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A NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO GREENBELT CONSUMERS

The following statement has been secured by The Cooperator from the world-famous author, distinguished physician, and beloved teacher, whose book, "Cooperative Democracy," has been published in the leading languages of the world.

By James Peter Warbasse
(President Cooperative League, U. S. A.)

The Greenbelt cooperators are pioneers. They are in a position to demonstrate that business may be carried on in the interest of the people who need the service which the business supplies. Greenbelt cooperators are testing the ability of the consumers directly to supply themselves with the things they need. They are proving that the customers may be their own merchant, and that the interests behind the counter and in front of the counter can be made the same.

If the people of the United States can have this proved to them, nothing can stop the progress of civilization in this country. The cooperators of Greenbelt are in a conspicuous position, and the lesson they teach will go far.

To win success means that each must assume responsibility. Each must think cooperatively, attend meetings, be willing to serve, learn, and act cooperatively. Cooperative success does not happen; it is won, and won by earnest and thoughtful people who lay their hands to the task in the spirit of mutual helpfulness.

CO-OP EXPERT TO SPEAK AT G. C. A.

Mr. Jacob Baker, Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry on Cooperative Enterprise in Europe, will address members of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, Monday evening, January 3, at 8:00 P.M. in the Community Center.

He will tell of his observations on Cooperatives and on Community Housing in Europe.

Mr. Baker is President of the United Federal Workers of America and was Assistant Administrator of "I.P.A.

LOCAL CREDIT UNION OFFICIALS ELECTED

Audit and Credit Committees
Swing Into Action

With approximately 48 members already signed up, Greenbelt's new Credit Union launched its active program at a meeting last Wednesday at the school auditorium.

The first annual meeting of the Credit Union is scheduled for the third Wednesday in January.

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CREDIT UNION ESTABLISHED

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It was announced by Miss Dora Maxwell, regional credit union advisor, that at this annual meeting the present board of directors may be re-elected, or any changes which seem desirable may be proposed.

Members of the credit committee will pass upon all loan applications, and board members will set up credit union policies.

"The board of directors do not determine what loans are made, but the secretary and president do have a right to raise a question as to the merit of any loan," Miss Maxwell said.

"When a credit committee gets a banker's complex," warned Miss Maxwell, "Throw it out." She said glass-eyed conservatism is regarded as a danger signal in any credit union.

With 35 members present, the following were elected to the Credit Committee: Sulo Laakso, Mrs. Theodora Murray, and William Donahue. Board members are: Edward Thornhill, Glendon Allred, Fred Wilde, George Bauer, Harry Falls, Elbert Ferguson, and George Hodsdon.

The Audit or Supervisory Committee is composed of Oscar Leightner, Mr. De Jager and Mrs. Velma Brewer.

In accordance with all credit union practice, it was voted to take out a "faithful performance" bond to cover the Treasurer. It was unanimously moved to fix the bond at \$1000.00.

Officers of the Credit Union are: Harry Falls, president; Fred Wilde, vice-president; Glendon Allred, treasurer; and George Bauer, clerk.

The board members unanimously carried a motion to deposit credit union funds with the Hamilton National Bank, Pennsylvania Avenue Branch. Signatures of the President, treasurer, and vice-president will be on file with the bank.

For the present, at least, the board adopted a plan to limit deposits to \$200. from any one credit union member. The maximum amount for a loan was fixed at \$50.00 (without security) and

CHRISTENING CEREMONY ANNOUNCED
FOR SANDRA LEE REAMY IN TOWN

Sandra Lee Reamy is the first child to be christened in Greenbelt.

Christmas Eve Sandra Lee was christened, in her own home, by Rev. Worth M. Tippy of Washington.

Her god-parents are Miss Virginia Robey and Mr. Winston Trone, both of Washington, D. C. Witnesses included Sandra Lee's immediate family.

The christening took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin B. Reamy, 45 F Ridge Road, at eight o'clock Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, Sandra Lee was five months old.

D. W. R.

CLEARING HOUSE

A clearing house to prevent conflicting meetings is maintained in the Town Manager's office. People calling meetings, should phone the Manager's office and reserve the date and room they wish.

Would you call a miser a dough nut?
the maximum loan (with security or collateral) is limited to \$100.

It was pointed out that any action by the board at one meeting may be changed at a subsequent meeting.

The rate of interest to be charged will be 1% a month on all loans, which is about 1/3 of the actual legal rate in Maryland.

Because of the advantages of securing supplies for the handling of credit union business, the organization joined the Maryland Credit Union League. This enables the local organization to receive all the benefits of the state and national credit union movements.

"One of the first objectives here," said President Falls, "is to get money out on loans." It was decided that Treasurer Allred establish headquarters every Saturday between 4 and 6 P.M. in the town's shopping district where credit union deposits will be received.

Mr. Fred Wilde was appointed chairman of the Educational and Publicity Committee.

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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A person who knows nothing about watch-making can do a "beautiful job" in tearing a watch apart. Few can build a town, but what some amateur critics do in them is on a par with what children do when they get hold of an alarm clock.

L. B.

EXPRESS BUS SERVICE

The contract for bus service to and from Washington is agreed to by the Farm Security Administration and the Capital Transit Co. of Washington.

The route and schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the store and will take effect on the morning of January 3rd.

At a transportation meeting, Monday a week ago, Mr. Braden pointed out that a definite income had to be guaranteed to the Capital Transit Co., and if the revenue taken in does not meet this requirement the Farm Security Administration will make up the difference.

This difference will therefore become a responsibility of the Greenbelt Administration and will be taken from the real estate revenue of Greenbelt, leaving our Administration less money with which to operate the various units of the town.

It, therefore, becomes our duty to use this service whenever possible so that we, in turn, will receive a greater amount of public service from the Administration.

Since Greenbelt needs an adequate service to and from Washington, it becomes our responsibility to help obtain this service.

R.P.

The committee responsible for the attractive stage decorations at the school auditorium deserve heartiest thanks from the community. The beautiful display of pines and holly, not only cheered the church congregation during two services, but the entire townsfolk at the children's Christmas party.

Cooperatives help to reduce poverty.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Cooperator:

I do not agree at all with Howard C. Custer's suggestions regarding the name of our paper.

"Town Crier", the name offered to replace the one now used seems to me to belong to an era that is dead and buried. "Town Crier" conjures up in my mind pictures of powdered wigs and knee-breeches---outmoded symbols of an outmoded age.

Greenbelt has been pronounced the town of the future. Certainly it is the last word in modernity. Somehow electric ranges, casement windows, and underpasses do not mix with the term "Town Crier".

"Cooperator" is a very proper name for our newspaper since the term describes that feature which is most unique and significant in Greenbelt--the Cooperatives.

Mr. Custer fears that to some citizens the present name, "Cooperator", might suggest regimentation. I see no grounds for such fears. "cooperator", to me at any rate, stands for exactly the opposite of "regimentation". For while regimentation means the compelling of men to act without consulting their wishes, cooperation, on the other hand, means the free and voluntary working together of men for the common good.

The name "Cooperator" suits me.
S: Maryn.

DR. WARBASSE DIRECTS CO-OP COLLEGE

New York- The Cooperative College, established in the fall of 1937 as a training school for prospective cooperative executives and educational directors, will open its second term February 15, according to Dr. James P. Warbasse, president of the college.

The spring term will last for five months. Three months will be devoted to academic work at the headquarters of the Co-op College, 167 W. 12th St., New York. The following two months will be devoted to field work in cooperatives in various sections of the country.

ARE CHILDREN IN DANGER
IN GREENBELT PARKING AREAS.

It has been called to the attention of the Cooperator that children use court areas, behind buildings, as very desirable places in which to play.

These areas, incidentally, are useful "parking" places for motorists, truck drivers, and delivery services. Every automobile driver should be very careful while entering or leaving these areas.

The motorist who recklessly drives into these courts, or who hastily backs out of a garage, without due regard for the lives of children, is truly inconsiderate.

Every child has a right to the enjoyment of these court areas. Shouldn't every motorist, therefore, be very careful?

USE THE UNDERPASS

Children are quick to follow the example of adults in matters of behavior. If grownups are heedless will children take heed?

Have you noticed how many times adults disregard the underpass and go over the road at the Co-Op filling station?

The underpass is as convenient for grownups as it is for children. It should be made a habit. Take the underpass today and (who knows?) you may save a life by force of your example.

FURNITURE AUTHORITY TO DESCRIBE
NEW DESIGNS FOR GREENBELT HOMES

Writer Here Comments on Government's
Functional Chairs, Bookcases,
And Bedroom Suits

"Functional," is the adjective used by Mr. O. W. Fulmer to describe Greenbelt architecture.

Perhaps the furniture being distributed through the government to

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NEW FURNITURE DESIGNS

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those Greenbelt residents desiring it, may also be termed functional.

Miss Elizabeth Hofflin, who helped design this furniture, is coming to Greenbelt during the first part of January, to tell us what was planned by her and her fellow designers. Undoubtedly, these designers considered drapes for the windows while they were planning furniture for the various rooms.

My vanity dresser is a convenient typewriter desk; in another home, this "vanity dresser" accommodates the telephone and its directories.

Mrs. Walton Cone has one of those gold easy chairs in her boudoir, where it blends beautifully with the orange maple bedroom suite. The same style chair stands tastefully in Mrs. Hank Maurer's living room beside their walnut radio.

The armchairs look equally well in either dining room or living room.

The bookcases lend themselves to the available wall spaces in a graceful manner. If a large space confronts one, three or two bookcases to graduated heights but of similar width may be placed side by side like one modernistic stack.

The small bookcases can form arms for a day-bed; the two smaller cases are low enough to stand below a window hiding the radiator; and they can be used just as a bookcase to hold books.

It is likely that these are not accidents, so I am looking forward to knowing more of functional furniture.

--Dorothy W. Rider

PUNNY PARAGRAPHS

The only links between the city and country now are the golf links.

The nations of the world are now beating their ploughshares back into bayonets.

H. G. R.

STREET LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED AND OPERATING SOON

The street lights of Greenbelt are to be of the regular type suspended by metal brackets from poles at frequent intervals so that we will be well supplied with street illumination.

The lights within the blocks and near our sidewalks are to be known as "garden lights" and are to be of a very unique type. The F.S.A. construction division is now pouring the concrete supports for these lights, which leads us to believe they will be installed and in operation soon.

The underpass and community center lights will be operated on the same circuit. All will be turned on at the same time.

R.P.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

A children's nursery has been in operation during the past two Sundays at the community church.

Parents who have been obliged to neglect church attendance because their children could not be safely "parked" at home or elsewhere, will welcome this opportunity to participate in the morning worship.

The nursery is in charge of capable volunteer workers and an interesting "playtime" period is being developed for the little tots. Parents can now enjoy the lovely choir music, and religious program without interruption.

HEALTH LITERATURE

Instructive pamphlets containing medical guidance in caring for children of all ages are published by the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The ones listed below should be of interest to Greenbelt parents:

- "Guiding the Adolescent".
- "Child Management".
- "Infant Care".
- "The Child from One to Six".

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MARCH OF TIME SHOWS FINLAND'S CO-OPS -

New York- The March of Time film, released to theaters throughout the country December 24, features a sequence entitled "Finland's 20th Birthday", which devotes a section to the growth of the Finnish cooperative movement.

The sequence describes the uphill struggle of the Finnish people who won their independence just 20 years ago. The film points out:

"In domestic commerce it was to a cooperative system of production and consumption on a nation-wide scale that the frugal Finns turned for economic salvation. In great modern plants, cooperatively owned by their customers, Finns carry on 25% of all retail trade.In Helsinki alone one cooperative, Elanto, divides the profits from 314 food shops and 15 restaurants among the shareholders who patronize them."

PLEASE FILL OUT THAT QUESTIONNAIRE

Returns of the questionnaire circulated with the last issue of the Cooperator are very scant. Is it possible that Greenbelt doesn't want The Cooperator any more? The immediate return of your questionnaire is necessary before we can continue.

HEALTH LITERATURE

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"Lesson Material in Child Management"
 "Good Posture in the Little Child".
 "What Builds Babies (Diets)".

Charge for these booklets is 10¢ each, but the Cooperator will attempt to get any or all of these copies without charge.

List the booklets you want on a slip of paper and leave your request at the bulletin-board box at the grocery.

R.P.

GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST SPONSORS PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL

Plans were discussed at a meeting, Friday a week ago, to sponsor a dance in Greenbelt on January 29th in conjunction with the President's Birthday Ball Celebration.

The Post's part of the proceeds will go toward establishing an orthopedic clinic in the Southern Maryland District.

The final plans will be arranged at the January 3rd meeting of the Post, when the new charter will be signed by Greenbelt Vets desiring to become charter members, and will be dispatched to state and national headquarters.

At the last meeting a resolution was adopted inviting all ex-service men of American and foreign military units to attend the January 3rd and succeeding meetings and to participate in the activities of the Post.

MORE GREENBELT "FIRSTS" REVEALED

Mr. F. N. Reed, 1F Northway, purchased the first grocery order from the Greenbelt store.

On the 30th of September 1937, First Sgt. Julian Ashley, U.S.M.C., 1G Gardenway Rd., was the first resident to move into a Greenbelt home.

While the Ashley family struggled with furniture and shuffled bedsprings on the second floor, Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Braden brought their household effects into town. Hardly had the Bradens put their furniture into the house when Mr. Braden was called into Washington.

Returning to Greenbelt that night, Mr. Braden was stopped by a guard at the town entrance. Here for the first time the Community Manager produced such bona fide evidence as he could hurriedly collect, that he had "good and sufficient" reasons to enter Greenbelt.

That was the first and probably the last time the town's guards questioned Roy S. Braden.

Q. What's the "Knight of the Bath"?
 A. Saturday, you dope!

ANY GREENBELT "GEORGE CAN DO IT" BETTER THAN THIS CITY FARMER

The wife and I were deeply pondering on the various methods of balancing our budget. We were busily engaged in juggling the figures to balance our books when we noticed one of the larger items was food, and so, out of the proverbial clear blue sky my wife remarked: "George, why not start a garden; we'll raise our own food and save money!"

The next day I found the owner of a vacant lot and rented an acre of land for the small sum of \$14.50. After paying a man \$5.00 (based on the union rate of \$1.37½ per hour) to remove the various rocks, tin cans and other junk, I found a farmer who agreed to plough the land for \$10.00 plus a small amount of eats for the horses noonday lunch.

I then went to a hardware store and purchased a complete set of garden tools for the amazingly low price of \$12.34 and bought some seed for \$4.74. I spent the next day planting -- putting three seeds in each plot remembering that old slogan: "One for the worm, one for the crow; let's trust to luck the other will grow".

I was followed by three chickens and an old guinea hen, who managed to get more than the quota allotted the birds. Well, I worked so hard that I sprained my back and was forced to purchase 50¢ worth of Listerine (adv) and a bottle of horse liniment (good for man or beast) for \$2.00.

The months passed. People used my garden for a short cut; others used it for a parking lot. Some even thought it was still a dumping ground. After a summer of drought, came harvest time and I went to reap the crop. After I was through, I discovered I had raised; 6 ears of corn, one head of lettuce, a bushel of potatoes, and the best crop of weeds in the county.

To sum it up, my expenses were as follows:

Rent of land	\$ 14.50
Cleaning up same	5.00
Ploughing	10.00
Garden tools	12.34
Seed	4.74
Medicine	2.50
Total expense of venture	\$ 49.08

So my Crops cost me as follows:

6 ears of corn	\$ 17.76
1 head of lettuce	8.95
1 bushel of potatoes	22.39
Total cost of crop	\$ 49.08

Net gain 00.00

Congress should look at this balance sheet. Maybe the Department of Agriculture can keep these bumper crops from bumping us amateur hicks.

H.G.R.

RADIO EXPERT BRINGS TALENT TO TOWN

Greenbelt residents' hopes for improved radio reception may be raised considerably since we now have with us Bob B. Whiteman, who has had ten years of practical experience in servicing and designing radios. He is a graduate of the Capital Radio Engineering Insti-

tute and is service manager with a large Washington firm.

Mr. Whiteman is very anxious to do whatever he can for the good of the community, and toward this end is working on an aerial plan which, when completed will be submitted to the resi-

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Mrs. Greenbelt



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EDITORIAL

This issue marks the last of the six issues of experimentation. We hope that we can celebrate the new year by giving you a real newspaper. In our first issue we explained to you that we wished this page to be of real interest and help to the women of this community. We want to give you what you want but unless you advise us of your likes and dislikes, we cannot expect to please you.

Such questions as these come to our minds. Is the column on "Household Hints" of any help to you? Would you be interested in a series of detailed suggestions on family budgeting? Would you like more articles on interior decorating, cooking, and child welfare problems? Do you think instructions on First Aid in the home would be beneficial?

Your preferences in this matter may be attached to the questionnaire sent to you last week or you may address them to the Women's Page separately.

Your advice and help is greatly needed. Any suggestions you can give us will be very much appreciated.

P. G. H.

SOCIETY

From all accounts, the first Christmas in Greenbelt was celebrated most joyously. Several relatives and friends were guests at Greenbelt homes for the holiday week-end. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris and daughter, Virginia Anne, who came from Denver, Colo., to visit Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blow of 1C Eastway Rd. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. DeField of Norfolk, Nebraska are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Cone of 1-F Gardenway Road. Mrs. Bert Haynes and her daughter Elsie of Greensboro, N. C. and Mrs. Samuel Sanders of Brooklyn, N. Y. are spending the holidays with their sisters Mrs. Arthur Dickerman and Mrs. Laurence Sawyer. Sargeant and Mrs. Lanckton and Miss Myrtle Lanckton celebrated Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Macchio. Mr. and Mrs. Touchberry were guests of Mrs. Wheeling at 5-K Eastway.

Of those who left Greenbelt for visits with relatives in other cities, Mr. and Mrs. M. Poole went to Raleigh, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Webster McAchren spent the Christmas week-end at Johnstown, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alderton visited relatives in Cumberland, Md.

Joseph Charles Macchio, Jr., of 4-F Hillside Rd. celebrated his first birthday on December 20. Guests at this occasion included Mrs. Loeb and her daughter Roberta, Mrs. Smeltzer, and Mrs. Sandman.

Another Christmas birthday celebration was held in honor of Miss Nancy Sue Price who was three years old on December 19. Guests attending the birthday dinner party were Mr. and Mrs. Stivanson and Miss Mabel Herndon.

- RECIPES -

When our reporter asked Mr. George Pengoulas for his favorite dish, he replied "Lamb". When asked his second choice he repeated "More Lamb", so lamb it is. If you ever have occasion to plan a dinner for this gentleman you will undoubtedly be a success if you seize the following recipe.

- Braised Shoulder of Lamb -

Bone a shoulder of lamb, leave knuckle, and fill cavity with a stuffing. Place in a deep pan. Sear 5 min. in $\frac{1}{4}$ c. fat, a slice each of onion, carrot and turnip cut in small pieces, $\frac{1}{2}$ bay leaf, a sprig of thyme and a sprig of parsley. Add 3c. hot water, salt and 6 peppercorns; pour over lamb. Cover closely and cook 3 hr., uncovering for the last half hr. Remove to hot platter. Thicken liquid in pan with 4 tbsp. flour blended with some of the lamb liquid. There should be 1-3/4 c. of sauce.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A very lovely Christmas Pageant was presented by the Greenbelt Elementary School on Thursday morning December 23.

A beautiful tableau of "Christ in the Manger" was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Howe and their three months old baby.

Another feature of the program was the origin of Christmas Carols. Six unlighted candles were placed on a table in the center of the stage. Six Children in turn lighted a candle and told something about the carol originating in the various countries. The carol was then sung by the entire group of children seated in the audience. The songs from the various countries were as follows: "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful", from Italy; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", from England "The First Noel" - France; "Silent Night" - Austria; "Oh Little Bethlehem" - United States; and "Joy to the World" - Germany.

Ruth Morgan recited "Everywhere", Margaret Welsh gave a Christmas Prayer and Werner Steinle gave a short talk on the spirit of Christmas.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Christmas is over and we are left with the unpleasant task of bringing some sort of order out of chaos. From our own experience, we have found the removal of stains from our linen particularly troublesome.

For candle wax scrape as much of the wax away as possible. Then dissolve the dye stain by sponging with wood alcohol. Commercial solvents containing carbon tetrachloride benzol or chloroform may also be used.

If holly has been used in your table decorations you will probably find berry stains where the berries have been pressed. As soon as possible remove the cloth, place over a bowl and pour boiling water from a height of 3 or 4 feet through the cloth. If this is not effective bleach with lemon juice and sunlight or use one of the commercially prepared bleaches such as Chlorox.

Chocolate candy stains can be removed usually with hot water and soap but if this fails try soaking the spot in a small dish of alcohol and household ammonia.

Gravy stains become set when hot water is used. It is therefore best to use cold water first. Soap and warm water usually will remove such stains. However if there is only a small stain and you do not wish to launder the whole cloth an absorbent such as chalk, powdered magnesium, or talcum powder can be used. If stain is particularly difficult to remove use a commercial solvent.

A very inexpensive bleaching agent known as Javelle water may be easily made at home. Dissolve one-half pound of washing soda in one quart of cold water. To this add one-fourth pound chloride of lime. Strain this solution through a piece of muslin and pour into quart jars. You will find this particularly effective on white cotton or linen materials. Never use for silk, woolen or colored materials. Javelle Water is also effective in cleaning porcelain or enamel. (These suggestions have been taken from a U.S. Dept. Agric. Bulletin No. 1474.)

BALANCING THE BUDGET

GRADED MEATS

B. Maryn

In order to get the greatest value for the amount of money spent, the housekeeper must know HOW and WHAT to buy.

One of the most difficult items to buy, is meat. In spite of the fact that various cuts of meat are displayed and can be seen and handled by the shopper, time and again that "delicious looking" roast is tough and that "tender steak" is leathery. Why does this happen? Because the shopper has not learned to buy graded meat.

What is GRADED meat? It is meat that has been inspected by a government meat expert and bears a stamp describing the quality of the meat. This grading is done by men who neither buy or sell the meat. It is therefore impartially judged on the basis of certain specifications and requirements.

- There are seven grades of meat:
- U.S. Prime or #1 (used in hotels)
 - U.S. Choice or #1
 - U.S. Good or #2
 - U.S. Medium or #3
 - U.S. Common (Plain) or #4
 - U.S. Cutter or #5
 - U.S. Low Cutter or #6

The grade stamp also tells whether the meat comes from a steer, heifer, cow or bull. The best beef comes from properly fed steer. The lower grades of meat come from cow or bull.

U.S. Choice Beef comes from well-fed steer or heifer that have been bred particularly for meat. Although this grade is higher in price it is well worth buying for steaks and oven roasts.

U.S. Good comes from good cattle but has less fat than U.S. Choice. It is very satisfactory for everyday use.

For pot-roasts and stews U.S. Medium is practical, as if cooked properly it is one of the most economical grades to use.

Mr. Laakso tells us that the meat in our market in Greenbelt corresponds to U.S. Good. Although the store does not carry graded meat at present they plan to do so very soon.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mothers, father, and children all gathered together Thursday evening December 20, at the School auditorium to herald the arrival of that grand old man from the north pole.

The evening's program began with a song by the audience. Christmas recitations were given by Marilyn Eshbaugh, Dorothy Wood, Fay Friedman. Marcelyna Burke gave two dances, one a tap number the other a toe dance. Readings were given by Ruth Morgan, Marilyn Maryn, Louise Burke and Jane Jones. Carols were sung by members of the 1st and 2nd grades, the 3rd grade and the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. The various numbers were announced by Margaret Welsh. Musical accompaniment was furnished by Mrs. Barr.

To the tune of Jingle Bells, Santa Claus represented by Mr. Robert Dove was presented and some three hundred children literally broke loose. With the help of Mr. Benafiel, Rochert, Hess, Howe and Johnson, each child was presented with a box of candy and an orange.

A great deal of credit should be given to Mrs. Morgan who was asked to take over the chairmanship of the party committee at the eleventh hour. Due to unfortunate circumstances the order for favors for the children was not filled and it was necessary to box nearly two hundred pounds of candy the evening before the party. Mrs. Morgan wishes to thank those who helped out with this emergency. Among those who offered their services were Mrs. Benafiel, Burke, Childress, Falls, Harper, Provost, Thomas, Thornhill, Mr. Dove, Mr. Hess and members of the Young People's Society.

For something different to serve with that New Year's Eve Egg Nog or Tom and Jerry try hot mince meat Tarts.

After "Auld Lang Syne" at twelve o'clock give each of your guests a sprig of ivy. The legend is that as long as the ivy is fresh your friendship will endure.

WEDDING BELLS RING FOR BOB IN WEST

Robert Jacobsen, assistant manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., will be on leave from Jan. 1 to 15. He will be married to Miss Marna Leland at the home of the bride's parents in Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 8.

The bride will be given away by the father, Dr. Harold Leland, a Minneapolis physician. The best man will be Donald Weesar.

Miss Leland, a teacher of physical education in Minneapolis high schools, has been living with her parents. The bride and groom will make their home in Greenbelt.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE

With last week's issue of The Cooperator there were distributed questionnaires to determine the possibility of continuing the paper.

Out of the first batch of replies, one person desires outside advertising because "competitive ads will draw potential customers away from our 'Co-op' stores until our prices will meet competition," while another person thinks it "doubtful" as to whether there should be outside ads "if we want our citizens to deal with our cooperatives." Still another wants outside ads "of a certain class only."

Other suggestions: Change the name, make up and color of paper; use half tone illustrations and print it in a union shop; support the paper by an allotment from Citizens' Association funds; include a weekly calendar; expand the Civic Forum; and have more editorials.

All persons stated their willingness to pay for the paper. The amounts ranged from 2 to 10 cents per copy.

One reply stated: "Think you've done a darn good job so far; improvements may appear gradually." (Editor's note: Thanks).

The consensus, of course, will establish the nature and policy of the paper.

Speaking of family trees, some of them are quite shady.

THE POET'S CORNER

The passive desire to write in poetic vein may be made active by some emotional stimulus. The hobby-poet will find that in this regard the spur of loneliness may urge him to efforts that may yield not only esthetic but practical results.

Let us say that the wife and baby of our hobby-poet have gone on a visit of considerable duration. At home, alone, he comforts himself for a while with the mental picture of their enjoyment on their vacation. Soon, however, that mental picture becomes a poor substitute for their actual presence, and his longing to see them becomes so strong that he is convinced he owes it to himself to have them with him again. Therefore he takes poetry as his medium of persuasion (for in poetry one may be selfish and be forgiven) and he writes to them:

Behold! "Within my heart two pictures
rest,
These resting place a restless place
is made,
For while they there abide within my
breast,
I'll not abide nor rest until I've
paid
The fine I owe my heart. My crime
is this:
I thought with counterfeit I could
allay
My loneliness - - a picture for a
kiss.
I thought if I but know that you are
gay,
And keep that picture of you in my
heart,
I could abide the empty hours that
creep
So slowly by. But no, your counter-
part
Does not ring true. Thus must my poor
heart weep
'Til debt is paid and I have given
sweet
Original for haunting counterfeit.

L. B. Sawyer
37 B Pidge Road

BOOK REVIEWS

History of Rochdale Pioneers

G. J. Holyoake
1844-1892

Those who read this column will stare twice at the date, shake their heads and put it down to a technical error. Greenbelt, the stream-lined housing project can hardly be associated with anything bearing the date 1844. Strange as it may seem this little book whose first chapters appeared in a newspaper in 1857 will be of great interest to those of us interested in the cooperative movement.

In detail, in a masterly literary style, Mr. Holyoake, a contemporary, describes the economic condition of the times; the actual organization of the Society; the first store on Toad Lane, its reception and its subsequent success.

A keen psychologist, Mr. Holyoake in the chapter "Enemies Within and Enemies Without" gives an excellent picture of what the Pioneers had to overcome in the way of dissension among themselves, and attacks and barriers from outsiders, competitive shopkeepers, the law, etc.

The book is a "human document" filled not with bare facts and figures but with a deep understanding of human nature, human needs and economics.

We, in Greenbelt who are interested in creating a cooperative organization would do well to read this book--the story of the twenty-eight weavers of Rochdale who paved the way to the cooperative movement of today.

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RADIO EXPERT BRINGS TALENT TO TOWN

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dents and the administration for approval. In addition, he will work with us on The Cooperator, giving us the benefits of his knowledge and acquaintances in the radio field.

Investors say Chile bonds are not so hot.

PRINCE GEORGES POST EDITORIAL
COMMENDED FOR POLICY STATEMENT

When a good neighbor makes a statement which engages our enthusiasm and inspires us again with the high objectives of journalism, we believe such a statement should be re-echoed, heartily endorsed, and urgently recommended to our readers.

In a New Year editorial, dated Dec. 23, 1937, the Editor of the Prince Georges Post (A weekly published at Hyattsville, Md., at \$1 per year) said in part:

"The Post has at no time taken sides politically. It believes there is both good and bad in all political ideas. The Post should like to maintain at all times a feeling of independence of any political group so that it may be free to applaud or criticise as it feels the good of the county dictates. Nor does The Post at any time think that its ideas are the acme of thought, but merely an expression of opinion. In other words, The Post does not wish to set itself up as a biased mouthpiece of any individual or group, not even of its own publishers.

The real aim of The Post is to present each week that news of the county in which it believes the readers of the paper are interested. If a newspaper can succeed in presenting facts as truthfully as it is possible to gain them, affording its readers freedom and opportunity of drawing conclusions, that paper has served its highest purpose. To this particular type of journalism the Price Georges Post is dedicated."

To this the Editor of the Cooperator need only add, that we are proud to reside in a county where just such a newspaper is published; but we are happier still to know that the county has an Editor who can state the position of his paper so clearly, fearlessly and constructively.

L. B.

COOPERATION:
A MIDDLE WAY FOR AMERICA

Prof. Paul Douglas gave an address before the American Institute of Cooperation at Ames, Iowa, on June 21, 1937 and covered a topic with which we are concerned.

He explained how the restrictive forms of government in foreign countries either freeze the existing class structure of society to maintain its inequalities, through a rigid control of the average class of peoples, or establish state ownership without awarding compensation to virtually all industry.

Americans, however, want a system which economically will be midway between the extremes, and which, politically, will be opposite of both, namely, one which is based on democracy rather than on any one class, party or leader.

In his discourse, Prof. Douglas tells how this may be attempted and what will be the results. By distributing many gains, which otherwise would go to a few, a greater degree of equality in distribution of the national income is resultant. To restore competition the buying and selling monopolies must be torn down.

In eliminating the broker of staple articles a better price can be paid to the farmer while the consumer is getting more for his money. To stabilize the excessive fluctuation of business so that a balanced rate of growth may be obtained. In handling the best grade of goods the market is not filled with poor quality products.

Prof. Douglas claims that in order for cooperatives to succeed they must have these features: 1. Competent management; 2. A maximum of support from its members; 3. Establishing of constant efficiencies in its operation; 4. A maximum of turnover with a minimum of investment; 5. Close alliance with similar cooperatives to gain the advantages of multiple efforts; 6. Little or no speculative features; 7. Retention of activities in the field where cooperatives are liable to succeed.

Robert R. Porter

Keep your ear to the ground if you want to hear the dirt.

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT VISITS
COOPERATIVE LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS

New York - "For a country that is a new country we take new ideas very slowly," declared Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the end of an hour and a half interview with cooperative executives at the office of The Cooperative League of the U. S. A.

Mrs. Roosevelt dropped in at the office of the Cooperative League Saturday morning, December 18, to learn about the progress of the consumers cooperative movement in this country. She expressed her own interest and added, "The President is also interested in the consumers cooperative movement and wants to know what is being done."

Mrs. Roosevelt watched intently while E. R. Bowen, general secretary, sketched on an outline map of the United States the locations and fields of business of America's major wholesale cooperatives, and then discussed with Dr. James P. Warbasse, president of The League, the program and development of cooperative medicine.

"If we are going to have adequate medical care for all the people the cooperatives provide an effective way," Mrs. Roosevelt observed.

The Swedish cooperatives, which have pioneered in the field of modern housing for low income groups, have set an example for American housing in which Mrs. Roosevelt was particularly interested.

Just before the interview Mrs. Roosevelt had received news of the defeat of the Wages and Hours Bill. She pointed

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JOURNALISTIC CLUB MEETING

The Greenbelt Journalistic Club will hold its weekly meeting tonight in the Council Room, Administration Building, at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be very important inasmuch as it is the final meeting under the temporary set-up and the question of future issues will have to be decided upon, at least provisionally. All Greenbelt residents interested in this matter are cordially invited to attend.

**SANTA CLAUS LEAVES "OFFICIAL CAR"
FOR GREENBELT MAYOR - BUT HE'S
PUZZLED ABOUT A BOTTLE**

Bessemer Ties Up Plaster-cast Dog

Taken by surprise late Christmas Eve, Greenbelt's first Mayor heard a heavy hand banging on the door of his home at 45 J Ridge Road.

Lo and behold! in the doorway stood a stranger who might just as well have been Santa Claus as not, for he disappeared mysteriously--leaving a huge bundle on the Mayor's doorstep.

Dragging the heavily-weighted baggage into the parlor, the Mayor found himself near exhaustion before he could unravel 40 yards of rope fastened around the precious contents.

What did he find? A wooden automobile six feet long! It offered little resemblance to the streamlined modern car, looking more like a fire-truck of 1906.

Shocking! In the midst of the truck sat a plaster-cast dog, of all things! Next to the dog, a slender bottle, contents undisclosed. Piles of waste paper, empty boxes, banana peels, completed the "truck-load". Now the plaster-dog is chained to the kitchen stove, pending an investigation by the Administration as to the status of this type of pooch in Greenbelt.

The "truck" bore the following legend in large red letters: "Official car of the Mayor of Greenbelt."

"Thus another transportation problem is solved," says the Mayor.

Evidence collected proved that Joseph Long himself was Santa Claus.

OH YOU GREENBELT!

Recently there have been news stories appearing in the daily press regarding the establishing of a tax collection system for the town of Greenbelt, the so-called utopia wished upon Prince Georges County by the Federal Government. "Tom" Baxter, the county supervisor of taxes, says he

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LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS**

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out that the defeat of the bill was additional evidence of the failure of farm and labor to realize their common interest. "It is my hope," she said, "that eventually farm and labor can be brought together. It seems to me that the consumers cooperative movement is one of the ways this may be done."

Mrs. Roosevelt said that she had previously discussed the report of the Inquiry on Cooperative Enterprise in Europe with members of the commission and was extremely anxious to find out what progress had been made in the United States.

will devise some plan whereby this vast area, with its improvements, will come under the county's tax plan.

Perhaps he will, and this column hopes he does, but if successful, he will be the first Prince Georges County official who has been able to get to first base as to Greenbelt. And, right here, it might be well to advise "Tom" to watch out for the old "run around" which those who have been in charge of Greenbelt so efficiently put on.

In checking back over the many promises made as to the relation of the administration of affairs at Greenbelt with those of the county and its people this writer can think of many which were never kept, and has difficulty in remembering one which came out as publicized.

Having been made the goat in publicity in this matter, naturally your editor has some personal feeling in the matter. It was he who published the things he was led to believe regarding the new town by those then in charge. Naturally, it is he who has to take the rap, as it were, when the promises then made were entirely forgotten.

This matter of taxes was one of the things the original "big shots" on the proposition said could be easily

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OH YOU GREENBELT!

BUSINESS AUTHORITY FINDS OPPORTUNITY
FOR GREAT SERVICE TO AMERICA
BY PROMOTING U.S. CO-OPS

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arranged. The matter of establishing business houses was another. The matter of creating a permanent set-up was another, and so on and on. None of these things have come out as these gentlemen said they would, and there are many more.

So now this writer will take anything emanating with those in charge of the affairs of Greenbelt with a grain of salt, and at the same time he will have his fingers crossed. One can be excused for making an error once, but to make the same mistake twice would seem unpardonable.

THE PRINCE GEORGIAN
December 24, 1937

Mr. Letkemann is wondering if his own hat is being tipped as much as the one he is wearing.

DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT IN GREENBELT

Mr. and Mrs. Greenbelt and all their tribe will turn out for the next community dance at the school auditorium New Year's Day. Beginning at 9 P.M. with lively dance tunes of Johnny Graham's Orchestra, the entertainment will continue till midnight. Everybody's coming out to hear the new dance numbers--and a grand coming out party it will be. Johnny Graham says: "Start the New Year right. Step out on Saturday night."

McWILLIAMS FAMILY RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. John McWilliams of 3D Eastway attended the funeral of Mr. Jacob M. Dillman, railway conductor, at Baltimore, Wednesday, a week ago. Mr. Dillman, father of Mrs. McWilliams, died Dec. 19. He worked for 47 years on the Pennsylvania railroad and was 65 years old. Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams returned to their Greenbelt home Monday.

BUSIEST MAN IN GREENBELT LAID UP

Community Manager Roy S. Braden has been sent to bed several times during the past week and warned "to stay there" until he gets over a bad cold.

Flint Garrison Turns His Back on Past
and Faces the Future in Spirit
of Economic Pioneer.

LIKES GREENBELT NEWSPAPER PROJECT

Flint Garrison, former director-general of the Wholesale Dry Goods Institute, and now executive vice-president of C D C, was questioned following an address here recently:

"Do you think that a publication, such as the Greenbelt Cooperator, has a definite and useful function in a community like Greenbelt?"

Mr. Garrison, who for years has been one of the highest paid and most respected advertising and merchandising experts in the United States said:

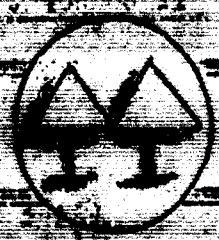
"You can say for me, that a newspaper is a vital part of any community. In Greenbelt, you have made a good beginning with the Cooperator. The splendid effort the staff has put into the paper indicates that consumer co-operators can count on excellent returns for the time and energy invested in the project."

Recognizing as he does that the time for consumer cooperation is here, Mr. Garrison has pledged himself to the ideals of the late Edward A. Filene and has turned his back on the "wasteful competitive practices of the past". He has turned his face to the future, in an effort to find better ways of conserving our national wealth through the application of (Rochdale) consumer-cooperative principles.

While several chain store corporations have set about to lure Flint Garrison from the course he has chosen, their fabulous offers hold no charm for him. He knows American business is at the cross-roads, that a larger interest than his own is at stake; that the principles of political democracy cannot survive lest the principles of economic democracy are established in this country without delay. Flint Garrison believes the answer for America is consumer cooperation--and consumer control.

L. B.

FOOD



STORE

MEATS 000
 NO LONGER NEED
 YOU GO ELSE WHERE
 FOR YOUR MEATS.
 COME IN AND MAKE YOUR
 SELECTION, WE ARE SURE
 WE CAN PLEASE YOU IN
 QUALITY AND PRICE!

CO-OP
 PURPLE BAG
COFFEE **25**[¢]
 RICH and MELLOW
 GROUND TO SUIT YOU

CO-OP
 UNBLEACHED
 FAMILY
 5 LBS.
FLOUR **25**[¢]

CO-OP
 3 LARGE CANS
CANNED
MILK **20**[¢]

Eat
 CO-OP
OATMEAL **9**[¢] PKG

CO-OP
PRUNES **18**[¢]
 2 L.B. BOX 2 for 35[¢]

Fresh
 CO-OP
EGGS

MEDIUM **39**[¢] DOZ
LARGE **45**[¢] DOZ