

# GREENBELT COOPERATOR



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Five Cents

## Capital Transit Will Give Trial For New Service

By Donald H. Cooper

After five years in the transportation doghouse with Capital Transit Company's service Greenbelt commuters face another "experiment." As a result of the hearing before the Maryland Public Service Commission November 16 the Transit Company has been given the privileges of putting on a revised system for Greenbelt and other Prince Georges towns during a 30-day period which shall be announced by the company at least five days in advance.

### Two Transfers Required

The Commission's order specifies that the present service shall be maintained for the present during the morning rush hours until 9 a.m. After that time, and throughout the evening hours, passengers seeking public transportation to Greenbelt will transfer from the Mt. Rainier street car to the Branchville car at the Mt. Rainier terminal, then transfer from the Branchville car to the Greenbelt bus at the foot of the viaduct on the new Branchville Road.

Local residents present at the hearing protested that this proposed service, which Capital Transit wanted to institute without any trial period, and on a full-day basis, would result in longer trip-time, traffic danger at the two transfer points, and the effects of exposure to inclement weather at Branchville where no shelter of any kind exists for waiting passengers.

### Company Sees Savings

The company, however, argued that by eliminating the bus line to Mt. Rainier a saving of 410,994 bus-miles could be affected, as well as the release of 10 buses and 27 operators.

During the trial period the company is required to keep equipment and personnel available for resuming the present service in case the Commission should so order. The 30 days will be used by the company for a load check, and by passengers for checking the extra time and inconvenience involved in the change.

Civic leaders and town officials, in pointing out that this is just one more step in the long line of transportation experiments which have made commuting to Washington the community's number one problem, agreed that residents were fortunate to even have the trial period in view of the apathy which greeted the last traffic questionnaire circulated here in protest to Capital Transit's proposal.

## Mass Meetings To Be Monthly Events

Civilian Defense mass meetings similar to the one held Monday night will be scheduled for the third Monday of each month after the first of the year, Commander Arthur Rysticken announced.

About 300 Greenbelters saw "Target for Tonight" and four other motion pictures Monday night, all for the purchase of a 25 cent war stamp. In addition, arm bands were awarded to two defense units, announcements of general interest were made, and Sgt. Joseph K. Austin explained the operations of the air raid warning system.

Fifteen members of the CanTeen Unit in the Civilian Defense Corps received Red Cross certificates and arm bands from Mrs. Grace Simmons, executive secretary of the Red Cross in Prince Georges County.

Those receiving the certificates and armbands were: Hester K. Neff, Gladys Freeman, Josephine Gawthrop, Elizabeth Sickus, Catherine Hauton, Amie Flye,

## Minute Men on the Range



—Photo by Kasko.

Sharp-shooting Minute Men in Greenbelt Company 924 are shown in training at the Greenbelt Gun Club's rifle range north of the disposal plant. Top left is Technical Sergeant Morgan, top right is Captain Bates, lower left is Top Sergeant Stacey, and lower right is First Lieutenant Turner.

## Cooperator Record Reviewed To Mark Fifth Anniversary

By ANNE HULL

The Greenbelt Cooperator has now come out weekly for five years without a break, which is something of a record for an amateur newspaper. It has had a hard life but a merry one under seven changes of editor and four of make-up, with staff personnel coming and going like butterflies, and finances eternally on the brink of disaster. As one editor cheerfully puts it, however, "There's always been enough money left over at the end of a year for a swell party!"

### "Good Old Days."

This newspaper drew its first breath as the pet, particular child of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club. Its birthdate is November 11, 1937, when 15 godfathers met to choose the first editor and staff. Five of these greybeards are still in town. If you want to hear about the good old days, ask Rae Sowell, who was secretary of the club; Levi Pittman and John Norvell, who served as illustrators on the original staff, and cub reporters Clifton Cockill and John P. Murray.

Control of the paper was vested in the citizens of Greenbelt, as each townsperson was ipso facto a member of the Journalistic Club. Thus was set up probably the most democratic newspaper that ever served a community.

### Mimeographed At First

The first issue of the Cooperator, dated November 24, 1937, is mimeographed on green, letter-sized sheets that are fastened with staples. Its editor was Louis Bessemmer, who was also Greenbelt's first mayor. The quaint charm of olden times is revealed in stories of delays in furniture delivery and the absence of street lights.

The foodstore was still anticipating a grand opening. It is announced, with an exclamation mark, that "Greenbelt now has 169 families"; "the school has 94 pupils and 6 teachers". The names and platforms of the first 12 candidates for Town Council are given.

Editor Bessemmer was succeeded in time by Editor Bob Volckhausen, who in turn gave way to Aaron Chinitz. Different departments and features began to crystallize, some to enjoy only a brief span, others to run for long periods and have great popularity and influence. Some that we no longer have with us are the Wandering Photographer, The Inquiring Reporter, Mrs. Greenbelt, Custer's Last Stand (comments on current issues by our friend Howard Custer), and so on. Dorothy East edited a children's page. The Bull Pen, rough and rowdy commentary on town topics, stepped on many a local toe in the course of its headlong career. Friends of the author finally persuaded him that it was no longer safe to continue, though many mourned the passing of the Bull Pen.

### Format Changed

Editor Chinitz introduced in September, 1938, a snappy new 16-page, letter-size Cooperator printed by the photo-offset process, which expanded to tabloid size the November of the following year, under Editor Donald H. Cooper. With his extensive newspaper experience, Don jacked up our professional standards to a high pitch. Under the new printing process pictures were quite cheap, and

their presence enlivened the old sheet considerably.

In June, 1940, our first editor-in-skirts, Lillian Schwartz, took over, succeeded in August by Health Association nurse Dorothea Ford (now Mrs. Sidney Henes). In October the editorial chair was vacant again, and remained so for four issues, until Francis Fosnight, our fiery photographer, popped into it. Frank introduced the Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday work shift for the staff, in place of the Saturday-Sunday-Monday grind of yore.

### Journalistic Club Changed

The old Journalistic Club was tottering badly at this point. Sad but true, the townsfolk of Greenbelt did not care enough about exercising their democratic rights as members of the Club to bother to attend its meetings, and help formulate the paper's policies.

Shedding a tear for the Wane of Democracy, or something, the staff reorganized itself in the fall of 1940 into the Greenbelt Publishing Association.

In August of 1941 the Cooperator went into the present printed style with Frank continuing as editor and with Don Cooper back on the staff as assistant editor. Two months later the Publishing Association incorporated itself as a security measure for the paper and as a protection for the staff.

The next step forward came last spring when "The Sports Parade", a mimeographed bulletin of the Recreation Department, was amalgamated with the Cooperator to once more provide a sports news in Greenbelt's community newspaper.

Don Cooper was given the editorship for a second time in June.

### Mail Delivery Ready for New Defense Homes

Mail delivery to all the defense homes which are occupied will begin in the very near future. Harry Walls, administrative assistant in charge of the Maintenance Department reports that if the tenants will purchase mail boxes in the Variety Store, or elsewhere, a carpenter will be sent around to fasten them on the doors.

### Council Meets Monday

The Greenbelt Town Council will hold its regular meeting at 8 p.m. next Monday, November 23, in the council chamber in the Town Administration offices. Among other items of importance, the effects of the Council's repeal of the garbage collection will be discussed. A report on the possibility of obtaining two-way radio equipment for the police car is also expected.

## Victory Rally on December 5 Will Aim at \$1000 Goal Again For Civilian Defense Needs

A band concert, a movie, a prominent speaker, and a dance—those are the essential program items of Greenbelt's big Victory Rally to be held December 5 in the Auditorium.

One thousand dollars for the local Civilian Defense Corps is the goal of those in charge of the program. Family tickets will sell at \$1, but children will have separate tickets at 25 cents apiece.

### Greenbelt's Second Rally

The Defense Rally held last February raised a fund of \$1000 which provided basic equipment for Civilian Defense workers of this community. Next month's program will be similar in content and purpose. "In addition," said Commander Arthur Rysticken, "coming as it does close to December 5, it will serve as a reminder of Pearl Harbor."

The 12-piece Federal Bureau of Investigation orchestra will play for the dance. Accompanying the players will be two vocalists for feature numbers on the program. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Speaker To Be Announced

Mrs. Roosevelt was speaker and honor guest at last year's rally. For the coming event the speaker's name has not yet been announced, but the Cooperator has been assured that the person selected is a national figure and an excellent speaker.

The evening's entertainment will open with a concert by the Greenbelt Band. An additional feature of this year's rally will be the selection of Miss Victory, at one cent a vote. A number of organizations have already entered candidates.

Air raid wardens will canvass the homes in their areas this week and next with tickets. Since all funds raised will be used for strengthening Greenbelt's protection against possible air raids or other emergencies, every family is being requested to buy a ticket. The \$1 ticket covers the heads of the family. Children over 18 are asked to buy additional \$1 tickets. Those under that age will be admitted on 25 cent tickets. No 25 cent tickets will be sold except with a \$1 ticket for adults.

Commander Rysticken has announced that each unit of the Defense Corps will have some specific function to perform in connection with the Rally.

## Public Officials Send Greetings To Cooperator

Observance of this paper's fifth anniversary was brightened this week by greetings and messages of congratulations from Governor Herbert O'Conor, Town Manager Roy S. Braden and other public officials.

Texts of the messages are given below:

### Greetings From Governor

(Telegram)  
"ALL SUCCESS TO GREENBELT COOPERATOR ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY. YOUR FINE COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS MOST COMMENDABLE. PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL FELICITATIONS."  
—GOVERNOR H. R. O'CONOR

### Message from Roy Braden

This week marks the fifth anniversary of the life of the Cooperator in Greenbelt. I am glad to have this opportunity to express to you and to your predecessors the thanks of the manager and the staff for the part you have played in forming the Greenbelt Community.

It has meant a great deal of work, many hours of time have been sacrificed in this service, but I think you have had that feeling of satisfaction in knowing that the work you have done has been worthwhile. The Cooperator is a well-organized and established service in this community and the people look forward to reading the publication each Friday. It is a publication of which we can all feel justly proud.

Again may I take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to each and every one of you and to voice the hope that you will carry on to even better

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## Employees Pledge \$316 to War Fund

Greenbelt town and Government employees have pledged \$316.25 to the Community War Fund according to Assistant Community Manager Arthur L. Rysticken.

This more than triples last year's contribution of \$142 to the Community Chest. The pledges of school teachers were included in the 1941 but not the 1942 figures. Mr. Rysticken believes that more persons are giving through Greenbelt this year, and that they are giving larger amounts as individual contributions.

## Church Men Sponsor Community Supper

The men of the Greenbelt Community Church are sponsoring a fellowship dinner for Saturday evening, November 28 at 6:30 o'clock in the Auditorium. A special invitation is extended to new residents. "This is an outstanding event of the church calendar, and newcomers will have a good opportunity to become acquainted," Rev. Wilmer Johnston told the Cooperator.

An interesting program of entertainment has been planned by George Sheaffer, consisting of community singing, quartet, numbers by local talent, including a comic by Fred DeJager and Mr. Sheaffer and others.

The menu will be prepared by those two excellent chefs, Mayor Allen D. Morrison and Major Joseph G. Nesbit, assisted by others. (Continued on Page 3)

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If all of us were fighting as hard as you are... who would win the war, and how soon?

—P M

## Five Years Ago

In today's edition we start a new feature, "Five Years Ago," a highly condensed summary of the town's news as reported in the Cooperator five years ago. We hope it will give to new residents insight and perspective on some of the town's present problems, and that it will give to older residents pleasant memories of the days when everything was new and exciting.

On our fifth anniversary as a weekly newspaper perhaps we can be forgiven for a pride we take in what we have done. Admitting our shortcomings in style, news coverage, and consistency of policy from time to time, we have nevertheless brought to the doorsteps of Greenbelt a paper every week without fail. This was done with an amateur staff of volunteers working part time on the Cooperator as a contribution in civic service. And therein is the distinguishing feature between the Cooperator and other small town newspapers.

Except for a short period in its early history the Greenbelt Cooperator has been delivered to every household free of charge. This continues to raise questions on the part of newcomers. We have had a number of persons phone to tell us that no one had come around to collect for the paper. The payoff came just a week ago when a new neighbor of ours expressed amazement on learning that the paper was not financed out of the monthly rent paid by householders here to the Federal Government. In view of this misapprehension we see the need for again revealing our financial situation.

Since we do not pay salaries our expenses are low. Since we are a non-profit organization we are interested only in securing sufficient revenue to cover expenses. We have been able to do this so far entirely from advertising. At times we have operated in the red, but we always seem to come out all right by the end of the year, with enough surplus for a staff party.

In the immediate future we do face a financial problem. Greenbelt's population will have increased to 1,900 family units. If we continue our policy of free circulation to every household we shall be distributing twice as many papers as we did a year ago, with a printing bill proportionately increased. Our advertising revenues, however, are limited. If we double the advertising we will no longer have a newspaper, but a shopping guide.

The only solution we see is a six-page paper every week. This would give us space for enough advertising to pay for the extra two pages and also for the extra copies needed to cover the enlarged town.

There is plenty of news now to fill a six-page paper. Our only worry is about our ability to build a large enough staff to give you the bigger and better paper. With men going into the military service, wives working, and everybody putting in longer office hours, and with new demands for community service in Civilian Defense work it is with increasing difficulty that we are able to staff the Cooperator at all. Certainly too few are doing too much at present.

Five years ago there was no problem of adequate help. Now the novelty has worn off and our neighbors hesitate in pledging two hours a week for something that is work behind the scenes. Even so, in a community of nearly 6,000 people there must be a dozen new volunteers for the task of keeping the community news organ alive.

There are all sorts of jobs to be done, and experience is not required although it helps, of course. Applicants will be welcomed on a visit to the Cooperator office, Room 202 over the drugstore Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening, or by a phone call to the editor at Greenbelt 4346.

## Whatever You Forget, Not This

Whatever you forget, don't forget the Victory Rally on December 5. Those of you who were fortunate enough to hear Eleanor Roosevelt last year will want to be there, without fail. While I believe the circulatory Eleanor can hardly be here this time we're slated for a good speaker. That I know! There's quite an ambitious program dreamed up for your benefit besides a good speaker. Movies and things. But, between you and me, the thing that would get me there if nothing else did would be the F. B. I. Band. Can you imagine an F. B. I. band? Do they wear false moustaches while tooting their cornets? Do they snoop around between numbers, sprinkling finger-print powder on things and glaring through microscopes? Or do they just make music? It opens up the most enchanting vistas, this F. B. I. Band. I just have to go and see that band.

Oyster Stew

Did you read about the banquet to be held on November 28? Men's Bible Class, I believe. But the menu, people, the menu! Listen once—oyster stew, ham, French fries, coleslaw, rolls and butter, coffee, ice cream and cookies. Yip! And only 45 cents for adults and 30 cents for the kids.

Room for More

Wasn't I glad to know that there's actually some room in Mrs. Martin Miller's Girl Scout troop? After all the trouble the Girl Scouts have had getting leaders, it's grand to know that there's been such splendid response that, instead of suspending troop activities, they can actually advertise for more girls to help fill a troop. Call Mrs. Miller, 6151.

Comes Christmas with Singing

The Greenbelt Singing Chorus meets every Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the Home Ec. Room—4th grade through High School. This is the group that's going to sing at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony down at the Center. And, by the way, you new residents ought to be reminded not to miss that. I know we old timers won't miss it, but you ought to keep it in mind. I'm not going to try to tell you about it or about the real thrill we all get out of it. I believe I'd rather miss anything else in Greenbelt than that. You come along down—there'll be plenty of notice beforehand—and you'll find out when I mean.

Bingo!

The Athletic Club has its first Bingo of the fall season at the Club House on November 21, at 8 p.m. There will be prizes, but even if there weren't any prizes at all, it would be worth it. They do have fun down in that Club House when they have a shindig.

War Talk and Children

Do you think you ought to talk about the war in front of your small children? It's hard not to, with the radio and the newspapers and everybody's heart full of it, but what effect is it having on your children? Are they frightened? Do they feel insecure? Are you sure of your answers to these questions? The P. T. A. is the place to thrash them out. There you have parents and teachers, both groups dealing with children and wanting the best things for them. And there you will have the chance to ask questions of a woman who has dealt with youngsters and knows them through and through. She's an interesting speaker—gave a crackerjack talk last year on "The Adolescent Child and His Problems." P. T. A. meets Monday night in the Auditorium, at 8 o'clock, and you owe it to your child to be there. Especially will it be interesting, because the question of air raid precautions for children whose parents are working will also be taken up, and plenty of room for suggestions from parents.

Have you picked out your candidate for Miss Victory?

## Thanksgiving, 1942

We are thankful in November, 1942, for good friends at home and strong allies abroad.

Thankful that in one year we have passed from a half-hearted effort of defense to a war of offense.

Thankful that we have been spared thus far the slavery, the starvation, and the destruction which has nearly swept the world in a decade of war and fascism.

Thankful that we have the vision and courage to already be looking ahead to a better world we can help to organize when this war is finished.

## Trees for Christmas

Greenbelters used to be able to buy Christmas trees cut right here around the edge of town for 15 cents apiece. Then some F. S. A. lawyer or administrator discovered that it was not legal for Christmas trees or anything else to be taken from Government property and sold without the formality and red tape of bidding, etc. So we paid from 35 cents to \$1.50 for imported trees in 1940 and 1941.

This year there is a shortage of labor and transportation. Fewer trees will be available for Christmas, and these will be high priced. To relieve the shortage and help keep prices in line surely an appeal can be made to the business management division of the Federal Public Housing Authority for a revised ruling on the cutting of trees on the Greenbelt property.

The pines here need thinning anyhow. The temptation for residents to illegally cut trees themselves will be high.

If local labor is not available on the Administration staff, the cutting can be done by volunteers under the direction of Mr. MacGregor. Trees could be made available free, or sold for a small fee which could be paid the cutters or go to some organization in town—our Civilian Defense Corps, for instance.

We have the trees and we want the trees cut for our use. All the lawyers have to do is to devise a way for us to do it without landing in jail.

To the Editor

### Red Cross Work

To the Editor:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter received by Mrs. Grace Simmons, executive secretary of the Red Cross, Prince Georges County Chapter, from a boy in the armed forces overseas who received a sweater knitted perhaps by one of the women in our sewing unit here in Greenbelt. I would deeply appreciate your printing the letter.

Dear Madam:

"I don't know who to thank—the one who sent several nice warm sweaters from Prince Georges County Red Cross."

"One was given to me and my pal. We wore it and are very grateful. It was nice and kept us warm and good looking too. We wore it all through the jungles in the Solomon Islands."

"Bob, my pal, took fever and we had a hard time getting him back to the hospital. He died yesterday, and before he passed away, he, too, wanted to thank you for the nice warm sweater that he liked so much. He had no relatives in America. He was brought up an orphan in a school in Denver. He was a good kid and brave, too. He was very grateful for your kindness in giving him the sweater."

"We are all glad to fight for our country, and although the going is rough we keep up our spirit and are very grateful to God for all his kindness to us. Thank you for the sweaters and say a prayer for us all, we need that so much in these times."

Sincerely,

Pvt. David E. Peirce."

In addition, may I say that there are 33 women in the Red Cross Unit here in Greenbelt. We have made 109 garments, which is 686 hours of work since July. In October we started our knitting unit and when these sweaters and mufflers are finished we will have put in 380 hours of work. We still need more women to knit and sew and would appreciate those who are interested if they will call Greenbelt 4221 in the morning. The articles we make are used by men in the armed forces and they appreciate whatever we can send to them.

Mrs. A. Lewis

## One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of November 21, 1942)

The new F. S. A. income limitations for residents caused heated discussion, and the Citizens Association explored ways of obtaining housing for the over-income families, while statements were made that houses might stay vacant after the over-income families were moved out.—Students of the Elementary School gave a Thanksgiving Day party for their parents.

Dr. Silagy was appointed medical director of the Health Association, and Dr. Mary and Dr. Clesson Richardson resigned from the organization's medical staff.—The Greenbelt Band made its first debut outside of the home town, at the Washington City Church of the Brethren.—Nursery School mothers were selling new Town Directories to raise funds.

## Five Years Ago

(From the Cooperator of November 24, 1937)

R. M. Templeman, first store manager, announced that the grocery store would open within a few days.—The Co-op gas station began operating.—The Greenbelt Journalistic Club held its first meeting at the home of Robert Hayes; plans were discussed for the distribution of authentic news in Greenbelt; the principle adopted that any bulletin or newspaper in the community shall be non-partisan in politics, and cooperatively designed; as its first venture the club planned to sponsor the Greenbelt Cooperator with the assistance of Cooperative Distribution Corp., Inc.; the club elected officers, with Louis Bessemer as editor, and assigned certain duties to voluntary reporters.—Greenbelt's "First New Baby" was Sonya Fulmer.—Greenbelt residents held their first Thanksgiving Dance at the Elementary School.—Greenbelt veterans, under the direction of Allen Morrison, organized a Legion Post; signed a petition for a charter.—12 candidates for council presented their views at a meeting of the Greenbelt Citizen's Association.—Student Council organized at Greenbelt School.

## Your Co-op Stores: III--Service

In the first two articles of this series we reviewed the finances of Greenbelt Consumer Services and found them sound, we examined prices and the price policy and found them satisfactory. Now we turn our attention to service in our stores.

One of the prime purposes of consumer cooperatives is to provide the quality and service desired by the customer-owners, and here the Greenbelt record seems to be spotty.

Service in the Barber Shop and Beauty Shop is good and draws few complaints. The need for an additional barber is obvious, of course, from the number of persons waiting their turns each evening.

There seems to be widespread satisfaction, too, with the Variety Store, and genuine surprise by newcomers at the wide range of goods available.

At the Drug Store the soda counter service has long been a bugaboo with inexperienced help driving customers to distraction. Some improvement has been reported recently, and the additional installations long planned should relieve the congestion. We have heard regret expressed for the lack of expansion of eating facilities in the Drug Store, and for the elimination of the attractive bakery department which seemed to fill a definite need in the town. The drug department is good. Moving the cigar counter, along with candy, newspapers and the lending library and film service was an improvement welcomed by all. It is easy to get waited on in the new quarters and supplies seem to be well-stocked.

In regard to the Theater we have long heard complaints about the quality of some of the pictures and the delay in bringing good pictures to Greenbelt. However, the low price and attractive simplicity of the theater go far to outweigh the unfavorable comments.

Our Valet Shop has had a rough career and has faced just about every difficulty which could be imagined. Although changes have been made complaints continue to circulate—mostly about slow service, lack of shoe repair supplies, and mistakes in delivering the right bundle to the right customer.

Service at the Garage and Gas Station is reported as sloppy and congested. Repair service is apparently by appointment only. This was not the case until recently. Lack of space presents one handicap, but lack of trained help is, of course, the major worry.

The quality of radio and electric repairing is said to be good, but few people in town know of its existence.

Because more people use it the Food Store is subjected to the most critical eye of all. Badly overcrowded, the store has nevertheless given good service. Those who swear by the Co-op label are provoked to find it replaced on the shelves by many strange new labels since war shortages began to hit the cooperative wholesales. The management's buying policies, however, have kept essential products well stocked in comparison with many other stores in this area. This is particularly true in the meat department, where many people accustomed to buying in Washington have turned in relief. Meat quality, with the help of Government grading, has always been high here. The fruit and vegetable department continues to be subjected to criticism for lack of variety and on the basis of quality, but most critics are found to be among the late shoppers.

Throughout the list of shops and enterprises looms lack of space and equipment and a shortage of trained personnel. This is due to the war, and we must be patient, realizing that small business everywhere is encountering the same difficulty. In Greenbelt, however, our stores are much more vulnerable.

If this were Riverdale, or College Park, or Laurel we would express our dissatisfaction with the service of one store by merely shopping around until we found one more to our liking. In Greenbelt this is impossible because we the people have been given a monopoly for our own stores. If we have not planned far enough ahead to provide buildings and equipment for the expanded population of the town then we have only ourselves to blame. And we shall suffer from poor service now and from pressure by privately-owned stores wanting to come into town after the present war emergency is over.

Inability to maintain personnel in a Washington store results in nothing more damaging than the closing of a store, whereupon the customers with little inconvenience turn to another. In Greenbelt the failure to provide required services means that an entire town suffers—and blames the cooperative movement. Here then is a problem to tax the ingenuity of all our neighbors. Running our business enterprises is not the job of a manager alone, nor even of our board of directors. It entails a responsibility resting upon each one of us to bring instances of poor service to the attention of the management, to offer suggestions for improvements, and to do a little searching on our own part for additional employees in these trying times of labor shortages.

## Community Church

"A Day for Prayer and Thanksgiving" will be the topic of the Reverend Wilmer Pierce Johnston's sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, to be preached in the Auditorium. Our President has asked all the people to observe Thanksgiving and Christmas as days of prayer for our Nation and the boys in the service. "This Sunday will be the time when most people will celebrate Thanksgiving day in this way. It is hoped that many people will comply with the President's request," Rev. Johnston stated.

Sunday at 8 p. m. the Sunday evening hour subject will be C. B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments". This will be an illustrated lecture with approximately 70 slides. The lecture accompanying this will be read by Mrs. H. Wendell Miller. This lecture and pictures will depict the deliverance of the Israelites from the land of bondage, the crossing of the Red Sea, and the receiving of the Ten Commandments by Moses from the hand of God, in such a way as never to be forgotten. All parents are urged to bring their children.

At 9:30 a. m. the Church School will meet for worship and study. Classes are for all ages.

Sunday at 9 p. m. the executive committee of the Sunday Evening Club will be at the Auditorium for a short meeting. This committee consists of Prof. C. Paul Barnhart, Fred DeJager, John Colliver, Daniel Neff, James Wolf, Lincoln S. Dodson, and James McCarl.

The Community Church Guild is again taking subscriptions for the same magazine that they took last year. All those wishing to renew or subscribe are asked by the pastor to contact Mrs. Morton Smith, either at church Sunday morning, or phone her at 4166. The calling committee, all those who are willing to call one afternoon a week or less, are asked to contact Mrs. Wilmer P. Johnston at church.

### Catholic Church

The Catholic Choral Group will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. in room 224 of the Elementary School. Any church member who has a piano and who is willing to let groups come for individual practice for the Christmas Mass, please call Mrs. Spielman, 3726, or contact Mrs. Lawrence Fern after Mass, Sunday.

### Church Men Sponsor

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The menu will consist of oyster stew, ham, French-fried potatoes, slaw butter, coffee, finger rolls, ice cream and cookies, all for the price of 45 cents for adults and 30 cents for children under 12. Tickets may be obtained from Elmer Nagle, 6-D Crescent Road; George Sheaffer, 58-G Crescent Road; Fred DeJager, 58-L Crescent Road; William Blew, 1-C Eastway; Harry Bates, 13-F Ridge Road; R. D. Brady, 14-D Crescent Road; G. M. Eshbaugh, 33-M Ridge Road; or by calling the Community Church office phone 3251, or at the Church, Sunday morning or evening.

### Weep Not For Me

Weep not for me, thou lonely one,  
'Though from thy side I 'part;  
Grieve not for lost companionship,  
No fear contract thy heart!

Thy faith keep firm in my return,  
To Heav'n address thy prayer;  
Thy head hold high in silent pride,  
No worry turn it grayer!

Heed not such words as rumor brings,  
Wait for my own glad tidings,  
And if delayed by distance great,  
Thy courage keep abiding.

Some day, when all this turmoil's done  
And peace once more doth reign,  
I'll come back with the love thou  
knew,  
To still again thy pain.

—INM.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

Well, here we are back again, still a little weak from the party the staff threw Saturday night down at Waldrops'. Want to hear about it? To begin with, the first and last thing everybody worried about was "who am I supposed to ride with?" Everybody showed up (nearly everybody) and after a few bucolic jokes from MC Ben Rosenzweig, we all dived in to the eats but only when Morris Terkeltaub yelled out: "Praise the Lord and pass me some nutrition." A delicious meal was enjoyed by all—fried chicken and everything.

Our old friends, Sally and Ed Meredith and George Warner, former staff members, were the guests de l'affaire. An informal skit depicting the outstanding chapters in last year's history of the Cooperator served as feature entertainment. Greetings from Governor O'Conor and other public officials were read by Editor Cooper.

And then along came Wednesday with a staff meeting at the office. And in came a birthday cake with five lighted candles. Also coffee. Well, "Happy birthday to us, happy etc."

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Former Mayor George Warner and wife, Claire, were guests of honor together with Dr. Sam Berenberg and wife, Freddie, at a reunion party given November 16 at the home of Abe and Helen Chasanow. Instituted June 2, 1941, this first reunion lacked only the presence of Joe and Peggy Bargas and Al Arness to be a complete roster of the initial gathering. Because none of the "absents" could be present on June 2, 1942, the reunion was postponed until Monday night, when time was rolled backward and the "absents" were represented by snapshots and messages sent to the group. The legend "June 2, 1942" was pasted across the face of the clock and, to all intents and purposes November 16, 1942, was still in the dim future. A "Greenbelt Ancient History Quiz" was given, with George Warner proving that his thoughts still lay with Greenbelt by winning the first prize, and Kitty Wood coming in a close second. Pictures garnered from early issues of the COOPERATOR were passed around and the "remember this, Sam?"'s were thick in the air. Grand food, and a big white cake with "Welcome Home, Sam and Freddie and George and Claire" helped considerably to enliven the evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Altizer, 34-C Crescent Road, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary Thursday, November 19. They have lived in Greenbelt three of those years.

Another one of Greenbelt's first couples moved away last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Uhrig were the first couple to move into 16-C Parkway, and lived there until they moved to Indianapolis, their former home.

Poor James Smith—he done lost his good coat and pigskin gloves at the Barbeque, Sunday, down at the Lake. He thinks he left them at the pavillion, on the rail. If any good samaritan happens along, please, please, please, return them—not to the scrap campaign—but to his abode on 4-H Southway. The coat was purchased during the depression (the one in 1929), and that's the main reason he wants it returned.

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Tessim and Peggy Zorack had as guests over the week-end Tessim's mother and Dad. Peggy had such a bad cold she couldn't get out to the barbecue, Sunday, but Tessim brought the rest of the family out.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Anderson of Colonial Village, Virginia, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walls of 6 Woodland Way last week-end. Mr. Anderson is Chief Counselor of the Treasury Department.

Private Daniel C. Barton, from Camp Edwards, Mass., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Schultheis, 38-D Crescent Road. He will return to camp, Saturday.

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On October 7, a baby daughter, Elaine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Lipschitz, at the Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dean, 1-C Woodland Way, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mary Therese, born on October 28, at Homeopathic Hospital, Washington.

On November 2, a son, Brenton Ernest, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest John Rowett, Jr., 16-D

## Children Get Merry-Go-Round As Local and National Trial

By BILL MOORE

"Youngsters of our town are in for a big treat in the very near future", according to Recreation Director Ben Goldfaden. The treat will be in the form of a whopping big addition to the playground appliances, an easy to operate merry-go-round, 16 feet in diameter!

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The revolving joy-ride is a self-propelled affair complete with hardwood seating space, three pumping handles and pushing rails that will allow up to 15 young passengers and from 60 to 75 passengers.

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Ben Goldfaden

Mr. Goldfaden got the contact and ideas leading up to the placing of the joy-wheel here while attending the recent National Physical Education Convention in Cincinnati. A representative of a playground equipment company expressed a desire to set up one of his large merry-go-rounds near Washington in an effort to interest officials of the Federal Public Housing Authority in a large order.

In this manner the Greenbelt kids will be first to frolic on this unique contrivance for a lengthy trial period. And the town has the option of buying one or more or none, as will be decided at a later date.

A letter was received by Mr. Goldfaden yesterday in effect containing assurance that the big wheel will arrive in a few days.

It is not known just where the merry-go-round will be set up, but it is understood that it will be in the main playground just below the drinking fountain statue in the shopping center or somewhere in the newest section of town, Ridge between Laurel Hill and Research Roads or Ridge Road between Laurel Hill Road and Plateau Place. This latter site is strongly favored, in as much as there are no playground facilities existing in that vicinity.

## Transportation Exchange

### PASSENGERS WANTED

To Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, hours 11:30 p. m. to 7:30 a. m. Phone 4857.

To Building No. 5, Beltsville, starting week of November 23rd. Mrs. K. M. Buck, 3-A Gardenway.

Room for 1 passenger to vicinity of 4th and Independence Avenue, S. W.; hours 8:45 to 5:15 or 5:30 p. m. Call 3148.

### DRIVERS WANTED

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## Schoolboy Cage Team Nears Form; Lassies To Start

At a meeting of the parents of our town's band and school basketball players last Friday evening it was decided that the band would terminate its practice at 8:30 instead of 9:15 on at least six nights during the basketball season.

The change in schedule will allow half a dozen attractive girl and boy double-headers. The band could get in a few extra hot licks from the stage during these performances as it has done so many times for athletic occasions in the past.

### Eastern vs. Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies are seeking to open their home card against Eastern High's White Tide from Washington. The tentative date is Friday, December 11 at 8:30 after band practice. There will be no preliminary contest that night.

The girl Grizzlies will be ready a short time afterwards. Illness of their coach, Miss Rose Nudo, has held up their practice.

High School Principal C. Paul Barnhart says, "We are planning to purchase new warm-up jackets with a grizzly bear insignia on each for both boys and girls. Every effort will be made to make our six night programs attractive for our supporters."

The boys' coaches, Ben Goldfaden and Johnny Picco, have been working their large squad for some three weeks and a varsity contingent is almost discernable. Jim "Mustachio" Scordellis, Don Brewster, Vern Richards, Mahlon Eshbaugh and Dan Jones seem to have the inside raff thus far.

### Pep and Competition

A wolf and fox are making the above-mentioned boys step lively by snapping at their collective heels. The "snappers," Donnie Wolfe and Teddy Fox are playing aggressively and could supplant any of the first named lads.

Dickie Palmer, Donnie Fitzhugh, Allen Gillen, LeGrande Benefiel and Jimmie Corneal have all flashed form to rate much consideration. A casualty of the football season, Joe Cashman, will step in for a careful measurement of his ability as soon as the bunged up shoulder heals.



## Poco At Bat

What could be nicer than popping Bingo corn kernels in the fireplace at the Greenbelt Athletic house tomorrow night?

*A quick peek into the bowling statistics shows keen competition for high individual average in the male league. No fewer than five men are in a virtual third place tie behind Estes and Lastner with various fractions over the 108 mark!*

A group of Grizzlies were treated to a trip in town Tuesday afternoon to watch ex-Grizzlie Bob Egli and their coach, Ben Goldfaden get a basketball workout with the Washington Pros in a scrimmage against Georgetown University.

*The way it looks from where we sit we'd have to pick Frank and Hilda Lastner as top team if they held such things as mixed-doubles in bowling out this way. Papa's average is 179 plus and mama's is 105 plus. Got anyone to beat 'em? Greenbelt ladies representing Charley Gentile's College Park Bowling Alleys in the Maryland League had better do an about face or Charley might disown them!*

*Ensign Curt F. Barker was in town briefly Wednesday. Curt just finished his indoctrination course at Dartmouth and is to undergo further training in Atlanta in the next few weeks. Lots of luck, Ensign Barker.*

An obstacle course in keeping with the modern urge for physical fitness is being planned. But—Does anyone know where it can be built?

Bingo, Poco!

### Tryouts Still Open

Carols and madrigals for the tree-lighting ceremony and for Christmas Eve are being rehearsed by the Greenbelt Singing Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Donald Herwick.

Tryouts are still being held for boys and girls from the fourth grade through high school, and rehearsals are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons each week at 3:30 in the home economics room.

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## Women League Led by Lustine-Nicholson; Olson Starts Well

The women bowlers are rolling along in their 10th week with Lustine-Nicholson holding a full 2-game lead over the Starlight lassies. The latter have spilled a total of 12,707 pins to lead in that respect.

Hilda Lastner and Rose Sansone are the leaders for high individual set mark with 369 and 339, respectively. Mrs. Lastner's 142 high game withstood an initial thrust by Mrs. Artie Olson, who tried hard with a 140 game on her first night out.

The three highest individual averages among the women shows Mrs. Olson at the top, though with but three games to her credit, with a 109. Mrs. Lastner the rightful leader with 105 is followed by Sing Bradley with a century mark.

Standing of the clubs are:

	W.	L.	Pinfall
Lustine-Nicholsol	20	7	11,869
Starlight	18	9	12,707
Co-Op	16	11	12,501
B. D. L.	15	12	12,476
Maryland Farms	15	12	12,071
G. P. Iverson	15	12	11,844
Raiders	15	12	11,524
Commandos	15	12	11,038
Trott-Owens	12	15	12,202
Bluebirds	12	15	11,607
Bombadiers	10	17	11,596
Toppers	10	17	10,623
Marms	10	17	10,368
B. B. B.	6	21	9,000

### Public Officials

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things in the future.

### Mayor Offers Praise

Since the first Greenbelt Cooperator was published I have been an avid reader of it and have carefully kept a copy of each issue. It is true that I have not always agreed with the policy of the Cooperator and neither would the good Lord were he here on earth. In view of the fact that the entire staff give their services gratis, from copy man to editor, I feel that your praises should be sung by the entire town of Greenbelt.

You have lived to see certain principles installed in the town which perhaps would never have been accomplished had not the new arrivals and founders of the Cooperator felt the need of a good town paper. Space only permits me to mention my good friend Louis Bessemer as the first editor and who advocated the policy of the paper which has been faithfully followed by each succeeding editor.

It is my sincere wish and I am very certain the sincere wish of every resident of Greenbelt that you may long continue to serve us as you have done so faithfully in the past.

—Allen D. Morrison,  
Mayor of Greenbelt

### First Editor and Mayor

"It is a fine thing to review these past five years since the first group of young men were banded together in order to establish the Greenbelt Cooperator. Each of us who has played a part, however small, in the life of this publication, can justly be proud of the record which "the fourth estate" in the community has demonstrated through every period. In accepting the challenge of community service, the Cooperator, in every major test has been faithful to its trust. The record speaks for itself.

"Speaking as an observer, it is evident now, the Cooperator has grown from obscure beginnings to a position of much esteem in the life of Greenbelt residents. It can now be told that the Greenbelt press has gone from 'dideas' into 'long pants'."

Louis Bessemer,  
First Editor of the Cooperator,  
First Mayor of Greenbelt.

### From the Citizens Ass'n

"I have followed the Greenbelt Cooperator for the full five years of its life, and have never ceased to wonder at the faithfulness of the news presentation to the citizens of our town. I know of some of the many difficulties this project has been confronted with, and can say that the various staffs of the paper have shown uncommon industry in the providing of a necessary service to the people of Greenbelt. As a tribute to not only those who have contributed to its growth in the past, but to its present success and future development, I might say that they have

## Bingo at Clubhouse

### Tomorrow Night at 8

One of the Athletic Club's most popular winter pastimes is to be started anew Saturday, November 21, at 8:30 in the evening. BINGO. Georgie Bauer started the stuff a few years ago and found out that Greenbelters really went for BINGO.

Line your little corney kernels in a happy row and shout BINGO for such prizes as will be available or the value in defense stamps. A percentage of the intake will be turned over to the Civilian Defense Committee.

Prexy Les Sanders advises BINGOists to come early and get the choice seats. Such choice pews are in the close vicinity of brother Herbie Hall's dream fireplace.

### Mass Meeting

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Henrietta Barnhart, Loretta Littlefield, Ella Spicer, Anne Lipschitz, Katherine Clark, Elissa East, Carrie Hall, Martha Keith, and Adeline Beck.

### Praise for Town

Opening his remarks with words of praise for Greenbelt Sgt. Austin of the First Fighter Command then warned in graphic terms that an air raid here is possible, and pointed out how the town was located in the midst of target areas.

He said that civilian defense organizations were alleviating the burden on military personnel by obtaining volunteers to protect their own communities. Sgt. Austin explained, with recordings and slides, the air raid warning and observation post organization throughout the country. Warning that these posts must be maintained in service every hour of the day and night to watch the skies and report all planes to the Army control center at Baltimore, he emphasized that without the services of these posts we would not be warned in time of approaching planes, and much damage would be done and many lives lost as a consequence. He proceeded to show how every plane in the sky is spotted, watched and its course plotted from the moment it takes off until it lands. Every plane is accounted for and those which cannot be identified are brought down within a few minutes after the Fighter Command has been sent after it.

About \$82 worth of War stamps were sold at the meeting, and some pledges were made to the Community War Fund.

A small brush fire close to the Legion House was extinguished by the Greenbelt Fire Department last Sunday. There was no damage.

and are writing in newsprint a history of one of our country's greatest social experiments."

—Stanley Ostler,  
President, Greenbelt Citizens Association.

## Redskins Gain on Andestad's Spree; Estes Gains Top

The Redskins are stealing a leaf from the book of their illustrious football namesakes. They copped three games with "Chief" Jack Andestad in the Sammy Baugh role. Jack poured on the coal and steamed in with a 358 set to vault his 'Skins into fourth position.

High individual set honors were grabbed off by Estes whose total was 364. In the process of building his fine set mark he added to, and is now leading the league in both average and strike total.

The men bowlers are reminded of the FREE Turkey Sweepstakes to be held on November 24.

League standings are as follows:

	W.	L.	Pinfall
Corner Delicates	18	9	14,001
Vitamen	18	9	13,510
American Legion	16	11	14,176
Redskins	15	12	13,801
Commandos	15	12	13,458
Dodgers	14	13	13,618
Co-Operers	13	14	13,379
Outlaws	12	15	13,624
Eagles	12	15	13,268
Livingston's	12	15	13,134
Buckaroos	9	18	13,314
Barons	8	19	12,871

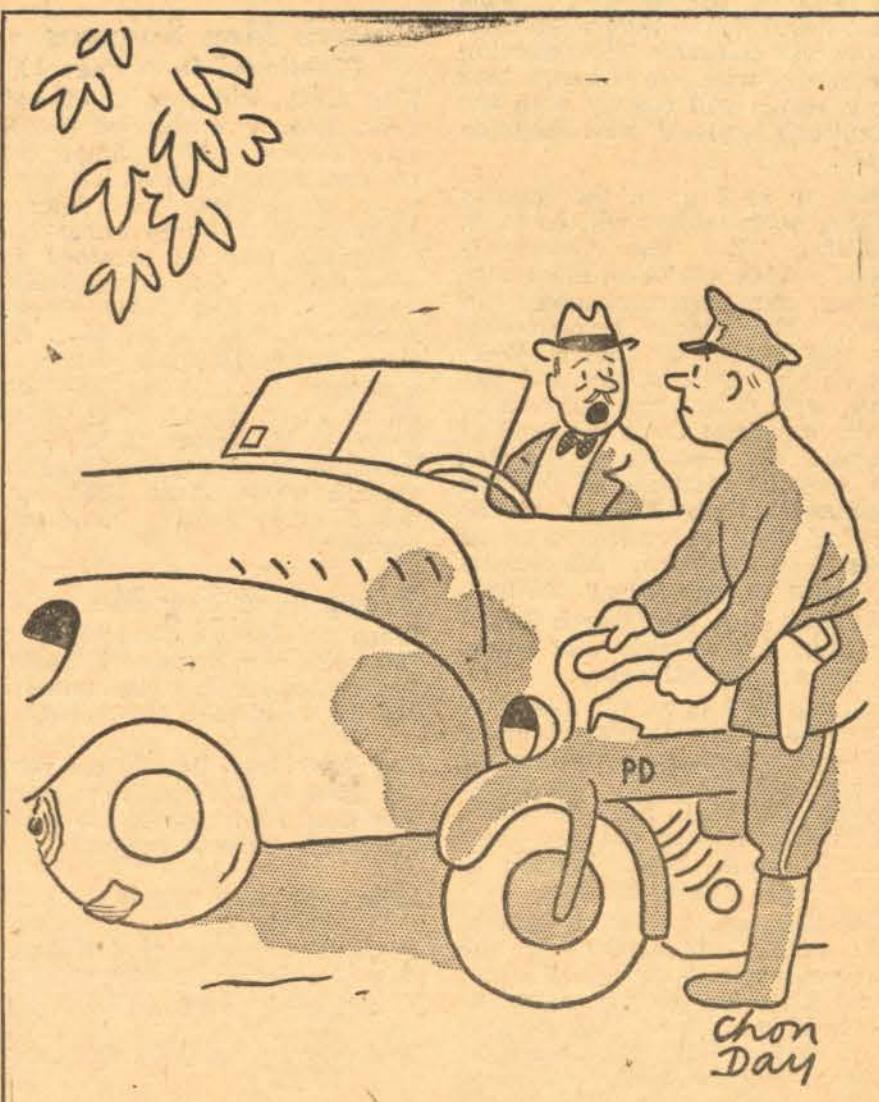
Here are summary records:

High team set—American Legion, 1,652, and Dodgers, 1,645. High team game—Dodgers, 608, and Corner Delicatessen, 598. High individual set—Wolfe, 385, and Collier, 380 (scored same night!). High individual game—Schultz, 162, and Reed, 161. High individual strikes—Taylor, 20 and tie between Eshbaugh and Bowman at 17. High individual spares—Estes, 61, and Schulz, 60. High individual average—Estes, 110-8, Lastner 109-20, Slough 108-23, MacEwen 108-11, Wolfe, 108-10, Burke 108-9, De Jager 108-7, Bowman 107-24. High flat game—De Jager and Tompkins are tied at 96.

### Girls' Newcomb Underway With Navy in the Lead

The Navy team is leading the Elementary School Girls Newcomb Tournament in the first week of games. Navy defeated Yale 13-4 and Army 13-6. Janet LaRue, Dolores Wolfe, Adele Eubanks, and Cecelia Nelson were outstanding players for their team.

In the other games played, Maryland defeated George Washington 25-8. Harvard defeated Yale 28-4. Army defeated Maryland 11-10. Tomorrow morning George Washington will play Harvard at 9:45, and on Wednesday of next week Maryland will play Yale and George Washington will play the Army.



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### Livingston New Manager For Meat Department

Donald Livingston has been appointed manager of the meat department at the Food Store, effective Monday, November 16. Mr. Livingston has been in the meat department for some time and has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by George Farrell, General Manager Tom Ricker announces.

Girls between the ages of eleven and twelve, who wish to become Girl Scouts, will find that there are a few vacancies in Mrs. Martin Miller's troop.

Those interested may contact Mrs. Miller at her home, 17-A Ridge Road, by phone, Greenbelt 6151, or at the Social Room of the Elementary School on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

### Braden Flies to Arizona

Community Manager Roy S. Braden spent the week in Phoenix, Arizona in the interest of the War Relocation Authority. Mr. Braden was asked to advise the group on town managerial problems. The communities which are being relocated are the Japanese internment camps. Mr. Braden went to Arizona by plane, leaving here Tuesday morning and expected to return Saturday morning.

### Supervisor Visits Here

Mrs. Catherine Reed and the staff of the Elementary School were pleased to have Miss Grace Alder, state supervisor of elementary education, visit with them last week.

### "Miss Victory" To Be Honored At Dec. 5 Rally

A Miss Victory, who will be honored at the Victory Rally sponsored by the Civilian Defense Council on December 5, will be chosen by means of a contest which the Greenbelt Athletic Club is sponsoring. This contest will be similar to the Miss Defense contest held in connection with the Defense Rally last February. That contest netted \$200 for the use of the local Civilian Defense Corps in purchasing supplies. Miss Helen Kaighn, 13-V Ridge Road, was chosen Miss Defense; with Joan McNamara, 3-C Crescent Road, runner-up.

As in the previous contest, votes will cost 1 cent each. This time, however, 5 and 10 cent, as well as 1 cent ballots will be available, making it unnecessary for those wishing to cast multiple votes to write the names of their candidates on each vote.

Ballot boxes will be located in the theater, food store, drug store, variety store, and cigar store. Only those candidates who have received at least 150 votes by November 24, will be qualified to continue in the contest after that date. A score board will be placed in one of the above stores.

Ballots may be obtained from J. C. Smith, 4-H Southway; Al Shaeffer, 6-E Crescent Road; Lester Sanders, 11-C Ridge Road; and at the Athletic Clubhouse. Envelopes will be placed beside each ballot box. These may be used for voting. The name of the candidate should be written on the outside, the amount of money being voted sealed in, and the envelope placed in the ballot box.

"It is hoped," said President Sanders, "that every organization in town will nominate candidates and give them strong support, so that this contest will be even more successful than the Miss Defense contest."

### Alice Coe Mendham Will Address P. T. A. Body

The Parent Teachers Association will meet Monday, November 23 at 8 p. m. in the Auditorium of the Elementary School. Miss Alice Coe Mendham, who will be remembered as having conducted adult-education classes here on "The Pre-school Child and the Adolescent," will be the speaker.

A question and answer discussion will be held following the lecture. "It is hoped that all parents who have children in the Elementary School will attend", officers of the organization said.

### Classified Ads

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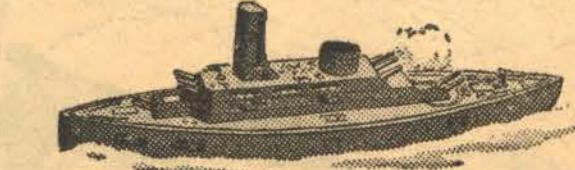


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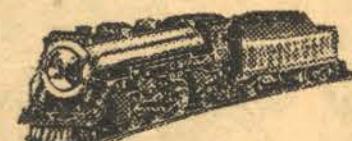


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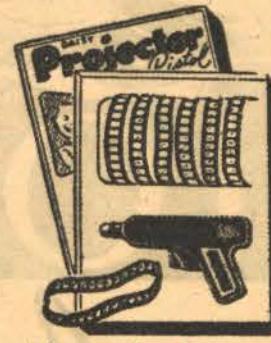
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