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Mary DeMarze Chosen Festival Queen; Contest Winners Listed

Miss Mary De Marze, representing the Greenbelt Lions Club, swept to victory in the annual Labor Day Festival Popularity Contest to win the title of Queen of the Festival. Winning second and third place and the title of Festival Princesses were Miss Gerry Atkins representing the American Legion and Auxiliary and Miss Nora Spaulding who was Miss Little League. Fourth place went to Miss Tobacco Shoppe who was Miss Bonnie Pate.

In the Labor Day parade the award for the best looking civic float went to the Lutheran Church, while the trophy for the best-looking community float was taken by the Izaak Walton League. Majorette units winning trophies included the Laurelettes, Hillside, Beltsville (all representing their fire departments) and the Bladettes, College Park, and the Prince Georges County Police Majorettes.

The winners of the talent contest were: first place - Betty Beall and Mary Bobbins who did a pantomime of "Ahab to Arab", second place - Prince Georgesmen (Alan Henry, Randy Mason, and Ken Murray), and in a tie for third place - Sandy and Eileen Fox who did a pantomime of "Frankie and Johnny" and Colleen McCord and Kathy Hyland with "Jailhouse Rock."

The Prince Georgesmen also won in the Hootenanny Contest, while the Cambridge Trio were runners-up.

Best crawlers in the Diaper Derby were Timmy Bram, 11-month son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bram of 6-W Plateau Place, Mary Elizabeth Bistany, 9-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bistany of 23-K Ridge Road, and Darlene Snedecor, 12-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Snedecor of 11-G Hillside.

Bernard Bradley won the 135 yard golf pitching (chipping) contest by 14 inches and Marty Greenbaum was second by 12 feet.

Wayne Coulter and A. J. Nuzzo won first and second places in the boys singles horseshoe contest. The team of A. J. Nuzzo and Figlia won first place in the boys doubles, while B. Nuzzo and Wayne Coulter were second. Frank Horstman and George Bradley were first and second in the mens singles while the teams of Al Dean and Jack Maxwell and Horstman and Wilson won first and second places in the mens doubles.

The trophy for the most active organization in the Festival went to the American Legion who had six booths and a bingo game. A second place trophy was awarded for the first time this year because it was difficult to pick a winner. It went to the Fire Rescue Squad who had five booths and were given extra points for working them for more than the normal hours.

City Notes

The City began seal-coating several streets this week. By Tuesday night smooth sealing had been completed on Ridge from Gardenway to Northway; on Eastway between Crescent and Ridge; and on Crescent from Gardenway to the Firehouse. Seal-coating of shoulders and parking lots will be done later in the week. Residents will be asked to move their cars from the service courts during the day their court is sealed.

Those courts scheduled for seal-coating are as follows: Ridge - Courts 6, 18 (entrance driveway only), 24; Plateau - Courts 2, 4 and 10; Laurel Hill - Courts 7, 10, 12 and 14; Hillside - Courts 19 and 22; Research - 1, 3 and 9. Additional courts may also be done if time permits.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, September 5, 8 p.m. Candidates for City Council appear at Lion's Club Forum 7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Special Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
Monday, September 9, 3:30 - 5 p.m. Fall Session of Arts and Crafts begins
Wednesday, September 11, 8 p.m. Touch Football for Men, Youth Center
Thursday, September 12, 4:30 p.m. Touch Football for Boys, Youth Center
7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Recreation Review

Winners and runners-up for the Tennis Tournament over the Labor Day week-end were: Women's Singles - Ann Watson, 1st place; Jackie Hufendick, second place. Men's Singles: Clint Bruess, 1st place; Dick Shipman, second place. Men's Doubles: Clint Bruess and Dick Shipman, 1st place; Doug Brayfield and Chad Hazam, 2nd place.

Arts and Crafts will begin its fall session Monday, September 9, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sessions will be held every Monday through Friday under the supervision of Mrs. Evelyn Boggs.

There will be a meeting of all men interested in playing touch football Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

All boys interested in joining a Touch Football League should meet at the Youth Center Thursday, Sept. 12th at 4:30 p.m.

The Youth Center will be open for teen age activities Monday through Thursday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Local Lawyer Appointed

State's Attorney Arthur A. Marshall, Jr., announced the appointment this week of Andrew Yslas as an Assistant State's Attorney for Prince Georges County.

Mr. Yslas was sworn in Monday, August 26.

A 35-year-old native of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Mr. Yslas taught school in Prince Georges County schools for eight years, while continuing his study of law at the University of Maryland.

He passed the bar in 1960 and went into the practice of law with Edgar L. Smith of Greenbelt. Their office is located on Centerway.

Plumer Hearing Set

At a hearing in Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, on a motion to adjudicate G. J. Plumer in contempt of court for failure to remove a gate across his walkway at 26-A Ridge road, it was agreed that the citation for contempt would be withdrawn upon the condition that Plumer would leave the gate open until such time as the matter could be heard on its merits. The date for such hearing was set for September 20 at 10 a.m., Circuit Court, Upper Marlboro.

Greenbelter on T.V. Show

Greenbelt resident, Gerald Gough, will appear this season on "The Great Adventure," a CBS television network series Premiering Friday, September 27 at 7:30 with "The Hunley" starring Jack Cooper, the show will feature little-known events from American history.

Representing the National Education Association, Gough will give a postscript at the end of each program relating the story to current problems. He has been teaching at High Point High School for five years and lives at 22-C Hillside Road.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF
GREENBELT, MARYLAND

Sept. 9, 1963

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Minutes of Regular meeting of August 19, 1963 and Special meeting of August 26, 1963.
4. Petitions and Requests.
5. Additions to agenda by Councilmen and Manager.
6. Written Communications.
7. Manager's Progress Report.
8. Committee Reports.
9. ORDINANCE - To repeal ordinances regulating the act of littering and to establish regulations for the act of littering and the disposal of refuse.

Installation of Harmon As Postmaster Slated



Emory A. Harmon, 23-B Ridge, will be officially installed as Acting Postmaster of the Greenbelt postoffice on Thursday, September 12, at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center.

The Honorable Harold Jinks, head of the Post Office Department's Postmasters and Rural Appointments Division in Washington, D. C., will conduct the installation and deliver the main address. Mr. Jinks has the administrative responsibility for the nation's more than 35,000 postmasters and 34,200 rural carriers.

The honored guests at the ceremony will include Senator Daniel Brewster, Congressman Richard Lankford, Congressman Carleton Sickles, State Comptroller Louis Goldstein, State's Attorney Thomas Finan, Chairman of Prince Georges County Commissioners Frank Lastner, the Mayor and city council of Greenbelt along with other local officials and Post Office dignitaries from the region.

Master of ceremonies will be Mount Rainier Postmaster Francis L. Leverone. The invocation will be given by Rev. Kenneth Wyatt of the Community Church, and the benediction by Rev. Victor Dowgiallo of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Vocal selections will be presented by Mrs. Edna White accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Goetz.

How Two Congressmen Surprised City with Aid in Zoning Fight

By Russ Greenbaum

In a move that caught city officials by surprise, two Congressmen last week publicly announced that they were joining forces to aid Greenbelt in its fight to prevent a 2500-unit apartment complex from rising on a 76-acre tract of land a block south of Greenbelt Road and east of Kenilworth Boulevard. The privately owned land, which is outside the city limits, is surrounded by Greenbelt Park now under development by the Department of Interior as a 1100-acre national park, all of it within the city.

Representatives Carleton Sickles, Congressman-at-large, and Richard Lankford, who represents the Greenbelt district, both Democrats, released to the press last Thursday the news that they are jointly sponsoring a bill to authorize the National Park Service to purchase the tract plus another 10-acre tract off Good Luck Road also surrounded by the park. In their statement they asserted that this action was in response to a letter from Mayor Francis White of Greenbelt, urging that the Federal government acquire the property to prevent private development of the tract.

Although the city had sent such a letter early this summer, the responses from the two Congressmen gave no indication that the preparation of legislation was planned or even contemplated. An investigation by the News Review has revealed some of the background to the sequence of events resulting in this action.

Meeting on May 23, the city's Advisory Planning Board was concerned by a report that the owner of the land, Carl Jaeger, was planning to sell it to a developer, B. Francis Saul II, who was applying for rezoning from RR (single-family homes on quarter-acre lots) to a classification permitting both low-density and high-rise apartments. The APB immediately reported to the city council that "it is inconceivable that the subject property should be used for anything but park land."

APB Recommendation

The APB further pointed out: "The park is being developed as a passive recreation area with camping sites and nature trails. The existence of multiple-family units within such an area would prevent the full enjoyment of the natural environment." To block this, the APB recommended that council "advise the Department of Interior, the appropriate Congressional representatives, and the County Commissioners that the best interests of the city and the region are in serious jeopardy unless immediate action is taken to acquire the subject property for park purposes."

The council unanimously accepted this recommendation, and on June 21 identical letters were sent to the appropriate parties. This letter, the one to which Sickles and Lankford referred, was signed by all five councilmen, with Mayor White heading the list.

Within a week replies were received from Reps. Sickles and Lankford and Senator J. Glen Beall (Republican), but all of them noted little more than that they had written the Department of Interior. The city, however, had itself written to the Secretary of the Interior and received its answer in a letter dated July 25. The Department of Interior stated that it has always been interested in acquiring the land, especially since the tract projected into the proposed day-use area of the park and also into the camping area proposed for over-night and longer term family camping use. However, the letter pointed out, the land can only be acquired either by donation to the Federal government or through Congressional legislation. Copies of this letter were sent by Interior to the Congressmen and Senators concerned.

Rezoning Approved

Meanwhile, also on July 25, the Prince Georges Planning Board unanimously recommended to the County Commissioners the approval of the apartment rezoning request. The Planning Board indicated it would prefer to see the tract become part of the park, and they noted they had repeatedly tried to get a specific purchase commitment from the Federal government. However, this had been without

success, and the property owner could not be denied any longer. (Apparently up to that time no one, except Interior, was aware that Congressional legislation was required.) At this hearing the city submitted statements opposing the rezoning, but to no avail.

The city again heard from Rep. Sickles in a brief letter dated July 30. He noted that he had received the letter from Interior and stated that "Congressman Lankford's office had been in touch with me on this situation, and we are now exploring the matter further with the Department of Interior." The next day a brief letter arrived from Rep. Lankford, who also reported he had received the letter from Interior and then added, "I assure you of my continuing efforts to seek a solution to this problem." The city also heard for the first time from Senator Daniel Brewster (Democrat) in a letter dated August 5. The senator summarized the letter from Interior and then asked if he could be of "further help." Since these letters gave no indication that legislative action was being explored, the city assumed the matter was a dead issue.

Mayor White Acts

At this point Mayor White decided to take a personal hand in the matter. He had a special advantage. As he explained it when queried by the News Review, he has enjoyed a friendship of many years with Carleton Sickles that started with their high school days and also includes recent political associations. If legislation was needed, White figured, then perhaps the Congressman could get it going.

Sickles was out of town, but White discussed the problem with members of the Congressman's staff who knew White and his association with Sickles. The mayor admitted that he did not have a great deal of confidence that this would result in any action, but he had heard a few weeks ago from an indirect source that legislation on the matter was in the works.

The submission of a bill to authorize the purchase of the land, however, does not materially change the present situation. The crux of the matter is the decision to be made by the County Commissioners who are scheduled to hear this rezoning petition on September 18. As an aide in Sickles' office told the News Review, if the County Commissioners approve the apartment rezoning, then it would be "extremely difficult" to get an appropriation bill through Congress for the necessary funds. On the other hand, if the rezoning is denied, it would clear the way for legislation to purchase the land, which it is reported would cost \$3 to \$4 million. Even if such a bill is approved, the owner can contest the amount in court as being too low.

Meanwhile, the developer is sadly shaking his head at the whole business. It is his point of view that the "considerable money which would be required to acquire the property" could be better used to obtain additional park land elsewhere in the county." Saul was also quoted in the Washington Post as commenting that he was "awfully surprised that they picked this time to do it."

Former Resident Dies

Arthur L. Rysticken, 57, former Greenbelter, died recently in Lexington Park. Rysticken was assistant manager to Mr. Roy Braden and served as legal counsel for the Federal Housing project at Greenbelt.

Hebrew School Registration

Registration for the Sunday-Hebrew School of the Jewish Community Center will take place Sunday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 12. Martin Bell, principal, and the staff will be on hand to meet parents.

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Gold Rush!

(This editorial is reprinted from the WASHINGTON STAR of August 31, 1963)

The disclosure by Maryland planners that enough apartment rezoning applications have been filed to accommodate 200,000 residents within a quarter-mile radius of a single intersection on Greenbelt-Glenn Dale road near the Goddard Space Flight Center in Prince Georges County is almost incredible.

William J. Stevens, the chairman of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, says "we certainly can't justify 200,000 people at one intersection." His is a masterpiece of understatement. One need only look at any of several burgeoning apartment areas in nearby Virginia and Maryland to believe that such concentrations are possible unless rigid and rational restraints are imposed on the rush for apartment gold.

This is perhaps the ideal example of what the planners have been warning us about for all these years in their pleas for "orderly development" of the suburbs. In nearby Maryland, it intensifies the need for the approval of a master plan, to the provisions of which the official agencies of local government will strictly adhere.

In the meantime the Planning Commission has the more difficult immediate job of resisting the powerful political and financial interests which in many instances are behind the re-zoning drives. To turn down the petitions will take courage—and more important, the support and concurrence of county governing bodies.

GHI PENSION PLAN

To the Editor:

Perhaps GHI's pension plan is deserving of a bit of real study and analysis, despite the fact that the plan has been so long in coming.

A brief history of this plan would include the fact that a year and a half ago, a pension committee met and chose a certain pension plan consultant. The deal was that the consultant "was permitted to select companies of his own, and if any of these came out to be the low cost company, he wished to be permitted to handle the business." The consultant contacted certain companies, and several agents also submitted their plans. Our consultant was in fact a broker, and he not only drew up specifications, but he also was given the opportunity to review the proposals of all companies, regardless of whether he dealt with them or not. After recommending one of the companies our consultant dealt with, it was brought to the Board's attention that the proposals were not based on equitable and sound standards — that such important factors as labor turnover were not even considered in the so called specifications, and that none of the proposals of our local agents, such as Nationwide, complied with the so called specifications. Thus, the matter was referred to the finance committee last April in order to adopt the definite specifications that had been lacking, and then to obtain proper competitive bids. The representative of the finance committee at the last meeting stated that this had not been done.

Instead the finance committee presented four plans all prepared by the same company. The plans were practically identical to the original proposal of March 1962 presented by our consultant. However, each of the four plans did differ on such essentials as the amount of the pension, the amount of life insurance, and the costs. The finance committee recommended one of these plans despite the fact that there had been no sealed competitive bidding.

Also, at the last meeting it was mentioned that the normal commission on a pension plan is 7%—however our consultant stated that his commission on his proposed plan would be about 20%. Thus

HOW GULLIBLE?

To the Editor:

Greenbelt home-owners are being asked to believe that Mayor White and his council majority for the past two years have been operating in the local community interest. Here and now in a most significant particular I wish to question.

(1) Should we be as gullible as the Mayor and his council majority in accepting hasty, indefinite proposals by external speculative real estate interests?

(2) Are their "developments" so good for our community that they didn't need more thorough public examination?

(3) Does July's pre-election tax reduction conceal large new obligations? Will these be burdensome in the near future upon home-owners who already have paid for generally adequate existing facilities?

(4) Should we invest our trust for another two years in these same office-holders, without more satisfying explanation than we have had, or are likely to get?

In my opinion, Mr. Champion usually in this particular matter has not agreed with White, Goldfaden, and Phillips. In these last few days before election Mr. Pilski has opportunity to completely repudiate the old majority — or to straddle.

Samuel Cornelius

on this factor alone, it would be possible by sealed competitive bids based on proper specifications to save over \$3,600.00.

Why then, did the Board vote against sealed competitive bidding at the last meeting? The only reason spoken was that we should not take the time to obtain such bids. However, the Pension Committee took over a year's time on this; the Finance Committee took about four months for consideration; why then can't the Board spend an additional two weeks to comply with our By-Laws which read: "It shall be the policy of the corporation, insofar as practicable, to award contracts on the basis of sealed competitive bids on approved standards and/or specifications." Is two weeks too long to wait for a substantial savings and compliance with the By-Laws?

William P. Helm

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

To the Editor:

Believing in the democratic process in arriving at clarity of public issues and at decisions as to whom the public can best elect to carry out constructive measures pertaining to the issues, the privilege of using our yard on the evening of September 4 by one group of Greenbelt candidates has been granted. Those who may differ with the candidates appearing at this meeting will be welcome if some evening in the near future and before the date of the election they will likewise take advantage of our yard to present and discuss their views and issues at stake in the city of Greenbelt.

Bruce L. and Elna Melvin

Community Church News

This Sunday the Greenbelt Community Church will resume its regular schedule. There will be one Service of Worship with preaching at 10:45 a.m. Church School Classes will be at 9:30 a.m. in the following places: Grades 5-6, Fellowship Center; Grades 7-10, Social Hall; Grades 11-12, 2B Hillside; Young Adults, Fellowship Center; Adult Bible Study, Church Sanctuary and Church Office.

Church School at 10:45 a.m. will be for Infants and Toddlers in 2-B Hillside; Nursery and Kindergarten, Fellowship Center; Grades 1-4, Social Hall.

THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister

Friday: 7:30, Ninth Graders and Parents meeting, Parsonage.
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Curriculum Institute, Lincoln Temple.

SUNDAY: Morning Worship and Preaching 10:45 a.m. Church School at 9:30 for Grades 5 through Adults; at 10:45 for Infants and Toddlers through 4th Grade. 6:30, Senior High Fellowship; 7:30, Board of Trustees; 8:00 Board of Deacons.

(Affiliated with United Church of Christ)

Kindergarten Registration

Carol Kelly, president of the Greenbelt Kindergarten, announces that a fourth kindergarten class will be formed if enough youngsters are registered. Interested parents are urged to call Hopkins, 474-3864 or Owens, 474-8225.



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8:00 p.m. Wednesday Midweek Service

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A REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

SWIMMING POOL REFERENDUM

PART III - FINANCING THE IMPROVEMENT

By James K. Giese

This is the third of a series of four reports providing information concerning the September 17th referendum on issuing bonds not to exceed \$150,000 for the reconstruction and enlargement of swimming pool facilities. It is proposed that any bonds issued be paid back from swimming pool revenues. In this report I will discuss the means of financing these improvements.

Engineer's Estimate

The engineer's estimate for the improvement based upon the preliminary plans is \$139,710. This estimate includes engineering fees and a reserve for unforeseen contingencies. While one's first impression is apt to be that this is a lot of money for repairing a pool, this estimate should be considered in view of the following:

1. The Greenbelt pool is a very large pool, equalled or surpassed in size by only a few in the metropolitan area.

2. The preliminary plans call for enlarging the total pool size by 21% and the total swimming area (excluding diving) by 35%.

3. Existing facilities will be completely reconstructed, where needed, in order to make the pool facility comparable to a new one.

4. In the preliminary plans, the engineers have not proposed the cheapest construction methods, but rather types of construction which will be the most durable and most maintenance free and, therefore, the most economical in the long run.

5. Actual costs will be determined not on the engineer's estimates, which we hope are conservative, but on a contractor's price obtained as a result of competitive bids.

Bond Issue Ordinance

The ordinance enacted by the City Council authorizes the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds or loans, subject to approval by the voters. This authorization exceeds the engineer's estimates by about \$10,000. This was done to provide a reserve if the estimate should be on the low side. The city does not need to issue all bonds, of course, if actual costs are less than \$150,000. For example, it is expected that the total cost for the construction of the Youth Center, Fire Station and Municipal Building will be less than the bond authorization.

The ordinance further provides a means for repaying the monies borrowed:

1. The excess of pool revenues over expenses each year are required to be placed in a special account for the payment of bond principal and bond interest.

2. The City Manager is required to recommend to the Council annually pool rates to realize sufficient revenue to meet current bond principal and interest costs.

3. In order to make the bonds marketable and to obtain the lowest interest rates possible, the ordi-

nance provides for the appropriation of General Fund monies, if needed, to assure that sufficient funds are available to meet current bond obligations. Should General Fund monies be required, they could be made available in the form of a loan to be repaid out of swimming pool revenues.

Financing Costs

Based on current interest rates, the borrowing of \$150,000 will require an annual repayment cost of about \$10,100 on a 20-year loan and \$12,600 on a 15-year loan. If the city issues less than \$150,000 in bonds the annual repayment cost will be reduced.

While final figures for this season are not yet available, the sale of passes and daily admission fees have exceeded expectations and the pool has received in excess of \$20,000 in revenues. Expenses appear to be in line with estimates, on the other hand, so that the pool "profit" should be well in excess of the original \$6,200 estimate—probably between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

This will be the third straight year that revenues for the pool have increased and the pool "profit" has increased. It can be expected that this trend will continue, due to the increased growth of population in the city.

On the basis of this year's operation, however, and not counting on increased sales, it is believed that bond obligations can be met by a small increase in season admission fees. For example, the increase for family passes would be only about \$5—for other passes, the increase would be a proportionate amount.

Comparison of Rates

Should a \$5 increase in family plan rates be necessary, the cost of swimming at Greenbelt would still be far less than the cost of nearby pools. A survey of six nearby pools revealed that the season charges ranged from \$35 to \$95 for a family with two children. In addition, three of these pools require an initial share investment ranging from \$275 to \$350 which can be resold upon termination of membership, one pool requires an initial fee of \$65 which is not returned, and one pool has an initial share fee of \$300 which is partially refunded upon termination of membership.

For this small increase, if necessary and if the referendum is approved, Greenbelt residents will get a larger pool, a safer pool, and a modern pool with water treatment facilities that remain superior to those provided in most other pools.

Next Week's Report

Next week I will discuss the referendum itself—where and when it will be held. Also these first three reports may have left unanswered questions the answers to which might be of general interest. If you have such a question, please let me know and I will try to discuss it in next week's report.

(Space purchased by the City of Greenbelt)

Candidates Answer News Review Questions

The candidates for Greenbelt city council at the election on Tuesday September 17, 1963 are listed below. Their replies to questions asked by the *News Review* are given in the accompanying columns.

- Mr. Lewis Bernstein, 123 Northway,
- Mr. Gerald E. Boisvert, 7C Crescent Road,
- Mr. David C. Champion, 11 D Ridge Road,
- Mrs. Rita S. Fisher, 2 H Gardenway,
- Mr. Benjamin Goldfaden, 3 A Ridge Road,
- Mr. William L. Hoff, 71 E Ridge Road,
- Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, 11 R Laurel Hill Road,
- Mr. William R. Phillips, 3 D Ridge Road,
- Mr. Richard R. Pilski, 6 Orange Court,
- Mr. Clifford H. Simonson, 8 C Ridge Road,
- Mr. Edgar L. Smith, 8 G Laurel Hill Road,
- Mr. Francis W. White, 42 Lakeside Drive,

Services

(1) Are you satisfied with the present level of services provided by the city government with respect to maintenance of roadways, playgrounds, parks, and ball fields, collection of garbage, recreation programs, parking facilities, etc? If, to pose a hypothetical question, the city received a gift of \$20,000 from a philanthropist, which services in your opinion would have the greatest call for these funds?

BERNSTEIN

I believe that the city's employees are to be commended for the manner in which they have maintained the present level of services under the existing budget. If the city should benefit from a hypothetical windfall as suggested in the *News Review*, it is my opinion that additional police are most needed; roads and parking facilities next; and, if any funds remain, the maintenance of park needs additional attention.

BOISVERT

I am not satisfied with the present level of services in Greenbelt. I feel that the following programs have been neglected in the name of misguided economy: roadway maintenance, playground maintenance, youth and recreational programs. Any large sum of money which should come our way in the near future should be used to revitalize and expand the youth program.

CHAMPION

Roadways are being adequately maintained, thanks to a smooth seal program begun three years ago by a previous council. Under this program provision is made not only for resurfacing the roads but for providing additional parking spaces by using the chip and seal method to extend the shoulders of the road. But these needs must be carefully reviewed each and every year at budget time. When the city manager finds that this program needs to be accelerated it must be given attention.

In the area of parks, playgrounds and ball fields, very little of a progressive nature has taken place with the present council. Programs of this nature started by previous councils have either died for lack of funds or have suffered by the need to spread identical dollar amounts over an expanded area. But, as long as a given council is permitted to hold all but one budget hearing in executive session, an uninformed electorate will never fully understand what has caused the many failures which result in the disappointing appearance of our city. Pride in our city and citizens views on this subject will remain in second place to a dollar-and-cents tax number as long as those who stand for "government by closed-door" remain in office. **MAKE SURE HOW THE CANDIDATES YOU INTEND TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR STAND ON THIS ISSUE. ASK THEM!**

Our recreational program dilemma of the past two years will not be solved as long as the recreationally-inclined Councilmen persist in delving into the administrative functions of this department. Unless and until Council recognizes the need to provide a few hundred extra dollars in salary in order to hire competent and experienced leadership in this highly competitive field, we shall continue to be

saddled with the greatest recreational program "on paper" that this City has ever known.

FISHER

There are many improvements to be looked for in the maintenance and development of our parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, trash collection, etc. The amount of improvement made on our recreation areas depends on two factors: necessity and finance. From the woman's angle, I will state this: there are many improvements that could be made in my own home but the financial ability to pay for these improvements demands consideration.

It seems to me that the matter of road maintenance is handled according to the needs and seems adequate at this time. As for trash collection, I have learned that it is being done on a system which provides for no "extras". In other words, if a collection truck breaks down, there is no spare truck to take over. Trash collecting is a sanitary problem which should provide insurance against such vehicular trouble causing a delay in the pick-ups. As for the collection itself, again I must express myself as a woman and state that I would enjoy having a trash collection every day instead of only three times a week. I also realize that I would be required to pay for the added service. So again there's the factor of financial consideration.

If the hypothetical sum of \$20,000 were left to the city, I believe I would recommend that the money be spent either in the acquisition of more city property in the vicinity of the lake or suitable land be purchased whereon a library could be built by the County. To support my statement, most of the land around the lake is not city-owned property beyond about fifteen feet from the water's edge. Also, Greenbelt is second choice, at the present time, in the county's considerations to build a new library but there doesn't seem to be any suitable location to offer as a site.

GOLDFADEN

I think the services at the present time are adequate with the rate of development that is in progress in the City. I know that further services will be rendered by the City as the growth pattern increases. This Council has realized the growth, and has taken steps to increase the manpower of the city forces to meet this problem.

The 1963 budget has allowed for 5½ new employees to render better services to the citizens. These new employees are located in the following departments: 1½ police officers, 1 in public roads, 2 in waste collection, ½ in finance and ½ in administration I feel this is more than adequate for the increase in building at the present time.

The City has added 20 new homes at Lakeside, 350 apts at Springhill Lake. As the City continues to grow and prosper, we will have the revenue to increase and improve all services for all residents.

If the City received a gift of \$20,000.00, I would have the manager make a study of the areas where the money could be used, and make a decision after weighing all the facts the Manager puts before the Council.

HOFF

Through its many previous Councils, the City has maintained acceptable standards for road repairs, garbage collection, and maintenance of parking facilities. The standards set by these Councils have kept the roads in serviceable condition. Road maintenance should be a preventive measure carried on continually throughout the year. I cannot help but wonder, however, whether the present road repairs are timed for the approaching election — I must compliment the various department heads and the employees of the City for their fine effort in the hard work which goes into maintaining acceptable standards.

Our recreation program suffers from the lack of permanent direction and the refusal of the Council to be guided in many instances by the recommendations of the Recreation Advisory Board. Communications between the City Council and Recreation Advisory Board have been such that the chairman of the Recreation Advisory Board was not informed of proposed alterations to the swimming pool until the day before the Council announced the alteration plans.

Playground maintenance standards have fallen far below what I believe should be a minimum acceptable level.

Our recreation program should be creative, incorporating the talents of all our citizens in its planning and supervision. However, these things can be accomplished only with the guidance of a qualified director, perhaps attracted by a readjustment in salary.

These problem areas do not necessarily reflect a lack of money or a failure by the city employees, but are some of the many visible symptoms that the present Council majority has failed to diagnose. They have failed to utilize advisory boards so that available funds can be expended suitably. They have failed to provide sound policies and programs for the City Manager to follow. They have also failed to let the City Manager fully administer the City's services.

Then there is the question of the \$20,000 gift. In my opinion, such a gift should be devoted to the development of a cultural program for the community, such as a community orchestra. The financial gift would not be used to purchase material items or services, because by my definition a "philanthropist" would most probably want such money invested in people and for the promotion of the welfare of the community. The material things in the community are the responsibility of the citizens to provide and maintain.

O'LOUGHLIN

The present level of services is anything but adequate. There are a number of underlying factors too numerous to mention which have caused these deplorable conditions. To answer the hypothetical question of a \$20,000 gift, I would place the money in escrow and attempt to make the transition from the calendar tax year to the fiscal tax year which will be required within the next 3 to 5 years. This will alleviate an additional tax burden at some future date.

PHILLIPS

Yes, the present level of services are providing the citizens with more services than in previous years. This is evidenced by the fact that the budget was increased 21 per cent to cover the cost of services to citizens. However, the population has increased by considerably less than 21 per cent.

If \$20,000 were left to the city, I would urge that a comprehensive study be made in order to determine its best use.

PILSKI

I must answer this in two parts, as I feel that the first part deals with expenditures of tax monies and the second with a gift.

Greenbelt as a community has been blessed with services unsurpassed in a community of its size in our state. I shall not in any way attempt to decrease these services to the detriment of our city.

I would not, at the same time, increase them at any reckless pace to make them work a hardship on the community. Increase must be geared to the growth of Greenbelt.

Roadways should be improved and maintained in good condition. Our present programs of smooth seal and single treatment appear to be very effective.

I do feel that the protection of our existing roadways is of prime importance at this time. I propose to work toward ordinances which would make future builders aware of the concern of the city with regard to our present road system. The condition and use of parks, playgrounds and ball fields need constant surveillance. This city has long prided itself on its parks, playgrounds and ballfields, and I would want the city to continue the services rendered in this area.

I would not be in favor of blanket expansion in these areas without a complete playground study. I have found, by inspection, that some playgrounds receiving the greatest use are in need of major repair. This should be done for the safety of our children.

I was happy to vote for the program of park clean up started this year. This program serves a dual purpose. It provides a needed program of park clean up and the employment of college and high school students who need work during the summer months. The expansion of this program may be possible when the final results are known and analyzed.

The collection of garbage is adequate, with few complaints received. Since this service is on a self sustaining basis, it can be increased as the need arises and as the public demands it.

The recreation program is one of the largest items provided in the municipal operation. The program is more than adequate to provide recreation in some manner to all our children. To expand it further would require a careful study with regard to the number of participants in a particular activity. Increased popularity of sports, such as tennis and archery, merits expansion, and activities decreasing in popularity should be dropped. Expansion without consideration is not a true measure of a successful recreation program.

Parking facilities have been and shall continue to be a problem of our growing community. The addition of parking in Parcel 6 may render some relief in one section, but the other problems will have to be handled by hard work, study and imagination. I have no real solution at this time.

The second phase of the question, dealing with a gift of \$20,000 I must answer in this manner:

I feel quite sure that a philanthropist would not favor his gift going to roadways, garbage collection, police or parking.

For this reason, funds of this type could be channeled to parks, playgrounds, or ballfields, with major emphasis given to Capital Improvement items such as our proposed swimming pool or a future library.

SIMONSON

Just a glance at the playgrounds, park areas, and the Youth Center's vandalized exterior and waist-high pile of broken roller skates will show that present maintenance services are inadequate. Further evidence can be found in Planning Board Report No. 18 (May 28, 1962), where half of the listed capital budget items involve maintenance, in whole or in part. When such items are not systematically handled in yearly budgets, but accumulate to the point where they must be put into a bond-issue referendum maintenance is obviously inadequate.

If a philanthropist offered the city \$20,000 without restrictions, I would be torn between two alternatives. One would be to have the Advisory Planning Board and Recreation Advisory Board work up a priority list of the most needed items, based on some formula of

systematic rating. The second alternative would be to invest the money in land adjoining Greenbelt Lake, to be used for park purposes. If the latter use were made, perhaps the philanthropist could be induced to contribute more money toward furthering such a goal.

SMITH

I do not feel that question #1 can be answered without at the same time answering #3. Questions 1 & 3.

There are several areas of services which appear to need consideration. Most of these would, because of the cost involved have to be accomplished over a long period of time in order to avoid a tax rate which would be prohibitive.

The citizens recently voted in opposition to a capital improvement program I have heard many arguments as to the reasons for voting against this program. One of the main reasons appears to be that the plan as presented would give the City Council blanket authority to expend the \$40,000 permitting them to make an arbitrary decision as to how the money would be spent and the order of priority of items considered.

I would propose a review of this program, with public hearings to be held by the advisory planning board and the City Council to determine if a Capital Improvement Program is desired and if so the specific manner in which it is to be administered.

WHITE

Satisfaction is often a momentary contentment that vacillates with any day to day appraisal of the subject under consideration.

As regards the present level of municipal services, this year's budget provided substantial increases in all departmental budgets in excess of the percentage of growth in new additions to the city. Recognizing this it is apparent that services have been increased, and I feel that for the present the services are adequate and in line with the City's present needs. I would like to point out however, that I am not completely satisfied with some individual aspects of any given service, but these are operational problems as opposed to budgetary problems.

As for the hypothetical donation of \$20,000 to the City, I would ask that the Council receive a recommendation from the Boards, Department heads and the manager as to the manner in which this sum might be most appropriately expended.

Police Department

(2) The Greenbelt police department is said to be understaffed and in need of additional manpower to patrol the center during evening hours and to meet the additional law enforcement needs arising from a growing community. What are your views on the present and future role of the police department in Greenbelt and on requests for additional personnel?

BERNSTEIN

I would provide additional police so that foot patrols could be provided in the Center after dark to prevent disorder. Part-time special police could be employed for this purpose. I would make every effort to enlist the part-time services of College athletes in these jobs so that juveniles would be handled in a firm enlightened manner whenever authority must be exercised.

BOISVERT

The police department should be expanded so as to provide one patrolman for every 500 citizens of Greenbelt.

CHAMPION

In executive sessions, and unknown to the citizens who took the time and effort to attend the single public hearing held on the budget, the police chief very eloquently

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detailed the need for two additional men within the department and it cannot be denied that he left that particular "closed door" meeting with the assumption (based on Council's comments) that he would be provided with the requested increase in man power. **This never came about.** The needs of police service will grow according to the population and at a faster rate than any single service within the City of Greenbelt.

Each Council must accept the responsibility for its shortcomings as to the conditions during the evening hours in the Center. Some form of additional legislation which will require parental responsibility for distasteful actions on the part of rowdy individuals may be needed. Another major area of concern in the city manager form of government is the crying need for councilmen who have the ability to differentiate between policy-making responsibilities and managerial responsibility in the field of hiring and firing.

FISHER

I am in full concurrence with those who feel a need for a larger police department. With two added sections in operation now, namely the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center and Springhill Lake, proper police coverage by the present staff is difficult. It is known that on many occasions, outside assistance from both county and state has to be requested. To cite an example, should an accident occur on Kenilworth, much of which is under Greenbelt's jurisdiction down to Good Luck Road, our police officers would have to police the area until all matters are settled. If, at the same time, an accident occurs right in town, it is most likely that outside help would have to be requested to handle it. As these two new areas are still growing, it is obvious that our police force must expand in order to cope with any and all situations which may arise.

GOLDFADEN

The Greenbelt Police Department is better organized today than at any time since George Panagoulis left for his County job. We have a dynamic Chief, a Veteran Lt. and 5 full time officers, plus 2 part time men. We have 24 hour services at the switch board and patrolling and I am in favor of maintaining this service.

I don't think the department is understaffed at the present time. We have added 1½ police officers and only added a few homes at Lakeside and 350 apts. at Springhill Lake.

I know that as the City grows, so will the Police Department. When the Klein Department store is completed and the first 1,000 units at Springhill Lake are finished, we will need extra police officers, and I will vote favorably to increase the Police Department.

HOFF

We must consult the City Manager about the needs of the Police Department. It seems obvious that an expanding community like Greenbelt created a need for additional policemen, including possibly foot patrolmen. A careful study should be made to determine what laws are necessary to enable the Police Department to control community law violations. The role of the Police Department has not changed — its responsibility continues to be maintenance of order and safety for all citizens. The department needs good leadership and adequate money necessary to accomplish its goals. The Greenbelt Police Department has had its problems during the past year, and those problems need not be rehashed at this time. However, we must strive to see that those problems do not continue or recur.

O'LOUGHLIN

The police department is understaffed. There is at this writing justification for at least one more man to adequately cover the shifts at the present time. Illness and accumulated leave time taken by

officers usually results in a shift not being covered properly. The future role of the police dept will call for additional manpower and equipment to adequately protect the citizenry. It will play an integral part in the growth of our community.

PHILLIPS

As I have indicated earlier, I feel that the services are satisfactory. This includes the Police Department. I will always support a 24 hour police protection for all citizens of Greenbelt. As the population grows, I will support an enlarged police force.

PILSKI

I am in favor of maintaining our full time police force, with expansion as the need arises. The contemplated growth will require an expansion of the department. We must maintain our police protection we now enjoy and extend this security to our new residents.

SIMONSON

In recent years the police department has been subjected to very trying conditions which could only impair morale. Data presented by the police chief during budget hearings show that the police force is understaffed according to national standards. The recent dismissal of the night watchmen at Springhill Lake has thrown an additional burden on our police force. All of these factors would contribute to the reputed increase in problems requiring police action.

Any attack on these problems should involve both the restoration of morale and addition of required personnel. Perhaps a special committee should be appointed to study juvenile problems, its membership comprising both interested youths and active youth leaders. A better understanding of the problems involved could lead to more effective measures of control.

SMITH

I feel that there is a definite need for a city police force and as the city grows the need will become greater. This matter has been considered for many years by the City Council and no other method of providing police protection to our citizens has proved adequate.

With regard to the adequacy of the police department at the present time, since the budget hearing on his department was held in "executive session" neither I nor anyone other than the City Council, the City Manager, and the Police Chief know the basis for the determination as to whether or not the present police force is adequate.

WHITE

I am not aware of the News Review's source of information that the "police department is said to be understaffed" nor the validity of this statement. The police budget requested 1½ men, the approved budget allowed one man. An increase in funds for overtime pay has provided additional police man-hours that approaches ½ a man. Since the total of the above approximates the departmental budget request, I am not aware of any deficiency in the projected or present staffing needs of this department.

I am in favor of continuing the 24 hour police program and also directing as much police supervision, as is possible, into the Center. Staff additions or expansion are a case of supply and demand. Shown justification of any additional staffing need I would most certainly support staff increases, and fully recognize that as the City grows so will the police staff.

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Capital Improvements

(3) What provisions would you make for the urgently needed capital improvement program that was defeated in last November's referendum?

BERNSTEIN

The capital improvement program, as recommended by the Advisory Planning Board, emphasized the need for some objective manner whereby the priority of needed capital improvements could be determined and whereby needed improvements could be accomplished immediately and paid for over a period of time at no additional total cost to individual taxpayers. Accordingly, the Board recommended the adoption of a specific formula that would prescribe point values for the most essential factors involved in all capital improvement programs, i.e. safety, health, number of persons affected, beauty, convenience, etc. Under this formula, each proposed improvement could be evaluated and its relative priority determined. For example, a dangerous condition that would affect the health of the entire community would obviously be given priority over a limited improvement program that would benefit only a few.

An integral part of the Board's recommendation was "Do now, pay later." Under this proposal five cents for each hundred dollars of assessed valuation would be included in the annual tax rate for capital improvements. This would provide sufficient funds to pay the interest and amortization on any loan made to finance the improvements.

After adopting this formula, the Board then applied it to those projects that the Council then had under consideration and made its recommendations as to relative priority. As chairman of the Advisory Planning Board, I carefully explained the total proposal to council at the budget meeting. Council adopted the tax assessment proposal (3c per \$100), but never did adopt or publicize the Board's closely-related recommendation of the priority formula. Instead, Council submitted only the financing plan to the voters, who thereupon defeated the measure because they understandably believed they were buying a pig in a poke. I am sure that had Council adopted the Board's full recommendations, so that the citizens would have been assured that objectivity, rather than political expediency, would determine the priority of the projects, then the final vote would have been in favor of the program in the referendum.

If elected, I would vote to re-submit the matter to the citizens, but only after adopting the formula that assures objectivity and only after ensuring that the voters are fully informed about the total mechanics of the plan.

BOISVERT

The capital improvements program should be reintroduced on a subsequent referendum. A renewed effort should be made to explain the necessity for this program.

CHAMPION

Since my election to Council in 1959 I have consistently urged and the Advisory Planning Board recommended that the revolving fund method of financing improvements be employed to obtain these needs. I am also confident that this city could explain the technical aspects of such a financial program to the electorate in a brochure similar to one used in many cities. But first sufficient funds must be made available to the Advisory Planning Board to prepare the necessary studies to justify the need for these improvements; second sufficient funds must be made available to the manager for the necessary brochure, but above all we need councilmen who have the ability to recognize that the electorate must be fully informed as to the need for this program. If re-elected, I will work towards such an orderly and constructive approach.

FISHER

Some of the Capital Improvements have already been worked on even though the plan was defeated by Referendum. The overflow problem has been removed at Crescent between Greenhill and Northway. This was done with the help of the W.S.S.C. The roadway is in the process of being widened at the top of Northway near Hillside. I am sure other improvements will be made when deemed necessary and when finances are feasible. More than this, I can not say since, I must repeat again, I am only a citizen and therefore unaware of any plans possibly discussed at the many executive meetings.

GOLDFADEN

The Capital Improvement Program has moved along very well, when you consider that the people voted against a bond issue to improve many needed items. I was in favor of this bond issue, and have worked on Council to have completed as many items on the program that could be done with the amount of money allotted in the budget.

In the budgets of 1962 and 1963, I have voted for an item to be included in the budget earmarked for Capital Improvement. We have \$5,000.00 from 1961; \$4,000.00 from 1962 and \$5,000.00 from 1963. We have completed the following items that were presented to Council by the Advisory Planning Board:

1. Lakewood drainage
2. Curb & gutters at 25 Ridge
3. Widening Northway Road
4. Resurfacing Tennis Courts
5. New Parking Lot (G.C.S. behind store)
6. New Parking areas in Courts
7. Improvement of Center Mall

HOFF

A capital improvement program is one of long-range planning with established goals to accomplish major projects. The program should be coordinated with long-range fiscal planning. The Advisory Planning Board has submitted recommendations regarding capital improvements which have not been adhered to. The fact that the voters rejected the capital improvements referendum leads me to wonder whether the voters felt the listed projects had sufficient merit to be accepted at that time.

O'LOUGHLIN

The capital improvement program needs a great deal of study to determine how we can finance the necessary programs. There is no doubt that through properly oriented programs of informing the various interested groups in our community that a city council can win the support of the citizenry and carry out the capital improvement program successfully.

PHILLIPS

A tour of the city would indicate the many capital improvements that have been accomplished in the past two years. I propose that, in the next two years, the city undertake a comprehensive sidewalk program and storm water control program.

PILSKI

Capital Improvements, in my opinion, deal with a study of programs involving substantial amounts for community projects over a long term. It is not a piecemeal collection of items to be completed under a cloak of satisfying sectional desires.

Capital Improvements are projects that show needs that will arise from a growing community, such as the Youth Center, Firehouse, Municipal Building, swimming pool, and others involving large sums of money. Piecemeal or sectional needs must be handled through our regular budget to prevent the budget from becoming too heavy with regard to debt reduction of major and piecemeal projects. We should not confuse community improvement by regular taxation with Capital Improvements through long term financing.

SIMONSON

As a first step, the Advisory Planning Board and Recreation Advisory Board should prepare an up-to-date list of needed capital improvements, and assign priority ratings on the basis of some formula as was done in APB Report No. 18. This would indicate the immediate needs, which would unquestionably be augmented by future needs as development of vacant lands proceeds. Long-term financing through bond issue would be essential to catch up on long-postponed needs, and would provide the most equitable relationship of usage to costs. A revolving fund might be the best way of handling both present and future needs. The bonds could be repaid by a specified annual levy for this purpose, probably not exceeding 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

SMITH

See Question #1.

WHITE

The Capital Improvement program has been of keen interest to me and the recent referendum (although it went down to defeat) received my fullest support. It has been possible to accomplish many of the items that were under consideration at the time of the referendum out of the funds that were set aside each year for the purpose of providing capital improvements.

It would be well to again study the items which were recommended to Council, reassign priorities and make a determination toward accomplishment of those items which are to be completed.

Golden Triangle

(4) A petition to rezone the 56-acre triangular tract (the "Golden Triangle") bounded by Kenilworth Ave., Greenbelt rd., and the Circumferential Beltway from RR (rural residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) for use as a regional shopping center has been referred to city council for recommendations. What are your views on the development of this vacant land?

BERNSTEIN

The triangular tract of 56 acres now zoned rural residential undoubtedly will need rezoning, but there is no justifiable basis at this time for rezoning the tract as general commercial.

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is now completing a study on the several land uses to which this controversial acreage could be put. Why then the haste for immediate rezoning, especially to a zoning classification for which there is as yet no demonstrated community need?

Of the several developers who have unsuccessfully applied from time to time for rezoning for commercial shopping centers for other areas in Greenbelt, each has unanimously represented that professional surveys showed that Greenbelt could support but one regional shopping center. Although I am personally displeased with the location of Greenbelt's existing shopping center (Beltway Plaza) because I think the location could have been better planned, nonetheless, Beltway Plaza now exists. No zoning change was needed by the developer for that particular center, or otherwise the City's objection to its location might have been expressed. **But Beltway Plaza does exist.** Accordingly, there is now no demonstrated need for another regional shopping center.

Does this necessarily mean that the "Golden Triangle" should never be rezoned? Not necessarily. I propose that we first await the recommended revision to Greenbelt's Master Plan now being prepared by MNCPPC. I then propose that we permit the new residential areas of the city to develop sufficiently so that Greenbelt's character as a residential community is firmly established. If this City should begin to get a reputation as a primarily non-residential area, then we would undoubtedly be faced with more and more commercial rezoning proposals.

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There is one type of circumstance under which I might regard early rezoning of the "Golden Triangle" with favor. This would be only if application were made to rezone for a desirable research and development type of activity for a non-government or commercial facility that needs to be located in the vicinity of the Goddard Space Flight Center, or for an office building or professional center, or for some other high-calibre, non-residential use.

But in no event is there now or foreseeable any need to rezone the "Golden Triangle" for another regional shopping center.

BOISVERT

I will not support any program of rezoning the "Golden Triangle" area to C-2. There is clearly no need for an additional shopping center in this area.

CHAMPION

In perspective, the development of this particular piece of land is probably the singularly most important acreage that will set and guide the pattern of the "NEW Greenbelt" for many years to come. Due to its prime location, various land uses, road network complex, it has all the ingredients to hold the key to the physical appearance of Greenbelt from now to the foreseeable future. If hastily considered and re-zoned for superficial and immediate apparent benefits (e.g.: tax relief) it may well be the "donny-brook" to undo all that Greenbelt has stood for (the world over) for the last 25 years.

In considering the character of use to which this piece of ground might be put, every council must also consider what influence the proposed use may have on future zoning of all adjacent land in the immediate and distant vicinity.

Because the adjacent land on Greenbelt Road could legitimately request the same use as the Triangle, utmost caution is required. Otherwise, the mass sale of homes in the developed portions of Lakeside might occur as is now occurring on the Berwyn Heights side of Greenbelt Road across from Beltway Plaza.

Upon petition for rezoning of this tract council must consider past developments and future needs of the City of Greenbelt and its people. A congested commercial center, similar to the one in Langley Park although "Golden" to the developer could be the undoing of years of considerate planning for a truly planned community.

FISHER

I have been informed that outside interests have a plan to place a third shopping center in the 56 acre tract of land known as the "Golden Triangle" Looking at the maps it seems that this new center would attract persons from out of town, it would be away from our "Center" and it would certainly afford our city with more tax income. But the maps seem to indicate also that no access to the area would be possible from the new Beltway. Yet the backers of the proposed shopping center seem sure of success. I can make no suggestions as to what can be developed on this piece of land at the present time. It is land that has never been used and part of our "Greenbelt" If it remains that way many will be satisfied but if the land is rezoned so that a shopping center can be developed, I can only hope that it will prove to be an asset to our city.

GOLDFADEN

I voted in favor of this rezoning in 1962. I believe that this area would make a much better commercial site than the Beltway Plaza. Also, I feel that the City would have received a larger tax return from the development of this area. The Triangle is located between three high speed highways and this limits the development of this area. I hope the owners of this property will give some consideration to other types of development for the future.

At the present time I would

have to reconsider my vote on this area, because of the completion of S. Klein's department store at the Beltway Plaza. Although I still believe that the Beltway Plaza is not situated in a good location for a regional shopping center, I would like to see what progress the Klein's development will have on the entire Beltway Plaza expansion.

HOFF

On the question of the "Golden Triangle", I cannot see it being developed as another shopping center when the Beltway Plaza has not even been completed so that its potentials can be evaluated. The development of shopping centers in the Greenbelt area has already reached the saturation point. This could be dangerous, for recently in nearby communities some shopping centers have gone out of business and have become small ghost towns which occupy valuable property.

The "Golden Triangle" should be developed by businesses which are unique to Greenbelt and definitely durable, such as office buildings or government structures that boost the economy by providing employment.

O'LOUGHLIN

It is not feasible at this time to answer these questions in any specific manner. In view of the exploding population boom which we now enjoy I believe that it is inevitable that the future city council will have to make a complete study of the approximately 56 parcels for zoning. It is evident that the county is going to evaluate the zoning requests for Greenbelt and it will be necessary for the future council to try and assist the county in evaluating these zoning requests which will benefit the present and future generations of Greenbelt citizens.

PHILLIPS

The County has already zoned the "Golden Triangle" residential. What the reasons were I do not know, but there do seem to be many drawbacks to living on a 56-acre tract surrounded by three major highways.

PILSKI

Ideally I would prefer this to remain rural residential, but realistically I know this parcel will never develop with single dwelling homes.

High rise apartments can be built, but they do not blend in to the character of Greenbelt. It may be the entering wedge for placing a wall of apartments around our town.

Light Industrial would be desirable, if it were the type associated with Electronic Operations.

Commercial is requested, as it was in the past. At that time many spoke for it and many opposed it. I could see advantages to the city if built and disadvantages in the problems it will create. Many months have passed since the last request was made, and I would have to respect the wishes of the majority if elected to Council, by casting my vote with them, either for or against it.

SIMONSON

The development of the Golden Triangle has been considered twice by the Advisory Planning Board (Reports No. 10 and 11, 12/61 and 1/62), and two additional times by its Standing Committee on Residential, Industrial and Commercial Land Development (while working on a revised Master Plan during January-April 1962, and again this summer in connection with the pending rezoning petition). As a member of the Board and chairman of the Committee, I have concurred with the findings of both groups.

The APB found that, at best, only one regional shopping center in this area is economically feasible. (Mr. Lerner, who developed Wheaton Plaza and had a hand in Prince Georges Plaza, concurred with the APB on this point). With a major department store under construction, Beltway Plaza is as-

sured of regional status. Two half-starved centers would afford the city neither the revenue nor the services that would accrue from optimum land use.

If land use other than residential were to be considered, a research and development type of light industry would be highly preferable. It could be much more attractively landscaped, bring the city as much or more tax revenue, and not produce the serious traffic problems which a shopping center would generate. Other possible uses would be for a junior college, or a research branch of some large university like M.I.T. An attractively landscaped, high class motel-restaurant complex would be a possibility for part of the area.

SMITH

The triangle referred to in question #4 was petitioned for rezoning from rural residential to commercial zoning in 1962. The City Council voted 3-2 in favor of the re-zoning and the county council denied it.

There were many factors which were considered by the advisory planning Board, the City Council and the County Council which I do not have the benefit of.

Some of the factors which I consider relevant are: the property in question will be physically separated from Greenbelt proper by a net work of major four lane highways permitting the City to realize the benefit of the increase in the assessable tax base with a minimum of services chargeable to the City budget, 2) the impact of commercial zoning on the traffic problem, 3) should the property be developed for other purposes such as rural residential (which appears to be extremely doubtful) or apartments, the effect it will have on the schools in this area.

These are some of the things which I would have to investigate in great detail in order to make, what I would consider, an intelligent decision regarding this problem.

WHITE

The development of the 56 acre triangle is a most interesting topic and one that can be met with considerable speculation. A year and one-half ago, I voted favorably to recommend approval of a petition to rezone this tract to a commercial zoning for the purpose of the developing this tract into a regional shopping center complete with a Korvettes and J. C. Penny department stores. At the time of this zoning hearing the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center did not contain a large store.

Conditions are different today in that the Beltway Plaza has obtained a lease with Kleins Department Store of New York which is soon to open. Additionally, new information regarding school locations in the area, area population projections, economic growth, etc. will soon be available. These factors must also be evaluated prior to any council consideration of this petition.

As to the development of this land for other uses — one might speculate that an office building or other large employment center might be an appropriate development. I would strongly object to any use as a trucking center, etc.

High-Rise Apts.

(5) At various times, high-rise or multiple-story apartments have been suggested for some of the vacant land, specifically, adjacent to the Greenbelt Lake and along Glenn Dale road on the eastern side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. How do you feel about this?

BERNSTEIN

The Advisory Planning Board has consistently recommended denial of applications for high-rise apartments in Greenbelt. Additional individual homes of character are urgently needed before any additional apartments should be considered. Land already rezoned for multiple dwelling is sufficient. Under present zoning, apartments at Springhill Lake, at

Kenilworth Avenue and Ridge Road, and town houses off Greenbelt Road to the Lake, will provide more than enough multiple dwellings for this City. Need does exist for additional well planned, high styled, sturdily constructed, individual homes, priced in the medium price range.

BOISVERT

High rise or multiple-story apartments have no place in the City of Greenbelt.

CHAMPION

While many approaches have been made to the city council over the past years to re-zone certain areas by the lake for high-rise apartment houses, no council, to my knowledge, has ever taken them seriously. I strongly urge that all of the undeveloped land next to the lake be acquired for additional park and recreational facilities for our expanding city. This objective could never be achieved by dedicating the lake to Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission as one councilman suggests.

A. H. Smith and Frank Ewing, a real estate syndicate has (on the basis of an 8 hour study) presented to the Council in secret session a plan to develop on approximately 175 acres within the city limits, 8000 apartment units, for 20,000 persons. This contemplates about a half dozen 14 story buildings. When this estimated population increase is added to Spring Hill Lake's projected 15,000 people, about 5 times Greenbelt's present population will be apartment dwellers. This cannot be tolerated.

Although one of the syndicate bluntly stated that he was unaware that the city had an Advisory Planning Board, their attorney, T. Hammond Welch, knew of the existence. He had appeared before it many times in behalf of other developers. None the less, the applicants in the presence of this attorney insisted that if they had known that the city had a planning board, the application would have been submitted to the Board before it was filed with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

When applicants make such reckless statements, any proposal they submit should be received with the greatest skepticism.

FISHER

As far as high-rise apartments are concerned, I will take a definite stand. I don't like them and hope that we never see any being constructed within the corporate limits of the city of Greenbelt. I would definitely oppose any zoning petitions which would allow for such buildings to be constructed.

GOLDFADEN

I am on record as being in favor of single family units wherever possible, and Garden type Town Houses, where single family units are not possible. I feel we have a natural boundary between the Capital Beltway which is being completed and the Washington-Baltimore Parkway. I feel that we should try to keep the area between these two highways in single family units and Garden Type Town Houses, with plenty of open spaces, and green areas. If we can develop this way, the heart of Greenbelt will always remain as we know it, with underpasses and inner walkways, as old Greenbelt was originally planned.

Good development should keep the High Rise and Multiple Units outside the main area of homes.

I believe that if Glenn Dale Road is improved and a new bridge put across the Parkway, there is a possibility of a luxurious High-Rise being developed on the other side of the Parkway along Glendale Road. Of course this development will depend on many other problems being completed, such as road pattern, traffic control, access roads to Good Luck Road, Sewer, Water, etc.

HOFF

I have discussed this with members of the Planning Board. I understand that they have presented to the Council plans which I feel represent the desires of the people of Greenbelt to retain the city as a residential community rather than make it a high-rise apartment development with a high-density population similar to Langley Park.

O'LOUGHLIN

See my answer to question (4).

PHILLIPS

This council has recommended denial of several apartment developments in Greenbelt because of the problems of density; but each case must be weighed on its own merits.

PILSKI

I have as a citizen and councilman opposed all requests for high rise or multiple story apartments. I am not in favor of surrounding Greenbelt with a ring of developments of this type.

SIMONSON

With Greenbelt's housing already overbalanced with apartments, there is really no need for additional housing of this type. In addition, high rise apartments would spoil the beauty of Greenbelt Lake and create extremely serious traffic congestion on Glendale Road. Over 20,000 new residents would be added between the Parkway and NASA, within the city limits of Greenbelt, if the four pending rezoning petitions were granted (the Advisory Planning Board unanimously recommended denial). The implications of such high-density development are sobering if not frightening.

SMITH

I am definitely opposed to high rise apartments anywhere within the City of Greenbelt. This type of development is contrary to my concept and the concept of those who prepared the master plan for the orderly development of our City. It is in my opinion an extremely undesirable type of development from the view point of aesthetics, the impact on the traffic problem, the impact on schools, etc., with no advantages whatsoever.

WHITE

I have publicly stated on numerous occasions that I have and will endeavor to encourage, recommend and endorse the development of Greenbelt as a residential community of consistent character and in harmonious accord with the present heritage of "green-belts" and garden-type of setting.

However, it should be noted that the three new highways — the Parkway, Beltway and Kenilworth Avenue — have sliced off portions of land that may not become extensions of single family dwelling units. Thus we must re-double our efforts to insure that low density development occurs on the land immediately adjacent to presently developed Greenbelt. I am strongly opposed to high rise or multiple story apartments adjacent to Greenbelt Lake.

Regarding high-rise apartments across the Parkway on the tract adjacent to NASA it may be possible to substantiate a need for such development since NASA is hiring more and more personnel and many may be interested in living in apartments instead of homes. In any event apartment development might not be possible unless solutions are found for schools, roads, recreation areas, sewers, and storm drainage.

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Mr. Stevens is the former director of the reading laboratory in the Graduate School of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is now serving as consultant in reading for various U. S. Government agencies.

Enrollment for the workshop is limited, so early registration is advised.

Classes begin September 24 and will be conducted in room 104 of the Business and Public Administration Building every Tuesday evening from 7 - 9 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to: Director of Institutes, University College, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland (#20742).

Flu Protection Advised

Although an epidemic of influenza is not anticipated for the eastern United States this winter, the State Health Department recommends immunization for those whose health may be endangered by an attack of the disease.

Dr. John H. Janney, Chief, Division of Epidemiology of the Maryland State Department of Health, said that the Communicable Disease Center of the Public Health Service reports no signs up to now which point to a widespread outbreak of either influenza A or B during the 1963-64 season. However, he explained, sporadic cases are likely to appear and contact with the infection is difficult to avoid.

Although flu is a relatively mild respiratory disease for most people, long experience strongly emphasizes that certain groups of the population are at greatest risk of severe illness or death should they acquire the disease. These include persons suffering from chronic debilitating disease, pregnant women and persons in older age groups, particularly those over 65.

Dr. Janney urged individuals in the high-risk groups to contact their family physicians.

The epidemiologist said an uncomplicated attack puts considerable strain on even a healthy body, and when a body is handicapped by chronic conditions such as heart or kidney disease, asthma, tuberculosis, bronchitis or diabetes, it may well prove fatal. Pneumonia is one of the most dangerous complications, especially in infants and persons over fifty. When flu is prevalent, pneumonia rates go up. At the peak of the Asian flu outbreak early this year, deaths due to influenza-pneumonia in Maryland rose to three times the normal number. The majority were in elderly people.

The public health official said there was considerable increase in vaccinations of the working-age group last year. Some State and County agencies and several large industries made the vaccine available to their employees. He said this practice is particularly important for public service employees and hospital staffs.

For those who have had no influenza vaccine since 1957, two injections are recommended, the first to be obtained in September and the second two months later or before the end of December. For those who have had the vaccine since 1957, a single booster should be sufficient.

Even though a full series of shots was received within the past year, a booster is highly recommended because the vaccine has just been revised to include more recent strains.

County Playground Report

Registration at playgrounds conducted by the Prince George's County Recreation Department increased by 1,500 over last year's registration for a total of 19,560 youngsters. Attendance was up by 23,000 over last summer, with 472,000 record visits to playgrounds.

The County Recreation Department provided 198 leaders and specialists to conduct a varied program for seven weeks, July 1 through August 16th. All supplies for the playgrounds were provided by Community Recreation Councils who also furnished volunteer adults to assist the leaders and to take children to ball games and special trips.

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WHY WE NEED A NEW COUNCIL

(1) The three-man majority of council, in pushing for development of the vacant land at breakneck speed, has given primary consideration to the developers' interests. It has failed to consider fully the needs of the community and the public concern for preservation of green areas and open spaces.

We need a council that will not look upon the development of the vacant land as solely a means of increasing the tax base; that will examine each zoning petition from the standpoint of its conformity to the goals of Greenbelt's master plan as a planned community.

We need a council that will provide suitable controls and supervision over the activities of the developers, especially with respect to use of existing roadways for construction purposes and to adequate provisions for school sites, park and recreation areas, paved roads and sidewalks, etc.

(2) The majority has displayed a singular lack of foresight in preparing for the growing needs of an expanded Greenbelt, especially with respect to providing a long-range planned capital improvements program acceptable to the electorate and additional personnel, particularly for the police and public works departments.

We need a council that will not let the goal of a lower tax rate blind itself to the city's needs for capital improvements and services.

(3) The majority has followed a pattern of by-passing or ignoring its citizen advisory boards or else bringing them in after major decisions were made. The site and plans of the municipal building were never reviewed by the Advisory Planning Board. The plans for the reconstruction of the swimming pool were referred to the Recreation Advisory Board only at the last moment. The recommendations of the Personnel Board establishing an improved classified civil service system were sat upon for over a year.

We need a council that will make full use of its citizen advisory boards.

(4) Interference in administrative matters by councilmen has undermined the effectiveness and morale of city employees. Partly as a result of this interference, the council has been faced at one time or another with the resignation of some of its key management people.

We need a council that will be appreciative of the council-manager form of government under which the council sets well-defined policy and places responsibility for administration of policy with the city manager and staff.

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Based on the above record, in our opinion, the three-man majority of council (White, Goldfaden, and Phillips) has not earned your vote for reelection.

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Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik, Granite 4.6060 It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. James Long, 20-M Hillside. Diane Ruth made her debut August 28 weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. She joins Deborah Lynne, Darrell Ray, and Darcy Ann.

A happy-happy birthday to Ann Marie Mongelli, 45-G Ridge, who celebrated her fifth birthday.

Sixteen year old Jimmy Brown, 5-A Ridge, has returned from a tour of duty with the Civil Air Patrol at the Langley Air Base in Virginia.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Paige Powell, 118 Greenhill, who was eleven years old.

Fourteen year old Hans and eleven year old Susanna Varmer, 23-D Ridge, spent a memorable summer with their grandparents and relatives in Copenhagen, Koge, and Helison, Denmark. Their activities were many - among them hunting and fishing.

Attention Spring Hill Lake residents! Articles for the News Review can be left with Mrs. Marion Weston, 6144 Springhill Drive, Apartment 303. We are delighted that Mrs. Weston will be covering this new beat for us.

For the third duplicate bridge game in a row, the name Lushine took the spotlight, as Lou and Lucille romped away with first-place honors at the August 23 session. In second place were Eve and Cliff Simonson. Next game: Friday, September 13.

New Girl Scout Handbooks

One of the busiest weeks in the history of Girl Scouting will start September 9. More than 45,000 Girl Scouts in the Greater Washington area will be involved in the "new design" in the Girl Scout Program.

Next week will mark the first meetings of Girl Scout troops in four new age levels: Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior. New Girl Scout Handbooks, developed to correspond to these age levels, will go on sale for the first time.

Girl Scouts and leaders of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital will participate Wednesday, September 11, in the presentation of the new handbooks to

"Phony Tax Cut"

To the Editor:

Gertrude Stein might say, "A tax cut is a tax cut is a tax cut." But when's a tax cut not a tax cut?

In the average American community, the fiscally responsible governing body will assess the community needs, and its anticipated tax load, for the coming year and act in behalf of the community's best interests. Our Council did assess the Community's tax load, and the members of Council were fully aware that a fiscal year change-over was pending, a change-over that will require Council to collect one-and-a-half year's taxes in one year. But instead of helping the taxpayers of Greenbelt to shoulder this burden more easily, by increasing the City's tax reserves, the majority of the Council voted a phony tax cut that practically eliminates all City tax reserves, but which, they expect, will assure this majority's re-election to Council.

Lakewood residents enjoyed a somewhat similar 'tax cut' when, in the development's first year, collection of city taxes was somehow overlooked. The bitter sting of doubling up on the tax bill in the following year will not soon be forgotten.

Through Council's selfish, political opportunism, the Greenbelt taxpayer faces an increase of approximately 50% in his tax bill within the next two years. This much is certain. It can only be hoped that this action by Council will not be unduly harsh on too many Greenbelters. It does seem proper, however, that Greenbelt citizens understand the prospects Council has placed before them in time to consider the election of candidates less politically motivated, and with a clearer understanding of the long-term solutions to the City's problems.

Simon M. Pristoop

TEEN BOARD FRUSTRATION

To the Editor:

In answer to Mr. Simonson's letter, I would like to point out that while it may be true that "The Teen Club Advisory Board resigned en masse with a feeling of frustration", the present City Council can not be held entirely responsible for that condition.

This frustration was the result of many unfortunate circumstances and occurrences which developed gradually over a period of years and was climaxed by the passage of Ordinance No. 477 on March 6, 1961. This Ordinance removed most of the powers of the Advisory Board but the Board attempted to continue to function for almost two years before submitting their resignation.

Having served on that Board for over twelve years, I worked closely with more than six different City Councils. Most of them weighed our recommendations very carefully, but no Council, including the present one, ever blindly accepted every recommendation we made to them.

I agree with Mr. Simonson that any Council "should make full and effective use of the advisory boards" in order to provide the necessary leadership. However, I am convinced that the present Council did try to be fair to this Board, even in the face of many handicaps which were not of their making.

Beverley G. Fonda

members of Congress. Each Congressman will receive a set of the four books from a leader and two young Girl Scouts, who will meet him at his office. Many leaders and girls from this area will be among the 1,500 who will make Capitol Hill a "Sea of Green" next Wednesday.

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School Board's Budget Offers Enriched Program

(Editor's note: The following is an interim report of the schools committee of Prince Georges County, under the chairmanship of Paul Fowler.)

Advantages for every child attending Prince Georges County schools have been increased with the adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of the Board of Education's budget for 1963-64. We feel we continue to have one of the best educational programs in the metropolitan area.

In addition to a good program of basic curricula, special services are provided in many areas. Some examples are:

—Foreign languages, Spanish and French, are now part of the curriculum in the 4th grade and continue in the 5th grade for a given number of children who received them last year under a pilot program.

—Remedial reading teachers are now visiting schools to work with children who have problems with reading.

—Schools, classes, and teachers are now available to mentally retarded and physically handicapped children, although more are needed. Whenever possible children with handicaps are made part of the regular classroom with only one or two periods a day in special classes.

—Curricula are now available in senior high schools which work with the newest developments in mathematics and the sciences.

—Educational television programs are available in every elementary school, with closed-circuit in Buck Lodge Junior High.

—Home teaching is available to children who are ill or convalescing.

—Teachers have one of the highest beginning salaries, although thought must now be given to the top of the scale to retain experienced teachers.

—Estimates indicate an increase of 8,000 new pupils for next year.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any Greenbelt resident who is registered to vote in the city election on September 17 and who will be unable to vote in person, may cast an absentee ballot. The city clerk's office has request forms for the absentee ballot. The voter must specify his reason for being unable to vote at the polling place — such as being out of town or being confined to bed with illness. All requests must reach the city clerk's office by September 13, three days prior to the election. Ballots must be returned before the close of the polls, 7 p.m. September 17.

The city clerk's office reports that 1724 citizens are registered to vote. This compares with 1,473 registered voters in the 1961 council election.

—In order to fill new positions and to take care of turn-over, between 800 and 900 teachers will have to be employed. They come from every state.

—Junior College is available in the county, with a new building under construction. The cost is 1/3 pupil, 1/3 county, and 1/3 state.

—The newest program is Kindergarten, and the cost is 1/2 county and 1/2 pupil.

—The University of Maryland is in Prince Georges County, where teacher training is offered free of tuition.

—Integration is being accomplished generally in a calm and smooth manner. The freedom-of-choice policy is observed with any child, regardless of race. He is permitted to attend the school of his choice whenever possible.

Thanks

To the Editor:

The Greenbelt Festival Committee would like to thank Mr. E. Don Bullian for the splendid job he did as chairman of the Ninth Annual Festival, and Sgt. Green for the wonderful parade. Congratulations to Miss Mary De Marzo, the new Queen of Greenbelt.

Ernest Varda, President
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RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 724 OF THE GREENBELT CITY CHARTER P.L.L. 1953 TO PROVIDE SALARY INCREASES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 38

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that Section 724 (P.L.L. 1953) of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, shall be amended to provide a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$1,250.00) Dollars for the Mayor and a salary of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars per annum for each of the other Councilmen as follows (Added material is capitalized; deleted material is bold face:

724. Creation, Salary and Composition of Council. Except as otherwise provided in this charter all powers of the city shall be vested in a Council of five members nominated and elected from the city at large in the manner hereinafter provided. The term of each Councilman shall be for two years and until his successor shall have qualified, and shall begin on the first Monday of September following the regular municipal election. If a vacancy (occur) OCCURS in the Council it shall be filled in accordance with Section 744 of this charter. (Each councilman) THE MAYOR SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY OF ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (\$1,250.00) DOLLARS PER ANNUM AND THE OTHER COUNCILMEN EACH shall receive a salary of (\$750.00) ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS per annum, payable in twenty-six bi-weekly payments. No ordinance amending the charter with respect to fixing or changing the salary of Councilmen shall become effective during the current term of councilmen enacting such ordinance.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at Regular meeting, August 19, 1963.

Francis W. White
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Prices Subject to Market Change		Prices Effective
Quantity Rights Reserved		Sept. 3 thru 10 1963

Fresh U. S. Grade "A" Govt. Inspected whole only **27c**
FRYERS Cut up **31c** lb.

Fresh Govt. Inspected **CHICKEN LEGS** lb. **43c** | Fresh Govt. Inspected **CHICKEN BREASTS** lb. **49c**

Smoked Picnics Sliced lb. 33c Whole Only lb. **49c**

Select Tender **BEEF LIVER** lb. **39c** | Dukeland Extra Lean **CORNED BEEF BRISKET** lb. **69c**

CO-OP All Meat **SLICED BOLOGNA** 1 lb. pkg. **49c** | Mt. Vernon Sugar Cured **SLICED BACON** lb. **49c**

Delicious **Apples** 3 lb. cello **49c** | **HONEY DEW MELONS** ea. **49c**

Frozen Food Sale

Morton's Frozen **DINNERS** Ham, Meatloaf, Chicken, Beef Salisbury, Turkey, Spaghetti and Meatballs. Limit 12, Please Save 20c 11 oz. pkg. **29c**

Frozen Coconut Custard **MORTON'S PIE** Save 20c Limit 3 22 oz. pkg. **19c**

Morton's Frozen **CREAM PIES** Banana, Chocolate, Neopolitan and Lemon Save 20c 14 oz. pie **29c**

Birds Eye Frozen **PEAS** Save 47c on 7 **7** 10 oz. pkgs. **\$1**

Oven Fresh **PEACH PIE** 8-in. Pie **39c**

CAMPBELLS TOMATO SOUP Reg. 4 for 45c Save 9c on 4 10 1/2-oz. cans **9c**