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CITY COUNCIL HAS TROUBLE WITH ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS S. Klein Says No, But Giant Says Go

by Al Skolnik

The appointment of George Neumann and Joseph Comproni to the city's Advisory Planning Board brought an immediate adverse reaction from APB Chairman Harvey Geller at last Monday's city council meeting. Geller termed the appointments "political" and said that the APB was originally designed as a non-partisan group to attract the best talent in town to help advise the city on planning. Geller charged that some top-notch planning experts were skipped over in the appointments of Neumann and Comproni.

The city council was not unanimous in its decision, as Mayor Edgar L. Smith and councilman William Hoff voted against the appointments. Neumann served previously on the APB in 1963. Comproni is a former Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board director. They fill the vacancies created by the move of John Gibson from the city and the desire of Mrs. Velma Chapman not to serve another term.

Geller, upset by the appointments, tendered his resignation as APB chairman on the spot. Mayor Smith, however, prevailed upon him to reconsider.

The council also had trouble with another advisory board — the 5-man Personnel Advisory Board, but this time the problem was lack of qualified candidates. For over a year this Board has failed to function due to lack of membership. In fact, the city manager drew up an ordinance permitting the city council to serve as its own advisory board on personnel matters so that needed changes in the city's personnel plan could be initiated.

Councilman Hoff, however, prevailed upon the council to make one more attempt to get qualified persons for the Board before adopting the ordinance. He suggested that each councilman be responsible for naming one member to the Board.

School Status

Mayor Smith advised that all avenues are being explored for persuading the Board of Education to reverse its decision with regard to the location of a senior high school site on parcel 2 (between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and GHI property). Members of the county delegation to the State legislature and individual members of the county commission are among those who have been made aware of the desire of the city for the Beltway-Lake site.

The council took final action accepting the recommendations of APB that the city deny the request of two Boxwood homeowners for permission to purchase from the developer open space land that is scheduled for dedication to the city. The city solicitor also ruled that the city could not agree to the sale by the developer unless the city declared the land to be surplus as is required with the sale of any city property.

Twelve police officers and the Chief of Police were congratulated by the Mayor for having attended one or more in-service training schools during 1965. Every police officer in the department was a participant; in many instances the attendance of the officer was during his off-duty time.

The next regular meeting of city council was moved back a week to Monday, January 10, 1966, so as not to conflict with the holiday season.

City Notes

City Manager James Giese has announced that there will be no trash pickups on Saturday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Jan. 1. No pickups are guaranteed on Friday, Dec. 24, or Friday, Dec. 31, since both days are legal holidays. However, the city will send out any crews available. Increased crews will be sent out on the following Mondays and Tuesdays.

City workmen have been planting trees and shrubs in the new parking lot. Eight pin oaks, 2 white dogwoods, and several low-growing hollies have been planted.

The city's new stake-body truck has been delivered. It will be used for special trash collections, and replaces an old truck.

Also received was a new salt and sand spreader attachment, which should speed street-clearing operations this winter.

On Jan. 6, the Board of Education will receive bids for the construction of the new Springhill Lake Elementary School. The architects are Cohen, Haft and Associates of Silver Spring.

The County Building Inspector's office issued permits Dec. 10 to Country Estates, Inc., for the construction of 26 new houses in Boxwood Village.

City Explains Parkland Offer To School Board

The following statement was prepared by City Manager James K. Giese at the request of City Council in order to clarify any misunderstandings that may have arisen with respect to the legality of the Council's offer of park land to the County Board of Education for high school sites:

On any school site there is much land which is not used for school buildings. Much of this open space land is used for landscaping—lawns, trees, etc.—some is used for parking facilities and driveways, and some is used for athletic facilities. The City Council offered to purchase some of this open space land, as designated by the School Board planners. The City would retain ownership of the land but would let the Board of Education use it for athletics, recreational activities, landscaping, sidewalks, access roads and other open space purposes at no rental cost to the School Board. Further, the City would maintain this land or permit the Board of Education to maintain this land as the Board saw fit.

The City estimated that this offer might involve five acres of the senior high school site and five acres of the junior high school site at the lake. The cost of purchasing this land might be as much as \$200,000.

The City further offered to make available any portion of the 57-acre Greenbelt Lake Park for school-related activities and purposes. Here again, the intent is not one of giving the Board land but of permitting the school to use the land. A similar arrangement already exists where St. Hugh's School and Center School use Braden Field.

Since both the Board of Education and the City serve the public and since this land is owned by the public, there is no apparent conflict in this offer.

Similar arrangements are not uncommon in localities where joint school-park facilities are developed. In some communities School Board ownership has been limited to only the land on which the school building is located, with the surrounding grounds and athletic facilities being owned by the park authority.

Beltway Plaza Shopping Center will get a traffic light, but it will be without the participation of S. Klein. According to City Manager James Giese, Giant Foods will bear the cost of the installation of the traffic signal, estimated at \$7,000. Giant Foods had first reported that S. Klein would share the costs, but last week S. Klein advised that it had made no such commitment.

The Greenbelt City Council, at its Monday night meeting, commended Giant Foods for its action and agreed to pay the cost of maintaining the light after installation, estimated at \$100 to \$150 a year. The decision is subject to approval of the city solicitor, since the light will be installed at the intersection of 62nd Avenue (a Berwyn Heights Rd.) and Greenbelt Road a (county highway).

The question of a traffic signal at Beltway Plaza had been deadlocked since August 1964 over the question of who would foot the bill. The contesting parties have been the State Roads Commission (SRC) and the developer of Beltway Plaza — First National Realty Corporation (FNRC).

According to SRC policy, traffic signals benefiting private shopping centers are to be paid for by the developer. First National, however, believed that this policy had no basis in law and contested the requirement contained in its entrance permit that the developer would assume responsibility for traffic control devices.

In another traffic light matter, the council agreed to pay one-fourth of the cost of the signal light recently installed at Edmonston Rd. The distribution of costs is based on the number of streets maintained by each agency entering the intersection. Greenbelt maintains only one road — Edmonston Rd. north of Greenbelt Rd.; the State maintains the other three roads. The total cost of the light was \$5,843, of which the city paid \$1,461.

GHI Hires Architect for New Houses; Eases Loans for Home Improvements

by Al Skolnik

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors has commissioned architect Edwin Ball of Riverdale, Md. to prepare plans for the construction of 4 free-standing homes along Northway and townhouses on the property opposite the North End School. This action was taken on Thursday, Dec. 16, when the board also authorized its attorney, Krooth and Altman, to determine the basis of negotiation with Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) for the release of the property from the FNMA mortgage. FNMA is asking the fair market value; GHI states that the price does not take into consideration the substantial amount of the mortgage already paid off by GHI.

Financing Program

The board liberalized the financing program for home improvements by covering additions, including porches and powder rooms, as well as kitchens and bathrooms. Loans starting at \$500 can be made at the installment interest rate of 3½ percent. Large loans can be extended over as long a period as 10 years.

As the basis for loans, members must submit detailed plans along with contractor's or builder's estimates. Loans will be limited to costs of material and hired labor. All plumbing, electrical, and heating installations must meet GHI standards and the tie-in of plumbing and heating lines to existing lines must be made by the corporation.

Where partial payments are required, the final loan payment to the builder must be withheld until final inspection by GHI. Management will also make available to members, plans of architects for additions.

Storage Park

The board accepted a recommendation of the Maintenance, Standards, and Improvements Committee that the present storage park be used for boats and wheeled cargo carriers and that fees be charged on a space (including racks) storage unit basis.

It rejected, however, a proposal that additional storage area be provided for trailers and boats up to an overall length of 30 feet. The board felt that this was going beyond the original purpose of the park which was to keep small car trailers from becoming eyesores in front of homes.

The board also adopted revised storage shelter specifications recommended by the Standards Committee. The major change from previous regulations involved some relaxation of the location of sheds attached to homes. Also metal sheds were approved. For further information, contact the GHI office.

Insurance

Accepting the low bid offered from among nine companies, the board awarded Nationwide Insurance Co. once again its one-year automobile insurance. The one-year workmen's compensation insurance went to Employees Mutual Casualty, after taking into account expected dividends.

The Open House for GHI members will be held in the Administration Building on Sunday evening, Jan. 2, 1966, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Used Car Inspection Law

Representatives of municipal and county police departments met at the Headquarters of the Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Md., on Dec. 15, for a briefing on Maryland's new motor vehicle inspection law to go into effect Jan. 1, 1966.

The new law provides for the inspection, by licensed stations, of used cars before they can be sold and reregistered, and for police to stop cars with defective equipment and to issue a work order for correction of the defect within 10 days.

Chief Lane would like to point out that if certification by a licensed inspection station is not received within thirty days, the car owner will be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles for immediate suspension of registration.

Chief William T. Lane represented the local police department at the conference, accompanied by Lt. Marshall Zoellner.

Berkofsky Triumphs In New York Recital

The following account of Martin Berkofsky's New York recital debut in Town Hall on Saturday, December 11, 1965 appeared in the *New York Times* of the next day. Berkofsky, who has lived most of his 22 years in Greenbelt, graduated from the Peabody Conservatory last season and is currently working there for an Artist's Diploma under Konrad Wolff and Walter Hautzig. The review, written by Allen Hughes, appeared under the headline: "Berkofsky gives a piano recital; Student excels in Mozart in Debut at Town Hall."

"It was a fine beginning for a pianist who should have a busy and productive future ahead of him. Mr. Berkofsky seems to have made a good start toward acquiring everything a successful concert artist needs. He can draw great volumes of ringing tone from the piano, as he did in Liszt's Sonata in B minor, but he also has a wide range of dynamics at his command. He reduced the sound to dramatic quietness in the Liszt when it was appropriate to do so and found other qualities of gentle tone to use in Scarlatti's Sonata in C minor, L. 4, Debussy's Suite for Piano and Mozart's Fantasy in C minor, K. 475.

"His interpretation of the Mozart, incidentally, was the most assertive and compelling of all this reviewer has heard this season. Another Fantasy, this one by Alan Hovhaness (Opus 15), was given an equally engrossing performance. The program also included Scarlatti's Sonata in C major, L. 104, which was done with all the crispness and brightness one could wish for.

"Indeed there was hardly anything to quibble about in the recital. Its varying stylistic demands, even that of the Debussy music, were met with distinction, and Mr. Berkofsky played all the works as though he both understood and enjoyed them.

"He may have overestimated his technical prowess somewhat in the more grueling sections of the Liszt Sonata, which were played at dazzling speeds, but one would guess that Mr. Berkofsky will be able to play them that way with total comfort and clarity before many years have elapsed."

NASA Interchange Opens

Goddard Space Flight Center's new interchange on the Baltimore-Washington parkway, located 0.9 miles north of the Greenbelt exit, was opened for partial use on Dec. 15. At present, only the two exit lanes not requiring the overpass above the parkway are used; the rest of the interchange is scheduled for completion by Jan. 17.

The interchange, occupying in part area used by the city for sanitary land fill, is financed by NASA and is intended for exclusive use by the Goddard Space Flight Center, with no access to residential areas. The preliminary master plan for area 13 called for a complete cloverleaf at the site, tying in to proposed arterial roads A-10 (Northway extended) and A-11 (on Smith & Ewing tract).

CFPG Meeting on Jan. 11

The next meeting of the Steering Committee of Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. The meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 28 has been cancelled.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

Airplanes were zooming over Greenbelt both day and night. They came from Schrom Airport (across the B-W Parkway, where the Capital Beltway now is, neither of these roads being in existence at that time) where ten students were taking an advanced course in day and night flying, given by the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Greenbelt residents who were also Federal employees were allowed to participate in local political affairs and were exempt from the restrictive provisions of the Hatch Act, according to a ruling of the U. S. Civil Service Commission . . .

Greenbelt Consumer Service had reduced its loan from Consumer Distribution Corporation from \$50,000 to \$28,000. The food store averaged well over \$4,000 a week, and had an operating cost of 12.2% of sales . . .

Adult Education night classes were given in the elementary school. All classes were free, and included courses in typing, bookkeeping, business English and accounting . . .

A Co-operator editorial stated that "the number one problem is still transportation." Many meetings had been held attempting to solve the commuting difficulty, but without results. Car pools were the only way for Government employees to get to Washington . . .

The tennis courts were not fenced in and irate tennis players wrote to the Cooperator to complain that they were frequently bombarded by fly balls from the nearby baseball diamond . . .

The floors of the shower rooms at the pool were refinished with pumice-treated paint to lessen chances of slipping, after a rash of such accidents had taken place . . .

Greenbelt held its second Town Fair in September over the Labor Day weekend. Athletic events, a swimming carnival, exhibits of various civic organizations, and contests in cooking, needlework, hobbies, and arts and crafts were the highlights. The fair was a big success; it was well-attended and its non-commerciality was praised . . .

Mayor George Warner appointed a committee to study the coming transfer of the town to "some type of housing authority." The committee planned to meet with officials of the Farm Security Administration in order to suggest to them that a citizens' cooperative be formed to take over the town from the federal government.

On October 16, 567 Greenbelt men between the ages of 21 and 30 registered for compulsory military training under the Selective Service Registration Act. By October 30, nine of them had been drafted into the U. S. Army . . .

The Housing Owners Cooperative, which had 43 members, hired an architect to design for them plans for four basic individual houses which would cost about \$3,500 . . .

Need for a community building was being voiced. There were three places available for indoor recreation and for meetings: the Center School, the firehouse garage, and various offices in the evenings. These meeting places were in great demand and frequently groups wishing to meet could find no facilities available . . .

Letters to the Editor

Hatch Act Prohibitions

To the Editor: It is much to my regret that I must inform the many federal employees who have expressed interest in the Sickles for Governor Committee, that the Hatch Act prevents them from becoming members.

Government workers may attend meetings, but would be jeopardizing their positions by actively participating. Husbands and wives of federal employees, however, are not restricted. Federal employees may join and enjoy limited participation within the Democratic Club, but may not actively support a partisan candidate for public office.

Pamphlets on the Hatch Act will soon be made available by the Sickles for Governor Committee. Gerald F. Gough, Chairman Greenbelt Sickles for Governor Committee

It's a Pity, But It Happens

To the Editor: We feel very sorry for the person who felt the need to steal a Christmas wreath from our door sometime during the night of Dec. 12th.

This wreath was a traditional gift that was home-made by a family friend and we will miss having it during the holiday season. But much more than this, we regret that such a thing would happen in this community.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth R. Greenwood

Taxicab Fares Rise

The County Commissioners have approved a general rise in taxicab fares for Prince Georges County. The fare for the first mile will increase from the current 50 cents to 55 cents, and a second passenger in the cab, who up till now would have travelled free of charge, will have to pay an extra 10 cents. Additional passengers also face increased rates. The only beneficiaries of the new regulations are pet owners, whose furred and feathered companions will henceforth be charged 50 cents instead of the previous rates of \$1.50-2.50. However, cab drivers retain the right to refuse to take pets in their cars.

Point of View by Dorothy Sucher

Recently, the WMA bus to Greenbelt was halted by a strike. Rising at an unwontedly early hour, I groped my way through breakfast, bundled the baby into the car, and dropped my husband off at work; all in plenty of time to meet my babysitter at the College Park stop of a non-striking bus line. In short, it was a piddling strike that hardly made a dent in my day.

Now if you want to experience a really superior strike, you must go to France.

"All France Paralyzed by General Strike" is a headline frequently encountered. Don't believe it. The French love to strike, understand and appreciate strikes, and have refined the problem of living with strikes into a minor art form.

Returning from England to Geneva a few years ago, we disembarked at Calais after crossing the Channel, to be met by the news of a general strike in France. We panicked immediately.

There were six of us: my husband and I, two young children, a baby and the jeune fille—that useful European institution whose function is to help Madame with the housework and the care of the children. We soon became seven, when an English girl enrolled herself under our protection. I imagine we looked as secure to her as the Rock of Gibraltar which, considering the mountain of suitcases, nursery furniture, baby food, and diaper bags with which we traveled, our entourage somewhat resembled.

"Reassure yourself, Madame," cried a cheerful, blue-clad dock worker, pouncing on our luggage while I clutched the children and moaned helplessly "My God, we're stranded. What shall we do?" Bien Sur, there was a general strike, no transportation and no electricity, but bien sur the boat train to Paris would be leaving as usual, or at worst a trifle late. Follow! Follow! We followed.

Night had fallen when the train lurched into motion. Whistle shrieking, we racketed through a strangely dark French countryside. The passengers were tense and rumors swept the train. Ours was the only train still running in France. No, on the contrary, several trains were running; in fact, the continuous blowing of our whistle was an effort to avoid a head-on collision, since all the switchmen had left their posts.

Our train to Geneva would not run that night. This at least was authoritative, on the word of the conductor. Once the boat train reached Paris at midnight, we would have to shift for ourselves.

The rumors grew more dire. All Paris was dark. No subways or buses were running, and few taxis. No porters . . . no heat . . . no food . . . no vacancies in the hotel . . .

In the meantime, the dining car was serving roast veal, braised endive, fruit, wine, and cheese; le snack-bar offered coffee and flaky croissants. Tension mellowed into resignation and then into gaiety.

We joined forces with an English rock-and-roll combo practicing in the next compartment—four youngsters planning to take Europe by storm and return home as famous as the Beatles. Guitars were passed around; so were cigarettes and a pocket flask. "Yeah, yeah, yeah!" we roared, drowning out the train whistle.

The quartet worried about us, and offered the name of their hotel. "It's for artists in the Profession—but we'll vouch for you."

We wrote it down in case of need, although (immobilized by our problem luggage) we were hoping to find a hotel near the station.

At midnight, Paris — and no porters. We unloaded the baggage onto the platform, and there I left husband, children, and the girls, and went in search of a hotel.

"Accommodations for seven persons? No madame, I am desolated." My luck improved on a side street, where after several failures I persuaded a small hotel to put us up. We marched there en masse, trundling luggage and sleepy children on baggage carts borrowed from the station.

The two girls shared a double bed with the baby in a garret, and cots were set up for the boys. My husband and I were permitted to occupy the room usually reserved for "transients," who rented it by the hour. A number of transients could be observed in doorways, or slowly patrolling the streets. We were interested to learn you could spot one by the fact that she would be carrying an open umbrella when it wasn't raining.

What a room! It was La Vie en Rose made palpable, with an enormous, comfortable bed, covered in red; red carpeting; red flowered draperies; and a dim, red-shaded lamp.

"Stranded in Paris," remarked my husband cheerfully, after we'd tucked the children into bed. "Tough luck."

"Righto," I replied, freshening my lipstick: "We'll just have to take the rough with the smooth."

We sallied out to do some exploring.

We managed to see quite a bit of Paris before the strike ended. True, there was no electricity or heat, except in areas where hospitals are located. Perhaps by chance, hospitals are strategically distributed everywhere in Paris.

True, all the ticket-takers in the subway were on strike, and the trains ran infrequently. You had

to wait a long time for your train, but on the other hand the ride was free.

True, all the restaurants had no electricity, but you can learn to adjust to dining by candlelight. And its surprising what a French chef can do with an old-fashioned wood- or coal-burning stove, which is the old kind he's used to, anyway. No Parisian restaurateur would dream of installing a modern range, thereby rendering the majestic rhythm of the French digestive tract vulnerable to strikes.

But one morning over breakfast, the headlines blared: "Strike Settled." The train to Geneva would run that night.

I poured myself a second cup of coffee. "You'll be able to go back to work now."

My husband nodded. "Wonderful news isn't it?" He summoned the waiter and ordered more croissants.

We munched and sipped in silence. "What good croissants the French make! I remarked.

Our eyes met, and he sighed. "They certainly do. Come to think of it, their strikes aren't bad either."

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Wyatt, Minister

Christmas Eve - 10:30 Special Music, 11:00 Candlelight Service. Holy Communion.

Christmas Day - 10 a.m. Kneeling Communion for those who could not attend Christmas Eve. Sacrament of Baptism.

Sunday, December 26th, NO CHURCH SCHOOL 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Child Care. Student Recognition Sunday. Speaker is the Rev. Richard Yeo, Campus Minister, George Washington University.

Monday, December 27th 2 p.m. Kindergarten and Primary Children's Party.

Tuesday, December 28th 9:30 a.m. Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 Field Trip.

Wednesday, December 29th, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. COFFEE HOUSE in Social Hall. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. International Refreshments - Exhibits - Entertainment.

Thursday, December 30th 12:30 p.m. Junior High Trip.

(A United Church of Christ)

9:45 Sunday School 6 p.m. Training Union 11 a.m. Morning Worship 7 p.m. Evening Worship Evangelistic Hour 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Wed. Midweek Service

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Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Botts, 4-R Gardenway, who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve.

In Greenbelt for the wedding of their granddaughter, Carol Chiville, 1 Empire, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jewell of Vista, California and Mr. Leslie Chiville of Lemon Grove, California.

The following residents have new addresses: Walter V. Duttons, 5-A Eastway; Mrs. Bettie Denson, 59-A Ridge; Frank R. Bequettes, 23-D Ridge; Mrs. Grace Howlin, 5-G Eastway.

Hilda Richey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Donald Richey, Sr., 2-K Laurel, has been elected vice-president of the Evangelical College Singers Club, an organization which teaches students to speak with the deaf. A sophomore, Hilda is majoring in English.

Karen Maas, 5-F Ridge, is among the eight students from High Point who will attend the 1965 Holiday Science Lectures which will be

held by the Philosophical Society of Washington and the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the Natural History Building of the Smithsonian on December 28 and 29.

Glad to hear that Dave Kane, Maintenance Superintendent of GHI, is doing so well after surgery. He is in Prince Georges Hospital, Room K-417. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Best wishes for a happy birthday to Mitchell Parker, who will celebrate his eighth birthday December 25. Mitch recently appeared on Ranger Hals T.V. program.

Congratulations to Epp A. Laane, 122 Northway, who has been elected to membership in the George Washington University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Epp is a senior majoring in psychology. Active in campus life, she holds a George Washington University Board of Trustees Scholarship and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, freshman womens scholastic honorary society, and Psi Chi, national psychology fraternity. She works part time as a research assistant in the office of psychology at Gallaudet College.

Bicycling Do's and Don'ts

Bicycle registration is held daily at the Greenbelt Police Station in the Municipal Building from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Chief William Lane reports that a bicycle identification card, as well as a brochure listing dos and don'ts for bicyclists, will now be issued to all registrants.

The chief cautions bicyclists and their parents to remember the rules of the road for safe riding. Bicyclists should:

- Ride single file close to the right side of the road;
- Signal for turns and stops;
- Obey all traffic signs;
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians;
- Ride alone — only one on a bike;
- Keep both hands on the handle bars except when signalling;
- Keep bicycle in good condition;
- Ride at night ONLY if bicycle is equipped with a headlight that can be seen for 300 feet and a tail-light reflector that can be seen for 200 feet.

Neither Rain nor Snow Nor Unmarked Parcels . . .

The local post office has a small parcel which apparently fell out of a larger one.

This small parcel is gift-wrapped, with a gift card reading as follows:

To: Linda, Too
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Twelve Days of Xmas

The Christmas celebration of Greenbelt Community Church will begin on Christmas Eve at the 11 p.m. service of Candlelight communion. As the celebration of Christmas in the Bible and in the early church took twelve days, this year the Community Church is observing the Twelve Days of Christmas by having programs and activities at the Church for all age groups from Christmas to Epiphany, January 6.

Next Sunday will be Student Recognition Sunday with college students participating in the service. The speaker will be the Rev. Richard Yeo, Campus Minister at George Washington University. He received his college degrees from Boston University and Pacific Theological Seminary in California. He is President of the National Campus Ministers Association.

On Wednesday the Church will hold an Open House for all from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Featuring the Coffee House atmosphere the general public is invited to drop in during the evening for refreshments and entertainment. There will be a charge.

For further information contact Rev. Kenneth B. Wyatt.

Chiville-Lynn

Mr. and Mrs. John Chiville, 1 Empire, announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to James Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lynn of Takoma Park. The wedding took place on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. Dr. Edward Latch officiated.

The bride is a senior at the University of Maryland. The groom, a Maryland University graduate, is with Lever Brothers. The couple will reside in Baltimore.

Friedman-Kaufman

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Friedman, 10-J Southway, announce the marriage of their daughter, Sonya, to Theodore J. Kaufman, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Kaufman, 45-K Ridge Road, on Saturday, December 18, in Bethesda, Md. Miss Friedman graduated from the University of Maryland and received her Master's degree from Rutgers University. Mr. Kaufman graduated from the University of Maryland and is doing graduate work at San Francisco State College. The couple will live in Berkeley, California.



Best Wishes

From the City of Greenbelt

FOR

A Joyous Holiday Season and A Happy Peaceful New Year



More than a hundred elected and appointed officials and employees join in extending to you these wishes and our thanks for your support and cooperation during the past year. With your continued help and guidance, we look forward to serving you throughout 1966.



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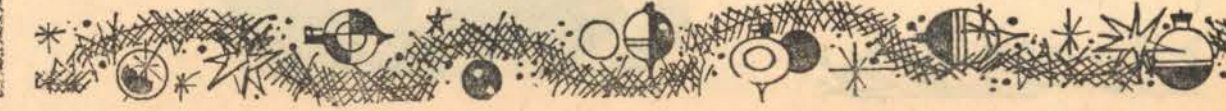
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The Police Blotter

The Greenbelt Police Department wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and offers this advice: **If you must drive, don't drink; and if you must drink, don't drive.**

Three Greenbelt juveniles, ages 12, 14, and 15, have been apprehended and charged in connection with a series of crimes committed on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16 and 17. Three homes were entered and four automobiles vandalized during the two-day period, with a reported total of approximately \$550 in thefts and damages. Most of the items reported stolen have been recovered, although police are still looking for a missing diamond valued at \$400.

The two younger boys have been released in the custody of their parents pending a hearing. The 15-year-old, facing more serious charges than the others, has been detained pending a hearing. Officer Paul Reamy, who made the arrests, will receive a departmental commendation for his alert investigation.

Police Chief William Lane noted that all four automobiles, as well as two of the three homes, had been left unlocked. He urges residents to lock their car doors.

A four-year-old boy was taken to Prince Georges Hospital on Dec. 16, when it was discovered that he had swallowed 47 "baby aspirin" tablets. He was released in satisfactory condition after his stomach had been pumped.

The members of the police department were commended by the City Council at its meeting Dec. 20 for having attended training courses, many on their own time. Every man has taken at least one course during 1965, and the majority have taken two.

Police Chief William Lane commented: "I am proud of the fact that a department the size of ours has been able to send every officer to attend one or more training sessions. This will improve our efficiency and service to the public, and help to enhance law enforcement itself as a profession."

Lane mentioned a recent article in the Washington Post, stating that Prince Georges County has a higher crime rate than Montgomery or Fairfax. He pointed out that Greenbelt is an exception to this county trend, and that few major crimes are committed here.

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The Long Way Home

This is the age of the automobile. Nowadays, when passing a person briskly walking along the highway, you can be fairly sure of his motivation: either he's a driver whose car has stalled, or else he's from Greenbelt. If he carries a little red can in his hand or motions wildly to passing traffic, mark him as a driver; otherwise, he probably comes from Greenbelt where that rapidly vanishing mode of locomotion, walking, is still prevalent.

We live in Greenbelt, work at Goddard, own a car and on Thursdays our wife has it. Last Thursday we got a bold idea.

"So you need the exercise," said our wife when she heard it over the phone. "It's all right by me, but if you find it's too dangerous to cross the highway during rush hour, call me and I'll pick you up."

Our officemate was more sceptical: "Who ever heard of anyone walking home?" He doesn't live in Greenbelt, the poor guy.

It was a beautiful evening for walking, steady bright stars in a clear chilly sky and a soft bracing breeze. The guard at the gatehouse,

busily watching the cars streaming by, completely failed to notice us, and soon we were walking along the highway, crunching the gravel and feeling the whoosh of passing cars.

Zip! Someone pulled up, a window opened, a head craned out. "Do you want a ride anywhere?"

"No, thank you." Off again. Wish I hadn't inconvenienced such a generous chap. Should have walked on opposite side, really, but how can one cross against such steady traffic?

Zip! . . .

"No, thank you." That was the fifth one already. What's so unusual about walking two miles home? When one sits behind a desk all day, how else can one get enough exercise?

A dark hulk of an abandoned vehicle loomed ahead. Poor driver. We wondered whether his atrophied leg muscles had the stamina to carry him the long mile to the nearest gas station.

Screech!

"Young man, is that your car over there?"

"No, m'am."

"But your car broke down, didn't it?"

"No, but I'm all right, thank you."

She gave us that long up-and-down-and-up-again look. "Hitchhiking, ah? I've heard about your kind. Hoodlums! Beatniks!"

"No, m'am, I'm just taking a walk."

"And you expect me to believe it, too. Bum! Criminal! It's people like you who make the highways unsafe!"

Slam! Roar!! Off she went, kicking dust in my face. We had the impression, however, that there was more to come, and there was. What moves on four wheels, gives tickets and has a revolving light on top?

"All right," said the burly policeman. "What is it going to be—vagrancy?"

"We live in this town," we said.

"Then you must have heard of our no-loitering ordinance."

"Honestly, officer, I was moving as fast as I could. In fact, I am walking home."

"Walking home, eh? That's what that hysterical lady down at the

by David Stern

station said, too. Are you some kind of extremist? Are you demonstrating or protesting over something?"

"No, officer. Scout's honor."

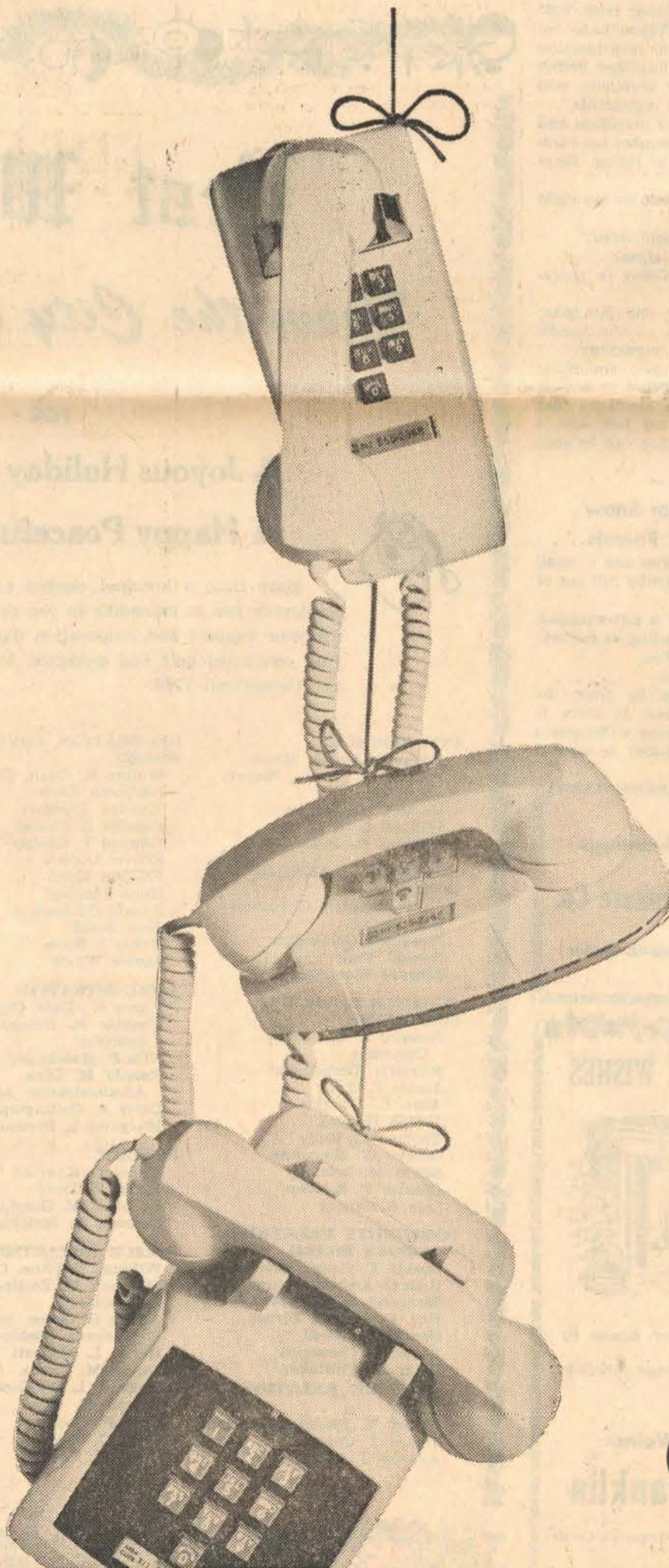
H'm. Let me see your draft card."

We pulled it out. We keep our draft card very carefully these days because that's the patriotic thing to do and, besides, we found out the other day that our draft classification meant "above the draft age." The cop held it in front of his car's headlights, scrutinizing it closely. Then he straightened, handed it back and, for the first time, smiled.

"Look, I don't want to cause you any trouble, but I'd rather see you stop taking such walks. It is all right for you - but think about others! Think of old ladies who get scared out of their wits, of all those drivers risking an accident by stopping for you. Since you say you live in Greenbelt, why don't I now give you a ride home?"

We were no longer in any mood to argue with the law.

"That was fast," said our wife as we entered the house. "Did you really walk all the way?"



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Brain Teaser

The two solutions to our last brain-teaser.
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 13(724+4259) and 13(274+4709)
 Arthur Wetter of 9-J Ridge rd. correctly submitted both solutions while Mrs. Rosemary Felsher of 44-Q Ridge rd. and Mrs. Huguette Angel of 1-A Research rd. found one solution each - incidentally, not the same one.

Most of us are familiar with infinite recurring decimal fractions, in which the same digit or sequence of digits appear again and again. For instance, 10 divided by 3 gives 3.3333 . . . while for 1 divided by 7 the group 142857 recurs as often as one cares to write it down.

Today's brain teaser involves such a recurring fraction; we suspect that it was invented by a frustrated husband waiting for his wife to get off the phone. Please find the digits represented by each of the letters in the following division:

E V E
 = .TALKTALKTALK . . .

D I D
 A hint or two for those readers whose skill in handling recurring fractions has declined since they left school. Let Y stand for the above infinite fraction and let X be the 4-digit integer TALK.

New Voting Machines

The Board of Election Supervisors will definitely ask the General Assembly for legislative approval of the IBM Voting Device which the Board has been testing for some months.

The announcement was made recently by Gerard F. Devlin, Chairman of the Election Board, who stated that the Board had voted to ask the County legislative delegation to introduce legislation to permit use of the IBM punch card voting system.

Devlin stated the cost of the IBM devices (about \$200) contrasts sharply with the cost of \$1600 each for the large over head type which are now used in all precincts in the County.

"It is important that we seek the cheapest and most accurate method of tabulating votes. We think the IBM machine deserves to be used in the next year's election."

Devlin estimated that the County may need as many as 200 additional machines for next year's primary and general elections.

Since multiplying by a power of 10 is equivalent to shifting the decimal point a suitable number of steps to the right, 10000 times Y is simply

TALKTALKTALK . . .
 or, separating the integral part from the fractional one, X + Y
 Let's see if you can continue from here.

ditional machines for next year's primary and general elections.

The County now owns 309 of the overhead type of machine. Most of these are stored at the Election Board warehouse on D'Arcy Road.

The warehouse will not hold any additional machines, Devlin said. The IBM type, he pointed out, which weigh about six pounds would require very little space for storage and if adopted the Election Board could relinquish the D'Arcy Road facility for other County uses.

GHI, in past years, decided against the use of voting machines because of the high cost of rentals. With County purchase of the new machines, this policy may change.

And Many Hands Make Lighted Christmas Tree

Question: What is a multi-jurisdictional Christmas tree?

Answer: The Christmas tree at Greenbelt Road and Southway.

For many years now, a tall evergreen at the above intersection, decorated by Greenbelt Homes, Inc., with the cooperation of the city authorities, has been a yuletide landmark enjoyed by everyone entering and leaving Greenbelt, as well as motorists on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

This year disaster struck. The bagworms attacked, weakening the tree to the point where it may not survive; and Pepcos strategic high command sent out an order declaring the upper branches off limits because of power lines overhead.

Rallying their divisions at an emergency meeting, City Manager James Giese and GHI Manager Roy Breashears decided to concentrate their attack this year at a handsome evergreen across the road from the Co-op Gas Station, a short distance from the off-limits tree. But there were problems of logistics supplies, principally the lack of electric service to the tree.

An elf named Blanton at Pepco electrified the organization, which put through a special order, prepared plans and approved them, and sent out a special work crew—all in the space of two days.

Power had now been brought to a meter. The wiring from the meter to the tree was done by GHI, with the city's assistance. Also galvanized was the county building inspectors office, which issued permits and performed inspections with the speed of a reindeer on Dec. 24.

On Monday night, the lights went on. All clear now?

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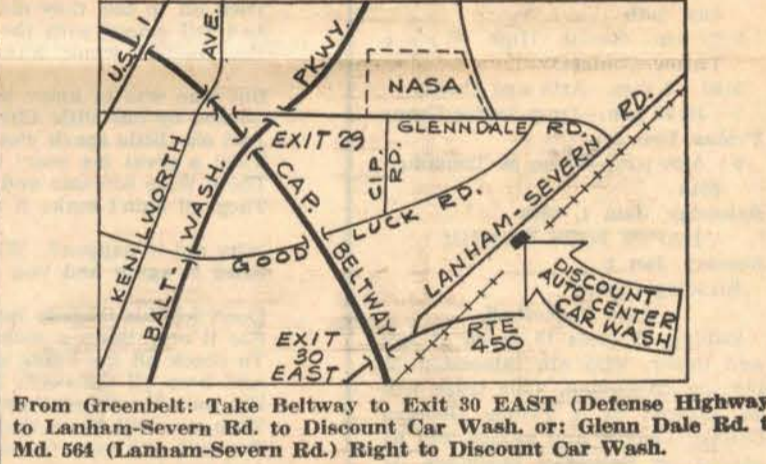
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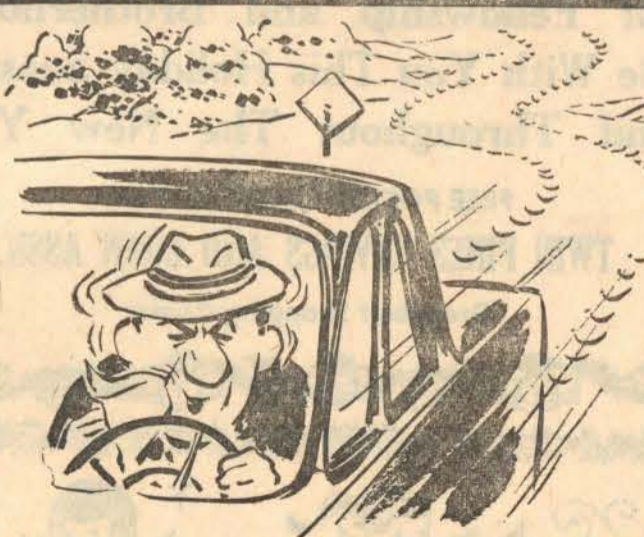
Christmas trees are being sold at the Greenbelt swimming pool area for benefit of Boy Scout Troop 202 of Greenbelt. A good assortment of Scotch Pine and Canadian Fir Balsam have been obtained this year. The lot will open weekday evenings from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM, Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

*Season's Greetings
 and
 Happy New Year*

from
GREENBELT T.V.

MIKE TALBOT

WINTER WOES by Pinson



*Oh, sad were the woes of Salesman Blue,
 On a trip, with a cold, he was getting the flu,
 And although he was freezin',
 He got home in good season,
 His tire chains pulled him right through.*

PREVENT THOSE WINTER DRIVING WOES

The Safe Winter Driving League presents this tip for safer winter driving from the National Safety Council: "For severe snow and ice conditions, tests show that reinforced tire chains provide four to five times as much traction as regular tires without chains." Assure your ability to get through regardless of the weather—always carry chains and be prepared for winter's worst storms.

Merry Christmas

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Recreation Review

by Richard Stevenson
Youth Center's Holiday Program
Thursday, Dec. 23
 9 - 10:30 a.m.—1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Skating
 10:30 - 12 noon—4th, 5th & 6th Grade Skating
 1 - 5:30 p.m.—Ping Pong, Bumpo Pool, Table Games, Record Hop
 3:30 - 5 p.m.—Arts and Crafts
 8 - 12 midnight—Moonlight and Mistletoe Dance
Friday, Dec. 24
 9 - 10:30 a.m.—1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Skating
 10:30 - 12 noon—4th, 5th & 6th Grade Skating
 1 - 2:30 p.m.—Teen Skating
 1 - 5:30 p.m.—Ping Pong, Bumpo Pool, Table Games
 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.—Basketball, Volleyball
Saturday, Dec. 25
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Sunday, Dec. 26
 Building Closed
Monday, Dec. 27
 9 - 5:30 p.m.—Same as Friday, 24
 1 p.m.—Boys' Singles Ping Pong Tournament
 2:30 p.m.—3 - Men's Basketball Tournament
 7 - 10:30 p.m.—Drop-In for Teens
Tuesday, Dec. 28
 9 - 5:30 p.m.—Same as Monday, 27
 1 p.m.—Boys' Doubles Ping Pong Tournament
 2:30 p.m.—Elementary F r e e Throw Contest
 3:30 - 5 p.m.—Arts and Crafts
 7 - 10:30 p.m.—Drop-In for Teens
Wednesday, Dec. 29
 9 - 5:30 p.m.—Same as Tuesday, 28th
 1 p.m.—Girls' Singles Ping Pong; Mixed Doubles (boy-girl) Ping Pong Tournament
 2:30 p.m.—Junior High F r e e Throw Contest
 3:30 - 5 p.m.—Arts and Crafts
 7 - 10:30 p.m.—Drop-In for Teens
Thursday, Dec. 30
 9 - 5:30 p.m.—Same as Wednesday, 29th
 2:30 p.m.—Senior High F r e e Throw Contest
 3:30 - 5 p.m.—Arts and Crafts
 7 - 10:30 p.m.—Drop-In for Teens
Friday, Dec. 31
 9 - 5:30 p.m.—Same as Thursday, 30th
Saturday, Jan. 1, 1966
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Sunday, Jan. 2
 Building Closed

Girls Basketball
 Calling all girls 15 years of age and under, who are interested in playing basketball. This team will be entered in a Prince Georges County League and games will be played on Saturday mornings. If you are interested, please sign up at the Youth Center.

Men's "B" League Basketball
 On Monday night, the Lakers took the Knicks in a close 70-66 game, with Brown making 25 points and Canin 24. The second game, another close one, the Bullets won over the Celtics 75-70. Kelly gave the Bullets 32 points and Lindamood led the Celtics with 20 points. Games are played every Monday night at the Youth Center. League Standings are:

	W	L
Bullets	4	1
Celtics	2	3
Knicks	2	3
Lakers	2	3

Men's "A" League Basketball
 In the opening games of the League, N.S.A. crushed Vincennes Restaurant 77-29 and G.P.O. mashed Colonial Real Estate 77 to 44. Games are played each Thursday evening at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School Gym. Game time for the first game is 7 p.m.; second game is at 8:15 p.m. These games feature former high school and college players.

Arts and Crafts Guild
 For its regular monthly critique, the Greenbelt Arts and Crafts Guild will take note of the holiday season by meeting more informally next Wednesday night, Dec. 29, at a member's home instead of at the Youth Center. Those who were planning to attend, and who may have missed the word on change of location, should phone the secretary, Rose Collins (474-2948), or Jo Scheibel (474-5041) for further details.

Greenbelt Grab-bag . . . by Punchin' Judy

Dear Judy:
 Do you think it is all right for children to watch television?
Careful

Dear Careful:
 Well, you can hardly expect them to watch radio, can you?
P. J.

Dear Judy:
 The other day, at Beltway Plaza, a fellow walked up to me and said: "Hey Mac, got a light?" I told him, "Not yet, but they're going to install one soon. He gave me the strangest look. Did I do something wrong?"
Smokey

Dear Smokey:
 I think you're kidding me and your matchless sense of humor strikes me cold. I'm supposed to deliver the punch line around here.
P. J.

Dear Mrs. Judy:
 My mother is a career woman. She writes a column for a paper. It is funny. I think. The trouble is

she is always sitting at the typewriter or going down to the newspaper office and I get awfully hungry waiting. What should I do?
Starved

Dear Starved:
 OK, OK, I'll be home in a little while and tell your father there's a meeting tonight.
P. J.

Dear Judy:
 I heard that an unidentified flying object exploded over Pennsylvania and I am afraid it might have been Santa Claus and his sleigh. Can you tell me if Santa is safe?
Worried

Dear Worried:
 I have checked with the North Pole and Santa is quite safe and getting ready for his big trip. Don't forget to hang up your stocking and have a Merry Christmas!
P. J.

P.S.—And the same to everybody else.

A Christmas Tragedy

by Terry Smith*

'Twas the night before Christmas, the whole family was gay,
 Not a one had foreseen that terrible day.
 The tree had been trimmed without worry or care,
 Waiting for Santa who soon would be there.
 The lights on the tree had never been checked,
 And the rooms were all pine and holly bedecked.
 Then the children were hustled upstairs to their bed
 While Mommie and Daddy with plans went ahead.

Under the tree, all fuzzy and blue
 Was a cuddly dog for Baby Sue.
 And there in the corner for good old Mike
 Stood a silver and red, two-wheeled bike.
 For Joey and Rob there were soldiers and guns,
 And a big Army Tank that really runs.
 A walking doll for sweet little Mary,
 And a phonograph player for big sister Carrie.

They plugged in the lights not stopping to see,
 If everything was as it should be.
 Checked all the children and covered Joe,
 Then off to bed they did go,
 And fell asleep with the joy of knowing
 The children would wake with their eyes aglowing.

But who was to know what would happen that night
 Caused by one little Christmas tree light.
 Just one little spark was all that it took,
 Then a great big roar; Oh! How the house shook.
 There were screams and cries of terrible fright
 They all didn't make it that Christmas night.

Why did it happen? Why should this be?
 Read it again and you will see!

Don't let this tragedy happen to you
 For it only takes a moment or two
 To check all the lights and all of the plugs,
 And keep all the cords from under the rugs.
 Use only the things approved by U. L.
 Then you will know that all will go well
 For you and your family will always be gay
 And live to see many a bright Christmas Day.
 Turn off the tree lights before you retire
 Is a way to be sure you won't have a fire!

* Company 24, Ladies Auxilliary to the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department.

WINTER WOES by Pinson



Poor Jonathan Blasingame Queek
 Has windshield wipers that streak,
 On this trip in his car,
 He didn't get far,
 Off the road, in the ditch, "up the creek!"

PREVENT THOSE WINTER DRIVING WOES
 The Safe Winter Driving League presents the following tip for safer winter driving from the National Safety Council: "Don't be a 'peep-hole' driver—clear snow, frost and road-muck off the entire windshield and side and rear windows as well. Replace dead, streaking wiper blades with live, new ones. Make sure headlights, taillights and directional signals are working properly. You must see danger to avoid it."

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