

Greenbelt News Review

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Five Cents

Over the next weekend, News Review carrier boys will be calling upon every home in Greenbelt to deliver Holiday Greeting cards from the staff of the News Review to all our readers. These boys have done a wonderful job during the past year in bringing the paper to your doorstep every week. During this time, however, they have carried out their duties anonymously, so to speak, unheard, unseen and unsmiling—the only visible evidence of their passing by is the NEWS REVIEW, neatly folded on your doorstep. Now you will have an opportunity to meet the boys on your respective routes. The greeting card he hands you will contain his name and address for identification. We are sure that any token of appreciation on your part will be warmly received by each of these fine boys.



What Goes On

Friday, December 11 - 7:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 202 monthly meeting and Christmas party; Community Church
 Sunday, December 13 - 2:30 p.m., NSA Family Christmas Program; Maryland University Field House
 Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Greenbelt Unit, Prince Georges County League of Women Voters; College Park Municipal Building, 4500 Knox Rd., College Park
 Saturday, Dec. 12 - 8-10 p.m. Discussion of Girl Scouting, North End School
 Monday, Dec. 14 - 6:44 p.m. Lion's Club Dinner Meeting, Greenbelt Community Church. Speaker: Mr. Warren Leddick, President of Junior Chamber of Commerce
 Thursday, Dec. 17 - 8 p.m. Public Hearing on City Budget, City Officers.

Lions Hear Leddick

Warren Leddick, City Recreation Director and President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at the next Lions Club dinner meeting, to be held at the Community Church, Monday, December 14, at 6:44 p.m. Leddick's topic will be, "How the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club Might Work Together to Achieve their Objectives."

Tommy Gwynn, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Governor of District 22-C Lions Clubs, will be present as an official visitor at this meeting.

Christmas Decorating

Only 15 days left until Christmas, and just eight days left to enter your home in the J&Y Cees Christmas home decorating contest. This year say "Merry Christmas" with attractive lights and decorations. Greenbelt's best lighted homes will win valuable prizes and the winner will be entered in General Electric's Nationwide Christmas Decorating Contest vying for cash prizes totaling \$5,000.00.

Get your entry blank at the Greenbelt City office and join the fun of beautifying your home and community this season. Send the entry blank and 50c entry fee to the Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce by December 18, 1959.

Help Us Help Him

On Friday evening, December 11, and Saturday afternoon, December 12, the annual American Legion "Button" sales drive will be held in the Greenbelt Shopping Center. All proceeds will be converted to Christmas Gifts, which will be distributed to hospitalized veterans. The American Legion Stepperettes, sponsored by Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, will conduct the drive. During the drive the "Stepperettes" will give several exhibitions of baton twirling and close order drill routines.

Slogan for the Button sales is "Help us Help Him". This annual Button sale is sponsored by the American Legion and the Forty and Eight and is authorized by the Coordinated Council of Charity Drives of the State of Maryland.

Bake Sale

A Bake Sale will be held on Friday, December 11, 6-9 p.m., in the Center. The proceeds from this sale will go to support the Greenbelt Majorettes. After the bake sale an informal Christmas party and dance will be held for the senior Majorettes and their friends.

Council Okays Youth Center Design, Orders Drawings Prepared For Bids

By Russ Greenbaum

A second revision of the design for the new youth center building was given final approval by the city council at its regular meeting on Monday, and the council directed the architects to begin work immediately on preparing the blueprints necessary to put the contract out for bids. The architects have estimated that it would require about eight weeks to complete the working plans for the building presently estimated to cost about \$145,000.

The approved design reduces the overall size of the building by 847 square feet, making it more compact and permitting a more efficient use of the rooms in the building. The Youth Center Advisory Board expressed satisfaction with the new design. The principal cut was the elimination of the auto shop. Also the recreation director's office was made somewhat smaller.

The dimensions of the main auditorium or skating room are 85 by 62. The architects have suggested that by lopping five feet off this room a savings of \$2000 could be made, bringing the total cost of the building down to \$143,000, which is the cost limit originally specified by council.

Could Save on Roof

Ed Burgoon of the Youth Center Advisory Board suggested that the council might want to consider lowering the roof of the room by two feet, which he said one of the architects roughly estimated would save 80 cents per cubic foot or about \$8,000. The roof had been previously raised to 14 feet to allow full scope for the playing of basketball. The council indicated it would consider this if further economy proved necessary. The council hopes that the construction bids will be lower than the architects' estimate.

Dimensions of other rooms in the building are as follows: lounge, 16 by 27; multipurpose room which includes a stage, 24 by 41; two arts and crafts rooms, each 13 by 20; and the recreation director's office, 13 by 12. Duct work for the future installation of air conditioning is included in the design. The council approved an add-on or alternate bid for air-conditioning the above individual rooms (not including the skating room).

Rejects Petition

The council, which had previously voted to place the new municipal administration or city office building on city-owned land between the new fire house and St. Hugh's, rejected a petition signed by 16 business men of the commercial center, urging the council to place the building in the center. The petition suggested the plot of land between the bank and the Center School as most desirable, and the area behind the statue at the rear of the mall as a second choice. Both pieces of land are owned by Greenbelt Consumer Services (Coop), which purchased the business center from the Gilbert Realty Corp. several months ago.

Spokesman for the petitioners was Abraham Chasanow, formerly the local agent for Gilbert Realty, who noted that Gilbert was planning to work out a deal with the city to make one of these sites available to the city for its building. He urged that every effort be made to negotiate with GCS for one of these sites so that the city hall could be more convenient to the citizens. He also argued that it would be a source of pride to citizens to have the new building placed conspicuously at the center.

Mayor Alan Kistler, however, stated that the council is now convinced that the presently approved site is the most favorable one. He said it has already been surveyed topographically and that a strong case would be needed to reverse this decision. Councilman Tom Canning noted that not only has there been difficulty in attempting to obtain a site at the center but that available land at the center was at a premium and should be reserved for additional commercial activities.

Library May Be Added

Councilman Bruce Bowman pointed out that there was no special need for the city hall to be

in the shopping center and that the approved site had enough land available to allow a library to be attached to the building. He also said that the city building would be at the actual center of our expanding community.

Councilman Dave Champion added that cost was a factor and the approved site would make the overall building program far less expensive. He noted that Sam Ashelman, GCS manager, was making an intensive survey of the commercial center "with good reason" and no decision on making a site available to the city could be forthcoming for some time. City Manager Charles McDonald stressed that placing the city building in the center would further strain the already limited parking facilities there. He added that he was "right surprised" that the merchants wanted the building in the center when what was needed was more shops.

Councilman Edgar Smith, however, tried to persuade council to hold a meeting in about a week inviting Ashelman and other citizens to give their views about the site for the city building. He was particularly anxious to pursue the possibility of the site next to the bank. His motion was defeated partly because of the pressure of upcoming budget meetings.

Scouts Hold Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Greenbelt's Boy Scouts Explorer Post 102 will again conduct its annual sale of Christmas trees at the swimming pool beginning on Saturday, December 12. Business hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day and the following Sunday and also the following weekend, and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. December 14 through December 19. Starting December 21, hours will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Profits obtained from the sale of trees are used to help defray the expenses of the troop's annual trip to Philmont New Mexico. The goal, as usual, is to permit the boys to fly non-stop one way and to make the return by bus spending nights at military posts.

Council Is Meeting Nightly On Budget

Unable to begin its review of the proposed six-month budget at its regular meeting Monday night because of lack of time, the members of the city council agreed to begin a marathon series of special budget sessions beginning the next night. The council approved a motion by Councilman Tom Canning to meet every night, except Saturday and Sunday, this week and next until the budget work was completed.

The council set the date of Thursday, December 17, for the public hearing on the budget at which time the council-approved budget will be presented to the citizens. The city charter requires that this budget must be passed by December 20.

Post Office Hours

Following are the hours of window service available to the public during the 1959 Christmas mailing season:
 Weekdays: Mon thru Fri, Dec. 10 to 23: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Thur., Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturdays: Dec. 12 & 19: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sundays, Dec. 13 & 20: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Edward C. Kaighn
 Postmaster

Greenbelt Republicans Recreation Review Hold First Meeting

By Warren Leddick

The first meeting of the Greenbelt Republican Club was held December 3 at the home of W. Gordon Gemeny, 6 Greentree Place.

Guest speaker of the evening was John Shields, Director of Extensions for the Republican Club of Prince Georges County, who explained the role of community political clubs in the county.

The local club is a completely independent organization, affiliated with the Republican Club of Prince Georges County, and is a member of the Prince Georges Council of Republican Clubs. As acting chairman, Gemeny appointed membership and by-laws committees.

Membership in the new club is open to all of Greenbelt's registered Republicans, together with interested Democrats and Independents.

The next meeting of the club will be on January 14.

ROLLER SKATING—During the month of January the Friday night roller skating will take place on the 8th and 22nd. The bus leaves the North End School at 7 p.m. and Center School at 7:15 p.m.

HORSE BACK RIDING—This is a new offering for boys and girls interested. Anyone wishing to participate in the program please check at the Recreation Department or with Mr. O'Loughlin, 9616. Transportation is furnished. We are signing up four boys and girls each hour. The cost is \$1.50 per hour for club members and \$2.00 for nonmembers.

WOMEN'S SLIMNASTICS—There will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 29.

MEN'S GYM—There will be no meeting on December 24 or 31.
INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL—There will be no meeting on December 30.

ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR

ORDINANCE NO. 396

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that under powers granted said City Council under the amendment to Article 11-E of the Constitution of Maryland (1965 Ch. 423) that the Charter of the City of Greenbelt be and the same is hereby amended under Section 765 (Fiscal Year) to strike out the word "January" and substitute in its place the word "JULY" and to strike out the word "December" and substitute the word "JUNE", and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Charter of the City of Greenbelt be and the same is hereby amended under Sections 768 (The Preparation and Adoption of the Budget) to strike out the word "sixty" in the first sentence and substitute in its place the word "NINETY", and in the second sentence to strike out the word "thirty" and substitute in its place the word "SIXTY"; and in the sixth sentence to strike out the word "ten" and substitute in its place the word "Twenty".

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at regular meeting, October 19, 1959.

ATTEST:

Alan Kistler
 Mayor

Winfield McCamy
 City Clerk

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Budget Analysis

Public hearings are being held this week and next on the Greenbelt city budget for the six-month period January 1-June 30, 1960. In the following article, our News Review staff reporter presents an analysis of the budget in terms of the tax rate.

By Al Skolnik

Analysis of the Greenbelt city budget presented last week indicates a proposed rise in expenditures equivalent to about 31 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and an anticipated drop in revenue from sources other than real property taxes of about 4 cents per \$100.

This estimate is very rough, since the budget covers only the 6-month period January 1 - June 30, 1960. The actual tax rate for 1960 will not be set until next spring, when the budget covering estimated expenditures and income for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 1960, will be presented.

In an interview with the News Review, city manager Charles T. McDonald emphasized the difficulties of attempting to project an annual budget from the 6-months' budget. He pointed out that the tax rate for 1960 will be based on a different set of figures than that contained in the 6-month budget.

"There are just too many variables in the picture, especially on the income side," he said, "to project a reliable tax rate based on the 6-month budget." Nevertheless, he admitted that expenditure policies adopted by the city council in connection with the 6-month budget will most likely determine the trend for the coming fiscal year budget.

Expenditure Breakdown

The distribution among programs of the estimated increase in expenditures when converted into cents per \$100 assessed valuation is given below. These estimates assume an increase of \$500,000 in the valuation of tax assessable property or the tax base in Greenbelt during the next year, as estimated by the city manager in his budget message.

| Program | Estimated increase in expenditures (cents per \$100 assessed valuation) |
|------------------------------------|---|
| General government | 3.5 |
| Police | 12.6 |
| Highways | 7.1 |
| Municipal parks and playgrounds | 2.8 |
| Other recreation | 1.8 |
| Bus service | 1.5 |
| Miscellaneous (pensions, reserves) | 2.1 |
| | 31.4 |

Two operations — swimming pool and waste collection — are excluded from the above estimates, since they are expected to be self-supporting and any rise in expenses would presumably be met from increased charges to persons using their services.

Of the estimated 31 cents increase, about 25 cents is attributable to increased payroll costs (including fringe benefits) and 6 cents to rising operating expenses. Since payroll costs are fairly fixed during the year, their estimates are much more reliable than those of operating expenses, which fluctuate according to the season or occur once a year.

Taking salaries alone, the breakdown of expenditures by program is as follows:

| Program | Estimated increase (cents per \$100 valuation) |
|---------------------------------|--|
| General government | 2.2 |
| Police | 12.0 |
| Highways | 5.1 |
| Municipal parks and playgrounds | 2.8 |
| Other recreation | 1.0 |
| Bus service | .4 |
| Fringe benefits | 1.5 |
| | 25.0 |

Over 70 percent of the increase in payroll costs arises from the proposed addition of two full-time officers to the police department, of two employees to the highway department, and of one skilled laborer and summer-time help to the municipal park and playground department.

Capital Budget

The above expenditure increases do not take into account any additional increases that might result from the adoption of a capital improvement budget.

The purpose of such a budget is to spread expenditures for major capital items over a period of years so as not to increase the tax rate unduly in any one year. If such a fund were adopted and financed by a long-term bank or bond issue, it is expected that the effect on the tax rate would be limited to about 5 cents each year.

For the first year, the city manager has proposed items totaling \$33,200 in the capital improvement budget. Major roadway projects listed are extension of Greenhill rd. to Hillside (\$9,000), pathway north of Northway (\$3,000), pathway along Crescent from Greenhill (\$3,000), and curbing and gutters (\$5,000).

Included among the municipal park projects are a building at lake area (\$5,000), playground equipment and sodding of play areas (\$2,000), and resurfacing of tennis courts (\$3,500). A radar unit for the police department is also included (\$1,000).

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Christmas Fair Slated

A Christmas Fair, sponsored by St. Hugh's Sodality, will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, December 12, in the Social Room. The Fair is open to the public. Items for sale will include baked goods, fancy goods, and two original paintings done by local Sodality members. Also available will be values in religious and secular items.

Executive Session

The new city council, which has already established a record for the number of meetings held during the first few months of its existence, found it had to squeeze in an executive session during part of its regular meeting on Monday night, December 7.

The executive session, held in the city manager's office and including him, began at 7:30 p.m. and continued until 8:20 p.m., 20 minutes after the regular meeting was due to begin. Mayor Alan Kistler said that "housekeeping" matters were under discussion and that the results of these discussions would be announced publicly at a later date.

Support Boy Scouts

Some years ago the Co-op, working closely with a Co-op in Nova Scotia, brought choice fragrant Balsam Christmas trees to its members in the Washington area. Unfortunately, they were forced to suspend sales in 1957 and 1958 due to the poor quality of the trees caused by a bud worm infestation.

Co-op now reports that the bud worm problem has been licked and they have purchased a carload of these fine trees which will be put on sale December 18, 1959 in all their Service Stations except Greenbelt.

The trees will not be sold in Greenbelt because Co-op does not want to interfere with the Boy Scout program here in town.

Co-op urges all its members in Greenbelt to support the local boy scouts by buying your Christmas tree from them.

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Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor

SHOP TALK

Last November 4th, Co-op introduced a special purchase of lamb from Iceland. The entire shipment sold out before the week ended. This was no surprise because of the low prices. There was still the question of your satisfaction with the taste, tenderness and quality of the lamb.

The answers came through Co-op's unique direct contacts with consumers such as the Co-op Congress, suggestion cards and Homemakers' Department. The lamb from Iceland was delicious. The long periods of summer-sunlight in Iceland brought rapid growth of the grass and corresponding ideal grazing conditions for the flock. And the approach of shorter days and far-northern winter sent the lambs to market while very young, and very tender. Rapid freezing kept it just that way until ready to eat.

Now, by direct arrangement with the Icelandic Co-op that supplies the lamb, another shipment has

been rushed through. On some cuts, prices are even lower than in November. Accordingly, Co-op has imported double the supply to satisfy all normal needs. Here are the prices so that you may plan your need: Leg 59c lb; shoulder roast 29c lb; rib chops 49c lb; loin chops 69c lb; shoulder chops, blade 9c lb and breast 8c lb.

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JCC New Year's Party

A gala New Year's Eve party, complete with noisemakers, orchestra, prizes, games, dancing, and plenty of food has been planned by the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County, at their building, Westway and Ridge. Reservations must be made before December 21. Call Gerson, GR. 4-3212, or Chasoff, GR 4-5651.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik - GR 4-6060

The first game of the 1959-60 Greenbelt duplicate bridge season last Friday witnessed a wild and woolly finish, which ended in a dead heat among the three teams of Evelyn and Cliff Simonson, Tina and Simon Pristoop, and Jim Anderson and Herb Hertz. The Simonsons led until the last board, when a top by the Anderson-Hertz combine pushed the match into a 3-way tie.

Next month's game, which will again be at the North End School, is scheduled for Friday, January 8. Starting time has been pushed up one-half hour earlier to 8 p.m.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lundregan, 10-X Southway. Karen Ann made her debut on November 13, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. She joins two brothers, Michael and Richard, and one sister, Kathy.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stratchko, 115 Greenhill. Gary John was born on November 22, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. He has a brother David 21 months.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fritz, 2-C Woodland, on November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenny Davis, 4-K Ridge, are the proud parents of a daughter. Carmen Lucille was born on November 19, weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker III, 25-D Parkway, announce the arrival of a son on November 14.

Twin daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tollie Holtzclaw, 121 Greenhill, on November 14.

Former Greenbelters, Joan and Wilt Dickerson, would like everyone to know that they are back in the area, living at 2959 Sycamore St., Alexandria, Virginia. Wilt is working at the Office of Civilian Personnel, Department of the Army Pentagon. The Dickersons have two children, Harry, age 5, and Ellie, age 3.

Serving with the Second Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point, North Carolina, is Cpl. Richard C. Schrom, son of Mrs. Lois J. Schrom, 2-G Laurel Hill. Before enlisting in June, 1957, he graduated from Bladensburg Senior High School and was employed by Schrom Construction Company. He was recently promoted to his present rank while a member of Marine Air Squadron 27.

Leroy H. McCauley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. McCauley, 6-E Hillside, graduated from recruit training on December 5 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Budget Comment

I guess I'm kinda like the reader who turns to the ending first or flips through the pages to find the love scenes. This is what happened when the City Budget was brought into our home. Very quickly I turned to my favorite topics—

Recreation and Municipal Parks and Playgrounds.

Usually I suffer a mental block where figures are involved, but for once I didn't even flinch when I encountered them. Maybe the inclusion of the following items in the budget had a lot to do with my change of attitude: (1) Expanded maintenance program for Parks and Playgrounds, as indicated by the addition of one full time employee, and allocation of funds for summer time employment of youth. (2) Allowance of sufficient sums to provide adequate teachers for swimming program and a swimming team coach. (3) Resurfacing of tennis courts. (4) Equipping of new playground on the newly dedicated land adjacent to Lakewood. (5) Construction of a building at Greenbelt Lake.

This is a very fine beginning, though it appears that insufficient sums are allowed for sodding of areas so as to eliminate "dust bowls."

Greenbelt TOBACCO SHOPPE

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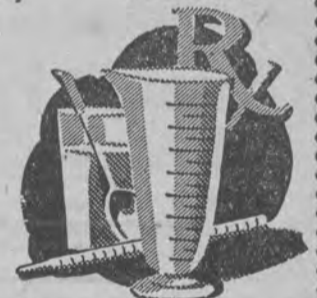
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WHEN THE SIREN BLOWS

By Rita Fisher

Greenbelt's Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad officers for 1960 were elected on December 2. Official installation will take place in January. Officers are: Pres. M. Zoellner; V-Pres., P. Williams; Rec. Sec., G. Wiser; Treas., R. Miller; Corr. Sec., G. Dinehart; Trustee, E. Thomas; Trustee, T. Snoddy; Chaplain, R. Miller.

For the Fire Department: Chief, V. Dutton; Asst. Chief, J. Reynolds; Capt. J. Bordas; Lieut. J. Balsh; Sgt. B. Kolbenschlag; Sgt. E. Hampton.

For the Rescue Squad: Chief, G. Clinedinst; Asst. Chief, W. Hopkins; Capt. G. Wiser; Lieut. D. Pratt; Sgt. T. Oney; Sgt. H. Hunt; The Supt. of Machinery will be P. Williams. Custodian of Property, J. Swisher and Fire Marshall, J. Snoddy.

The Ladies Auxiliary elected its officers for the new year at their meeting held on Dec. 8. The new officers are: Pres. Cleo Dutton; Vice Pres., Betty Wynkoop; Rec. Sec., Pat Jones; Corresp. Sec., Hazel Dinehart; Treas., Gloria Atherholt; Historian, Maria Snoddy; Chaplain, Jane Hunt; Sgt.-at-arms, Joyce Pendleton; County and State delegate, Cleo Dutton.

Cub Pack 202

The Cub Scouts of Pack 202 will hold their monthly meeting and Christmas party at the Community Church on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m.

High Point High Points

By Marion Ryss

Featuring the Band and Glee Club, the High Point PTA will hold their annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 15. Donald K. Smith, band director, and E. Ray Ulmer, director of the glee club, will furnish the entertainment for this gala evening. The program will begin at 8 p.m. in the High Point gymnasium.

Have you bought your ticket to TROPICANA yet? It's only the second biggest dance at High Point — the first being the Senior Prom. It will be decorated in a tropical night-club scene. The price is \$1.50 a couple and the dress is semi-formal. TROPICANA is sponsored by the Band.

North End Drill Team On NSA Xmas Program

The Greenbelt North End Elementary School drill teams and color guard will open the National Security Agency's Family Christmas Program on Sunday afternoon, December 13, at the Maryland University Field House. The program will start at 2:30 p.m.

The annual affair for NSA employees and their families features circus, theater, and TV stars, plus kilted bagpipers and other bands. Santa Claus will appear in person. There will be candy and gifts for kiddies and door prizes for all.

The drill teams and color guard have been rising early on these cold, brisk mornings to go through their maneuvers before school.

Clothing Collection

The Jayne Cees are collecting old clothes and toys for charity. Call Champion, GR 4-6395 and Peters GR. 4-9703.

Teenage Dance Search

The hopes of older Greenbelt teenage girls of obtaining a place to hold dances in the evenings during the Christmas holiday were dimmed somewhat when city manager Charles McDonald reported to the city at its regular meeting Monday night that the chances of obtaining the Center School, particularly on Saturday night, were not favorable.

McDonald said that Miss Hannah Long, principal of the school, has informed him that Saturday night is reserved during the holiday period to clean the building. However, a final answer has not been obtained from the county school board, and the matter was being pursued further.

The manager said that recreation director Warren Leddick would discuss the matter with the Youth Center Advisory Board since there might be expense problems involved in obtaining a suitable place. The council specifically directed him to contact the school board to see if either the North End or Center School might be available and also to "exhaust all city resources" to find a place for the teenagers if the school board turned the city down.

Abraham Chasanow, owner of the firehouse building, who was attending the council meeting on other business, offered the use of the basement of the building for evening use during the holidays provided the fire department had no objections. The city manager, however, vehemently opposed this proposal, declaring that it was no place for youngsters to use. He asserted that it was hazardous and a fire trap because of the one narrow exit.

Santa Coming

Once again the Greenbelt Lions Club, in cooperation with the Recreation Department, has made arrangements to have Santa Claus visit Greenbelt by helicopter. He will fly into town, possibly on December 17 at 1:30 p.m., landing on Braden Field. He will have lots of candy for everybody.

Further details will be announced in the schools.

Reapportionment Topic

A study of reapportionment of the Maryland General Assembly is the December topic of the Prince Georges County League of Women Voters. There will be special emphasis on the Walsh Commission report and other facets of the problem will also be discussed. The Greenbelt unit will meet December 16, at the College Park Municipal Building, 4500 Knox Rd., College Park. Anyone needing a ride to this meeting, should contact Mrs. Brierly, 9321.

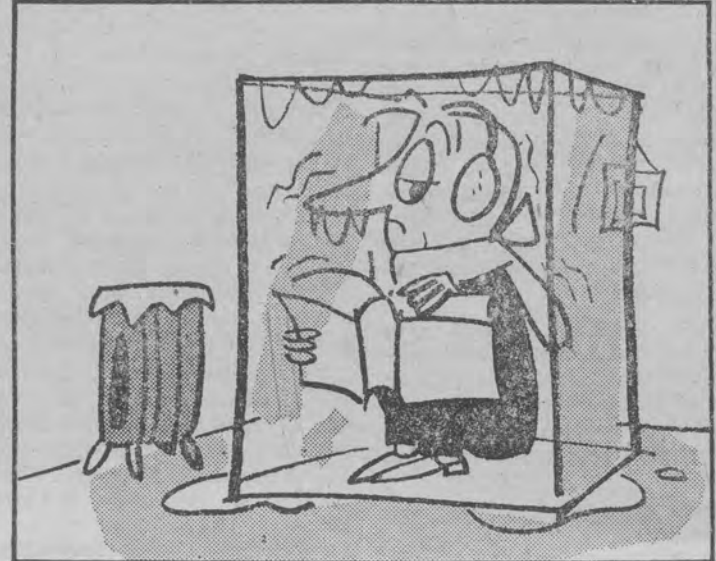
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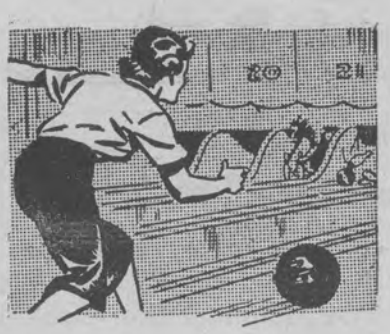
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