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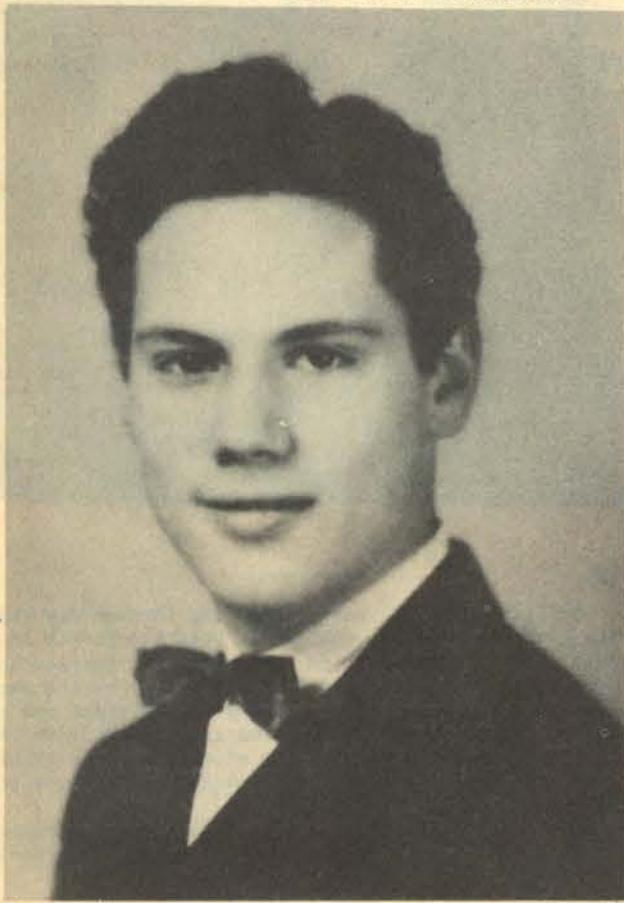
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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

FIVE CENTS

JACK MAGGIO OPENS FIRST SPRING DANCE



Don't forget the dance Saturday night, April 19, at the Auditorium, from 10 to 1. Sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary, all proceeds will go to buy equipment for the Greenbelt Hospital. Jack Maggio and his 14-piece orchestra will play, bringing with them as soloist, Miss Margaret Fleming, who is taking the place of Miss Ruth McCullough, originally engaged to sing with the orchestra, but unable, due to a minor operation, to attend. Miss Fleming, like Miss McCullough, has sung at the Mayfair and has been soloist with a number of name bands in Washington.

This is your last chance to buy tickets in advance at 50¢ (60¢ at the door), so contact any Auxiliary member now, or contact Mrs. Byron Roshon, chairman of ticket distribution.

A good orchestra, a charming soloist, the first spring dance of the season, lovely decorations, favors for the ladies and a pleasant way by which to sponsor your town hospital. What more could one ask!

Tom Sawyer Captures Heart Of Greenbelt

"Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn" proved more than equal to the community's expectations Thursday evening and Friday afternoon when it was presented by the children of groups 3 and 4 in the Auditorium of Greenbelt Elementary School, under the direction of Gene Thomas, young Hollywood director.

The catching tunes of the songs in the play are still echoing all over Greenbelt. Some of these songs were composed by Mr. Thomas. Mothers and fathers left the play with the feeling that they had stepped once again into the land of childhood.

For many of the children this was their first experience in the formal type of drama since most of the dramatics given hitherto in the school have been of the spontaneous creative type.

Mrs. Mildred Parker, a teacher with marked ability in inspiring previous creative efforts, made a convincing Aunt Polly, with Mr. Thomas as the Professor. Clayton McCarl played Tom Sawyer while Jack Kahler was Huck Finn and Marilyn Eshbaugh captured all hearts as Becky. The supporting cast showed Mr. Thomas' real skill as a director with all of the parts very well played.

GARDENS ALLOTTED THIS WEEK

According to Mr. Roy Braden, town manager, gardens will be allotted this week, and it is hoped planting can be started in them by Saturday, April 19.

Mr. Braden stressed the point that nobody should do any planting in the areas to be ploughed until such time as definite assignments are made. "Some people have already gone into these unploughed areas and have done some planting", said Mr. Braden, "but their planting will all have to be destroyed at the time harrowing and ploughing of the ground is attended to."

Locations of new garden sites, taking the place of those destroyed through the building of defense houses, will be announced in the near future.

Consumer Service Seek Funds For Expansion

The directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services are making plans for a share drive to obtain funds for use in expanding the business, it was stated last week. All payments on shares after April 1 and through the balance of 1941 will be set aside in a special "Expansion Fund" and will be used for that purpose only.

This is considered to be a good time to start such a drive, it was said. Many Greenbelt residents are better able to place additional capital in the cooperative because of increasing income as a result of defense work; the stores have proven themselves as sound business establishments; and, realizing that higher incomes at present are only a temporary condition, many people wish to set aside their savings for difficult times in the future.

It is felt by the directors, according to statements made last week, that Greenbelt Consumer Services, having successfully "weathered" its infancy and been able to return \$7,000 to its patrons during its first year as a cooperative, will be considered by many as a sound organization in which savings may be secure.

As a further incentive for Greenbelters to place additional capital in the cooperative, the directors plan to urge the membership to increase the dividend on shares from 3 to 5 percent. This action will be considered at the quarterly meeting on May 7. Greenbelt residents have already invested more than \$10,000 in the organization.

The motion concerning the expansion fund, approved by the board last week, provides "that expenditures be made from this fund only for the purpose of securing fixtures and inventory needed to extend the facilities of the cooperative to meet the commercial needs of the enlarged town of Greenbelt." The co-op has set as a goal the securing of \$500 per month in payments on shares, beginning this month.

As to the order in which the present facilities may be expanded, some thought is being given first to the expansion of the present lunch counter in the drug store or possibly the installation of a new counter. Consideration is being given to proposals for added facilities in several other enterprises. Nothing definite can be decided upon as yet because very little is known concerning details of the Government's plans for building (that is, when, where, and what types of homes, and how many).

CAR OF TOMORROW STOPS OVER

Early risers in Greenbelt were treated to a rare sight last week when they had a chance to see the "Phantom Corsair", a car of most unusual design which had been exhibited as the "Car of Tomorrow" at the New York World's Fair. It was created by Rust Heinz and driven by Victor Rust who was visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hoakon C. Rust of 14-B Ridge Road. The car was originally yellow but as it attracted so much attention it was painted black. This seems to have helped but little as it stopped traffic all the way from New York to Washington, taking 10 hours for this short run in a car that is capable of 120 miles per hour. It was even stopped by policemen just so they "could have a look". Mrs. Rust said, "They would have had just as much privacy if they had been driving a goldfish bowl with an outboard motor".

Those who have ridden in the car have compared it variously to a speedboat, an airplane, and a submarine and say it has every gadget except an altimeter. It was built at a cost of \$35,000, has a Cord motor, and is constructed entirely of Chromium. It has an intricate electric gear shift with 4 speeds ahead. The body has only a 4-inch clearance from the road and it goes 8 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

It has built-in fog lights and every degree of indirect lighting. The car is so low that a person standing beside the car can rest his elbows on the top, and yet is so large inside that it has a seat 6 feet wide.

To enter the car one has to press a button (which has a lock) as there are no handles. Inside the car one has the feeling of being in a tank as the windows are scarcely more than slits and are below eye level. All of the walls, the dashboard and below it are heavily padded for safety.

Some of the cars along the road passed this Phantom Corsair, slowed down, and passed again as many as 10 times, Mr. Rust said, so as to have more chances to study this unusual car which looks like a bullet in its streamlined design, and some drivers even deliberately blocked the road, stopping the Phantom, so that they could get a better look. After hours of that Mr. Rust felt he could have gotten here more quickly on a bicycle.

Embezzled Heaven To Be Scanned

The Book Club will hold its' next meeting April 22, at 8 P.M. in room 200 of the Elementary school. Mr. Guy Moore will review "Embezzled Heaven" by Franz Werfel. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

GLAD TO MEET YOU



The social room of the Community Building was the scene of considerable merriment last Tuesday evening when the Co-op party for newcomers was held. Fred Wilde, popular master of ceremonies, led the fun-making.

The party was staged for the benefit of families who recently moved to the community. It was planned in order to give the new residents an opportunity to "get acquainted"—with each other, and with the cooperatives and the work they are doing.

Leaders of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Greenbelt Health Association, Credit Union and Milk Buying Club, assisted by members of the Better Buyers groups, sponsored the party. There were about 65 people in attendance. Short talks were made by prominent persons connected with the various co-ops. There were several contests, singing led by Mr. Wilde, and refreshments. Mrs. Helen Prater was the pianist.

The first contest of the evening was the collecting of names, home states, and the hobbies of those present. Mrs. Prater won the first prize, five gallons of gasoline, by obtaining 39 names. Mrs. Meyer Volk, getting a list of 21 home states, won second prize—a hair cut. A list of 32 hobbies gave Mrs. Denzil Wood three pints of ice cream as third prize.

In the spelling contest the prize winners were as follows: First, Ed. Weitsman, a book; second, Joseph Ayres, theater tickets; and, third, Mrs. Georgia Benjamin, Co-op tooth paste. The game of musical chairs was won by Mrs. Beatrice Hesse, who received a slip crediting her with five gallons of gasoline. S. Gross was presented with a book for third prize.

Mrs. A. Volckhausen's guess was the closest to the actual length of a piece of string in a jar, and she received a card entitling her to a hair set at the Beauty Parlor. Second prize—a can of Co-op apple sauce—went to Jack Fruchtmann.

Of those guessing the names and occupations of 12 famous people from their pictures, Eugene Hesse's entry was the most accurate. He too gets five gallons of gasoline. Mrs. A. Chasanow received Co-op tooth paste and Mrs. Bertha Maryn was winner of a can of apple sauce.

There were a number of interesting hobbies listed. Mrs. Ruth Morgan, who moved here only last Saturday, stated that her hobby was rifle shooting. Winston Johnson, who came to Greenbelt a week ago Saturday, spends his spare time making furniture. He is from Minnesota and resides at 1-C Parkway. Other hobbies, such as photography and roller skating, were mentioned.

Many of the newcomers left the party expressing appreciation for the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with leaders and the work of the several cooperative organizations in Greenbelt. It is now planned to have similar socials for newcomers about every five or six months.

MABEE TO LEAVE GREENBELT

Wallace Mabee will leave Greenbelt on May 1 to go into private business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Mabee's decision to leave will come as a disappointment to many who have come to depend upon his valuable aid in solving the many problems which found their way to his office of Administrative Assistant. In addition to this position Mr. Mabee has also served as Greenbelt's Director of Public Safety.

A story of Mr. Mabee's activities will appear in next week's Cooperator.

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PLEASE

The Cooperator is in great need of some new staff members as follows:

- 1 Copy reader for two hours Tuesday nights.
- 2 Proof readers for two hours Tuesday nights.
- 1 person to paste errors, Wednesday nights

We can also use some more reporters to enable us to cover all the news in Greenbelt.

If you can spare the time and can or would like to learn to do any of the above, contact the Editor at Greenbelt 5363 or write him a letter.

Dr. Warbasse Retires

The Cooperative League of the USA wound up its first twenty-five years of organized education with an anniversary dinner in Chicago with members of the boards of the Cooperative League and National Cooperatives as guests; a coast-to-coast broadcast over the NBC network by Dr. James P. Warbasse, president emeritus of the Cooperative League; and a 25th anniversary dinner in New York, where two hundred guests crowded the upper and lower halls of Consumers Cooperative Services to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Warbasse for their quarter century of service to the cooperative movement.

Dr. Warbasse, at a board meeting, had resigned two days before as president of the League, which was organized in his house and of which he had been continuous president. Murray D. Lincoln, president of the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, was elected unanimously as his successor.

Greetings by wire and letter congratulating the League on its accomplishments in the development of sound, democratic cooperatives came from Eleanor Roosevelt, Thurman Arnold, Senator George D. Aiken, E. Stanley Jones, John Haynes Holmes, the Rev. Edgar Schmidler, OSB; Mark Starr, Joy Elmer Morgan, Alfred Bingham, John Daniels and others. A host of personal friends and old-time cooperators paid their respects in person or by letter.

Dr. Warbasse, in the major address of the evening, persistently deflecting credit from himself to others, told of the work of Albert Sonnichsen, James Larkin, Peter Hamilton, Scott Perky, Eskel Bonn, H. V. Murni, A.J. Hayes, John Suominen, Cedric Long and many others, including Hyman Cohn, "whose death on the 25th anniversary of our founding completed a cycle of life and cooperation."

"We are confronted by a desperate situation today which calls for building cooperatives on a firm foundation if we are to save the world," the League's founder declared. To do this, he said, we must build cooperative understanding and train managers and personnel. He emphasized the need for building for the future on the lessons of the past, and concluded: "When in the year 2016 we celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of the League, cooperation will loom much larger in the thought of the United States and the world, and I will be there."

Robert L. Smith, educational director of the Eastern Cooperative League, made the presentation of a handsome pair of ski poles, suggested by the fact that the 74-year-old doctor postponed a skiing excursion to Canada so he might take part in the anniversary celebration. The poles, from Products from Sweden, American representative of the Swedish cooperatives, were symbolic of the occasion with points of pure Swedish steel and shafts bound for added strength with the rainbow colors of the international cooperative flag.

BOOKLET ON CO-OP PREPARED FOR NEWCOMERS

A booklet, entitled The Greenbelt Stores and "addressed and dedicated to new residents of Greenbelt" has been prepared for distribution to newcomers to the community. First to receive copies were those at the Co-op party for new residents held last Tuesday evening at the Community Building.

The story of the Greenbelt stores—"how they came to be unique, and how unique they came to be"—is told very briefly in a series of five one-page chapters. These chapters describe how the co-op was started, what a consumer cooperative is, who runs the local co-op, the 1940 business record of G.C.S., and why it is believed Greenbelters should join the cooperative.

At the end is a directory of 10 Greenbelt cooperatives and auxiliary groups. Listed among these is the Gum Drop Co-op, the children's Cooperative at the Elementary School, which was revived recently through efforts of the G.C.S. education committee.

Greenbelt Nursery School Is Under Way

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School opened its doors in the basement of 14 Parkway at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 15, under the supervision of Mrs. Charlotte Wagner, with an enrollment of 16 in the morning session and 15 in the afternoon session. Those enrolled in the A.M. class are little Richard Cross, Lindsay Dowrick, Juanita Fenby, Sonya Fulmer, Joyce Kling, Laurie Maffay, Nancy Murdock, Claudette Roshon, Barbara Sawyer, Karleen Stein, Thomas Sharon, Elizabeth Wessels, Julia Wessels, Sharron Walther, John Whaley and Billy Chinitz. Those enrolled in the P.M. class are Ann Atkins, Michael Cockill, Bobby Cooper, David Cray, Bobby Dodson, Marian East, Hugh Livingston, Brian Paris, Frederick Pfeiffer, Joyce Schwartz, Judith Taylor, Helen Thompson, Charles Walker, Toby Weitsman and Howard Chasanow.

Registrations are still open for a few more children, and may be made at the nursery school with Mrs. Wagner after school hours in the afternoon, preferably between 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. Tuition is \$4 a month, although the tuition for April has been reduced to \$3, due to the fact that the school opened on the 15th instead of on the 1st.

Mrs. Wagner, the Nursery School Committee and parents of registered children were busy weeks in advance making preparations for the opening of the school. The making of both indoor and outdoor blocks, obtaining furniture, buying supplies and arranging the nursery school room attractively were but a small part of the work expended by the group. Their combined efforts toward the success of the nursery school are well worth attention.

At a meeting of the parents of registered children, held by the Nursery School Committee on the evening of April 8, officers and committees were selected as follows to help in the work of the nursery school: treasurer, Mr. Joseph Rabbitt; chairman of the equipment, painting and repair committee, Mr. Ralph Cross; chairman of the housekeeping committee, Mrs. Jan Thompson; chairman of the transportation committee, Mrs. Lois Fulmer; chairman of the typing committee, Mrs. Byron Roshon; and chairman of scrapbooks, Mrs. Paris. Besides the above committees working for the nursery school, a number of mothers of registered children have volunteered their services at the school on different days at different sessions to assist Mrs. Wagner in her work with the children.

The nursery school wishes to thank the town of Greenbelt for its loan of \$150 to be used for nursery school equipment and supplies, \$56 of which has already been spent for the acquisition of cupboards and indoor and outdoor blocks, and a small additional amount for story books, paints, brushes, crayons, drawing paper, toys and other supplies. The school wishes also to thank the town for its loan of shelves and furniture, including chairs, tables and a workbench, without all of which the nursery school would have been handicapped.

On Wednesday evening, April 23, at 8:30 P.M., in the nursery school, there will be a meeting of parents of registered children, at which meeting a definite board of officers will be elected to serve the school term, which ends June 30. All parents please attend! The nursery school is yours, so continue its success by a 100% backing.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

This coming Sunday, April 20th, The Community Church Music Committee is sponsoring its second annual Vesper Hour of Music, at 4:30 in the afternoon. This Musicales will be held in the auditorium and will feature organ and cello music by Mr. Wm. Nebbett and Mr. Leslie Atkins; vocal solo and duet by Miss Rhoda Weimert and Mr. Fred Wilde. The Junior and Senior Choirs of the Community Church will sing, the latter offering the Hallelujah Chorus as its most significant contribution for the year. The Community Men's Glee Club will sing two numbers.

A free-will offering will be taken to go towards a payment on the Organ.

The Community is cordially invited.

Members of the musical organizations of the Catholic, Jewish, and Mormon churches will be honored guests.

PARENTS WATCH BAND PERFORM

Music will be the theme of the next meeting of Greenbelt Parent Teacher Association when the band will be the feature of the evening. Attention is called to the change of date. Instead of the regular fourth Monday, the meeting will be on Friday April 25, the regular band practice night, at 8 P.M. This will be the first public appearance of the band, and parents will be interested in seeing the children in their new summer uniforms.

Mr. Paul Garret their leader will direct them, discussing how he found and developed Greenbelt's musical talent among the younger generation. The evening will include a demonstration of his teaching method which he will illustrate by giving the children a new piece of music and showing the audience how he develops sight reading skill.

All parents and others interested in children and in music are invited.

Nearly half the families in Greenbelt are now members of the Greenbelt Health Association.

CAMERA CLUB TO HOLD SALON



Starting May 5th, and extending through May 7th the Greenbelt Camera Club will hold its Fourth Annual Salon. Everyone in Greenbelt is invited to come and view the results of a year's work by the members. The above photograph by Levi Pittman was a prize winner in last year's Salon and according to reports, has been a mark to be attained by the other members, therefore this year's exhibit promises to be a real show.

The Salon will be on exhibition every evening from 7 until 9 P.M. in the Social Room of the School.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Civil service examinations for the positions described below were announced by the U.S. Civil Service Commission today. Applications will be accepted at the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates specified. The salaries are subject to the usual 3½ percent retirement deduction.

Social worker, \$2,000 a year, Veteran's Administration, and Bureau of Prisons in the Department of Justice. Applicants must show that they have completed an appropriate 4-year college course which included or was supplemented by at least 1 year of study with 300 hours of supervised field work in an accredited school of social work. For the Veteran's Administration, the duties of the positions will be those of a psychiatric social worker, and for the Bureau of Prisons those of a social case worker. The closing date is May 14, 1941.

Assistant curator (mammals), \$3,200 a year, U.S. National Museum. Completion of a 4-year college course with major study in vertebrate zoology is required, as well as professional experience which included taxonomic research, museum work, and field investigations. Applicants may also qualify if they have had 3 years of graduate study in vertebrate zoology or a 3-year combination of this graduate study and professional experience. The closing date is May 14, 1941.

Regional agent and special agent in trade and industrial education, \$4,600 a year and \$3,800 a year, respectively, Office of Education. These agents will cooperate and assist state school and industrial executives in maintaining the standards for trade and industrial education prescribed by the Federal Office of Education. Qualified persons are urged to file their applications promptly. Completion of a 4-year college course which included credit in the field of trade and industrial education and appropriate and extensive experience in that field are required. Applications will be rated as they are received until further notice.

Inspector of coal, \$3,800 a year, War Department. Ten years of appropriate experience in dealing commercially in coal in bulk greater than carload lots is required. The maximum age limit is 60 years. Applications will be rated as received at the Commission's Washington office until December 31, 1941. Qualified persons are urged to file their applications at once.

Further information regarding these examinations may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first—or second—class or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

There was a young fellow from Chile
Who said "All the mountains are hile.
And, not only that,
The plains are quite flat
I think that the whole land looks sile."

Chaz

Community Health

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

For centuries cod liver oil has been known and used as a cure for rickets, though the reason for this was still obscure. It was not until 1922 that extensive research discovered that rickets was caused by a deficiency of a fat soluble vitamin. This was not the end of the search. Vitamin A was fat soluble, but its lack could not be held accountable for rickets. Further work in the laboratory led to the discovery of Vitamin D.

Vitamin D is readily found in active state in cod and other fish liver oils. Very few other foods contain significant amounts of this important vitamin. The small amount present in certain foods is, however, not lost through cooking. An egg yolk retains its Vitamin D content even when it has been hard boiled. Eggs which have been stored for many months do not lose the Vitamin D.

Vitamin D is the most sparsely distributed vitamin in foods. Consequently all infants and children must receive some commercial preparation which contains Vitamin D, not only to ward off the disease of rickets, but to promote growth and development of the body.

One of the greatest services of this vitamin is that it is essential to assist the body in making use of the two important minerals, calcium and phosphorus. Growing bones and teeth can not utilize calcium and phosphorus, which may be abundant in the blood stream, without the aid of Vitamin D.

Dosages of Vitamin D, whether for children or adults, should be prescribed by the family physician and not the radio announcer.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By Patty Beebe

We hardly got our Easter Bonnets on before we had to dash down and haul out our sun-suits but even the sacrifice of putting away that Easter hat is worth weather like this.

One of our own participated in the Easter Parade in New York Sunday. Mrs. Eleanor Gluck in her beaded and beflowered blue bonnet was there in all her glory. Also in New York but there several days were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hanes visiting relatives.

The Bergenergs of 7 Woodland Way had a house full of company at one time or another all week-end. Among the guests was Mrs. Hill of Norwalk, Conn., whose daughter, Drina Newton is playing the lead in the play "My Sister Eileen" in Chicago. Mrs. Hill stayed all week-end.

Many Greenbelters were using the Recreation Grounds near the lake to good advantage over the week-end. There were picnickers, Egg Rollers and Easter-Egg-Hunters, Duck Feeders and Hikers to be seen all over.

Anne Hull of 8-A Hillside is interested in obtaining a Bathinette for her new little son. Any one who has one they are not using and wish to dispose of are asked to get in touch with her at 4626.

At Council Meeting Monday night came the quickest comeback of the week. Mr. Braden was remarking that "Some of the stories told at the Town Manager Conference in Florida would make your hair stand on end." Town Engineer Harvey Vincent cut in with "Whose hair?" --

Fashion Note: At the R. E. A. Conference Wednesday Mrs. Roosevelt was her usual chic, poised self. Her costume of pastel tones blended beautifully. Her dress was of pink chiffon with a blue flower motif all over. Her cape and straw hat were of Eleanor Blue. Her shoes and gloves were of deep tan. She gave a brief but charming talk to the gathering.

The cutest dressing table in town is the one Helen Chasanow made for her little two year old Phyllis. She took a wardrobe trunk drawer (a crate does too) stood it tall, covered it with a teddy bear print and made a wide, flouncy skirt tied with a big bow which matched the back around with a big bow which matched the background of the print. She took a waste-paper basket turned it upside-down, padded it and covered it to match the little dressing table, skirt and all. A very small, feminine lamp and the mirror painted to tie up with the color of the crib, curtains of same material as dressing table, animal pictures, and a little rocker complete an utterly charming little girl's room. The cost...little...the effect...tremendous.

Miss Virginia Taylor of 4-F Ridge took a great fall while riding her bike one day...present result 14 yards of bandage and unknown quantities of arnica etc., were necessary to repair her injured knee.

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MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt:

Al came home and told us a story of the blizzard which took so many lives in the northwest this winter and he called it "one for REA's book".

A farmer who is on an REA line in northern North Dakota liked the sight of his yard light so well that he made it his custom to keep it burning all night every night. I guess it looked sort of friendly to him shining there in the wide darkness, or maybe he was a little proud of this new electricity which had come to him, with the help of his neighbors in the county. At any rate, night after night it burned and could be seen for miles around.

About five miles down the road, another farmer lived, with his wife and three children - an eleven year old daughter, a seven year old son and a baby girl of four.

The mother and father had driven into town, leaving the younger children and the house in the care of the eldest girl, and expected to return before night-fall. But that afternoon, the sky grew dark and the blizzard struck, and brought with it a wind that blew at a rate of 85 miles an hour. It blew so hard the chimney was torn off the farm house and the rooms were quickly filled with the smoke from the roaring fire which had been kept at top heat by the sister who was trying to be mother to two frightened little fellows. Driven from the house by the suffocating smoke, they started to walk to the nearest neighbor's house, five miles away, where they could see a yard light burning through the storm. On the road, the screaming wind tore the littlest girl away from the other two children and she was almost instantly lost in the swirl of the snow. The big sister made the boy lie down in the snow so that he might not be blown away too, while she went in search of the baby. Finding her, she made her way back to the boy, and together they pushed on toward the light, still shining in that madness of snow and wind.

For five miles they groped along, kept on the road to warmth and safety in the house they could not see by the light of an electric bulb which cooperation had made possible there. And they made it!

They're going to put up a marker out there, or a monument of some sort to commemorate the bravery and resourcefulness of that child, and I'm glad. Bravery and resourcefulness ought never to go unrecognized, but I hope they have room on the back of the marker for the word "Cooperation", for without that joining of hands of the farmers of that county in the effort to help each other as they helped themselves, that light would not have been shining in the blizzard and three American youngsters who are alive today certainly would have died.

Excuse me if I have gotten sentimental. It's a bit of a sentimental story, as all fine things are a little sentimental. Bravery is, you know. And so is resourcefulness. Sentimental and very fine. And so is cooperation.

—Peggie A.

Dear Mrs. Arness:

I have just learned from Miss Alexander's office (Nutrition) in the U. S. Bureau of Home Economics that there is more meat in proportion to bone on a large chicken than on two small chickens. Experiments show that a three-pound fryer is a better buy than two one and a half-pound fryers because there is more meat on the three-pound bird than on two one and a half-pound birds.

This is a consumer problem, and one of interest to women. I checked on it because someone in the store bought two birds because she thought she was getting a better buy than if she bought one bird.

Ella G. Roller.

Ask Women To Sew For Poor Babies

One hundred Layettes will be needed this year for babies of underprivileged parents in Prince Georges County, according to estimates of the nurses of the County Health Department. The Red Cross formerly supplied layettes for these local babies, but it is now working under great pressure on supplies for victims of the war in Europe. The Lay Health Council has undertaken to supply this need, with Mrs. James Severe named as chairman of layettes for Prince Georges County. It is hoped that every woman who can spare an hour or two once a month will join the District Lay Health Association in her neighborhood and help make these layettes. District chairmen are Mrs. James E. Steele, Hyattsville; Mrs. Stephano Rigoli, Glenn Dale; Mrs. James Lawrey, Maryland Park; Mrs. R.H.J. Campbell, Anacostia, D.C.

Mrs. Ernest N. Cory of College Park, has been appointed chairman of the May Day rallies for National Child Health Week throughout the county.

GREENBELT'S NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Faegre announce the birth of a son in Greenbelt Hospital April 12.

RECIPES

By Peggy Bargas



Spring Medley Salad

Lettuce	Sliced tomatoes
Cooked peas	Watercress
Cooked cauliflower	Radish roses
Cooked green beans	Co-op salad dressing

Line a salad bowl with crisp lettuce. Then in separate lettuce cups put generous portions of peas, cauliflower flowerets, Julienne green beans and sliced tomatoes.

Place these filled lettuce cups around the rim of the bowl and fill the center with watercress.

Garnish with radish roses and serve each portion with salad dressing.

HOW FRESH IS FRESH

There are 4 grades consumers find on the carton seals of eggs graded according to the Federal Government's quality standards, informs the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"These are: U. S. Special - the kind to buy for convalescents; very few on the market; may be marked 'Retail Grade AA.' U. S. Extra - top grade in most markets; satisfactory for breakfast eggs; may be marked 'Retail Grade A'. U. S. Standard - satisfactory for cooking; if sold under seals authorized by the Department of Agriculture must be marked 'Retail Grade B'. U. S. Trade - suitable for preparing dishes where egg flavor does not count much.

"Under the egg regulations of the Agricultural Marketing Service all these grades may be accorded to storage eggs as well as fresh ones. Storage eggs of the 2 top grades, U. S. Special and U. S. Extra, however, must be labeled as storage eggs when sold under authorized seals. Storage eggs of the third grade, U. S. Standard or Grade B, are not required to bear an identifying mark or storage on the seal. However, any person who ships in interstate commerce storage eggs which are labeled 'Fresh' is liable to prosecution for misbranding under the Food and Drug Act.

"Since time has so much to do with the quality of eggs, labels under the system of Federal grading bear not only the grade but also the date when the grading was done. This date is important, because unless eggs are carefully refrigerated they drop in quality as time goes on.

"Size of eggs, too, is important. Every consumer knows what a gamble he takes on the amount of egg in a dozen unless he buys the graded kind. United States Government grades specify the weight and size of the eggs in the top 3 grades. Under present requirements, if 'U. S. Specials' and 'U. S. Extras' are sold under certificates of quality, or 'U. S. Standards' are sold under seals, they are identified as 'Large,' 'Medium,' or 'Small.'

BEST BUY FOR HEADACHES ASKED BY BETTER BUYERS

Since the Better Buyers groups generally meet every two weeks, no "best buy" selections were made last week. Representatives, however, conferred with Pharmacist Albert Ellerin regarding the possibility of stocking a brand of aspirin which could be sold for a price cheaper than 29 cents per 100 tablets.

In studying this drug the week before, the Better Buyers found that all aspirin tablets, regardless of brand, must meet the standards specified in the National Formulary, a book of standards recognized by the Government, as explained in last week's Cooperator. There are several brands recommended by Consumers Union which retail at very low prices.

This question was asked of Mr. Ellerin: Since all brands of aspirin are prepared according to the same formula and give the same results, would it be possible for the local drug store to obtain a brand that could be sold at a cheaper price? Mr. Ellerin explained that if the demand were great enough for a cheaper aspirin so that the turnover would be reasonably rapid, a brand could be obtained which could be sold for a price around 15 cents a hundred.

This matter is being given further consideration and something more definite may be released at a later date.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
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Greenbelt Community Church

Just the other day there appeared an extremely meaty article suggesting that sensitive people who sometimes take time off to reflect upon their relations with others, are likely to be haunted more by their sins of omission than by their sins of commission. It is obvious upon first thought that our deeds and misdeeds are more, much more, frequent than the deeds left undone. Not only are they more numerous but there is a strange something which characterizes them. As they rise to reproach us they evoke a peculiar sense of unworthiness and guilt. We just haven't any excuse for not having done them. The following is taken from the article: "For many of our sins of commission we can find plausible or semi-plausible excuses—our passions betrayed us, or our words were ill chosen, or we did not understand, or the fellow really deserved what we gave him. Thinking it over, if our heart condemn us, we can make a clean breast of it and apologize and by our subsequent behavior entirely heal the wound and reinstate the broken friendship. But if our sin was one of neglect, of omission, of unawareness, we are left without excuse. All we can say to our friend is that we did not think of the obvious opportunity to do him a kindness, to write him a comforting note in his sorrow, to come to his back in his hard fight against misfortune. The wound which our neglect has made is not like the wound caused by some positive misdeed. It is more difficult to cure. Our apology only betrays to our friend the stark truth that he held so minor a place in our heart that we could forget him, and our penitence cannot easily wash that truth away."

We must needs hear again the divine judgment: "Inasmuch as ye did it not..."

It was a gratifying sight to see more than 300 of our friends at the Community Church service Easter Sunday morning.

Those in charge of the decorations arranged a setting that converted the auditorium into a "Church" atmosphere which gave one that feeling of reverence and peace which is so hard to visualize in this war torn World.

The Church School hour from 10 to 11 A.M. saw more than 400 in attendance, both grown-ups and little ones. At Easter time, our little ones, coming out in their delicate garments of many Spring colors present a picture that is hard to describe but makes us feel proud that we are a part of a community that has so many sturdy, healthy looking children.

As your Minister, I want to thank all of you who helped make this Easter one that I will long remember. Your splendid cooperation is appreciated and I hope you will show an equal interest in our "Vesper Hour of Music" to be given Sunday, April 20, at 4:30 P.M. in the School Auditorium.

Robert L. Kincheloe.

Don't forget the dance on Saturday, April 19!



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Auditor Prepares G.C.S. Report

Louis Englander, of the Cooperative League Accounting Bureau, New York City, was in Greenbelt last weekend auditing the books of the Greenbelt Consumer Services.

The directors of G.C.S. met with Mr. Englander Sunday evening and heard a few preliminary remarks and figures as to the operation of the business during the first quarter of 1941.

More complete and final results of the audit will be reported by the bureau in time for the presentation to the membership at the quarterly meeting on May 7.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For sale—A sofa bed in good condition, six months old, wine colored upholstery. 6-A Parkway.

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