



## Revised Directory Lists Residents As of August 20

A new town directory is ready for distribution at the booth of the Nursery School during the Town Fair and will be available at the Drug Store next week.

This is the first revised issue of a town directory in two years, and will be up-to-date with names, addresses, and phone numbers of all Greenbelt residents as of August 20, Mrs. Sherrod East, chairman of the booth announces. The present edition will have a heavy cover and will include a more-detailed reproduction of a map of Greenbelt than the one previously issued.

The directory is being sold to raise funds for the Nursery School, at a price of 15 cents per copy.

## Dr. Silagy States His Position

In answer to a statement of the Health Association board printed in last week's *Cooperator*, Dr. Joseph Silagy, center of the current controversy in Greenbelt, submitted for publication a statement of his own Wednesday night.

"The recent action of a bare majority of the Board of Directors of the Health Association in discharging me from the medical staff was done without notice of any kind, without a hearing of charges, and in violation of decent, democratic procedure.

"However, neither Mr. Custer, nor his cronies, nor a committee of his choosing shall determine my status. The membership shall decide, and so long as the people of Greenbelt want me to serve them as Association physician, I shall remain.

"To the many who have recognized the action of Mr. Custer, Mrs. Zonrach, Mr. Volkhausen and Mrs. Shorb for what it is—a clear-cut violation of the mandate of the membership as expressed at the July meeting—and have taken the necessary steps to make them answer for it before the membership, I wish to express my thanks.

"Insofar as the 'charges' against me are concerned...

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## Co-op Builders Turn Woodsmen

Early American pioneers had nothing on the modern home builders in Greenbelt's Home Owners Cooperative. For the past three Saturdays, sturdy members of the co-op, armed with nothing more than hatchets and axes of varying style and effectiveness, have been attacking the undergrowth on the land leased by the group.

According to latest estimates the Cooperative has saved itself nearly \$200 by clearing over a hundred feet of brush for the proposed "Woodland Way" through the leased property. In a "news letter" to members of the Cooperative on August 21, an appeal is made for "woodsmen to borrow an axe or hatchet to finish up what we started..."

The news letter continues with the admonition that "the time is drawing near when it will be necessary for the members who will build in the first group to deposit money with the Cooperative to pay for the utilities. We are giving you the news now so you can take the shock without serious consequences when we actually ask for the money..."

Final approval of the building layout plan has come with the signature, of Hale Walker, senior town designer of the Farm Security Administration. The revised plan calls for 50 building plots instead of the original 57.

On Thursday evening there was a general membership meeting in the social room at the Elementary School. Henry Klumb, architect, showed the members the blueprints of the basic plans which he submitted to F. H. A. last week.

## Only Residents Will Get Gas

Because of the 10 percent reduction in gasoline deliveries to service stations, as ordered recently by OPACS, the local station since Thursday, August 21, has sold gasoline to Greenbelt motorists only. The quantity that may be delivered to the station during August is 90 percent of total July deliveries, necessitating a severe restriction in sales during the last week and a half.

During the first 20 days, however, the station had sold about 80 percent of the quantity receivable for the month. Approximately 20 percent was left for the remaining 11 days of August. This was the predicament in which the station found itself on August 19 when a flyer was issued announcing the restriction of gasoline sales and requesting Greenbelt motorists to attend a meeting next evening.

The management of Greenbelt Consumer Services had to decide whether to keep on selling until the pumps ran dry and close them for several days at the end of the month or to limit the purchases. The decision was to provide for the station's regular patrons, the local motorists, as much as possible. The available supply was divided up into daily quotas for the remainder of the month.

At a 20-minute meeting (one of Greenbelt's shortest) of the motorists, the situation was explained briefly by GCS president Frank J. Lastner and acting General Manager Thomas B. Ricker, who is also the service station manager. Since that time, Mr. Ricker's figures of available supply as presented at that meeting have been somewhat revised, resulting in even more of a restriction than had been anticipated.

It was announced at the meeting that small windshield stickers would be provided for local motorists to immediately identify them when they drove into the station. The names of 176 local car owners desiring the stickers were turned in at the meeting. Sixty-two had been received that day at the station, and more have come in since Gasoline is being sold only to those possessing these stickers or to those who otherwise identify themselves as Greenbelters, after which they too are given the stickers.

Last Saturday was the first day that the daily quota was sold out resulting in the closing of the pumps at 3 o'clock. The station however, was kept open for other services until the usual closing time at 7 p.m. When the pumps are closed and a motorist is completely out of gasoline, one gallon will be sold to him.

There is no uniformity of policy among all of the stations regarding rationing. Some stations in the area have already sold out and have closed for the remainder of the month. Others are not limiting their sales in any way, and will sell until their pumps run dry. Still others are selling a limited quantity to each purchaser in an effort to remain open until August 31.

Mr. Ricker stated "The station will do everything it can to alleviate the situation. As in the past, we will bear in mind at all times our patrons' interests and will work toward giving them all possible satisfaction during this emergency. However, the whole problem of restricting gasoline sales creates a difficult situation over which the management has no control, and the thoughtful cooperation of all is a necessity for the good of everybody concerned."

## Credit Union Changes Its Office Hours

The Credit Union announces that its office will be open for the following hours temporarily:

From Friday, August 29 through Saturday, September 13 the hours will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. except on Saturdays when the office will be open from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m.

Register tomorrow for the town council election.

## We Are Disgusted

We are disgusted. The mess that has been brewing in the Health Association all summer has finally boiled over, and all the dirt and filth connected with it is running down the gutters of Greenbelt.

We have no quarrel with those solid citizens who have formed their opinions on the matter after careful investigation and are awaiting their chance to have their say in open democratic meeting. Our quarrel is with those self-appointed guardians of your welfare who stop at nothing to force their views on you.

The first of these to crawl out of hiding signed their names to a mimeographed statement last Saturday—a statement that contained one of the worst deliberate lies and malicious distortion of facts ever aimed at the *Cooperator*. In the past, we have been the target of others with differences of opinion, or those whose ambition it has been to control us. We have seen fit to ignore most of them, because time has proven the right. Those people have disappeared and have been forgotten. But when the very foundation of our paper is so maliciously maligned we cannot ignore it.

The facts in the case are just this:

Monday night, August 18, the G. H. A. board took action. Tuesday night, after our office opened, we placed a call for Mr. Custer and Dr. Silagy for statements. Mr. Custer was reached and he replied that he would try to give us a statement before press time. We were unable to reach Dr. Silagy after repeated efforts. Mr. Custer gave us a statement and we printed it. In later conversation with Dr. Silagy, he informed us that he did not receive the message, but was willing to give a statement this week. You will find it elsewhere in this edition. This was a regrettable circumstance, but could not be helped. Wednesday night about 9:30, after the paper had "gone to bed" Mr. Gawthrop called us with the statement that he had some news. We told him we could not take it at the late date and time. He turned this copy over to Aaron Chinitz, who was told the very story. It was suggested that it would be more valuable to all concerned next week. The complete answer to the charges and accusations can be summed up simply as this:

1. The deadline for ordinary news is 8 p.m. Mondays; special happenings, Tuesday evenings, and requested items before 7 p.m. Wednesday night. We have printed this time and time again before, so that it is not new.

2. The alleged news story referred to was never presented to this paper. We at no time saw or knew of the contents of this "news" until it was printed Saturday in the mimeographed flyer.

3. If this alleged news had been presented to us in time for publication, it would not have been printed. Those paragraphs are not news, they are editorial comment. We have enough material for editorials, and do not need help from the outside in determining our policy. Any reporter turning in such tripe as news on a metropolitan paper would be fired on sight.

4. Factional disputes are not news. Only those papers wishing to stir up trouble will print them as such. In a cooperative such factions have a free and democratic right of expression of thought in open meetings. If we printed statements and "news" from such sources, we would be filled each week with the opinions of malcontents and crack-pots decrying the action of each board of every organization in town.

5. Who are these people that demand that the press be stopped every time they wish to make a startling announcement? If they were speaking in some official capacity, perhaps we would stop the presses. Is Mr. Gawthrop speaking as head of the council, as Mayor of Greenbelt? Is Mr. Chinitz speaking for his wife, a G. H. A. board member? Are the rest of them speaking for their various organizations in which they are active? If so, they didn't tell us. Consequently, we must consider them just malcontents, dissatisfied with the actions of a majority of a duly elected board of directors of an organization to which they belong.

The believers in cooperative medicine in Greenbelt should look well to their house. Otherwise these factions by their very actions will tear down that house. They are the enemies of cooperative medicine. They are the enemies of all that is good and wholesome in the cooperative movement. They are attempting to split the cooperative into small wrangling political groups, bent on obtaining their

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## Special Meeting Will Decide Future of G.H.A.

As a climax to a controversy which has been developing for months and which has now split the people of Greenbelt as has no other issue in the town's history, the Greenbelt Health Association will have another special meeting Thursday, September 4, to consider recall of its directors.

This latest development resulted from a petition reported to have been signed by about 300 persons, asking for resignations of Lincoln Clark, Mary Shorb, Howard C. Custer, Peggy Zorach, and Walter Volkhausen. A similar petition last month brought recall of directors to the membership at the organization's quarterly meeting, but no action was taken.

A fact-finding committee, reported to have been named with the approval of directors on both sides of the present fight, is now looking over records of the Association, taking affidavits of interested parties, and trying to sort out facts from the mass of rumor which has spread through the town. A report by this committee will be submitted to the membership at the meeting next week. Committee members are Dayton Hull, Mrs. Lois Fulmer, Bernard Jones, Sherrod East, Clifford Moyer, and Jesse Douglas.

Next item on the meeting's agenda is consideration of a motion to submit Dr. Silagy's severance from the medical staff to a board of arbitration.

Before the recall petition is considered there will be presented an amendment to the by-laws which would make removal of directors easier. All seven directors will be subject to recall, and a special election will be held if necessary for the replacement of any of the present ones.

The meeting will be called to order at 8:10 in the Auditorium.

## G. H. A. Minority Bar Reporter From Session

Phil Wexler, *Cooperator* reporter, was barred from the Greenbelt town council chamber Monday night when he tried to attend a meeting of Health Association members who were reported to be in session for the purpose of organizing a campaign for removal of a majority of the directors. Mr. Wexler had been assigned to report the meeting for a story in this week's paper because he was known to have no pre-conceived prejudices in the present controversy which is shaking the Health Association. He was told, "This meeting is for invited guests only" when he reached the room.

This is the first time in the history of Greenbelt that a *Cooperator* reporter has been denied access to a meeting which the paper has attempted to cover, and it is the first known secret meeting ever held in the council chamber.

Later Monday night C. S. Dorr submitted to the *Cooperator* the following statement for which he requested publication:

"A group, representing interested members of the Greenbelt Health Association, drawn together for the purpose of discussing plans for placing the Association on a more stable basis, met last Monday night, August 25, in the Council Room.

"The consensus of opinion was that the first step should be the removal of Lincoln Clark, Howard Custer, Mary Shorb, Walter R. Volkhausen and Peggy Zorach, from the Board of Directors.

"Steps were taken to place all information on the subject in the homes of the people of Greenbelt."

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## The Price of Milk

May 26, 27 and 28 saw a great National Nutrition Conference for Defense in session at the Mayflower Hotel in response to a call from President Roosevelt. For three days speeches were made and press releases were written on the necessity for Americans to eat more nourishing foods and to drink more milk, so that we would all be big and strong in the emergency ahead.

"The proper feeding of all the people is first line defense," Chairman M. L. Wilson told the Conference. "Altogether at least 45 million persons today have inadequate diets primarily because their incomes are so low they cannot afford to buy sufficient quantities of dairy products, leafy vegetables, and other vitamin-rich foods," said Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt. "Consumption increases," stated Dr. Hazel K. Stiebeling of the Bureau of Home Economics, "should be approximately as follows: milk, 20 percent. . . ." Other notable speakers who stressed the need for more and better food included Secretary of Labor Perkins, Vice President Wallace, and Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard.

This week Secretary Wickard gave his approval to another boost in the price of milk.

Greenbelters along with other citizens in this area affected have every reason to question the wisdom of the price rise and even to doubt the good faith of those who led us to believe that an honest effort would be made by the Administration to provide better nutrition for our people.

With food prices up 10 percent in the last year, with clothing prices soaring, with new taxes piling up and no end in sight, a one-cent increase per quart of milk means for many families less milk to drink.

We believe we are entitled to know whether Wickard's action Monday was the result of a desire to help the farmer still further in the subsidy program, pressure tactics by the well-organized milk distributors, confusion as to the Government's defense and social security program, sheer stupidity, or downright unconcern whether people on low and medium incomes drink milk or not.

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point, even to the extreme of ruining the organization and the idea behind it. Take warning before it is too late, purge your membership of these factions. Not to do so will only result in the collapse of the G. H. A. as a cooperative, much to the pleasure of organized medicine.

We are not merely shouting to the wind in our warnings. We know from experience just how ruthless one faction can be. At the time of our refusal to print further G. H. A. news it was because we ran headlong into the full force of this ruthlessness. We were threatened with everything in the book at that time if we even so much as dared to print this or that, consequently, we printed nothing, feeling that reason would soon prevail within the board and the membership.

The Cooperator is sick and tired of attempting to walk the tight line as far as the G. H. A. is concerned and print only those things that please this or that person. We are not interested in factional splits within any organization until the welfare of the community is concerned. We think this point has been reached—the G. H. A. has had plenty of time to put its house in order.

From now on we are not pulling punches. Lawsuits or no lawsuits we intend to print the truth as we see it, and we have the assurances that the large majority of our readers will back us up in this policy.

## American Legion Delegates

Delegates from Greenbelt Post 136 to the annual state convention of the American Legion at Baltimore August 13 to 16 were Judge Thomas R. Freeman, Virgil Estes, and Dr. James W. McCarl. Legion Auxiliary delegates were President Mrs. Louis Hedges, Mrs.

Delpha McCarl, Mrs. Cyril Turnes, Mrs. Thomas McNamara, Mrs. Virgil Estes, Mrs. Gladys Freeman and Mrs. Jennings Craig.

Because Americans do not like the strong flavor of soybeans as eaten in the Orient, mills in this country apply a de-bittering process.

## Same Old Fair

It's the same old town fair, a few new twists to it—and we like it. Of all our community activities throughout the year the Town Fair seems most typical of Greenbelt. It is the one big show of the year that is planned and prepared by all groups of residents with a minimum of rancor and wrangling. It is a three-day demonstration of Greenbelt at its best, a community with its best foot forward.

From the first exhibit to the last number on the entertainment program it is a review of how our neighbors have lived during the year. And we leave the Community Building with a deeper appreciation for the meaning of the word community, and a new understanding of what we all—the whole 860 families of us—are groping towards, and a new faith in our ability to settle our petty little quarrels in time to turn our efforts to more important things.

## To the Editor---

### A Flyer in Politics

To The Editor:

It is indeed regrettable that there is a certain type of unscrupulous politician in Greenbelt who will stoop to almost any type of vilification in an effort to wreck a successful cooperative.

I refer to the flier I found on my doorstep Saturday, which does not deserve the dignity of receiving notice, except that in the dirty game of politics no mud-slinging can be overlooked. The signers of the flier are indeed endowed with imagination if they can, first, describe the editorial they submitted to the Cooperator as "a small paragraph of a strictly news nature" (note that they say a small paragraph, when it was, in reality three paragraphs); second, overlook the failure of Dr. Silagy to accept the verdict of the arbitration committee form of control which he himself so loudly yowled for; and third, already refute the report of the Fact-Finding Committee, which was appointed only a day or two before the flier was issued, and the personnel of which is not yet even complete.

It is to be noted that of the signers of the flier, no one has ever done one lick of work to build up the Health Association, and Mr. Gawthrop only last Friday refused to be named to the Fact-Finding Committee. Further, two Board members who have consistently held to the slogan: "Dr. Silagy, may he always be right, but right or wrong, Dr. Silagy," are conspicuously absent, one of them, no doubt, with an eye to the forthcoming council elections and the additional \$150 salary he voted himself.

—Meyer Volk

### The Mayor Replies

To the Editor:

With some surprise, I find myself writing my first controversial letter to the editor. May I correct several statements and false impressions that were contained in a flyer distributed on August 25 and signed Custer, Volckhausen, Zorach and Shorb. In this educational document I was awarded special mention with the inference that I had abused my office as mayor by daring to openly question their infallible wisdom. I refer everyone to the flyer in question to see that it is signed not "Mayor" but "interested member of the Health Association". I refuse to believe that a citizen who serves in our town government must relinquish his right to freedom of speech or freedom of action as a member of other organizations.

As to the charge of ignorance, I have read the board's minutes from January 19, 1939 to July 28, 1941 (the latter parts of which, incidentally, were written and re-written by these same people) and I have not found there sufficient reason for discharging an excellent physician. I have seen some of their documentary evidence and so far am not impressed. The name of Dr. Clark was included because he also favored discharging the physician, but with a different method.

Finally, I was asked by Mr. Custer to serve on a belated fact finding committee which he was appointing. Not knowing the other personnel, I was forced to doubt its unbiased flavor and decline.

I believe even the Board will admit that even now the membership is in possession of a great deal of information they would not otherwise have had until too late to act.

—A. W. Gawthrop

### Case History

To The Editor:

Last winter Dr. Silagy and Les Atkins, secretary of the Health Association, found themselves in frequent disagreement—Atkins gave up his position on the board in January. During the spring Dr. Silagy objected to statements made by Meyer Volk, editor of the Health Association Bulletin—Volk resigned at the request of the board. Dr. Silagy could not get along with Dr. S. R. Berenberg, our senior staff doctor—Dr. Berenberg left June 1 for the Pribiloff Islands. Dr. Silagy developed a dislike for Manager Bill Stewart—Stewart turned in his resignation about June 1 and left the Association a few weeks later. Dr. Silagy and the secretary of the Association, Don Cooper, found themselves in complete disagreement—Cooper resigned at the end of June. Dr. Silagy did not like President Ed Weitsman—Weitsman resigned in July. In the meantime committee chairman who found themselves out of sympathy with Dr. Silagy's views were forced out.

Now it is reported that Dr. Silagy wants the resignations of the other board members except Cunitz and Waitner, even the two who were selected to replace Cooper and Weitsman. It has also been reported to us that Dr. Silagy finds the Association's two new doctors unacceptable.

Could Dr. Silagy, by any chance, be in the wrong himself? Or are all the others out of step?

—Betsy Woodman

### Ethics Lecture

To The Editor:

It is unfortunate that the Cooperator's first faltering step into print should have been made at the same time that it saw fit to publish a series of accusations against Dr. Silagy. Since the accusations will not stand the light of impartial inquiry, it is not the point of this letter to defend the reputation of a highly qualified physician and respected member of this community.

Quite apart from the contents of the story itself is the fact that the Cooperator, with which the writer once had the pleasure of being associated, should display such a garish example of "brass check" journalism. That the Cooperator should open its news columns to a one sided presentation of a story of this nature, and publish therein a statement originally prepared as a confidential letter to the members of the Health Association was indeed surprising. That, at the same time, it should deny to the other side (there is another side, you know) a like amount of space is incredible. So incredible is it that the well intentioned vow "no letters to no editors" is herewith broken.

The writer is not unaware of the difficulties under which the staff of the Cooperator functions. The conditions are such that lapses of intelligence are not only possible but frequent. That such a period prevailed when you last went to press is the only explanation possible other than a deliberate attempt to be biased and malignant. It is possible that even now the editor is cognizant of the waywardness of his press, and is taking steps to counter same. If such is not the case it can only be hoped that those who hold in high esteem both the Cooperator and the honorable profession of journalism will take steps to bring into the paper the elements of cooperation and the basic principles of journalistic ethics.

—Bill Long

## Guilty Conscience?

To The Editor:

The following are the facts concerning a meeting of Health Association members which took place in the Council Room last Monday, and the alleged "ejection" of the Cooperator reporter.

After the meeting was well under way a man walked in, right up to the committee chairman's table and sat down. He did not identify himself or ask anyone's leave. He was identified as a non-member of the Health Association and asked to leave by the writer. The treatment accorded him was polite.

Later, the same evening, a news release was given to the Cooperator.

—Aaron Chinitz

## For the Board

To The Editor:

My hat is off to the Board of Directors of the Health Association. They have taken a calm and cool position—a position that leaves no doubt in my mind that they will stand firm against any badgering and any unfair weight of professional medical standings in the present fight. I think this is one of the most important fights that has ever hit Greenbelt, and so far I have seen no evidence that would make me want to withdraw my support from the Board of Directors which I helped to elect. I think they are doing their best in my interest as a member and I'm only waiting for a chance to throw my vote in their support.

—A Member.

## Surprise

To The Editor:

As a former staff member of the Cooperator I can not evince too much surprise at your last glaring departure from the newspaper code which you have ever pretended to hold in high esteem. I learned some time ago that fairness and honesty are completely divorced from your particular conception of editorial ethics. Your deliberately biased presentation of the current difficulties within the Health Association is even more understandable after a glance at the masthead of your paper. The only reason for this letter is to give voice to a sincere desire, which I know to be shared by others, for a return of decent journalism to Greenbelt. Never before in all its history has the Greenbelt Cooperator sunk so low in its uncooperative efforts as at the present time. Perhaps while you are engaged in assisting another organization with its housecleaning you might turn your energies toward the only (regrettably) newsorgan of Greenbelt, which has so clearly demonstrated its need for some sort of catharsis.

—Dorothea Ford Henes

## Get the Facts

To The Editor:

You hear "Health Association" in the barber shop. You hear "Health Association" in the Food Store and in the Drug Store. You hear it over the back fence and you hear it in your sleep. Rumors and more rumors are spreading faster than you can clean out your ears for the next batch. To all appearances this is the biggest and bitterest and one of the most vital fights in Greenbelt's history.

In such a situation I would plead for as much coolness and sanity as possible in examining the facts and the basic meaning of this fight before decisions are made and votes cast. Personalities have been introduced from all sides. This is one of the biggest tests we people of Greenbelt have ever had to face, and we must prove that we can weed non-essentials from the situation, recognize the basic problem and coolly and honestly arrive at a solution.

I am all for the Fact Finding Committee. It represents all sides, and we ought to have the facts before us. It's too important a decision to make on the basis of emotion.

—G.H.A. Member

## Mr. Miles' Angle

To The Editor:

The people of Greenbelt should know the question that is now up before the Health Group. It is: "Do you want Dr. Silagy or do you want the Health Association?"

For some time it has been seen that if any of the Board members could think or say anything but "Yes, yes," they were not wanted by Dr. Silagy and his personal friends.

—E. F. Miles

## "Are Greenbelters Happy?" Maryland U. Says "Yes"

The people of Greenbelt are reasonably well satisfied with their stores and services. This statement was made by Professor Victor W. Bennett of the University of Maryland as a result of a survey conducted last year among residents of this community.

Entitled "Consumers and the Greenbelt Cooperative," the report of the survey was published in the July, 1941 issue of The Journal of Marketing. Reprints of the article have been received by Greenbelt Consumer Services.

The article traces the development of the town of Greenbelt as well as the local consumer cooperative. It recites the arrangement between the Government and Consumer Distribution Corporation—that C.D.C. was to sponsor and develop the stores and operate them at no profit, and to turn control of them over to the residents by December 31, 1941. Resident control was assumed in January, 1940.

Personal interviews were obtained from 420 families, 47 percent of the total residents, of whom 246 were shareholders in the cooperative and 174 were non-shareholders, the article states. These interviews were made under the supervision of Professor Bennett by 24 students of the market research class of the College of Commerce of the University of Maryland on March 19 and 29, 1940.

Shareholders gave more patronage to all the services than did non-shareholders, the interviewers learned. In the Food Store, the most important unit of the cooperative, shareholders gave 79 percent of their business, while non-shareholders gave 61 percent of theirs.

The Theater received a heavy patronage from both shareholders and non-shareholders—82 percent from the former and 81 percent from the latter. It was the most popular of the enterprises. Patronage received by other local stores was examined and reported on similarly. Only a few residents, the article states, expressed the desire to have competitive stores in Greenbelt.

Many of the interviewed residents believed that the price and quality of nationally-advertised brands to be approximately the same as co-op brands. Shareholders looked with more favor upon co-op brands as compared with nationally-advertised brands than did non-shareholders.

In response to questions regarding service in the Food Store, many were enthusiastic about its excellence, and some were impressed with employee courtesy. Only 3 percent believed that the service was worse than that received at other food stores.

Because some Greenbelters believed that prices at the food store here were higher than chain stores and supermarkets in the Washington area, a separate survey was conducted and local prices were compared with those at several other stores. It was found that the local store, out of 33 items studied, was higher on 13, the same on 6, and lower on 14. Compared with independent stores, the co-op was higher on 5, the same on 4, and lower on 24.

Of 18 food items studied, the average price for chains and supermarkets was 9-10ths of 1 percent lower than Greenbelt, while the average for independents was 9.3 percent higher. The patronage dividend paid to patrons by the co-op should be considered in comparing prices, the report stated.

In an editor's note preceding the article, the statement is made that few experiments in consumer cooperation have attracted more attention than the Greenbelt cooperative.

### New Feeder Band Getting Instruments

The problem of supplying instruments for the feeder band has been tentatively solved, according to Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer. The Procurement Division of the Treasury Department secured the instruments in Philadelphia and has turned them over to Greenbelt. Paul Garrett, band chairman, and S. H. Downs, chairman of the parents' board, are in charge of bringing back the needed and checked instruments from Philadelphia.

Thirty-six children have now registered, and are awaiting procurement of the instruments.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

By PATTY BEEBE

Hello, Greenbelt:

Congratulations to Dolores Anita Carr who has received her acceptance papers for training at the West Jersey Homeopathic hospital in Camden, N. J. She, her mother, and sister Evelyn managed to get in a week's vacation at Eastern Shore last week. Dolores graduated from Greenbelt High in June.

Visiting: Rose Segal, from Philadelphia, is here with her sister, Ann Perchick. She has been here a couple of weeks and expects to leave after the Fair. We learn that Mrs. Claire Warner will be in town this weekend which is certainly good news to her many friends here. Doug, her son, came on ahead and has been having himself a Greenbelt time. Miss Patricia Kennan, a tall, dark and very bonny miss, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. 'n Mrs. C. J. Van Camp. She's from Mankato, Minn., where she has just completed her sophomore year at Mankato Teachers' College, but she likes Greenbelt so much she wants to stay on here, and may do that very thing.

Frances, Jerry and young Leo Rosenthal are off to Baltimore for a quick visit with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cross, 35-C Ridge, have been in Baltimore on a sad mission. Mr. Cross' father died suddenly last week so the Cross' aren't expected back until at least the end of the week.—Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Craig, of 35-C Ridge left Sunday for a visit in Cape May, which is, if I remember my map correctly, in New Jersey.—The Ralph K. Coffmans, 35-F Ridge, have been on a two-week motor trip through Maine, that scenically lovely state. They should be back this week, so keep an eye open.

Other fortnight vacationers are the Samuel B. Houlton family, who are down on the Eastern Shore, having themselves a very nice time, thank you.

The Denzil Woods killed two birds with one stone over the weekend, by holding a birthday party for Mrs. Wood's sister, Maxine Michaelson, and having two of the selectees on Ft. Meade Day in on it. Mrs. Bessie Michaelson, Miss Eleanor Cobb, of Washington, and the three young Woods filled in the celebration.

Speaking of Ft. Meade Day, it seems that most of the boys were a little shy which is not surpris-

### Well Groomed



*THE BRIDE'S MOTHER could almost steal the show from her daughter, in an ensemble like the one worn here by Columbia network star Selena Royle of "Woman of Courage" series. Jay Thorpe designed the grey crepe redingote, over white foundation, embroidered with birds in flight. Her organdie hat is trimmed with lilies of the valley. A diamond spray of many colored stones in a dozen different cuts is worn instead of a corsage. (Jewel from Black, Starr and Gorham).*

### Residential Turnover

Turnover of Greenbelt units has slowed down to such an extent during this month that there are now no vacancies. This presents the problem at Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer's office of having no houses for over-sized apartment families. The number of applications, however, has continued to pour in at the rate of from 150 to 200 a month. These figures cover all sizes of families, from one to six persons.

ing. It is very hard for the most blase among us to visit a strange family for dinner under the exacting circumstances. That was the only part I question. Otherwise, the holiday was very thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. The idea should be repeated with some other method of feeding them.

Mrs. Kinzer came back from her vacation not only rested in appearance, but also attractively different. She has cut her long hair and wears it brushed back in rolled curls.

You must thank Sally Meredith for your page this week, and excuse any errors in my column, because this writing in bed with bronchitis isn't always conducive of accuracy. Sally has done all the typing, a big job of reporting, writing all your woman's page articles this week, besides taking care of Johnny and myself. If ever she deserves a vote of thanks from you, and especially from me, it is right now.

### Keep Your Figure With Exercise

Screen stars have discovered that it is not necessary to sacrifice your figure in order to have a family. Joan Blondell, who resumed her career looking lovelier than ever after having two children, maintained her perfect figure without the benefit of a girdle. Her success was due to mild exercise, including plenty of walking, before the baby was born, and more exercises after the arrival of the baby.

Following the arrival of the baby special exercises are always advisable. In particular need of strengthening are the muscles of the breast and abdomen, which have stretched and have a tendency to sag. Here are two exercises for these muscles which you can start while still in bed:

First, the knee-chest position: Turn over on the face and kneel with the trunk bent forward from the hips, chest and elbows resting on the mattress, and arms folded under the chin. The abdomen should be drawn up and in, and the muscles of the buttocks contracted to give the correct tilt to the pelvis. This is the best exercise for getting the organs back in position.

Second, an exercise to strengthen the muscles of the bust and abdomen: Lie on your back on the bed or a mat on the floor, with hands at shoulders. Bend one knee to the chest and extend both hands upward and back, forcibly, on the mattress. Return arms to shoulders, and extend the leg. Continue the exercise bending the other leg. Try to make the movements rhythmical.

It is impossible to regain your figure after a baby unless some effort is made, and these exercises are perfect for this purpose. If a movie star can find time to do it, so can you.

Soldiers in the U. S. Army get 10 ounces more food per day now than in the first World War.

### Back To School September 8

September 8 will be the always exciting first day of school when Greenbelt Elementary School again opens its doors to the children of Greenbelt. The first few days undoubtedly will be spent in an exchange of summer experiences and getting acquainted with different teachers and schedules.

A new teacher to be added to the kindergarten staff this year is Miss Ethel Alice Hitchcock. She has served previously as assistant teacher in the demonstration kindergarten of the Child Welfare Institute of the University of Minnesota, and will take the place left vacant by Miss Rhoda Weimert.

### National Defense Cards Will Be Filed for Future

A chance for all men and women, in Greenbelt to enroll for service in national defense, is provided by the Women's Club of Greenbelt at its booth in the Town Fair. Cards will be distributed for the citizens to fill out. Each person is asked to name the thing that he can do best. Any person who can drive a car, type, sew, change a tire, put out a fire, in fact, do anything well, is urged to list it on the card together with the hours per day or week that he can give to service. These cards will be sent to the chairman of the county Civilian Defense where they will be filed with others from this area until such time as they are needed.

Editor's Note: Friends of Patty Beebe will be sorry to hear that she is in Doctors' Hospital in Washington and believed to have bronchial pneumonia.

Since December cellulose has been mixed with flour in Norway's bread.

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## Meditations

By

Robert Lee Kincheloe

In a Nation where the birth rate is on the rise, and in a Community such as Greenbelt where the birth rate exceeds that of the Nation, the following "Conversation About A Baby" by Maslin is worth some attention:

"Two women were talking and one of them said she thought she'd like to have a baby . . . the other disagreed violently. She couldn't see the sense of it. She didn't want any babies in her house. Her childhood had been all cluttered up with children and she wasn't going to have her maturity cluttered up with any. And the conversation back and forth was approximately this:

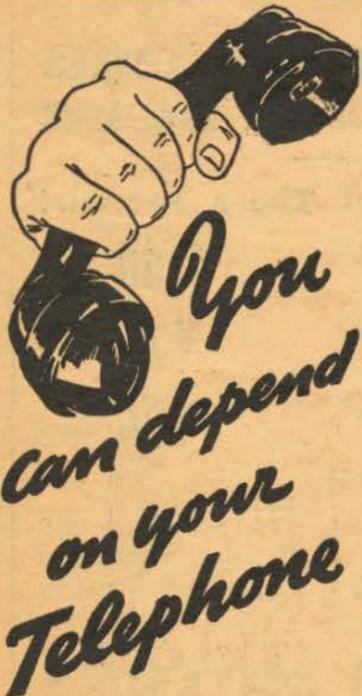
1. Babies yell so much.  
But only when they are sick or tired or hungry.
2. And they're so dirty.  
But you can keep them clean.
3. They cost such a lot of money.  
So do other things that are worth much less.
4. They cramp your style.  
But they give you another style.
5. It's so much trouble training them to be civilized.  
But they train you while you are training them.
6. Yes, to be self-sacrificing.  
But that doesn't hurt me.
7. You'll be peevish and nervous and quarrelsome, and Dick won't like you any more.  
If a baby breaks up our marriage, it can't be such of a marriage.
8. It's just your vanity, your wanting a child.
9. They grow up and leave you.  
That's what they should do.
10. And that might be twins.  
Which would be grand.
11. You're nothing but an old fashioned female, after all.  
As I have just discovered.
12. It's criminal to bring a child into such a world as this.  
Our children will have an exciting life, with never a moment of boredom.
13. You're hopeless!  
But I was never more hopeful!"

### Community Church News

This Sunday the pulpit will be supplied by one of the outstanding men of the Temple Corps of the Salvation Army, Major Fred F. Fox. A year or so ago our Church was privileged to have as its guest preacher one of the leaders of the Washington Salvation Army. We are looking forward to having Major Fox with us at the 11:00 Service.

Bring your Washington friends to our third annual Town Fair.

Latest tabulations on Greenbelt vital statistics show 1780 residents over 18 years of age and 1140 under that age. Town Manager Roy S. Braden has stated that he expects the new defense housing to add another 4,000 adults to the local population.



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## "Budget Is O. K." Says Gawthrop

Mayor A. N. Gawthrop this week took issue with the statement in last week's editorial "That Salary Increase" that "town finances are running behind the budget . . ." The Mayor claims that the town budget is in excellent condition except for the hospital. Citing the financial report he showed that the total budget to July 31 was \$96,195. Allotments to this date amounted to \$56,113.75; actual expenditures were \$48,311.94, leaving an unexpended and unencumbered balance to date of \$3,793.38.

Eleven sections of the budget are underexpended totalling \$2,945.79, and five sections are overexpended totalling \$793.59. The hospital budget has gone over its expenditure allowed by \$157.31 or .9 of 1 percent. The main reason for concern over the financial condition of the hospital is that ex-

## Saturday Is Last Day To Register

There is still time to register for the coming town elections, Town Clerk Winfield McCamy reminds Greenbelters in announcing that her office will be open tomorrow for those who have not yet signed up.

Mrs. McCamy advised that those who have registered and voted in the town elections of two years ago will not have to register again, and she emphasized again that registering and voting in the local town elections has no effect on a person's civil service status as a resident of another state, nor does it prevent a local resident from participating in state and national elections elsewhere.

pected income is \$2,057.50 behind the budget estimate to the end of July. This is a deficit of approximately \$2200 over that already provided for in this year's budget.

## Winning Exhibit Will Get Trophy

For the best exhibit in the Town Fair a trophy cup donated by the Athletic Club will be awarded tomorrow night. At the first Fair in 1939 the Athletic Club award went to the Boy Scouts. The Garden Club was the winner in 1940.

All other prizes and awards will also be given out tomorrow night at 9 o'clock on the handball court, as the concluding feature of the three day program of exhibits, contests and entertainment.

Harry W. Rhodes, chairman of the Fair, has already expressed himself as highly pleased with the results of the work done by the many committees and organizations. Preliminary indications point to a record attendance for this year's Fair, with more visitors from outside Greenbelt than ever before.

## Dr. Silagy

(Continued from page 1)

inst me are concerned, may I state that they are completely and utterly untrue. These unfounded allegations are nothing but camouflage for the real charge which is that I have dared to oppose this small, self-willed, irresponsible group in their determination to dominate the Association, and have ventured to criticize the infallibility of their decisions.

"The detailed and documented refutation of the "charges" which have been printed in the Cooperator, in handbills and in letters to Farm Security Administration officials will be presented to you by me in the proper place—the membership meeting of September 4.

"I have faith in the membership and am confident that when this crisis is over the Association will emerge bigger, stronger and more capable of fulfilling its proper function, which is to supply to the people of Greenbelt good medical care."

## THE GREENBELT STORES

### HOW OUR CO-OP CAME TO BE

The men whose vision transformed an area of wornout Maryland farm land into the Town of Tomorrow, believed that in a community planned for democratic way of life, the local businesses should be run by and for the people. So they arranged that the people of Greenbelt could decide for themselves whether they would operate their own stores.

When the first residents moved into Greenbelt in the fall and winter of 1937, they found, among the other advantages of their town, model stores operated under rather unusual terms. For the lease to the stores, held by a concern called Consumer Distribution Corporation, and known as patron saint to many a cooperative enterprise, provided that Consumers Distribution Corporation could make no profit from operating the Greenbelt stores, and would transfer its lease to the local residents, if those residents should choose to own the stores and run them as a cooperative.

By the end of 1939 about 500 Greenbelt citizens had set aside somewhat over \$4000 as initial payment for purchasing the local stores. On January 9, 1940, a little over a year after the town became fully occupied, the local citizens took over operation of their stores as a consumer cooperative.

### WHAT IS A MEMBER COOPERATIVE?

A consumer cooperative is a non-profit business organization operated democratically by and for its customers. It is governed by principles known as the Rochdale principles, the most important of which provide:

1. ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE. That is, regardless of the number of shares a person may own in a cooperative, he has only one vote at its meetings. Thus votes are assigned democratically, to people and not to wealth; and control is secured to the many, and not to the few. In the Greenbelt cooperative, everyone owning one fully paid share of stock, costing ten dollars, is entitled to all the privileges of membership.
2. LIMITED INTEREST ON SHARES. Since a cooperative is a non-profit organization, return on shares of stock is limited. In the Greenbelt cooperative the maximum return on shares is five per cent.
3. EARNINGS RETURNED TO PATRONS. The cooperative endeavors to sell its merchandise at the current market prices. At the end of each year, after deduction of reserves necessary for the protection of the cooperative, the net earnings are returned to the patrons of the cooperative in proportion to purchases during the year.

### WHO RUNS THE GREENBELT COOPERATIVE?

About 750 members have invested about \$12,000 in shares in their stores. These members meet at least quarterly and semi-annually to elect the directors of the cooperative and to decide its major policies. The board of directors administers the cooperative between membership meetings. The board appoints a general manager, who conducts the operation of the businesses, and who hires the remaining employees. The membership has final authority over all action taken by the cooperative. The Greenbelt cooperative is run by and for its members.

### WHY JOIN THE GREENBELT COOPERATIVE?

The Greenbelt cooperative is a community enterprise, which operates a food store, a drug store, a variety store, a service station and repair garage, a theatre, a barber shop, a beauty parlor, and a valet shop. Its annual sales are about \$400,000. It employs sixty people. It pays an annual rent of \$20,000. It can and should justify its existence by providing for Greenbelters the economies of group buying, by offering reliable goods at fair prices, and by aiding in the development of a democratic form of business, designed for service to customers rather than profit to owners.

### THE COOPERATIVE'S PLACE IN GREENBELT'S FUTURE

The Greenbelt stores to serve the future Greenbelt must be reorganized to handle more business. It is possible there will be another business center in the new area of Greenbelt homes into which the cooperative might expand. In any event the cooperative must have increased capital to make it more strong and to expand its facilities. This capital can come from two sources. It can be borrowed from outside groups, or it can be invested by the people of Greenbelt. The strength of the cooperative, and the extent to which it can serve in the future of Greenbelt depend upon the willingness of its members to work together for a common enterprise.

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