



Five Years Ago First Five Families Moved Into Greenbelt; Messages Observe Anniversary

Five families moved into the new Greenbelt housing project September 30, 1937, pioneers for the town which now has a population of 4,500. Only Town Manager Roy S. Braden remains in residence from the five who were first five years ago.

In observance of the anniversary of Greenbelt's occupancy we publish below messages from Sergeant Julian Ashley, the first resident, (he moved with his family from this town only last month); from Town Manager Braden who is now Greenbelt's oldest resident in length of occupancy; and from Louis Bessemer, an early resident who was the first mayor.

The First Family Writes

"On September 29, 1937, I called Manager Roy S. Braden and asked if I could move in to 1-G Gardenway; he stated 'No', but after much persuasion, he agreed for me to have my furniture moved in on September 30th. He was very positive about my family spending the night of September 30th, as there was no electric current, lights, or heat. Well, you can use your own judgement—this Marine had landed, so he held his ground."

"Greenbelt grew by leaps and bounds, the first twenty-five families moving in during the period from October 1st to the 3rd. Some of the politicians began holding meetings; for the first six months, one could always find some meeting in session. One of the most important was the famous "Transportation Committee."

"A month or so after Greenbelt became a town, the Greenbelt Consumer Services became a reality, and its numerous stores now show the wonderful progress that has been made."

"My family, consisting of wife and three children, two of the latter still residing in your fair city, have never enjoyed 'LIVING', such as was experienced in Greenbelt. To me, nothing can express the five years we were there any more than the term, "We really lived and were happy."

"Duty has called, and I was transferred to St. Louis, Missouri. My family wishes to convey to all our friends and neighbors, our very best wishes."

Semper Fidelis!
Sincerely,
Julian M. Ashley,
Marine Gunner,
U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Braden's Message

"September 30, 1937 was a red-letter day in the life of Greenbelt because on that date the first five families moved to the community. These five are the families of Sergeant and Mrs. J. M. Ashley, who left us a few weeks ago to go to St. Louis to make their home, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stevens, Mrs. Stevens being the secretary of the food store; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alderton; Mrs. Alderton being a teacher in the schools for some years; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Braden, the community manager. Of these first five families only the Bradens remain, the others having moved to other locations by reason of transfer of position. Twelve families moved here on October 1st and others followed until occupancy was completed one year later in October 1938. Eight hundred and fifty-eight homes in all were included in the first Greenbelt. Of this number four homes were used for the medical center and hospital, one for a hotel apartment, and one for a demonstration home, leaving 879 homes to be occupied."

"Greenbelt residents have come to us from every state in the United States and many of the first residents of the community still live here and play a prominent part in the life of the town. However, due to the fact that more than 77 per cent of our people were Government employees, this meant many transfers which called our people to other sections of the country. During the first five
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Letter from First Mayor

On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the opening of Greenbelt we have the following message from Louis Bessemer, early resident and first mayor of the town:

"Many changes have made Greenbelt over in spirit and character, I suppose, since I left last year. Yet, I hope that these early years are enriched by fruitful experiences, and valuable gains for the the community welfare."

"As we approach the fifth anniversary of Greenbelt's birth, I judge many who have had some work or association with the town are challenged in their thinking about what lessons can be learned from this pioneer American adventure in cooperative town living and community planning. For one, I can truthfully say, the whole pattern of life for me has been better conditioned and better revealed because of the intimate Greenbelt relations and because of the work involved in voluntary group activity! It can be honestly said, I am sure, that we do gain some slight wisdom, if we appreciate the intricate problems of human relations and human nature. This Greenbelt teaches in so objective a manner as to defy contradiction."

"I am so happy, in these words, to convey to all of you the measure of happiness which I carry with me as I recall the first year of Greenbelt living. For me it surely seemed as though a great vision had materialized for the common good, for Greenbelt does now, in a sense, best typify the aspirations and ideals which gave birth to a great American way of
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New Civilian Defense Council Selects Officers; Financial Report Shows \$400 Reserves On Hand

Thomas R. Freeman was named chairman of Greenbelt's Civilian Defense Council when that new body met Monday night with the chiefs of staff of the local Defense Corps. The meeting was largely occupied with explanations of duties which the new Council will assume.

Mrs. E. S. Nagle is the Council's secretary.

Two Vacancies Exist

Other Defense Council members are Mrs. Leon Benefiel, Cyril Turner, David R. Steinle, Fred DeJaeger and Captain Harry Bates. Two existing vacancies are expected to be filled shortly by the Town Council.

Two committees have been set up by this policy board for the town's civilian defense. The finance committee will be in charge of all requisitions coming from the Defense Corps, and the ways and means committee will formulate plans for money-raising affairs.

The Defense Council will meet semi-monthly on the Monday nights that the Town Council does not meet. The next session is scheduled for October 12 at the Fire House.

\$400 in Reserve

The September 30 statement of receipts and expenditures for the local Civilian Defense Corps shows total receipts of \$987.25, total expenditures of \$530.05, and a balance of \$457.20. Four hundred dollars of this will be retained as a reserve fund. Commander Arthur Rysticken explained the necessity for this reserve fund by pointing out that a single air raid would consume the entire amount just in first aid supplies expended and food used for emergency meals.

The complete statement follows:

EXPENDITURES

Staff	
Stationery & Supplies	\$ 26.70
Misc. Stationery,	
Postage	\$ 13.70
Twine	\$ 1.00
Parade Signs	\$ 5.00
	\$ 46.40
Air Raid Wardens	
Whistles	\$ 16.20
Arm Bands	\$ 27.50
Stationery, Postage	\$ 3.45
	\$ 47.15
Auxiliary Policemen	
Chevrans and Caps	\$ 24.60
Police Clubs	\$ 5.00
Auxiliary Firemen	
Cover-alls	\$ 73.75
Arm Bands	\$ 5.62
	\$ 79.37
Emergency Medical	
Mobile First Aid Kit	\$125.54
Blankets	\$ 84.00
Cots	\$ 10.95
Arm Bonds	\$ 7.50
Muslin	\$ 5.02
Freight on Supplies	\$ 7.36
Misc. Supplies	\$ 5.00
	\$ 247.33
Cantine Unit	
Pots and Pans	\$ 9.42
Oil Stove	\$ 9.00
Misc. Equipment	\$ 10.29
Food Supplies	\$ 10.59
	\$ 47.30
Air Spotters	
Rain Coats and Hats	\$ 11.66
Arctics	\$ 6.00
Umbrella	\$ 6.90
Sun Glasses and Lamp	\$ 1.40
Jug	\$ 2.40
Clip Boards and	
Stationery	\$ 6.50
	\$ 34.86
Total Receipts	\$987.25
Total Expenditures	\$530.05
Balance	\$457.20
Reserve for	
Emergency	\$400.06
Available for	
Expenditures	\$ 57.20

Mrs. Carl Hintz, 3 Forestway, is teaching the class in sewing which is being given under the adult education as part of its fall program. The class meets at 7:30 p. m. in the Elementary School each Monday and Wednesday.

Citizens Playing 'True and False' Monday Evening

Ten of Greenbelt's leading citizens are going to be on the spot Monday night at the Citizens Association meeting when Master of Ceremonies Radinsky, conducts a "True and False" program. Stanley Ostler, president announces that following the successful program in September the newly formed entertainment committee have been asked to continue lending a lighter touch to membership meetings.

Plans for the meeting of October 5 include community singing at 8 p. m., and "True and False" program after the short business meeting. Defense stamps will be given as prizes to the winning team and person. Folk dancing for all will complete the evening.

Cards Are Ready

Membership cards of the Association will be available at the meeting. In addition to signifying membership these cards entitle holder to discount privileges in various retail organizations in Washington. President Ostler points out that as an example sporting goods may be purchased at a discount of 10 to 33 percent, and that not only are electrical appliances available but well-known makes may be had at 16 to 30 percent discount. The Cooperator has been unable to learn whether these are discounts from the list price or the regular selling price.

Sir Simon Visits Here

Sir Ernest and Lady Simon of the British Embassy visited Greenbelt Tuesday and were shown about the project by Town Manager Roy S. Braden. Sir Simon is greatly interested in housing developments.

High School P. T. A. Loses Dr. Dykstra; Will Meet Tuesday

The season's first regular meeting of the Greenbelt High School Parent-Teachers Association will be held Tuesday, October 6 at 8 p. m. in the High School cafeteria.

Paul Barnhart, High School principal, announces that the important business will be the election of a president to take the place of President-elect Dr. T. Dykstra, who has been sent to China on a government mission.

Dr. Dykstra, Berwyn, a specialist in agriculture, has been loaned by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to the State Department and is one of a party going to China as part of the cultural relations program. The group left a short time ago and will go to the interior of China to help develop new crops and products for present and future Chinese agriculture.

"The Place of the High School in the World at War" will be the theme of the evening and the present school curriculum and plans for the year will be discussed. New members of the faculty are to be introduced and refreshments will be served by the home economics department.

Mr. Barnhart urges that "all parents and friends who are interested should attend."

Rogers Goes to Colorado

Joseph L. Rogers, former manager of the Variety Store, left Tuesday for Granada, Colorado where he will operate the stores in a camp for interned Japanese citizens.

At the time of his departure Mr. Rogers did not know just what the set-up would be, since the stores have not yet been built. He has been employed by the Government to decide how many stores will be necessary in
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Mrs. Reed Explains School Grouping At P. T. A. Meeting

Nearly 150 men and women attended the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association for the 1942-43 season Monday night in the Auditorium to hear Mrs. Catherine Reed, principal of the Elementary School, explain the group organization of pupils.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Reed stated that P.T.A. meetings would begin promptly at 8 p. m. and end at 9:30, and then gave her discussion of the topic for the evening. She stressed the necessity for parents supporting the morale of the organization this year more than ever before. "The program must meet the needs of the people by breaking down the previous formality of the organization," she told the assembled parents and teachers.

Part-time Schedule Seen

Mrs. Reed also announced that it will be necessary to place the school on a part-time basis in the immediate future, but gave assurances that the children would have complete supervision for the entire school day.

For the information of new residents Mrs. Reed described the group division of school children as applied in Greenbelt. Instead of the more common separation by grades, the children are placed in groups. Those children who have had no formal school training are placed in group I, the second and third grades are in group II, the fourth and fifth grades in group III, and the sixth and seventh grades in group IV.

The first two groups function under a work and play program while group III studies housing. The older children, group IV, are given the choice of one of three projects. They may belong to the nature trail group, the resources group which investigates
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Five Years Later

Five years ago, on September 30, 1937, the first families moved into Greenbelt and the great experiment began.

Built amidst a storm of controversy and criticism, the brave new town was not pretty to look at when the first houses were occupied. The red Maryland clay lay bare in great heaps and holes. The buildings were in a dozen stages of constructions, from concrete foundations to unfinished frames. The streets were not yet finished, nor were the walks, nor were the street lights. Public utilities were but precarious beginnings. There were no stores, no schools, no government nor organizations.

This was no model town, nor planned community, nor even a housing project yet. Here was only a promise of uncharted things to come. Here was the rough beginning of what had been in the minds of some of our best architects, economists, and sociologists. These experts had said, "The people are the town." If the people are crowded into old, unsanitary, firetrap houses in the heart of the city and deprived of the recreation facilities they need they will be warped accordingly. But if people can be given substantial homes, clean and safe, in protected suburbs where there are wooded areas and well-planned community services we may expect great things from the residents. They will be happier, more healthy, and more interested in community participation.

So the people moved into the houses and began to build themselves a town. Hundreds of families moved in and out of Greenbelt during the ensuing five years. A lot of things have happened and many lessons have been learned—some of them the hard way. Out of it all we have a town already rich in tradition and unique in functional patterns.

A Price On Good Neighborliness

We are glad to see the Citizens Association resume the transportation exchange service which it abandoned last year, but we see no necessity for a charge of 25 cents on each registration.

With Greenbelt's transportation so much of a problem the Association's exchange was much appreciated while it lasted. It was a public service donated by one of our neighbors who was willing to do a little more than his share towards making this a more enjoyable place to live.

When the Association allowed the project to languish in the face of increasing difficulties the Cooperator set in operation the simplest of all plans for bringing drivers and riders together. We simply invited those who wanted to fill their cars and those who wanted to be passengers in cars to advertise in our community newspaper, free of any charge. This required no records or red tape or responsibility. We have evidence that many Greenbelters have enjoyed satisfactory results from the Cooperator's Transportation Exchange.

The system is still functioning. Now along comes the Citizens Association with a two-page release for publication in the paper which tells us that the burden will now be lifted from our shoulders and handled by a committee chairman of the Citizens Association—at two bits a head.

Now let's be very clear about two points. In the first place this paper claims no monopoly on this or any other community service. We approve of the plans of the Association except for the price features. But we think one Transportation Exchange can function with more benefit than several. The Cooperator will probably drop its present service in favor of the Association's if the fee basis is eliminated. If it is not eliminated, then our present advertising service stands ready for your use, free as usual.

And in the second place, we disagree strongly with the opinion expressed by originators of the fee-plan that "people in Greenbelt get too many things free." Putting a price on our service to the community is part of a growing trend here that we think is dangerous and stultifying to the democracy we are fighting to preserve. It is indicative of a desire to be free from the responsibilities of citizenship by paying someone else to do the little community services we used to enjoy doing ourselves. When we have to set a fee on being a good neighbor we have gone far down the wrong road.

Blow the Man Down, Bullies!

Admiral of the Swiss Navy might be an empty title, but there's nothing empty about the ratings of the boys who leave the Sea Scouts to join the United States Navy. I bet you didn't know that boys who join the Navy after a year or more in the Sea Scouts are directly in line for the same rating that they held here, and in many cases Sea Scouts have stepped right into the same rating without further training. It's easy to see why when you know that a Sea Scout in Greenbelt gets, in the way of training for the sea, carpentry, cooking, mechanics and engineering. The "Land Ship" which is the Fire House in Greenbelt, is run as nearly like real shipboard as possible and is skipped at the present time by Officer John Belton. It's no sissy organization, you can bet your life, when its members are even now engaged in war work.

In Washington, the Sea Scouts are on duty patrolling some of the nation's waterways. In England, the Sea Scouts materially aided in the evacuation of the troops from Dunkirk. For boys who are 15 or over and who are yet too young for the Navy, the Sea Scouts offer a berth for men who long to follow the sea. If you long to wear a uniform in this day of uniforms, you might as well know that the Sea Scouts wear the same uniform as the enlisted men of the Navy, except that the collar and right breast insignia indicate the difference. If you're interested, or know any boys who are, Skipper Belton gives his orders on Wednesday nights, at 8 o'clock, at the "Land Ship". Fair winds and smooth sailing!

The Citizens Association takes up Monday night the question of whether non-members of the Athletic Club should be allowed the use of the Auditorium for gym and indoor games. Brought up at the last meeting, action was postponed until a committee could study the matter and return its findings to this meeting. The age-old question of transportation will hold some place on the agenda, the committee reporting on the success of the "ride exchange" system as against the "stand up and ride" bus system.

The entertainment committee has kept the program in the dark, only letting out hints now and then, but if you were phisic you'd probably suspect that the directing boards of the town's two largest cooperatives were going to pit wits each against the other in a "True or False" contest. Anybody who saw Peggy Turner warble through a mouthful of crackers last month won't want to miss the sight of one of our brain-trust boards trying to outwit the other, with the resultant penalties when they fail. Singing as usual; same old songs you liked before. Reels and square dances for those who like to grapevine twist. Same time and place—Monday night, 8 o'clock, Auditorium.

Advanced first aid begins Wednesday night, 7:30, Room 222, Peggy Arness pretending like she knows more than her pupils. If you want to put your hard earned rating as a standard first aider to the test, come and spend five evenings in practical problems. Course runs 10 hours, once a week for two hours each class. But, please, if you plan to take the course, come the first night. People who have taught first aid tell me that nothing is much worse than people coming into the class late, thus prolonging the time necessary to complete the work. Come one, come all, but puh-leeze come on time.

The Women's Guild of the Community Church holds its first fall meeting Wednesday afternoon, 1:30, at 7-A Southway. If you are interested in the work which the Guild is doing (in addition to being the church's "wife", the Guild is doing Red Cross sewing) come to the meeting. You'll be welcome. The Guild needs workers, especially since so many women are working in Washington now. And what is probably a better selling point, the Guild enjoys itself while it works.

The Hebrew Ladies Auxiliary meets at 10-V Southway, Tuesday evening at 8:15. Edith Ratzkin, president, tells me that there will be an election of a vice president and two secretaries and the fall and winter program will be mapped out at this meeting.

Been out to the Gun Club yet? This is lovely weather for shooting, even at targets!

World Wide Communion Hi, Neighbor!

Observance Is Sunday

October 4 will be World Wide Communion Sunday when Christians of all races in many lands will come in penitence and faith to the Lord's Table. Rev. Wilmarth Johnston announced this week.

The first objective of the observance is to create an awareness of unbroken Christian fellowship in every church around the world. In the protestant churches of the United States alone, probably two million visitors will be enlisted to invite over 25 million communicants to gather with them around the Lord's table.

The second objective is that each church will endeavor to have as near 100 per cent of its membership present as possible, at its own communion table.

"The third objective is that church attendance will be greatly increased. The attendance at the Protestant Churches last year was too small to generate the energy the church will need for its spiritual service in this critical war period," Rev. Johnston said.

Church Elects Officers For Coming Year's Work

Officers for the coming year were elected by members of the Community Church at their annual meeting on September 24. Those elected were: Church clerk, Mrs. George Morgan; treasurer, William Blew; historian, Mrs. Morton Smith.

At the same time the following committees were selected:

Finance—George Sheaffer, Harry Bates and R. D. Brady; music—William R. Neblett, Ruben K. Barrick and Walter J. Slocumb Jr.; spiritual and social welfare (deacons and deaconesses)—John Teel, Harold Uhrig, Harry Merryman, Mrs. W. Herbert Hall, Sr., Mrs. Clifford Hauver and Mrs. Conly B. Richie; missionary—Irving Johnston, Raymond Taylor, Mrs. Harold Uhrig, Mrs. Thad Shannon and Mrs. Anna Lewis; shapers—George Sheaffer Jr., Herbert Hall Jr., Fred DeJager, Elmer Reno Jr., Raymond Reno, Robert Gray Jr., Edward Kaighn Jr., Werner Steinle, Emmet Nanna Jr., Richard Bates, Andrew Freeman, Charles Johnston, James Beck and Edward Halley.

Community Church

The World Wide Communion service will be observed by the Greenbelt Community Church Sunday at 11 a. m. The deacons and deaconesses recently elected will aid in the serving of Elements of the Sacrament.

The Church School will meet at 9:30 a. m. The pupils who were promoted last Sunday will report to their new departments. This includes those who were absent, as well as those who were present last Sunday.

On Sunday at 8 p. m. the finance Church will meet in the home economics room for songs, story and prayer. At the same hour the high school group, comprising the freshman, sophomore and junior classes will meet in the music room.

Sunday at 8 p. m. the finance committee will meet in the Pastor's study at 8-B Parkway. This is called for the purpose of reorganizing the committee.

Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. the Community Church Guild will meet with Mrs. William Blew, 1-C Eastway. All women of the Church are invited to attend the Guild's meetings.

Wednesday at 8 p. m. the regular mid-week meeting will be held in the social room. This meeting is held for the purpose of giving those who cannot attend the morning service an opportunity of attending public worship.

To the Editor---

So Now We Are Fascists

To The Editor:
Every newspaper in America lauds the heroic resistance of the Russian people against the tide of Fascism. Even the most reactionary papers, and those publicly accused of following the Fascist line cannot and do not fail to front page Russia's heroism.

Within our government, inter-office collections have been carried out for Russian War Relief with excellent response.

However, when the Greenbelt Citizens' Association nobly volunteered its efforts to raise funds for Russian War Relief by sponsoring a dance, there was very little publicity given to this affair by your paper.

As a matter of fact, the Cooperator issue published at the week of the dance made absolutely no mention of the forthcoming event. Furthermore, the news writeup of the dance itself, was buried in an obscure section of the following week's issue.

All this is glaringly contrast to the usual publicity accorded local functions.

This ignoring and burying such news is typical of a certain small type of mentality that feels it would be sheer communism to even mention the name of "Russia" in private, let alone in public print!

—Benjamin Berkofsky

Plug Your Ears

To The Editor:
If space permits, will you please publish the following in "To the Editor" column:

Dear Joey—I notice by this week's paper that you are still het up about the chimes. Let's face facts now Joey. A man who works himself to a physical frazzle doing vital war work and is so hard pressed for time, can't afford to burn the midnight oil writing letters to the ed. The way it looks from here not many Greenbelters share your opinion. So why not take the advice of a government official given recently in all sincerity to workers on the midnight shift. Plug your ears with cotton Joey. There's no shortage of that. Says in the Cooperator that it's raised right here in Greenbelt. So then when you "lie down to die shortly after 2 a. m." you will be as the hep cats would say, "out of this world." The chimes won't bother you then. You'll be happy. The other 99 44-100 per cent will be happy too. Don't waste any more time and words Joey. Do it the easy way.

—J. Kramer.

Classified Ads

LOST—Kate has lost her tricycle. Kate's mother is very sad because Kate can't get another tricycle right now, but mostly because Kate is so sad without it. Wouldn't somebody return to 3-H Ridge, one "Streamliner" tricycle, maroon and white, with a broken reflector on the rear of the seat, and earn a kiss from Kate and a dollar from her grateful mother?

Mrs. Reed Explains

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the role of metals in the war crisis, or home arts which is open only to girls who are learning sewing, nutrition and marketing. Following the meeting parents visited the various home rooms to meet and talk with the teachers.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Enrollment Soars to 640 As Students Start Projects

"Varieties", the Band show should offer you good entertainment for tonight. The program starts at 8 o'clock.

Miss Mary B. Engstrom is our new assistant librarian in the Greenbelt Public Library. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Mrs. J. Tucker of Gainsville, Georgia is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Mack Hyder, 1-B Crescent Road.—Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Michelson of Los Arabos, Cuba have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Wood of 11-A Ridge Road. Mr. Michelson is Mrs. Wood's father.—Elmer Shollenberger of Johnstown, Pennsylvania is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carson. — Pvt. Phillip Stoak, formerly of Greenbelt, was here for the weekend from Camp Ritchie, Maryland.

Corporal Robert D. Thompson of 16-B Crescent Road left Kessler Field, Mississippi, last week to begin a 12-weeks' course of study at the Army Air Forces Officer Candidates School in Miami Beach, Florida. At the successful completion of this course, he will be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Tessim Zorach has an article on Cooperation in the War published in the September issue of the Monthly Labor Review.

On September 1, a baby girl, Geraldine Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Theodore Simard, 18-Z-2 Ridge Road, at Providence Hospital, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Earl Olson are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Nancy Lee, on September 7, at Columbia Hospital, Washington.

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of October 3, 1941)

Allen D. Morrison elected mayor; Thomas B. Ricker, mayor pro-tem—Dr. Mary Richardson retained by Health Association on part-time basis.—Federal Works Agency announced rental schedule for new defense homes—Greenbelt Hospital's highest record of 11 births established during the month of September.—Nursery School youngsters inspected the local fire department.—High School students totaled 254—Boy Scouts of Troop 252 planned second barbecue—State Senator Charles C. Marbury resigned as solicitor for Greenbelt; accepted appointment to the judgeship of the seventh judicial circuit of Maryland.—Eastern Co-op officials and Greenbelt Consumer Services discussed the question of securing Grade C foods as answer to high prices.

The Bookkeeper

By D. W. GREENBELT

I saw a quaint old man one day sitting at a desk, His hair was thin and sparse and gray, A button off his vest.

Queer spectacles were on his nose, Pulled down close to its end, O'er which to look as book he'd close On entries he had penned.

Ten thousand miles or more of ink, His trail throughout the years, Because he never stops to think As down his nose he peers.

So, if your brain gets tired of work, Though learning you have stacks, And if your thinking you would shirk, You'll follow in his tracks.

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The Elementary School opened with an enrollment of 543 pupils in the grades and 106 in the kindergarten, official tabulations show. This year the school is forced to occupy the social, home arts, music, and the arts and crafts rooms for regular class work. This will curtail some of the social activities of the town, officials predicted.

Mrs. Catherine Reed, Elementary School principal, announces the addition of a new teacher, Darlene Lekness, a graduate of Santa Barbara Teachers College in California. Miss Lekness taught for two years in Santa Monica, California and is teaching here in group two.

The Nature Trail, back of the tennis courts, was started last year by the Elementary School boys and girls, and this year is being rebuilt by part of Group Four, under the supervision of Mrs. Walton, The Nature Trail has one main trail with several lanes which

have been named Crow's Foot Lane, Ivy Trail, Briar Path, and Winding Trail. Bird houses and feeding stations are being put in the trees and benches will be found along the trail.

Upon returning to school last week, the boys found much of their work destroyed and are working now on planning and repairing the trail for the enjoyment of the community.

Safety Patrol Boys have been organized by Officer Buddy Attick with Leo Slaughter as captain. Captain Slaughter has Hugh Baridan and Harold Jones as lieutenants. The corps consists of Bobby Bruffey, Allen Arness, James Herbert, Richard Lewis, David Maryn, David Heinly, Bill Kinzer, John Martone, Lester Sanders, Jerry Cowell and K. Knox.

Group Two held a picnic at the Lake on Thursday. All details were planned by the children. Other picnics are being planned for the near future.

Additional Service Offered Commuters

Drivers and passengers are being offered additional facilities for getting in touch one with another through a new transportation exchange to be operated by the Greenbelt Citizens Association, Stan Ostler, president of the organization, announces.

Philip Wexler, 42-E Crescent Road, phone 5368, is in charge of the service, and persons seeking rides to work or drivers desiring passengers may call him for further details and information. A registration fee of 25 cents will be charged for this service.

Due to its locality and inconvenient transportation facilities Greenbelt has always been far ahead of the Government's present program of sharing cars and passengers going to and from Washington. The former Transportation Committee established by the Citizens Association arranged rides for residents until last year. "It is hoped that the reopening of the service at this time will prove as beneficial," President Ostler explained.

"At present, many car owners are more than anxious to pool their cars in order to save gas and tires; many car owners must have additional passengers in order to maintain their gas-ration books; and many residents would, at the same time, appreciate going by car to their business offices due to the convenience afforded thereby," he continued.

Mr. Ostler said further, "The Citizens Association wishes to express its appreciation of the Cooperator's efforts to alleviate Greenbelt's transportation problem by publishing requests from residents desiring transportation to and from certain localities. However, the Association realizes that the task of actually arranging rides and furnishing a direct contact between passengers and car-owners on a large scale would be impractical and an unwise problem to lay upon the shoulders of the present limited staff of the Cooperator."

Donald H. Cooper, editor of the Cooperator, states that his staff considers their present Transportation Exchange no burden, and expressed disappointment that a fee was to be levied by the Citizens Association for the proposed service of that organization.

Your Paper

Your Cooperator should be delivered to your door regularly every Friday evening between 6:30 and 8 o'clock. We have dependable carriers, but should you fail to receive your paper please call 4346.

News may be given to Mr. Cooper, phone 4346, or to the Cooperator office, phone 3131 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Advertisements may be given to Mr. Stewart, phone 2491, to Mr. Cooper, or to the Cooperator office. Persons who would like to work on the staff should see Mr. Cooper at the Cooperator office, room 202, over the drug store, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Letter from First Mayor

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life, expressed in the confidence given the American New Deal and the leadership of our President.

"Due to my deep attachment to my present field of work in the Federal Food Stamp Plan, I have been detached from all news about Greenbelt. Yet I often ponder over our early experiences with the Town Council and the Greenbelt Cooperator.

"As I look at my own little son, who will be five years old this October, I often wonder what strange years will greet him in the next 50 years. My own feeling is that he will come into a better world; I am sure if he goes to Greenbelt, he will see there, in clear focus, how deeply rooted are men's and women's ideals of progress and how sincere are their aspirations and sacrifices. There, too, he can learn, that every treasured freedom is gained only by honest effort in overcoming the influence of evil and misunderstanding.

"One thing I do know, we should only share our joys and sorrows together; to give ourselves completely for what is good and let our neighbors 'live their own lives', for only by good example can we achieve any progress in this world. In this direction is peace for our town and our world.

"Extend in behalf of Mrs. Bessemer and myself to all members of the Town Council, the Town Staff and all residents our cordial appreciation on the occasion of this fifth anniversary."

Most sincerely,
Louis Bessemer.

Speeders Heading For Bottom of List

Chief of Police George J. Panagoulis announces that he has received word from Leo H. McCormick, State director of the Office of Price Administration, requesting that in order to cooperate with the governor's appeal on the reduction of all driving to 35 miles per hour, the names, addresses, license numbers, names of employers of all drivers of automobiles and trucks observed exceeding this limit be reported to his office. Also to be reported is the overloading of cars and trucks and mechanical defects which would be detrimental to the life of the tires.

Names thus received by the State OPA director will be redistributed to the war price and rationing boards for the areas where the motorists live and when new or recapped tires are distributed the offending motorists will be placed at the bottom of the list.

Chief Panagoulis warns local motorists that this request will be carried out in full in Greenbelt.



New Packers Win Grid Game, 12-0

When Lucy Sherertz took a six love set from Ann Martone in the recent Women's tennis finals, it was the only set the Champion ever lost in Greenbelt tourney play. And it was the worst set loss of the few she has ever dropped!

Recreation Director Ben Goldfaden is in Cincinnati taking part in a National Convention of Physical Educators. Big Ben will be back in town Monday.

If Ernie Boggs plays the remaining two games on the baseball schedule he will be the only player to take part in every game since the Shamrocks were organized three seasons ago.

Durable little Joe Todd is the second ranking iron man, having missed but eleven contests. He missed those only because the powers that be (or have been) saw fit to rest the hard working receiver.

Donnie Wolfe proved to be the leading performer in the brief Summer baseball program for boys. He played third base, shortstop and was undefeated in two games on the mound. His bat spoke with authority, too.

The Packers of Greenbelt showed more sense than the Redskins of Washington when they called their football game at the end of the third quarter. Maybe the Skins would have too, if they had the lead our Packers enjoyed!

Down in the Lone Star State several years ago, a pair of 17-year old pitchers faced each other in a ball game witnessed by the famous baseball coach, Uncle Billy Dish, of Texas U. Our own Jim Breed bested the Boston Red Soxers' 22 game winner, Tex Hughson, in a 14 inning one hitter, 1-0. Both lads were given scholarships to Texas U.

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Greenbelt's newly organized 130-pound football team, the Packers, journeyed over to College Park last Sunday for their inaugural. The College Parkers were obliging hosts and bowed, low in the mire, to our lads, 12 to 0. Due to very heavy rainfall the game was shortened to three quarters by mutual consent.

Danny Jones marked up the first Packer touchdown when he ducked his head and charged through left tackle for 45 yards to pay dirt (mud).

In the second period it was alertness on the part of Dicky Day that brought about the final score. The slim Richard intercepted a short slam from Slavin intended for Sonny Motherhead and trucked 30 yards for the touchdown.

Best all-round players of the game were Jones and Mothershead for their respective squads.

Greenbelt	Pos.	College Park
Wolfe	L. E.	Milligan
Nielson	L. T.	Lare
Caton	L. G.	Prince
R. Sommers	Center	Dickson
Lewis	R. G.	Etheridge
Nelson	R. T.	Oliver
Eshbaugh	R. E.	Wick
Scordellis	Q. B.	Mothershead
Freeman	L. H.	Slavin
D. Brewer	R. H.	Emsweiller
Cashman	F. B.	Hammum

Greenbelt 6 6 0 x—12
College Park 0 0 0 x—0

Scoring — Greenbelt, touchdowns: Day, Jones, Substitutions —Greenbelt: Day, Jones, R. Palmer, backs. College Park—Fulton, guard. Cook, center. Pinckney, back. Officials—Cockill, referee and Eshbaugh, headlines-man.

Sports Club Plays Shamrocks Sunday

The Shamrocks cling fast to their slim hope of edging into at least a tie for the runner-up berth in the final County League standings.

They were rained out of their game with the Aces at Shady Oak last Sunday and will have to wait until October 11 to take them on.

This Sunday the locals entertain Maryland Sport Club here at Braden Field. Game time is the usual 3 p. m.

It will be remembered that was the Sports Club, featuring the knockout punch of Warren Earhardt, who beat the Shamrocks out of the first half championship, and a keen battle this Sunday seems logical.

Ernie Boggs and Earhardt will toe the slab for the close rivals.

Rogers Goes

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the town of 12,000 Japanese, supervise the construction, and act as manager when they are completed.

Mrs. Rogers and the children will remain in Greenbelt until Mr. Rogers has located a suitable home.

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Mr. Braden's Message
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years we have had 662 families move from Greenbelt and 261 have transferred from one home to another, practically all because of a change in family status. This means a total of 923 moves among our occupants, or an average of more than one for each home. Greenbelt has numbered among the personnel of its citizenship excellent people, most of whom are young couples, the average age of the adults at one time being less than 33 years.

"The planners envisioned the community of the future before any construction work actually began. They foresaw community activities, cooperative merchandising, and group living as a successful venture and yet they were very anxious to see how it would work out in actual operation. It meant to most of our people a change from individual philosophies to group living, and I believe we have met the challenge and are proving that it can be done. The many activities that have been fostered by the people themselves have given an opportunity for their development which is not possible in some communities. When we think of the many activities and organizations in Greenbelt and see how successfully they have been operated, it gives us a feeling of satisfaction to know that the people have responded so well in developing the ideas about which the planners dreamed. It has been interesting to note that of the 1,540 families who have lived in the community that more than 900 or 60 per cent of them have purchased some Greenbelt furniture. Their interest in this service has demonstrated the advisability of its being made available. We have been especially pleased at the interest shown in the adult education and recreation activities. The many courses that have been sponsored through the Department of Education have been well attended and we believe a great deal has been accomplished through this program. The recreation program has proved one of the most interesting and beneficial of all. It has been a program that included within the activities all ages in some form or other. We have also been pleased to note that the religious life of Greenbelt has not been neglected and our people have not forgotten this important part of their lives. The community Protestant Church, the Catholic, the Hebrew, and the Mormon congregations have all conducted their own services almost from the date of the first occupancy of the community. The people have shown an interest in governing themselves, in electing their own Council which is the sole law-making body in the community, and they have shown a fine spirit of cooperation in general approval of the actions of the men and women elected.

"It was not too easy, this idea of bringing about complete occupancy within one year with people from all over our country, of various trades and professions who were transplanted here almost overnight and left to work out a new pattern of life among people whom they had never known. Many intricate problems developed but all were able to cope with them and to have enough vision to understand that it was for the common good to go forward, working together for the common interest of the community. We are no longer an experiment. We have our feet on the ground and our faces to the future, and as soon as the troubled conditions now confronting the entire world are once settled we have no fear but that Greenbelt will go forward and prove to be a pattern for others to copy. In five years, we have done well; in the future we will do better."

Roy S. Braden,
Town Manager

Children's Dance Lessons May Be Arranged Soon

Several requests have come to the Recreation Department concerning dancing lessons for children. In order to determine if there is a need for a dancing teacher in Greenbelt Mrs. Doris Armstrong would like to have all mothers notify her if they are interested in having their children take ballet, tap, acrobatic or modern dance.

Also, Mrs. Armstrong would like to know the name of any dancing teacher who is a resident of Greenbelt and interested in teaching dance. Mrs. Armstrong may be reached at the recreation office in the Elementary School building or calling Greenbelt 3871.

FPHA Replaces FSA As Landlord Here

Yesterday, five years after the first families moved into the project, Greenbelt was transferred from the Farm Security Administration to the Federal Public Housing Administration. This in line with an act of Congress earlier in the year which established the FPFA to absorb all public housing activities scattered throughout 16 different Federal agencies.

The old Resettlement Administration, under the guidance of which Greenbelt came into being, had its name changed just a few months ago. Few persons connected with FSA in Washington are expected to be transferred to the FPFA.

Local officials indicated they saw little reason to expect major changes in policy or operations for guiding this community.

Chasanow Is New Director Of Publishing Company

Abraham Chasanow was named as a director of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., at a directors' meeting held this week. He fills out the term of the directorship vacated by Sally Meredith. William Stewart is the new secretary.

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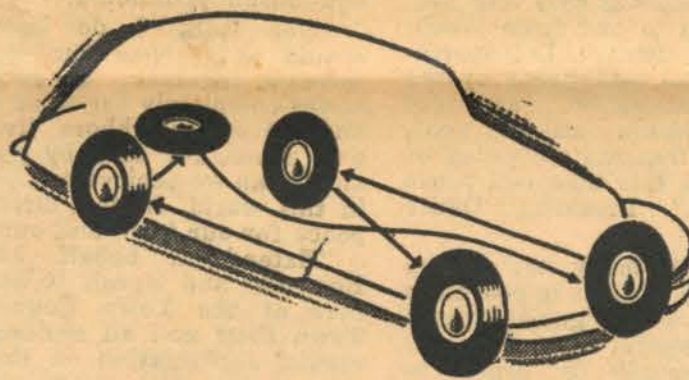
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