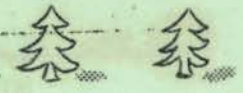




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COOPERATOR WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Saturday we celebrate our first Christmas Day together in Greenbelt. This truly an occasion for rejoicing because, in Greenbelt, perhaps more significantly than in any other community in the United States, we are welded together with a common bond and a common purpose. Ours is an adventure in pioneering a new way of life -- a life more closely in accord with the ideals and prophetic aspirations of Jesus--Master Teacher--born in the humble surroundings of a manger One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty- Seven Years Ago. With the Christ Child of Bethlehẽm a greater faith in Humanity was born. Today the Light of Mersy and Truth shines brightly across the Earth--and its beams reach into many a heart. In Greenbelt, while we celebrate Christmas together, we shall know that Beauty is not lost in the world.



SUPER-MARKET OPENS IN GREENBELT WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES

The opening of Greenbelt's own super-food mart was enthusiastically celebrated Wednesday a week ago, with bright lights, free ice cream and speeches! The only feature lacking for the occasion was a brass band.

Beneath a cluster of flood-lights a happy throng surveyed with pride the spick-and-span shelves stocked row on row with fresh supplies. Perhaps most heartily appreciated was the long white counter of the meat department.

Mr. Cumly Richie, officiating as ice-cream dispenser for the youngsters threatened to steal the show. In the long line of faces before him, the same face was seen more than once.

Robert E. Jacobsen, Assistant Manager of G. C. S. I., presided and introduced

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TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS SECOND MEETING TO ADOPT RULES AND PLAN PROGRAM

The Town Council met Monday night, December 13, in the council chamber of the Administration Building for the purpose of adopting standing rules.

Sherrod E. East, Chairman of the Rules Committee, introduced eighteen rules for Council procedure. These were taken from the rules used by the United States Senate, and modified to meet the needs of the Greenbelt Council. They were unanimously adopted.

The Council petitioned the Farm Security Administration calling attention to inadequate transportation and the need for definite action to alleviate this situation at once.

The budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1938 has not been com-

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SUPER-MARKET OPENS

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the speakers. The store opening was formally declared by the presentation of keys to Store Manager R. M. Templeman. Mr. Roy S. Braden made the official presentation in behalf of the Farm Security Administration with appropriate remarks.

Mayor Bessemer brought the ceremonies to a close with a short speech in which he pointed out the complex development in retail merchandising from the lonely trader's outpost in the wilderness to the modern, efficiently organized super-market.

H. L.

GREENBELT COUNCIL ADOPTS RULES

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pleted.

The second and fourth Monday in each month was designated for Council meetings. The council will meet Monday, December 27th, at eight o'clock.

Order of Business

"After the Journal is read the Mayor shall lay before the Council any messages from the Town Manager or call for the same to be delivered in person should the Town Manager so desire. Reports or other communications from the heads of administrative departments shall be next in order. These, too, may be delivered in person.

"1. Other written communications addressed to the Council.

"2. The presentation of Petitions, Memorials, or any other matter which a citizen or group of citizens may desire to present to the Council provided such matter shall be proper and in order.

"3. Reports of Standing Committees.

"4. Reports of Special or other Select Committees.

"5. Discussion on any other subjects of interest to the Council.

"6. The introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions.

"All the foregoing shall be received and disposed of in the order given unless majority consent shall be obtained to the

contrary.

Sec. 2 (Rule VI) "After the disposition of the above business the Calendar shall be called for and such Ordinances and Resolutions as are entered therein shall be considered in order unless otherwise provided by unanimous consent.

Sec. 3 (Rule CI) "In addition to the provision in section one of this rule concerning the Town Manager it is further provided that the Town Manager may be heard at any time on any matter before the Council. Further, any head of an Administrative Department may be heard at any time if the matter before the Council at that time concerns his own Department.

"When the yeas and nays are ordered each Councilman's name shall be called alphabetically and he shall vote without comment. No motion to suspend the rules with respect to voting on Ordinances and Resolutions shall be in order.

"If in the judgment of the Mayor or presiding officer it shall be advisable to refer a resolution or ordinance to a committee for consideration and report, he may do so provided (except when unanimous consent is obtained) such commitment shall not prejudice the ordinance or resolution in its place on the calendar.

"If, in the judgment of the Mayor, or any member of the Council, it shall be advisable to refer any matter to the Town Manager for his consideration, such matters shall be so referred."

"As to precedence of motions when a question is pending, the Council adopted the following:

To adjourn; to take recess; to lay on the table; to postpone; to commit to committee; and to amend.

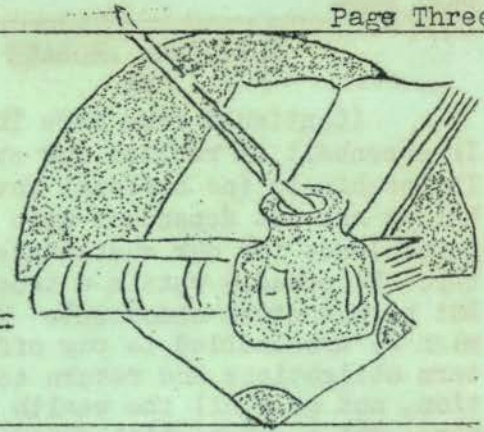
"When a question is pending no other motion shall be in order and the above motions shall have precedence as they stand.

"The Council may at any time discharge any committee by majority vote.

"Any rule may be suspended by unanimous consent. Nothing in these rules shall contravene any provision of the Charter and questions not covered by either shall be determined by the Council as the need shall arise." W.R.P.

Cooperatives return profit to their customers in patronage dividends.

Editorial



GREENBELT COOPERATOR

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Published weekly under the auspices of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club and the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. Its sphere and policies are as follows:

1. A nonprofit enterprise.
2. Nonpartisan in politics.
3. Neutral in religious matters.
4. An open forum for civic affairs.
5. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

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Greenbelt's Gasoline Station and Super-Market grocery are here for your convenience. Like every other agency serving you in Greenbelt, no motive of personal profit enters into these enterprises.

OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE NATION

As we approach this first holiday season in Greenbelt, we deem it especially appropriate to make known to our fellow-citizens throughout the Nation:

That we are not unmindful of those less fortunate than ourselves.

That we believe in safeguarding the health, morale, and financial resources of our people.

That we are confirmed in the opinion that a national housing program is imperatively required, if we are to maintain our status as a modern, progressive country.

In some quarters we are told, the Nation cannot afford a housing program. Where the lives of one-fourth of our citizens are in daily jeopardy, we think it is pertinent to ask, whether we can afford to be without a housing develop-

Can we estimate the staggering costs of inadequate housing? The costs of vermin-infested fire traps--illness--crime--destitution--and moral disintegration?

Would not a thousand or three-thousand Greenbelts in America create new wealth for old, and save generations yet unborn from the dismal swamps of economic decay?

To re-build America is to re-house it. Our country is worthy if our talents and resources and her greatness demands that we use our wealth for creative and not destructive ends.

The people of Greenbelt live in the first American town completely planned and financed by the Federal government.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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In Greenbelt we realize our special relationship to the national government, but we are not dependent upon a Nation's benevolence for our sustenance or shelter. We proudly retain a trusteeship, but no perpetual endowment. Under this plan we are enabled to pay off our long-term obligations and return to the Nation, not only all the wealth invested here, but a substantial contribution in citizenship and improved techniques in local nonpartisan government.

If our community is sometimes referred to as a model town, because it is Uncle Sam's first attempt in bringing together within a unified plan nearly all available modern improvements--for safety--efficiency--and sanitation-- then knowledge which will be realized from our community laboratory should properly serve the whole people, including the architects, engineers, and contractors of the building industry.

We wish our good neighbors throughout the Nation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and trust that they may rejoice with us in the blessings which God--the Author of the Larger Plan and the Architect of our lives--graciously bestows through the Power of Applied Science directed toward constructive ends.

L. B.

OREGON HISTORY TEACHER FINDS
GREENBELT PROJECT INSTRUCTIVE

Recently a Greenbelt resident received a letter from Robert Tugman, history teacher of Chiloquin, Oregon. It said in part:

"We had a very interesting discussion in U.S. History last Friday. During our Current Events period we talked about the Greenbelt, Md., project.

"The students take a very active interest in current happenings and from all the sources of information which we have been able to tap, this experiment in Greenbelt is going to be a very wonderful experience. The project in Greenbelt may revolutionize all our future town and city planning."

Mr. Tugman, incidentally, is now coach

DOCTOR ADVISES COMMUNITY
TO PROTECT HEALTH

Dr. A. B. Hooton, Prince Georges County Health Officer, has been asked to convey his advice to Greenbelt residents on precautionary measures for protection against communicable diseases.

In referring to a case of scarlet fever here, he wishes to explain that the family has cooperated wonderfully, and that their case is being watched closely to prevent an epidemic.

For children who are susceptible to this disease, Dr. Hooton advises frequent examinations and to call the family doctor when danger signs may appear.

Since this disease is contracted through the nose and throat it is advisable to watch for sore throats and runny noses.

At this time of year it appears advisable to prevent children from being exposed too much to crowds in public places.

TRANSPORTATION BY JANUARY FIRST

From officials of the Farm Security Administration we learn that a contract for express bus service to and from Washington is drawn up and will take effect when our present contract with the Blue & Gray Transportation Company expires.

The contract stipulates that express service will be furnished the residents of Greenbelt during the rush hours (morning and night) and shuttle bus service during the day to the Transit Co. line in Riverdale and Branchville, where one may also catch the B&O train to Washington and Baltimore.

We have not seen the contract, but those to whom we have talked assured us these were the facts. A \$1.75 pass will be in effect and usable all over Washington. The cash fare will be (probably) 30cents one way with provisions for cheaper fare if tokens and tickets are bought.

R. P.

Help Greenbelt grow; shop in Greenbelt. The cooperative stores are owned by consumers.

ing the debate team of the Chiloquin high school, which last year held the state debate championship.

STANLEY B. RIDDER TRIES "RAILROADING"
BUT WINS HONORS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

President of Citizens' Association
Would Help Labor Fight its
Battles in the Courts

MEMBER OF NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

Stanley B. Rider is a "reformed railroad man", to use his own words. Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, he was a young man when he left home to join the army at the outbreak of the World War.

Returning from the service, he re-entered school, but discovered he had developed a "gypsy heel", so he turned to railroading.

Two years of that in the East, he later railroaded in Utah, Nevada, California, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, and finally in Arizona. It was there he met, wooed, and won Mrs. Rider.

The depression knocked him out of a job. In California and Arizona, he had heard Donald Richberg try a case for the Railroad Brotherhoods. So impressed was he that he vowed he would become a lawyer and help Labor fight its battles.

Following a series of jobs while he burned the midnight oil reading law. Having received some recognition for his work in Scouting and for social case work with delinquent boys in cooperation with Kiwanis, Mr. Rider was appointed chief juvenile probation officer of Maricopa County, Arizona.

In 1935, the Riders "pulled up stakes" and came to Washington, where Mr. Rider secured a clerkship in Resettlement and immediately enrolled in the Law School of National University. In his first year he was awarded the Rhodes Prize for Public Speaking and was also a member of the Varsity Debate Team.

At the end of his second year in law school he passed the District Bar Examination. Mr. Rider is now a full-fledged member of the District Court for the District of Columbia and also of the United States Court of Appeals for the District. He is also a member of the National Lawyers Guild, and President of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association.

The Riders live at 1K Gardenway.

BURKE'S SKATING ADVENTURES END
WITH BROKEN ARM DURING TRY-OUT

Gay Event Marred by Heavy Tumble
on Greenbelt's Frosty Lake

Venturing out with a new pair of skates --the first he had clamped to his feet in fifteen years, James W. Burke, 35D, stumbled on the ice here Tuesday, Nov. 14, and broke his left arm, a few inches above the wrist.

Employed in the accounts section of the U.S. Public Health Service, Burke left the office early that day to try his new skates on the lake.

Just as he was getting real sport out of his flashing blades, he crashed on the ice. In an effort to save himself, Burke threw his arm beneath his body.

The weight of the fall snapped the bone structure.

Immediately two companions took Burke to a physician at Berwyn who gave first aid treatment. Recognizing how seriously the arm was injured, the physician advised his removal to Casualty Hospital in Washington.

The hospital physician obtained an X-Ray and set the arm at once. Burke has been carrying his arm in a plaster cast and is getting regular medical attention in the emergency--as well as a lot of inquiries from his friends.

Orville Slye, one of Burke's neighbors, has volunteered to drive Burke's car for him and the two men ride to and from Washington daily. Burke is taking accounting courses at Benjamin Franklin University and finds that the accident has temporarily interrupted his normal program of studies. L.B.

Suzanne Allred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon L. Allred, 37A Ridge Road, has been seriously ill for the past week with bronchitis. She has been in the care of Dr. Malin of East Riverdale and is well on the road to recovery.

Stanley B. Rider's chief interests are the socialization of the legal profession, Scouting, Little Theatre, baseball, hunting, and the G.C.A.

LETTER TO THE EDITORFIREMEN ON 24-HOUR SCHEDULE
READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Editors, Cooperator:

May I register my disapproval of the name "Cooperator" as applied to the Greenbelt newspaper.

Although I realize that newspapers sometimes have such names, and that co-operation is the stressed ideal for Greenbelt, still I believe Cooperator is an ill-advised name for any newspaper and particularly for ours.

For there is a tendency to associate Greenbelt with regimentation and paternalism. The public thinks of its people as flooded with rules and regulations and goody-goody propaganda.

Naming our newspaper "Cooperator" augments that idea. The title sounds preachy; syrupy. It suggests the "trade journal" or "house organ", published with a definite slant, and for the primary purpose of winning converts or of laying on the propagandaish-sugarcocoating.

Our newspaper should, and I believe it intends to, devote itself to relaying the news, with, perhaps, some literary contributions. Editorials even, should be concerned chiefly with calling our attention to conditions deserving attention. Moralizing should be kept to a minimum.

At any rate, I strongly feel that the present name does not express the correct tone for the newspaper, so I respectfully ask for a reconsideration.

As a suggestion I nominate an alternative: "The Greenbelt Town Critter".

December 13, 1937

(sgd) Howard C. Custer
45R Ridge Road.

The Editors of the Cooperator do appreciate such suggestions as the above, but would prefer to hear from a large number of readers who may have their own ideas about what name this newspaper should bear. Now for "crying out loud" let's find out whether the name COOPERATOR suits you or not -- put your suggestion on a postcard.

Use all the electricity and water you require -- but waste neither the one nor the other.

Yes, folks, we have a Fire Engine and have had one since July, 1936, but until last Friday it was located in the Hughes House at Branchville and Edmonston Roads.

Now it occupies its own home in our community center where two regular Firemen, Messrs. H.J. McNamee and N.F. Rushe, each serve daily on an 8-hour watch.

A third Fireman serves the last 8-hour watch to complete the 24-hour schedule that is maintained. The third Fireman is selected daily from the Guards policing Greenbelt.

In case of fire all of these Guards are to serve with the regular firemen.

These guards are: Messrs. M. Thomson, O.L. Schooley, L.L. Jenkins, E.O. Middleton, B.W. Toombs, C.W. McNamee, C.H. Reed, H.L. Robertson, M.P. Winslow and L. Gundling.

The Engine consists of a Ford Chassis with Howe Manufacturing apparatus mounted on it. The apparatus includes a 500 gallon-per-minute pump driven by the Ford engine; 4 booster pumps that draw from a 200-gallon reserve tank mounted on the chassis and to be used when not near a source of water supply; 2 chemical extinguishers; 3 - 25 foot ladders; 950 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose; 450 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose; 1 grappling hook; 2 - 12 foot lengths of suction pipe to the end of which a strainer may be attached when drawing water from a lake or similar supply; and 13 fire axes. With all this there are no fire hats, so what is the fun of being a Fireman in Greenbelt.

R.P.

NEWSPAPER CLUB TO MEET

The Journalistic Club will meet in the Council Room, Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 8.00 p.m. The Club will welcome to its membership all those residents who would like to work on The Cooperator. It is not necessary to be a writer.

We need typists, proof-readers, stencil cutters, news reporters, staplers and mimeograph operator assistants.

The work your heart does in one day would lift a 150-lb. man twice as high as the Woolworth Building. (No wonder you're tired!)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

Several people have asked: "How did the Greenbelt Cooperator get started?" It has even been suggested that the story be published in our paper. Therefore, in order to give the information to everyone, I should like to ask you to print the following announcement. Signed by J. M. Norvell, G. W. Bradford, W. R. Poole, and myself, it was placed on the bulletin board at the store in order to attract interested persons. Inasmuch as you were circulating a petition regarding a newspaper at the same time, you were approached regarding our proposed plan. Robert D. Hayes, having also expressed his interest in the matter, was consulted; so was Robert E. Jacobsen. A meeting was held November 11, 1937. It was attended by fifteen persons interested in seeing started a Greenbelt weekly newspaper. The Greenbelt Journalistic Club was formed and officers were elected. The officers of the Club were authorized to act in their respective positions and others were appointed to handle the various jobs on the paper for a period of six issues, as reported in the first issue.

The original announcement of plans follows:

A GREENBELT NEWSPAPER

Greenbelt has already grown into a town of many residents and the time has come when a medium for the dissemination of news should be set up. Several residents of Greenbelt feel that they would like to get a newspaper started and have it grow with the community.

This paper would be a cooperative newspaper and would be very useful as an authoritative source for news of meetings, specials at the stores, current attractions at the theatre, special grease jobs at the filling station, progress in transportation, and numerous items of real interest to the people of Greenbelt. There would be space for suggestions from all who are interested in seeing improvements made at Greenbelt.

A small paper of from four to six mimeographed pages has been thought of as adequate to start with, and as the paper progresses it could be multigraphed, then printed at a printing establishment, or possibly we could print it ourselves, if the high school installs a printing press for vocational courses and we are permitted to use it.

The title "Greenbelt Cooperator" has been suggested as appropriate for the paper.

Expenses of the paper will be borne by advertisements and public donations until Greenbelt can afford a full-fledged newspaper.

No editorial policy will be adopted immediately except to present such in the form of an open forum.

Those who are interested in helping on the staff of this paper and those who have suggestions to make may either submit them in writing to the "Greenbelt Cooperator", Box 44, Greenbelt Post Office, or make a personal contact with any one of the following persons:

(The above mentioned signers were listed and their addresses given.)

R. S. Sowell, Secretary
Greenbelt Journalistic Club.

CONGRESSMAN ELLENBOGEN SEES NEW ERA
OF PROSPERITY IN HOUSING PROGRAM

Henry Ellenbogen
33d Dist. Penna.

Committee:
Interstate and Foreign Commerce

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

December 16, 1937.

Hon. Louis Bessemer
Mayor of Greenbelt
Greenbelt, Md.

My dear Mayor Bessemer:

I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for the courtesy shown to me and my party on our recent visit to Greenbelt. It was a pleasure for me to be, even for a short period, in the midst of a community development which constitutes the realization of the hopes of public minded persons interested in low-cost housing.

The development of low-cost housing is recognized as one of the best ways to stimulate business activity. However, there is even a greater social significance in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt can serve as a model from the standpoint of planning and construction in the development of low-cost housing projects in industrial centers throughout the country. This is the best way to solve the housing shortage and supply decent, safe, and sanitary housing for families of low income.

In 1935 I introduced in Congress the housing measure which served as a model for the act setting up the United States Authority and which contemplated the construction of low-cost housing such as the Greenbelt project. I have ever since maintained an active interest in the furtherance of low-cost housing and can assure you of my continued interest in the future.

To those fortunate enough to live in Greenbelt, I extend my best wishes for their well-being and for their happy sojourn in a pioneer American community.

Very sincerely yours,
(Sgd.) Henry Ellenbogen.

HE:PN

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED

PLANS UNDERWAY TO HAVE DOCTOR HERE

Arrangements are being completed for a Table Tennis Tournament to be held at the school beginning Tuesday, Dec. 28. All persons of Greenbelt whether they be expert or novice are urged to play.

There will be an entrance fee of 15 cents per man which will be used to pay for the prizes and equipment.

Entrants should signify their intentions of playing (not later than Dec. 27th.) by getting in touch with John Murray at 33P Ridge Road, or Jim Dynaway at the gasoline station.

C. J. C.

You could cut the tails off of mice for 1,000 generations but mice would still be born with tails on.

Negotiations have been going on for some time to meet the most vital need of the community; adequate facilities for medical attention. Greenbelt residents, who already have much to rejoice over, may have especially good cause to celebrate the New Year.

Roy Braden, Town Manager, has had numerous conferences with the Medical Advisory Division of F.S.A., and has done his best to expedite the solution of this problem. While no permanent plans have yet been drawn, it is hoped that provisional arrangements will be set up shortly, and that a doctor will be here by the beginning of the year. Mr. Braden promises to keep us in touch with any developments. B. D.

"SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!"

(By Mary E. Van Cleave)

Silent Night! Silent, except for the explosions of bursting shells. Silent, except for the rat-tat-tat of machine gun fire. Silent, except for the wailing of women, mourning their dead.

Holy Night! Holy, if we take the time to remember it should be holy. Holy, if we recall the birthday we are celebrating. Holy, if we turn our thought to the beautiful Christmas story behind this exchange of gifts.

In our money-mad, greedy scuffle through life, we earth-men have made a mockery of it all! If we could say one prayer for the whole insane world this Christmas, it would be:

OH, Father, please forgive us all --
For we've forgotten how to call
On Thee, there's so much else to do.
We have to rush or wont get through.
Unless we hurry, we'll not be
In time for death -- and so, You see,
With work undone before we're dead
We can not pause for those words said
To help a world ensnared in sin,
"On earth peace, good will toward men."

GREENBELT POST ENLISTS VETERANS
TO SIGN CHARTER BEFORE JAN. 3

At the Legion Post's Meeting Friday it was decided to convene January 3rd, at 8 P.M., when Vets can get their names on the new Charter. A temporary charter will be closed to accept the regular one.

Necessary dispatches will then be sent to state and national headquarters. Vets wishing to become charter members are, therefore, urged to declare their intentions before Jan. 3rd. Dues are \$3.00 a year and each member receives a subscription to the Legion paper, and a monthly magazine, without extra cost.

Mr. Leon Benefiel, Post Adjutant, emphasizes that the American Legion serves in time of peace even as in time of war. He expresses a desire that his comrades, eligible to join, will enter the organization without delay and place their names on the charter.

Ambulances go right thru red lights
- and so do some of their best customers.

CHRISTMAS AT GRANDDADDY'S

(By LeGrand Benefiel, Age 9)

Granddaddy invites our family to Indiana for Christmas. Santa Claus grows the biggest trees in that part of the country. We know that we will have lots of fun.

On Christmas Eve we hang up our stockings by the fire place and go to bed very early. We are so excited and anxious we can hardly go to sleep, but the Sandman comes soon.

At midnight we hear the jingle of some bells. We jump out of bed, dress quickly, and run down the steps. There is the tree covered with colored balls and lights that twinkle all the time. A large star and an American flag are at the top of the tree. There are bright colored birds and yards of tinsel that sparke like gold and silver.

Under the tree are all kinds of toys, so many that we do not know where to look first. Soldiers, trains, windmills, cows, horses, pigs, airplanes. Our stockings are full of nuts, oranges, and apples. Granddaddy shakes hands with everybody and we then go into the other room and open our presents. I wish you all could have Christmas with us.

MRS. SOWELL SERVES STAFF

Co-op products were put to the taste test Saturday night when Mrs. R. S. Sowell, wife of the Secretary of the Journalistic Club served delicious coffee and homemade doughnuts to a tired newspaper staff at the Council Room.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

If Greenbelt citizens wish to have additional letters published on the "cat and dog" controversy will they please notify the COOPERATOR as to their desires in the matter.

Editors.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches
of peace;
East, west, north, and south let the
long quarrel cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the
angels began,
Sing of glory to God and of good-will
to man!

Whittier



Mrs. Greenbelt



STAFF

Ruth Hayes
Annette Coff
Shiela Cone

Dorothy Harris
Isabelle McAchren

Annis Murdock
Myrtle Resnisky
Fannie Schein

EDITORIAL

Christmas giving, particularly to those less fortunate than ourselves, is a custom which prevails throughout the entire Christian world. It is a good custom and one which should be fostered. However, we are prone to devote our consideration of the distress of others to the Holiday season. Unfortunately, Christmas marks the beginning of winter rather than its close, so that clothing and food given at Christmas can not possibly afford protection until Spring. Families need food, fuel and clothing, and children need toys just as much in February as they do the last of December.

The Welfare Board of Prince George's County aided by various private organizations have been collecting clothing and toys and repairing them for use. The date to receive these for distribution for Christmas has passed, but work will continue throughout the winter so that contributions will be continually needed. Woolen material, such as sweaters, coats, dresses, etc., is very much in demand.

As we have no charitable organization as such in Greenbelt, let's help the work already being done in the county. A box for such materials will be provided for at the Food Store. These donations will be collected from time to time and delivered to the Welfare Board. Let us keep the Christmas Spirit alive in Greenbelt throughout the year.

R. G. H.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Benefiel of 60B Crescent Road entertained all of the teachers who have taught her two sons since the time they started to school. Entertainment included two Christmas readings by Ruth Morgan and Marylan Maryn.

LeGrand Benefiel read a Christmas story which he wrote himself. Decorations were in true Christmas style.

The guests included Mesdames Reed, Parker, Bamberger, Alderton and Kauffman, and Miss Craig, all of Greenbelt; Misses Petty and Horsie; Mesdames Bradley and Footen, from Hyattsville; and Miss Clatter and Mrs. Wells from University Park School.

The Carroll family of 1A Eastway are planning to spend the holidays with friends in New York City.

Virginia Bonham will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Bonham, of 35B Ridge Road.

A birthday party was held in honor of George Thompson Gale at his home, 1A Woodlawn Way, on Monday of last week. George, who was named for his grandfather, George T. Thompson, Washington artist, celebrated his eighth anniversary. Those present were: Herkus Letkemann, Kay Thomas, Dorothy Welsh, and Jimmy Melsness, all of Woodlawn Way.

RECIPES

Mrs. Stevens has some very novel suggestions for the culinary artists.

For a really tasty pea soup she says to season the peas with salt, pepper, sugar, and butter. To this, add enough rich milk to produce the desired thickness. When peas are hot and soft, press through a coarse sieve. Add more butter or cream, and serve.

If your taste runs to corn, a delicious soup can be made by using a can of "Co-op" corn, and adding milk, butter, salt and pepper.

If you have left over macaroni, try adding some "Co-op" tomatoes to the desired thickness. Add chopped cheese and put into covered baking dish. Sprinkle raw sausage (ground) over the top and bake until sausage is done.

She also says, that chestnuts baked in the oven until done are much easier to handle for dressing.

A. C. M.

A GENTLEMAN IN DISTRESS

You have undoubtedly seen on the bulletin board a plea for the return of a hat which was taken by mistake at a Citizens' Association meeting. Mr. Letkemann, of 2D Woodland Way, likes the new hat but unfortunately, it does not fit him. He asked that the following notice be brought to your attention:

He requests that every Greenbelt wife look into her husband's hat for the initials H.W.V.L. It is worth \$1.15 to the family with whom this hat has made a two weeks rendezvous. The hat in question cost \$3.85. The one left to Mr. Letkemann cost \$5. Figure it out for yourself.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

As the great day approaches we turn our thoughts to ways and means of decorating our houses. The Benefiels have the distinction of having the first illuminated outdoor tree. Anyone who has evergreen trees outside their windows can rather easily wire the tree and attach the cord through the window to the light socket. Another very simple and inexpensive means of outside decoration is to place ordinary white candles in each window and light them after dark on Christmas Eve. This, I believe, is an old New England custom.

For a novel table decoration, place four round silver paper doilies, each about 8" in diameter in the center of your table. On top of each you may place a circle of red paper slightly smaller. In the center of each doilie, heap four red Christmas tree balls, with three silver cones radiating from the center.

On either side of the center piece, you may arrange a smaller silver doilie with low glass candle sticks and red candles. Bits of holly tucked in around the tree ornaments and candle sticks will add a finishing touch.

The "Administration" has on hand a new cook book which is larger and more complete than the blue one you received some time ago. You may obtain your copy by calling at the office.

If you have trouble regulating the temperature of your oven, please notify the "office" at once. It will be carefully checked, and the proper adjustments made.

Now that winter has arrived and clothes are freezing on the line, we would suggest for the small wash that you purchase a clothes rack and place it either in your attic or large closet.

The time for receipt of subscriptions for the Parents' Magazine has been extended to January. Please notify Mrs. Benefiel, 60A Crescent Road if you wish to subscribe.

WANTED: Someone to do general housework from 3 to 6 p.m. every day. Please call 3026.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING

BALANCING THE BUDGET

(By E. Maryn)

On Thursday evening, December 13, a group of parents and teachers met at the Greenbelt School for the purpose of organizing a Parent-Teachers Association. Mrs. Reed, the principal of the grade school, presided. The group passed a motion that a Parent-Teachers Association be organized in Greenbelt. Mrs. Reed appointed a committee of Miss Dittman, Mr. Eshbaugh, and Mrs. Robert Burke, to draft the model by-laws for this organization.

Miss Craig outlined the purpose of such an organization and stressed the importance of developing a better understanding between teachers and parents. She felt that this relationship had a decided influence in the development of the school child.

Mrs. Parker made an announcement about the Radio Forums that are sponsored by the National Parent-Teachers Association every Wednesday at 4.30 on station WMAL.

Mrs. Bomberger reviewed an issue of the National Parent-Teachers' Magazine and pointed out interesting articles.

Mrs. Reed gave a brief talk on the school system used in Greenbelt.

Tentative plans were made for a meeting on January 20 at which time a report will be made from the By-Laws Committee.

MOLASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

In order to get even with your kidding friends, you might invent your own myths of Greenbelt. Mr. Carroll decided that his office force needed a lesson, so he told them in all seriousness that Rex Tugwell was sending each Greenbelt family a gallon of molasses for Christmas. The pathetic part of the story is that they believed him.

In recent years food values, vitamins and calories have become every-day talk. The housewife today knows that milk, fruit and vegetables, cereals, eggs, and meat are necessary foods and yet to keep within the Greenbelt budget, they should be carefully planned. This task entails the knowledge of a few simple facts; --

Milk - That most vital of all foods, especially to children, becomes a problem to the large family. The milk bill can be cut down by the use of canned milk. Pediatricians and dieticians find canned milk particularly suited to infants and today it is widely used. Canned milk can be purchased for as low as 7 cents for a 14½ ounce can. The contents of this can, diluted with an equal amount of water, will give a good grade of milk for a little over 7 cents a quart. The economical housekeeper would do well to use canned milk for cooking and baking.

Oranges - Are another necessary item. The bulletin issued by the Bureau of Home Economics and U. S. Agricultural Dept. tells us that tomatoes and raw cabbage contain some of the same food qualities as oranges. When oranges are high, tomato juice or tomatoes can be used. Canned tomatoes have more food value for the money than tomato juice. Strain the tomatoes thru a medium strainer, season with salt, and you will have tomato juice that will more than equal to the commercially prepared product. The pulp that remains in the strainer can be used to make sauce for spaghetti.

Meat - Or the protein part of the meal is probably the most expensive item for the modest income. It is an important food and is necessary for body building and repair. Meat, fish and fowl have much the same food value. When fresh meat and fish are high, canned salmon, California sardines, and salt fish are good substitutes. Many appe-

To solve that gift problem, we suggest:

Dec. 22, 1937.

Robert's Rules of Order for Mr. Huffman.

A rabbit for Bob Hayes.

A nursery school for Mrs. Pittman.

A bus for Mr. "Trans" Porter.

A private telephone for Mrs. Braden.

His own hat for Mr. Letkemann.

A sturdy gavel for Mr. Rider.

An American flag for Mr. Morrison.

A bundle of Privacy for Mr. Braden.

A rest cure for Mr. Fulmer.

A little theatre for Mrs. Theodora Murray.

A quiet evening at home for Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.

A horse for Mrs. Ready.

A doctor for Greenbelt.

The simple things of life for Mr. Thornhill.

Food for the Young People's Assoc.

A wedding ring for Mr. Jacobsen.

An extra elbow for Mr. Berkalew.

A set of by-laws for Mrs. Endsley.

No meetings for a week for the wives of Greenbelt.

A megaphone for Mr. Bauer.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

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tizing and nourishing dishes can be prepared with the inexpensive California sardines.

Dried peas and beans are also protein foods, and can be used as a main dish. A half pound of dried split peas (yellow or green) that cost approximately 5 cents will make a rich, nourishing soup that will be not only cheaper than the canned soup, but will contain much more food value.

Soak 1 cup of dried peas over night. Add 6 cups of water, 1 small onion finely chopped; a stick of celery, one carrot, salt. Cook over low fire for two hours. Strain thru sieve; thicken with one tablespoon of flour and two tablespoons of butter. Reheat before serving.

Dear Mr. Claus:

We have been petitioned by the citizens to write you a few words of advice preparatory to your Christmas Eve deliveries in Greenbelt. We trust that you will not consider us presumptuous, but our model community has peculiarities characteristic only to itself. We want to make your advent in our fair city as comfortable and convenient as possible for we are aware that you are a very

It would be wise for you to enlist Professor Moon in your services inasmuch as we have no street lights. If he fails to COOPERATE, better stop at the CO-OP store and pick up a good flashlight as this is a mighty dark place.

If you can find time in your hectic life to study Einstein's theory, you will find it as confusing as figuring out the numbering system of our houses. We suggest that if "you take a number from one to ten, double it", add Einstein's theory, subtract all logic and then throw away the results, you will still have a time finding a specific house number.

We trust that you have abandoned your proclivity for the chimney as the only proper way to enter a house. Anyhow, if you use our chimneys, we warn you that you will find yourself in a dark hole occupied only by a grim and uncompromising oil burner who has no patience with intruders.

There is another delicate question we feel we must mention. Would you mind leaving your reindeer at the gate and transfer your bags to the station wagon? Until such a time as we decide whether to allow reindeer in Greenbelt, it would be best not to assume responsibility for such action.

Wire us if there is any detail we've forgotten. We'll be seein' you -- WE HOPE.

MRS. GREENBELT

TOPICS OF THE DAY

The consumer cooperative embodies more nearly than anything else the economic pattern of that "American Dream" which the Declaration of Independence defines and which American history has been a struggle to make real. It points the way to the economic embodiment of equality--the economic expression of brotherhood and democracy.

Our great conflict is between one group of people intent on accumulating great fortunes. The other group is just struggling to exist or live. Many critics have told the fearful story but give little or no help, for they never give us a clear and definite road out. When we propose a definite plan, we can properly direct our attention and our energies.

Thomas Jefferson was a cooperator. The form of government that he conceived is called democratic. It might have been called cooperative---it means the same thing. The Constitution of the United States is the greatest charter of human rights and liberties in the world. Intended to safeguard the rights of its members and secure to its people control of their affairs, it clothes them with the power to compel the central agencies to respond to their will.

Cooperation has no back door or secret methods or formula. The more people know about it, the better they will like it.

Cooperation in its true form is to business what democracy at its best is to political government. It starts at the bottom and builds up. It operates at its best first in small groups. It decentralizes power. It places all authority in the hands of its members. The gateway of cooperation is open to all people of all lands, conditions and times. It harms no one. It destroys nothing. It aims to build up, to increase, to develop, to perfect all. Cooperation opposes monopoly for others and does not seek or desire monopoly for itself. It condemns profiteering in others and limits profits

for itself. Cooperation seeks to increase production and a fair distribution. It is frugal, generous and altruistic. Its ideal is fairness, fraternity and friendship. It can exist only when majorities rule. This is the real cooperation, and not the imitation promoted by selfishness and greed.

Economy of distribution is its most important function. It is an escape from the corrupt exploiting swindle of corporation rule.

In the agricultural cooperative we favor a decentralized form or organization wherever possible. A centralized control is not cooperative when imposed from without.

The true cooperative puts people back to work and saves the community the expense of supporting the army of non-producing middlemen; and relief rolls; and, where the farmers direct their own business they furnish no cushioned chair for drones.

Harry R. Marlowe.

Courtesy Democratic News (LA.)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
TOMORROW NIGHT AT SEVEN O'CLOCK

There will be a Christmas party for the children of Greenbelt in the Community Center Thursday night, December 23, at 7 o'clock.

Through the cooperation of Johnny Graham's orchestra and the dance committee, the proceeds of the dance held last Wednesday night will be used to provide the children with refreshments.

The program will open with the singing of Christmas carols.

Each grade of the Greenbelt school will have an interesting part in the program. Recitations will be given by the smaller children and dances will be featured by the little people.

The program will be climaxed with the singing of "Jingle Bells" and the appearance of Santa Claus.

W. R. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Cooperator:

Editor, Cooperator:

Doggone (dawggone) this dog situation! Many Greenbelt kiddies hope that Santa will be able to fix matters. But their daddies are trying to do something more material. They have formulated a plan, which, if accepted as an ordinance, would insure Greenbelt of reasonable restrictions in the matter.

Each dog must be registered with and licensed by the Town Clerk. A small part of this revenue would be set aside for procurement of distemper and rabies serum. Government, State, Md. State Agricultural College and County officials will be glad to furnish the inoculating service free where such service would tend to provide protection for its constituents.

The tax for male dogs should be \$2 or \$3 each per calendar year. For female dogs, \$15 each for a like period. This is not for what the \$15 would mean to Greenbelt's treasury, but for the discouragement of wholesale propagation. What Greenbelt citizen would pay \$15 for a dog license?

Vicious dogs. A dog usually reflects the intelligence and disposition of his master. Training is a chief factor in the life of a dog and the person who will not give sufficient time to his pet, should not own one. A neglected dog, like a neglected child, will be obstreperous.

Greenbelt offers an unusually good opportunity to prove that dogs which are not fenced in or tied up are the least offensive. It has been proven that most animals will avoid strangers or mankind in general when met in the open. But when cornered, tied, or penned they assert themselves because they know not what evil the stranger may bear them and the law of self-preservation plays its part.

"Where are the dog lovers going to quarter their pets" is asked only by those opposed to pets. A dog, if given half a chance, will out-do a human in cleanliness and hygiene.

Summing up the situation we should consider that certain something in a child's mind which needs development and nothing short of a live pet will suffice.

Herkud W. V. Letkemann

There has been quite a bit of comment about dogs not being allowed in Greenbelt. I don't believe the average person understands the layout and condition of our community. They only seem to mention dogs. If one person is permitted to have a dog, his neighbor should be allowed to have a cat, or any animal whatever. Then what would happen? The dogs and cat's would fight with each other. In the early hours of the morning it is not so easy to shut up a cat serenade. How a cat loves to prowl and howl all night!

We have no fences in Greenbelt. If we turned our pets loose they would chase over people's yards (as well as our own), digging and destroying flowers and shrubery, and dirtying the yard. Small children, out playing, may accidentally step in the (-----)!

We don't all have grown children, and as this is a cooperative community, we must think of the neighbors with small children, too.

We could not keep pets in the house all the time; they, too, like exercise. You may say dogs grow up with children, and are a protection for them. Do you realize that your children play with other children and suppose they push each other or get into a scrap as most children do? The well-trained dog will probably come to the rescue and someone will be bitten! I might have a poodle and you a police dog, yet you should have as much right to have your dog as I to have mine. If it is well trained to protect your children, it is dangerous to other children.

I think most children like cats and dogs and when they see them, like to go up and pet them or pull their tails. If the animal isn't good-natured, it will scratch or bite a child.

Do we need them for protection? We have guards and police for that purpose. If yours is a watch dog, he's going to bark every time your neighbor comes home late or goes along your walk.

One bark will start other dogs barking.

L. J. Brosmer
33B Ridge Road.

DR. LUND --- HE HAS HIS SHARE OF HEADACHES(?)
IN CHOOSING GREENBELT FAMILIES!

Dr. Wendell Lund, Chief of Community and Family services section of the Farm Security Administration, was born in Escanaba, Michigan.

He was educated at Princeton University, Columbia University, and Augusta College, and holds three degrees, Ph.D., M.A., and A.B.

Dr. Lund was formerly chief of community development section, Division of Subsistence Homesteads. (This included selection of families for all projects.) Also, Dr. Lund was Executive Secretary, of the President's Planning Committee on the Upper Monongahela Valley, W. Va., and he was Executive Secretary of Augusta College.

Dr. Lund says about choosing Greenbelt families that his office does not select families, but that families select Greenbelt.

"The requirements for living in an FSA community are usually determined far in advance of the so-called family selection period. The plan for the community and the kind of community that is developed really decides the characteristics of the families who are to live in it.

"The families eventually chosen are those families who can use that particular kind of community to the best advantage for themselves and neighbors", Dr. Lund reports.

"The job of family selection is then to discover from the vast number of families interested in any FSA community those particular families who to the highest extent satisfy the requirements of a project which it was impractical or undemocratic to plan in advance for definite, specific families.

"This involves introducing some orderly and common-sense procedures to a selection process that otherwise would be irrational and adventitious", Dr. Lund declares.

Residence in Greenbelt is really based on only three main considerations, although each of these considerations has any number of phases or sides to it.

To qualify for Greenbelt, a family must first of all need more adequate housing than it now has.

Next, it must have the ability to make of Greenbelt to the greatest advantage. This includes willingness and ability to meet financial obligations involved, because there can be no permanent ability to use a project without capacity to pay for it.

The third requirement is that the family is genuinely interested, or there are good reasons for thinking that the family can and become genuinely interested, in a cooperative and progressive town like Greenbelt, in the opinion of Dr. Lund.

Why then was the Smith family accepted for Greenbelt, and not the Jones Family? Briefly, the Smith family needed better housing even more than did the Jones'. The Smith family could afford to pay the rent at Greenbelt. From their past dealings they would do their share to carry the financial burden of the community by paying their rent regularly.

Perhaps most important, they wanted to come to Greenbelt because they liked the kind of town it was going to be.

They liked the idea of living in a cooperative and democratic town, of helping to build a new and, if possible, better town for themselves and their children.

In short, they liked the whole idea so much that they wanted to work hard and make and keep Greenbelt the sort of place where a better way of life could be fostered.

There are many principles of family selection which can not be mentioned in this short account. But most important of all, if the active participation of the family itself in the selection procedure.

The family must understand the nature and purpose of the community and decide for itself whether that is the kind of life it wants to lead - for membership in a

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GREENBELT

Average annual income per family, \$1,608
 Average monthly income per family, \$134.
 Average monthly rent per family, \$33.
 Average size of a Greenbelt family, 3.7
 (Figure that one out.)

Ages of Family Heads

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Number</u>
21 - 29	100
30 - 39	88
40 - 49	33
50 - 59	5
Total	226

Average age of family head, 32½ years
 old (or YOUNG)

Note: In the December 8 issue I stated that there were 210 families in Greenbelt as of December 1, 1937. I wish to correct that figure to 226.

Send your questions to The Cooperator.
 Velma Brewer.

DOCTOR LUND

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community means far more than merely occupying a house.

"The results so far obtained in family selection for Greenbelt are gratifying. The large group of splendid families from whom the remaining families will come gives us every reason to believe that the eventual community will justify the high hopes and plans of its builders and present citizens", Dr. Lund says.

G.W.B.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

George W. Berkalew, 33H Ridge Road, who broke his arm several weeks ago when he fell on the steps at the Civil Service Commission, has returned to Mount Alto Hospital to have a splintered bone removed from his elbow. His confinement will last approximately two months.

FIRST TELEPHONE installed in Greenbelt is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Templeman, 56A Crescent Road. When Greenbelt was opened to tenants Sept. 30, 1937, 14 people in 5 families spent the FIRST night in town.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches, Washington, will be the speaker next Sunday at the Church of Greenbelt. Dr. Weaver is a member of the Committee formulating plans for the Church of Greenbelt through the Washington Federation of Churches, Dr. Worth M. Tippy announced Sunday.

The first young people's church meeting was held Sunday night under the guidance of Dr. Dodson of the University of Maryland.

With the cooperation of the church choir young people will participate in outdoor carol singing in Greenbelt Christmas Eve.

Rev. N. J. Gould Wickey, of the United Lutheran Church of America, addressed the congregation last Sunday.

HOUSING COMMITTEE VISITS GREENBELT

Following a conference in Washington a committee on housing hygiene made an inspection trip through Greenbelt last Thursday for the American Public Health Association. Several in the group are associated with the U.S. Housing Authority in an advisory capacity, O. Klein Fulmer reported yesterday.

JACK LANSILL REVIEWS TOWN'S TALENT BY CHECKING DATA ON BULLETINS

Assistant Administrator John S. (Jack) Lansill, in charge of suburban resettlement for the Farm Security Administration visited Greenbelt Saturday. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Reid Digges.

A man who lived and dreamed Greenbelt from its inception, Jack Lansill has been a respected friend of Rex Tugwell since their boyhood days in college.

Lansill has been closely identified not only with the development of Greenbelt but with government projects at Greenhills, Greendale and Greenbrook.

One of Lansill's associates said here Saturday that nothing "amused" or pleased Jack more than the town's bulletin board in the new store. The visitors expressed satisfaction with the town's civic developments.

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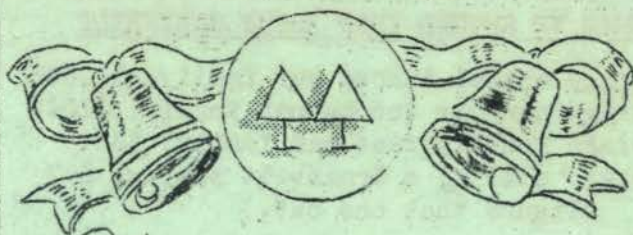
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