



Greenhills, Our Sister Town, Not Worried About PHA Sale

Residents of Greenhills, Ohio are not too concerned with the disposition of their town, according to City Manager Charles T. McDonald, who recently returned from a visit there.

Greenhills, one of Greenbelt's "sister towns," has been surveyed by PHA appraisers and assessed, and a mutual and veterans' housing group have joined forces to negotiate a sale of the town. Most of its residents, however, Mr. McDonald commented, seem willing to await developments as they occur.

Greenhills is a town of 676 permanent dwelling units, which include 52 farm units and no war housing. Built simultaneously with Greenbelt, it was first occupied in 1938.

Mr. McDonald commented on one arrangement in effect at Greenhills' swimming pool. There, residents can purchase a family pass for \$15, which entitles an entire family to swim at the pool for the whole season. Guests, however, must buy a guest pass, at 60 cents for adults, 40 cents for children over six. Children under six are admitted free.

Judge's Illness Delays Rent Case

The illness of Judge Calvin Chesnut of the Prince Georges County Circuit Court has delayed for three weeks a hearing to establish the jurisdiction of the Canning and Lastner vs. Charles M. Cormack rent case.

On June 18 the plaintiffs—Mayor Thomas J. Canning and Councilman Francis G. Lastner—had the county sheriff serve the Public Housing Administration community manager with a rule to show cause why an injunction should not be issued "restraining him from charging, demanding, collecting or receiving from the plaintiffs or any of the tenants" in Greenbelt "rents or utility charges in excess of those which were in effect on April 1, 1949."

Since Cormack's response included, in part, a plea that the county had no jurisdiction in the matter, this question was given priority in settlement. Since only one judge normally sits in the circuit court during the summer months, there is no one to hear the case until Judge Chesnut recovers.

A Hearing in Store

Regardless of the jurisdiction decision, Greenbelters will stand a better chance of nullifying the recent rent increase than at any time since it was announced, since there will be a hearing at which Canning and Lastner will be allowed to present the tenants' side of the question. This has not been presented before. The only question is whether they will be heard locally or federally.

Among the arguments that are expected to be presented by the plaintiffs are the following: Comparability was the deciding factor in the increase, in direct opposition to the Housing and Rent Act of 1949, according to the bill of complaint accompanying the "show cause" rule; the landlord did not certify that he is maintaining all services furnished as of the date determining the maximum rent, which the bill of complaint stated is also demanded in the Housing and Rent Act, and the tenants in Greenbelt were not granted a public hearing before a local advisory board on the proposed increase in rents.

Abe Chasanow, local attorney, was hired by the Greenbelt Rent Protest Committee to handle the case, since it is considered a test case on behalf of all Greenbelters.

Wightman Appointed Maintenance Manager

James S. Wightman has been appointed maintenance engineer for Greenbelt as of July 1, according to PHA Manager Charles M. Cormack. Mr. Wightman, a resident of Silver Spring who will soon move to the project, is a former employee of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Public Buildings Administration, and the War Assets Commission.

GCS Half-Year Sales Top Million Mark

Almost doubling its sales in the first half of 1949 over the same period in 1948, the Greenbelt Consumer Services service station's 91% sales increase was representative of the high sales figure for all GCS operations during that period. The garage, under the supervision of Ed Burgoon with Paul Kendle as head mechanic, is now being operated as a part of the service station.

Sales at the center food store, which accounted for a major portion of the over-all increase, were 44 per cent higher than in the corresponding 1948 period. Total sales for the entire cooperative during the six months were \$1,066,473, an increase of 24.8 per cent over that of last year. Earnings, after special reserves of \$4,367, were \$23,000, an increase of 54 per cent. This period was called by GCS "the most successful" first-six-months period in the cooperative's history.

Only losers during the period, according to GCS, were the luncheonette and the theatre. Movies throughout the area, said the GCS report, lost considerably. The radio repair shop was closed, but service is maintained, said GCS, for merchandise sold under warranty by the variety store.

Detailed financial reports will be available at the September 7 membership meeting.

Majorettes See New York Sights

Last Sunday morning the majorette unit of the Greenbelt Community Band journeyed to New York City to participate in the Lions International parade down Fifth Avenue. The majorettes of Greenbelt and the band of Montgomery-Blair represented the Lions Clubs of District No. 22 (Washington-Maryland area) and led the State of Maryland units in the parade.

In addition to participating in the parade, the girls performed at Madison Square Garden and at the Belmont Plaza and Commodore Hotels. They saw and heard Fred Waring's band play at the Garden, went on an NBC studio television tour, a sightseeing tour of New York city which included a visit to Chinatown and the Statue of Liberty and they visited Hayden Planetarium. They had lunch, on one occasion, at the well-known Chin Lee Restaurant and other meals in the Candlelight Room of the Victoria Hotel where they stayed.

The following girls were in the group: Ronda Bibler, Carol Day, Helen Goad, Joyce Green, Norma Kerns, Judy Lewis, Maureen Rich, Joan Rizzo, Nancy Snyder, and Ann Walker. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Neibich accompanied the group as chaperons.

The Police Blotter

An attempted theft of a bike from a resident's yard on Research Road was frustrated when a neighbor's boy caught the thief red-handed. The thief, a Beltsville resident, was taken to the police station where he was spoken to by the officers.

There were two complaints about loud parties and two more concerning loud radios. Two complaints about prowlers were investigated, resulting in the apprehension of one peeping tom, in the 20 Court of Ridge.

One complaint concerning "indecent exposure" was received.

The Greenbelt Rescue Squad provided transportation to the Prince Georges County Hospital for a local resident.

A red wire wheel, without tire, from a Chevrolet, was found by J. S. King, 2-J Plateau, and reported to the police. He was told to keep the wheel until the owner was located.

The assistant manager of the Greenbelt Pool called police to ask a party to remove a baby carriage from the premises.

A young boy was injured when he collided with a car driven by a Greenbelt resident. He was taken to a local doctor for treatment. According to the complaint, the matter will be settled by insurance claims.

A complaint about misbehaving boys was investigated by police. A resident in the 14 Court of Ridge stated "her hot water was cut off" by mischievous boys who had turned the control valve in the next house.

The Drop-Inn was broken into, according to another complaint. Illegal entry was made through a window near the snack bar. A case of soft drinks was missing. Police are investigating the theft.

Restaurant Plans Doomed By PHA

As plans approach materialization for a remodeled variety store, GCS announced this week a blow to similar plans for the luncheonette. A large shipment of counters and other equipment has been received by the variety store, and an opening date for the enlarged store is expected about the first of September. Recent action by the Public Housing Administration, however, has killed for the time being consideration of extending the luncheonette into a restaurant.

Setting 8 per cent of gross sales as the take PHA would demand if GCS operated a restaurant on the present drug store premises, Chas. M. Cormack, PHA community manager, acted for his superiors. GCS spokesmen said that the demand far exceeds the national rent percentage for such operations, and is higher than a number of well-known restaurants in this area.

Setting aside the restaurant plans, GCS announced its intention to remodel the drug-lunch operation in the present space, adding that it may be necessary to eliminate the serving of hot meals.

Glee Club Plans Minstrel Show

The Glee Club at the Center school, under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Finlay, is planning to do a minstrel show on the outdoor platform late this summer.

Children who are interested in participating in such a show should report at the class which meets at 10 a.m. on Monday and at 1:30 on Wednesday. In addition to singers, tumblers, dancing and other novelty acts can be used.

PHA Pulls Fast One in Greendale; Be Warned, Says Co-op Representative

Greenbelt residents may wake up on the outside if they wait until PHA moves without preparing for D-(disposal)Day, according to Glenn M. Clarke, secretary-treasurer of the Milwaukee County

Community Band Needs Members

The Greenbelt Community Band is in need of new members. Especially needed are drummers, 13 years old and over. If entrance requirements are met free instructions will be given. Also needed is a senior high school boy to be drum major. He should have a musical background.

Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 years interested in becoming members of the Band should inquire at the Center school auditorium, Monday evenings between 7:30 and 9 p.m. o'clock.

Late Registrations Out This Election

There will be no "late registration" this year for city elections. Greenbelt City Clerk Winfield McCamy emphasized to a "Cooperator" reporter on Tuesday. Any resident of Greenbelt who is 21 years of age, of sound mind, a resident of Maryland for one year, and of Greenbelt six months preceding the registration, is eligible to vote in the city elections. Anyone desiring to vote must register no later than August 20, and may do so any weekday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the city office next to the bank.

Names of registrants who have been removed from the city voting register are being posted in the post office this week, Mrs. McCamy added.

Beltsville Riders Left in Lurch

The street car line between Beltsville and Branchville will be discontinued by the Capital Transit Co. after July 31.

The company had petitioned the Maryland Public Service Commission to abandon the line, claiming that it lost money in its operation. The petition was refused but the case was taken to the Court of Appeals at Annapolis early last month, which approved abandonment of the line.

The Public Service Commission filed a motion for reargument on July 7; but the court is in recess at this time and is not expected to act on this motion until it reconvenes in the fall.

200 See Legion Install Officers

The installation of officers of the American Legion Post No. 136 of Greenbelt at the Legion home last Thursday night was attended by about 200 people, including Legion officers from the State Department of Maryland, PHA officials from Washington, and members of the City Council of Greenbelt. The installation was conducted by Joseph Fields, vice-commander of the State of Maryland.

Col. C. Russell Cravens, official of the Public Housing Administration in charge of the disposition of all the Green towns, who was the principal speaker, was introduced by the new commander John Kenestrick. Col. Cravens spoke very encouragingly of the disposition of Greenbelt and its future.

Jack Carmen, commander of the Department of Maryland, spoke on the accomplishments of the local post as well as other Legion posts throughout the State.

ty Coordinating Committee for Co-operative Housing. He issued the warning to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation board members Tuesday night.

Clarke came to Washington in an attempt to talk Public Housing Administration officials out of a nearly-consummated deal with the American Legion Community Development Corporation, head of which is A. L. Marcus, a speculative purchasing group at Greendale that contains only two actual Greendale residents. Clarke represents the Greendale Veterans Co-operative Homes Association, with a membership of 390 of the town's 632 families (approximately the same two-thirds representation that the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation has here.)

Surprise!

Clarke told the Cooperator that in a meeting yesterday with PHA officials John Egan, John Groves, and Colonel Russell Cravens, it was made clear that PHA had thought the City of Milwaukee, which lent \$300,000 to the semi-successful Legion group, had been completely satisfied as to the group's eligibility. They expressed surprise, Clarke said, that the Milwaukee loan had been based on an agreement by the Marcus group that Greendale residents would vote to have their town annexed to Milwaukee. Greendale residents, said Clarke, have refused to vote for annexation since their purchasing group has been ignored. There are eight members of the Marcus group—six of them chosen from Milwaukee Aldermen, and including the mayor of Milwaukee.

Col. Cravens, in reply to a remark by a Greenbelt representative that there is no dissident group here, said, "Not yet, you don't." Also mentioned at the meeting was an estimated appraisal value for Greenbelt of \$5,000,000.

Egan told Clarke and Leo Goodman, who represented the CIO Housing Committee, that with the present Greendale stalemate he might have to sell the town to completely outside interests.

Greenbelt Parallel Cited

Going into the history of the Greendale mixup, Clarke explained that there, as in Greenbelt, a mutual home ownership group had been formed when PHA first announced its intent to sell. The parallel to Greenbelt history continued only to the point that Greenbelt has now reached—with appraisers on the job.

On May 20, the housing administrator announced sale of Greendale, giving potential purchasers 30 days to qualify. Qualifications included having at least 10 per cent of the purchase price—which in Greendale's case was \$3,285,000. Having \$300,000 promised from the City of Milwaukee, the Marcus group seemed in, since the other organization had not raised money to such a large extent, and was faced with the impossibility of raising it within 30 days. (If the \$5,000,000 appraisal estimate is accurate, Greenbelt's 10 per cent would be \$500,000.)

Nest Feathered

According to the Greendale Review, one of the major factors aiding the Marcus group was the active participation of the PHA community manager on their behalf. Also according to the Review, the community manager was offered a \$15,000-a-year job if his help proved successful.

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They Waited

Once upon a time, when the government of the United States contained men of vision with the courage to put their convictions to concrete use, a bold idea was conceived and executed. The hydrad-headed depression problems with which the country was wrestling were attacked by means of the Green towns—Greenhills, Ohio; Greendale, Wisconsin; and Greenbelt, Maryland.

Employing large numbers of unemployed construction workers; providing decent living space to underhoused depression victims, at a rental they could afford; giving an example to the world of what planning could do for a community by avoiding slums, curbing traffic accidents, making attractive the surroundings of an entire town, and sharply decreasing the incidence of crime—fifteen years ago these abundant returns were made on an extremely small investment by the government.

The violent contrast between the Greentown atmospheres of then and now shows how thoroughly the men of vision have been supplanted by men blind to the needs of their times.

Several years ago Public Housing Administration officials announced the Green towns would be sold. Acutely aware of the enormity of the postwar housing shortage—and its twin evil, rent gouging—residents in all three towns, independently of each other, decided to forestall speculators from making a good thing of the Greentowns, by purchasing their homes themselves when the time came.

Pressed to state when, how, and for how much these homes would sell, PHA told the would-be owners nothing—except “we haven't the authority to sell without the usual procedure of competitive bidding.”

Many friends were enlisted—in organized labor, in Congress, and in the American Legion and other veterans' groups—and a bill was finally passed on May 19 of this year authorizing PHA to sell the Greentowns to nonprofit veteran groups without competitive bidding. Other proposed legislation designed to make home financing easier for nonprofit veteran groups (see Mike Salzman's column, “Housing America”) seemed to bring nearer the realization of ownership of the Greentowns by their residents.

When a rent increase was first proposed for Greenbelt, the Cooperator commented that a possible motive for raising rents prior to sale might find its parallel in the celebrated Fairlington, Va. case, where the housing officer who sold the development was hired at a fancy salary by the new owner who had received remarkable advantages in purchase. PHA response to the editorial was immediate and vehement. Piously proclaiming that the sole motive was to protect the interests of the American taxpayer, PHA assured the Cooperator that no one connected with PHA should be accused of such pecuniary motives.

Apparently these soothing utterances lulled some Greenbelters into a naive trust in the purity of PHA officials—witness Charles L. Redd's recent admonition to wait for PHA action instead of “throwing away” eleven dollars by joining Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation in preparation for the date of sale.

Greendale waited—with the very nasty result that the Fairlington routine has been repeated, as shown in a Cooperator news story in this issue.

Greenbelt owes a vote of thanks to Glenn M. Clarke for taking the time to meet with GVHC officers this week to warn them of the results of waiting.

Contributors Corner

Mrs. Helen Oring is this week's winner with a poem she dashed off to her son. Her prize is a pass for two to the Greenbelt Theatre and one dozen “cokes” through the courtesy of Veterans' Liquors.

Paul Plackos of Veterans' Liquors will deliver your cokes to your door, Mrs. Oring, and your theatre pass is in the mail, compliments of Paul Linson, manager of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. theatre.

Who will be next week's winner? Send your contributions in now!

Violin Solo

Helen Oring

It makes me very sad to see How my master looks at me. Once I thought his love was true, But he's so glad when he is through!

Lewis is my master's name. He must not want music fame— Picks me up—puts me down— Sometimes with a biting frown.

Joyful moments are in store If he would only practice more. Learn to love me, please do try! I'll reward you by and by.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Thursday, July 28

8 p.m., Sunday School teachers meeting for Northend and Center schools at the home of James Beck, 8-M Southway.
Saturday, July 30

6 a.m., Senior Hi group leaves for Skyline Drive outing.
Sunday, July 31

9:30 a.m., Combined Sunday Session, at Center school. All welcome. James McCarl will lead the singing in the junior and adult departments. Junior high girls will report on Camp Kanatasake.

11 a.m., Church Worship. Reverend Braund will be assisted in the service by Barbara Runnion, Howard Fitzhugh and James McCarl. Special music will be provided by Mrs. Raymond Carroll and Mrs. John McClendon, with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus
Greenbelt 3593

Regular Friday night services of the Hebrew Congregation will not be held during July and August. Services will be resumed the first Friday in September.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN

Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor

Sunday School, 11:25. Adult Bible Class, 12 noon. Church service, 12:40.

There will be no meeting of the Men's Club this Friday, due to the special meeting held Tuesday.

August 4 and 5, Thursday and Friday: Ladies' Aid of Mt. Rainier will sponsor a lawn fete at the school in Hyattsville, beginning at 5 p.m. Luncheon will be served in the cafeteria, and refreshments may be purchased on the school grounds.

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Phone Ashton 3831

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Morning worship, 11 a.m. Sermon: “The Art of Thinking.” A cordial welcome awaits you at Mowatt Memorial, Woodlandway and Forestway, at the sound of the church bell.

Monday, August 1—The Sunday School board meets at the church at 8:30 p.m. to discuss future plans for the school. This meeting was postponed from last week.

Tuesday, August 2—Recreation and fellowship at the Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. All members and friends are invited.

Wednesday, August 3—The Friendship Bible Class will have an executive meeting at the Church at 8:30 p.m. All officers are requested to attend.

Future: The Woman's Society of Christian Service is planning a ham dinner at the Church early in August. Dinners will be served on the grounds and to take home. The date will be announced later.

Julian Tavenner, 19-R Ridge Rd., has just completed a course in leadership training in Sunday school work. This was a part of the special summer program of the Methodist Church, under the guidance of outstanding instructors.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Greenbelt theater.
Saturday: Confessions, 4 to 5 p.m. for children, 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults, in the Chapel.
Daily Mass: 7 a.m. in the Chapel.
Wednesday: Novena Services, 7:45 p.m. in the Chapel.

To the Editor:

I wish to personally thank all of my fellow-workers and everyone who helped make the Variety Shower for our Nuns such a huge success last Friday evening.

Mrs. Grace Thomas, Chairman



By Rae Algaze, Greenbelt 7502

Sir Stork, poor overworked fellow, must have been on vacation last week. Whatever the reason, there were no reports of new babies. We did slip up on one new arrival in May who now boasts the advanced age of 2½ months. He is Francis Joseph Shelley, Jr., who resides with his parents and his sisters—Sharon, 8, and Carol, 4—at 53-A Ridge. He arrived on May 2 at Leland Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Frank J. Bauer, 21, 1-J Gardenway, was injured in an auto accident along the Beltsville road on the way home from a square dance last Saturday night. He was treated at Leland Memorial Hospital for severe body bruises. Frank is anxious to recover and get back to pitching on his softball team.

Mrs. James Anspach, 11-A Hillside, underwent surgery at Leland Memorial on July 20. She is now at home recuperating.

Three Greenbelt women who came here in 1946 as “war brides,” experienced one of the happiest days in their lives on June 23 when they obtained their final American citizenship papers. They are Mrs. Joseph Rogers Jr., 5-E Eastway, formerly of France; Mrs. Harold Hornbeck, 14-M Laurel Hill, from Ireland; and Mrs. William J. Long, 12-M Ridge, from England.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and their two sons, formerly of Greenbelt, whom we mentioned in a previous issue, were guests of the Ashelmans last week. They have been residing in Japan for the past two years where Mr. Stewart is a civilian employee of Foreign Properties under U. S. custody. During two nights of their stay here, he showed slides out of doors of scenes taken in this country during the last war and after. The Stewarts have left for Florida where they will visit his parents and then return to Japan for another two-year stay.

Our loss was the gain for the 10 court of Southway when Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Plackett, formerly of 4-E Hillside, moved to 10-P Southway yesterday. On Tuesday night, eight neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theron A. Tompkins to pay a farewell tribute to this well-liked family. Individual gifts, in the nature of household linens, were presented, Margaret and Jimmie, their son and daughter, have gone to Syracuse for the summer to visit with their grandparents. Friends and neighbors wish daughter Patty a speedy homecoming from Mt. Pleasant Hospital in Reisterstown, Md. where she is taking a rest. Son Bob is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Brown, 20-C Hillside, returned last week from a three week's trip to the Middle West. Their three daughters, Dolores, Sharon and Carlene proved themselves hardy travelers as they were none the worse for their 3300-mile trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wharton, 1-F Westway, entertained her aunts, Mrs. Mary Williamson and Mrs. Nancy Kelley of Eastern Shore, Md., last week.

Carl and Rae Oliver, 33P Ridge, have been showing a variety of films of popular interest “al fresco” at least once a week, which are heartily enjoyed by friends and neighbors of the 33 and 35 courts of Ridge.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Tillem, 4-B Gardenway, for two weeks are their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kroll and their children, Janet and Mark, of Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Neff, 3-D Ridge, have as their guests their grandchildren, Patsy and John Conroy of Baltimore, who will be here while their mother is at St. Agnes Hospital.

A surprise stork shower in honor of Mrs. Lawrence P. Fern, 3-E Ridge, was held at the home of Mrs. Neff on June 27. The twenty-eight guests presented Mrs. Fern with many lovely gifts.

Alfred Henry Anderson, son of

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Anderson, 4-G Gardenway, celebrated his third birthday with a lawn party last Saturday. The scene of the festivity seemed like a fairyland to the twenty youngsters, as balloons, candy and assorted favors hung from lines extended from tree to tree. Of course there was a birthday cake and the usual refreshments.

Beth Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Russ, 2-E Eastway, invited twenty friends to a hayride in honor of her tenth birthday last Monday night.

Several employees of the Geological Survey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fink, 2-B Hillside, last Sunday, and spent the day swimming and picnicking at Greenbelt lake. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimaldi and daughter Karen, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ramish and sons Joe, Andy and Tom, and Charlotte Warsaw.

Mrs. W. Scott and daughter Sue Ellen of Roanoke, Va. have returned home after spending three weeks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kinzer, 6-G Ridge, her sister and brother-in-law.

Mrs. Henry Mazlen, 2-D Northway, and son Kenny are spending the summer at Governors Island, New York, at the Army post where her dad is located.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell, 1-E Laurel Hill, and their two children have returned from a two-week vacation which was spent visiting in Scranton and Williamsport, Pa., Niagara Falls, the Thousand Isles and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Baird, 2-R Laurel Hill, returned last week after visiting their respective families in Kansas City for three weeks. Her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Fockler, accompanied them to Greenbelt where they will be their guests for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brautigam of Parkbelt and their son Douglas have returned from their vacation which was spent in Nebraska and Colorado.

Mrs. Glen Kitchen, 13-L Ridge, and her two children are spending the summer in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Wenzel, 3-C Ridge have as their guests for one week her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hagenauer of Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scoggins, formerly of the 4 court of Laurel Hill and now residing at 15-N, had as their guests last week his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Scoggins, and daughter Nola, from Baltimore.

Harry L. Bell (Pop) was taken seriously ill last Tuesday, July 19, and was rushed via ambulance to Mt. Alto Hospital. According to Mrs. Patricia Bell Good, cards would be appreciated from his friends, and should be addressed to him at Ward “B,” V. A. Hospital (Mt. Alto), 2650 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D. C.

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Housing America GCS Employees Picnic At Lake

By Mike Salzman

Everyone seems to be aware of the fact that Greenbelt is a model of good planning, and that it was built to provide work relief during the depression of the thirties. So many people, however, know nothing about Greenbelt's third objective, lost in the shuffle when we geared our economy for war. Greenbelt was to be a demonstration; it was to show how housing could be provided for middle income families—indeed, it was to point the way for America's middle income families to live decently through co-operatives, and to demonstrate how the then-existent housing shortage could be licked.

In the late thirties this shortage was often referred to as "the not-so-new housing shortage." Now that this shortage has a knee-length beard, this forgotten Greenbelt concept has an excellent chance of being written into law. The "Housing Amendments of 1949" introduced by Senator John Sparkman, and 0 members of the House provides for direct government loans to cooperative housing corporations. These would be 100 percent loans, at from 2½ to 3 percent interest, with an amortization period based on the useful life of the property, but not to exceed sixty years.

(Ed. Note: Hearings are being held on this bill in both houses of Congress throughout this week and next.)

What effect would such a program of long-term loans at low interest rates have? Let me cite specifically what the savings will be under this program as compared with the FHA-insured rental development under section 608. For a two-bedroom unit the average monthly cost in a 608 rental project is between \$90 and \$95. Allowing for utilities, a fair average figure would be \$96 per month. This is based upon a unit costing \$9000 with a mortgage of approximately \$8000.

A total of \$39.50 per month can be saved by a cooperative housing project which would reduce this monthly cost to \$56.50 based upon a Federal interest rate of 2½ percent. The savings under this program would be as follows: (1) The monthly financing cost would be reduced from \$40 to \$21.50, or saving of \$18.50. The lower figure represents the carrying charges applicable to a mortgage loan of \$8000 on a dwelling. This \$8000 cost figure is comparable to the \$9000 cost on a 608-rental development because those 608 projects include allowance of 5 percent, respectively,

Last Saturday, Greenbelt Consumer Service's employees, board members, and their families held their annual picnic at the Greenbelt lake. Approximately 275 people attended the affair which began at 6 p.m. with ball games and horse shoe pitching. Following the picnic supper, more ball games and several contests took place.

The rolling pin contest was won by Mary McGuire and Lelia Stone, husband-calling by Edna Sheaffer, with Hilda Lastner a close runner-up. Toasting marshmallows and group campfire singing rounded out the evening.

The picnic was planned by a committee consisting of "Pappy" Hawkins, Robert Garin, Bob Broadbent, Ruth Megill, Ed Burgoon, John Brown and Anne Martone. The efforts of Gail Harper and George Davidsen were enlisted in opening pop bottles for all. James Porter and Bruce Bowman, who recently left the employ of GCS, were presented with gifts.

for architects and builders; also allowances based upon the appraised value of the land in use as a rental development, rather than its acquisition cost. These allowances—which do not involve out-of-pocket costs—amount to approximately \$1000 per unit. On a cooperative or nonprofit project these allowable 608 costs would be eliminated, so that an \$8000 cost and mortgage figure is comparable to the \$9000 on a 608 project.

(2) The nonprofit feature would save monthly at least \$5. It is customary to figure a 6 percent return on the \$1000 of credited investment in a 608 project.

(3) There is a vacancy allowance on 608 rental projects representing 7 percent, which amounts to \$6.30 a month. However, on the lower rental projects which would be made possible by liberal credit, 2 percent would be more than ample. This reduction would involve a monthly saving of \$5.

(4) The monthly operating and maintenance expenses in FHA rental projects average \$33. On the basis of the best experience in mutual and cooperative projects, it is expected that the saving in operating expenses would involve a monthly saving of at least \$11.

Both Titles I and III of the Housing Amendments of 1949 could be utilized to construct new homes on Greenbelt's undeveloped land—homes that people could afford.

UAW Convention Calls For Co-ops

Delegates to the recent tenth annual convention of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, the world's largest union, meeting in Milwaukee, adopted unanimously a resolution calling upon all local unions to "intensify their efforts among their members and all consumers to inform them of the advantages of co-operatives and where possible encourage them to establish community cooperatives." The UAW has been very active in helping to form and develop such co-ops.

The convention also instructed top UAW officials to meet with national CIO officials to "discuss the organizational program of the Council for Cooperative Development, and urge its international unions to affiliate with the CCD."

Walter P. Reuther, the union's president, in his opening address suggested that labor, farm groups and cooperatives pool their resources for a nation-wide chain of radio stations.

Md. U. Gives Free Concert Tonight at 8

The Maryland University summer orchestra and chorus will give a free concert this evening at 8 p.m. in the old gym at the University. The program will include "The Pilgrim's Chorus" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" performed by the chorus and orchestra, and Gluck's "Ballet Suite", and Beethoven's First Symphony by the orchestra.

Greenbelters who are members of this orchestra are Margaret Brown, clarinet; David Burchuk, violin; Harry Palmer, cello; Ben Posner, violin; Marion Moore, piano; and Stuart Oring, cell.

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WCFM Audience Tops 8,000 In Survey

A radio listening survey carried out by the Opinion Research Institute in the Greater Washington area during June showed that one in every four telephone homes now has an FM receiver, and 28.5 percent of FM set owners listen to WCFM, Washington's cooperative broadcasting station.

The survey also indicated that 1.1 per cent of all Greater Washington families with telephones tune in WCFM at least once each evening. Projected to the total number of telephone families in the District, and using the established rate of 2½ listeners per set in use, this means that in the neighborhood of 8000 people listen to WCFM nightly. Since the station can be heard over a fifty-mile radius, including such major areas as Baltimore, Fredericks burg and Warrenton, it is conservatively estimated that WCFM's nightly audience exceeds 10,000.

The survey was based on telephone calls to 7092 homes, constituting a random sample of telephone homes.

Enroll For Lifesavers

The senior life-saving class will begin August 2 at 9 a.m. All persons 16 years old and over who are interested in enrolling in the class should call the Recreation Office at 6966 during the day, or 7621 in the evening.

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FOX TALES

By Sam Fox

Baseball: The Shamrocks won a double-header Sunday which puts them on top of the league. They defeated Mt. Rainier in two games. Good pitching from Jule Andrus and Pete Labukas gave Greenbelt the edge.

Softball: The Greenbelt Recreation League will have the championship game Saturday night between Mt. Rainier and Thrifty for the trophy presented by the league. The game will start at 8 p.m.

Water Pageant: Practice for the water show begins this week.

All who wish to participate, please get in touch with the Recreation Department. We will try to make this the best one Greenbelt has ever had. It will be put on at night on August 14.

Glee Clubs: Let's not forget to go to the Glee Clubs on Monday and Wednesday at the Center and the North End schools. Those wishing to participate in the minstrel show should get in touch with the Recreation Department for more details. We are looking for all sort of talent—whistlers, tumblers, tap dancers or any act you can do well.

North End Playground: All boys who are interested in being in the North End playground BOXING SHOW, which will be held at the stand on Braden Field, get in touch with Recreation Department. We are having some of the best college boxers give pointers.

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"A" Block In Tie For First Place

The "A" block baseball team blasted its way into the tie for first place this week by taking a double-header from "H" block 6-4 and 7-2, despite homers by Tom Quigly and Graham Houlton. Bobby Brittingham pitched both games with his brother Jerry behind the plate.

Games during last week:
A-9, E-0, D-6, H-4, A-7, H-0, H-9, D-4.

Midgets Split Two; Series Chance Good

The Greenbelt Boys' Club's mighty midget ball club played two games over the weekend, dropping a 3-0 decision to the Alexandria Boys' Club and defeating the Ballston Indians by a 7-3 count. Ballston defeated the local youngsters earlier in the season.

The well-coached Alexandria club sent their ace pitcher to the mound in the person of 12-year-old Wilmer Anderson who hung up a no-hitter against the Midgets. Tony Baker pitched the first five innings for Greenbelt and held the visitors to two scratch hits, but a series of errors produced the winning runs. Johnny Lewis worked the 2 final stanzas.

After dropping a 14-13 thriller to Ballston last week, the Baker Boys traveled to Virginia Sunday to even the count with the home club. Jim Stripling and Bing Miller divided the pitching assignment each giving up a single hit. Stripling, who worked the final five innings, fanned ten men. Seven Greenbelt boys hit safely.

The Midgets traveled to Alexandria last night where they engaged in their first night contest before 2000 fans.

Suitland will furnish the opposition on Saturday morning at Braden Field. Game time: 10 a.m. Come down and see our surprising youngsters who to date have won 21 out of 23 contests.

The Boys' Club Midget "B" team traveled to Snug Harbor last week where they defeated the Lanham oys Club Midgets by a 25-12 score. Frankie Lagana did the pitching for Greenbelt with Hugh Livingston behind the bat. Comings, Lagana, Livngston, Brosmer and Frenner led at bat in the wild scoring fray.

Word was received intown this week that the Boys' Club Midget baseball nine is one of the six remaining teams being considered to represent the East in the Midget World Series to be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, next month. In a letter received by the Boys' Club from Mr. Joseph Tomlin, Philadelphia representative of the Midget Baseball Association of America, Mr. Tomlin stated: "Chances of your kids appear better than 50-50 as the Durham, Philadelphia, and New York teams have already been eliminated."

Announcement of the final selection is expected to be made about August first.

One Hour For Adults

The swimming pool will be open one hour longer, until 10 p.m., according to the Recreation Department, for the use of adults and older teen agers. Children will not be permitted in the pool after 9 p.m.



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