city manager Charles McDonald and public works director Buddy Attick for their cooperation.

Suits, and More Suits

The board of directors decided to institute suit against Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for recovery of an ad valorem tax of \$5,000 paid under protest last year. This tax was levied by WSSC on the grounds that Greenbelt was in the sanitary district during 1958. The co-op contends that this tax should not be applicable to GHI until 1959 when WSSC began to provide service.

GHI has been advised that it will be sued with respect to a dispute arising in 1 Westway court over the question of whether the occupant of an end home can block off a sidewalk that gives access to garages used by other residents in the court. A fence which had been so erected as to close off a sidewalk cutting through the backyards of all the homes in the court was torn down by GHI maintenance men upon the complaint of neighbors.

United Givers Fund

By Mrs. C. S. Turner

"We are still a long way from reaching our goal" is the word received in our last bulletin from United Givers Fund Chairman for Prince Georges County, S. Walter Bogley, Jr.

The goal in Greenbelt is \$540, November 1 has been set as our deadline. Our campaign is now in full swing and all business and workers in our city are urged to give their full support. In the past we have reached our goal. Any persons desiring to make contributions to Greenbelt's U.G.F. drive are urged to contact Mrs. Cyril S. Turner, Jr., 47 Lakeside Drive, Greenbelt. All U.G.F. workers should make an effort to turn in a preliminary report to Mrs. Turner by Wednesday, October 28.

The following persons are serving as drive assistants: Mrs. Clayton S. McCarl, (co-chairman), Mrs. A. Chasanow, Mr. B. Golfaden, Mrs. D. Pehl, Mrs. H. Wodak, Mrs. C. Mullady, Mrs. Jane Hunt, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. J. FitzMaurice, Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer. If you have not been contacted, and desire to make your contribution a part of our Greenbelt quota, any one of these people will gladly accept it. We hope to be able to report a successful campaign once again this year.

Jaycees Hold Dance

The Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold a dance at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 on Saturday, November 7, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. All proceeds go to the Greenbelt Boys Club Equipment Fund.

The wives of the Jaycees have organized an auxiliary called the Jayneeces. The girls held an election of officers last week: President: Betty Manchak; Vice-President: Joan Peters; Treasurer, Helen Van Fleet; Recording Secretary, Ann Leddick; Corresponding Secretary, Joan Weires. The Jayneeces will be around selling old fashioned ribbon candy for Christmas.

Junior High Report

By Eileen Ryss

Come one, come all, visit the best junior high in Greenbelt! All parents are invited to visit our school during American Education Week, November 9 - 14. You are especially invited to come on November 11 because all employees of the government have a day off to celebrate Veteran's Day, and therefore will lose no time from work.

Don't lose this opportunity to visit your children's classes; it only comes once a year.

The Greenbelt Junior High soccer team has won its fame. So far they have played two games without letting the other teams score a point. Two of the outstanding players on the team are James and Lewis Caruso, captain and co-captain, respectively. One of the future stars is Jim Tucker. (Sorry I didn't mention his name in the last article, but I did not know that he was on the team.)

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10. The program will be a discussion on core. It will be an interesting program, so don't miss it.

High Point High Points

By Marion Ryss

Northwestern vs. High Point Friday, October 30 at Memorial Stadium (Northwestern Stadium to the average laymen). From 8 p.m. til the final 4th quarter gun this game promises to be an exciting one. The "Eagles" are eager to make amends for their loss to Bladensburg and plan to whip the Northwestern "Wildcats" good and proper.

To brighten up the half-time the High Point Band will display their marching and musical skill. Marching 56 deep this band will give an exhibition of precision drill that is hard to match.

A rally of school spirits will be conducted on Friday morning before homeroom with the pep band and cheerleaders acting as host and hostess. New chants, revival of old songs and rehashing of cheers will be the order of business.

A day of bliss and the perfect way to finish a weekend, a day's vacation on Monday, November 2. Forget your cares, and committee reports. Just slip away from it all and spend the day in lazy relaxation doing what comes naturally. A happy meeting to the teachers who, unfortunately, cannot forget that Monday is after all just another workday for them.

BULLETIN

Mr. Boisvert's classes remember that 15 partial readings are due Friday, October 30. Check with your mimeographed sheet to find the correct way to title your cards. Summarize your article and give your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with the author on the back of your card. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30.

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(Classified rates are five cents per word, fifty cents minimum. Ads should be submitted in writing, accompanied by cash payment, to the News Review office at 9 Parkway not later than 10 p.m. of the Tuesday preceding publication. If accompanied by cash payment, ads may be left for collection in the News Review box at the Co-op drug COLDWELL'S WASHER SERVICE: All makes expertly repaired. Authorized Whirlpool dealer. TO. 9-6414.

PAINTING: Interior and exterior. Louis B. Neumann, 8-C Research, Greenbelt. GR. 4-6357 after 6 p.m.

TYPEWRITER REPAIR: Overhaul and cleaning. Portable, standard and electric typewriters. Call Mr. K. Kincius. GR. 4-6018 anytime.

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PIANO INSTRUCTION—Beginning and advanced students, modest rates. Martin Berkofsky, GR. 4-9719.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Gladys K. Chasnoff, 45-N Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, GR. 4-5651.

PIANO TUNING - Pianos tuned and repaired in Greenbelt only. GR. 4-9284.

WANTED - Riders or car pool to Naval Weapons Plant. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call Vic Fisher, 9689.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE:

PIANOS—Steinway Concert Grand—only \$1,295 like new in tone and appearance — Chickering Parlor Grand \$1,195—Other Grands \$450 and up. Musette Spinnet was \$795, now \$445. Mini Piano Spinnet, \$495, 20" wide,, 35" tall, and 55 inches end to end—Ideal for boats, trailer, or small quarters. New Lester Betsy Ross Pianos \$595 and up, only \$37.50 down. Services and terms liberal trade ins.

ORGANS — New Micro Organs \$149.50—Chord Organs \$179.50 up—Hammond, Sonora, Minshall, Estey, and CONN the triumph in tone all available—32 pedal A.G.O. Orgatron wonderful practice organ—Trade ins. Terms.

BAND AND ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTS—May be rented with option to purchase for as little as 3 months for \$10.—Gibson, Olds, and LaBlanc our Specialty.

Keeneys 161 West Street, Annapolis, Md. Phone Col. 3-2629, 5 Fifth Ave., S.W., Glen Burnie, Md. Phone SO 6-3740.

FOUND - at 12 Ridge . . . young, grey, male cat. Call GR 4-6466.

TUTORING - French and German. Private instruction in your home from Swiss student. Phone FRED BOPP, GR 4-7832 after 6 p.m.

GREENBELT THEATRE

129 Centerway, Greenbelt, Md. Thur. 29, Fri. 30

"The Mummy"

"Curse Of The Undead"

Sat. 1, Mat. 1 & 3 P.M. Only

"Hansel and Gretel"

"Cartoon Carnival"

Theatre Cleared Before Eve.

Sat. Eve. 5:30, Sun. 1, Mon. 2

"Have Rocket Will Travel"

"Legend Of Tom Dooley"

Mon. Mat. 1 & 3 P.M.

"Golden Stallion"

Tues. 3, Wed. 4

"The Man Who Knew Too Much"

"To Catch A Thief"

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

A recent fire in our city has proved that "it can happen here." Thi fire was basically caused by an inadvertant oversight of eliminating ALL possible sources of ignition of a highly volatile flammable fluid.

In the process of finishing or refinishing of wooden flooring, laquer was applied. All of the precautions by the professional floor finisher were observed, such as adequate ventilation during the application, checking on all heat-producing devices and open flame sources to be sure that this side of the fire triangle has been removed, thus eliminating fire possibilities. No smoking was also observed.

Hundreds of times floors had been refinished and the above precautions had been carried out, but a source of ignition so remote from anyone's mind still existed and it waited for the proper mixture of the flammable vapors to build up for the ideal condition in producing the resultant explosion and fire.

The ventilation principle was carried out during the application, but when the job was completed, the door was closed. This allowed the undried lacquer to continue to give off its flammable vapors and to become an ideally concentrated mixture within the building. When this point was reached, and it was only a few minutes time lapse, the most remote source of ignition provided the spark necessary to produce the resultant explosion and fire.

We are NOT pointing a finger at anyone directly or remotely connected with this occurrence. Our objective is to emphasize the importance of checking the most remote possibility for this condition to occur in your home or in your structure.

In this case, the source of ignition is believed to have been caused by an arc in the thermostat in a room within the area that was being painted.

This condition was NOT a fault of the manufacturer of the device, nor was it a direct fault of any party involved, but it does point out this, that we cannot be too cautious when we are dealing with flammable liquids of any nature. This may not happen again for years and years, but believe me, it can happen here and it did.

We are very grateful to the unseen power above that no life was sacrificed to bring this lesson to our attention. Many lives have been lost in the past and will be lost in the future because of this particular hazardous operation and we re-emphasize this lesson and bring to your attention so all of us may share this lesson on fire safety and keep it in mind for future reference. Fire caused by flammable liquids is not No. 1 on the list of fire causes; careless smoking and use of matches is still No. 1; flammable liquids is No. 9 but whatever position it may be on the fire cause list it would be No. 1 if we personally were affected by a fire which destroyed our property or which caused someone to be seriously injured, maimed or burned to death. Lesson for today: Please observe all the fire safety precautions printed on containers and then take even more precautions to be sure that it doesn't happen here. Bob Mogel

Recreation Review

TRICK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30th 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM: Starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Greenbelt boys and girls will be painting windows in the center. All paintings must be completed by 4 p.m. Between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be judging the art work. Prizes for the paintings will be made at the 6 p.m. costume parade.

A costume parade will take place starting at 6 p.m. in the Center. Awards will be made to a boy and girl in the three age groups of 0-4, 5-7, and 8-12. Awards will be for the prettiest, funniest and the most original costumes.

A special dance will start at 8 p.m. in the street in front of the center for all teenagers. Cider and donuts will be served.

WHEN THE SIREN BLOWS

By Rita Fisher

Tuesday, October 27

The men of the Fire Dept. have installed Out of Order signs on all the fire boxes in Greenbelt. The signal devices were not considered reliable. The City must decide whether the boxes should be fixed or eliminated.

On Oct. 16, at 8:55 a.m. the tri-signal went out. The call for help came from a family in the new homes on Northway. There was no fire but help was certainly needed. Sewerage was dumping into their basement and creating quite a problem. The W.S.S.C. was called in to take care of the matter. At 5:59 p.m., a triple-siren blew and the men were on the job putting out a smoldering fire. This fire had been left unattended by a construction crew. The men used up the booster tanks of three trucks to kill the fire.

On Saturday, Oct. 17, a crew went to a nearby farm and cleaned out a chimney at the owner's request. This was done in the interest of fire prevention since the chimney was baldly clogged.

On Oct. 21, a minor explosion occurred at the site of the new Greenbelt Plaza apartments. The floors of one of the apartments had been lacquered and after the doors had been locked and the workmen gone, a spark ignited the fresh lacquer. An estimated damage was reported as \$1500.00.

The Rescue Squad made frequent trips to hospitals in the past two weeks. On Oct. 13 they carried a child, suffering with high fever to Washington Hospital Center. On the 14th, they took a North End woman to Prince Georges Hospital with a possible slipped disc. On the 15th, a call for help came from a woman who fell from a chest of drawers and suffered a scalp wound. The men dressed the wound and took the woman to Prince Georges Hospital. On leaving the hospital, the men carried a woman with a wet cast on her leg back to her home in Cottage City. On the 17th, the men made a routine transportation of a woman from Sibley Hospital to P. G.

On Oct. 17 at the Boy Scout outing, our men took their turn standing by to handle emergencies. No major accidents occurred and treated for first aid were mostly scouts with minor cuts and bruises. Another trip to Prince Georges Hospital was made on October 18 for a man with a cut thumb. A new Greenbelter came to town when our men took a woman to Leland Memorial Hospital in order to have her baby.

The Rescue Squad got together a crew for a trip to Belmont Farms where they picked up a patient and transported him to Spring Grove Mental Hospital. This trip was scheduled for noon-time on Oct. 27. Day or night our men are always there to answer any call when the siren blows!

Those Living Behind Locked Doors

By Rita Fisher

The car I was riding in arrived first at St. Elizabeth's hospital and we were undecided as to whether we should go up to see the ladies of Ward CT6 or wait for the other group. It turned out that they had a flat tire and thus were delayed. Their car also was the one carrying the refreshments and the gifts. As we stood outside the building waiting, we could see some of the ladies peering through the windows, waving and smiling at us. We felt awkward just standing there, knowing that they were waiting for us. We breathed a sigh of relief when the other car appeared and, laden with packages, we went in to visit those living behind closed doors.

In the nurses' office I was given an envelope addressed to me. It was from Hilda, who had made a little sweater and booties from the pink wool I sent her. I was very pleased with it and thanked her sincerely. She explained that she had completed it a few days before and was going to mail it to me but the nurse had suggested holding it since our monthly visit was upcoming.

One of the patients whom we had all become quite friendly with look for her since the other was not there. But I decided to patients informed me that she still belonged in that ward. I found her in the bathroom, looking quite sullen and again wearing the stocking cap which she had taken off for a few previous visits. I questioned her and invited her to join us but she declined saying it wasn't a party day for her. She was observing a fast day, nothing special, just a day for quietness and thought.

We played Bingo and had an enjoyable time with the ladies. While waiting for the refreshments to be served, we set up a game of musical chairs and, not having a piano, sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" over and over

again. We heard an elderly colored lady's voice raised in song and when the game was over, we formed a singing circle and sang hymns. She seemed to know the words to all of them. It was our turn to be entertained and we enjoyed it very much.

There is a woman in this ward who never participates in the Bingo games. She is usually sitting on the floor in the same place each month. She usually sits there talking to herself, gesturing with her left hand and smiling. I went over to talk to her. I told her I liked the pretty colors in her dress and she answered that she was just an ugly duckling. I asked her if she knew the story about the ugly duckling and she didn't. I gave a brief summary of the tale and explained how the duckling eventually became a beautiful white swan. She seemed pleased and said, yes, she'd be a swan when she gets to heaven.

I also noticed one of the women sitting, arms folded, on a bench. I was pleased to see her there because on all previous visits, she would be laying on the floor behind the bench. I tried to talk to her but she wouldn't answer. She did respond by shaking her head slightly when I invited her to play Bingo. The nurses have referred to her as the "mean one" so I was pleased to get the reaction from her. Maybe we can get through the barrier some day.

Again I am making a plea for things we feel would be greatly appreciated by these women. If anyone has any old sweaters, capes, shawls, stoles, anything to add that touch of warmth some older women seem to need, please call me at 989 and I will make arrangements to pick them up. Also simple games, decks of cards, embroidery, knitting or crochet material would be put to good use. These women have many long and lonesome hours to while away behind locked doors.

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By Elaine Skolnik - GR 4-6060

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell, 6-R Hillside, proudly announce the birth of a daughter. Anne Elizabeth made her debut on October 8, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fletcher, 25-F Ridge. Timothy Ronald was born on October 9, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. He joins a sister, Judy Jeanne.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Lenart Folke, 14-K Hillside. Lennie Marie was born on October 11, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. She has a brother Stephen, age 3½.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Skillman, 103 Northway, announce the arrival of a daughter. Patricia arrived October 14, and weighed 6 lbs. She joins three brothers and three sisters. Patricia's grandmother, Mrs. Cox is visiting from California.

Our deepest sympathy to Robert and Carolyn Johnson, 9-F Ridge, on the loss of their infant twin daughter.

Condolences to Albert Ellerin, 54 Lakeside, on the loss of his father. Albert's mother, Mrs. Ann Ellerin is staying with the Ellerin family in Greenbelt.

Sorry to learn of the death of Jack Sander's father. We extend our sympathy to the family.

A very happy birthday to Ruth Kaplan, 71-H Ridge, who celebrated her fifth birthday on October 25.

Condolences to Fred Ford, 55-M Ridge, who lost his father.

Morris J. Solomon, former Greenbelt, has joined the staff of the International Statistical Programs Office as a mathematical statistical advisor (sample surveys) and is assigned to Calcutta, India.

Last Wednesday some of the staff of the North End newspaper, "The North End Daze" visited us at makeup time. Editor Harry Zubkoff briefed the youngsters and then put them to work with scissors, pencils, and rulers. They cut out the stories, measured up ads, and asked lots of questions. It was a pleasure to have them.

The Safety Patrols of Greenbelt missed their wonderful friend and advisor, Sergeant Austin Green, at Tuesday morning's Safety Patrol Meeting in Center School. Sergeant Green is still in Prince George's Hospital, and we all hope he will be home soon. Get well quick Sgt. Green!

Don't forget to buy your Nursery School Calendar for 1960. Call GR 4-9589.

Stewardship Program Launched by Baptists

Members of the Greenbelt Baptist Church will enter a three-fold stewardship program beginning Sunday, November 1. The three-fold emphasis will focus on attendance, participation, and giving.

Harold Hammersla, treasurer of the church, has been selected chairman of this stewardship program. Other members include William Brazier, Marion Alexander, Cornell Hackett, C. T. David and Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson.

On Sunday, November 1 the stewardship emphasis will be on attendance. Members will be encouraged to attend all the regular services of the church. These services include the Sunday School, Morning Worship, Training Union, and Evening Worship on Sunday. The midweek service is held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 8 will be devoted to participation in the program of the church while the giving of the tithes and offerings will be featured on Sunday, November 15. A re-dedication service will be held on Sunday morning, November 22 when members will be asked to bring in their attendance-participation cards with their contribution cards to support the 1960 church budget.

Various other events during the November stewardship month will include a presentation of the New Baptist Home by Rev. Glen A. Kirsch, superintendent, on November 8; a covered dish supper on Wednesday evening, November 11 followed by "60 Minutes Around the World", a color slide presentation of a world missionary tour by Rev. L. Philip Samuelson; and the showing of the sound film "Miracles in Mississippi" on Sunday evening, November 15.

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Library Sponsors Churchill Film at JCC

"Churchill—Man of the Century," will be the second motion picture in the series being sponsored by Prince George's County Memorial Library at the Jewish Community Center, Wednesday, November 4 at 8:15 p.m.

The movies, free to the public, are part of a continuing adult education program, carried on by the library, Miss Elizabeth Hage, director announced. They may be booked by community groups without charge, according to Miss Madeline Evers, special adult services librarian for the county.

The film presents highlights from the colorful life of the great English leader, including many incidents from World War II. It portrays Sir Winston as a leader in Parliament and in the Boer War and World War I, when he was First Lord of the Admiralty.

"It should appeal to all admirers of Churchill as well as students of World War II," Miss Evers noted.

After the showing, she will discuss current books related to the movie.

Among the books to be displayed will be these: "History of English Speaking People," the great two volume work by Sir Winston Churchill; "Their Finest Hour," the story of the Battle of Britain, also by Sir Winston; "My Years with Churchill," by Norman McGowan and "Once There Was a War," by John Steinbeck.

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