



Dividends For Non-Members Asked By Co-op Board

At their next quarterly meeting in May, members of Greenbelt Consumer Services will receive a recommendation from the board of directors that the present policy of making patronage returns available to both members and non-members be maintained and that the proposed motion making these credits available to members only be defeated. This decision was reached at last week's board meeting.

It was pointed out that it would be unfair to the newcomers to close the door to them when so many of the present members became shareholders through patronage returns.

Those opposed to the present policy stated that payments on shares cannot be obtained because prospective members feel that they can wait and become members through their patronage return, which makes it difficult to get additional capital by this method. It was contended that those who put money in the co-op have more feeling of interest in the organization than those who become members by virtue of patronage return credits.

The way the cooperative has gotten and should get most of its capital is through patronage at the stores, not through selling shares for cash, it was stated. It was pointed out that this method is used by some of the best cooperatives and that it is mandatory under the District of Columbia Cooperative Law, regarded by most leading cooperators as a model law. It was contended that requiring ten dollars from newcomers before they could receive patronage returns would discourage patronage and operate to the disadvantage both of members and of non-members.

The majority opinion was in favor of maintaining the original policy as set forth in the by-laws; that is, giving non-members credits toward shares of stock and giving members either credits toward additional shares or cash, as decided by them at their annual membership meeting.

SHUB ASKS FOR MORE CARS

More cars are needed to take care of Greenbelt's transportation problem. Sol Shub, chairman of the Citizens Association transportation committee, announced this week after arranging rides for about 45 commuters since the inception of the transportation exchange.

Drivers with vacancies in their cars are now wanted for working hours from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M., 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and for 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Naval Air Station at Anacostia. More cars are needed for 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. also.

Mr. Shub is asking all persons using the new service to call him back, phone 3322, to let him know whether or not the arrangements are satisfactory. "Recently I have sent several applicants on wild goose chases because the driver registered with me failed to phone me when his car was filled," Mr. Shub told the Cooperator.

It has been pointed out that the service is available for those who want to obtain more convenient rides than they now have, so that all those riding in or driving private cars can have as satisfactory transportation facilities as possible.

7 VOLUNTEERS DONATE BLOOD

On Monday, March 10th, a second clinic was conducted in Greenbelt, jointly by the Greenbelt Blood Index and the Serological Laboratory of the U.S. Naval Medical Center. The first clinic was held on February 17th at which time seven men volunteered and gave blood to be processed for the U.S. Navy and the Greenbelt Blood Index. For the second clinic Robert Dove, William Townsend, Paul Dunbar, S.J. Creager, Ray S. Bochert, Harold L. Alderton, James W. Burke, Geo. E. Sheaffer, George Fair, and Wm. R. Neblett responded. They will in turn receive their blood type numbers and a card of recognition, and the Blood Index will receive Plasma for free dispensation in any emergency.

It is of special interest to note that the Blood Index will again resume its blood-typing of Greenbelt citizens on Monday, March 17, between 7:30 and 9:30 P.M. Dr. S. Berenberg, Mr. James T. Bradburg, technician, and Mr. H.V. Letkemann, director, will conduct the clinic and all interested persons should register for appointment with Mr. Letkemann before Monday evening. This clinic is for blood-typing only, and no blood will be taken for transfusion purposes.

WHY NOT TAKE IN THE SQUARE DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

F.S.A. WILL BUILD SCHOOL G.C.A CONFERENCE TOLD

Assurances of additional school facilities to take care of Greenbelt's prospective growth were given the Citizens Association special committee of five by Farm Security Administration officials at a conference Monday, March 10.

Major J. O. Walker, assistant administrator of F.S.A., and Mason Barr, director of the resettlement division, expressed themselves as happy to have the suggestions of the Greenbelt committee, according to Abraham Chasanow, president of the Citizens Association. The committee presented the list of facilities drawn up two weeks ago at a special committee attended by representatives of 22 community organizations. Included on the list were additional school space, a recreation building, adequate transportation, and an ambulance.

"Major Walker expressed himself as surprised with so short a list", Mr. Chasanow reported after the meeting with the F.S.A. officials. "Although no commitments can be made at present, we have assurances that an addition will be built on to the present elementary school, and the idea of a hospital or health center seemed well received," Mr. Chasanow continued.

Since the present garden areas on the old Crabbe tract, east of Ridge Road opposite C block, are going to be used for the new defense housing, new garden tracts will be arranged for at once, the committee was told.

Since the Lanham Act, under which the new homes will be erected in Greenbelt, provides for not more than an average of 3 per cent of the total cost for community facilities, the committee expressed itself as being quite satisfied with such assurances as were indicated at the conference.

Members of the committee of five are: Walter Volckhausen, Edward Weitsman, Arthur Gawthrop, Dayton Hull, and Mr. Chasanow. This committee expects to make a more complete report at the April meeting of the Citizens Association.

G.W.T.W. DRIPS INTO TOWN APRIL 8, 9, 10

Rhett Butler, Scarlet O'Hara, and the scenic beauties of the old South will grace the Greenbelt Theatre's screen April 8, 9, and 10. Reversing its decision not to show "Gone With The Wind" this season because of advanced prices required by the producers, the G.C.S. Board contracted last week for the four hour feature. In response to numerous requests and moved by the prospect of many small children learning history in a simple fashion, the movie will be shown at the following rates: Matinee, April 8 and 9, Adults 40¢, Children 25¢; Evenings, 55¢ for everyone. All prices are guaranteed by the management to include tax and to admit the purchasers to Hollywood's greatest extravaganza of the year. How many hundreds of extras appear in the picture, how many desolate homes were left in the wake of Sherman's march to the sea, and whether Vivien Leigh is the most beautiful star in recent years, can be decided by each individual member of the audience. Exact statistics will be provided on request except to those taking courses in American history and wishing free tutoring. The picture will be shown in its entirety.

G.C.S. Explains Higher Food Prices

Since there has been some comment on increases in food prices here, the education committee of Greenbelt Consumers Services has stated that this situation is not peculiar to Greenbelt alone but that family food costs in other sections have increased, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Recent increases in food costs were due mainly to a sharp rise in meat prices and to seasonal rises in certain other commodities. These increases were partly offset by seasonal declines in retail prices of oranges, butter and eggs.

Retail food costs averaged 3 percent higher on January 14, 1941 than for the same period last year. Meats and eggs were about 10 percent higher and certain other commodities showed smaller increases. Cereals, bakery products, and other items averaged from 2 to 6 percent lower in price in January than for the same period last year.

Greenbelt parents lately, either through negligence or ignorance of the town's ordinance, have failed to report to the town clerk births occurring within the family. The ordinance requires all Greenbelt parents to report births to the town clerk within 10 days. Failure to comply requires the payment of a fine ranging from \$2.00 to \$25.00.

ENGINEERS BEGIN WORK ON NEW HOUSES

It will be at least two weeks before the first major step in the construction of Greenbelt's new houses is taken, the Cooperator learned this week when it queried the Farm Security Administration as to progress being made under the defense housing program.

First step in the construction program will be the advertising for bids as all of the work is to be done under contract. After the bids have been received and contracts awarded actual development work will begin.

The Engineering contract for Greenbelt's defense housing project was awarded on March 6 to James Berrall and Bernard F. Iocroft, division and structural engineers. The apartment at 12 C Parkway has been given them to use as headquarters for their work. At the present time the engineers are surveying the site for the new houses. The site survey will determine the amount of grading necessary, the best layout for water and sewer mains, and similar details. It is expected that the first group of houses will be built in the cleared area along Ridge Road. They will probably start along where Southway turns into the "road to town" and gradually be built around Ridge Road to Hillside. Before they reach the end of Hillside, of course, there will have to be some land clearing done. Arthur C. Patterson, Civil Engineer of Farm Security Administration, has been designated as the coordinator of all engineering work done on the new project. He will be the contact man between Farm Security and the Engineers in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt's new homes will be a part of the nation-wide defense housing program under which contracts totalling more than \$69,000,000 have already been let for 21,715 units. Plans for a total of 48,084 defense housing units have been approved to date.

NEW COUNCILMAN, MAYOR ELECTED

Covering a varied schedule of business Town Council last Monday evening dealt with the following subjects. 1. Elected Joseph E. Bargas Council member to replace George Warner who recently left for Philadelphia. Mr. Bargas will be carrying on his services in the community from his previous position as President of the Greenbelt Citizen's Association. 2. Elected Ed. Walther Mayor Pro Tem. 3. Ratified the schedule of pay raises submitted by Town Manager Roy S. Braden in accordance with this year's budget. 4. Accepted the monthly reports of the departments. 5. Petitioned the Maryland Legislature for permission to change two sections of Greenbelt's Charter. The request would enable Council to levy personal property taxes and raise Council members salaries. Council could at its discretion then completely exempt Automobiles (at present only the first \$100 is exempt), could lower the household goods exemption from \$500 to \$100; could also fix a maximum salary of \$250 per year for members of the next Council (present Council salaries are \$100, fixed by the previous Council).

SNOW HOLDS UP THE DOWN BEAT

It was almost seven o'clock, Friday night, March seventh. Members of the band were arriving slowly through the swirling snow. Eyes anxiously watched the clock as its hands crept up to seven o'clock. There was still no sign of the director, Mr. Garrett, who had telephoned news of his departure from Washington at five-thirty.

Fifty-two restless boys and girls waited tensely in their places for the "down beat" that would begin the evening session. Who was to give the signal? Mr. Garrett was due at any minute, but these youngsters were eager to "carry on" — to evidence those ideals of initiative which their director had taught them. A member of the Parents Board made the announcement, Mr. Garrett was expected momentarily, but they could get started.

John Freeman put aside his trombone and in a most capable manner selected the number to be played, raised his hand for attention and then—"the down-beat." Mr. Garrett's face wore a look of delighted surprise as he stood, on his arrival, in the doorway, waiting for the selection to be completed. Nice going John, and members of the band, a true reflection of the character that is the heritage of each and every one of you.

June 1 has been tentatively scheduled for the beginning of the "feeder band." This group is to be organized to fill the places of any members who may have to drop out of the band due to graduation, removal or other reasons. Parents desirous of having their children take part in this new band are urged to register any Friday night at 7 o'clock at the school auditorium. It is not necessary for the child to own an instrument.

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A Statement Of Your Paper

The Cooperator will be published, until further notice, on Friday of each week. The acquisition of new people for our staff brought up the question of working hours, date of publication etc. and a vote of the staff was in the majority to discontinue the practice of week-end work. The net results after contacting our printer and making other various adjustments is the change in publication date and the working hours from Saturday, Sunday and Monday to Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and the moving forward of our deadline from Saturday night to Monday night at 8 o'clock. We hope to be able to serve our readers in better news coverage and service under the new schedule.

The Cooperator is and continues to be your newspaper. Published by and in the interest of residents of Greenbelt. We are not and never have been a "closed corporation". Anyone with the desire to help the paper is and always has been welcome on our staff. On a volunteer paper such as ours, the staff is never complete. We can always use more people. Our need now, as it has always been, is for more typists and reporters. If you can type and would like to give not over two hours of your time each week to the Cooperator, call Mrs. John Beebe, 5526. If you would like to report news, call Mrs. Abraham Chasanow, 4202, and receive an assignment. We also hope that all the organizations in Greenbelt having activities will instruct their publicity man or woman to contact Mrs. Chasanow and register with her. This will enable us to keep abreast of the organization news. If you can or would like to read proof, set type, paste, read copy or do make-up call or write the Editor. As a last word, if you should register for work with any of the above persons and are not called upon at once please do not feel as though you are being ignored. We hope to get a large enough staff so as not to work a hardship on anyone person and you will be called upon when needed and eventually when we know exactly where we stand, be given a definite schedule.

Co-op Employees Go To N. Y. School

Greenbelt Consumer Services is sending two of its staff to New York City soon—one to take a course on cooperative theory and management and the other to attend a convention of beauty shop operators.

Mrs. Gertrude Brenon, who is manager of the beauty shop here, will attend the International Beauty Shop Owners Convention which will be held during the 4 day period March 17—20, inclusive. A well-rounded program will give her an excellent opportunity to study the latest in styling techniques.

Mrs. Brenon, who resides at 60-A Crescent Road, has been with the local beauty shop since about January 1, 1940. She has been its manager since last April, and has one assistant, Mrs. Mary Holland.

Kenneth Jernberg, 19-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jernberg, of 11-M Ridge Road, and who has been employed in the food store for the past 2 years, is being sent to take the course offered by the Council for Cooperative Business Training. His studies will cover the period April 7—May 31.

The course to be taken by Mr. Jernberg is designed to train potential cooperative grocery store managers. Students are given training in the practical affairs of store management, by working short periods in model cooperative stores, as well as in theory of cooperatives, learned in class-room sessions at the school.

BRADEN MAY GET DEFENSE JOB

Frank Bane, Director of State and Local Cooperation for the National Defense Commission, stated, on March 5, that he was considering either Roy Braden, Greenbelt's town manager, or I. C. Bower, city manager of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the duty of making surveys in Washington. These surveys will be made to determine what additional community facilities that city will need because of its increased population due to the national defense program. Both men are community planning experts familiar with Washington's requirements. Mr. Braden is at present in Georgia and Florida, making surveys of housing problems for the U. S. Defense Commission, and Mr. Bower is now estimating such needs around the Virginia defense centers. However, they will both be available for the Washington survey some time this month at the conclusion of their present assignments.

Co-op Share Certificates Ready

It has been announced by the management of Greenbelt Consumer Services that 307 Series A and 184 Series B share certificates are ready for distribution as a result of the recent declaration of a patronage return and a dividend payment.

The management requests that patrons who through these credits became members of the cooperative, or became owners of additional shares of stock, go to the office and get their certificates at their earliest convenience.

The Anglo-Saxon Role

It is obvious that the war will hasten large-scale change in the economic and social systems, not only in the belligerent, but in all countries. Traditional wealth will be liquidated, foreign assets, which like in the English case formed the basis of large political influence, will be dissipated, taxes on income and fortune must reach unprecedented proportions, large public debts will lead either to permanent government interference with Economics, or to inflation which means the dissolution of large parts of the middle class.

At the end of the war we shall be much nearer to some form of corporate social order than at its beginning; in fact in nearly all countries this trend is now already established.

Here the great future function of England is to be found. The war of today, unlike its predecessors, no longer centers around territorial issues; it is an international social revolution. And Great Britain's future lies, not as much in the territorial or imperial, as it does in the social field. Her function will be, in brief, to transform the present Gangster-Socialism into what we might call Gentlemen's Socialism.

She is predestined for this great historical role; England fulfilled this function already once in history, by transforming the French Revolution into a political system where every decent and sensible man could live and work.

Any revolution is atrocious and brutal, and nothing but reaction, namely reaction against the Will of God. It starts with high ideals but ends, by the radical evil in man's breast, in bloodshed and immense suffering. The ideals of democracy of 1789 ended in the regime of terror from 1792 to 1795, and ideals of socialism in the ruthless suppression of all Russian people in 1921, and especially in 1928 when the Kulaks were liquidated.

It was England which transformed the ideas of the French Revolution into a working constitution, and into a sensible practice. It is a common mistake to assume that England was democratic at the time of the French Revolution; it became so only after the gradual acceptance of these democratic ideas by the Emancipation Laws, the Catholic Bill, the Electoral Reforms, and the Monetary and Commercial Reforms under Sir R. Peel, during the period 1829 to 1845, fifty years after the regime of terror in France. And it was in this form, in this practical application created by the English, that the ideas of the French Revolution were accepted by the world at large. Edmund Burke, Sir R. Peel, Lord Melbourne, and a score of others have done more for the infusion of the ideas of the French Revolution into the world than either Montesquieu or Robespierre, either the bloodless theoreticians or the bloody practitioners of the Revolution itself.

There are some traits which predestine the English race for this function; a great sense of proportion and of practicability, an intrinsic disinclination towards too rational concepts of social and political life, and last, not least a sufficient distance from the turmoil of continental ideologies which is not even now uninterrupted despite the German air-visits, and which creates the real atmosphere conducive to the gradual and effective transformation of social ideas into practice.

It is noteworthy—under this view point—that the British worker never accepted the rational Marxian socialism though Marx derived his ideas from the practices of early English industrial conditions. In theory, Marxism should have found its most fertile soil on the British Isles. The English worker contented himself with social reforms, and remained alien to the rational thinking out "to the end", of social ideologies and panaceas.

Probably this is the result of particularly fundamental insights. To think things to the end doesn't create solutions. It creates revolution, unrest, and the loneliness of men to God. The English race seems to have a horror of thinking things through to the end, and tries to reverse the train of thoughts to practical concepts, sufficiently early to prevent the human mind from getting lost in the maze of insoluble problems. This is the final truth of a religious concept of man and society.

But be it as it may be: The English race is predestined to transform to the socialist regime of terror into a world where every decent and God-fearing man would like to live, as it formerly transformed the democratic regime of terror into a workable analysis.

It seems as if this has to be done by a nation coming from the outside of the revolutionized communities. This is very understandable; the revolutionary strife creates cleavages and divergencies which cannot be bridged by the revolutionaries themselves. Their mind is narrowed, and the contesting parties are embittered. They need a neutralizing power, in mind and in politics, to be led into a new equilibrium of social and economic life. And here lies the great task of the English in future. If they contribute it to European policy, Europe may be saved again. If they don't succeed we might be sure that Europe as a whole is going to be lost. The fate of England is the fate of the world, and particularly also the fate of the Americas, and England is now giving her life-blood for the United States and all "European communities outside Europe", to the same extent to which she fights for herself.

—Maritime Cooperator

Community Health

S.F. Berenberg, M.D., Director
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

"Have you had your vitamins today?" If you haven't swallowed an alphabetic capsule or a spoonful of magic liquid, you are not in style. Never mind the milk you drank, the eggs, butter, vegetables and fruit you tucked away at meal time. Just flash your eye down a column of advertisements in any popular magazine and you will realize what a criminal you are. Or listen to that silver-tongued narrator on the radio and you will feel like apologizing for taking up space on this planet because you have not bought any of his life-giving pellets. And you simply can't hold up your head when you are out with the Joneses who take just every kind of vitamin on the market.

Don't be too unhappy. Sometimes the physicians too get stampeded by the floods of literature, the high pressure salesmen and the implied threats in patients' voices - "Well, Mrs. Smith's doctor gives her vitamins, good ones too. They cost a dollar a dozen." How dare a poor physician, struggling to buy food (shh, with vitamin content, too) for his family, tell such challenging patients that these mysterious vitamins exist outside of pharmacies.

It isn't the vitamins' fault that everybody talks about them (swallows them whole, too) and so few people have correct ideas about them. Commercial firms were quick to take advantage of the research of the scientist who was seeking vitamin concentrates in order to conquer vitamin deficiency diseases. Not content with medicaments, such firms produce cough drops, cold cream, shaving cream, toilet paper and other products which they insist have vitamin content. This encircling attack was bound to throw most people off the track. Yet average common sense will listen and heed the still small voice of the physician insisting that people who obtain a sufficient variety of foods in their daily diet have no need to follow the vitamin vogue and swallow expensive and superfluous vitamins.

Yes, vitamins are necessary, but no one should take the concentrated commercial variety (nor even give cod-liver oil to children) except when the doctor prescribes them. From time to time in the future this column will discuss the various known vitamins and their functions.

Letters to Editor

To the editor:

About ten days ago I brought my suit into our Valet shop to be cleaned, a common occurrence with me. This suit was returned to me about a week later. I did not examine this suit when it came in, but when I did I found to my surprise that the cleaning I had expected did not arrive with the suit. Instead the suit had merely been sponged and pressed and for this I had paid the "small" sum of 49¢, only 14¢ more than the charge by the nearest competitor of the Co-op Valet Shop. If the Co-op intends this to be policy, I begin to fear for the rest of the Co-op enterprises. Might I add further from observation that Jesse James had two guns and a horse.

Ben Gypt.

FAIR FACTS

"Flee From Fraudulent Fellows Feigning Furtherance of Fortune in Form of Friends who would Fain Furnish Funds (For "Fair" Fees); For they are Fiends; not Friends, and should be Foiled by Failing to Fraternize with them. Frequently their Familiarity Fortwith Flickers and Fluctuates to Fury. It Follows that the Fidelity is Fallible.

Favor, Forward and Foster the FCA Credit Union, Founded For your Favorable Functions; a Fortification For your Fortune and Fraught Full of Fidelity. Fasten on this Fact when you Feel the Fateful Fascination to Find Funds. Feel Free to Fructify your Financial Footing For the FCA Credit Union will Fill your Fancy with a Flourish!—Maxwell Higgin—
The Bridge.

Diner: "Two eggs, please, don't fry them a second after the white is cooked. Don't turn them over. Not too much fat. Just a small pinch of salt on each. No pepper....Well, what are you waiting for?"
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MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt

About this time every year, the tip ends of my fingers begin to itch and, so far, I have found only one thing that will put an end to this extreme condition. Makes no difference how much snow is on the ground, or whether the soil itself is inches below water, or if I have to dig the ice off first - I have to go out and poke around in the dirt to find out whether the peonies are showing that first red spear and whether the phlox subulata has those tiny buds yet.

Today I went out and darn if they weren't all showing unmistakable signs of spring! Just straining at the leash to break out in yellow and white and blue and pink! I tell you, it was wonderful to stand ankle deep in snow and gaze rapturously down at a scraped-off, foot-square piece of ground where the sweet williams were perky and green. Go on out and look the situation over. Don't be afraid of a little slush.

Ka-CHOO! Pardon me!

—Peggie A.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

The Better Buyers group led by Mrs. Rae Lewis met at the home of Mrs. Price Hartley, 19-C Ridge Road, on March 7, with Mr. Patrick of our Food Store as guest speaker.

Mr. Patrick gave a most interesting picture of the policies of the Food Store, and several questions were brought up and discussed.

The next meeting of this group will be held at the home of Mrs. Jeffries, on March 21.

The Nifty Shoppers met at the home of Mrs. Doris Seybold, 40-B Crescent Road, on Wednesday evening, March 5.

Mrs. Paul Featherby gave an interesting report on her trip through the meat-packing houses in Washington.

A lively discussion on frozen canned, and fresh foods was led by Mrs. Evelyn Cooper.

The White Elephant prize was won this week by Mrs. Doris Seybold.

The next meeting of the group will be held at the home of Mrs. Marion Slauch, 20-F Crescent Road on Wednesday evening March 19.

GREENBELT'S NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert C. Heine of 5-E Parkway, have a boy. He was born March 11, 1941 at 8:31 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart of 22-B Crescent Road have a baby girl. She was born in Washington on her Daddy's birthday, March 5, 1941.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Tessie Zorach of 26-C Crescent Road. Born March 6, 1941 at 2:20 A. M. in the Greenbelt Hospital. He weighed in at seven plus.

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RECIPES

By Peggy Bargas
Almond Horns

2 cups chopped blanched almonds 3½ cups sugar
5 egg whites 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix almonds and sugar together. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into almond and sugar mixture. Add vanilla. Form into small crescent shapes on a well buttered cookie sheet, sprinkle with chopped almonds and bake in a moderate oven 350 degrees until a delicate brown—about 20 minutes.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Patty Beebe

Hello Greenbelt.

I did think I'd seen a Robin frisking about but the way the new Yard Goods is disappearing from the counters of the Variety Store is proof enough that Spring is on her way.

Congratulations to our new Councilman Joe Bargas of 6-D Ridge and to the new Mayor Pro Tem, Ed Walthers of 35-L Ridge. Good luck gentlemen...you've quite a year ahead of you.

Did you know that Mrs. Ruth Tepper of 44-E Crescent, a member of the Dance Playhouse Group performed a dance of her own creation last Sunday at 8:30 in the evening Concert held at the Playhouse in Washington? Her dance, in two movements (1. Carefree 2. Refugee) depicted the effect of today's events on a population. Mrs. Tepper has a Modern Dance class here in Greenbelt which many of you would be interested in joining I'll bet... It is different, beneficial and fun. She'll tell you more about it if you call her at Gr. 5367—Another opportunity to occupy your extra hour (oh yes you have) with an outside activity is offered you by the Community Church Women's Guild. The work they do is worthwhile and the lot of varied interests they pursue will keep you from being a dull girl. Mrs. Marge Taylor at Gr. 3361 will tell you more about it.

Leaving Greenbelt for the region of the Aurora Borealis are Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Murphy and family of 1-D Northway who depart Sunday on their way to Alaska where Mr. Murphy will work for the Alaska Railroad Co. They will make four stops between here and Seattle to bid goodbyes to their families in Minnesota and North Dakota. In Seattle they board the largest liner which runs between the States and Alaska, The Yukon, on April 8th. Their first stop will be Seward, Alaska and they will train from there to their last and appropriately named stopping off place, Anchorage, Alaska. That long train trip and the six day boat trip should be exciting for the kiddies. Bon Voyage and Goodbye.

Friends of Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis of 38-E Crescent will be sorry to hear that she is confined in the Greenbelt Hospital. Also on our hospitalized list is James Dailey of 2-B Crescent who is confined in the Naval Hospital with the measles. (So help me) Mr. Dailey is a 2nd Class Seaman, attached to the Naval Air Base, U.S.N.R. Here's to a quick recovery.

Entertaining here and there this week were Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Berenberg who had as their guest last week Dr. Lewis Fox, Chief of the Dental Clinic for Joint Disease in New York City. Dr. Fox conducted a Clinic in Washington last Thursday... And Mr. Denzil Wood of 11-A Ridge played a surprised host at his own birthday party last Saturday evening when a group of his friends accepted the "Keep it on the Q.T. from Denzil" invitation from Mrs. Wood. Among the guests were Mrs. Peggy Arness, Mr. 'n Mrs. Joe Bargas, Mr. 'n Mrs. Abe Chasanow, The Don Coopers, the Wallace Mabees and the George Warners. The birthday was his umpteenth.

There it is. Remember the deadline on the Cooperator is Monday Evening. Let me hear from you.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY DINNER SOUNDS GOOD

You buy a ticket for only 25¢ and the Hospital Auxiliary pays 15¢ more to bring you a good supper for the spring quarterly meeting, Monday, March 17, 6:45 P.M., Social Room.

MENU

Chicken a la King in patty shells
Fresh green beans
Hot rolls and butter
Fancy ice cream - coffee or milk

No one brings any food. No one has to serve. No one has to do dishes. (No. No mystery. It's being done for us.) And no afterdinner speeches. Just a good supper, good company, and the regular business for the March meeting with important items up for decision.

Get tickets from or make reservations with:

Dorothy Custer 4692
Ebba Stewart 4526
Erma Volk 4723

MRS. BERENBERG EXHIBITS ARTIFACTS

Mrs. Samuel Berenberg has accepted an invitation to exhibit some of the artifacts of the St. Mary's City excavation works which she and Dr. Berenberg gathered last Fall.

The exhibition will be held at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore beginning March 24.

Also contributing to the exhibition will be Henry C. Forman, author of "Jamestown and St. Marys", now on the Fine Arts Staff of the University of Pennsylvania.

TESTS PUT FROZEN FOODS LAST CO-OP ABANDONS PROJECT UNTIL FALL

The board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services decided last week to drop until Fall further consideration of the installation of frozen foods equipment. This decision was reached by the board after hearing a report by the education committee chairman, Mrs. Ella G. Roller, who gave a detailed account of recent taste tests and cost studies of frozen foods as compared to canned and fresh foods. On the basis of these studies, Mrs. Roller said she could not recommend that these items be handled by G.C.S.

Frozen foods has been under consideration by the board for several weeks. Those in favor of frosted foods maintained that to handle them would provide an added service for the drug store and would take care of after-hour and week-end demand for vegetables, meats and fish, as well as the possible regular demand for these items. It was stated that frozen foods are becoming an increasingly popular item in many localities.

On the other hand, it was pointed out by a board member that, with the expansion program pending, the cooperative would be very unwise to dissipate its funds by purchasing unnecessary equipment of any kind, and that the board should hesitate to spend the members' funds for merchandise and equipment for which they had evidenced very little demand.

Because several members of the board desired some definite indication as to the demand here for frozen foods, it was decided to make a survey to determine whether there is a sufficient and sustaining desire for these items to warrant the capital expenditure of more than \$500 (\$100 immediately for a trial period of three months and about \$450 additional at the end of that time if the equipment were kept) for the installation of frozen foods equipment. This survey was carried on by the cooperative's education committee chairman through the cooperation of the Better Buyers groups. Actively assisting Mrs. Roller was Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, who planned and directed several of the demonstrations.

During the first part of last week, five meetings were held at which 53 Greenbelt ladies participated in the tasting of fresh, canned, and frozen spinach, lima beans, peas, and broccoli. Frozen and canned asparagus were sampled, but fresh asparagus was not available. Frozen peaches, strawberries, and raspberries were tasted also. At each meeting two vegetables and one fruit were tested. Given a plate containing a small portion each of canned, fresh, and frozen lima beans, each of the ladies sampled the vegetables "without knowing which was which," stated Mrs. Roller in citing an example of the method used in the tests. Each person decided which portion she liked best, which second best and which she liked least. After this decision was made, she was told which was the fresh, frozen and canned lima beans. Then another vegetable was tested in the same manner.

The same procedure was used at all the meetings and the tasters in each case did not know which portion was fresh, canned, or frozen until after they had made known their preference.

Results of the vegetable taste tests showed that, of the 105 samples of various vegetables, 57 fresh vegetables were first choice, 33 frozen vegetables were first, and 15 canned vegetables were first. Thus, over 60 percent preferred the taste of fresh, 31 percent chose frozen, and 8 percent gave first choice to canned vegetables in the matter of taste.

The report stated that almost everyone liked the frozen fruits "but the consensus of opinion was that because of the price these frozen fruits are a delicacy not to be included in the regular diet but to be used as a luxury for special occasions."

Mrs. Roller's figures show that, on the basis of current prices, either fresh or canned vegetables are less expensive than frozen, depending upon the vegetable. The cost per pound was determined for each item after it had been cooked, drained and was ready to eat. At current prices, it was shown, only frozen lima beans among the vegetables tested was less expensive than fresh; but they were not as good a buy as canned lima beans. In all cases except spinach, canned vegetables are less expensive than fresh vegetables at the present time.

Because sales of frozen vegetables normally decrease in the summer, when fresh vegetables are in season, it was decided to compare equivalent prices prevailing last summer of raw and frozen vegetables. This comparison indicated that all the frozen vegetables considered, except lima beans, cost over twice as much as fresh vegetables during the summer months tables considered, except lima beans, cost over twice as much as fresh vegetables during the summer months.

On a questionnaire filled out after the tasting test, 36 ladies indicated that they would buy frozen food stuffs occasionally; 7, never; 1, seldom; 1, regularly; and 1, only strawberries. When asked what their preference would be if the co-op had to decide between handling frozen foods and baked goods 3 preferred frozen foods while 41 preferred baked goods. Twenty-five of the 53 ladies answering the questionnaire stated that they wanted delicatessen items handled in the drug store.

This work of Mrs. Roller and the Better Buyers groups was hailed as providing a sound democratic basis for decision as to whether to purchase frosted foods equipment with the funds invested by the members in their cooperative. The ability to hold such tests in the homes of its patrons, and thereby to determine the patrons' interests and demands, was stressed as a unique advantage of a cooperative. Mrs. Roller was given a vote of thanks by board members for her tireless and intensive efforts in this connection.

Two additional meetings of Better Buyers groups to test frozen, fresh, and canned foods—tests similar to those reported on by Mrs. Roller at the board meeting last week—were held later in the week, making a total of seven.

High School "Queen" Crowned Tonight

FRIDAY NIGHT at the school auditorium, Greenbelt High School will hold its annual "All Greenbelt night". The program will consist of two basketball games, one between the girls from Greenbelt High and Bladensburg High team; the other Greenbelt boys basketball vs. Hyattsville.

One of the main events of the evening will be the "crowning of the 'Queen'."

The queen, Mary Lowe of Greenbelt, and her court were chosen by the faculty and student body of the Greenbelt High School for their pulchritude. The attendants are: Betty Andrus, Mary Jean McCarl and Patty Day all of Greenbelt.

Music and dancing till midnight will wind up the evening. The public is invited and the admission price is 25¢.

Scouts Win Awards In Review Tests

Seven Boy Scouts from Greenbelt's Troop 202 passed tests before the last Board of Review held recently in Riverdale, Maryland.

The second class test was passed by Mahlon Fishbaugh, Paul Strickler, LeGrand Fenefield and Explorer Scout John Rozek. Guy Bowen and Clayton Nielsen, both Explorer Scouts, passed the first class test. Herbert Hall qualified for merit badges in personal health and in athletics.

Awards for these achievements will be given out at a Court of Honor to be held later in the year.

New Houses To Rise On Garden Lots

Because of the new houses that are to be built on Ridge Road in connection with the defense housing project, a section of the garden lots, for a distance of 400 feet back from the road, will not be available for gardening purposes this spring, states Wallace Mabee, Greenbelt's Assistant Town Manager. Therefore, Greenbelt's landscape gardener, Angus Mac Gregor, is at the present time having a survey made to determine how much extra space will be required for new garden allotments.

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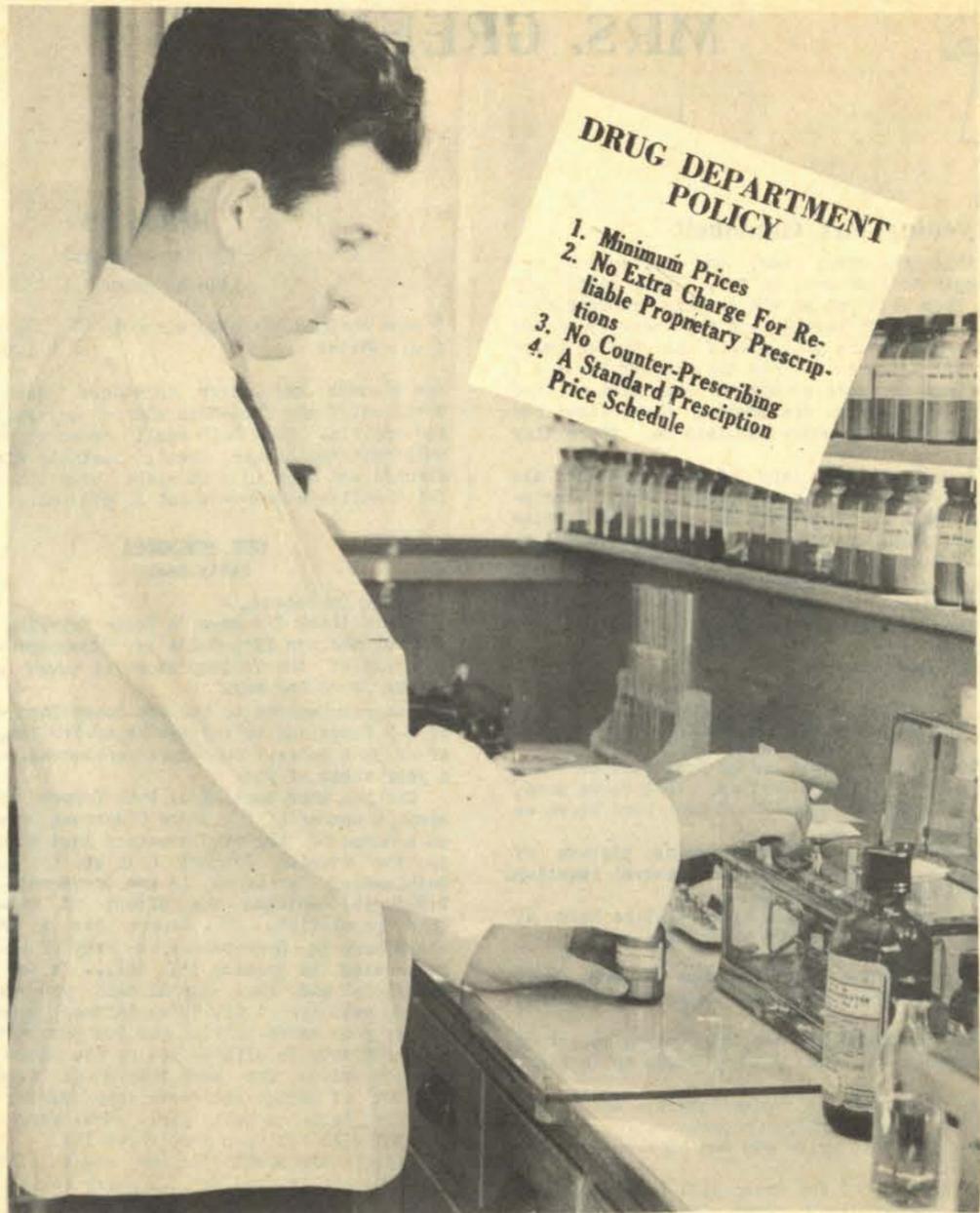
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