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Booster Sign To Sing Glories Of Greenbelt

merce or booster clubs, local residents are turning to the Citizens' Association for publicity on Greenbelt. At its Monday night meeting the Citizens' Association approved the erection of a booster sign 8 by 6 feet at the intersign, 8 by 6 feet, at the inter-section of Edmonston Road and the Branchville Road, near the

section of Edmonston Road and the Branchville Road, near the high school.

On the sign will appear an outline map of Greenbelt showing streets and main points of interest such as the Shopping Center, Llementary School, rifle range, picnic areas, swimming pool, and Schrom's airfield. Information on population, elevation and other features of the community will also be listed.

The structure will have a rustic frame and probably be green and white. An appropriation of \$25 has been made by the Citizens' Association for the work.

Lyman Woodman, chairman of public relations for the association, drew prolonged applause at the Monday night meeting when he presented the idea together with a sketch of the map he had in mind.

Mr. Woodman also told the Cooperator that he has plans ready on a combination map and information leaflet for distribution free to visitors at the service station and drug store. This will be presented to the Citizens' Association for approval in the near future.

Councilmen Attend 5 Day Meeting

Greebelt's Town Council at-tended a five-day conference of the International Association of City Managers at Hollywood Beach, Fla., with Town Manager Roy S. Braden. According to Thomas Richter, the council had been invited to attend previous conferences and accepted this time because they felt that problems arising from the new housing development necessitated gaining additional information. Mr. Rich-ter further stated that this purpose was accomplished and that the council is now in possession of facts that will be of great value to the residents in the near

Expenses were paid in part by the Town Government traveling fund, the remainder being paid by

the councilmen.

The conference was attended by 565 persons, including 170 managers, the balance being councilmen. Mr. Richter stated that more than 700 towns in the country have the city manager type of government.

Gene Hesse is New Head Of Health Association

For the second time since the for the second time since the formation of the Greenbelt Health Association, Gene Hesse will assume the chairmanship of the board of directors at its next meeting. He automatically succeeds the previous chairman, Sam Creegar, who has resigned due to

Creggar, who has resigned due to a change of residence.

It was under Mr. Hesse's direction that the Health Association took its first steps and overcame its early difficulties. As a member of various committees of the Citizens' Association and Greenhelt Consumers Services and serving as an officer of the Parent-Teachers Association and Gun Club, Mr. Hesse has participated in many phases of Greenbelt life.

Chest Drive Nets \$159

Greenbelt's Community Chest drive was completed Tuesday, with total contributions amounting to \$159.85, an increase over last year of \$30. Arthur Rysticken, as head of

the drive, said that he wished to thank Mrs. Catherine Reid, Paul Barnhart, George Hodson and Bill Long for their cooperation.

First All Greenbelt Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ashley

The marriage of Mr. Lynn Ashley and Miss Mary Lou Stromeyer gives Greenbelt its first all Greenbelt wedding. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Julian Ashley, of 1-G Gardenway, and comes as near as possible to being born and raised in Greenbelt and the bride has been living with her aunt, Mrs. John Resnicky, for the past year.

3 Meeting Rooms Closed to 8 Groups

A new regulation, affecting eight or 10 local organizations, denies the use of the social, home economics, and arts and crafts rooms in the Elementary School as meeting places.

Because of the expected influx of school-age children in the new homes, these rooms are being con-verted into class rooms. Approxiverted into class rooms. Approximately 100 new students are expected by the first of the year, when the first 152 homes have been occupied. When the remainder of the houses have been accepted and occupied, it is planned to divide the classes into half-day shifts until the new school is built.

is built. Tentative plans have made for a new administrative building. This would leave the present office space available for meetings, until the new school is completed.

Nursery School: News and Comment

It is interesting to know that the three newest additions to the Greenbelt Nursery School travel all the way from Laurel, Md., to attend. The reason given was that of all the nursery schools investigated, the local nursery school was by far the most advanced and constructive in the program of-

Two important meetings are scheduled in the next few days for the parents board. On Saturday, December 6, they will meet at 2 p.m. in the council room with Mr. Rabbitt for a financial report to the board. On the following Tuesday, the regular monthly meeting occurs at the home of Mrs. Dale Monfort, 1-B Ridge Road, at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Charlotte Wagner, nursery school teacher, is hoping that the two books, "The Little Train," by Lois Lenski, and "The Train Book," by Pryor. that were apparently "borrowed" without benefit of permission will be returned. Unfortunately these books were not the property of the Two important meetings

were not the property of the school, but belonged to Mrs. Wagner's young son.

Sports Arenas For Army

Field houses in 37 Army camps covering all nine corps areas will furnish additional indoor recre-ation for soldiers during winter

These sports arenas, most of which will be completed by the end of November, will provide facilities for basketball, boxing, wrestling, volleyball, tennis, and badminton, as well as stage shows.

Cooperator Staff Revised at Confab

In an effort to improve the Cooperator's contents and appear-Cooperator's contents and appearance still more and to more clearly define responsibility on the staff several shifts in appointments were announced by Editor Francis S. Fosnight Monday night.

Donald H. Cooper will be associate editor, Sally Meredith is promoted to assistant editor in charge of news, Jack Shaeffer will serve as assistant editor in charge

serve as assistant editor in charge of copy. Business manager will be William Stewart, advertising manager will be Ed Weitsman, and Orville F. Wendland has been put in charge of circulation. Mr. Fosnight indicated to staff members that although the changes were slight he expected them to produce a smoother working organization.

There was agreement by the serve as assistant editor in charge

There was agreement by the editors at this week's staff meeting on the need for more complete coverage of local news to replace filler material which has been used in the paper. There was also a decision to observe more consistant news and editorial policy.

"Victory" Party Is I omorrow

A variety of entertainment has A variety of entertainment has been planned by the Greenbelt Fight for Freedom Committee for its "Victory" party tomorrow night, including dancing, singing, games, refreshments, and a dramatic narrative with music. A chalk talk will be given by a cartoonist who will also draw caricatures of persons present.

As announced in last week's Cooperator, Pierre Cot, former air minister of France, will be an honored guest. Representative

honored guest. Representative Patrick of Alabama will be master of ceremonies for the occasion. The party is being held in the Legion Home.

DON'T FORGET

Citizens of Greenbelt are urged to attend a public hearing on the town budget for 1942. Mayor Morrison in announcing the meeting for next Monday night in the council room suggested that all citizens

try to attend.

The budget will be discussed item by item and in full detail.

Criticisms and suggestions will be received from all who desire to express themselves.

Final vote on the budget will be taken after all citizens have had their say, about December

85 Families To Occupy New Homes; Questionnaire on Income Ready

Arthur Rysticken, assistant manager of Greenbelt, announced at the Greenbelt Citizens Association meeting last Monday, that the new homes will be available for the first residents and 85 families are expected to move into them within a very short time.

No definite policy has as yet been formulated but it is believed that if, at the end of a considerable length of time, the new houses remain unoccupied, they will be opened to those people who are at present on the Greenbelt waiting list. However, it was pointed out that although there were no income restrictions placed on the defense residents, once the homes were opened to other residents the same restrictions and policy pertaining to Greenbelt will be followed.

Elementary School Brushing Up On Carol Singing

By KATHRYN M. WOOD

The spirit of Christmas is hovering closely over Greenbelt Elementary School these days, with carol singing in the hall inviting all the children who care to spend 20 minutes before school every morning singing the dearly familiar Christmas carols. Seated on the floor around the piano, which is played each morning of the week by a different teacher, the group of those who come early to enjoy this music is increasing in size daily.

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in size daily.

An operetta, "The Gift of the Magi" is being prepared during school hours for the Christmas program. The scene is laid in medieval England in a cathedral town on Christmas eve. The theme of the story is the mystery of a child who had been abducted from her family and her joyful reunion with a long-lost brother who had been away in the Cruwho had been away in the Cru-sades, and whom she believed, on seeing him, to be one of the Magi. It is the familiar story of a poor girl in her search for happiness, against the colorful background of the cathedral and the atmosphere of long-ago England, done in

Christmas music. Group four of the Elementary School has moved to the social room. The change has been planned to help the children to make adjustments before the advent of the children of new defense housing families. The home economics room will be used by changing classes of social science students

room will be used by changing classes of social science students. It is hoped that this change will help to fill the need for Junior High School facilities.

Because of lack of space, last week's article did not give credit where it was so much deserved: namely to the children and their director, Miss Mattie Mae Williford, for the fine dramatization of "Down, Down the Mountain." by Ellis Credle at the P.-T. A. meeting. meeting.

In Variety Store

Greenbelt Consumers Service reveals that the variety store management and employees recently have been subjected to several disquieting experiences caused by children, unaccompanied by parents or guardians, playing in the store and destroying goods for store and destroying goods for sale. Steps are being taken to discourage the recurrence of chil-

dren loitering in the store.

"Parents of chidren destroying articles will be held responsible for payment," the Cooperator was told. "If a child is hurt while playing through the store, the management will assume no re-sponsibility for such injury," it was further stated. Children who are obviously "hanging around" and are bothering things will be ejected.

Dr. Silagy in County Post

The Prince Georges County Medical Society at its last meeting appointed Dr. Joseph Silagy a member of the Coordinating Committee for Emergency Medical Services of Prince Georges

After considerable and lively discussion the gathering voted in favor of a limited questionnaire to be received from all residents and a more comprehensive question-naire from those affected. (Copy of questionnaire appears in this

of questionnaire appears in, this issue of Cooperator.)

A motion was passed in favor of the erection of a sign at the junction of Southway and Edmonston road which will contain a map and information about Greenbelt

Greenbelt.

Ben Rosenzweig, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, gave a detailed description of the duties of the School Boys Patrol. Consisting of 13 members, this Patrol is recognized by the white belt and silver shield that adorns their coats. The members of the patrol voluntraily give one-half hour before and after school as well as half of their lunch period, in order to insure the safety of children going and coming to school. As a gesture of recognition the association voted to meet Mr. Hodsdon's proposal of placing enough funds aside to enmeet Mr. Hodsdon's proposal of placing enough funds aside to enable each of the Patrol members to attend the local movie twice each month free of charge. Mr. Hodson, of Consumer's Services, has already given his consent to this proposal.

The transportation committee

The transportation committee was asked to work more closely with the Prince Georges County committee on the possibility of establishing train service from Laurel to the 14th Street yard in Washington; moreover, a suggestion was made to the Public Safety Committee to see that the poles along the roads leading to and from Greenbelt are repainted white before the first snow fall as they are almost the sole indicators to drivers as to the existence of a road after a heavy snowfall. The transportation committee

The drawing followed with your The drawing followed with your reporter offering his services and Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Bochert of 6-S Hillside were the unlucky persons to be selected from the bowl. Unlucky, because by not being at the meeting at the time the prize will be carried over to the next meeting and double its cash value. So if you think you can use \$10 watch for the next Citizens' Association meeting.

Kids on Loose Play Havoc Health Association On Full Schedule

A full medical schedule is being A full medical schedule is being maintained by the Greenbelt Health Association during the month of December. Assisting Dr. Joseph Silagy on a temporary basis are Dr. Eleanor Harvey and Dr. Irving Winik.

The board of directors of the association has designated Dr. Henry Sigerest, professor of the history of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, and a representative of the United States Public Health Service, together

sentative of the United States Public Health Service, together with Dr. Silagy, as a committee to recommend candidates for the permanent staff.

5 Boys Caught In Thefts

The local police department again proved that "Crime Doesn't Pay," at least in Greenbelt. Two boys were caught looting the High! School last week. Catching these two culprits lead to the appre-hension of three others who had gone undetected for some time. The five youths were placed on, probation, after paying all dam-

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The Income-Rent Problem

In the midst of all the outcry over Farm Security Administration's rulings on maximum incomes for Greenbelt residents the Cooperator would like to present a simple suggestion which we have been nourishing hopefully for long and weary months to meet the present situation.

We foresaw the necessity of having some sort of income limitation for families enjoying the advantages of Greenbelt's low rents, but we were surprised to have regulations placed back into effect at this particular time of inflated prices and after so long a period without restriction.

We believe that some sort of regulation in connection with the rent-salary relationship is advisable. We regret, however, the finality indicated by F. S. A. officials in announcing the particular rulings which are to be placed into effect. We feel that this method is one approach but not necessarily the best for solving the problem facing the Greenbelt town administration. Our own preference is for a graduated scale of rentals based on income.

Graduated rents have been used in several other housing projects with apparent success. Any number of methods or formulae are available for study in determining which might be best applied to Greenbelt. Purely as an example we submit the following as a basis.

As at present a family could enter Greenbelt only within certain income limits and only on assignment to quarters of appropriate size for the number in the family. Let the family be assigned a rent which shall be a fixed percentage of the income. Supposing this might be 20 per cent (the figure usually suggested for housing in government income studies), the family earning \$1500 a year would pay \$30 a month rent. With an income of \$2000 the rent would be \$40, at \$2500 the rent would go up to \$50, and at \$3000 rent would reach \$60, a figure which approximates rent schedules in Washington and nearby Maryland.

Let us once again emphasize that this is only an example of one formula which could be used-others could provide for higher or lower scales, more rapid or less rapid increases with larger incomes. Our important point is that the present difficulty of ordering out of town those people who have gained promotions or other income increases, regardless of what damage may be done to the individuals or to Greenbelt's community institutions, is avoided, and instead the individual family is left to make its own choice of the point at which it is no longer profitable to live here. Eventually every family would reach a decision to move rather than pay further increases in rent, but that decision could be made by the family on the basis of the value of Greenbelt, and the transition from local rents to housing costs somewhere else would be easier than the drastic doubling which will face nearly a third of our families next spring.

It seems to us that graduated rents would drive out of town those who have come here for the sole purpose of obtaining low rents—the people who work all day and use Greenbelt only for eating and sleeping, while they ignore care of their yards, snub their neighbors, and avoid any contact with civic affairs. Those who came to Greenbelt because they believed in the ideal of a planned community, who like cooperatives, who enjoy the yards and gardens and recreational advantages offered here, who participate in community activities—these would stay with us and pay more for the privilege of helping to build the community into a better place for all of us.

GREENBELT QUESTIONNAIRE

G. C. A. desires the co-operation of all residents in its survey on income limits. Boy Scouts will come to your homes within a few days to collect the questionnaires.

Income Limit Questionnaire

- Is your total income above the F. S. A. limit?___
 Do you expect your income to be above the limit within six months? ______
 - Are you in favor of the F. S. A. regulation?
 Would you be in favor of an upward rental adjustment in proportion to the income above the F. S. A. limit?

Lock of Foresight

The long-standing problem of meeting space for Greenbelt's numerous organizations becomes more complex this week with the Administration's announcement that the social room, the home economics room, and the arts and crafts room in the Elementary School will no longer be available for use as meeting places.

Crowded conditions in classes at the school make the decision to put seats in these rooms and use them as regular classrooms sensible and unavoidable at the present time, but the necessity for such a decision indicates poor planning and lack of foresight in the building of Greenbelt. Erection of a recreation or a community building at the outset would have demonstrated advantages to offset its cost, and could even have been pressed into use for auxiliary classrooms in the present school emergency.

However, we do not have the recreation building; we do not have a second school building started yet; and we shall be faced for many months with inadequate recreation space for the school children as well as no meeting place for eight or ten local organizations ranging all the way from the Boy Scouts to the Health Association. For several of the smaller groups the result will be disbandment—in a town which has prided itself for community activity and numerous organizations.

On Strikes

Press and radio have given unwarranted publicity to defense strikes and in Congress there is a terrific clamor for suppressive labor legislation.

We deplore strikes which retard our defense effort as much as the most rabid labor-baiting congressman. We question, however, the need for measures which would throttle the rights of organized labor.

Official figures on strikes indicate that labor unions have demonstrated extraordinary restraint during a period when wage increases have lagged far behind the rising cost of living.

The following figures concern strikes during 1940. Since it is estimated that the situation during 1941 is approximately the same these figures should make astonishing reading to gullible newspaper readers.

1. Strikes and lockouts, according to U. S. Public Health records, cost about 9,000,000 man-days last year, a loss which stands in pigmy comparison to the loss of 41,000-000 man-days, which was the industrial accident record for the same period, as reported by the U. S. Dept. of Labor.

2. 27,000 workers leave their jobs daily, not to strike but because of eye injuries (according to the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness). If it were the former, there would be an unholy clamor. Since it is the latter, a ghastly silence reigns.

3. In 1940, one-tenth of one day was lost because of strikes, by each worker. Illness cost each worker 8 days, and accidents cost 5 days, according to "Economic Outlook."

From this cursory resume, it is obvious that behind the persistent anti-labor clamor raised on account of strikes, there is more than meets the casual eye.

Community

Church News

In a parting tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kincheloe, and a friendly welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Johnston, the members of Greenbelt Community Church gathered in the social room at a party November 29. The evening was planned by the nine men and nine women who compose the Spiritual and Social Welfare Committee.

Mr. Kenny Barrick was in charge of entertainment, which included a game of "cootie," with Mrs. Bill Niblett and George Eshbaugh winning first prizes for the women and men, respectively. In a milk drinking contest James Burke came out ahead, the first to empty a standard nursing bottle equipped with nipple—his prize was a baby's rattle which he presented to Jane Kincheloe for small Robert, Jr.

Elmer Reno in a brief speech cited the fine work done in Greenbelt by "Bob" Kincheloe and his many examples of helpful friendly work done in a cooperative spirit. He presented the Kincheloes with an ivory placque, a United States Defense Bond and Savings Stamps for the baby, from the members of his congregation. Mr. Kincheloe expressed his thanks for the gifts and for the help given him in his work here by loyal friends. He also paid tribute to Mr. Johnston whom he called "one of the friendliest men I have ever met."

Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis gave

Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis gave two readings which were well received by the large group present. Apple pie a la mode served with hot coffee concluded the evening.

Red Cross to Sponsor First Aid Course

Mrs. Reinohl, qualified First Aid instructor will teach a class in First Aid at the Riverdale Fire House beginning last Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, at 7 P. M. The class is sponsored by the Riverdale Women's club and the Current Topics Club. Those interested should contact the Red Cross Office or Mrs. Reinohl.

Classified Ads

Only 50 hand painted plaques on sale. If you wish to have any please get in touch with me. They are 50 cents each. Ethel Carson, 18-T Ridge Road.

FOR SALE—Metal Greenbelt sign for your auto licence bracket, 30 cents. 2-B Ridge Road.

MAILING LIST problems are easily solved by bringing them to the Cooperator. Call 3131 or 5363 for rates for your organization's mailing list.

To the Editor ---

C. U. REPORTS WANTED. To the Editor:

From time to time I've noticed your articles quoting reports from Consumers Union. These were very enlightening and particularly desirable in a cooperative com-

I visited the Greenbelt Library to look up certain C. U. reports and was informed that the Library discontinued subscribing to it. I believe this magazine is a "must." Why can't we have it?

—Ruth Browner.

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of December 5, 1940.)

Following a stormy session of the Citizens' Association, Rolfe A. Sauls, newly elected president of the association, announced his resignation.—Congratulations to George A. Panagoulis, who took unto himself a wife, the former Clare C. Wrenn of Nashua, N. H.—An elections committee for the Greenbelt Health Association was named last week by President Hugh A. Bone.—Fourth award in the Ninth Children's National photograph contest was given to a photograph of Barry Stainback of Greenbelt. — The Bessemers leave Greenbelt: Mr. Bessemer was the first mayor, the first editor of the Cooperator, and officiated at many firsts in Greenbelt.

MEET OUR NEIGHBORS

Manoel Deodoro da Fonseca

1827 - 1892

LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION

THAT MADE BRAZIL A REPUBLIC.

HE WAS THE HEAD OF THE

REPUBLICAN PROVISIONAL

GOVERNMENT.



FROM RIVER GRAVEL IN BAHIA BRAZIL

A WOODEN BOWL, SHAPED

LIKE AN OLD FASHIONED

CHOPPING BOWL, IS THIS

CROADING BOWL, IS THIS

BRAZILIAN'S ONLY UTENSIL.
WITH A ROTARY MOTION
HE CAREFULLY SEPARATES
CLAY AND SILT FROM THE
SHALL PEBBLES, AND PICKS OUT
THE DIAMONDS.







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OUR **NEIGHBORS**

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

The Tessim Zorachs had their baby christened last Saturday at the Washington Cathedral. Acting as godparents were Dayton Hull and Howard Custer, of Greenbelt, and Miss Catherine Lutz, of Washington. Peggy Zorach's mother and father were here for the week end in honor of the event.—Back after a lengthy trip to Florida are the Roy S. Bradens. According to Mr. Braden, the trip was wonderful, but they are delighted to be back.—Ernest and Josephine Hight, of 18-E Crescent, spent last Sunday The Tessim Zorachs had their 18-E Crescent, spent last Sunday at Jo's mother's home at Mitchelville, Md.—We're glad to welcome Mrs. Kinzer back after her long illness. She seems to have completely recovered, and is looking grand ing grand.

ing grand.

The Hospital Auxiliary will hold its regular Christmas meeting December 11 at 8 p.m. It will be held at the home of Mrs. Ann Hull, 8-A Hillside.

The James T. Learys were back over the week end. As you know, the Learys are former Greenbelters, having lived at 6-T Ridge until the last of summer.

We are sorry to hear that Bill

until the last of summer.

We are sorry to hear that Bill Long is laid up with serious injuries, which resulted from an automobile accident on November 23. He will be at the Post Hospital, Langley Field, Va., for about one month, and probably in bed for six months or so afterward. Helen is planning to join him on the 15th, as they plan to make their home near Langley Field when Bill is released from the hospital. Tough sledding, Bill. I know you'll be glad to hear from your many friends who'll write you as soon as they know about it.—Robert Nicodemus was bitten by a dog in Parkbelt, Tuesday, while delivering papers. The injury was serious enough to warrant a doctor's care.

High School Chatter By JOAN McNAMARA.

Now that I have finished addressing my Christmas cards and have written my annual letter to Santa Claus (the latter quote Mr. Tom Hand), I will start my column on the news of dear old G. H. S. for the week

Tom Hand), I will start my column on the news of dear old G. H. S. for the week.

To begin with, there has been many a red nose and tearful eye around school all week because our friend and faculty advisor, he with the vast amount of patience with the gum-chewing students, Mr. Sidney Henes has departed into the business world. It's hard to say if there were tears of sorrow because Mr. Henes had severed his connection with the school, or tears of joy because of the new position—anyway it was probably a mixture of both. On the serious side, Mr. Henes, we will never forget your kindness and generosity and each and every one of us wish you the best of luck in your new position.

Congratulations to the Pioneer staff which was ably directed by Miss Rose Nudo. Incidently, Mr. and Mrs. Greenbelt, it's a paper well worth reading. Don't forget Mr. Arthur L. Rystiken, acting town manager while Mr. Braden's away, I'll be around to collect that 35c for your Pioneer subscrip-

away, I'll be around to collect that 35c for your Pioneer subscrip-tion, one of these fine days. Mr. Gustav Sieverts, our com-

mercial instructor, flew to New York Saturday to attend a teachconvention.

ers' convention.

Don't say I told—but—November 29—what a night! Parties certainly produce the most interesting spectacles — especially birthday parties. How times have changed! We now use tractors instead of horses to pull cars out of the mud—don't we Alice?—Information just handed in a note which reads: Otie Walker visits the office four times in one day—an office record.—Our cafeteria line reminds me of a Conga line—everyone doing quick shifts. line reminds me of a Conga line
—everyone doing quick shifts.—
"Uncle Moe" reports that the
Freshmen have been very quiet
lately — we wonder why.—To
Henry McFarland and Bill Townsend: What is love anyway but
a prelude to sorrow? Bill Schoeb has a new winter romance in the person of Miss Jane Ballard.— We often wonder:—

1. What junior boy persuaded a sophomore girl of the ability of a car to go 65 m.p.h.?

2. Where B. T. received the

mirror that he bestowed on yours

3. How many tons of gum came out of Mr. Henes waste basket

Co-op Housing Advances With Dedication of 3 Houses

Twelve years after the establishment of the first project of the Amalgamated Cooperative Housing development, New York cocperators turned out Saturday, November 15, to dedicate three new housing units in America's largest cooperative housing project and to rededicate the cooperators and to rededicate the cooperators. ect and to rededicate the cooper-ative movement to the problem of reconstruction that faces the

"To solve the coming post-war crisis," Congressman Jerry Voorhis declared in his address of dedication, "We must have methods of reconstruction that come up from the grass roots, methods of reconstruction through which people work together without government help or interference."

"In the coming crisis govern-

"In the coming crisis government action will not be sufficient to meet the needs of America. We can't and we won't get enough public works to alleviate the situation even if 50 billion dollars are set aside for that purpose. This expect that the superior of the superior amount spent in government projects will not solve the crisis unless the people learn to do things for themselves."

The Congressman described the three new units housing 48 families in two and three room apartments as symbolic of a new way of life which is "100 per cent construction and which can never damage any one."

There are now 686 families living in the Amalgamated Co-operative Housing development, providing themselves with low-cost housing facilities right next to New York's Van Cortlandt Park. The cooperators also operate their The cooperators also operate their own cooperative power plant which has demonstrated the effectiveness of a small unit in providing electric light and power cheaper than the giant power company is willing to provide it. They also operate their own grocery store, milk distribution, laundry service, credit union and other facilities with service totaling well over a quarter of a million dollars yearly.

yearly.

Speaking as a representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union, which played an important part in initiating the cooperative project, Mrs. Bessie Blumberg said, "In these days of sorrow and chaos when fundamental values are changing, it is a happy thing to find one spot and one set of principles that go forward constructively building for the future."

Speaker after speaker at the

Speaker after speaker at the dedication pointed out that the Amalgamated is "not only a group of buildings but homes for working people with confidence in themselves." They also paid tribute to the brilliant management of A. E. Kazan who guided the cooperative through the depression years without the loss of equity to a single cooperative family and in providing a rent yardequity to a single cooperative lamily and in providing a rent yard-stick for people in that section of the city. Robert Szold, presi-dent of the Amalgamated Cooper-ative Housing Association, chaired the dedication.

"A world-wide contest between the principle of digitatorship on

the principle of dictatorship on one hand and democracy on the other is now in progress," Con-gressman Voorhis declared. "This contest is going to be determined not so much by military process but by the successfulness of the way of living of the people as a

whole.
"The reason why our American spread form of government spread throughout the world was not because of the military strength of a little hand of people who inau-gurated it, but because it gave

yearly?
4. What Blake Palmer enjoys

the most in the 5th period?
5. What we 14 quiz kids, in general Math, are going to get on our reports Friday (Happy

What young man recently said "goodnight" to a young lady residing in A block in a very un-usual fashion? 7. Where J. P. hooked all of

those glasses?
8. Is Rinard Weller a permanent dishwasher at the Tomkins

residence? 9. Why has "Elmers Tune" sud-

9. Why has "Elmers Tune" suddenly become so popular with Mary Lou Jarboe?
10. Why Virginia and Charles "D" get along alright?
Gosh, some one just slammed the last door in the back room. Well, I'll be back next week with some more information to make faces red.

people liberty and opportunity to grow. Today cooperative economic democracy is making the same progress, not because of military strength, but because it is a way and a principle for both individual growth and group loyalty."

Fashion Decrees

ROSELLEN CALLAHAN **CBS** Fashion Editor

OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO they have struck gold once more. It's called Coloma Gold and the color is one of the richest finds of the fashion world in years. San Francisco manufacturers chose it as the top mid-



winter acces-sories, milsories, mil-linery and frocks. Eliza-beth Reller, the CBS Quaker Girl of "Arm-strong's Theater of Today," re-cently chose a sheer wool frock of Coloma because it blends so beau-tifully with her tifully with her sheared beaver jacket and grey

Elizabeth Reller caracul coat. And Coloma

And Coloma ranges from the true gold of the rugged nugget to the greenish tints so popular now. Does the name sound a familiar note? Coloma is the name of the Mother Lode town where California gold was first discovered in 1849, and the locale for many of our boom town novels and film stories.

ULTRA-FEMININITY was stressed in the Brigance designed resort collection shown by Lord and Taylor's this week. Against the exotic background of Fefe's Monte Carlo managing ways in Monte Carlo mannequins wove in and out of tables crowded with fashion press, permitting a close view of the intricate fashioning and unusual fabric and color combinations used. Brown-or tortoise tan as he calls it—played as important a part in swim suits, shorts and slacks as did sentimental pink and blue. Brigance began a new motif trend with his Vertes designed dove and lace prints. Most unusual was the use of upholstery satin stripes in grey and yellow for a bra swim suit. And as for whether midriffs will reign on the beach this winter and next summer, we have a feeling that this designer is making an attempt to taper off on this style with his bare back bathing suit and attached halter which covers the midriff in front. But no style is discarded abrupt-ly, and many of his best selling models were the popular abbreviated bra and shorts type.

THE MOST BRILLIANT first night of the season, the opening of the Metropolitan Opera with the performance of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," brought out one of the best dressed audiences in years. Red, purple and black were the favor by the formals were by te colors for the formals worn by the creme de la creme. And as to silhouette, there were infanta gowns of slipper satin, many slim lined and low waisted models, some with front fullness and others plastered with paillettes.

FASHION FLASHES: Peggy
("Big Sister") Zinke wearing
a full-length linx coat . . . Mary
Mason dresses like the high
school senior she plays in "Maudie's Diary" by wearing angora
sweaters, skirts and saddle shoes. ... Sammie ("Jones and I") Hill has had her hair done in the new feather curl style ... Hedda Hop-per seldom wears the same hat more than twice ... Irene Winston looking very chic in a browr suit with light blue stripes and blue blouse to match.

Household Hint

Try using up that old bottle of rootbeer extract, (the king you make the drink with) in making cakes, frostings, flavoring almost anything. Lime jello and rootbeer extract, plus sugar (use your own discretion), make a nice pleasant dessert that you will surely like it.

Man Tailored



BORROWED FROM the men are both the fabric and styling of this sports suit tailored and worn by Eileen Tremayne of the CBS "Stepmother" cast. Of grey herringbone, it is collarless and trimmed with woven leather buttons. The slim skirt has flat inverted pleats to give it width, and her pork pie hat of matching material is banded in grosgrain ribbon. Incidentally, Eileen makes most of her own clothes, as do many other CBS radio actresses.

Death

By SEYMOUR LEVINE

Many a noble heart you've stilled On many a fateful day, And many a hapless thing you've killed; No life is where you stay.

You wither flowers wet with dew, And kill the birds that sing; No living thing can answer you When it has felt your sting.

The world is yours and always

The stage on which you played; You've acted in the role you chose, And countless lives have paid.

And yet you know you cannot win, For life has left its seed; Whenever something new is born, It scorns your deadly creed.

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Tough Year Forecast For Consumers

Depleted stocks which cannot be replaced, increased prices, and excise taxes are causing plenty of "headaches" to merchandisers

be replaced, increased prices, and excise taxes are causing plenty of "headaches" to merchandisers in general and the local variety store in particular. Selections are limited, the size and count of some articles have been cut, and some items ordinarily plentiful cannot be purchased at any price.

The variety store last spring ordered much of its fall and winter supplies. Some of this material is now being received at prices higher than anticipated. Some of it is not being received because it is not available. When the present supply of some items, like cellophane, has been sold there will not be any more.

With no more silk coming into this country, the women are going to be forced to substitute some other kind of hosiery and other garments when the mills have used up their current stocks.

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Consumers are not completely aware of these circumstances, which are caused by the emergency through which this country is passing. They neither expect nor understand higher prices, taxes, the inability to secure some items. It is expected that next year will be a "tough" one.

Consumer Education Begins in School

NEW YORK.—"The real work in consumer cooperation has to be done in primary and secondary schools and universities," declared Francis Hackett, author of "I Chose Denmark" at the annual meeting of the Faster Compare meeting of the Eastern Cooperative League at Columbia University, November 1. "Sir Horace sity, November 1. "Sir Horace Plunkett attempted unsuccess-fully to build a cooperative move-ment in Ireland based simply on ment in Ireland based simply on mechanics and economics," said Mr. Hackett. "He discovered to his amazement that in Denmark it was recognized that a program of culture must precede one of agriculture. The folk schools of Denmark first of all give the young people a sense of community interest so that they undertake social reforms with mutual take social reforms with mutual confidence. In Denmark the com-munity is the instructor of the

state."
Mr. Hackett has known and loved Denmark since 1919, visiting it annually. Because of its model democracy, he and his Danish wife decided to make their home there in 1937, but while on weight to the United States, the a visit to the United States, the Nazi invasion took place and they have remained in this country. "The Danes failed to recognize the need for dealing with the world of hate and oppression and they shut their eyes to the fact that hate could collide with them. that hate could collide with them. They are now like a reed that has been bent but not broken, for their roots are firmly fixed. In America we are a mobile people. It is difficult to establish the living sense of a community and still more difficult to discount the habits of thought associated with the profit motive. Results will depend upon the fervor with which cooperators enrich their common faith. I suggest that if in our colleges and schools we teach the existence of another way of life, response will be simpler with each year and every decade."

Prices

The cost of living increased about 1.2% between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15, the U. S. Dep't of Labor reports. Advances in rents and in prices of food, clothing, automobiles and certain house furnishblies and certain house furnishings boosted the cost of living about 1%, whilet he new excise taxes which went into effect Oct. 1 jacked it up another 0.2%. Full effect of the excise taxes has not yet been felt.

The average of wholesale prices The average of wholesale orders has not fluctuated much recently. The index of 28 basic commodities rose 0.5% last week, a little more than offsetting the drop of 0.3% the week before.

Officer: '"I say, Sergeant, where have all the silly asses in our company gone?"

Sergeant: "I don't know, Sir, we seem to be the only two left." Officer: / "I Sergeant,

on speaking terms?"

John: "Well, I'm listening

National Farmers' Union Gets \$30,000 Bequest

At the 37th annual convention of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, held here last week, it was announced that a sum of \$30,000 had been given to the union for organization and "real collaboration with labor."

It came from the Marshall Foundation, established by the late Robert Marshall, former chief of the U. S. Forest Service. About \$10,000 of the amount will be used to maintain a research and

used to maintain a research and legal office on farm legislative matters at Washintgon.

In regard to co-operatives, the convention insisted that the government stay out of the market-ing field, that lend-lease funds be made available to co-operatives for processing farm commodities to be shipped abroad, and that

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co-operatives, particularly the REA, be given "preferential or at least equitable treatment in the

at least equitable treatment in the awarding of priorities."

James G. Patton, Denver, was unanimously re-elected president. All directors were re-elected except George Nelson, Milltown, Wis., who was not a candidate. He was replaced by K. W. Hones, president of the Wisconsin organpresident of the Wisconsin organ-ization.

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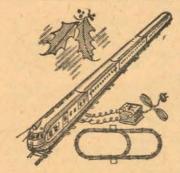
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