



## Navy Wives & GCS Co-Sponsor 4th War Loan Drive

Plans are now being completed for the official opening of the local Fourth War Loan campaign on Tuesday, January 18, it was announced this week by Jack Fruchtmann, chairman of the local drive. Fruchtmann said that the local organization of Navy Wives, just recently formed, will be co-sponsors of the effort along with Greenbelt Consumer Services.

A program will be provided in the theatre on the evening of January 18 with the two organizations collaborating in lining up the speakers. Exact details for the evening will be announced later.

The goal of \$35,000, established for Greenbelt in the third war loan drive, has not been changed even though the goal for the country as a whole has been reduced. Greenbelt failed to equal its goal the last time, reaching a total of \$31,500. "We didn't do it last time, let's do it this time" said Fruchtmann.

Since the post office is the only issuing agent in Greenbelt all bonds reported by them will go to make up the figures used in the local bond total.

## GCS Hits Million Dollar Sales Mark

More than a million dollars of business was done by the Greenbelt Consumer Services stores in 1943, it was announced by Thomas B. Ricker, general manager, today.

The exact figures will be available after the annual audit some time this month. Ricker had predicted earlier this year that the gross sales for the year would reach the million dollar mark.

In its six years of business since the membership took over full operation, the co-op has shown an increase in gross sales each year, starting with \$235,435 for 1938 and growing to \$345,843 in 1939, \$960,186 in 1942 and jumping now \$1,001,621 for 1943.

Included in these total of gross sales are all of the various stores operated by GCS, the main food store, Laurel Hill food store, variety store, theater, drug store, valet shop, barber shop, beauty shop, tobacco shop and the service station.

## Cooperator Writer Makes Second Visit To Chuck, Hank And Alex

BY ANNE HULL

One of the cutest sights in Greenbelt is the afternoon exercise period of the 11 month old Meredith triplets, Chuck, Hank and Alex. Their mother has reason to wish her sons were not so alluring, as she has a little trouble enforcing "hands off". The boys are glowing tributes to her wise management; they've never been sick a day in their lives and they're completely sunny and unspoiled. As the three frolicked in their cribs one recent winter afternoon, their mother scooped up one at a time to give him a hug and to croon over him a little. As each was put down again he promptly resumed kicking or chortling to another brother glimpsed through the bars of his crib. That's proof they're not spoiled, isn't it, ladies? They have necessarily enjoyed a minimum of handling, to which Mrs. Meredith largely attributes their good temper.

Visiting the Merediths is a little like visiting the home of the seven dwarves, except that there are only three of everything. First you see three little silver mugs on a shelf, then three high chairs. You go upstairs to the nursery and there are the three cribs, which also serve as playpens. Mrs. Meredith is one of those housewives who achieves a clean, uncluttered appearance, however, with no visible effort. On gloomy days she often opens the nursery windows and dresses the boys in outdoor clothes, to ensure their getting enough fresh air.

The Merediths have recently

## A Salute To The Men of the Year

The COOPERATOR nominates the following as the Men of the Year. To these men of the town of Greenbelt owes a lot for their tireless work on behalf of the community.

**COUNCILMAN FRANCIS J. LASTNER**—for the fine job he did in fighting the proposed curtailment of the bus service this past fall. He devoted his time unstintingly in this work and to him must go the credit for the continuance of the Greenbelt-Mt. Rainier bus service.

**DAYTON HULL**—for the excellent job of re-vitalizing the Citizen's Association.

**JOHN WALDO**—for his work of reorganizing the much needed local Boy Scout movement.

**BEN GOLDFADEN**—for his outstanding job of providing a varied program of community recreation with the limited equipment and resources available.

**LIEUT. ART RYSTICKEN**—for his leadership in organizing the civilian defense program.

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## Co-op Sales Slips Must Be In Jan. 15

All the cash register slips saved from purchases at Greenbelt's co-operative stores this year must be bundled, totalled and submitted to the GCS office before 6 p. m. Saturday, January 15 for participation in the distribution of any patronage return. The exact percent of the return will be determined at the annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services in February.

The procedure for preparing slips will be much the same as last year and forms have been sent to all GCS members. Submit only those slips which, to the best of your knowledge, were issued to members of your household by G.C.S. during 1943.

Arrange the slips in bundles of 25, except for one bundle which may be less than 25. Letter this extra bundle "A" (the other consecutively "B", "C", "D", and so on).

Total each bundle. Label each bundle with your name, the total patronage represented by that

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## Navy Hero Makes His Home Here

Everyone has heard about the young navy pharmacist's mate who last year performed an emergency appendectomy aboard a submarine. Wheeler B. Lipps, now a warrant pharmacist in the medical division, is on duty in



WHEELER LIPES

the Washington area and hopes to make his home in Greenbelt. He and Mrs. Lipps and their eight-year-old son, Bruce, are temporarily staying in the town's guest apartment at 10-B Parkway. Mrs. Lipps said that and their eight-year-old son, Bruce, are temporarily staying in the town's guest apartment at 10-B Parkway. Mrs. Lipps said they were delighted to find a place in the Washington area so cordial to children. Bruce entered the north end school Wednesday, transferring for a Philadelphia school.

Since his return from the cruise on which he won his fame, Warrant Officer Lipps has been on duty in the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. Mrs. Lipps gave the first interview to the Associated Press before her husband came home. Upon disembarking, Lipps found the radio networks anxious to broadcast his story and he appeared on the "We the People" and "Cavalcade of America" programs as well as in several local programs in Philadelphia. The remarkable tale of his amateur surgery was blazoned forth in newspapers from coast to coast and in magazines such as Esquire, Readers Digest and Illustrated Mechanics.

Slight, blue-eyed Lipps comes originally from Newcastle, Va. His wife is from Atkinson, near Wilmington, N. C. While a youngster she lived ten years in Washington and would claim it as her home town except that "it's so big you can't recognize it any more".

## Canteen Holds Party

The Greenbelt Canteen held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ervin C. Dietzel, 2-B Plateau Place, recently. Although several members could not attend because of the flu those who were there had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fickes read several interesting letters from relatives who are imprisoned in the Philippines. These letters arrived just before Christmas and made a happier holiday for worried relatives here. Mrs. Neff, chairman of the canteen, reported that this unit will continue to serve refreshments each Monday night to two of the anti-aircraft posts and would also serve to blood donors when the mobile blood donor unit is in this area.

A lively game concluded with the prize for the highest score going to Mrs. Paul Barnhart. Gifts were exchanged and excellent refreshments served in the usual high standard maintained by the canteen.

Buy War Bonds today so that you can face your fighting sons when they come home and say, "I did my share toward victory, too."

## Citizens Assn. Hears Proposal For Committee To Aid Local Servicemen

### H. S. Teacher Weds

Miss Violet Younger, local high school English teacher of 11-J Parkway road, became the bride of John Samuel Cook, Navy pharmacist's mate first class, Wednesday evening at a formal church ceremony in Spring, N. C. Both the bride and groom are natives of North Carolina.

The bride was attired in a white satin wedding gown and her Western Maryland College roommate was the maid of honor.

Miss Anne Childress of Greenbelt rendered two vocal selections during the ceremony. Following a ten day honeymoon in Greenbelt the groom will return to his naval duties. The bride will resume her high school classes in three weeks.

## Greenbelt Health Assn. Meeting

January 26 will mark the annual membership meeting of the Health Association. Nominations for the election of four new board members will be due Saturday, January 8.

The outgoing members are: Dr. Herman Duburg, Dr. Linden Dodson, Herbert Hertz and Mrs. Vernon Stouden Meyer.

Three of these vacancies will be filled according to the by-laws, for two year terms.

Hyman Black, William Hayward Hunt and Mrs. Charles Mills will remain on the board.

## Nursery Schools Up To Par Again

The enrollment of Greenbelt's two nursery schools is once again normal after being noticeably depleted by the epidemics of mumps and flu.

At the Child Care Center, Mrs. Kenneth Sharp has been hired to fill the vacancy on the supervisors' staff created by Alice Wheaton's departure from Greenbelt.

## Dog Bites Youth

The old newspaper adage that it is not news when a dog bites a man goes astray when such an incident happens in Greenbelt, because residents here are not permitted, under the terms of their leases, to keep dogs or other animal pets.

Billy Neff, young son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Neff of 3-D Ridge road, was the unhappy victim of such an incident Tuesday afternoon when he was bitten by an alleged stray dog at the business center.

Fortunately, Mrs. Frances Stauffer, public health nurse, was near the scene and she immediately rushed the child to the Medical center where Dr. William Eisner cauterized the wound.

Mrs. Stauffer had the dog taken in custody and it will be held for observation to ascertain if rabies are present.

As far as could be learned the dog had been found by a youngster who tied a rope to the canine and he was walking the animal around the center.

## To Lock Apt. Laundries

It was announced by Harry Walls of the town Maintenance department this week that the basement laundry rooms in the apartment buildings will probably be locked within the next couple weeks. Tenants in the apartments will be given keys to the lock and will be notified in advance.

Walls stated that it is hoped through this means to clear up the situation regarding the utilization of hot water in the apartments by persons living in other houses and using the washing and drying machines in the apartments. Further information on the matter is expected next week.

The need for a permanent committee to deal with the problems faced by servicemen and their families is being studied by the Greenbelt Citizens' Association following Monday's recommendation by the special committee on servicemen's rents.

Urging public acceptance of the new rent policy for servicemen and other residents who suffer decreases in income, Nathan Schein, who handled the negotiations with FPMA, stated that the families of servicemen will face numerous and varied problems which require community action.

Expansion of child care center facilities, provision for the after-school-hours activities of other children, keeping the cost of living in check, provision for legal advice and provision for emergency financial assistance are among the problems listed. It is recommended that the new committee act as an integrating group and enlist the aid of such groups as the Army and Navy Relief Association, American Red Cross, American Legion, Veterans Administration, Credit Union, Health Association, Parent-Teacher Association, Town Council and FPMA.

An extremely interesting off-the-record discussion of post war employment prospects by Arthur S. Flemming, member of the U. S. Civil Service commission, proved to be the highlight of the meeting.

Warren Jones reported on the progress of the transportation board which is making a survey of local citizens' transportation needs. Data gathered by questionnaires will determine whether efforts will be continued to establish an organized transportation plan. The questionnaires will be distributed in the near future.

## Seek Radio for Soldiers

Mrs. D. J. Neff, chairman of the Red Cross canteen unit for Greenbelt reports that one of the anti-aircraft posts is without a radio and would like to have one. The soldiers at these anti-aircraft posts are somewhat isolated and must spend the greater share of their time at the post as they are on twenty-four hour duty and constantly on the alert. Their time off is spent at the barracks, unless they are on leave and life can become very dull without something to relieve the monotony. Under these conditions a radio become almost a necessity and if anyone in Greenbelt has one to donate the soldiers at this post will be very grateful. The people of Greenbelt always respond most generously to appeals of this sort and this has given the town a good name at the anti-aircraft posts in this area.

## Mrs. Mary Taylor Was Early Settler

Mrs. Mary Yarnell Taylor, 82, widow of the late Dr. H. A. Taylor of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Tuesday, December 28 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Daniels, 2-A Westway.

She was born in Newville, Ind., May 27, 1861, the daughter of Sarah and Phillip Yarnell.

Mrs. Taylor was several times a great grandmother and was the mother of ten children, five of whom are living. They are Mrs. Nellie Daniels and Mrs. James W. McCarl of Greenbelt, Mrs. Myrtle Butler of Bethesda, Mrs. C. C. Coons of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Charles Mason of Waterloo, Ia. and Dr. Harry A. Taylor of Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Taylor was among the first residents of Greenbelt and her many friends here will regret her passing. Services were held at Chambers Funeral Home in Riverdale, Wednesday, December 29 at 8 p. m. and interment was at Independence, Iowa.

The more money you lend your Government the more planes, tanks and ships our country can turn out—and the shorter the war is going to be. "Back the attack with War Bonds."

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## Why Not Inform the Public?

Dayton Hull and the Greenbelt Citizens Association scored once more Monday evening with the latest in the series of timely and interesting meetings.

Arthur S. Fleming, of the United States Civil Service Commission, presented a most informative talk on a subject which deeply affects a large percentage of Greenbelt residents—post-war employment prospects for present and former Civil Service employes.

Fleming answered questions and did his best to iron out the several problems presented him.

Unfortunately, Greenbelt was visited by a torrential downpour and the attendance was smaller than normal.

Under ordinary circumstances, the people who missed the meeting could expect to find the salient points of the talk published in this issue of the COOPERATOR—but such is not the case because of a nonsensical Government practice.

Federal officials are not allowed to make public statements without clearing them through the Office of War Information, so these officials oftentimes talk "off the record". This, to our mind, is unnecessary censorship of the news.

No one can object to these officials speaking "off the record" to a select group or small committee, but when the public is invited to attend, where is there any logic for such action?

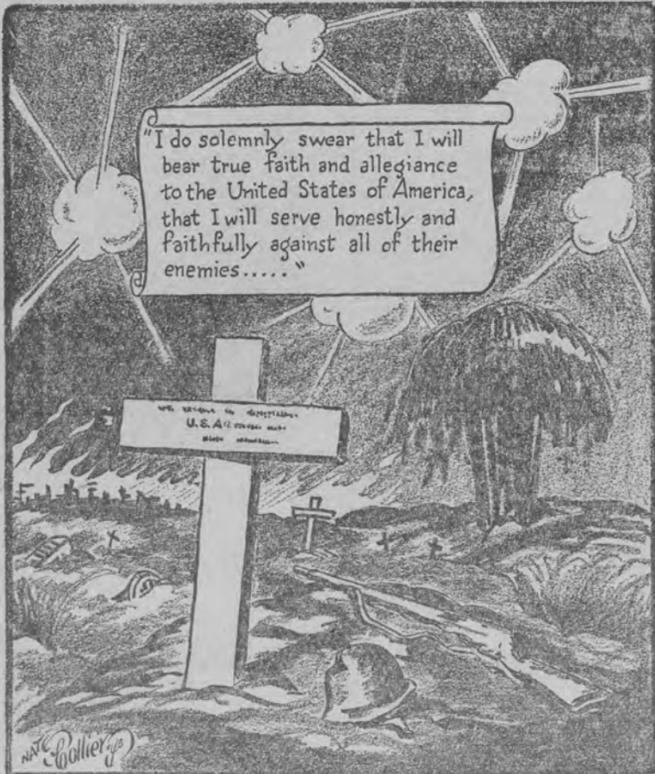
Anyone in Greenbelt, or even non-residents, could have attended Monday night's meeting. There was nothing to stop them from going home and telling their families and friends about the talk, and then, in turn, also telling their office associates.

By the time the story gets tossed around a few times it is apt to bear little resemblance to the facts as originally presented by the speaker.

How much better it would be to have the facts published correctly in the press?

Such news censorship, where there is no security involved, should be abandoned. If Federal officials speak in public meetings, their remarks should not be withheld from the press. Their statements are of public interest and all the public is entitled to have access to them.

## SOME PLEDGES ARE KEPT



By the solemn oath they take, our men and women in service pledge "true faith and allegiance to the United States of America," and to "serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies."

They keep that pledge.

Even if it means giving up their precious young lives—they keep that pledge.

What then, is there to be said about the "no-strike-in-wartime" pledge?



## OUR NEIGHBORS

By JUNE WILBUR

Here we are again friends. We expect you've all made resolutions to work harder and more efficiently and to read more; so have we. Next year we'll let you know how we made out.

Mrs. Sonia Burdwise left this week for her home in Philadelphia. She's been visiting a month here with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleischer.

It's good news to learn that Mrs. Martha Keith is well again and expects to return to work soon. Her son, Dean was home on furlough at Christmas.

Bill and Florence Tredwell entertained Florence's mother, Mrs. Mamie Copperman, last week. Mrs. Copperman traveled from Philadelphia.

It was the Navy, not the Army, which claimed Bernard Trattler this week.

Mrs. Robert Bailey of Almena, Kansas, recently arrived to visit Mrs. Lee Cozad of 52-B Crescent road.

The Richard Bowmans of 52-D Crescent road, entertained Miss June Schutz of Washington last week. They also had friends in for New Year's Eve.

On New Year's Day Del and Millie Mesner entertained Miss Florence Hockett and Roy Waterbury, both of Washington. Miss Hockett remained for the weekend.

A recent traveler to New York has been Clarke George who is up there on a field trip.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Glen H. Soellner. He died in a training camp in Indianapolis of meningitis just before Christmas. Mrs. Soellner was with him at the time. She has since returned to her home in Kansas.

Several old Greenbelters were heard from over the holidays. We learned that Lyman Woodman is now a captain in the air corps. He is now teaching in Lareda, Texas.

Dorothy and Howard Custer are apparently very pleased with their big house in Madison, Wis.

Peggy and Tessim Zorack entertained several relatives and friends over Christmas.

Penny and John Vachon were also heard from and like it in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Wood are working in a defense plant in San Gabriel, Calif. They report that at this moment they have strawberries, oranges and lemons ripen-

ing in their yard! Let's all move west.

If any of you care to write to any of the above, the addresses can be obtained through us at the Cooperator.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wheaton and Mary Alice are leaving Saturday for Arizona where they will make their home.

Mrs. Laura Candage left Monday to return to Seal Harbor, Me. after visiting with her son, Byron Candage.

For the fifth year in a row, Richard Cooper entertained on New Year's eve at his home at 4-D Southway.

Edna Stewart spent a few days this week in Connecticut where she went to see her father who is ill.

Earl Morgan of 60-G Crescent rd. has been transferred from Camp Crowder, Mo. to the Brooklyn (N. Y.) College for basic engineering study. He spent the holidays at his home here.

Lt. and Mrs. Victor Hergenreter, natives of Topeka, Kansas were week-end guests of Miss Velma Schaefer and Mrs. Fred Blackett of 20-F Crescent rd. Lt. and Mrs. Hergenreter are now living at Highfield, Md., where he is stationed.

Private Bob Arrington spent the holidays at his home here.

We hear that R. A. Nielson of 2-K Gardenway has joined the Army and has been sent to Dentist College of the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Bill Moore, our Sports Editor, has recently learned that he has a new niece. Miss Roselyn Moore is in Louisville, Ky. and her Ensign father is in action somewhere with the Navy.

That's all for tonight.

Most cabbage waste—27 per cent—occurs in trimming away outside leave and discarding tender core. These parts actually have more mineral content than the blanched inner leaves. Cabbage can be used to advantage as a foundation or blanket for a baked meat dish or as an addition to soups.

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## Community Church

"I believe in God. Why?" will be the theme upon which the Reverend Wilmer Pierce Johnston will preach Sunday morning at the Community Church. During these war times many men and women seem to have lost the sense or consciousness of God. Mr. Johnston will state the reasons why he has not. The sermon will be followed by a reception of members.

At 9:30 a. m. the Church School will meet. The Men's Bible Class will be taught by the Reverend Patrick Williams. Other adult classes will be taught by their regular teachers.

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses will meet at the Church Office, 8-B Parkway, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

## Choir Needs Singers

There is a great need in the Greenbelt Community Church choir for more singers and, if possible, a new director. Mrs. Milton J. Wiksell, 10-B Crescent rd., has been acting as organist and choir director, but prefers to have somebody take over the duties of director as she feels she cannot do full justice to the choir while trying to handle both jobs. Anyone interested in singing with the choir may contact Mrs. Wiksell and anyone interested in directing the choir may contact either Mrs. Wiksell or Rev. Wilmer J. Johnston, pastor of the church, or Mrs. D. J. Neff, of the music committee. The choir meets each Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock in the social room of the elementary school.

## Catholic Church

Sunday Masses—7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m., Greenbelt Theatre.

Confessions will be held tonight, beginning at 7:30, at 17-E Ridge Road.

## Hebrew Congregation

Rabbi Saul Teplitz of the Theological Seminary has been engaged by the Hebrew Congregation to officiate at regular Friday evening services at 8:30 in the social room of the elementary school beginning January 7. Sermons and lectures are being planned and everybody is invited to attend. Rabbi Teplitz is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

Congregation problems and the new program will be discussed at a meeting to be held Tuesday evening, January 11 at 8:30 in the social room of the community building.

Regular Sunday school classes are held at 11 a. m. in the elementary school.

The congregation takes this opportunity to wish "Godspeed" to Bernard Trattler, one of its former presidents, now serving in the Navy.

## Classified

RADIO SETS—repaired by engineer in your own home. Irvin M. Lee, Greenbelt 2883.

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FOR SALE—Living room suite-velour. Excellent condition. Apply to Mrs. Roy Buckwalter, 35-F Ridge Road.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

## 2 Suits Filed To Recover Alleged Gaming Losses

Suit to recover \$43,886.52 said to have been lost while gambling at an alleged resort in Prince Georges County has been filed at Upper Marlboro by Harry A. Wilson, of Hyattsville. A second suit, seeking recovery of \$33,886.52 of the money Mr. Wilson claims he lost was filed by his employers, Fred H. Ugest, John W. Lyles and Milton E. Groome, partners in a gasoline service station in Washington. This particular suit claims Wilson lost the money while working for them and that it belongs to the firm.

Named defendants in both suits were James H. LaFontaine and Charles F. ... alleged operators of the resort, and the Maryland Athletic Club, "a corporation occupying the premises".

The \$10,000 difference in the two suits is caused by a bond held on Wilson by the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. It was stated this bond was paid after the alleged defalcation was discovered.

Robert A. R. Littleton and T. Howard Duckett are named as attorneys for the Capitol Service Stations.

## College Pk. Pupil Pens School Creed

The following "creed" was composed by Cynthia Davis, member of the seventh grade at College Park school, and the editor is happy to pass it along to its readers as a fine example of true Americanism:

"I believe in the American public school as a democratic institution for the benefit of all, as an opportunity for every child's physical, mental, moral and social development. I therefore believe it is my duty and privilege to love it, to obey its rules, to respect its property, to conserve its supplies, to participate in all activities for its advancement and to show my appreciation for the American way of education."

### Instructs In Sabotage

It is reported for Poland that the Directorate of the Underground Fighting published instructions concerning sabotage, ordering destruction of dairies working for the Germans. Agricultural machines, the instructions said, should be rendered unusable by the removal of vital parts which would be difficult to replace. The removed parts should be stored in a safe place so that after the German occupants leave, the machines may be restored to use. Instructions also ordering burning of grain stores which are in German hands.

Paste a War Savings Stamp in your album—it will help paste the enemy.

## One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of January 8, 1943)

Mrs. C. Reed, principal of the elementary school announced that two grades of the school had started on a double shift program—Tin cans will be collected for the first time in Greenbelt's salvage campaign—The Radio Repair Shop, latest addition to Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. was closed because of the lack of radio parts—With the immediate prospect of a second 10 per cent reduction in the fuel oil quota for Greenbelt, Community Manager Braden appealed this week for further cooperation from persons occupying oil-heated homes.

The public is asked to save all types of waste paper. The paper should be kept dry. It can be sold to a junk dealer or donated to a charitable organization or it may be collected by a local salvage committee.

### Get In The Scrap!

## Athletic Club Notice

Regular Monthly Meeting for January will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Important Matters To Be Discussed

DANCE SATURDAY  
Music by loudspeaker

## Co-ops Celebrate Centennial Year

Cooperators the world over began on Dec. 21 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the "business for service", the consumer cooperative movement. Just 100 years ago in England a small cooperative opened on Toad Lane. Most of us know that story. It was not the first cooperative, but it was the first with a vision and a plan for expansion to the world outside of its own community, the first whose success started the development of other co-ops the world over. "The Cooperative Century" is going to be celebrated by co-ops in this country during the whole of 1944, and extensive plans are being laid for the participation of all co-ops in this program. Greenbelt will play its part and an announcement will be made in the near future as to just what the local program will be.

The Centennial celebration began officially December 21 with a broadcast to the world from Rochdale, England, where the pioneer weavers opened the co-op on Toad Lane. There will be other radio broadcasts, rotogravure sections for local co-op publications, dramatic programs, movies, special centennial stamps and all that goes with an all-out effort to give the second co-op century a good start.

### Fitzhugh Addresses

#### Consumer Co-op Class

Professor H. Naylor Fitzhugh, instructor in accounting at Howard University and an active co-operator in the D. C. area, conducted a session in cooperative accounting at the last meeting of the class in consumer cooperation Sunday. Fitzhugh explained the fundamentals of the balance sheet and the statement of income and expense, as well as ways in which a member can analyze and interpret the figures presented. As soon as the annual financial reports for Greenbelt Consumer Services are available, a session will be held to make a specific study of these reports preparatory to the annual meeting in February. The class has studied the history of development of the cooperative movement around the world and in this country the various types of cooperatives and is now going into the specific aspects of a cooperative business. Following this study of the accounting procedures and financial reports, the next two sessions will be devoted to the various aspects of the educational program which is an important part of any co-op. Educational aids and techniques being used in this country will be studied, as well as particular attention to Greenbelt's own problems. The class on "Consumer Cooperation" meets every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in the GCS hall above the drug store. All the meetings have been open to those interested and a number of persons not registered with the course have been attending.

## Five Years Ago

(From the Cooperator of January 5, 1939)

The first definite steps toward the realization of a municipal hospital for Greenbelt were taken by the town council when it adopted unanimously a resolution which authorized the town treasurer to set up a special hospital fund—A dramatized presentation of the Better Buyers Club was scheduled to be offered in the school auditorium for the purpose of informing residents of the work undertaken by the club—The audience of 100 assembled in the Greenbelt Theater was treated to one of the usual finished performances of the Greenbelt Ensemble (three violinists, a cellist, and a clarinet player).

## GOP Plans Dance

The Republican Club for Prince Georges County will hold its semi-monthly meeting at 409 Central ave., Capitol Heights. All persons interested are invited to attend and to become active members.

At a recent meeting of the club, a plan was endorsed, with the approval of members of the Republican State Central Committee, to hold a dance for the benefit of the Prince Georges County Hospital at Cheverly.

William A. Duvall, chairman of the Prince Georges County Republican State Central Committee, approved plans outlined by the club for assisting in organizing local clubs in the various election districts and to formulate ways and means for coordinating the activities of the various clubs throughout the County.



Now that the holidays are over the high school girl and boy basketball teams are swinging into action. The Grizzlettes will have played the Holly Cross girls Thursday afternoon (as this paper reaches you) and the boys journey over to Alexandria for a return game with Geo. Washington High tonight. Next Tuesday afternoon both squads go over to Mt. Rainier for a double-bill.

Next Friday BILL MOORE brings the first girl and boy home games. Maryland Park's pair of teams invade Greenbelt for games starting at 8:45. The Grizzlettes already hold a decision against the Parkettes on a 30-24 showing before Christmas.

The boys had a pair of games with Central High postponed because of the flu epidemic and have rescheduled one to be played at Central the afternoon of January 25.

Captain Lodge called Coach Ben Goldfaden last Tuesday to notify him that Briarly Military Academy cannot fill their All-Greenbelt-Night booking. B.M.A. does not have a varsity team this year. Mr. Goldfaden is trying to arrange girl-boy tilts with Bethesda-Chevy Chase on that important night.

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Results of the 3 Greenbelt Recreation Basketball League games played (last night) will be printed on these pages next week.

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Mr. Goldfaden will choose a team for his Rec Loop players to play Andy Farkas' ERCO quint and Miss Helena Knauer hopes that her Women's gym class produces a good representative team to play the ERCO ladies in a double header to be followed by a dance sometime this month. Price for the evening of games and dancing will be 35 cents per person, tax included. There will be an orchestra.

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Photographs of baseball and softball groups taken at the joint party last fall down at the Athletic Club house are now available at the recreation office in the elementary school.

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Miss Knauer reminds our ladies that their gym class nights are the first and fourth Wednesdays and second and third Mondays of the month. She doesn't anticipate the many interruptions to these classes as happened before the holidays.

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What popular local high school principal drove his gun metal Plymouth to Washington and was nearly run down by a big fire truck?

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Ice skating season was timely as never before at the Greenbelt lake. All those hundreds of pairs of Xmas skates were put right in service in the longest continuous spree of skating since that first winter in Greenbelt, remember? Rain Sunday and Monday and rise in temperature spelled the end of a happy two week session.

Sunday afternoon frolickers took part in an ice innovation as the hitched on behind one of those little one cylinder gas scooters to form a long happy chain. They choo-chooed all over the lake. That same day saw the only serious casualty as an elderly man from Takoma Park suffered a badly broken arm and cuts about his head in an ice collision. He was given first aid and transported to Takoma Park Hospital.

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We'd like to get a gang of citizens interested enough to tell council they'd like to see something done about getting the proposed field house under construction at Braden Field.

That there is a war going on shouldn't shelve the project. The need of a field house is very real. It would give shower, locker and dressing space to visiting service and civilian teams contesting with our major teams and also provides the same comforts for our kids when they have their track meets and games. Council meets the night of January seventeenth. If you or your kid would benefit by a field house or you would like to see visiting army, navy, marine

## Eagles & Cor-Del In Tie For Lead

The Eagles shut out the Tenderfeet three to zero with Sansone's 330 set being tops. Snafu won the odd game from the Scorpions as McEleny fired a 141 game two to one. The Minute Men had the edge on the Defenders two to one. Co-op had the better of the argument with the Vitamen two to one and Corner Delicatessen, with Les Sanders on the flu list, defeated the Yankees two to one. The Triggermen had too many guns for the Commandos winning two to one as the Redskins, aided by Slaughter 125-350, defeated the Police and Firemen two to one. Paradise Lane, aided by Brenon's 115-337, defeated the American Legion two to one.

Individual honors were shared by McEleny with his 141 game and Slaughter's 350 set.

New bowlers are needed to replace those called into the armed service. Anyone interested should contact John Dean, or report at the University Alleys, College Park, any Tuesday evening.

### THE STANDINGS

	W	L
Corner Delicatessen	34	14
Eagles	34	14
Redskins	30	18
American Legion	29	19
Commandos	26	22
Yankees	24	24
Co-op	24	24
Triggermen	24	24
Defenders	24	24
Snafu	23	25
Scorpions	23	25
Minute Men	21	27
Paradise Lane	20	28
Vitamen	18	30
Tenderfeet	16	32
Police and Firemen	14	34

High team set—American Legion 1685, Vitamen 1683.

High team game—Vitamen 608, American Legion 586.

High individual set—R. Bowman 398, Sansone 392.

High individual game—Olson 162, Iseli 160.

High flat game—Olson 98.

High strikes—Iseli 30, Andestad 28.

High spares—R. Bowman 114, MacEwen 113.

High averages—MacEwen 111-23, R. Bowman 110-5, A. Bowman 109-28, Lastner 109-2, Iseli 108-35, Sansone 108-28, Taylor 106-27, Olson 160-25.

and coast guard teams well treated (baseball, softball and tennis schedules will be 80 per cent service filled next summer) come down and tell council.

We have lately on hand a very pleasurable Xmas card from Lt. R. D. Thompson, somewhere in England. It is a clever drawing on V-mail of a fleet of B-17s dropping a "4,000 pound bomb of Christmas Greetings and Best wishes for 1944, timed to explode upon reaching you". We are proud to pass on Bob's wish to be remembered to all his friends.

It was big Bob that launched the Shamrock's baseball career 4 years ago. Bob batted lead-off in the first game Greenbelt played. It was against the Marines at Quantico. He clouted the first ball served up right down the left-field foul line for a homerun! And he is clouting the axis for homers right now. Good luck and a Happy New Year to you Lieutenant Bob Thompson.

Julius Andrus is on the move. The ball playing sailor is headed for Norfolk from Dallas and will be in the Atlantic Fleet. Where? We'll have to wait a while for that answer. Best of luck to you, and a safe return.

KINCHELOES ARE GUSTS  
Mrs. Doris Armstrong, 6-A Ridge Road, had as guests Monday afternoon Reverend and Mrs. Kincheloe, their son, Bobby, Mrs. Kincheloe's sister, Mrs. Richard Bills, and her four month old son, Dicky. Mrs. Bills has been visiting her sister in Baltimore for several weeks and will leave shortly for a visit with her parents in Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Bills was formerly Miss Rhoda Weirmer and served as kindergarten teacher in Greenbelt before her marriage.

Thirty English boys from a Halifax school, with a master and two older boys in charge, harvested a thousand tons of potatoes in four weeks. The farmer, and the local War Agricultural Committee representative, who supervised this work, consider it a record for the number of workers engaged in any four-week period.

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her own", exulting in the varied diet she can provide the boys. Her recipe for warding off colds is (1) to keep them away from other people, (2) to keep them off the floor when it's cold and (3) to use neo-synephrine drops at the first suspicion of a sniffle. The boys did have slight colds for two days running on one occasion. That is their sickness record to date.

The parents of the triplets are Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Meredith of 4-N Laurel Hill road. The father is in the navy.

### 4-H Club Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Beltsville 4-H Club was held December 14, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Regan, County Home Demonstration agent. Routine business was transacted. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting by Mrs. Regan, and gifts were exchanged.

## Women's Bowling League Standing

NAME	W	L
Pilots	25	15
Wildcats	23	16
Co-op	22	17
Olympic z	22	17
Raiders	22	17
De-Icers	22	17
Allies	20	19
G. P. Iverson	20	19
Sea Bees	20	19
Commandos	19	20
Brownies	17	22
Spotters	15	24
Bombers	15	24
Toppers	12	27

High team set—Allies 1559, Pilots 1452.

High team game—Allies 1543, Pilots 522.

High individual set—Lastner 375, Dove and Bradley 347.

High individual game—Lastner 142, Coulter 141.

High strikes—Timmons 18, Wurl 15.

High spares—Lastner 80, Timmons 63.

High averages—Lastner 104-32, Timmons 101-13, Dove 99-20, Bradley 99-6, Mathers 97-1, Sansone 96-32, Wurl 95-35, Brittingham 95-27.

High flat game—Craziano 93.

First high set—Bowman (Brownies) 378—\$5.00

First high game—Zier (De-Icers) 125—\$5.00.

Second high set—Pittman (Bombers) 375—\$4.00.

Second high game—Danek (Commandos) 134—\$4.00.

Third high set—Bierwagen (Bombers) 361—\$3.50.

Fourth high set—Walker (G. P. Iverson) 356—\$3.50.

## Cottage City Tops

### Tin Can Salvage

Cottage City school leads the schools in salvaging of tin cans. Prince Georges County housewives contributed 13,516 pounds of prepared tin cans to the war effort during October, November and December, it was announced by Mrs. Ruth P. Keane, executive secretary of the Salvage Committee, Prince Georges County Civilian Defense Council.

Mrs. Keane in expressing appreciation of the three months collection called attention to the fact that the first monthly collection for 1944 will be the last Wednesday of the month, to continue each month. Principals of schools are praised for cooperation and enthusiasm shown by the boys and girls in the schools.

Said Mrs. Keane: "It is hoped that a more serious effort will be made the coming year to meet the Prince Georges quota and go over the top."

"When we realize that tin fights heal and protects, we can understand why our cooperation in salvaging this vital metal is so important. The average tin can contains about 99 per cent steel and 1 per cent tin. It takes 16 cans for the tin used in one machine gun; 21,000 cans are required for one short-range heavy bomber; two tin cans made a syrette; one can furnishes enough tin for a gas mask, and tin is urgently needed for shipping drugs, food and ammunition to our fighting forces".

### Wins Judo Contest

The second battalion of the Maryland State Guard was reviewed by Regular Army Officers Dec. 29 in Baltimore. The regiment was made up of men from nearby counties.

The judo contest at the review was won by Co. F from Hyattsville. Drills and other exhibitions were held.

## Wholesale Resignation of County Teachers Threatens Crisis; 53 Pct. Quit Jobs In Last Six Months

Prince Georges County's educational system is facing in 1944 its greatest crisis. Unless something quickly is done to stem the wholesale resignation of teachers who are leaving their jobs to obtain more lucrative ones elsewhere, the whole school system in this County is heading for real trouble in the opinion of educational leaders.

Fifty-three per cent of the County's school teachers have resigned since the first of last July.

And the office of G. Gardner Shugart, superintendent of schools yesterday reported that 16 teachers had failed to report to their classrooms following the Christmas holidays, and had announced their resignations to accept positions elsewhere.

What to be done, not only about the revision upward of teachers' salaries, but also a thorough investigation of the entire public school setup here, is a problem that is causing no end of discussion among schoolmen and lay groups interested in the educational welfare of the County's children and teachers.

That lay organizations are rapidly realizing the seriousness of the teacher resignation problem is demonstrated by the action taken by the Oxon Hill Woman's Community Club which last week requested the County Commissioners that the \$200 annual county bonus being paid the teachers as a "war bonus" be made a permanent part of their salaries.

### Co-op Sales Slips

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Fill out completely and accurately the form which has been distributed to your home. In case you do not receive this form or it is lost or destroyed, you can get one by calling at the G.C.S. office. Put the bundles and the form together in a strong paper bag, close it securely and print your name, address and total amount of slips enclosed plainly on the outside. Bring the bag with the bundles of slips and the filled-in form to the offices of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. above the Drug Store, before 6 p. m. Saturday, January 15.

For the newcomer in town, it should be explained that the "patronage return" is the way of distributing the savings (or earnings) made by a consumer cooperative enterprise on a year's business transactions. After the books have been closed and audited and the financial report for the year prepared, the membership meets to decide upon the distribution of the net earnings, which would correspond to profits in a privately owned business. A part of the net earnings are allocated to reserves, interest of five percent is paid on outstanding capital stock and the remainder may be returned to the member-customers in proportion to their patronage. The cash register receipts which are saved and submitted in the manner outlined above are the records of purchases on which the patronage return is figured. The percentage of the return varies with the success of the business operations and preliminary financial reports indicate that 1943 has been a successful year financially.

In accordance with an amendment to the by-laws made at the annual membership meeting in February, 1942 non-members, those who do not own one full \$10 share of stock in G.C.S., may submit their slips for the patronage return, but in order to receive it they must become members by completing the purchase of one share during the calendar year 1944. The patronage return due a non-member on 1943 purchases will be retained on the books until he becomes a member.

### Venezuela Encourages Fishing Industry

Under the spur of wartime demand, Venezuela is developing her fishing resources. Formerly an importer of seafood, Venezuela now has established four sea-food canning factories with an estimated annual capacity of 57 million cans. The 1943 catch is estimated at more than 40,000 tons. More than 60 percent of the catch is salted, dried, or canned while the rest is sold as fresh fish.

This, it was said, is the first step in the right direction.

It was pointed out that basic salaries of Prince Georges teachers are below those of teachers in Montgomery and the District. As a result, the club women declare, many excellent teachers are "being lost" to the latter two systems.

Teachers entering this County's system start at \$1200. The salary, plus bonus, is built up to a maximum of \$1650.

In Montgomery, the average salary of teachers, including bonus, is \$1900.

What also is worrying the Board of Education authorities is the fact that the normal schools are reporting an unusually light enrollment, with the result that few students will be graduated as teachers in the next several years.

## Hospital Chooses Medical Officers

Dr. Robert McCeney, Laurel, was elected president of the medical staff of the Prince Georges General Hospital at Cheverly. Dr. McCeney also is chief of staff at the hospital.

Other officers named are: Dr. W. B. Moyers, Mt. Rainier, vice president, and Dr. Isidor M. Lavine, Mt. Rainier, secretary.

Dr. A. Kirk Besley, hospital superintendent, said no definite date could be named for the opening of the hospital because of lack of essential equipment, including operating tables and surgical instruments.

Dr. Besley urged all nurses who wish to work at the hospital to apply either to Mrs. Edna Treasure, director of nurses, or to him at Warfield 3300.

An executive committee, consisting of the three officers and Dr. James Sasser and Dr. Paul Van Natta was appointed. Others on the committee, are the ex-officio members, Dr. J. P. Shearer, Dr. James Kotz and Dr. Leslie French.

## Minute Men Force Cut In Prince Georges

The active strength of the Minute Men in Prince Georges County, as well as other counties in Southern Maryland, has been ordered drastically cut by Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor. Lt. Col. C. L. Aiello, commanding officer, said he had ordered the reduction from 2600 to 1150 officers and men in that area. The remainder have been placed on inactive status, he said.

## Relief For Farmers

Relief for the shortage of tractors, created on Maryland farms by the war, came this week from the War Production Board in the form of a second allocation of 235 tractors for 1944 delivery, the Maryland AAA State Committee announced. This increases to 1051 the State's 1944 allocation of farm tractors. Last year 560 were delivered to Maryland farms. The augmented 1944 allotment is now equivalent to the 1943 demand.

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provided they become members sometime during 1944.

All persons who have saved their cash register receipts should turn them in for credit. The method and amount of payment will be determined by the membership at the annual meeting in February.

For your convenience, the office of Greenbelt Consumer Services will be open evenings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, January 10, 12 and 14 to receive your bundles of cash register receipts. Slips may also be turned in any day during office hours.

All slips must be in by 6 p. m. January 15, 1944 for credit to be received.

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