



Measles Reach Epidemic Point In Greenbelt

With 85 cases of measles reported up to Wednesday night Greenbelt finds itself faced with the worst epidemic in its history. Dr. William Eisner, acting director of public health for the town, took action early in the week to check the spread of the highly contagious disease by requesting all children who have not yet had the American measles to be kept home from school and isolated for 17 days, the length of time for exposure to result in appearance of symptoms.

Dr. Eisner indicated that the number of cases was still on the increase, and that cases in increasing severity were appearing as the disease passed from one carrier to another. He commented on the large number of cases appearing along the entire Eastern Coast, and stressed the necessity of prompt reporting of new cases and of strict quarantine in order to prevent possible deaths either from measles or from pneumonia and other complications which often follow.

Symptoms Described

In the early stages of measles symptoms are similar to those of the common cold—running nose, sore throat and a cough, running eyes, and a fever. The rash appears later. It is during the early stage that measles are most contagious, and Dr. Eisner reported that many children with apparent colds have been allowed to play with others or go to school. This, he claimed, was responsible for most of the present local cases.

Although three to five new cases are appearing daily, Dr. Eisner was firm in stating that the spread of measles here can be eliminated in 17 days if parents will see that their children not only stay home from school, but remain isolated from others for that length of time.

Serum Available

"There is a serum available for use against measles," Dr. Eisner told the Cooperator. "Children who have been exposed to a case of measles should receive serum within two to four days after the rash appears in the case of measles should receive serum within two to four days after the rash appears in the case of measles to which they have been exposed. The result will be a very mild attack of the disease free from complications for these protected children," he said. All physicians have this serum available.

"There is a way to prevent an attack of measles for children who are delicate or who are under two years of age," Dr. Eisner added. "This serum confers immunity for only three or four weeks, however." Those residents unable to afford the cost of serum are invited with him to discuss the use of parent blood for immunization.

In addition to measles, cases of chickenpox are also beginning to appear.

F.W.A. Refuses Funds To Reopen Hospital

Destroying the last vestige of hope for help in reopening the Greenbelt hospital, a negative answer was received last week by Mayor Allen D. Morrison from the Defense Public Works department of Federal Works Agency.

In reply to a formal application for funds to finance the hospital during 1942, the point-blank refusal of financial assistance in any amount from this source leaves Greenbelt still in the position of having no facilities to care for victims in the event of possible enemy attack by sabotage or air-raid. The mayor indicated that since Greenbelt citizens showed unwillingness to pay for the hospital, and other sources of support have been exhausted the issue is considered settled by most people, and the hospital is to remain closed indefinitely.

Scenes at the Defense Rally



Community Manager Braden welcomes Mrs. Roosevelt to Greenbelt, above.

To the right, Miss Helen Kaighn, winner of the title of "Miss Defense", receives her crown from Commander Rysticken. Miss Kaighn was the candidate of the Greenbelt American Legion Post.



G. C. S. Board Elects Co-op Officers

The board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services met last week to elect officers and committee chairmen for the next six months. It was the new board's first meeting since the annual membership meeting on February 4, at which five directors were elected.

Francis J. Lastner, who was elected a director last August and was immediately selected by his fellow board members to head the organization, was unanimously re-elected president last week.

The vice presidency went to Denzil D. Wood, who is serving his second term as a board member. During most of this period he has been chairman of the management committee.

Re-elected as a director early this month, Tessim Zorach was again chosen as the cooperative's secretary. He has filled that position since he was appointed last August when a vacancy occurred on the board.

One of the newly elected directors, Fred A. DeJager became treasurer of the organization. He has not served before on the G. C. S. board, but is quite well known locally as a result of other community activities.

Mrs. Mary M. Dodson, another of the new directors who needs no introduction to the citizenry here, assumed the chairmanship of the education committee.

Clifford A. Moyer, whose term of office is half over since he was elected last August, continues in the chairmanship of the education committee. Mr. Moyer has been quite busy lately calling on newcomers.

The grievance committee is again headed by Mr. Zorach in addition to his duties as secretary.

Chosen to serve on the management committee were Denzil D. Wood, Carl W. Hintz, and Harry B. Hyman. Mr. Hintz is another newcomer to the board. This group selects its own chairman.

Woman's Club Hears Good Neighbor Talk

Continuing the "good Neighbor Tour" theme, the Woman's Club of Greenbelt met February 19, at the home of Mrs. William O. Murdock, 56-G Crescent, with Mrs. Denzil D. Wood as assistant hostess.

Mrs. Murdock, in her capacity as chairman of the Fine Arts Department, gave a talk on Latin American countries, with particular emphasis on Mexico and Brazil. She stated that the first Pan-American Conference was held in 1889, and the present Good-Neighbor Policy is based on the foundation of friendship and understanding began then.

In speaking of Mexico, Mrs. Murdock used as her authority Gunther's book, "Inside Latin America," quoting vivid descriptive sections. Mexico is the most vital of Pan-American Countries to the defense of the United States, and it was explained that although Mexico City is considered having one of the strongest fifth column Nazi groups of the entire hemisphere, President Avillo Comacho is given credit for having the situation well in hand, and for cooperating to the fullest extent with the United States.

The description of old Mexico was well received by the group—a land of tremendous contrasts, much of the wealth being owned by foreigners who have greatly exploited the country. The heroism of men of the Guarez Calibre who worked for the good of the native people was emphasized.

In speaking of Brazil, Mrs. Murdock described it as a country of unlimited undeveloped resources, with a history parallel to that of the United States, and at the present time probably as vital to U. S. defense as Mexico.

At the meeting of March 5, a tour of the Pan-American Building, personally conducted by Mr. Murphy will be the feature. He is to be decorated by four South American nations for outstanding work in securing better relations and working toward the development of the Good Neighbor Policy.

Rally Brings In Full \$1000 Needed for Defense Fund; Mrs. Roosevelt Well Received

With nearly \$1000 in clear cash on hand the Civilian Defense Rally Committee jubilantly closed the doors on the Rally Saturday night at 1 a. m. after the largest pay crowd in Greenbelt's history had completed an evening of entertainment.

A hurried check of the receipts disclosed that the following activities were responsible for the collection of the funds:

Sale of tickets, \$750; votes for Miss Defense, \$200; sale of Cooperators, \$30; Fight for Freedom Committee, \$28; refreshment stand, \$15; and cloak room, \$11. These figures are preliminary. Final amounts will be announced later by Werner Steinle, who headed the Rally finance committee.

Aid Denied, Council Voids Hospital Lease

Greenbelt's Town Council held an abbreviated meeting last Monday, transacted a few matters of public business, and then, like millions of other Americans, hurried home to hear President Roosevelt's speech.

Before the adjournment, Councilman Frank J. Lastner reported on continued but so far unsuccessful efforts to obtain money for the maintenance and operation of the local hospital. Two motions incident to the hospital's closing were passed. One cancelled the present lease with Farm Security Administration for the space occupied by the hospital and the other authorized a new lease for space for the Public Health Department.

Clarifying a defense situation about which some misunderstanding has arisen, Assistant Town Manager Arthur L. Rysticken, explained that the \$1500 recently appropriated by the Town Council was for defense purposes, but that it was not to be turned over directly to the Civilian Defense Council. The funds will be spent by the Town, largely for purchases recommended by the Defense council.

Mr. Rysticken also introduced a new blackout ordinance which is scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

120 New Memberships Approved by G. C. S.

One hundred and twenty applications for membership in Greenbelt Consumer Services were received and approved by the board of directors last week. Most of these applicants turned in 1941 patronage slips to become members of the cooperative.

Those whose 1941 patronage return amounts to \$10 or more will automatically become members for the last time. This means of becoming a member of the co-op has now been replaced by a requirement which provides that the first share must be purchased for cash.

In order for a non-member patron receiving less than \$10 in patronage returns for 1941 to receive a refund credit next year, he must pay the balance of his first share. He has one year from next December 31 in which to make the payment.

The cooperative reports that it is losing a number of members as a result of decentralization and transfers. The loss of share capital involved in this exodus must be replaced by new capital.

Fire Auxiliary Needs Men For Defense Work

An urgent appeal was issued Monday by Safety Director George Panagoulis for men 18 years of age or older to attend the new fire auxiliary classes scheduled to start next Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m., in the firehouse. Under the instruction of Officer Ernest Walker, the 10-week course, embodying theory and practice, will

Chairman Thanks Organizations

Mrs. Leon Benefiel, chairman of the Defense Rally Committee, success of the community fund-raising affair was largely due to the efforts and finances donated by the American Legion, the Sports Parade, the Woman's Club, the Community Band, the Drug Store, the Valet Shop, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Hebrew Congregation, the Holy Name Society, and the Greenbelt Cooperator. Mrs. Benefiel pointed out that the cost of the Rally was exceptionally low—only the cost of the orchestra which amounted to \$36, since tickets, programs, decorations, and other items were taken care of by the above organizations.

Thanks are also due the Greenbelt Guard of Honor, Greenbelt Gun Club, Police and Fire auxiliaries and the Air Wardens for their efficient guard work, Mrs. Linden Dodson for her secretarial work; Greenbelt Consumer Service for obtaining the public address system, and the town administrators and employes for their whole-hearted cooperation.

Although the highlight of the evening was Mrs. Roosevelt's message on the home front as a front as a defense measure, the selection of Miss Helen Kaighn as Miss Defense and the dance drew a high measure of enthusiasm from the hundreds who crowded into the Auditorium.

New Uniforms Draw Praise

The new uniforms as well as the music of the Band drew heavy applause. Professor Scharffenberger's lecture on the logical evolution of the present war with Japan with its reasons and con-

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Mrs. Lebergott Is New Nursery Teacher

For the past month the Greenbelt Nursery School has been undergoing a re-organization which has resulted in a number of changes. The school was put on a part-time basis as of February. This resulted in the loss of Mrs. Charlotte Wagner, teacher, to the Elementary Staff. She will be succeeded by Mrs. Ruth Lebergott, who has assisted Mrs. Wagner since last spring. Mrs. Lebergott received her training at the University of Michigan and is now taking additional courses at the University of Maryland. The mothers had been taking over until Mrs. Lebergott was free on March 2, but due to the advice of the Health Department, school will be suspended because of the measles epidemic until March 11.

Mrs. John Vachon, vice-president, was succeeded by Mrs. Edward Walther as president of the Parents Board. The Board announces that the daily class will be held down to fifteen pupils with vacancies filled by the waiting list. The next regular meeting will be on March 10 at 8 p. m. in the Nursery School room.

The final count of votes for Miss Defense at the Rally Saturday night was 10,428 for Helen Kaighn, 4,192 for Joan McNamara, and 2,738 for Helen Zoellner.

qualify attendants as auxiliary firemen, whose duties are to extinguish fires during air-raids.

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Who's Lying Now?

We present herewith without further comment at this time the following letter in its entirety. A copy of the following letter was received by C. Stewart Dowrick, President of the Greenbelt Health Association in response to his appeal to Mrs. Roosevelt for aid in the matter of the closed hospital.

"Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The White House

"Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

"On January 17 you forwarded to this Department a letter which you received from the Greenbelt Health Association about the hospital at Greenbelt.

"You may or may not know that Greenbelt has never had a hospital in the real sense of the word. The space which was converted for hospital use consisted largely of some of the housing units which were requested by the elected Town Council. This hospital, as well as the medical program which has been in operation at Greenbelt, was developed by the citizens of the town on their own initiative. The determination as to whether or not the hospital should be continued rests finally with the Town Council.

"The Farm Security Administration does make a contribution in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes for carrying out usual municipal functions. The Town Council is responsible for adopting town ordinances, levying taxes, preparing annual operating budgets, and, of course, determining what facilities shall be maintained and operated other than those for which the town is normally responsible.

"When this year's budget was under consideration, a request was made by the Town Council for additional funds, and one reason given for the request was to take care of an increased operating deficit for the emergency hospital facilities. It was necessary because of the stringencies of the budget situation of the Farm Security (and in this connection it should be borne in mind that the needs of all its projects throughout the country have to be considered in determining the allowance for Greenbelt) to deny this additional request. However, had the Town Council desired to continue the operation of the hospital and had effected other economies, it would have met with no objection from the Farm Security Administration.

"The action closing the hospital was an action of the Town Council. The Town Council decided a short while ago to conduct a referendum among the 970 families in residence at Greenbelt on whether or not they would be interested in supporting the hospital through a tax on themselves. On the question as to whether they would be willing to tax themselves \$1.00 per family per month 175 voted for the tax, 347 against it, 24 returned blank ballots, and 424 did not return their ballots. On the question as to whether they would be willing to tax themselves \$.50 per family per month 260 voted for the tax, 285 voted against it, 1 returned a blank ballot, and 424 did not return their ballots.

"In spite of this indication on the part of the residents that they are not willing to pay a special tax for the maintenance of the hospital, we still feel that it is important to have modern hospital facilities at Greenbelt. The Farm Security Administration has been requested to work with members of the Town Council in seeing whether or not any federal funds would be available for such a purpose. In view of the addition of 1,000 homes at Greenbelt, built from defense housing funds, there may be some chance that funds could be provided from some other source.

"We shall, of course, advise you if there are any encouraging developments.

"Sincerely yours,

"Grover B. Hill

"Assistant Secretary

"Department of Agriculture"

Rationing of sugar by the local food store has met the approval of Washington newspapers, so the least we can do is to echo "We think the system is pretty good, too." The return of nearly 500 pounds of the precious granules was a real help in solving the shortage here. If all the hoarded sugar had been turned in throughout the country we would probably not be signing up for odd-weight parcels now.

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 27		
Band Practice	6:30 P. M.	Auditorium
Feeder Band Practice	6:30	Hobby Room
Stringed Orchestra	7:00	Room 123
Fire Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
Spanish Class	7:30	Room 222
Hebrew Congregation	9:00	Music Room
Saturday, February 28		
Fire Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Fire House
Confessions	7:30	27-A Ridge
Sunday, March 1		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 P. M.	Theater
Catholic Mass	9:00	Theater
Community Church Sunday School	9:30	Elementary School
Community Church Service	11:00	Auditorium
L. D. S. Sunday School	11:00	Home Ec. Room
Police Auxiliary	2:00 P. M.	Pistol Range
L. D. S. Priesthood	6:30	Home Ec. Room
L. D. S. Service	7:00	Home Ec. Room
Community Church Young Peoples Group	7:00	Elementary School
Community Church High School Group	8:00	18-C Parkway
Monday, March 2		
Girl Scout Troop 26	7:00 P. M.	Room 223
Sewing Class	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Typing and Shorthand	7:30	High School
Home Mechanics	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
*Greenbelt Citizens Association	8:15	Auditorium
Tuesday, March 3		
Pottery Class	7:30 P. M.	21 Parkway basement
High School P-T. A.	8:00	High School
Hebrew Ladies Auxiliary	8:30	18-U Ridge
Pre-school Mothers' Club	8:00	45-T Ridge
L. D. S. Ladies Relief Society	8:15	Home Ec. Room
Wednesday, March 4		
Community Church Women's Guild	1:30 P. M.	13-F Ridge
First Aid	2:00	Music Room
Brownies	3:30	Music Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
Police Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
Girl Scout Troop 15	7:30	2-G Eastway
Girl Scout Troop 18	7:30	Room 223
First Aid	7:45	Room 225
Midweek Meeting	8:00	Music Room
Camera Club	8:00	3-A Parkway
Thursday, March 5		
L. D. S. Primary Group	4:00	Music Room
Boy Scout Troop 202	7:00	Hobby Room
Girl Scout Troop 17	7:30	Room 123
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
First Aid	7:45	Music Room
American Legion	8:00	Legion House
Legion Auxiliary	8:00	13-V Ridge

*Greenbelt Citizens' Association

The Greenbelt Citizens' Association is the only organization in town to which every adult resident belongs; is one of the very few which charge no dues, and is also one of the few which pays its officers no salary or fees. It meets on the first Monday of each month in the Elementary School Auditorium, and has lately prided itself on its short-and-to-the-point meetings, which generally begin at 8:15 P. M. and adjourn by 10:00 P. M.

The Citizens' Association constitutes Greenbelt's forum on local, county, state, national and international affairs, and it extends an open invitation to all residents to speak their minds on any matters of public interest.

The present officers of the Citizens' Association are Abraham Chasanow, president; Dayton Hull, vice-president; Bernard Jones, Treasurer; Joseph Comproni, corresponding secretary; and Effie Bentien, recording secretary. There are also six standing committees and numerous special committees, in which all residents are invited to participate.

Measles--and Your Child

For his prompt action in quarantining cases of measles and his request that children who have never had the disease be kept home from school and isolated for the incubation period, Dr. William Eisner has our support. Measles is not just another childhood illness that all youngsters have. This is the most contagious disease known aside from the common cold, which the early stages of measles resemble. Greenbelt children are dangerously sick with the present plague, and at the present rate of increase one or more of the 200 here who have not yet had measles may die.

Most of the cases seem to spread from sheer carelessness. This epidemic can be stopped, and probably without fatalities, only if you will take the effort to isolate your little boy or girl from your neighbor's children. Keeping the children home from school is not enough. They must not go to the movies, nor play with other children during this critical period.

Early symptoms should result in an immediate call for your doctor, so that treatment or serum may be administered, and so that quarantine may be applied. The inconvenience to you is small stacked against the life of your child or your neighbor's child. We must have the cooperation of all parents to break the epidemic. Don't let your negligence cause the death or permanent injury of a little child.

A story on the front page of this edition of the Cooperator and a leaflet distributed throughout town will give you additional information you need for the safety of our youngsters. This is your job—to stamp out the spread of measles within 17 days.

Community Church

"The Inexorables of Life" will be the theme of the sermon to be preached next Sunday morning by the Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston at the Community Church at 11 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend this service. All who attend for the first time are requested to sign the Guest Book.

The Church School will meet at 9:30 a. m. with classes for all. The school is equipped with a good corps of teachers but due to the ever changing conditions of Greenbelt and the increasing number of those who have to work on Sunday the Sunday school is always in need of teachers. Anyone willing to teach the Sunday school should notify Mr. Elmo Reno.

The Young Peoples Societies will meet at the usual time, 7 p. m. in their respective rooms in the Community building.

The Finance Committee will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eshbaugh, 33-M Ridge Road, at 8 p. m. Sunday.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the regular midweek meeting of the Church will be held in the Music room at the Community building.

The Church Governing Board will meet this week after the Wednesday Mid-Week instead of the usual time, after the Sunday Morning Services.

To the Editor---

It Was a Pleasure

To The Editor:

Indeed, it is a pleasure to convey to you and your staff, on behalf of the Greenbelt Civilian Defense Rally committee, our sincere gratitude for the untiring work and time you have contributed toward making the recent defense program a complete financial success, and at the same time giving everyone an evening of entertainment.

The original plans and desires set by this committee were to raise funds amounting to \$1000, and we are proud to say that at this early date it is indicated from all reports that this amount has been attained.

May we again state that the committee recognizes your organization as being largely responsible for these final results.

—Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel,
Chairman of Rally Committee.

New Babies

(Editor's note: Our correspondent, Lyman Woodman, dashed off the following memorandum on a Government form. Whatever our readers may think, in our opinion this represents the ultimatum in maximum adaptation.)

Production Questionnaire

(To be submitted by Parent-Inspectors)

Project No. 2—Date of Report 2-19-42

Contractors: Lyman and Betsy Woodman.

Plant Location: 2-B Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md.

Date Job Commenced: June, 1941.

Date Job Completed: Today

Time Completed: 4:12 A. M.

Product Stored at: Homeopathic Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Engineer-in-charge: Bernard Notes, M. D.

Description of Product—

Make: Female

Weight: 9 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces

Height: ?

Color: Pinkish

Trim: Fuzzy top

Name: Karen

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlsweig are the proud parents of a 6 1/2 pound baby girl, Judith Eve, born at the George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Classified Ads

FOUND

Seaman's certificate of service belonging to Jack Baker found in the Drug Store. The owner may reclaim same by identifying himself at the fire-house.

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By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

Not being one to gush sentimentally with patriotic feeling, I'll just say that I'm proud to live in a town like Greenbelt, in a country like America. Naturally, I'm not glad we're at war, but, since we are it's gratifying to see democracy, labelled "weak and inefficient" by Herr Hitler, Inc., respond to the national needs, as was demonstrated at the Defense Rally last Saturday night. I don't think we need worry about being "decadent" when there are so many of those among us who are willing to give so generously of their time and efforts as did the committee that made the Rally the success it was.

Rally fashion notes: No one could have looked lovelier than did Mrs. Joe Rogers in that beautiful blue gown.—Mrs. Leon Benefiel really knows how to set off her dark hair, doesn't she? A fashionable red evening blouse and black skirt was her ensemble for the evening. Red was a color better represented at the Rally than any other, I believe.—Didn't the "Miss Defense" contestants look pretty? In formal attire, street dress, or band uniform, they all looked grand. They were all good sports, too. Helen Kaighn was a very gracious and charming winner. I believe everyone was both pleased and surprised at the total of over \$200 collected in the contest.

Mrs. John Bozek, former Greenbelt hospital nursing staff member, has announced that she is available for home nursing. I believe Mrs. Bozek, who lives at 45-C Ridge Road, is the only private nurse in Greenbelt. With the absence of a hospital in Greenbelt, it's comforting to know there's private nursing to be had.

It's common knowledge that there's a measles epidemic locally, but did you hear about the appendicitis cases spreading? It seems the emergency appendectomy performed on Valet Shop manager Oppenheimer Monday evening followed very closely the one performed last week on Mrs. Artemus Weatherbee, 17-E Parkway, who is recuperating at Providence Hospital. Here's hoping they're both feeling top-notch by now.

The Lyman Woodmans are enjoying the visit of Lyman's mother, Mrs. Walter C. Woodman, from Boston. Mrs. Woodman, who got here just in time for the arrival of her new granddaughter, will remain about one week longer. Mrs. Maxine Melton, 18-F Crescent Road, was visited by her mother, Mrs. Gootch, last week. Mrs. Gootch returned to her home in Missouri Sunday night.—A globe-circling merchant marine, Otha Hight, returned from the high seas Monday to visit his brother and sister-in-law, the Ernest Hights, of 18-E Crescent Road.—Mrs. Marie Castaldi, 20-D Crescent Road, is being visited by her father this week.—Tessim Zorach's mother, Mrs. Marguerite Zorach, is in town. Mrs. Zorach is the wife of the famous sculptor, William Zorach.

We see the post-office believes in preparedness. Signs on the walls urge you to "Shop early, mail early," for a merry Christmas. And I haven't bought a single present yet!—My secret agents tell me the bus schedule in the depot was burned by frustrated commuters who had thought that the logical place to learn when buses were leaving and discovered it applied to service in effect before the new schedule was started. Can you blame them? They probably figured that was one way to get an up-to-date schedule posted.

Note to the men: Want an opportunity to do your part in defending yourself and your family? Why not attend the fire auxiliary classes which start next Friday? For details, see story elsewhere in this paper.

What well-known local editor has been seen shopping around town for cheap whiskey? The lug!

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of February 28, 1941)

A transportation exchange began to arrange rides for commuters—Retiring Mayor George A. Warner honored at Washington's Birthday Dance—Hospital Auxiliary donated operating-room instruments—Movie prices for children revised—Greenbelt High School presented with new American flag—Richard Poston, local boy, "makes good" in Hollywood.

High School Chatter

By JOAN McNAMARA

Before I begin my column I wish to extend my thanks to all of those who voted for me in the recent Defense Rally. It sure is a source of happiness to know that I have so many friends in Greenbelt. The other high school girls who participated in the contest also wish to thank you—Louise Burke, Helen Zoellner, and Patty Day.

The first thing on my list for this week is all about the High School Queen that is to be selected by the students of the school for the forthcoming "All Greenbelt Nite," on March 13. It is understood that the queen is to be a senior and three of her attendants are to be three seniors and three others are to be chosen from the other three classes. Up to date this is all the information I can disclose.

Something new has been added: Here's to a lovely new sophomore with the handle of Virginia Johnson. Virginia, a luscious brunette, hails from Cleveland, Ohio, and is now a new member of the G. H. E. C. (Greenbelt's Happy Family Circle) "Ginny's" main interests are able seamen, and from what I gather the present "his's" name is one Mr. Randy Gutshall.

Don't Say I Told You, But—These freshmen—Ellen Gussio has another crush by the name of Sammy. How super!—I wonder what some of the marines in Alaska would say if they heard a certain blonde rave about the cute "booties" she knitted for seven of them.—We wonder what prompts such stars as Don Freeman and Tommy Freeman to puff on pencils and flick imaginary ashes to the floor.—What junior has to put a drop of vitamin "B" in every shot of moo-juice she takes? FLASHES: (1) Bart Finn received an "A" on his latest math test—Hey, Genius!—shoot me some of that brain.

(2) "Tilly" Townsend has a new Juliet—Mary Lou Jarboe. Boy!—Some of the latest radio advertisements are strictly off the beam. That one about "Cupid calling all girls over 30" and about the Dura-Gloss shine; but the payoff is the one about B. O.—It's funny how some people have such a keen sense of imagination.

HO-HUM—'snuff said.—Chow on, I'm going home—But before I go, let me tell you that they were BLONDE hairs in that '36 Graham. G'nite.

P.-T. A. Studies Child Problems

P. T. A. had a most interesting Round Table Discussion on the theme of report cards at its meeting February 23. Mrs. Catherine T. Reed described the report cards as an important visual aid for parent information. The system locally used is intended to report the continued growth of the child's entire organism, not merely the intellectual side of his development, since the more progressive plan of education involves a method of developing skills from the social studies program, as contrasted with the older and more arbitrary method of marking grades in which mechanically turned out perfection was considered more important than individual betterment.

Mrs. Mildred Parker, speaking in the panel discussion outlined the work of school groups: the primary one and two groups are studying foods, group three communities and housing, group four the growth of cities. Mrs. Parker explained that it is important that children be given an opportunity to participate in world progress rather than having learning imposed upon them without first winning their interest.

Mrs. Rowena Whittaker gave a word picture of reading as an out growth of social studies, and cited the importance of wide supplementary reading and of final evaluation. The practical value of arithmetic was vividly described by Miss Rubye Collier, together with the ways it can be learned in the child's everyday life, the method used to capitalize on all possible experiences that can be related to arithmetic, such as the gum drop Co-op.

The place of oral and written English was described by Mrs. Anne Michaelis, as an important aid to correct grammar, poise, and voice placement; dramatic work in which the children write their own creations helping to develop both oral and written style.

Miss Mattie Mac Williford spoke of spelling and how the modern curriculum gives an opportunity to learn words actually used and needed as well as the families "demon" words. Effort and ability determine the amount of material given to any one child, the more capable children being given more work and responsibility.

Mrs. Wendell Miller asked the question, "How can the slower child be stimulated?", to which discussion brought out the answer

Hi, Neighbor!

Our new neighbors are moving in fast. The newcomers (27 of them) are:

Max G. Meyers, 9-K Southway
Jasper H. Best, 7-J Southway
Willard L. Bushy, 7-C Southway
Paul J. Sedlock, 7-G Southway
J. W. Homan, 7-L Southway
Arnold Breuning, 11-E Southway
Arthur C. Pfister, 7-H Southway
James D. Lindsay, 9-G Southway
Vern Meek, 10-M Southway
Carl G. Levonius, 8-C Southway
Walter I. Mitchell, 9-N Southway
H. J. Weixler, 7-E Southway
John S. Johnson, 8-E Southway
Thomas J. French, 11-A Southway
William J. Beltz, 11-C Southway
Carl P. Knapp, 11-F Southway
Ted Haines, 10-L Parkway
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Welcome to our town, neighbors!

GOOD-BYE, GOOD LUCK

We certainly wish Good Luck to the three families leaving Greenbelt. Good-bye, old-timers! Thelma Blauw, 9-H Parkway
G. Hartman Bamberger, 1-E Gardenway
Edward Walther, 35-L Ridge

that the best way is to correlate his weaker subjects with stronger ones where his greatest interest lies. Mrs. Reed stated that it is a "point of wisdom to so arrange the program that a child's interest is challenged in many different subjects in order to develop well balanced individuals."

Others at the panel table were Mr. William Neblett, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Herewick, and Mrs. Lewis Dilman, president of P. T. A. It was pointed out that parents can help by thoughtfully indicating on the back of the report sheet the part in school work which they consider most successful, and by pointing out the strongest interest noticed at home. The plan is not to set up a standard mold into which all children must fit but rather to help each child to discover his best capabilities.

Balancing the Budget

By BERTHA MARYN

The weather continues to be soup weather, and someone asks, "What in the world is 'fish soup'?"

Fish soup, more commonly known as chowder bisque, can be made of almost any fish, although in this part of the country clam chowder seems to head the list. Particularly good for fish soup is the too often discarded head, bones and skin of the fish. White fish, trout, salmon, and halibut heads, make good fish soup. Onions, potatoes, and plenty of seasoning are the basic ingredients for fish soups. Of course, adding other vegetables will greatly improve the taste and nutrient value of the soup. Like other soups, fish soups can be creamed, bisque, or vegetable.

Here is a fish soup stock recipe:

1 quart of water
1 head and fins of fresh fish, or skin and bones from 2 pounds of fresh fish.
1 small carrot, minced
salt, pepper and celery salt, enough to season

Simmer ingredients gently until fish drops from the bones—about 25 minutes. Strain, keeping pieces of fish in the soup if desired.

This basic recipe can be used to make a vegetable fish soup by adding any number of vegetables. These should be soaked first, and the fish stock added several minutes before serving, or, mixed with a can of tomato juice or canned tomatoes, you can have a fish tomato soup. A thin cream sauce, and you have a dish that's both appetizing and nourishing.

European peasants have a one-dish fish dinner that's worth trying, although cooked as a one-dish meal, it can easily be turned into a two-course dinner. Two or three pounds of fresh fish—flounder, trout, and white fish are especially good, but any fish can be used. Wash and clean whole fish; slice two large onions; place fish on top of onions. Season with salt, pepper, and celery salt. Add one or two carrots, cubed. Cook in two quarts of water for 30 minutes. Add two or three sliced potatoes, and cook until potatoes are done. Four off liquid and serve as bouillon, with crackers or croutons for first course.

Timely Facts for Consumers

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How to Clean Your Walls, Woodwork

With spring-cleaning time almost here, some pointers on cleaning walls and woodwork are in order.

Best cleaner for painted surfaces, says "Consumers' Guide," is a light suds of a mild neutral soap such as you'd use for fine fabrics.

Strong soap and hard rubbing may get paint clean easier, but it injures the surface. Once the surface goes, the paint gets dirty quicker and is harder to clean.

Wash a small area at a time, as gently as you can, rinse off every trace of soap, then dry with a soft cloth. Always wash walls and woodwork from the bottom up to avoid streaking and use water as sparingly as possible so that it doesn't remain on the surface any longer than absolutely necessary.

If the walls or woodwork are very dirty you can add a little trisodium phosphate or other alkaline cleanser to the soap water. But use only a little—a half tablespoon to a gallon of water is plenty. More will injure your paint. In fact a strong solution is used as a paint remover.

Knowing what kind of paint covers your walls helps to tell you how successfully you can wash them. Generally, paints with an oil varnish base withstand washing better than other types. Casein or glue bound paints are more easily affected by water; they can be gently washed but not scrubbed. Calcimine and whitewash can't be washed.

Never use soap on glossy enamel paint. Soap dulls the gloss. Use instead clear hot water or water to which 1 teaspoon of soda for each gallon of water has been added.

Men, Take Care Of Your Hat

Men's hats should be brushed regularly. Some authorities say every other day; others think once a week is often enough. Use a soft, long-haired brush, not a whisk broom, and brush with the nap, not against it. If you're not sure which way the nap runs, start with the bow on the band and work backwards around the crown. Don't brush too vigorously or you'll pull the hat fibers apart. A gentle stroke is best.

When you put on a hat, hold it by the front and rear of the brim. Grabbing it by the tip of the crown causes a dent there which usually becomes a hole.

When you hang your hat on a rack, be sure the pressure of the wall behind it, or the center pole of the rack, does not push the brim up out of shape.

When you put your hat away for a couple of days or weeks, don't pile things on or near it, or place it up against a closet wall, or in a box too small for it, or up against another box. Push out the crown, turn up the brim all around and place it flat in a box.

Even so-called "crushable" hats can't stand too much crushing. If you must fold a hat, fold it lengthwise with the ribbon on the outside. Unfold as soon as possible.

If it looks like rain, be sure to brush your hat before you go out. Water and old dirt will spot up a hat quite badly.

If you've been caught in a downpour,

1. Push out all creases and dents.
2. Turn up the brim all around.
3. Turn out the leather sweat-band.
4. Stand the hat on the sweat-band on a clean, level surface.
5. Don't dry near artificial heat.

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Consumer Voice On Ration Boards Urged by Co-op

By JOHN CARSON

Murray D. Lincoln, president of The Cooperative League of the U. S. A., this week urged Donald Nelson, administrator of the War Production Board and Leon Henderson, administrator of the Office of Price Administration, to have representatives of consumers named on all local rationing boards. Lincoln also advised Nelson and Henderson that as consumers, they should be consulted by state and local defense authorities when rationing boards were being appointed.

After describing the consumer cooperative organizations and stating that these "rural and urban consumer" groups have a membership representing from 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 persons, Lincoln made the following points in support of his suggestions:

1. These consumer cooperative organizations are composed of the finest of "unpaid public servants" because consumer cooperatives "incarnate the public interest."

2. Local rationing boards and their activities can be and should be very helpful to the public morale during the war period if the work is properly administered.

3. Although these local rationing boards will be appointed, under present plans, by state and local defense councils they will actually be representative of WPB and OPA. These government organizations cannot escape responsibility for their conduct.

4. Because these local rationing boards will be widely scattered, WPB and OPA will have the utmost difficulty in supervising or controlling their work and therefore WPB and OPA must make certain the boards are entirely representative of the public interest, rather than any selfish interest. Members of consumer cooperatives, as "unpaid public servants" must serve the public interest. They are thus peculiarly fitted for this work.

Lincoln urged Nelson and Henderson to form a pattern of organization which state and local defense councils would follow in creating these boards. He said local consumer cooperatives would assist local boards and where there was no local organization, the regional cooperative organization would help. He also offered the facilities of the League in this work.

In presenting this statement, Lincoln added that while he was only discussing the interest of consumer cooperatives, he felt that farmers and "labor" should also be represented on these boards, and he added that profit industry would be represented, as he thought it should be. At the same time, Lincoln expressed his opinion that an appeal made to Nelson and Henderson and to Congress by another group of citizens for the creation of a Board of Civilian Supply should be heeded.

Lincoln's appeal followed closely on a similar one made by Congressman Jerry Voorhis. The possibility that 5000 more local boards would be appointed to ration sugar and thus add to the 5000 boards involved in the rationing of rubber tires caused discussion as to the conflicting responsibilities and chaos which would develop. Lincoln and Voorhis emphasized that these local boards might help tremendously in uniting people in the national defense effort.

Some officials of OPA have been proposing that only one rationing board should be appointed for each community and that board should deal with all kinds of commodities. They have joined with consumer cooperative representatives in urging the appointment of a bona-fide representative of consumers to each one of these local boards. These representations, now supported by Lincoln and Voorhis, have been convincing enough that OPA has developed a preliminary, and entirely temporary pattern of rationing board organization and this preliminary plan provides for "consumer" representation.

Just two vacancies remain for those who want to build with the Greenbelt Homeowners' Cooperative, W. R. Volckhausen announced this week. With contracts no wigned, the group of 20 are anxious to start construction immediately. Interested persons may contact Mr. Volckhausen or the Cooperator.

Film On Defense Will Come Sunday

"The Warning," an educational film on civilian defense, will be presented here Sunday at 1 p. m. in the theater for the benefit of local civilian defense workers. The movie, presented in cooperation with Greenbelt Consumers Service by the local Civilian Defense Corps, will be shown free of charge.

Rally

(Continued from Page 1) sequences, and a talk by Arthur Rysticken, commander of the local Civilian Defense Corps, filled out the program to capacity. Most of the defense fund raised will be used for equipping first aid stations, and the remainder will be spent for other necessary community seafeguards. Later announcements will itemize expenditures contemplated.

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