

# Greenbelt News Review

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## "Best Man" To Open At National Monday

Gore Vidal's exciting and highly entertaining play, "The Best Man," which ran for 520 performances on Broadway, comes to the National Theatre, Washington, on January 8th for two weeks. Frank Lovejoy (of "Meet McGraw" fame), Kent Smith and James Westerfield are starred. Edith Atwater, Kathleen Maguire and Laura Pierpont are featured. "The Best Man" is an hilarious and gripping play that deals with the backstage machinations at a national political convention assembled to nominate a candidate for President. The chief contenders are a Senator (Frank Lovejoy), self-made, self-obsessed and swollen with ambition, and a former Secretary of State (Kent Smith), urbane, intellectual and endowed with scruples. The man whose support each wants is an ex-President (James Westerfield), a knowing and canny old politician. The excitement mounts to a fever pitch as the two candidates tangle.

The opening night curtain will be at eight sharp, other nights at 8:30. Wednesday matinee will begin at 2:00, the Saturday matinee at 2:30. It is a play of the Theatre Guild subscription series.

## Xmas Tree Burning To be Held Saturday

With the traditional Twelfth Night falling on Saturday this year, the burning of Christmas trees, an annual event throughout Prince Georges County will be held in Greenbelt at Braden Field. The Greenbelt Fire Department will collect trees from youngsters from 1 to 3 p.m. on January 6 at North End School, the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church and Braden Field. The tree turning will take place that evening at the field at 7 p.m.

Tickets to a free movie will be given to each child bringing a tree to the collection points. The movie is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 with two performances of the film, "Have Rocket-Will Travel" with the Three Stooges. Time for the performances will be 4 and 5:30 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary will serve hot chocolate and coffee at Braden Field.

## Roy Fonda Gets Officer Training

Army 2d Lt. Roy D. Fonda, 23, son of Beverly G. Fonda, 6-A Ridge Road, completed the eight-week officer orientation course at The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va., Dec. 16.

Lieutenant Fonda was trained in the duties of a company grade Engineer officer. He received instruction in logistics, administration, construction of roads, erection of bridging, operation and maintenance of construction equipment, combat techniques and construction support for the Army.

Fonda is a 1956 graduate of Morgan Park High School, Chicago, Ill., and a 1961 graduate of the University of Illinois in Champaign. He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and was employed as field engineer by the City of Chicago (Ill.) before entering the Army.

## When The SIREN BLOWS

By RITA FISHER

Outside of the "little" fire at my own home, (which I hope I never have to mention again) the Greenbelt Fire Department wishes to convey its thanks to the residents of this town for paying heed to the warnings issued. All the men were able to spend both Christmas and New Year's eve without interruption. Maybe my little mishap served as a warning to others. And so, as Chairman of the Committee on Fire Prevention and Safety in the Home, I thank you.

The Chief informed me that there were 83 deaths due to fires in the United States during the Christmas Holidays.

It has been announced that a twelve-week course (one night a week) for Hospital Training will begin on Tuesday, January 9, at Andrews Air Force Base. The course will include 12 lectures; a minimum of 50 emergency room hours will be required before the course is completed. The course will be open to all members of fire departments, rescue squads, ambulance squads, Civil Defense groups, and Ladies Auxiliaries who have an Advanced First Aid card or its equivalent. Registration will take place at the Air Reserve Building at Andrews Field at 8 p.m. on January 9.

**AUXILIARY NOTES** - The County Canteen, a kitchen-on-wheels, will be housed in Greenbelt for the next three months. This means that the Greenbelt auxiliary will be on call to deliver this vehicle to any area in the county that requests it during an emergency.

And now for the calls. The Rescue Squad made only one emergency run last week. A year-old child was rushed to P.G. with a high fever. The fire department was called and then cancelled three times to out-of-town locations. There was a call to the B & W Parkway on the 27th. A Greyhound Bus had a fire underneath the bus possibly caused by a tire or brakes. No injuries were reported. There was a scare from one of the apartments on Crescent when an excess amount of smoke was reported coming from the basement. However, the smoke was merely coming from a furnace.

And then there was the call for help on Friday night during Bingo when, without any siren

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## Police News

Officer C. Lee Byrd has resigned from the Greenbelt Police Department. Byrd and his family have moved to North Carolina. This leaves a vacancy in the department and applications for the position of Police Officer are available at the Police office. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and in good physical condition.

A Greenbelt resident's car was reported stolen from the vicinity of Southway and Crescent on Christmas Day. The automobile was recovered by Edmonston police the following day. The owner of the car reported that a window and the car aerial had been broken.

## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GREENBELT, MARYLAND  
JANUARY 8, 1962

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, December 18, 1961
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Manager's Progress Report
7. Discuss Items of Treasurer's Report for November, 1961
8. Ordinance - Establish Swimming Pool Rates
9. Ordinance - Authorize Payment for Chairs for Council Room
10. Ordinance - Approve Expenditure from Youth Center Replacement Fund
11. Resolution - Change Charter - Boundary of Greenbelt
12. Discuss Other Charter Changes
13. Appoint Replacement for Vacancy on Advisory Planning Board
14. Appoint Two Members To Teen Club Advisory Board
15. Miscellaneous

## Insurance for GHI

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has renewed its insurance policies with the Nationwide Insurance Company for fleet, burglary, general liability and workmen's compensation coverage. This action was taken, upon the recommendation of the Insurance Buyers' Council of Washington. Nationwide's was the lowest bid among competitive bids received from five insurance carriers. The net annual premium cost will be \$6,570, some \$460 less than the current cost. The fleet and workmen's compensation insurance are 1-year policies; the others 3-year.

The consulting firm cautioned that no judgment on the adequacy of the coverage in relation to the corporation's needs was implied by the recommendation. The board is now considering the possibility of employing the consulting firm -- perhaps on an annual retainer basis -- to analyze the overall insurance needs of the corporation and to be responsible for preparing insurance specifications for competitive bids.

## Co-op Shoppers Council

**NATICK, Mass. (CNS)** -- Some of the women who own three supermarkets here and in Framingham and Wayland have organized a co-op shoppers council.

Mrs. Donald Klein, who heads the group, said the council's purpose is to advise consumers, compare quality and price of competing products, and suggest new products and services the co-op should handle. "Our job is to work hand-in-hand with management to serve ourselves even better," Mrs. Klein said.

The co-op's directors urged the women to go ahead.

## Checchi Firm Will "Provide General Management" for GCS

Checchi and Company, the Washington management firm which recently signed a contract with Greenbelt Consumer Services (Co-op), "will provide the general management" for the Co-op's business. It's first task will be to help the GCS Board recruit and select a new general manager to replace Samuel Ashelman who has been hired by Checchi, effective February 1.

## X-Ray Unit Due Soon

The Prince George's County Tuberculosis Association's mobile chest X-ray unit will be stationed at the Greenbelt Shopping Center on January 10 from 1 to 8 p.m.

Prompt detection of tuberculosis by means of a chest X-ray determines to a great extent the length of time treatment is required before a case is cured. All persons 15 or over are eligible to receive an X-ray at the mobile station, free of charge.

## Tree Dedication

On Thursday, December 28, the Woman's Club of Greenbelt held a dedication ceremony in the park at the Center, in commemoration of the club's activities in beautifying Greenbelt.

The club adopted the flowering crabapple tree as their official flower in 1941, and all members planted specimens in their front yards. Two large crabapples were also planted by the club in the Center. The trees are now full grown, and produce a bountiful crop of pink blossoms each spring.

At the ceremony, Mrs. Betty Tucker, President, introduced Mrs. Edna Benefiel, an original resident of Greenbelt and a Charter Member of the Club who was President when the trees were planted. Mrs. Benefiel, unveiled the plaques in the presence of club members and city officials, and presented them to the city.

Charles T. McDonald, city manager, made the formal acceptance on behalf of Greenbelt.

## Sewing Class Offered

Two Bishop sewing classes will be offered by the adult program of Prince George's County at Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church in Greenbelt.

The basic course will be taught from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and the intermediate class from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. Both classes will begin on Tuesday, January 16.

The registration fee of \$5.00 for each course must be paid by January 15 to the instructor, Mrs. Grace Smith, 4407 Beechwood Rd., Hyattsville.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Smith by calling Un. 4-3821.

Writing in the CO-OP NEWS-LETTER, Robert T. Bonham, president of GCS, stated that Checchi's activities "will be performed under the Board's direction." He noted that the GCS Board will retain final responsibility for the corporation's affairs.

In addition to the above tasks, Checchi will "survey the entire operation of the business and make such reports and recommendations as will strengthen and tighten its organizational structure, promote sound growth and focus energy on mutually accepted objectives." Bonham commented that such an overall survey and evaluation is believed by the Board to be necessary at this stage of the Co-op's development.

In connection with Checchi's services in obtaining a new general manager, Bonham pointed out that "it is unlikely that the Board would have been able to select a new general manager by February 1." He stated that the fact that Ashelman "will be a member of the Checchi organization--though not assigned primarily to this project--should aid considerably in achieving a smooth and orderly transition."

The Checchi firm, which will assume its general management responsibilities for the Co-op on February 1, has a full-time staff of 40. Founded ten years ago, the company includes Nationwide Insurance among its clients. About one-fourth of Checchi's business is performed for, or in connection with, cooperative organizations in the United States and abroad.

Bonham reported that the Co-op was referred to the Checchi firm by Nationwide. "Since that time, the Board has carefully checked into the professional reputation of the firm and found it uniformly excellent. We are confident that they will make an invaluable contribution to our organization's growth and development."

## Rec Review

Registration for a beginners class in ballroom dance will be held on Thursday January 11th at 8:30 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Adult Roller Skating will be resumed on Monday, January, 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

For additional information regarding any phase of the recreation program, phone GR. 4-6878.



Above are members of the Greenbelt Woman's Club who attended the special tree dedication ceremony last week. In the center of the photo is City Manager Charles McDonald flanked on his right by Mrs. Betty Tucker, current president of the club, and on his left by Mrs. Edna Benefiel, past president of the club visiting in town from Sarasota, Fla. --Photo by Paul Kasko

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Well, you can do something about this other than write a letter to the editor. The News Review is your paper. The news left out or inadequately reported is news you didn't give us, stories you didn't write.

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It needs you to report events in town, to write, re-write, or edit stories to make phone calls, to type, file, proofread, or to bring advertisements and keep them coming, to do whatever you can do and enjoy doing - but to do something for your paper!

The staff is doing its best, but it is small and tired. Normal move-aways, normal pregnancies, all the ordinary casualties of community life affect the staff of your local newspaper, too. This is nothing new, but it is as true now as ever, and it means that WE NEED YOU!

Do you really want to receive your paper next Thursday evening? Then give your paper a bit of some evening - any evening - or daytime - to assure that it will contain the news you want to see in it. There is something YOU can do to help. And the News Review will be a better paper for your help... And you will have enjoyed the helping.

Come on out and see!

### Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends who sent cards and flowers to help cheer my days while I was a patient at Prince Georges Hospital.

E. Jack Swisher

### SIREN NOTES

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going off, we noticed the truck take off. A cat was in a tree and would not come down. Two of the young, agile members climbed the tree, but this only made the cat go higher. With the use of a ladder, the boys accomplished their mission. Don't forget the annual Christmas tree burning this Saturday.

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## "Eliminate War" Issue

Two weeks ago the NEWS REVIEW printed a letter from Jim Cassels to Mayor White requesting that people representing the "eliminate war" viewpoint be appointed to the city's newly organized civil defense committee. It is his contention, I think, that the point of view which holds that war must be eliminated, or at least avoided, should have a voice in formulating the city's civil defense policies and programs. In pressing his request, Jim quotes a knowledgeable layman who stresses the futility of defense measures in a nuclear war. In short, I think his thesis is that we must not settle international differences by means of war, that civil defense is a means of waging war, and that we must therefore not commit ourselves to a civil defense program but rather to a program of fostering better international relations which will eliminate the threat of war. Of course, there is a great deal more to his beliefs and concepts, but for this purpose I think it is fair to say that his viewpoint is opposed to civil defense and in favor of other ways to combat the real danger of war which confronts our nation today.

It is difficult to argue with this point of view, nor do I propose to do so. I am sure that every one who has gone through a war is opposed to war on general principles, and no thinking, sane person in today's world would like to see a war take place. Indeed, the question of how to avoid a war is occupying the attention of the best minds, and I am sure that everyone in positions of authority in our government is concerned with this problem. Despite all our efforts, though, there is always the possibility, however remote, that a war may start - perhaps by accident, perhaps by an irrational act, perhaps even by design.

Civil defense measures are designed to cope with that possibility, should it arise, to provide some degree of protection to the civilian populace in the event of a nuclear attack, and to provide the framework of society within which we could recuperate from such an attack. In this context, it seems to me there can be no justification for the "eliminate war" viewpoint to be represented on a committee whose sole purpose is to explore and recommend protective measures which our community can take if a war should come. Civil defense aims to protect us in the event of war and to recuperate from the effects of war. "Eliminate war" aims to prevent the outbreak of war. Both objectives should be matters of intensive study and effort. Both objectives should be pursued simultaneously, but not together, on the same committee, by the same people.

I would therefore urge Mayor White and the Council not to accede to Cassels' request, but rather to consider the advisability of forming another committee whose function would be to recommend any actions which the city and the citizenry can take to help "eliminate war." This would serve a double purpose; it would give a "voice" to those who advocate the adoption of measures to "eliminate war"; and it would allow the civil defense committee to proceed with its studies unobstructed by internal dissension.

I would also urge all our citizens to give serious thought to the grave problems posed by the possibility of nuclear war. In the final analysis, it is we, all of us individually and together, who must decide what kind of defense measures to take, if any, and what kind of community action is justified. We will not solve this problem by ignoring it because it is unpleasant, or by postponing it because it might raise our taxes. We must think about it, discuss it, express our opinions, and make some decisions.

Harry Zubkoff

## Threat to Squirrels

TO THE EDITOR:

The squirrels seem unusually hungry this year. I live in a wooded area of Parkway Road, and hungry squirrels will be looking in at the rear basement door when I go down with the trash. They quickly seize dry crusts of bread thrown them, and race up the trees with them. As for peanuts, the squirrels right here seem to get them before the blue jays do!

Then I read in the EVENING STAR that the acorn crop has failed this year, and many squirrels will die of starvation unless fed.

I sincerely hope you will print this, for Greenbelt people seem interested in wildlife, but most people do not know about the acorn supply.

Very truly yours,

Marion Steward  
25-C Parkway

## Burgoon-Paulus

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Burgoon, 37-K Ridge, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara Eileen to Mr. Duane Paulus of Boulder, Colorado.

Miss Burgoon, a graduate of High Point High School, is presently a student at Frostburg State Teachers College majoring in Social Studies.

Mr. Paulus, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Roe of Boulder, Colorado, is presently employed by the U. S. Government and resides at 8-K Parkway.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## County Plans School For Problem Boys

The Prince Georges County Board of Education has given tentative approval to a proposed remedial school for problem boys between 10 and 15 years old.

School Supt. William S. Schmidt on Tuesday outlined plans for the school slated to be ready next September on three acres of the property of Dr. Ralph Morrison, on Addison rd., in Seat Pleasant.

Schmidt said the boys that would be assigned there would be those with learning problems that might become disciplinary problems. He emphasized it would not be a center for unruly discipline cases.

After a year of remedial work at the school it is hoped the boys would be able to return to their regular classes, Mr. Schmidt said.

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*Our Neighbors*

By ELAINE SKOLNIK GR. 4-6060

Lee and Larry Fink made it two in a row at last Friday's special holiday duplicate bridge game when they scored a .666 victory, outpacing their nearest rivals, Pat and Howard Savage, by 4 1/2 points. Sid Barnett and Bob Smith finished third. Next game will be on the regularly scheduled second Friday of the month: January 12. It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. William Kellaheer, Jr., 48-D Crescent. William Joseph III was born December 19, weighing 7 lbs 12 oz. He joins two sisters, Kathy Sue and Laura Gene. William's relatives, the Gene Kellaheers, live at 13 Empire.

"A visit back to the old homestead." -Mr. and Mrs. Leon Benefiel, of Sarasota, Florida, were seen around town visiting their many friends. For approximately twenty years, the civic-minded Benefiels resided in our community. Mrs. Benefiel's contributions were many. Her work on behalf of the youth of Greenbelt earned her the affectionate title of "mother" of the Youth Center. She was devoted to the Woman's Club, and was a charter member. Last Friday she dedicated the two

flowering crab-apple trees to the City of Greenbelt. The trees were planted by the Woman's Club many years ago. Mrs. Benefiel has never forgotten Greenbelt—we still benefit from her know-how and wisdom via the mails. Mr. Benefiel was very active in the American Legion.

A very happy birthday to David Harper, 2-A Northway, who was four years old on January 2. Best wishes for a happy birthday to kindergartner, Dolores Cormack, 35-H Ridge, who will be six years old.

Mrs. Bessie Miles of Crisfield, Maryland, is spending the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Thornhill, 8 Forestway.

Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Benson, 3-D Laurel, who are leaving Greenbelt on Saturday for St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Benson, the former Delpha Daniels, grew up in our community. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nellie Daniels, 13-B Ridge.

A very happy birthday to Susan Kuhn, 5-A Eastway, who was five years old on January 30.

Bud Cormack, 35-H Ridge, entered Prince Georges Hospital yesterday for knee surgery. We wish him a quick recovery.

**Women Count Sheets Of Toilet Paper**

A paper company executive told senators that U. S. women are experts in finding a bargain and in keeping manufacturers in line.

Harrison Dunning of Scott Paper Company said, "Judging from our mail, it's amazing the number of people who will count the number of sheets on a roll of toilet paper."

He told a Senate committee on deceptive packaging, headed by Senator Philip Hart (D Mich.), that he opposed government control. A manufacturer who tries deception once gets his punishment from his customers. "The best value in a store is the No. 1 seller. Women find out somehow."

**Stravinsky to Conduct Own Opera in D.C.**

The famous American composer Igor Stravinsky will open a year-long celebration of his 80th birthday by conducting all three performances of his opera, "Oedipus Rex," to be performed by the Opera Society of Washington in Lisner Auditorium on January 19 and 22 at 8:30 p.m. and on January 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Heading the cast in the title role of Oedipus Rex is George Shirley, the brilliant young tenor who won first place in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions last year. He recently won critical acclaim in his Metropolitan Opera debut as Ferrando in "Cosi Fan Tutte." Also making her Opera Society

debut will be mezzo-soprano Shirley Verrett-Carter as Jocasta. She appeared in last summer's Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy, has had leading roles with the New York City Opera and the Cologne, Germany, Opera, and has been guest soloist with the New York Philharmonic, London Philharmonic and Philadelphia orchestras.

Tickets are available at the office of the Opera Society, 1745 K Street or at the Talbert Ticket Agency in the Willard Hotel.

**New Products Noted**

Mobile furniture and paper blankets are two house furnishings trends to watch, says Miss Elizabeth Langsdale, Extension home furnishings specialist, University of Maryland.

"Mobile families can now buy mobile furniture," she says. Wheels and casters are a part of the new look in furniture."

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# The People's Business

By Jerry Voorhis  
(A Cooperative News Service Feature)

It is remarkable how much alike are the extremists on the right and the left ends of the political spectrum.

On most major issues the communists and the extreme right-wingers see eye to eye. Despite the fact that the existence of the communists gives the rightists their best excuse for existence, and that the existence of a fascist right-wing movement lends some plausibility to the communist claim that only by their violent and dictatorial program can the "people" be protected.

The essential difference between the extremists of both right and left and the majority of the people who are in between is this. Progressives and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans -- all who are genuinely devoted to constitutional government -- recognize the principles of majority rule, the rule of law, and the necessity of civil peace. This means that on each side they are quite ready, disappointed though they may be, to accept the temporary ascendancy of the other side, if it is won in an open election. On the other hand neither the communist nor the extreme right wing groups has any real respect for the American Constitution or for its principles of democratic government in a republic. Both extremist groups are so sure of their own infallibility that they believe in gaining power by force if necessary, and once in power, abolishing the civil and political rights of all who disagree with them.

Another point of full agreement between the extreme left and the extreme right is found in their attitude toward the United Nations and the hope of peace. Extreme right-wing Americans agree with the Soviet Union wholeheartedly in their attitude toward the United Nations. Both would like to see it dead and buried. And for the same basic reason -- because then can't control the U. N.

But in this they are far out of step with the general opinion of the American people. A number of members of Congress have polled their constituents to discover their opinions about the United Nations, disarmament, and peace. One such Congressman, Mr. Widnall, Republican of New Jersey, secured the following results:

1. 84% of the people of his district said they regard the United Nations as the best hope of maintaining world peace.
2. 81% said they believe the aim of world peace can be achieved through strengthening the United Nations.

Then what about Goa and

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### Katanga?

Both the situation in Goa and the one in the Congo cry out for a stronger United Nations. The real trouble is that the U.N., as presently constituted is at the mercy of the decisions of its 104 member states. Those states, or nations, are so-called "sovereign." The U.N. can do nothing to which they object. The U.N. has no effective machinery to deal with a difficult situation like India-Goa, Congo-Katanga, France-Algeria, North Viet Nam-South Viet Nam, or Berlin. The U.N. cannot by its own decision investigate the facts, evaluate the claims of both sides, weigh justice, make a decision and then enforce that decision on everyone. All the U.N. can do is act on the request of one or more of its members -- if other members don't object.

So long as this weakness is allowed to continue, India cannot refer her grievance over Goa to the U.N., nor can Katanga or the Congo appeal to it with hope that a rational, fair, and enforceable decision can be reached. For this very reason, nations and pieces of nations resort to force and endanger the peace of the world.

The answer to these problems is not to criticize the U.N., as so much of our press and a number of our public figures have been lately doing.

The answer to these problems is exactly the one which 81% of

### More Mothers Work

More than one-third of all working women in the nation today have children under age 18. Compare this figure with the one-tenth of the women workers they numbered twenty years and it becomes evident that the extra pay check is becoming more of an economic necessity, says Joanne Reitz, Extension home management specialist at the University of Maryland.

According to the U. S. Department of Labor, mothers with children under 18 work to help meet everyday family living expenses, house payments and costs of children's education. Mothers who are the heads of their households, of course, must work to support their entire families.

However, only 20 per cent of women with pre-school-age children work outside the home, usually at part-time jobs.

Eighty per cent of working mothers have husbands, who are usually the main breadwinners. In these cases, mother's earnings mean "extras" for the whole family.

Congressman Widnall's New Jersey constituents call for -- a strengthening of the United Nations until it is made an effective instrument of the will of mankind to have peace in the world.

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