



Town Budget Cut \$25,000 Mayor Reports to G. C. A.

At the monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association on Monday, February 2, Mayor Allen D. Morrison announced that the budget for Greenbelt approved by Farm Security Administration was \$111,000 instead of the \$136,000 budget submitted. Explaining several difficulties encountered in obtaining approval of the budget from F.S.A. and F.W.A., Mayor Morrison announced, however, that the town employees may expect an increase in their salaries this year.

A. Chasanow announced that the Greenbelt "Mile O' Dimes" campaign collected a total of \$218.37. The "Mile O' Dimes" committee collected \$123 while the local theater turned over \$95.37 collected from contributions in the theater.

Mrs. Chasanow nominated Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr. as the Citizens Association candidate for "Miss Defense" in the Defense Rally popularity contest.

A resolution was passed by the Association requesting that the hospital equipment be held for a period of 90 days in order that more efforts may be exerted to collect funds in some manner with the possibility that the hospital can be opened at a future date. Mr. Morrison stated that there are not, at present, any plans to dispose of this equipment in the near future, but further stated that some of this equipment was the property of the Federal government over which the Town Council has no control.

Sol Shub resigned as transportation chairman of the G.C.A. He advised that during his term as chairman a total of more than 10,000 rides to and from the District were obtained. Mr. Chasanow asked Mr. Shub to continue his chairmanship until such time when he could select a successor. A vote of thanks by the Association was accorded Mr. Shub.

Lyman Woodman reported that erection of a guide sign board at the intersection of Southway and Edmonston Roads must have the approval of the F.S.A. on this matter.

The \$10 door prize, a regular feature of G.C.A. meetings went begging again. Leo Lemire of 58-A Crescent Road would have been the winner if he had been present.

Salvage Drive Begun By Defense Council

A salvage program highlighted the discussions of the Defense Council at its semi-monthly meeting, Tuesday evening at Defense Headquarters. The salvage campaign will get underway immediately and collections will be made beginning Saturday, February 14. "Save all waste paper, newspaper and magazines for defense," will be the campaign appeal.

Reports were received from various divisions showing 100 per cent cooperation on all fronts. It was reported that there are now 30 auxiliary policemen, 20 auxiliary firefighters and 50 air-raid wardens, including fire watchers, who have been completely trained in their duties. These defense workers are now studying first-aid courses, which, when completed, will be followed by special fingerprint courses.

Ticket sales were reported to be moving along rapidly for the Defense Rally.

Construction Begins On County Hospital

Partial alleviation of the hospitalization problem for Greenbelt as well as the rest of Prince Georges County has been offered with the erection of a hospital in Riverdale, now undergoing construction. The new hospital, to be located on Queensbury Road, approximately one mile from the

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Arnold Report Reveals Greed Wrecks Defense

By JOHN CARSON
Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold this week scathed profit capitalism and incidentally also scathed the economy of scarcity and all of its breed of piratical children.

Industrial greed for post war profits has burdened the country and delayed the building of national defense—is a fair interpretation of Arnold's annual report to Congress in which he indicted industry in general.

"There is not an organized basic industry in the United States which has not been restricting production by some device or other, in order to avoid what they call 'the ruinous over-production after the war,'" Arnold stated, bluntly. He added that the concentration of defense contracts in a very few industrial groups "has aggravated the danger of narrowing economic control."

Many interpretations of Arnold's indictment may be, and probably will be made. But if the indictment is accepted and then analyzed, judicially, the one inevitable conclusion which must be reached is that the selfish profit system, rather than individuals within the system, is the enemy. Arnold's statement merely echoes the charges made by others, but he is more specific in his indictment. The economy of scarcity to induce higher prices in the thought that higher profits would result is the logical cause of trusts and monopolies and insufficient production of aluminum and steel—and if the oil trust had been successful in its bogus "conservation campaign," oil might be added. It may yet be because the oil trust is still slobbering patriotically about "conservatism."

Now that Arnold has opened the doors for honorable discussion of the plight the country faces in the shortage of essential goods, more discussion will result in Congress where questions have been asked privately and "confidentially" for weeks.

The rubber shortage is no fake. Your correspondent is convinced after long talks, and during many weeks, with officials in OPM and OPA that the drastic order which bans the production of any new tires in 1942 for pleasure or non-essential purposes, can be defended. The classes of consumers to whom tires may go, under a showing of absolute need may be changed. For example, the officials worried at great length over

G. H. A. Elects Seven Directors

At another stormy meeting January 28 the Greenbelt Health Association elected seven directors, three for one-year terms and four for two-year terms. Arthur Gawthrop, Edwin F. Miles and Mrs. Allen Arness are newcomers to the board; re-elected directors are Curtis F. Barker, C. Stewart Dorrick, Sherrod East, and Herman H. Dubuy.

Absentee balloting, used for the first time in the history of the organization, was protested by some members present who pointed out that this was specifically forbidden in the by-laws of the organization. A vote by those present expressed confidence in the chairman's ruling that absentee voting was legal, whereupon some members registered their protest in writing with the secretary and others left the meeting without voting.

A discussion was led by Dr. William Eisner on methods of having some substitute for the hospital. One suggestion was to have the Health Association take over some of the medical facilities formerly operated by the town.

A report on the status of arbitration between Dr. Silagy and last year's directors indicated that hearings were incomplete. The membership present voted not to bear costs of additional hearings, and it was announced that W. R. Volckhausen had already advanced the necessary \$25 from his own funds so that a decision might be reached.

that provision of the order which denies tires for retail delivery service, and there is reason to believe this part of the order may be modified.

"We hope we may influence a reorganization of retail delivery service, a consolidation of the service during this emergency period," one official said. "We all know there is tremendous waste in retail delivery." When it was suggested that suburbanites who lived miles from a grocery store might not be able to get tires for their cars and might be denied retail deliveries and thus forced to carry heavy bundles for long distances, officials nodded assent and then added, "It is true, very true, and we wish we could avoid it, but we see no other way out right now. We want to see how this will work out."

If Arnold's official indictment is not sufficient, then the Tolcan committee of the House which has been investigating migratory labor piled on its criticism of the automobile industry. The Tolcan committee decried the concentration of defense contracts in the General Motors family and then added that General Motors could not fill the contracts it already has in less than 15 years.

Effects of Hospital Closing Being Felt in First Week

By JACK SCHAEFFER

Since the closing of the Greenbelt Hospital has passed from the debating stage into an accomplished fact, the spectre of this community without a hospital is beginning to take definite form. What the situation will be in the future can only be estimated, but several occurrences of last week indicate that Greenbelt is faced with a problem which threatens to become more serious with time.

In an interview with Dr. Joseph Silagy, director of public health, the Cooperator learned of a case which came near to becoming the first casualty of the hospital closing. According to Dr. Silagy, a patient suffering from a ruptured appendix, a condition which calls for the most urgent emergency operation, remained at home for four hours before arrangements for hospitalization could be made.

Dr. Silagy told this reporter that he did not know whether expectant mothers would find hospitals when needed. The difficulty of securing hospitalization now, he added, will increase with the present rapid growth of the Washington area.

Financial assistance from out-

side agencies for reopening and supporting the hospital is still uncertain, Dr. Silagy indicated. His trip to New York last week, he said, resulted in liberal offers of technical assistance in maintaining the hospital, but the question of securing the necessary funds remained unsolved.

Contrary to popular misconception, Dr. Silagy said, the Health Association is still functioning and is presently negotiating for the appropriation of some of the hospital facilities, and is able and willing to accept added membership.

Still in the planning stage is the proposal which was stated at last week's Health Association membership meeting by Dr. William Eisner. Under this plan, Greenbelt families would make nominal contributions to a hospital maintenance fund, of approximately 50 cents and upward per family. In case the need for hospitalization arose, the total contribution made by a family during a specified period would be credited towards the cost of hospitalization.

At this writing, the only certainty about the hospital situation is that the hospital is closed. The big question mark now is, "What next?"

G. C. A. Membership Votes 1.5 Percent Patronage Return; Elects Five New Board Members

Among the actions taken by the members of Greenbelt Consumer Services Wednesday night was to vote themselves a 1.5 percent refund on purchases made in 1941. The "melon" to be "sliced" amounts to more than \$4,400 after the usual deductions—reserves, interest on outstanding stock, and taxes—from the \$6,859 earned last year.

Elected to the board for 1-year terms were the following from a list of 11 candidates: Dr. Lincoln H. Clark, Fred A. DeJager, Mrs. Mary M. Dodson, Carl W. Hintz, and Tessim Zorach.

The members also approved the following board recommendations: 1. Amendment to the by-laws which reduced the number of members necessary for a quorum from 25 percent of the members to 15 percent.

2. Amendment to the by-laws providing for the payment of patronage refund to members only, with the provision that amounts belonging to non-member patrons who fulfill the other uniform requirements will be "earmarked" for a period of one year during which time they may purchase a voting share and receive their patronage refund credits.

3. Conformation of a policy requiring members to have a minimum share holding of \$30 per account—husband, wife and minor children—below which cash may not be withdrawn except under circumstances which the board deems adequate.

The auditing committee's proposal to pay board members \$2 per meeting was also adopted by the membership. To amount paid directors is not to exceed either \$14 per board member or 8 percent of the net saving for the entire board per quarter.

The meeting was opened by a showing of the new Co-op movie, "Here Is Tomorrow."

The story was about a college student who was discouraged about the value of getting an education to go out into the world to fight the "wolves."

The candidates not elected were: Lawrence J. Brosmer, Daniel Hanlon, Sam A. Morganstein, Henry M. Sidlinger, Sol Shub, and Mrs. Millicent Vachon.

The door prizes—two \$5 baskets of groceries—were won by Mrs. Maye Horstman and Mrs. Sam A. Morganstein.

Staff Announces Membership Terms For 'Cooperator'

Membership qualifications for the Greenbelt Cooperator staff were set up at a staff meeting held last Friday evening in the Cooperator office and methods of accepting or rejecting applications for membership in the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association were discussed.

The following qualifications were agreed upon as necessary for membership:

1. They shall be Greenbelt residents.
2. They shall be members of at least one cooperative.
3. They shall be either experienced in journalism or allied trades or willing to learn.
4. All applicants who were not members previous to incorporation shall serve a six-month probationary period.
5. All memberships shall expire at the end of six months, unless the Board of Directors decides to retain them.
6. Unless an average of two hours' work per week is given, the membership shall not be renewed at the end of six months.
7. Control of membership shall lie with the Board of Directors.

The above membership regulations will not be formally adopted into the by-laws until drawn up by the corporation's attorney. Final acceptance will then depend upon the result of the next membership meeting, which will be held the last Friday of this month.

Rally Tickets Go On Sale

Plans have been completed for the distribution and sale of tickets for the Greenbelt "all-out" Defense Rally to be held on Saturday, February 21. Harry A. Stewart, in charge of the distribution, has appointed the following persons in charge of each block:

Dr. James McCarl, Block A; Carl Jernberg, Block B; Harry A. Stewart, Block C; Leo R. Mullin, Block D; Cyril Turner, Block E; Charles Friedman, Block F and Parkbelt; Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr., Block J; Mrs. Kinzer, administration offices; Mrs. Parker, Elementary School teachers, and Paul Barnhart, high school teachers. Block ticket managers, in turn, will appoint assistants to be responsible for the sales in each court and apartment building. The assistants will make complete reports to their respective chairmen. Every Greenbelt resident will be contacted. Mr. Stewart urged that every one give their court or apartment building representative full cooperation.

Tickets are \$1, admitting two adults; children's tickets will be 10 cents, but can only be purchased with an adult ticket and will admit bearers only when accompanied by adults. All tickets are good for the complete program, including the lecture, band concert, an address by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and dancing, which starts at 10:30 p.m.

Open house will be held at the American Legion house tomorrow evening for all persons taking part in the rally program. Any interested spectators may attend and enjoy the music and the services of the canteen.

'Miss Defense' Choice Deadline Feb. 14

The deadline for nominating candidates for the "Miss Defense" contest being conducted by the Greenbelt Athletic Club in conjunction with the Defense Rally has been extended to February 14.

As announced in last week's Cooperator, each contestant must have at least 50 votes to be eligible for the final week of voting. Ballots will be counted each day up to the deadline date and the totals for each entrant will be posted daily at the ballot boxes.

Ballots to be used for the contest have been distributed to all organizations in Greenbelt and may be obtained from the officers of each organization or from Al Sansone, chairman of the committee conducting the contest or any member of the committee. For the benefit of those unable to obtain ballots there will be a supply of small envelopes placed at each ballot box. Those desiring to use the envelope form for voting are asked to write the name of the contestant they are voting for on the outside of the envelope and to insert their coin in it and seal the envelope.

Chairman Sansone has expressed the hope that all residents will take part in the voting as all proceeds derived from this contest will be turned over to the local defense council.

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Save Waste Paper

Your government has issued a call for conservation of vitally needed resources, and in line with this call you are asked to conserve paper not in everyday use, and to save all waste paper so that it may ultimately be placed where it is badly needed. Greenbelt is cooperating in this conservation program through the Defense Council to the fullest extent. Among those things that you will be asked to save for local collection and return to commercial channels will be scrap paper.

Scrap paper means any kind of paper—newspapers, magazines, wrapping paper, packing paper, and any type of paper products. These will be collected through the Greenbelt Defense Council's salvage unit, under the direction of Arthur Gawthrop. Plans are being formulated now for regular collection times and routes, so that each family can save and salvage its scrap paper. The first of these collections will take place Saturday, February 14. Save all waste paper products until that date. Further notice and instructions as to the methods of collection will be given prior to the time of actual collection.

The point we are attempting to get over is that paper is a vital defense material, and all paper must be conserved. Therefore, you will be doing more than appears on the surface by saving your paper for the regular collection service that will be inaugurated.

Our report to the residents on Rally Night should be an impressive one. Remember, little things like these win big wars. In our paper campaign, let's borrow the phrase, "Scraps to Beat the Japs!"

How We Do It

Last week we received a letter from a new resident in one of the defense homes—asking us when the boy was going to collect for the paper, Neighbor, the boy doesn't collect for the Cooperator. It's free to you, one of the few free things in a world of soaring prices and increased taxes.

But you pay for your town paper indirectly through every advertisement published. In a year we average just about enough advertising revenue to cover the printing bill and other costs of publication. The staff is made up of your neighbors who contribute their time, from two to ten hours a week. This last year a small surplus was divided among the staff members—the first monetary reward since the paper was started more than four years ago.

Begun as a mimeographed job, the Cooperator has maintained weekly publication through crisis after crisis, under seven different editors. In 1939 the paper was printed with a photo-offset process, and a year later changed its format to an eight-page tabloid size. Last September the Cooperator changed to its present printed style—and here we are.

At one time the Cooperator considered all readers in town as owners of the news organ, and allowed any resident to vote for the editor in the semi-annual elections. Last fall, in order to establish a firmer financial basis for operation and to insure continuity of publication the staff incorporated the paper as a producer cooperative, the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association.

Any resident is welcomed on the staff with or without previous journalism experience. This is an amateur paper, which accounts for the way it looks and reads some weeks. We don't make much money but we have a lot of fun. Come up to the office any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening after 8 o'clock. You will find us in room 202 over the drug store, and we will put you to work at once.

Thanks, Greenbelt!

For the infantile paralysis campaign this year Greenbelt raised \$218.37, and without a dance. Mrs. Linden Dodson, the theater management and the score of volunteer workers who helped with collections, have our thanks and admiration for completing a good job with a minimum of fanfare and waste motion.

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 6		
Band Practice	6:30 P. M.	Auditorium
Feeder Band Practice	6:30	Hobby Room
Band Parents' Board	8:00	Auditorium
Stringed Orchestra Practice	7:00	Room 123
First Aid Class (advanced)	7:00	Room 225
Fire Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
Community Church Choir	8:00	3-D Ridge
Hebrew Congregation	8:00	Music Room
Hebrew congregation annual meeting	9:00	Music Room
Saturday, February 7		
Fire Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Fire House
Confessions	7:30	27-A Ridge Road
Legion Open House	8:00	Legion House
Sunday, February 8		
Catholic Mass	9:00	Theater
Catholic Sunday School	9:30	Theater
Community Church Sunday School	9:30	Elementary School
Community Church Service	11:00	Auditorium
Community Church Young Peoples' Guild	7:00	Elementary School
Community Church High School Group	8:00	18-C Parkway
L. D. S. Sunday School	11:00	Home Ec. Room
L. D. S. Priesthood	6:30	Home Ec. Room
L. D. S. Service	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Police Auxiliary	2:00	Pistol Range
Monday, February 9		
First Aid Class	7:00 P. M.	Room 123
Sewing Class	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Typing and Shorthand Class	7:30	High School
Home Mechanics Class	7:30	High School
Police Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
Fire Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
Motor Corps	7:45	Fire House
Catholic Choir	8:00	Music Room
*Council	8:00	Council Room
Girl Scout Troop No. 26	7:00	Room 223
Tuesday, February 10		
Pottery Class	7:30 P. M.	21-Parkway, basement
L. D. S. Ladies' Relief Society	8:15	Home Ec. Room
Nursery School Parents Board	8:15	32-B Crescent Road
Wednesday, February 11		
First Aid Class	2:00 P. M.	Music Room
Brownies	3:30	Music Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21-Parkway basement
Police Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
Girl Scout Troop No. 15	7:30	2-G Eastway
Girl Scout Troop No. 18	7:30	Room 223
First Aid Class	7:45	Music Room
Midweek Meeting	8:00	Music Room
Thursday, February 12		
L. D. S. Primary Group	4:00	Music Room
Boy Scout Troop No. 202	7:00	Hobby Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21-Parkway basement
First Aid Class	7:45	Music Room

*Town Council

Greenbelt is one of the few municipalities in the United States whose form of government practically assures it of "clean politics". It has a Town Manager, who also happens to be the Community Manager, but the Town Council is the paramount governing body insofar as the operation of town functions are concerned. The men who comprise the Council are elected for a term of two years, and receive a salary of \$250 per year. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month and are open to all residents. In fact, residents are invited to speak their minds after the minutes of the preceding meeting are read, and major issues are discussed with those present on numerous occasions, in addition to referenda when cataclysmic matters like the closing of the hospital must be decided.

Composing the Council at the present time are Allen Morrison, Mayor; Thomas Ricker, Mayor Pro Tem; Curtis Barker; George Bauer and Francis Lastner. Why not attend Council meeting next Monday night and see how matters pertaining to town welfare and progress are handled by these men? They are always glad to have comments from the citizens of Greenbelt and have on numerous occasions issued warm invitations to any of us to come up and lend a hand in the town affairs. The time is 8:00 o'clock and the place is the Council Room, over the Food Store.

Community Church

The Greenbelt Community Band will furnish the largest part of the music for a special evening service to be held by the Community Church in the Community Building, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. This service will consist of a short talk by Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston on "Making of Life a Masterpiece." A large part of this service will be music by the band under the direction of Paul Garrett and the presidency of S. Hartford Downs.

Among the selections to be played are "Creation," by Haydn; "Son of My Soul," Ritter; the "Pilgrims' Chorus," from "Tannhauser," by Wagner; "The Glory of God in Nature," Beethoven; "Onward Christian Soldiers" and several other hymns.

At 11 o'clock the public worship will be led by the pastor, the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston. He will speak on the subject, "The Sources of Our Inspiration."

There were a large number who signed the guest book Sunday. All who attend Sunday for the first time are requested to sign this notable book. Considerable interest was shown Sunday when the pastor requested each one present to introduce himself to some one present whom he did not know.

Sunday at 9:30 the Church School will meet. Classes have been provided for all, from the toddling tots to the grandpas. The Woman's Bible Class taught by Mrs. Linden Dodson and the Men's Bible Class taught by Mr. Roy S. Braden are attracting much attention and are maintaining a friendly rivalry.

Sunday, after the band concert, there will be a meeting of the Spiritual and Social Welfare Committee.

Wednesday at 8 p.m., the mid week meeting will be held. This Wednesday, in addition to the regular features of a midweek meeting, all the new Protestant families living in 12 Ridge Road are especially invited to attend this meeting as special guests of the church and all the members and friends of the church living at 1, 3 and 5 Ridge Road are asked to represent the church as host and hostess. The program will consist of singing the songs you love, a short talk on the next Sunday's International Sunday school lesson, and a short reception. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend this service.

Civil Service News

Air Safety Investigator positions in the Civil Aeronautics Board are to be filled as the result of an examination announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. The salary is \$3,800 a year. Applications will be accepted until further notice. One thousand hours' flying time is required, as well as 8 years of appropriate aeronautical experience. College study may be substituted for part of the experience.

Metallurgists are still needed by various Government departments. Positions pay from \$2,000 to \$5,600 a year. The new examination just announced has modified experience requirements, which include the completion of a 4-year college course in chemistry, geology, mining, physics, engineering, or metallurgy, and appropriate technical experience in metallurgy. Provision is made for the substitution of relevant graduate study for experience. In the junior grade, appropriate credit will also be given for defense training courses in metallurgy. No closing date for applications has been set.

The Commission also announced an examination for Translator positions, paying from \$1,800 to \$2,300 a year. Optional languages are Chinese, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Magyar, Modern Greek, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Applicants may be tested in one or more languages. The closing date for applications is March 17, 1942.

Begin New Hospital

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Baltimore Boulevard, will contain 50 beds.

Unless present negotiations with the Defense Public Works being conducted by the local administrative office prove successful, the Riverdale hospital will be the only one in the county, now that Greenbelt's hospital has closed. Several county medical officials have indicated that county needs will not be adequately met by so small a building, expressing the necessity for a hospital of at least several hundred beds.

Coming Clean! . . . by Squier

BATHING WAS ONCE A SOCIAL EVENT...
IN THE MIDDLE AGES A BATH WAS A CROSS BETWEEN A RECEPTION AND A PICNIC. HOSTS AND HOSTESSES ENTERTAINED AT BATH PARTIES - REFRESHMENTS AND ALL!

BEN FRANKLIN OWNED A QUEER CONTRACTION CALLED A "SLIPPER BATH". THE SHOE SHAPED GADGET WAS ONE OF THE FIRST BATH TUBS EVER SEEN IN THIS COUNTRY.

A BATH TUB KEPT UNDER A TRAP DOOR IN THE DINING ROOM WAS ONE OF THE "MODERN IMPROVEMENTS" CITED IN GODEY'S LADIES BOOK FOR 1854.

BLIMEY! 'IS LORDSHIP'S GETTIN' SOFT!

ENGLISHMEN OF KING EDGAR'S DAY WHO BATHED AS OFTEN AS ONCE A WEEK WERE CONSIDERED FOPS.

TODAY A PERSON WHO OMITS A DAILY BATH IS NOT CONSIDERED WELL GROOMED.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of the Defense Rally! And what a Defense Rally! We couldn't ask for more. No matter where your interests lie, there is bound to be something on the program February 21 that will appeal to you. Music lovers—both serious and jive—will have their innings in the band concert and dance, respectively; those who would like to get a comprehensive idea of the scene of world-shaking events now taking place will appreciate the lecture by Professor W. A. Scharffenberg on "The Orient"; and, of course, all of us will welcome the opportunity to hear Mrs. Roosevelt.

This and that: Who's nutty? We hear Dave Taylor became food for a squirrel a few days ago! The furry little animal only took one bite, though. That evidently was enough for both the squirrel and Dave!—What well-known local editor has failed so far to fulfill his promise of a house-warming "as is a house warming"?

The Lyman Woodmans tell me "There's ain't no justice." I'm inclined to believe them, and maybe you will, too, when you hear what happened. Seems that last year they were advised by two town officials that they could put flagstones in their yard. Delighted with the official approval, they went ahead and put in five 100-year-old limestones, relics they had saved for the time when they could use them. Now, however, it seems that they are "unsightly" to Sunday visitors, so the order comes, "Take 'em away!" There ain't no justice!

If you read Mrs. Maryn's column (and I know you do), why not ask her some of your food problems? She's really an expert. I've followed several of her suggestions, and found them delicious as well as practical.

Tuesday, Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer attended the annual luncheon held by the Social Hygiene Society in Washington. Paul McNutt, administrator, Federal Security, was the speaker.

Consumers note: Don't buy an "Underwood" electric razor under the assumption that it is put out by the reliable "Underwood Type-writer Manufacturers," because the trade name gives a false impression. Bob Volkhausen bought one, found it no good, and wrote to Underwood about it. They became very indignant, in fact, to the extent of suing the misleading razor company. You really have to watch what you buy, don't you?

You new neighbors are now getting special attention via another column. You don't have to do anything in Greenbelt to get your name in the paper; you just have to live here!

We're wondering if any stray red hairs were found in a certain Ford coach one morning this week.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins Monday

More than 700 Prince Georges County Girl Scouts will officially open their annual "Cookie Sale" campaign on Monday, February 9, it was announced yesterday by County Girl Scout Commissioner, Mrs. L. C. Rosenkrans, of Chevy Chase.

Mrs. Frances Emsweller, of Calvert Hills, a member of the County Girl Scout Council, is chairman of the 1942 drive. The Scouts have already taken advance orders for nearly 9,000 boxes although the actual campaign and delivery period does not begin until Monday, Mrs. Emsweller said last night.

Last year the 43 troops throughout the county sold more than one-half million cookies—a total of some 13,000 pounds—the chairman revealed. Mrs. Henry H. O'Neill, of Decatur Heights, is assistant chairman of the drive. Proceeds from the cookie drive—the only money-raising project which the Girl Scouts hold during the entire year—go chiefly towards maintaining the large outdoor Girl Scout camp near Greenbelt, Camp Conestoga. In 1941 nearly 200 Scouts enjoyed outings at the 60-acre reservation located in the pine woods of Goodluck Road.

The residue of the proceeds is used by the individual troops for their annual budgets.

High School Chatter

By JOAN McNAMARA

Hello:—

Well, bless my soul—if another week hasn't gone by! So here you are and here I am, back again, with another seven days of stuff flyin' around, per usual. (That's if I can dig up any.)

Let's see, what have we here in the line of news? Oh, yes, there were a couple of basket ball games on my list. The G. H. S. girls played the Maryland Park girls on Friday afternoon at the Maryland Park High School. The game ended in a rousing score of 20-6 in our favor, of course.

The G. H. S. boys played the Annapolis High boys on Friday night at the Annapolis High School. Unfortunately, our boys lost the game.

Don't forget to come to the sacred concert that is to be held at the Elementary School Auditorium this Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. The band is going to provide the music, in which a lot of the G. H. S. boys are members.

Gosh, looks as though we're losing our fellow classmates left and right. Well, we always have the new people to make up for them. Last week we lost Jim White and Mr. Becker and this week we have lost Mary Finn and Bob Pfarr. We all wish them the best of luck.

Here to take Mr. Becker's place is Mr. Austin Bond (patriotic last name). Mr. Bond is from Manhattan, New York, believe it or not. We extend a hearty welcome to you, Mr. Bond, and sincerely hope you enjoy your new surroundings.

Don't say I told you, but—

2-H Westway was the locale of a birthday party given Saturday night for Jane Lindhart. For her 13th birthday, Jane received many lovely gifts from her many friends which includes most of her classmates. From what I gather, a gala time was had by all.—We wonder who threw that stink bomb in the hall last Monday? The school smelt like an egg factory for the remainder of the morning.

—Mr. Brengle really had a tough time trying to decipher some of his general science exams—we oughta know.—This is a sixty-dollar question: What sophomore boy brought a certain "knick-knack" to school last Friday that had everybody in such a dither? We have at last discovered why Allan Taylor has been acting so dreamy-eyed.—It's all because of one Shirley.

Well, I guess I've played gessapo many times but I'd never tell what I heard those two boys saying on the spotters roof the other night. See you all next week.

Hi, Neighbor!

You new neighbors are really moving in by the dozens! Last week's new neighbors are now old ones, so they can join in welcoming you. We're glad you're here and hope you will let us know if we can be of help to you in any way. This week, we're greeting those who moved in between January 17 and January 27. Hi, Neighbor!

George L. Lane, 5-A Parkway.
Algeras L. Senkus, 9-J Parkway.

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Hunter A. Johnson, 10-N Southway.

William C. Howl, 16-T Ridge.
Joseph S. Claypool, 9-D Southway.

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Franklin F. Miller, 10-T Southway.

James Robert Lovett, 18-F Ridge.

Dewey R. Herndon, 8-B Southway.

Leo B. Callies, 10G Southway.

Good-Bye! Good Luck!
During the period of January 17-January 27, we lost three good neighbors. Here's hoping they have all the success and happiness we can wish them. Good-bye and good-luck!
Henry J. Fleming, 21-D Ridge.
Edward I. Weitsman, 3-D Gardenway.
Loring I. Benedict, 13-M Parkway.

Timely Facts for Consumers

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BUYING A WINTER COAT

Need a new winter coat? Here are some hints on buying one, as suggested by the Consumers' Counsel Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

First, select a simple style, like an unfurred box coat or a princess line, that you can wear comfortably for several years without being out of style. Check the fit carefully in every detail; beware of uncomfortable shoulders, a collar that isn't right, sleeves that are too short.

The new labels required under the Wool Products Labeling Act will help you know what fiber was used in the material. Material that is "all wool" means it is 100% new wool; "reprocessed" wool means that it is made from wool that has been woven into cloth once, then raveled and made up again, but has never been used; "re-used" wool has been used, then made up again.

Used Wool Sometimes Better
Sometimes a good "reprocessed" wool is better quality than a poor grade of virgin wool. So you must learn to judge the quality of the material for yourself by the feel. A poor piece of wool material usually feels harsh and boardy, and the fibers are short and uneven, while a good piece of wool is springy, soft and closely woven so that it doesn't give much in either direction.

Look at the coat lining. If it's rayon, be sure that the seams are wide and strongly stitched, so they can't fray. The interlining, which should keep you extra warm, may be of wool which is lightweight and not bulky, or napped cotton which usually isn't warm enough for really cold weather, or quilted wool which is somewhat bulky, or chamois which is very warm and acts as a wind-breaker as well. The interlining should be seamed separately from the lining for better fit.

BUYING BEDSHEETS

Bedsheets should be bought with extreme care, is the advice to housewives of the Consumer Division of the Dept. of Agriculture, so as to insure the most quality for the dollar spent, thus guarding against too-rapid replacement with its consequent strain on production machinery needed for defense orders.

Since neither price nor brand names assure quality, it is well to apply individual checks. Wise buyers will look for sheets with

labels carrying the most information. Most of them will contain the size. It is best to buy a sheet whose label indicates torn size before hemming, thus insuring straightness. Also, it should be remembered that hemming takes about 5 inches, and the first laundering an equal amount in length, so that a 108-inch length really means about 98 after the first washing. There should be little shrinkage in width. A length of 99 or 108 inches and a width of 81 or 90 is enough to allow for sufficient tucking in. "Bargain sheets" often are enough smaller to make them impractical. This should be checked carefully.

Ask About Weight

Labels may not indicate the weight of the fabric. It is well to ask the dealer. Good quality weight in muslin is from 4.2 to 4.7 ounces per yard. The buyer should guard against excessive sizing which adds to weight. Sometimes this sizing may be as much as 40 per cent of the weight. If a corner of the sheet is rubbed between the fingers over a dark surface, a powdery deposit will indicate too much sizing. "Pure finish" is a term sometimes applied to indicate not more than 2 per cent of sizing, which is excellent.

Labels often carry the thread count but some have only one figure, such as 140. This may mean a good sheet but does not indicate the balance between warp and filling threads. Since tests have proved that wear comes most in the filling, a label which reads 70 by 70 to the inch or a similar figure indicates good balance. Warp count of 70 to 80 and filling count of 61 to 70 is considered good.

Hold It to the Light

If a sheet is held up to the light, any thick and thin spots or general unevenness of texture may be discovered. Fuzziness which indicates short fibres of low tensile strength, dirty or knotted threads, loosely woven or broken selvages are defects. Sheets containing them should be marked "seconds." Some of them do not constitute excessive buying hazards but call for careful investigation to see that the fabric is not weakened. Hems should be evenly stitched, 12 to 14 stitches to the inch, and be closed at the ends.

World's Largest Electric Co-op Is Merger Result

GENOA, Wis. — The world's largest co-operatively-owned system for generation and transmission of electricity was set up here Dec. 15 thru the merger of the Tri-State Power Co-operative and the Wisconsin Power Co-operative. The new co-op's name is Dairyland Power Co-operative, and it was officially set up by authorized delegates of 24 REA co-ops, who represented about 30,000 individual members.

The Dairyland co-op will serve farmers in three states — Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa — thru its 700 or more miles of transmission facilities, and over 3½ power at its 4,200 kilowatt diesel generating plant at Chippewa Falls, which used to be operated by the Wisconsin Power Co-op, and the 18,000 kilowatt steam generating plant at Genoa, set up last summer at a cost of \$2,000,000.

REA Favors Plan

According to Floyd E. Wheeler, Madison, attorney for the two co-op systems involved, the REA office in Washington must give formal approval to the merger. The government officials have already indicated that they favor the combination.

Wheeler explained that the action affects only the generation, transmission and conversion facilities under one organization and management.

The two co-ops have already been allotted \$4,093,000 in REA loans for generation and transmission facilities, and over \$3½ million of this will have been expended when existing construction contracts are completed. The remainder will be spent during the coming year for additions.

Balancing the Budget

By BERTHA MARYN

— SOUPS —

"Oh, dear, today would be a good day for soup, but it's so late and I don't have a thing in the house to make soup with."

This lady's plight reminds me of an old Slavic folk story: A beggar came to a poverty-stricken farmhouse and asked the farmer's wife for something to eat.

"Indeed, I'd be only too glad to share a bit of food with you but not a morsel have we for ourselves," was the good woman's reply.

The beggar stood undaunted. "Surely you still have water?" he asked, "and an old rake tooth?" Curiosity led the farmer's wife to admit that both water and a rake tooth were available.

"Well, fetch me the tooth and a quart of water and I'll cook you the best soup you ever did taste." More curious that the proverbial cat, the woman produced the tooth and water and placed them on the kitchen stove.

"Now, my good woman," said the beggar, "there wouldn't be a bit of barley or rice would there? And if you only had a bit of onion and one tiny carrot, my, what a soup that would be!" By this time things had gone so far that the good woman could not resist the desire to see what would come out of this remarkable recipe. So she looked and looked and found some barley and rice, a carrot and an onion, all of which went into the pot.

"My, this is fine, but if only I had a bit of a bone with every so small a bit of fat on it to give it flavor. My dear woman, see if you can't borrow a bit of a bone or a bit of meat fat from your neighbor." Needless to say a bone with a piece of fat meat was found and the rake tooth soup boiled, producing a most tempting aroma, to the amazement of the foolish and the curious farmer's wife.

The end of the tale, like all folk tales, is "that the soup was good and that they all lived happily ever after." The moral, of course, is simple; there is no one special item that's a must for good soup. Good soup can be made easily and cheaply. The trick of soup making is intelligence, imagination and whatever you happen to have in the pantry or ice box.

There are probably more variations in soup than in any other dish. There are hot soups, cold soups, thick soups, thin soups, neat soups, cream soups, milk soups, fish soups, vegetable soups, poultry soups; soups that are entrees or appetizers, soups that add extra nourishment to the meal, and soups that are a whole meal in themselves.

Generally speaking soups may be divided into three types or groups: cream or puree, clear or bouillon, and the thick legume and vegetable meal-in-itself-type. Each has its own place in the family meal and the kind used depends on the kind of meal you are planning.

The clear soup, called bouillon, is an appetizer used to whet the appetite and for the limited budget is not a very necessary dish unless it happens to be a by-product of some other dish you are preparing. For example if you are going to make chicken salad and must first cook your chicken, the liquor, seasoned and cooked with an onion and a bit of celery makes good chicken bouillon. This is also true of boiled beef stock. Of course, chicken and beef stock can also be used as a base for puree and vegetable soups, and for economical planning that is probably the better way to use meat or poultry stock.

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Co-ops In Spotlight In Congressional Housing Study

By JOHN CARSON

Washington Representative,
The Co-operative League

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Co-operative Housing is getting, suddenly, the spot-light in official Washington. At this moment, the co-operative housing advocates are graciously heard and even courted. The Senate Committee on Education and Labor reported the Lanham Bill this week. This bill authorized the expenditure of another \$300,000,000 for defense housing and \$150,000,000 for community development. Behind the committee work on this bill was a bitter battleground on which government housing administrators struggled for position, where official heads tottered and lobbies resounded with the arguments of various forces.

There is reason to believe that the sudden interest in "co-operative" housing has developed because of the tremendous publicity given to the "mutual housing" projects launched by Col. Lawrence Westbrook and his former superior, John Carmody, once administrator of the Federal Works Agency. Westbrook has promoted nine "mutual housing" projects. Three are established, one at Camden, N. J., and two at Dallas, Texas.

Eventual Co-op Ownership Seen

Westbrook's plan is an adaptation of the foreign "public housing" plans. The government, thru Westbrook's organization, developed the Camden project to provide 500 families, in co-operation with the families. The houses and sites were planned thru conferences of those interested. The government then organized a corporation to take over the project and manage it. At present, the government's directors dominate the management group by Westbrook's plan calls for representatives of the house occupants to take over management and for eventual ownership of the project by a "co-operative housing" group.

It may be said now, and admitted, that the details of the plan would indicate that the houses and the project would be "publicly owned and operated" for a long time, rather than "co-operatively owned," but apparently the fact that co-operative ownership was provided for stirred the various housing administrators.

To appraise what has happened, it must be remembered that profit real estate interests kicked out of the original Wagner slum clearance bill the provision for co-operative housing. It should also be recognized that during all the early days of the "defense housing" administration, an ice-water bath was given to anyone who urged co-operative housing. But Westbrook's plan and the favorable reception it got thruout the country, and also in Congress, established the co-operative housing advocates as persons worthy of consideration.

When the Lanham Bill was before the House, Nathan Strauss, administrator of the United States Housing Authority, denounced the waste and in-efficiency in housing efforts which he said was due to the conflict of authority between the various government housing groups. It was reported that Strauss might resign unless the U. S. Housing Authority was given favorable recognition. Then it was reported that the wings of C. F. Palmer, coordinator of housing in the defense organization, might be clipped Palmer's organization and administration has been attacked from inside defense authority circles and also in Congress Westbrook got a pat on the back.

Propose 3% Interest

Now Palmer has issued an announcement of a "co-operative housing plan for defense workers." The plan calls for loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration. But where Westbrook's plan was based on charging the house buyer only 3% interest, the tendency under FHA insurance has been to support much higher interest rates.

Palmer's associates insist they have something in which the "co-operatives will be interested," but the proof is yet in the pudding.

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Credit Committee Hrs.

The Credit Committee of the G. C. S. announced that starting Wednesday, February 11, the weekly meetings will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. instead of the former hours of 7 to 9 P. M. It is felt that due to the longer working hours that have been put into effect by most Government Agencies members would find the later hours more convenient to their schedules.

The hours of the Administration Office and of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union were also changed. Until further notice, the Credit Union hours will be from 2-6 P. M. instead of 2-7 P. M.

Drafted G.C.S. Employees Offered Jobs on Return

Employees of Greenbelt Consumer Services who are called into military service will be offered positions in the cooperative upon their return to civilian life. This policy was adopted by the board at last week's meeting.

The board also voted to pay employees for the vacation leave due them when they are drafted for military service.

Several G. C. S. employees have been drafted during past months. General Manager George E. Hodson holds a commission in the Reserve Corps, but he has not been called for active duty as yet.

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