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Greenbelt Opposes Reducing Authority of Cities in Md.

by Dave Stern

"We do not believe the county can offer the services which we now provide our residents as effectively or more efficiently than we do . . . The powers of the City of Greenbelt should remain where they now rest - in the hands of its citizens, not in Upper Marlboro."

The above sentences, part of a statement presented by Mayor Edgar Smith on behalf of the City of Greenbelt to Prince George's Delegation to the Constitutional Convention, neatly sum up the case presented by the city. The occasion was a public hearing held Tuesday July 25 in the County Service Building in Hyattsville, and the statement represented the city's stand on the main subject of the hearing, which, indeed, has become one of the major issues before the Constitutional Convention: the independence of municipal governments.

City and County

The conflict between the jurisdictions of cities and counties, in which Greenbelt is now one of the many parties involved, has slowly grown over the past years, together with the powers of county governments. Originally, the county has mainly been a unit of regional administration, catering to needs quite different from those handled by municipalities. In many areas, this still holds true, but in others - especially in those adjacent to expanding urban centers - the population growth in unincorporated areas, attaining urban densities and standards, has turned counties into a kind of "super-cities"

This is very much in evidence in Prince Georges and Montgomery counties, especially in the latter. Silver Spring, for instance, now has about 200,000 residents, yet it is not a city, just a post office designation. Its municipal government, for all intents, is the county's council in Rockville - a city which, ironically, is also the county's largest municipality (41,000 residents) and is now trying hard to maintain its independence. In Prince George's county, even though there exist 28 towns and cities and a long municipal tradition (the town of Bladensburg was first incorporated in 1742) - there, too, most of the population growth has been in unincorporated areas, particularly in the southern part of the county.

Proponents of strong county government claim that county organization has now largely supplanted that of the cities and this sentiment is reflected by the proposed draft of Maryland's new constitu-

tion, produced by a special 21-man commission appointed by the state's governor two years ago. The draft proposes an extensive revision of local government, making the county the basic unit recognized by the state and granting to it all powers not specifically withheld by the state. Specifically, section 7.14 dealing with municipal corporations, proposes the following:

"A county may provide by law for the incorporation, change, merger, dissolution and alteration of boundaries of municipal corporations located in the county, and may delegate powers of the county to any municipal corporation. No existing corporation may be dissolved or have withdrawn any existing powers set forth in its charter without either the consent of its governing body or the consent of the General Assembly by law."

The Delegation's Hearing

There exists wide opposition to this proposal, and this opposition was stressed by practically every speaker at the hearing, beginning with the opening statement, presented on behalf of the county's Municipal Association by Greenbelt Councilman Francis White and by Mayor Terrel Wertz of Cheverly. It was the Municipal Association which one week earlier called a meeting in Greenbelt's Municipal Building, between the representatives of the county's cities and towns and the chairman of the board of county commissioners, Gladys N. Spellman, in order to discuss relations between cities and the county (Greenbelt News-Review, July 20). Among other things the Association's statement said:

"We believe . . . the people should govern themselves . . . they should have the type of government they feel is most responsive to their needs and desires. We believe that as our entire metropolitan area grows ever larger, that there should be a bridge between the citizen and the larger governmental unit and we feel the municipality serves that purpose."

City manager James Giese attended the meeting as did the members of Greenbelt's City Council.

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Convention Delegates Hold Second Hearing

A second public hearing by the Prince Georges delegation to the Constitutional Convention will be held Tuesday, August 15 at 8 p.m. at the Crossland High School in Camp Springs, Maryland. The subjects to be considered will be the Declaration of Rights, the Executive Branch, State Finances, and General Provisions of the new constitution. These are treated in Articles I, IV, VI and VIII of the draft constitution proposed by the Constitutional Convention Commission under the chairmanship of H. Vernon Eney.

Citizens who wish to address the delegation on one or any of the subjects on the agenda are urged to call the delegation's office in the County Service Building in Hyattsville (779-3850, ext. 357) to arrange a schedule of witnesses. Written testimony will be accepted as part of the record in lieu of oral presentation for those who will be unable to attend in person. An additional hearing has been set for September 5, one week before the convention is scheduled to meet.

Festival News

Plans are well under way for Greenbelt's annual Labor Day Weekend festivities. Plans are being made to have a gala parade, carnival and other celebrations.

Special events this year will include athletic events, an art show and contest at the Youth Center, and a beauty contest, talent show and rock and roll contest.

The carnival grounds will be located in the North parking lot of the Greenbelt shopping center (behind the Co-op) and will feature rides, booths, as well as some of the special events scheduled. The booths will be manned by participating civic organizations in Greenbelt and will feature fun and games along with refreshments, including pizza.

The parade will begin at exactly 10 a.m. on Monday, September 4. This year the parade will follow a new route. It will start in the vicinity of North End School, Ridge Road and Laurel Hill and will proceed down Ridge to Gardenway and from there to Centerway.

Inquiries regarding the Labor Day Festival may be made by writing to Box 2, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Look for further details in upcoming issues of the News Review.

Local "Colonial" Unit At Fort Frederick

The First Maryland Unit, a group which performs Revolutionary War fife and drum music and musketry and drill demonstrations, will appear at the request of the State of Maryland at Fort Frederick, Aug. 5, 6. Two Indian battles will be presented three times each day from 12 - 5 p.m. Fort Frederick, a colonial British stone fort, is located about 20 miles west of Hagerstown.

The Unit, formed in 1964 as a musical group, has its headquarters in Greenbelt and is headed by Commander L. Brown, 14-B Laurel. Greenbelt members include Rick Barb, Roger Zook, Orenz Babbitts and Burton Kummerow. Residents of Montgomery and Prince Georges County and Virginia also participate.

Members engage in intensive research so as to achieve maximum accuracy in their presentations. Their past performances have included shows at Valley Forge and the Smithsonian Institute. On September 1 the unit will make an appearance at Expo 67 in the United States Pavillion.

Rockville Concert Band to Play at Lake Park Sunday Evening

by Virginia Beauchamp

The City of Rockville Concert Band, under the direction of Frank R. Troy, Jr. will offer the second in a series of summer band concerts Sunday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the new band stand at Greenbelt Lake Park. In its tenth year of operation, the Rockville Band has had a long record of association musically with Greenbelt.

Many years ago the band played in Greenbelt to help promote the organization of the Greenbelt Concert Band. Its conductor, Troy, teaches music at Greenbelt Junior High School and conducts their band. He has composed three school songs that are used in Prince Georges County Schools, including the Greenbelt Junior High School fight song.

Program offerings for the Sunday concert include:

Star Spangled Banner
Man of the Hour March - Fillmore
In a Persian Market - Ketelby
Peanut Vender - Simons
Holiday in Paris - Offenbach
Swedish Rhapsody - Arr. Beeler
M. H. S. March - Troy
A Tribute to Glenn Miller Arr. Gass
Orpheus Overture - Offenbach
Highlights from "The King and I" - Rodgers

Stars and Stripes Forever - Sousa

Besides the aforementioned high school songs, Troy composed the funeral march used by the Army Band in Arlington National Cemetery. He has played in concert bands since he was nine years old and has played in jazz bands and

combos. He has also conducted the Catholic Choir, composed the University of West Virginia football half time shows and has done choral works and other arrangements. He is a College Park resident.

Bingo Benefit Friday For Burned Child

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will hold a Benefit Bingo on Friday, August 4 at 8:15 p.m. to aid the family of Richard Herring, the 7 year old son of a Morningside, Maryland, volunteer fireman who was badly burned in a fire.

Burned over 65% of his body, the child has been hospitalized and in isolation since March 30. Doctors report that the child is doing well. Many fire companies in P. G. County are holding fund-raising events for the Herring family.

Donations may be made to the Richard Herring Fund, P. O. Box 1474, Landover, Maryland, 20785.

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Composite Picture of man wanted for assaulting a teen-age Greenbelt girl near the lake on July 9, drawn as described by victim and others. Description: 17-20 yrs, 5'6" or 5'8", thin face, medium long hair, last seen wearing black corduroy jacket with triangular patch on left sleeve. Please report any information to the Greenbelt Police Dept.

NORTH END SCHOOL ADDITION PLANNED

Construction of a new addition to North End School is expected to start within the next few weeks. The building contract was awarded to the Wrathall and Ovalle Corp. on July 25. All work in the addition and in the present building is slated for completion by September 1968.

A corridor will connect the addition to the school. Upon completion of the project, the school will house a total of 17 classrooms, including two kindergartens. At present, there are 12 classrooms.

Other new features will include a new kitchen, health, pupil personnel, special education and conference rooms, new offices and a multi-purpose room. The existing multi-purpose room will be converted into a library suite.

In September, North End will have a change in school hours. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. and children will be dismissed at 3 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, August 19, 1967 - 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

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Nita Masehauer
City Clerk

Recreation Summer Programs

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CITIES from page 1 except for Dick Pilski, who was out of town at the time. Mayor Smith's presentation was joined by those of the mayors of Bowie, Takoma Park, Glenarden and Morningside. Also present was Mayor William Gullett of College Park, who is a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

Smith's Statement

In presenting Greenbelt's views, Smith stressed the role of the municipality in maintaining the community's identity and in serving its needs far above and beyond what the county provides. The following are excerpts from his statement:

"Greenbelt has become a dynamic and progressive community. It has become the focal point of local governmental interest for its residents. It has developed a character and identity of its own that enables it to be an island of individuality in a sea of urban massiveness."

"Greenbelt provides its 15,000 residents with services - \$696,000 worth for the coming fiscal year. These services do not compete with County services, but rather supplement."

"What are these services? First and foremost is Public Works. The City maintains all streets within its jurisdiction except State highways . . . even though Greenbelt residents pay taxes for county roads. The City has just completed a seven-year program of resurfacing all streets in the city over 10 years old."

"We also maintain 128 acres of City parkland. Included in this acreage are 22 playgrounds and 4 playfields scattered throughout the city. Our recreation program is by far the best in the County and one of the finest in the State. We have operated for six years the first youth center in the County in which a full variety of programs for youths of all ages is provided by a full-time staff of three and numerous part-time personnel. We operate the only public municipal swimming pool in the County . . ."

"In fiscal year 1964-5, the City of Greenbelt expended more money

for police protection than 16 of the counties in the state. Since then, our costs have increased by 58%. We have 14 full-time uniformed officers plus non-uniformed round-the-clock desk personnel . . . Our new officers receive a formalized basic training which includes in-service training classes . . ."

"The benefits of having a city police force instead of utilizing the County force are substantial. These are primarily due to our having proportionately greater manpower on the streets at any one time and thus being able to provide faster and more personalized service to the residents of the city. As an example, on July 3rd our Department responded in 3 minutes to a suspicious character complaint of a local bank and was able to apprehend and arrest a bank robber armed with pistol, hold-up note and empty valise before he had time to hold up the bank."

"In addition to the line operations which I have described, the City of Greenbelt, as well as other municipalities, serves its residents in several ways. Foremost of these is that of representing its citizens before other governmental organizations such as the State Legislature and the County Commissioners. Often a city resident will find that a non-city complaint about a governmental service will get better results if made to the City because the City personnel are better informed as to the best person to relay the complaint to in the larger and more bureaucratic agency."

"In matters of zoning, we have found that citizens adversely affected by proposed rezonings are not prepared or equipped to oppose the attorneys, planners, and other professional witnesses at a County zoning hearing. Into this vacuum many of the municipalities, including Greenbelt, have stepped and now provide the expert testimony needed to present the viewpoints of the area residents so that the County Commissioners will have all the facts before them."

The statement concluded in a declaration that the city was

strongly opposed to Section 7.14 of the proposed constitution, which relates to Municipal Corporations.

Community Church News

The Reverend Doctor Dale A. Stover from Montreal, Canada, has been called to serve as the minister of Community Church. Mr. Stover accepted the call and will assume his pastoral duties on September 1st.

During August the Community Church will host the Union Morning Worship Services for its congregation and that of the Mowatt Methodist Church. On August 6 (Communion Sunday) and August 13, the Rev. Keith Johnson will be the guest minister. On August 29 the Rev. Eric T. Braund, former minister of Community Church, will be the guest minister, and on August 27, the Rev. Kenneth Buker, a resident of Greenbelt, will be the guest minister.

Glendening-McCaslin

Mr. and Mrs. Vane N.L. Glendening announce the marriage of their daughter, Carol, to William McCaslin on Saturday, July 22nd. The ceremony took place at North College Park Methodist Church. The couple will live in Daleville, Alabama.

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CYO Bake Sale, Car Wash

The teenagers of St. Hugh's C.Y.O. will sponsor a combination car-wash - bake sale at the Co-op Gas Station this Saturday, August 5, from 10 until 2 o'clock.

Luther Hoff

Luther Hoff, 71-E Ridge, died on

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SWIM TEAM NEWS

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Next Saturday, August 5, the Division Finals will be held at the University Hills pool at 9 a.m. It is felt that Greenbelt will be a strong contender. All friends of the team are urged to attend.

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Recreation Review

by the Recreation Staff
Teen Club Chatter

The Knightmen return this Friday, August 4, from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. for the Teen Club Splash Party at the Greenbelt Pool. Games and prizes are on the activity list for the evening. Wednesday, August 9, from 8 - 11 p.m., the McConkey Brothers and the Mystic Knights will be at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Men's Slow-Pitch Championship
The Villa and the Brass Lantern will represent Greenbelt in the Metro Area Softball Championship at Cabin John Regional Park on August 19. Both teams will battle it out on Braden Field for the League Championship starting next Monday, August 7 at 7 p.m. The League winner will be determined by a two out of three series to be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, if necessary.

Tennis Tournament
The 12 and Under Boys' and 14 and Under Girls' tennis tournament was held at the City courts July 29 thru 31. Ten year old Tom Kelly beat Mike Woods for the Boys' title (6-2, 6-3). Patty Ship-

LOCAL JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

The Greenbelt Jaycees meet tonight in the Municipal Building, Greenbelt, at 8 p.m. to discuss the year's plan of action and to provide orientation for the newly elected officers.

Young men between the ages of 21 and 35 who are interested in helping their community and developing their leadership abilities are cordially invited to attend. For further details, call 345-2145 or 982-6105, and ask for Greg White.

ley beat Barbara Baluch for the girls' championship. Patty lost only one game while defeating three opponents.

The next tournament is the Mixed Doubles, Father and Son and Men's 40 and Over which will be held on August 12 and 13. Call 474-6878 for details.

Horseshoe Championships

The 1967 South Atlantic Association A.A.U. Horseshoe Pitching Championships will be held at Picnic Island in Salisbury, Maryland on August 12 and 13. Entry blanks are available at the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

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Resolution No. 123

Resolution of the City of Greenbelt adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal", Sub-Title, "Home Rule", to amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, said Charter Being Section 40 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition) and Containing in Whole or in Part the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 40-25, Title "Election of Council" to Provide that the Five Council Offices be Filled by the Five Candidates Receiving Votes Amounting to Forty Per Cent or More of the Number of Electors Voting at the Election, and to Provide for a Second Election in the Event One or More Council Offices Remain Unfilled Because of a Failure of Five Candidates to Receive Votes Amounting to Forty Per Cent or More of the Number of Electors Voting in the First Election or Because of an Equal Number of Votes Being Received by Two or More Candidates, and to Provide that There Shall Be Printed on the Ballot for the Second Election Twice as Many Names of Candidates as There are Positions to be Filled from the Unelected Candidates Polling the Greatest Number of Votes in the First Election or in the Event of an Equal Number of Votes for an Unfilled Office the Names of Those Candidates Receiving an Equal Number of Votes in the First Election.

Resolution No. 124

Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended) Title "Corporation-Municipal", Sub-Title, "Home Rule", to amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, said Charter being Section 40 of Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1963 Edition) and Containing in Whole or in Part the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 40-4, title "Creation; Qualifications; Compensation", as amended by Resolution No. 38 approved August 19, 1963, to Provide Increasing Salaries of the Mayor and Council, \$1,800 for the Mayor and \$1,500 for each of the other Councilmen.

Copies of the above resolutions in their entirety may be obtained from the City Clerk, City Offices, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

James K. Giese
City Manager

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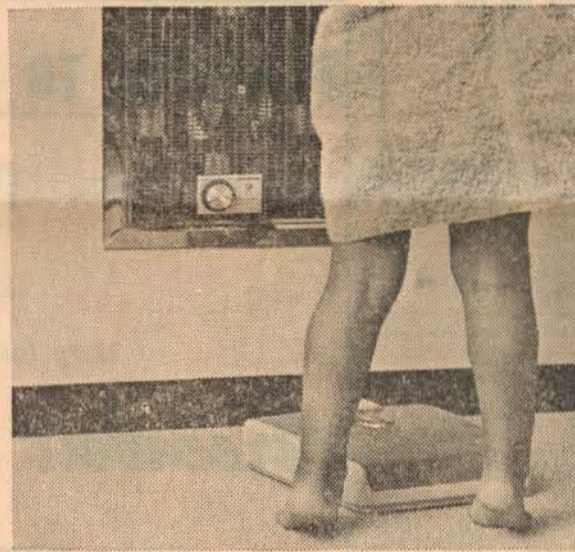
electric heat comes furnaced



Electric ceiling cable

Electric baseboard

Electric wall panel



or unfurnaced



Electric heat didn't outdate the furnace. Just updated it... to produce cleaner, steadier, more comfortable heat. It's flameless, so your home stays clean longer, with less housework. The fan runs at a steadier pace to give gentler, more even heat. The case is more compact than any competitive model. **Prefer your heat unfurnaced?** Take your choice of many different kinds... all flameless. *One care-free example:* Electric ceiling cable. Radiates heat downward, like sunshine, so it's absolutely even. Temperature control in every room. Every decorating inch of floor and wall space belongs to you!

No motor, no fan, no filter. Nothing to oil, change or replace.

Which will you choose? Let a PEPCO-certified heating or comfort conditioning contractor help. A heating expert will come to your home, examine your present heating system, advise you on the kind of modern electric heat that best meets your needs and is most economical for you to install. Whichever you choose, you'll be able to take advantage of PEPCO's special low rate for electrically heated homes. For a complete list of PEPCO-certified contractors, call PEPCO's Residential Customer Department, 628-0389, 628-0506 or 628-0617.



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