



Citizens Seek To Form U.S.O. Branch Here

Creation of a USO in Greenbelt was seen as a possibility this week with the organization of a special Citizens' Association committee to explore the feasibility of the project. Joe Compton is chairman of the group.

Other committee members are Mrs. Robert Porter, Mrs. Edwin Welch, Mrs. John Gale, and Paul Barnhart. Mrs. Porter heads a subcommittee on program. Her group will draw up a schedule of activities, entertainment and recreation which can be offered to servicemen by the community during the spring and summer. This program will be submitted to all organizations in town for criticism and suggestions. Each organization will then be invited to send a delegate to a body responsible for putting into effect whatever program meets general agreement.

Community Enterprise

"This is going to be a community enterprise," stated Mr. Compton, who is also vice-president of the Citizens' Association. "All organizations will be asked and will be expected to participate."

Application for admission in the national USO enrollment is under consideration, but no action has been taken in this direction yet, pending further progress in the local organizing work.

About 1000 men in an Army Service Unit are located within the vicinity of Greenbelt, Walter J. Slocumb pointed out in a recent letter to the Cooperator. No recreation has existed for this isolated group of soldiers except for a few recent efforts by residents of Beltsville and Greenbelt. Other servicemen would also be expected to enjoy facilities of whatever program could be arranged here.

The Greenbelt Theater and dances have already attracted visiting men in uniform. With spring coming, the swimming pool, tennis courts, boating on the Lake, and baseball fields can be made available.

Women's Clubs To Aid Cancer Control Month

Members of the Greenbelt Women's Club are planning to observe "Cancer Control Month" during April in conformity with President Roosevelt's announcement asking the public not to forget in time of war "the persistent menace of our less spectacular enemy, disease."

Mrs. Linden S. Dodson, chairman of welfare, is making arrangements with the theater for a two-day showing during April of a film on cancer control.

Also it is planned to have a table in the Food Store from which the pamphlet, "Common Sense and Cancer Control," will be distributed. The object of the program is education as well as financial, she stated.

The exact dates of the events in April will be announced later in the Cooperator.

Legionnaires Dance

The Greenbelt American Legion is holding a square dance at the Legion house Saturday, April 3, from 9 to 12 p. m. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Johnny Walker and his hillbillies. The affair is open to the public.

Come and Get 'Em

A large number of gloves, belts, scarves, children's pocket-books, keys, a piece of linoleum, a boy's suit coat, a piece of yard goods, a girl's moccasin, a soldier cap and several other items which have been found throughout the town are in the administration office and may be claimed there during office hours.

Hospital Still 'Hopeful' After Three-Month Lapse

A hospital for Greenbelt remains at the "hopeful" stage three months after the town's request was made to the Federal Works Agency, the Cooperator was informed this week by local officials.

"Although no commitments have been made, there are some indications that our request will be acted on favorably," said Arthur Rysticken, assistant town manager. "The application is still being studied by the various Government agencies involved."

Town Manager Roy S. Braden was ill last week and could not be reached for a statement.

Councilman Frank Lastner, a supporter of a municipal hospital for Greenbelt, said that efforts to secure the institution were being continued, but admitted that no

developments had occurred in recent weeks.

A small municipal hospital at Gardenway and Ridge Road was closed by the Town Council in January, 1942, for lack of funds after it had operated at a loss for nearly three years. Although the institution had won high praise for its service, its facilities were admittedly too limited for satisfactory community care.

Present plans, under way since last fall, call for 20 beds. Data have been submitted to the U. S. Public Health Service, which is serving as an investigating agency for the FWA. The Federal Security Agency is participating in the study. Both the regional and the Washington offices of the FWA must approve the request for the hospital.

Cooperation Sought To Curtail Damage

Due to the increased amount of vandalism and trespassing within the town, a letter was sent to all tenants from the local administration this week asking for greater cooperation and warning Greenbelters that regulations concerning these acts will be strictly enforced, even to the point of eviction.

The administration feels the lack of discipline of children and of respect for town property and ordinances on the part of the parents is responsible for the increased amount of damage to public property locally.

It is stated that children caught at such acts will be prosecuted in juvenile courts rather than being dismissed by local policemen after being reprimanded. Adults will be prosecuted under the trespassing act. In the case of families in which violations are repeated, eviction proceedings will be carried out.

Vacant Defense Homes To Be Filled Immediately

All local defense houses are expected to be rented within the next couple weeks, according to Fred Ryerse, family selection assistant in charge of renting the new homes.

It is understood that approximately 20 of the new three-bedroom houses were vacant the beginning of this week but will be filled immediately. All one and two bedroom houses have been filled for some time and there is a short waiting list of applicants for future vacancies.

Mr. Ryerse explained the three bedroom houses have been slower in renting as larger families are less likely to move from place to place because of military transfer and defense jobs than are the smaller size families.

William H. Rapp Dies Suddenly Monday

William H. Rapp of 12 B Plateau Place died at his home early Monday morning. His death was believed to be the result of a fall received some time ago.

Mr. Rapp was 34 years old and a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he lived before coming to Greenbelt last November. He is survived by his wife and small daughter.

Burial will be in Philadelphia.

To Attend Communion

The Blessed Virgin Sodality was recently formed for the Catholic women of Greenbelt will go to Holy Communion on Sunday, April 4, at 9 a. m. in the local theater.

The Sodality will meet Monday evening, April 5, in room 224 of the Elementary School. New members will be accepted at that meeting.

War Fund Tops \$600 In Drive For \$1000

Greenbelt's Red Cross War Fund quota of \$1000, as of Tuesday, had been nearly two-thirds met, according to Chairman of the drive, Mrs. Joseph Rogers, with a total collection of \$670.20. The drive has been extended to April 7, in an endeavor to complete the drive.

Mrs. Rogers explained that in the event any Greenbelters have not been approached for their contribution, a telephone call to Greenbelt 3131 will bring a messenger to pick up the donation.

Children's Center In Bachelor Apartments?

No tangible developments can be reported this week with respect to the establishment of a local Child Care Center for children of working parents, according to Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, supervisor of the department of adult education.

Mrs. Kinzer, Mrs. Catherine Reed, principal of the Elementary School, and Mrs. Hamilton, county coordinator of Child Care Centers, toured the town recently to determine what buildings might be available for conversion into such an establishment. It was decided that the vacant three-bedroom houses in the northern part of town would not be suitable due to the lack of outdoor play facilities. The one-room, or bachelor apartments, on Parkway Road were felt to be the best possibility for such a nursery.

In order to use these apartments for anything other than housing, permission must be secured from the Federal Public Housing Authority, according to Mrs. Kinzer. Mr. Braden is expected to take this matter before the officials as soon as possible.

B'nai Brith To Form Committees Wednesday

The local Women's Chapter of B'nai Brith will meet on April 7, at 8:15 p. m. in Room 222 of the Elementary School, it was announced this week.

Committee chairmen will be announced and the organization of committees will be completed. All interested women are cordially invited to attend.

Community Church Preparing Service Flag

A service flag is being prepared for all the young men and women of the families connected with the Community Church or the Church School, Rev. Wilmer Pierce Johnston announced this week. All those who know of names of those who should be placed upon this flag should contact Mrs. Hester Neff, Greenbelt 2386.

Students Reach Two-Thirds Mark Toward Gift Jeep

By Bill Moore

Our High School boys and girls are going to buy a jeep for the men over there, and they are two-thirds of the way toward their goal. They are raising "jeep money" by the purchase of defense stamps and bonds.

The kids have been pouring money into the kitty for some time and are approaching the \$600 mark. Since it takes \$900 to buy a jeep, the kids felt that there needed to be some new incentive to swell the fund. They hit upon the idea of forming class basketball teams and charging defense stamps for admission.

Their brain child was an immediate success. The first two games brought in nearly 30 dollars. Miss Charlotte Stubbs' girls and boys were victorious over Mrs. Glennis Kabat's students by 10-7 and 31-26 scores. Virginia Taylor and Donnie Fitzhugh were the high scorers.

To date the sophomore class has turned in close to \$400, but the new sports impetus to the drive shows every indication that the other three classes will not lag.

New Area Located For More Gardens

A new plot of ground which will provide enough acreage for 200 gardens has been located near the town, according to Arthur L. Rysticken, assistant community manager. Local landscape gardener Angus MacGregor and Mr. Rysticken are planning to look for still more ground which can be used for garden plots.

Permanent gardens were assigned this week and plowing was started on the other gardens. Other gardens are expected to be assigned during the coming week.

In answer to inquiries which have been received, Mr. Rysticken said flower bed space around homes may be used for planting vegetables but it is not permissible to spade up sod.

It was also suggested by the assistant town manager that anyone who is assigned a regular 50' by 50' plot and is willing to share a portion of it with someone else notify the administration so that arrangements can be made.

Women Meet To Discuss Food-Buying Problems

How to achieve the greatest variety and food value in serving the foods available under current shortages and point rationing were explained by Mrs. Andrew McGuire, Red Cross nutrition instructor, to a group of women Wednesday afternoon.

This meeting was the first of a series being sponsored by Prince Georges County through funds authorized by the State of Maryland to assist consumers in meeting problems arising out of rationing.

Additional information offered by Mrs. McGuire included a quantitative summary of protein containing foods—such as eggs, fish and certain vegetables—and their substitute value for the usual cuts of meat.

Those attending included Estelle Dolgoff, Bee Gamel, Edna Stripling, Anne Glauberman, Kathryn Stripling and Edna George.

Another meeting will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 at 13-D Laurel Hill Road and is open to all.

Braden Back After Flu

Town Manager Roy S. Braden was back at his desk Monday morning after a week's absence due to an attack of flu.

Slocumb Cancels Meeting of Citizens Group

There will be no meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association next Monday, President Walter J. Slocumb has announced. Disappointed by poor attendance at last month's meeting, President Slocumb said, "It's impossible to arouse Greenbelters about anything."

At least one member of the Association's Executive Board, Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, is known to have disagreed with Mr. Slocumb's stand. Pointing out that nearly two-thirds of the Association's potential members are new to Greenbelt, Mrs. Cooper said, "They have not had a chance to become acquainted with the Citizens' Association, and they never will have a chance if we just quit meeting without giving Greenbelters any choice in the matter."

Need for Uniform Rules

Mrs. Cooper cited the need for uniform rules for all of Greenbelt as one of the many items needing the cooperation of the Citizens' Association. It was pointed out, for example, that while there is a rule against the keeping of animals in Greenbelt, cats and dogs have been observed in the yards of several homes. Other problems confronting the Association include familiarizing new residents with the organizations and facilities available here, providing playgrounds for the new homes, among others. Mrs. Cooper expressed the belief that good publicity and careful planning could revive the Citizens' Association into the important public forum it was during the town's early years.

Another members of the executive committee approached for comment was Joseph Compton, vice-president. Mr. Compton agreed that participation had not been as complete as could be expected, but added that he would like to see the Association continued. He expressed approval of the suggestion that a deciding meeting be held, wherein Greenbelters were invited to attend and decide for themselves whether or not the Association should continue.

Election Next Month

Another reason given in some quarters for continuance of the organization was the election to be held next month.

Other reasons given in some quarters for continuance of the organization were the elections to be held next month; the recent sponsoring by GCA of USO dances and the new Greenbelt orchestra; and the cooperation of GCA in making possible the opening of the new branch store.

Statement by Slocumb

This is to inform the Citizens of Greenbelt that the April meeting of the Citizens' Association has been cancelled by me.

I have been told that it was being drastic and harsh to do this, but I feel that during these strenuous times, people do not want to be bothered with trivial matters. If you doubt this, look at the past attendance records.

If, however, you have something to bring up, that needs community backing, and is important enough to bring all the tired war-workers out to a meeting, let me hear from you, and the Executive committee will be glad to call a special meeting.

At the May meeting, the first Monday in the month, you can decide for yourselves as to whether you want the G. C. A. to continue.

Orchestra Meets Now On Monday Nights

Until further notice, the Greenbelt Community Orchestra will continue to hold rehearsals on Monday evening at 8:30 in the Music Room of the Elementary School, Director B. Deutchman, announced this week.

More violinists are needed by the orchestra, and any person who plays an instrument is welcome, he stated.

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Where Is the Child Care Center?

With the prospect increasing every day that fathers in important numbers will be called into military service by this summer, it is pertinent, we believe, to inquire into what is being accomplished in Greenbelt in the direction of establishing a child care center.

Without a child care center available to all, what will mothers of pre-school children do when they have to take up jobs in war industries? Indeed the problem is already being felt where fathers have volunteered and the mothers would like to go to work in a defense plant.

A survey conducted in January indicated that there is a clear need for such facilities in Greenbelt. Furthermore, it is understood that funds from the Lanham Act appropriation are available for the operation of such a center.

Where, then, is the delay?

We understand that originally the plan was to establish the center in one of the larger defense houses, but this was later abandoned as not being practicable, since no play areas have yet been developed in the defense area.

Now the scheme apparently is to see if it would be possible to convert the lower floor of one of the old Greenbelt apartment buildings located nearer a playground area.

However, before any such alteration of one of the old Greenbelt buildings can be undertaken, the administration must obtain the permission of the Federal Public Housing Authority, and at this point it appears that the whole project has bogged down.

While converting one of the apartment buildings might offer an attractive solution to the problem, it should be determined without delay whether the F. P. H. A. will approve such a plan. If such approval is not forthcoming, we should know it at the earliest in order that our efforts may be concentrated on the alternative solution without delay.

We are not interested in quibbling over the location of a child care center; we realize that there are many emergency conditions beyond our control which may have to affect the final decision. However, we are earnestly interested that early, vigorous, and positive action be taken by those of the administration who are in a position to follow this problem through, and to influence a constructive solution.

Blame for Vandalism

The recent outcropping of juvenile vandalism springs from complex sources which should challenge us as citizens of a democratic community.

The police cannot fairly be blamed when parents fail to back them up when they try to enforce town regulations. Where are children to learn respect for law and property when they see that their parents' only interest is to protect them from the consequences, to get a case quashed without regard for the constructive social lesson which could be made of value to the children?

Likewise to be criticized are those persons who have legitimate complaints, but who back down and refuse to prosecute, either through misdirected soft-heartedness, or because of those whose toes might be stepped upon.

This attitude works out to the detriment of the morale of both those charged with law enforcement and those who are tempted to violate regulations.

Perhaps also to blame is a laxity on the part of the town administration in not prohibiting children from playing in certain areas where special temptations exist to destroy and steal property. An instance we have in mind is the airplane spotters' station on the roof of the drug store building from which there have come numerous complaints of minor theft and destruction of property.

We, therefore, commend the action of the Defense Council in seeking to have the roof of the drug store closed to all but authorized airplane spotters and town officials. It should both end the petty pilferage and vandalism which

Long Time No See Child Care Center

And now they tell us! A place has about been decided on for the location of the proposed child care center. And it sounds logical to use a whole floor of one of the bachelor apartment buildings for it, for compactness and a certain amount of privacy between groups and especially for the proximity of playgrounds. It's heartening for the people who aren't working and who've had to practically comb on-the-loose youngsters out of our hair about three times a day to know that arrangements have progressed to the point of WHERE. Not wishing to seem greedy, we just can't seem to quit worrying about WHEN, too. It must be just as hard for our parents who are working to know that your children are too much on their own as it is for the rest of us to have them that way, and we are worrying about that WHEN for your sakes, too. Maybe when the WHERE has been definitely decided on, comes the WHEN. Also, maybe a little pushing on your part in the right direction might help. Sometimes it does, you know.

The Community Church Guild meets with Mrs. Emmett Griggs, 11-F Ridge Road, Wednesday afternoon, April 7, at 1:30. All members urged to attend. The Red Cross work which the Guild has been doing is to be the subject of discussion.

Johnny Walker's boys scrape the fiddle for the American Legion Square Dance next Saturday night. Tomorrow night it is, from 9 to 12, at the Legion House.

You Catholic ladies of the Blessed Virgin Sodality, don't forget the 9 o'clock mass, April 4, at the local Catholic Church. (To you Catholic newcomers, the masses are said in the Theater on Sunday mornings.)

There will also be a meeting of the Sodality Monday night, April 5, at the Elementary School, Room 224.

Neighbors, there seems to be a question in the Citizens' Association. Mr. Slocumb, the president, says, "The people of Greenbelt don't want a Citizens' Association. They don't come to the meetings." Evelyn Cooper, committee chairman and member of the executive board of the Association, says, "Yes, they do." Who is right? The answer lies with you. Do you want to handle your town affairs enough to attend the meetings? How much do you believe in democracy? Is it just a word to die by in your dictionary?

Nice to hear about the proposed U. S. O. While a lot of things have been done for the boys in uniform, it has been scattered and entirely too much dependent on personal desires. A real U. S. O. center, with privileges of tennis courts and swimming pool and the chance of seeing a good baseball or softball game thrown in ought to go a long way toward making some boy's life happier while he is away from his folks.

By the way, that pool reference makes me think of something which was cheering. The kids have been going around with long faces, trying to console each other for the pool not opening this summer. The poor guys have been pretty decent about it, too, explaining a supposed shortage of chlorine on war terms and the lack of life guards the same way. But are they going to be happy when they find out that it is going to open, anyhow! At least, I assume it is because I was talking to a man yesterday, and he lets fall that he is thinking of serving as lifeguard at the pool this summer. Perk up, kids. This summer won't be a total loss for you if you can keep up the jack-knife and the swan dive off the board when the weather gets hot.

So You're Having a Victory Garden!

By The Greenbelt Gardener
Growing Seedlings

In normal years the average gardener would probably be wise to purchase plants of cabbage, tomato, eggplant, and others rather than to grow them. However, if arrangements for purchase locally at the proper time do not appear entirely certain, the home gardener might be justified in trying to grow a supply of these plants. These plants should be started without delay. Since few gardeners in Greenbelt will have facilities for hotbeds and frames, we shall confine our remarks to the growing of the plants indoors in window boxes. Although flower pots or metal containers may be used, low flat wooden boxes are preferable for starting the seed. The preparation of the soil is important. A light sandy soil may be used, but if the soil available for filling the box is inclined to be heavy it should be mixed with equal parts of sand or leaf mold. Although it is possible to grow the plants without sterilizing the soil, losses of many of the seedlings through attacks of fungous diseases are likely. One of the simplest ways

to sterilize the soil is to bake the soil in an oven for an hour at a temperature of 300 degrees F. or more. If the seedlings are to be transplanted with a wider spacing into other containers, the sterilization of the soil in these will be helpful although not so necessary, since the diseases are less apt to attack plants which are spaced more widely.

A number of chemical preparations are much used by market gardeners for treating seeds in order to protect against attacks of diseases which reduce the stands. Probably the average home gardener will find these too complicated for practical use, and will prefer to sow a little more liberally, thinning out the plants later to stand the required distances.

Some plant hormone preparations are on the market for treating seeds and reports of striking successes have been made by some following their use. On the other hand others have failed to obtain any increases. The more experimentally inclined gardeners may find some small scale comparative tests interesting.

has occurred there, and will head off the serious accident which will surely one day happen if children are continued to be allowed to play there and on the adjoining buildings.

No More Tick-Tock Blues

Have you been arriving late to work these mornings because your alarm clock doesn't ring any more?

Or maybe you are one of those lucky people who has a phone and daily asks the Berwyn operator, "Can you please tell me the time?"

Or could it be that you are a passenger in a car pool and have prevailed upon someone to wake you each morning so you don't miss your ride?

Well, here's some good news to all you "alarm clock" sufferers—The War Production Board has approved the manufacture of a limited number of alarm clocks. —S. G.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By Sally Meredith

Hello, Greenbelt:

This certainly seems familiar! It's been a long time since I so addressed you. I hope to start again by giving you the highlights of Greenbelt social life. However, there's a problem. I no longer live in Greenbelt, so find it rather difficult to gather news of this sort. The Cooperator staff members have very obligingly furnished me this week with what news I have. I feel, though, that there must be an abundance of other interesting social tidbits that the Staff couldn't gather, even if they numbered in the hundreds.

All of which leads up to the fact that it would be appreciated no end if any of you who visit, are visited, go a-partying or anything else (almost!) that would be of interest to Our Neighbors, would kindly advise me of same. A note stuck in an envelope and addressed to Our Neighbors, c/o Cooperator, will suffice, as will a telephone call to Greenbelt 3131 between 8 p. m. and 10 p. m. Monday or Tuesday evening.

Greenbelt doesn't seem to change its traditions, in spite of the war. From reports of Dr. William Eisner, a boom in the baby market is indicated. 'Twas ever thus! It seems that six babies were born in the past two weeks, including Francis Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson of 73-R Ridge Road and infant Margolis, of 6-G Hillside, both born on March 16, as well as Miss Patricia Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Forsythe of 20-L Hillside, born March 29 at Leland Memorial Hospital. Two Greenbelt babies recently arrived within six minutes of each other, at the same hospital.

Comings and goings:—Mrs. Nathan Israel, of 6-Z-6 Plateau Place, has been visiting her parents in New York City. —The Dayton Hulls are entertaining Ann's mother, Mrs. Charles Carter of Westtown, Pennsylvania. —Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Levine returned from a five-day trip to New York. —Also in New York this week were Mr. and Mrs. George Treter, as was Mrs. Sarah Weisscott. —The McNamara sailor-boy, Thomas F., Jr., plans to spend the week-end here with his parents. He's stationed at Philadelphia. —Miss Blanche Lee, who has returned from two weeks of visiting friends and relatives in Columbus, Ohio, says that although her trip was quite enjoyable, the comparison between Greenbelt's spring and the muddy, high-water one of Columbus was all in Greenbelt's favor. —Mrs. James W. McCarl returned last week from a month's visit through Iowa, Nebraska, Kentucky, and Illinois. The trip started when she joined Dr. McCarl to attend a meeting in Chicago.

A gala fourth birthday party was enjoyed in honor of little Miss Dorothy Ann Rhodes of 6-D Ridge Road by her playmates on Monday at 4 o'clock. Games, songs and whistles were enjoyed by the young guests. The whistles signaled the arrival at home of the young fry.

You ladies who would like to trim off a few inches around the waistline might take a tip from Jimmy Killingbeck of 3-C Ridge. He joined the District Police Force a couple of months ago, and has lost 18 pounds in that time through their gym exercises! Well, future policemen, does a uniform become you?

The Reverend and Mrs. Kincheloe, and young son, Robert, Jr., visited friends in Greenbelt last Saturday. Rev. Kincheloe formerly was pastor of the Community Church here, and now is employed with the U.S.O. in Baltimore.

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Community Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent will be observed at the Community Church Sunday. The Reverend Wilmer Pierce Johnston will preach at both the morning and evening hours.

His subject Sunday at 11:00 a. m. will be "How Shall we Interpret the Cross?" and at 8:00 p. m., "Pilate's Wife's Dream".

A nursery is provided where those who desire to leave their children while they worship may do so.

At 9:30 a. m. each Sunday, the Church School meets in the Community Building.

Wednesday at 8:00 p. m., the Finance Committee will meet at the Church office at 8-B Parkway.

Hebrew Congregation

Regular services will be held this evening at 8:30 in the Elementary School. A forum discussion will be held after services on the topic, "The Jew and his Contribution to the Modern Community". Everybody is welcome.

Hi Neighbor!

The following residents have moved to Greenbelt the latter half of this month:

Warren B. Zier, 38 D Crescent Road; William A. Evers, 22 D Crescent Road; Oldrich J. Cisar, 14 C Parkway Road; Roland E. Moore, 59 G Ridge Road; Lowell G. Huddleston, 2 M Research Road; Dee L. Gould, 14 N Hillside Road; Kenneth A. Gammill, 13 C Laurel Hill Road; Allen R. Plitt, 11 C Hillside Road; Joseph R. Sprengle, 1 C Research Road; Charles T. Brooks, 69 M Ridge Road; Isidor S. Zaph, 1 B Plateau Place; Fred Meredith, 4 N Laurel Hill Road; J. W. Naylor, 19 C Hillside Road; R. B. Fox, 62 B Ridge Road; Alice L. Catalano, 2 D Research Road; Irvin R. Pike, 5 B Plateau Place; H. A. Slaymaker, 2 C Research Road; Everett J. McGraner, 4 P Laurel Hill Road; Rowland V. Tarrant, 49 F Ridge Road; William A. Lynn, 3 N Research Road; Gustav H. Frank, Jr., 8 N Laurel Hill Road; Robert D. Feagin, 62 F Ridge Road; William Conover, 14-J Laurel Hill Road; Frank L. Tracey, 8 Q Laurel Hill Road.

Shamrocks Open Spring Training With 13 Men; Quantico Booked

The first contingent of Shamrock hopefuls arrived on the scene last Sunday to participate in an almost too brisk workout. Of the group of 13 candidates, 9 were rookies. Joe Todd, Bill Zerwick, Wayne Davis and Ernie Boggs were the quartet of last year's regulars on hand. Ernie Boggs, blond fireballer, put the lads through their paces. Coach Lou Gerstel had his big mit out holding down the chuckers.

3rd Base Popular

Battery men include Harold Nelson, Jim Mundy, Ray Glasgow and Boggs, pitchers, and catchers Irby Jones, Gerstel and Todd. George Desposito and Zerwick were the only outfielders in camp. Infielders, Art Sawyer, Dave Grego, Jack Machowsky, Forrest Rabenhorst, Davis and Bill Holloway, reported. The first four men are 3rd base contestants.

Boggs ran the boys through a few warm-up exercises and directed pepper games. Coach Gerstel had to caution a couple of his hurlers against curving the ball in. Batboy Donnie Wolfe helped out by warming up the pitchers.

One-Knocker

All hands turned to batting practice. They batted from the summit of the playground hill by the elementary school, hitting down toward the tennis courts. It is expected that the ball diamond will be placed in shape before next Sunday's session. Todd and Glasgow were the sluggers of the first batting practice.

We have received a letter from the Quantico Marines in regards to scheduling games with the Shamrocks. Dates will be released in the schedule later on.

Some of the boys had a second workout Wednesday. The whole squad is encouraged to do the same. Sunday is expected to bring out more candidates. Practice Sunday same place, same time.

It's au revoir to: Mrs. M. Weiner, 16L Ridge Road; Walter Corbett, 5 B Plateau Place; Gerald J. Peiffer, 14 K Laurel Hill Road.



Deadline time for writers on the Cooperator is Tuesday and this is Wednesday. The warmth and Springiness of the unmentionable stuff has made us a bit lazy. Trips to Maryland University where the Washington Senators are training have set us to dreaming of what we might have here in Greenbelt.

We have the Shamrocks! Last week 13 of 'em were out for the first time. Practice this Saturday and Sunday will turn up three new fellows who have some experience at Abner Double Day's brainchild. Two catchers and an infielder, Roland Tarrant, M. Todorovitch and C. A. Willman have moved in town and should bolster the "Rocks."

Julie Andrus, our pet center-fielder for a couple seasons, is a candidate for Lieut. Vince Holochwost's Naval Air Station nine. Julie is in sick bay with a sprained hand and will miss practice for a week or more.

Lieutenant Holochwost managed the Shamrocks for two and a half seasons until he was commissioned a Lieutenant (jg) in the Navy. He is a full Looney now! Congratulations, old skipper. The Shamrocks publically challenge your nine to a game of ball to open both of our seasons!

The Shamrocks will journey to Quantico, Va. to play the famed Quantico Marines on Saturday, May 22. In five games with the Leathernecks during the past three years the Greenies have won but two. Ex-White Sox pitcher, Ted Lyons, plays with the Marines this season.

We see Knocky Thomas is candidate for one of the catching berths on the Senators out there at College Park. Knocky will be painfully remembered by Shamrock fans for his superlative work in the county league last year.

Those 23 points registered by Don Leyden for the X-Hi cage team against the Athletic Club represent the largest total for any one game for the ex-University of Pennsylvania flash, but he is easily the Rec League score leader as the season ends. Leroy Clark's 32 points a week earlier was the only individual accumulation to better Don's.

We hear that the rampaging Eagles copped three games from the Livingston bunch to run up an almost safe lead with the season but few weeks from end. More in next copy of the paper.

Eagles and Co-ops 2 Games Out Front In Bowling Races

Last week's leaders in the men's and women's bowling leagues gained a game to hold two game leads over their respective runners-up. The Eagles' 3-0 win over the Commandos gave them their margin over Vitamen, who stepped over the top spot in the ladies' section by taking a 2-1 set.

Any One of Six

This week's play tightened up the "better-half" race to the extent that but 6 games separate the first 7 teams. Lustine-Nicholson, for long the pace setter, is but one game back of G. P. Iverson in third place.

Les Olson came through with high game and set for the week with 145 and 374. Other noteworthy sets were put together by Slough, Martin and Marack with 368, 364 and 358 respectively.

Men			
Team	W	L	Pinfall
Eagles	51	33	41,898
Vitamen	49	35	42,805
Outlaws	48	36	42,955
Cor. Delicatessen	47	37	43,577
Commandos	45	39	42,377
Barons	43	41	40,958
American Legion	42	42	43,745
Redskins	39	45	42,766
Co-Ops	37	47	41,510
Livingston's	37	47	40,099
Dodgers	35	49	41,804
Buckeros	30	54	40,995

High set—MacEwen 368; Wolfe and Bowman tied at 385. High game—MacEwen 163, Schulz 162. Strikes—Taylor 47, Estes and MacEwen tied at 44. Spares—Estes 177, Lastner and MacEwen tied at 172. Averages—MacEwen 111-16, Estes 110-56. Bowman 109-45 Lastner 109-30, Slough 107-19, Burke 107-16, Taylor 106-70, Johnson 106-31.

Women			
Team	W	L	Pinfall
CO-OP	42	27	32,344
G. P. Iverson	40	29	30,604
Lustine-Nicholson	39	30	30,521
B. D. L.	38	31	31,798
Trott & Owens	37	32	30,857
Commandos	37	32	28,998
Raiders	36	33	29,913
Starlight	34	35	31,561
Bombardiers	34	35	29,561
Bluebirds	31	38	29,747
Toppers	30	39	27,813
Md. Farm Dairy	29	40	30,423
B. B. B.	29	40	25,283
Marms	27	42	26,482

High set—Lastner 368, Sansone 339. High game—Lastner 142, Bradley 132. Strikes—Lastner 26, Allen 23. Spares—Lastner 117, Bradley 94. Averages—Lastner 103-6, Bradley 97-55, Dove 96-29, Timmons 95-20, Brittingham 95-9, Mathers 95-4, Sansone 94-47, Allen 93-41, Dennard 93-23.

Leyden Gets 23 As Alumni Grab Shot at O.E.M.

The Greenbelt High School Alumni quint gained the right to meet O.E.M., first half champ, by swamping the Athletic Club five by 60-21 (new team high score record) in the final night of the regular Recreation Basketball League season.

League's High Man

The X-Hi's lanky center Leyden stepped in where Leroy Clark left off last week and gained the second highest total of points when he cashed in 10 buckets and 3 freebies for 23 markers. Backus and Egli supported with 12 and 11 points.

Bob Marack was high for the A. C. with 9 points. Mahlon Eshbaugh, Senior and Junior, were opponents in the fray. Pop had to be content with a bucket while sonny ran off with 4.

Art McQuat and Bill Smith eagle-eyed the Berwyn Aces' victory over Glenn Wilbur's Navy Department by whipping up 27 points between them on half a dozen baskets apiece. Art had a trio of good free shots to make him the leader. Richardson scored half of his team's losing 16-40 effort.

Eddie Kaighn's Maryland boys trimmed the Co-Ops by 30-32. Bill Meek with 14 points, and Ben Perlzweig with 10, led the Old Liners.

Under Dog Champs?

Ray Taylor's Navy Yard Builders handed O.E.M. their 3rd straight loss in a 22-12 game. Shinn, Holt and Taylor with 10, 6 and 6 points respectively led the Builders, while the losing captain Ramsdell and Frank Gieremann scored all the first half victors' points between them.

First Game			
Team	G	F	T
Berwyn	6	0	0
Glasgow	2	0	4
McQuat	6	3	15
Glading	1	2	4
Ray	2	1	5
Smith	6	0	12
Totals	17	6	40
Score by periods:			
Berwyn	6	16	26
Navy Dept.	2	8	12
Second Game			
Team	G	F	T
X-Hi	6	0	12
Backus	6	0	12
Ca'man	3	0	6
Leyden	10	3	23
Eshb'gh	4	0	8
Egli	5	1	11
Totals	28	4	60
Score by periods:			
High Alumni	9	29	42
Athletic Club	5	7	11

Third Game			
Team	G	F	T
Mary'd	0	0	0
Macchio	0	0	0
Perl'zg	5	0	10
Hol'way	1	2	4
Meek	7	0	14
Kaighn	1	0	2
Totals	14	2	30
Score by periods:			
Maryland	4	14	20
Co-Ops	10	18	22

Last Game			
Team	G	F	T
N.Y.B.	0	0	0
Comings	0	0	0
Holt	2	2	6
Glasgow	0	0	0
Man'ing	0	0	0
Shinn	5	0	10
Taylor	3	0	6
Totals	10	2	22
Score by periods:			
Builders	0	10	14
O. E. M.	4	6	9

New Babies

Kathryn Ellen Farrell was born the last day of January in Leland Memorial Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Farrell of 56 K Ridge Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kindler announce the birth of a son, George E. on March 6th in the Garfield Memorial Hospital. The Kindlers live at 18 B Crescent Road.

A son was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Day of 9 H Ridge Road. Son Daniel P. arrived March 12th at the Garfield Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Sterling are the parents of a daughter, Ruth A. born March 8 at the Leland Memorial Hospital.

A daughter, Judith Ann, was born at the Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale March 14th to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Henderson, Jr., of 26 E. Crescent Road.

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One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of April 3, 1942)

Employees of the Greenbelt Consumer Services gave George Hodson, former manager, a farewell party upon his induction into the Army—Assistant Town Manager, Arthur L. Rysticken, announced that the deadline on garden requests was extended, due to the fact that of the six or seven gardens available, only 203 requests were received.

Send Money by WESTERN UNION

Special rate for service men and families.

Call at 6-H Ridge Road to send messages.

EVELYN COOPER,
GREENBELT AGENT

New Phone: 4151

Five Years Ago

(From the Cooperator of April 6, 1938)

Dr. Mark C. Dawber, Home Mission Council Executive Secretary, spoke on the advantages of a cooperative enterprise—300 Greenbelters turned out at the Home Economics class room to partake of a community dinner at 10 cents per person; the dinner was sponsored by the Greenbelt Consumers Services and prepared by the Grange League Federation, a farmers cooperative—The town population was 483 families—The children of Greenbelt were invited to participate in the annual easter egg hunt at Magruder Park, Hyattsville—Richard Knight, State Manager of the State Office of the Home Owners Loan Corporation in Florida, visited Greenbelt.

(From the Cooperator of March 30, 1938)

Greenbelt's first doctor, Dr. James Spencer Dryden, was expected to establish residence here at the end of the week, at which time, the Greenbelt Health Center will be open to receive patients.

G. P. IVERSEN COMPANY

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables

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SUPPLIERS TO YOUR FOOD STORE

G. C. S. Employees Complete W.M.C. Training Course

Local town and community government administrative leaders and local store supervisors are participating in a nation-wide "Training Within Industry" program being sponsored by the War Manpower Commission, according to an announcement made by Community Manager Roy S. Braden. A series of five two-hour classes in "Job Instruction Training" has just been completed by Mr. Braden, Arthur L. Rysticken, J. W. Rabbitt, Jr., Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, Harry E. Walls, George J. Panagoulis, B. Ellsworth Byers, Mrs. Bessie Dickson, Benjamin F. Goldfaden, Mrs. Reba S. Harris, Ralph A. Snieder, Mrs. Bertha Bonham, Mrs. Gladys Nelson, A. B. McGregor, John J. Hartman, Miss Helen Green, John E. Johnson, William Luber, Hollie Watts, Thomas I. Faulconer, James Brown, Oscar Zoellner, Hugh Garner, John Walker, Harvey Wharton, Willard F. Boteler, Berlin Ruleman, Jack Anderson, Raymond Bladen, Louis J. Wines and Albert S. Attick of the Management Office; and by Thomas Ricker, Thomas Jeffries, Waldo Mott, Donald Herwick, William Seigel, James Mathers, Harry Snyder, and Hugh Hawkins, of Greenbelt Consumer Services.

Streamlined Courses

This course was taught by Paul Gard, of the Training Within Industry organization. It, like the others to follow, was designed to present its subject in a streamlined manner so that it could be made available to supervisors throughout the Nation while they are actually at their war jobs. The Job Instruction Training course just completed by the local groups shows supervisors how to teach "A particular man to do a particular job, quickly, correctly, and conscientiously."

The other two courses, "Job Method Training" and Job Relations Training", will be given locally in the near future, Mr. Braden reports.

Outstanding Development

Commenting upon the first course, General Manager Thomas Ricker of the local cooperatives said, "We have found the course invaluable to G.C.S., not only in giving pointers to old employees so that they can render greater service in this trying period, but especially when it is necessary to instruct people in jobs which are entirely new to them. This is, of course, more and more often the case. We have already been able to qualify 5 persons for new positions as a result of the course."

"From the standpoint of national productivity and management-labor relations, this Training Within Industry program may well be one of the most important developments of the war."

Classified

SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS wanted for Berwyn exchange, Call Chief Operator, Berwyn 9900

State Tax Returns Prepared. E. Don Bullian, 7-D Ridge Road. Greenbelt 5936.

Transportation Exchange

PASSENGERS WANTED—To Hydrographic Office or Census Bureau, Suitland. 11-T Ridge Road, Greenbelt 4202.

RIDE WANTED—Vicinity of 13th and Mass. Ave., N. W. Hours 9 to 5:30. Call 4107.

RIDE WANTED—For one or more to vicinity of 15th and H N.W., 9:15 - 5:45. 6-F Research Road. Phone Greenbelt 6202.

Ride Wanted to vicinity of War Building, 21st Street and Virginia Avenue, N. W. Hours 8:15 to 5. Phone Greenbelt 4831.

WANTED—ride to Ft. Meade or will pool car. Hours 8 to 4:30. Call Greenbelt 4677 after 6 p. m.

RIDERS WANTED—To Pentagon Building; 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. shift; will take passengers any place enroute. Earl Haas, 11-U Ridge Road.

WANTED—ride to vicinity of 12th and G Sts., N. W. Hours 9-5:30. 13-J Parkway.

A food canning plant at Milan, Mo., with a capacity ranging from 30,000, to 50,000 cases each season has just been purchased by Consumers Cooperative Association of North Kansas City, Missouri.

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FULL OR PART TIME

Apply At Once

G. C. S. Office or
Barber Shop

BARBER WANTED

FULL OR PART TIME

Apply At Once

G. C. S. Office or
Valet Shop

To the Editor---

Editor of the Cooperator:

As a new member of the G.C.S., I would like to make the following observation.

For the past few days all the newspapers have had front-page headlines, "Near Riot in New York" and "Butcher Shelves Bare in Washington". Yet despite all this, it seems that Greenbelters haven't fared so badly. Has anybody taken the trouble to ask, "How come?"

It is true that my wife waited two hours to get her meat the days the Government inspectors came around to see that everything was just so. However, from her own on the spot observations it seems that the butcher just kept going in and coming out of the huge cold boxes with meat and more meat.

If there has ever been an effective demonstration how a cooperative serves its people, this is it.

The management of the Greenbelt Consumer Services are to be congratulated on their foresight.

Good work! Keep it up.

S. G.

Choristers Needed

Singers are still needed to augment the Community Church Choir for its forthcoming Easter presentation of the "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's Messiah. Although Walter Slocomb, past director, is leaving Greenbelt, the performance will be given under the direction of his successor, G. Byron Roshon.

Guild Meets Wednesday

The next regular meeting of the Community Church Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Emmet Griggs, 11 F Ridge Road on Wednesday afternoon, April 7 at 1:30. A discussion of Red Cross matters will be held.

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Co-ops are building a better world

A better life is the aim of us all.

Working together we can break the narrow selfish patterns that bind us when we work alone. Cooperatives undergird the ideal of human brotherhood with solid economic facts. When you and neighbors around the world build co-ops your ideals have handles; you can take hold and control an ever increasing part of your economic life.

A plan for tomorrow
that works today



Co-ops must build soundly

This means studying plans and checking your building materials.

Some of you may feel rather naive about business, but you can learn. When you own a store, you must remember that wholesale prices and expenses are just as important as retail prices. Business is business, but, contrary to the general pattern, in a cooperative you are in business for your health. Of course you'll be perfectly honest about quality, weight, and price, because kidding yourself doesn't make sense.

How many bricks does it take to make a house? Of course it depends how large a house you want or need, and how long you want it to last. If you're building a business, you need capital. A good three-department food store needs an investment of about thirty dollars for every family it serves. With the other stores here, fifty dollars per family would be about right for Greenbelt's business.

It's sound sense to invest in
your Co-op



A Co-op is as stable as its human base is broad

It takes people to make a cooperative, and not just a few.

Of course a small group of enthusiasts can organize and run a business, do a real service for a large group of their fellow consumers—as long as they feel like doing it. But such a set-up is only as stable as the inspiration and devotion of a few, and it may not represent the group.

On the other hand, if most of the community served feel that the co-op is theirs, the organization will have human and financial resources equal to the job.

The Co-op here at Greenbelt is well established.

In spite of an experimental history, a transient population, and the last year of growing pains, we've kept our "business legs" and weathered the difficult years.

Sales have kept right up with population growth. But membership has lagged behind. Oh, it's been going up fast enough these last two months with the patronage return and all, but only about half of Greenbelt's 1800 families are members.

If you're new in town co-ops are probably unfamiliar to you.

Everybody buys groceries, but buying a grocery store is a new idea and may not make sense at first.

Actually of course, consumers help pay for every business they ever patronize, and usually have no ownership to show for it. Those who have invested in their co-op do own it. That have a vote in the control of its policies, receive interest on their investment, share the earning in proportion to their patronage.

A \$10 investment makes you a member of G. C. S.



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