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Five Cents

Fountain Manageress Anne Martone Initiates Serving School Lunch

The first day Anne Martone served the new regular school lunch at the drugstore twelve children ordered it. By the end of the week there were twenty-two regulars.

Supervising children's lunches is no new experience for the attractive and capable manager of the fountain-food counter. When a high school girl in Scotland she was student monitor for the school "soup kitchen". Her job was to keep a notebook record of all the children served in her school and once a week to go around and collect. In Greenbelt five years ago she organized a soup kitchen for the elementary school.

School soup kitchens are very common in Europe, Mrs. Martone tells us, similar in purpose to the American milk bar. The children bring a sandwich and dessert, and the school serves hot soup each day to supplement the meal. When Mrs. Martone was active in the Parent-Teacher Association here she saw the need for an adequate noon-time meal for the children of working mothers, and with the cooperation of the superintendent began a soup kitchen in the school. She did all the shopping and with the help of other mothers prepared the meals. It was a non-profit venture, but soon it developed that a little money was being made. This was Mrs. Martone's opportunity to suggest a paid worker in her place to carry on.

Anne Martone was born in Scotland, and her voice still retains a pleasant trace of "burr". She worked in London as a governess for a year and came to the United States while still in her teens. Until her marriage she continued taking care of children. She met her husband-to-be, John Martone, a physical education instructor, in Tuxedo Park, New York.

The Martones were among the first families to move to Greenbelt, and are well known to most Greenbelters who have been here any length of time. Those who have seen Anne Martone on the tennis court—she's the ladies' champion—say that she plays a smooth game, and what's more, comes off the court as immaculate in her whites as when she started. She's a good bowler too, last year playing anchor man on the winning team of the league.

She began working for Greenbelt Consumer Services in 1942 at the soda fountain and in three months' time was asked to take charge. From that time until now—with a lapse of several months when she left Greenbelt to join her Coast Guard husband in Atlantic City—she has been managing the fountain. Ever since the elementary school soup kitchen was discontinued, she has had in mind the development of school lunches as a service to the community as well as a way of expanding the business. When the new general manager appeared on the scene she was quick to approach him on the subject, and with his cooperation her plan is now in effect.

Young John Martone, 13, eats the children's lunch at the fountain regularly now—and not because he has to, either. He likes it, he says, because he doesn't have to think what to order.

Greenbelter In Concert

Last Monday evening, February 5, a capacity audience at the Phillips Gallery in Washington, enjoyed a cello concert given by George Fair of 25-D Ridge Road. A former member of the National Symphony, Fair now plays with the U. S. Navy orchestra. Featured on the program was a sonata by Dohnanyi, a Boccherini concerto, and selections from Haydn, Weber, and Granados.

Concerts are offered to the public every Sunday afternoon and Monday evening at the Phillips.

Unofficial Group Picks 5 For Board

Thomas Ritchie, Herman Ramras, Lt. (j.g.) Dayton Hull, Max Salzman, and Major Adelbert Long have been endorsed as candidates for the board of directors of GCS by the unofficial committee of co-op members which has been meeting since the last special membership in December to consider the qualifications of prospective directors. The committee based its selection on the answers received from the questionnaire published in the COOPERATOR of January 12, as well as on the records of the candidates. Since then Max Salzman has announced that it will be impossible for him to run because of a change in his hours of work.

Ramras, Ritchie, Hull, Salzman, and Long agree that a good labor policy should embody remuneration, health and job security, redress of grievances without prejudice, and bonuses for outstanding work. The candidates also believe that the board should not try to impose its will on the course of GCS policy against the wishes of the majority of the membership, and should make adequate plans for informing the members completely of its actions; that the board should play the role of educational leader within the cooperative movement, and do what it can to spread information about the benefits of co-op principles.

The five stated that GCS should formulate plans now for expansion in the direction of increased and better services in the fields now operating in Greenbelt, in the direction of new services, and in the preparation for the possible changes in our total community set-up in the post-war period.

Irving Rothchild, Chairman of the committee wishes to remind other nominees to send their answers to the questionnaire to him at 36-C Crescent Road or to the COOPERATOR office. Copies may be obtained at either of the places mentioned.

O.P.A. Grants Cooky Project 80 lbs. Of Sugar

The O.P.A. has already granted 80 pounds of sugar for the local cooky-baking project whereby weekly batches are sent to fill the "Greenbelt Cooky Jar" at the Walter Reed Reconditioning Center at Beltsville. Thomas Jeffries, food-store manager, has been cooperating by putting up sugar in one pound packages for those who sign the book at the cashier's register. When the sweet trade is delivered at the GCS office, the cooky-donating lady also signs her name in a book kept there for the purpose.

Since the Greenbelt cooky jar at Camp Ord holds an estimated 70 dozen cookies, the organizations sponsoring the cooky project are asking for individual as well as group contributions in order to satisfy the sweet teeth of the reconditioning veterans at Ord.

Cookies should be left at the GCS office on Monday, or Tuesday, before 10 a.m.

Saturday's Chillun Again

At the request of many of the town's grown-up square dancers, their weekly gathering has been changed from Thursday, back to Saturday night. Eighteen enthusiasts met at the Co-op Nursery School, basement of 14 Parkway at 9 o'clock last Saturday.

Any Greenbelter who can tickle a guitar, call figures, follow figures or just attempt to, is welcome, as the square dance group maintains no fixed membership.

Explorer Coming To Scout Banquet

A movie on the Far North with Commander Donald B. McMillan, U.S.N.R. as narrator will top an evening of food and fun for local Boy Scouts and their dads next Tuesday when they gather in the Auditorium of the Elementary School for the annual observance of Scout Week.

Always one of Greenbelt's big events of the year, this Dad and Son Banquet is expected to draw a crowd of nearly one hundred Scouts, dads, Scout leaders, and invited guests.

Assistant Scoutmaster Eli Radinsky, general chairman for the affair, will also be master of ceremonies. Included as features of the program which he has arranged is music by Mahlon Eshbaugh's 10-piece orchestra, community singing, an investiture ceremony for two new Tenderfoot Scouts, several awards, and demonstrations by the six patrols of Troop 202. The Eagle patrol will present tracking, the Flaming Arrow patrol will show use of the Scout staff, the Pioneers will demonstrate signaling, the Silver Fox will give first aid carries, the Warhawks have first aid bandages for their presentation, and the Wolf patrol is working on a skit.

Town Manager James T. Gobbel heads a list of community leaders who will attend.

Seven o'clock is the time set for the banquet to start, and the Flaming Arrow patrol will have charge of the flag ceremony at the opening. The Flaming Arrows won the last inter-patrol contest in Troop 202 to receive this recognition.

On the menu are meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, lettuce with Russian dressing, rolls and jelly, apple pie, coffee and milk. Mrs. George Wyant is in charge of the menu, and the meal will be cooked and served by Scout mothers and wives of Scouting.

Another feature of Scout Week in Greenbelt will be an exhibit in the pharmacy window, with each patrol featuring one Scouting project.

All Scouts are attending the churches of their own faiths this weekend, and some are serving as ushers.

Local Swap Shop Extends Trade - List Of Childwear

The Swap Shop, sponsored by the Housewives' Club and located on the second floor of the North End food store is now accepting all articles of children's clothing for trade, with the exception of shoes and hats. The volunteer staff of supervisors has found that the most popular items so far are galoshes, pajamas, snowsuits and sweaters.

Would-be swappers are urged to search their homes for outgrown or surplus children's wear and bring it to the Swap Shop, which is open on Tuesdays from 10 to 12 a.m. No cash is involved other than the five-cent service charge which is levied when a swap is effected.

The committee in charge has decided that no article can be taken out unless an article of equal value or greater value is brought in. If no desired article is obtained at the time one is brought in, a credit slip is issued for future use. Swappers are advised to repair, wash, iron and put in sanitary condition all articles before bringing them for evaluation, so as to increase their exchange value.

For information or suggestions write to Swap Shop Committee, 14-D Laurel Hill Road, or call Greenbelt 3027 or Greenbelt 5047.

Canteen Meets Monday

The Greenbelt Unit of the Red Cross Canteen will meet at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Daniel J. Neff, at 3-D Ridge Road, on Monday, February 12 at 8:15 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend.

Town Fair Movement Gets Up Steam As Leaders Climb On Bandwagon

Since the announcement by the Town Council that it would devote its regular session on Tuesday, February 13, to the consideration of reviving the Town Fair, the Cooperator has been sampling local opinion. The latest voices on the subject:

"The Citizens' Association feels that the Town Fair is a progressive institution in our community. If it is possible, let's revive it this year," says president Wells Harrington.

Mrs. Molly Reuben reports that the United Nations War Relief Committee enthusiastically supports any plan for a Town Fair.

President Fred DeJaeger states for G.C.S.: "I am strongly in favor of reviving the old Town Fair this year. Just the tonic we need. It will not only afford lots of entertainment, but will also give the newcomers a birds' eye view of the different organizations and their functions. I am sure GCS will have an interesting display."

According to "Dutch" Zoellner, president of the Garden Club, he plans to attend the Council meeting next Tuesday in person, to plead the cause of the Fair. Old Greenbelters will remember the beautiful exhibits "Dutch" helped to arrange.

Health Assoc. Revises Schedule

Arrangements for a physician to relieve Dr. Hans Wodak after the recent resignation of Dr. James Pariente have been announced by Rudolph Schubert, business manager of the Greenbelt Health Association, who told the Cooperator that the Association "will continue to place at the disposal of its members more doctor-time per patient than is the present average for the country, and at a far smaller cost." The services of an Association physician will continue to be available every hour of the day and night.

"As our membership continues to increase," said Mr. Schubert, "the Association will provide the necessary additional services to enable it to maintain the same high level." A new evening office hour, Wednesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. was announced last week in addition to the evening hours on Monday and Friday.

GCS Sec'y Urges Proxy Vote

All members of Greenbelt Consumer Services are strongly urged to vote now, by proxy, whether they plan to attend the February membership meeting or not, on three important charter amendments.

George M. Eshbaugh, secretary, sends word that unless two-thirds of the members vote, future expansion of GCS will be threatened, as the amendments concern increasing the total capital stock and the amount one individual may own and decreasing the number required for a quorum.

Devised to enable the cooperative to meet the demand for additional services, the charter changes must be adopted if the organization is to secure necessary capital for expansion and make certain that important action can be voted upon at membership meetings.

If you vote by proxy and then attend the meeting, your name will have been checked on the membership list so that there will be no duplication in votes. In order to make sure that the necessary two-thirds of the membership vote, every member is asked to be sure to fill out the form mailed January 27, and to return it to the GCS office as soon as possible.

Army Wives Club Meets

The Army Wives Club will meet with Mrs. Virley Smith at 13-Z-1 Hillside, February 14. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Betty Felter, 9-D Research Road on February 21.

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Toes Get Stepped On

People keep telling us that last week we didn't put in enough news, that we put in too much, that it wasn't in the right place, that it was left out altogether. (Every now and then they say that something was just right).

Make no mistake about it, we love to hear from our readers even when they're hurling brickbats. We want you all to feel that this is your paper, and we need to hear about our mistakes just as much as we need occasionally to bask in your praise. And make no mistake, we feel as exasperated over sins of omission and commission as you do.

We'd just like to patiently point out once more, with no apologies, that we're a staff of volunteers keeping outrageous hours to see that you're informed. Also, we are not able to be at the print shop when the last minute arrangement of articles takes place. We think however that the printer really makes a remarkably judicious job of estimating the news importance of the various items. Maybe at times it's just as well to have an objective outsider on the job.

If you think the paper is just too, too terrible, how about coming on down here to help us improve it?

Service Wives

All sorts of efforts are directed toward the help, encouragement, and entertainment of the serviceman. His morale must be kept at a high level. Everyone is asked to consider him as a friend.

Conspicuously neglected is the great army of service wives, especially those with small children. Worn out by housework and the answering of childhood's endless questions, the absent serviceman's wife cannot look forward at day's end to husbandly strength and counsel. With baby tenders at a premium she finds it difficult to get out for a change to the good of her soul.

Various organizations have set up programs addressed to certain phases of the problems faced by service wives. Some service wives have friends and family nearby to help them bear their burdens. But only a carefully organized, community-wide program, taking in all groups, would ensure that every service wife who needed it could get a "hand up".

I Don't Want Publicity

Oh come on now. You know how irritating it is when someone has to be coaxed to play the piano for company. That's the way we feel when you, or your family, or friends have done something interesting, something that might stimulate community thought and action, and you hang your head and mutter, "I don't want publicity".

We'd like to give you each week a friendly, informative paper to read. To achieve this end we need the full cooperation of you and your neighbors. You don't need to brag and boast. Just talk to us as you would to a friend. How about it?

TO THE EDITOR

Asks For Letters

Dear friends,

Please let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness in sending me a subscription to the COOPERATOR. I can't put into words the pleasure received upon reading the news of my old friends. Home town' news is as scarce as hen's teeth out here and we "gobble" it up at the first opportunity.

Say, hows to write an ex-staff member a few lines now and then? Sure would be appreciated on this end, I assure you.

Thanking you again and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Just

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Polio Victim Improves

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the kind friends who have sent gifts, letters, and cards to Lois Jean. Lois has been in the hospital almost six months now, recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis. I am happy to say that she is improving nicely, though she has quite a long road ahead of her.

Mrs. E. W. Huffman
33-A Ridge Road

Support the Freedom Fund to rebuild European co-ops.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By JUNE WILBUR

Tel. 5051 after 5

Hi friends, hope you all got your skates sharpened in time to take full advantage of the ice on the lake.

Her friends and neighbors are glad that Mrs. Cecil Bishop and little Terry have returned from their visit home in Colorado.

Gordon Giersch has just had an uncomfortable siege of bronchitis. We hope you stay well now, Gordon.

This time it's "Butch" Brown who has given in to a case of chicken - pox.

Former Greenbelter Hugh Bone was a visitor in town over the week-end. He is now at Queen's College in New York.

One small citizen on the sick list is Michael Henes. He has had pneumonia and sinusitis; that's about too much for any one person.

Mrs. Ellen Bliss has come down from Philadelphia to visit with her daughter and son-in-law the Morton Chwalows.

It's very good news that Oscar Zoellner, the chief heating engineer is well again and back at work.

We're also glad to report that little Diane Adler has been back home from the hospital for about a week and is getting along very well.

Mrs. Alfred Kitzmann, aunt of Mrs. Charles Klinenberg is here visiting from Chicago. While in Greenbelt her son, who is stationed at Indian Town Gap, Pa. has been able to visit her.

Dennis Wayne Slater of 5-K Ridge rd. celebrated his 3rd birthday Feb. 9th with a Valentine Luncheon for 10 little friends.

Mrs. Helen Freed of New York City is visiting the S. Walter Shines of 14-Q Ridge rd. this week.

Arthur N. Gawthrop, 2-G Gardenvay, suffered severe injuries when he fell down the stairs at his home last Thursday night. He is still in bed recovering from a brain concussion, back injury, bruise and shock.

Lt. Frank P. Thurston, pilot of a B-25 bomber, is back from nearly a year of service in the China-Burma-India theatre. He saw his six months old daughter, Mary Susan, for the first time last Sunday.

Major Adelbert C. Long, 20-M Hillside Road, was taken back to Walter Reed Hospital Tuesday morning. He had contracted pneumonia after his appendectomy several weeks ago, but was doing well enough to come home Sunday. He suffered a relapse Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wharton, with Dotty and Peggy, spent a few days last week on the Eastern Shore.

That's thirty for tonight, folks.

Consult Community Clearing House

One of the most popular institutions in town is the bulletin board in the tobacco shop. Rarely does the housewife or busy war-worker walk through the Center without stopping in to look over the latest pin-ups. Many a Greenbelter boasts of the bargains picked up through following up a notice, or of how easy it was to sell some superfluous article through a posted advertisement.

The old bulletin board fell apart recently, and a new, more attractive one has been up for a few weeks now. On Tuesday of this week it was well covered with thumb-tacked signs. Some offered items for sale, ranging from boy's coats up to gas stoves and even an automobile. Most frequently advertised for sale was furniture, especially infants' cribs and carriages. Several "bills of sale" were of the type in which all the furnishings of a home were offered for sale because the owner was moving. Several want ads asked for the same items. Posted side by side were one notice offering a radio-phonograph combination for sale and another advertising for the purchase of a radio phonograph. There were lost and found notices and help wanted notices.

Many a notice is up for only an hour or two before the advertised item is sold, especially if it is one much in demand, such as a play pen, baby carriage, lamp, radio, etc. Ride wanted and help wanted ads probably bring the slowest response. Generally speaking, the articles advertised for sale bring rapid results and fill a definite need in the community.

The board is cleared off every Wednesday night.

Navy Wives Raise \$10

A Navy Wives social held Tuesday, February 6, raised \$10 for the March of Dimes campaign.

Prisoner's Only Request of Wife: A Contribution to the Red Cross

By BETTS WATSON

"When I do get back, it will be partly due to the help of the Red Cross. Tell Mommie to give them something this year," wrote Pfc. Byron Herde from a German prison camp to his 14 month old daughter Joy, who lives with "Mommie" at 61-F Ridge Road. Their picture appeared in our issue of Jan. 19.

Mrs. Herde attaches much importance to his message, as she believes her husband knows it's a tight squeeze on her monthly allotment. This is the only request she has received from him. Another letter states he has "plenty to eat, clothes and cigarettes". She assumes that Red Cross packages supplement his diet, for once he

said he had Spam, eggs and potatoes to fry.

He receives a Red Cross food parcel every two weeks, containing medical supplies, cigarettes, clothing and food. They also supply sports equipment, fiction, Bibles and Hymn books, according to Pfc. Herde's latest letter.

It's a matter of guesswork, conjecture, and wondering what was written voluntarily. The first mail from Pfc. Herde, dated September, was delivered December 6. The meager but precious lot of 5 cards and 5 letters tell very little except "well and happy" but promises "enough to talk about for years and years". Although Mrs. Herde writes every day, her husband hasn't mentioned receiving any letters from her. One small package, containing dehydrated food, has also been sent, but not acknowledged yet.

Reported Missing in July

Pfc. Herde, an infantryman, left this country early in April, 1944. He was reported missing in action in France on July 5. Two weeks after the first starred telegram, Mrs. Herde received word that her husband was a prisoner of war. The Red Cross tells her his camp is in southern Germany, near Dresden. In the past few weeks, several other prison camps have been moved to this location without expanding its facilities.

Pfc. Herde was heard on a German broadcast Jan. 30th, according to a telegram from the Provost Marshal General. He wished his wife and daughter "all the best in the world and lots of luck".

The Red Cross helped Mrs. Herde over a rough spot while her husband was still in basic training in this country. She was alone, seriously ill, and the baby was only 10 weeks old. An appeal to the Red Cross brought her a capable nurse and diaper-washer, who turned out to be nothing less than a Colonel's wife!

A visit with cheerful Mrs. Herde is recommended to any gal who feels sorry for herself. She counts herself very fortunate in having her little daughter and her thoughtful friends, loves living in Greenbelt, and admits a pang only at the familiar sight of Greenbelt fathers taking their small fry for their Sunday walks.

Zionists Hear Lecture

A lecture on the topic "A Christian Looks at Palestine," by Mrs. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, was announced by Dr. Amihud Kramer, president of the Greenbelt Zionist organization, for the meeting which will take place Monday, February 12 at 8:30 in the social room of the elementary school. All Greenbelters interested are invited to hear Mrs. Lowdermilk, who has accompanied her husband on many trips to Palestine and has studied the workings of the consumer and producer cooperatives in the Palestine Jewish community. Dr. Lowdermilk is assistant chief of the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, and originated the plan for reclamation of the soil of Palestine which is the subject of his recent book, "Palestine, Land of Promise."

Lutheran Church

Church services begin at 12:30 p. m. in the Home Economics room of the elementary school. Chaplain E. Weber of the Office of Chief of Chaplains in Washington, will preach on "The Faith That Makes God Listen", while Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow is in High Point, N. C. as a result of an invitation received by that congregation.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will begin promptly at 11:45 a. m. More children are urged to attend the religious instruction class held every Saturday at 35-L Ridge Rd. at 4:30 p. m.

Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt Theatre; 7:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. at Berwyn.

Confessions: Saturday from 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. at 17-E Ridge Rd. in Greenbelt; Saturday at Berwyn from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Religious Instruction (for children not attending the Catholic School at Berwyn): every Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. in rooms 125 and 225, Greenbelt Elementary School building.

Novena Devotions: at Berwyn every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

Greenbelt Feature Again

Greenbelters will have a chance to see themselves and their town in the movies next Thursday and Friday, at the Greenbelt Theatre. John Nesbit's Passing Parade feature "This is Tomorrow" contains many shots of Greenbelt originally taken for Pare Lorenz' "The City", which was shown at the New York World's Fair in 1939.

"Drop Inn" Needs Props

Mary Jane Townsend, Youth Canteen secretary, has issued an appeal for old furniture to help fix up "Drop Inn", teen-age recreation room in the basement below the Police Station.

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"Co-ops Can Fight Both Communism, Fascism"—Childs

The importance of supporting the Freedom Fund to rebuild European cooperatives after the war was stressed by Marquis Childs in a recent column from which the following excerpts were taken:

"If Europe's Cooperatives can be re-established, they may help to prevent a violent swing toward communism or a new kind of fascism . . .

Totalitarianism of the left and the right will not tolerate this instrument of the 'middle way'. When they had served their usefulness after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Cooperatives that had existed in Czarist Russia were liquidated by the communists . . .

"In Nazi-occupied Europe the Cooperatives have largely been destroyed or undermined. Where the Germans could not take them over, they struck them down. Cooperative leaders have suffered torture and death in concentration camps for their devotion to democracy . . .

"The 28 poverty-ridden weavers who gathered in Rochdale a century ago to start the first Cooperative venture could hardly have known how far their idea would spread. We in our time must make sure that totalitarianism does not kill it."

Union Doubles Dividend

Credit Union members accepted the directors' recommendation to raise the dividend to 2.4% over last year's 1.5%, at the annual meeting held January 22. The new board of directors comprises President Waldo Mott, Secretary-Treasurer F. H. Meriam, Bennett Beale, Fred McCarthy, Joseph L. Rogers, and Jack Fruchtman.

Elected to the credit committee, which investigates credit standings and interviews loan applicants, was Charles F. Drass, who will work with David Steinle and George Eshbaugh, already serving. On the supervisory committee, which prepares the quarterly audits, are Frank Geiermann (re-elected), Steve Comings, and William R. Stewart.

Mr. Meriam cites the credit union's assets at about \$36,000, of which \$10,000 is invested in war bonds and \$16,000 in Federal Savings and Loans. About \$8,000 is out on loans at present, at the rate of 1% per month on the unpaid balance. Meriam's postwar plans include cutting the interest rate to 3% of 1%.

"Post" Praises Kincheloe

Robert "Bob" Kincheloe, first minister of the Community Church was cited in a recent Saturday Evening Post article for his work among the military personnel and transplanted war-workers in Baltimore's emergency-housing areas. Kincheloe is a Protestant Civilian Chaplain.

Entitled "The Church Solves a Problem", the article describes Bob Kincheloe as "twenty-nine years old, tall and handsome. He wanted to be a Navy Chaplain, but a minor physical disability stood in his way. He became a chaplain anyhow, a civil liaison chaplain. He has a staff of twenty-two civilian chaplains and associates who work in twenty war-housing areas."

PAPER BAGS

We are unable to buy enough paper bags to supply our needs. For this reason we ask your cooperation by:

- Bringing boxes when possible for purchases at the food stores.
- Bringing canvas bags or other carriers when shopping.
- Eliminate the use of paper bags whenever possible.
- Return all paper bags to our stores.

Lets Share Scarce Items

Greenbelt Consumer Services

The School Week

By DONNA ROMER

By this time all parents have been informed that there will be no report cards issued for this period. The system used in the past to record children's progress has not proved satisfactory. The main object is to reach the parent and gain his cooperation and confidence. It is hoped that this can be accomplished by personal interviews.

The idea is a new one to both the teachers and the parents, but the teachers are eager to do their part and the rest is up to us. Each parent will be allotted a half hour for a personal interview at a time agreeable to both teacher and parent. The teachers are willing to see you at your convenience if it is at all possible. Every parent has a natural interest in his child and sees and understands the child from his perspective as a parent. With this opportunity to talk with the child's teacher, parents can get the picture of their children as she sees them. Together they can help one another better understand the child and better form a pattern for his life. It is an excellent chance for parents to delve into the life of a school system and become acquainted with modern methods of teaching. It will give you an opportunity to actually see the room your child calls his own and in which he spends most of his daylight hours. It will allow you to become familiar with the personality of the teacher and will enlighten your mystified thoughts about what goes on during a day in school. Each parent will be given a full report on his child that the teacher has prepared. You will be given a blank which you will fill out yourself as the report is given. This will be yours to keep as a record of your child's progress for this period.

It is hoped that parents will come prepared to ask the many questions they might have concerning their children and the school. Any school needs the cooperation of parents at home—not just the P.T.A. dues you pay or your regular attendance at the meetings, but your everyday understanding and support of the school system and your cooperation in its teachings. Think about this seriously before you participate in the interview. Have your questions ready and feel free to criticize if you have any criticism. All this means long hours for the teachers but they consider this very important and hope that each of you will enthusiastically respond to their invitation.

Now, to correct an impression from last week's column about the rainwear—the school is not running a swap-shop. The idea was simply to put outgrown raincoats, rubbers and galoshes into use. If you have any such articles that are lying idle in your closet, please bring them to the school where they can be made available for children who need them.

Here's A Fat Chance

Greenbelters have been turning in only 850 lbs of waste fat per month. Mr. Jeffries, manager of the Food Store, thinks we should be salvaging at least one pound of fat per family, which would be 1800 lbs. per month.

It doesn't take long to fill a tin can if every ounce is carefully saved and a pound of waste fat is worth 4 cents and 2 red points.

Grace Allen Lifts Purnells To Top In Lady Rec Loop

The women cagers crossed the mid-point mark in their basketball league last Wednesday with the Purnells taking top honors for the first half with all wins. Boots Brown managed second with one each, win, tie and loss; while Brittingham stepped down to third with one and two. Clay ended the list with a tie and two. Gracie Allen of Purnell's squad was top basket man with 46 points, an average of 15 plus per game, and Katie Scott trailed behind her with 39 markers.

Purnell took on Brittingham for the first court work and easily added her name to the list of defeated. The score was tie, 15 all, at the half but the Purnells got busy in the final quarter to end with a 3 point lead. Allen, as usual, sparked the Purnells with Kelsey and Davidsen assisting. Moore and Berkofski added them up for the Brits.

Clay broke her record of no wins and took home a tie last week, thanks to Marge Dulin, one of Erco's almost six-footers. Dulin handed Clay a bit of a moral booster with a neat total of 6 goals and 1 freebie and Shorty Fish was back in her usual form with 10 points. Brown's gang matched it but could do no more.

	G	F	T
Kelsey	1	1	3
Allen	7	2	16
Chesley	1	0	2
Davidsen	3	1	7

Total:	12	4	28
BRITTINGHAM	G	F	T
Rathaus	0	0	0
Brittingham	3	1	7
Moore	4	0	8
Berkofski	4	0	8
Ward	1	0	2

Total: 12 1 25

	G	F	T
Brown	2	0	4
Schindelman	3	0	6
Scott	6	3	15

Total: 11 3 25

	G	F	T
Dulin	6	1	13
Davenport	0	2	2
Fish	4	2	10

Total: 10 5 25

Guards: Brown—Stewartson, Dwyer, Hunter, Burt, Jones, Brown. Clay—Wallace, Reeves, Clay, Gardner.

Club Has Fifth Birthday

The Women's Club of Greenbelt celebrated its fifth anniversary last Thursday with a party and meeting held at the home of Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, assisted by Mrs. Miles Bonnar and Mrs. Charles Powell. Each member of the club answered roll call with a short statement as to what the club meant to them and the community. The president of the Maryland Federation, Mrs. John C. Shaw, spoke on the need for club-women to work together to promote a just and lasting peace, and mentioned the Roadside Bill now before the state legislature which is aimed at beautifying Maryland highways. The club passed a resolution to endorse the bill to their representatives.

The Fine Arts department will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter J. Bierwagen, 1-B Westway, on Thursday, February 15, at 8:15 p.m. A trio from the Greenbelt concert orchestra will play a program arranged by C. Russell Dupree, chairman. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Graydon Harris, Mrs. Henley M. Goode and Mrs. Alfred R. Lee.

You can get extra sugar to bake those cookies for Camp Ord.

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February 9, 1945

GREENBELT COOPERATOR

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Basket Tricksters Tally Twin Triumph Over Luckless Laurel Lads And Lassies

Before a large crowd at the local gym last Friday night the high school girls and boys completely outclassed Laurel High's basketballers by score of 29 to 22 and 66 to 28 for their fifth double victory of the season, setting a couple of new Greenbelt records in the course of the evening. The pair of wins marked the first time the Green and White succeeded in coping as many as five twin encounters in one season and the 66 points the boys threw at Laurel beat their previous high mark by 15.

Coach Anna Robinson's Laurel

Lassies battled Louise Stone's kids valiantly and pretty evenly until midway of the third quarter when Captain Lucy Forrester pulled her Gridziles away out in front with 4 successive two-pointers.

She tallied 15 for the evening to lead opening game scoring. Mary Cashman corded 5 points in her maiden first team fling, and Patsy Loftus added 7 points as Dolores Wolfe was used sparingly throughout.

Ellen Bryant, substituting for the grieving, bereft Patty Bell, played a grand game at guard teamed with Lou Morrison and Jane Linhardt. Ginny Gomo and Ann Turner did some fine guarding in the second half.

Laurel's Catherine Paverinni and Natalie Anderson played well in their forward positions as did Audrey Witmer at guard.

Jack Zeldin's entire squad took part in the 66-28 rout of Henry Carl's green Laurel quint. His first five piled up the greatest first period lead in Grizzly history at 24-8 and rested while subs sparred with the visitors in a 4-all second period. The regulars had a 21 to 6 third quarter and rested again

until just 2 minutes of the game remained. The Greenie reserves handed the first stringers a 58 to 28 lead at that point and the hot shots dumped 4 double deckers in as time ran out.

Mahlon Eshbaugh directed most of the scoring plays and still had time to toss home 18 points. Captain Don Wolfe was second with 12 and Pete Cookson, a seldom-shoot man, and Ted Fox tied with 10 points each.

The Grizzlies paid their respects to the Army-bound Ben Sheldon, of G.H.S. faculty, just before the start of the second half in an interesting bit of byplay. The entire squad started a chant, "We want Sheldon", until the amiable shop teacher was obliged to put an appearance on the floor. Don Wolfe handed him a basketball and indicated a toss at the basket. Sheldon drew a tremendous hand from the team and all the fans when he tossed a perfect shot through the cords from 25 feet out!

Girls	G	F	T
GREENBELT	1	1	2
Cashman, f	2	1	5
Wolfe, f	1	0	2
Loftus, f	3	1	7
Forrester, f (c)	7	1	15
Totals:	13	3	29

LAUREL	G	F	T
Paverinni, f (c)	3	0	6
Hastings, f	1	0	2
Flack, f	2	0	4
Anderson, f	3	0	6
Wheeler, f	2	0	4

Totals:	11	0	22
GREENBELT	10	11	21
LAUREL	6	8	14

Nonscorers: Greenbelt—Guards—Bryant, Morrison, Linhardt, Turner, Gomo. Laurel—Baker, Harris, Witman, Evans, Pierce, Lindwood. Scorer—Ellen Gussio. Timer—Joan Shoe. Referee—Edith Woodson, National Rated.

Boys	G	F	T
GREENBELT	6	0	12
Cragin, f	2	0	4
Strickler, f	2	1	5
Fox, c	5	0	10
McCarl, c	1	0	2
Cookson, g	g	0	10
Neuman, g	1	1	3
Austin, g	1	0	2
Eshbaugh, g	9	0	18

Totals:	32	2	66
LAUREL	G	F	T
Morris, f	3	1	7
Bectald, f	1	0	2
Cowan, f	3	0	6
Perc Hall, c	3	1	7
Kline, g	1	0	2
Jack Hall, g	0	0	0
Harrison, g	0	0	0
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18 County Pupils Win M. U. Honors

The scholastic honor list for the fall quarter at the University of Maryland, it was announced this week, includes 127 students, 18 of whom are from Prince Georges County. To qualify for honors a student must have a 3.5 average, which means that grades of A or B are earned in practically every subject, with a big percentage of A's.

Twelve students made grades of A in every subject and thus have a "perfect" 4 point average. Of the 18 from Prince Georges who are on the honor list, one, Emily M. Hamon, 4009 Clagett rd., Hyattsville, made the "perfect" average.

The other 17 Prince Georges students on the honor list are:

Mary A. Aiello, 5219 42nd pl.; Arthur Ballard, 5102 41st st.; Dorothy Pittman, 6218 42nd ave.; Fern Vaughn, 4009 Longfellow st.; Elizabeth Weston, 3511 Longfellow st.; and Phyllis G. Wherley, 5402 40th ave., Hyattsville.

Helen T. Baker, 4313 Knox rd.; Luann Detar, University Apts.; and Evelyn and Lois Mendum, 4614 Harvard rd., College Park.

Fay Friedman, Greenbelt; Selma Helm, 6111 44th ave.; Sonja J. Johnson, 5824 53rd. ave.; Rachel Lewis, 9515 51st st.; and Mabel Sundstrom, 6203 54th pl., Riverdale; Ellen J. Mead, 4403 29th st., Mt. Rainier; and Hannah H. Pendergast, 4308 Colesville rd., University Park.

Byers Alarmed By Spread Of Social Disease In County

Calling attention this week to the alarming increase of venereal disease patients in Prince Georges, Dr. John M. Byers, director of the Department of Health, reported that the County has a total of 3385 positive cases of syphilis.

There are only 7 public health nurses to take care of the ills of the County, including the social disease sufferers, Dr. Byers said. This staff is woefully inadequate to cope with the health situation here and should be increased in the near future "if we are to stamp out venereal diseases".

The Health Department, Dr. Byers said, has noted an increase in the number of venereal disease contacts referred for follow-up by the Armed Forces. Every effort, he said, should be made by tavern keepers to prevent girls picking up service men in their establishments.

Prince Georges was reported by Selective Service as having 52 positive blood tests for syphilis per 1000 persons tested. During 1944 there were 257 cases of syphilis reported to the County Health Department compared with 200 cases reported in 1943.

"In order to cope with the situation," Dr. Byers said, "we must rely chiefly on the private physician for diagnosis, treatment and notification of delinquency. However, we do have three venereal disease clinics which, during 1944, reported a total of 4325 visits for diagnosis or treatment; 296 new individuals admitted for diagnosis or treatment, and 697 field nursing visits.

"We can readily appreciate the need for more intensive case finding and treatment for syphilis in Prince Georges. Since relatively few cases were actually treated in private physicians' offices, it remains for the Health Department not only to discover new cases, but also to get them under treatment in the clinics. Thus more County nurses are urgently needed at once."

Conferences Replace Grade Card Reports

The recent decision of the Elementary School to discontinue sending regular report cards home was the outgrowth of a meeting of elementary school principals chair-manned by Mrs. Catherine Reed, county supervisor. Some of the schools will probably continue to issue report cards; Greenbelt was among the schools which decided to try personal conferences between parents and teacher as a substitute.

The opinion was voiced at the meeting that Greenbelt was an ideal setting for the conference method of reporting the children's progress, as the homes are within easy walking distance of the schools.

Do You Know How?

Anyone desiring to learn the latest and approved methods of infant care and feeding should attend the pre-natal classes given Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Public Health Office, 2-A Gardenway.

Urgent Call For More Navy Nurses

The United States Navy has announced that it is in immediate need of 4,000 additional nurses, in order to assure every man in the Navy of adequate care. Following is a list of requirements for appointment to the rank of Ensign, Nurse Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve:

1. Registered nurse, graduate of an accredited School of Nursing.
2. High School graduate.
3. Native-born or naturalized citizen of the United States for at least ten years.
4. Age: 21 to 40.
5. Unmarried, widowed, or divorced, preferably without minor dependents.
6. Member of a nursing organization affiliated with the American Nurses Association.
7. Professional credentials and employment record to establish mental, moral, and professional qualifications and aptitude for military service.
8. Physically qualified by standards set for Naval officers.

Navy nurses are subject to assignment to duty, foreign or domestic, according to the needs of the Service. The usual initial assignment is to a large Naval hospital nearest the nurse's home. In subsequent assignments, special qualifications and preferences of the individual are considered whenever possible.

Nurses in this area interested in serving in the Navy Nurse Corps may file their applications at the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 1320 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Scarlet Fever Colds Plague Greenbelters

Five cases of Scarlet Fever have been reported to Public Health Officer Wm. E. Eisner in the past week. Dr. Eisner advises that Public Health Nurse Mrs. Stouffer be called if the disease is suspected. The types observed so far are extremely mild, less serious than measles, with no complications.

A person may be a carrier of scarlet fever and not actually have the disease. As the organisms are carried in the throat, everyone is advised to observe hygienic precautions when sneezing or coughing.

Changeable weather is blamed for the large number of colds affecting Greenbelters. To prevent colds, the Public Health office advises plenty of rest, lots of liquids, and avoidance of over-exposure.

February is Freedom Fund month.

Waste Tin Agenda Is Announced

Tin is still on the critical list and establishment of depots for tin cans in connection with the salvage drive are announced by Mrs. Ruth P. Keane, Executive Secretary of the Salvage Committee.

Prince Georges County Commissioner of Girl Scouts, Mrs. Ernest Cory, has instructed her troops to publicize the various depots in the community as has G. Gardner Shugart, Superintendent of Schools for the County.

The following depots are officially announced. Other communities that are interested in having depots please call Mrs. Keane at Union 1124.

Beltsville: Beltsville School, Berwyn: Safeway Store, Kefauver Store, Johnson's Market, Branchville. College Park: Safeway Store, Capitol Heights, Safeway Store. Brentwood, Brentwood Elementary School, Bladensburg: Bladensburg Ele. School, Cottage City: Cottage City Ele. School, Cheverly: Cheverly-Tuxedo Ele. School, Colmar Manor: Colmar Manor Ele. School. Edmonston: Edmonston Ele. School. Hyattsville: House-to-house collection, Depot on corner of Queens Chapel and Hamilton st. at the Safeway Store. Mt. Rainier: Mt. Rainier Ele. School. Riverdale: Center Market, Deskins D.G.S., Rosenblatt D.G.S., Carr Bros. & Boswell, Riverdale Ele. School, Calvert Homes Ele. School. Seat Pleasant: Irvin Main's Store. Suitland: Suitland Ele. School. Takoma Park: J. Enos Ray School.

We're In Debt To Doc

Greenbelt owes a debt of gratitude to "Doc" Wells, who has been pinch-hitting as pharmacist at the drugstore for a month on a seven days a week, seven hours a day basis (except for Sundays, when the shift is two hours). "Doc" has been relief pharmacist for four years.

NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Perlson of 5-E Eastway wish to announce the birth of a son, Leslie Mark, on January 23rd at Doctor's Hospital. Leslie weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz.

A 7 lb. son, Paul Ellis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herman of 1-E Southway, on January 21st.

Thomas Eugene, weighing 9 lbs., 5 ounces, was born February 6 to Jacob and Eunice Moeser of 69-G Ridge Road.

The National Education Association reports that 280,000 teachers have abandoned the profession since Pearl Harbor.

Blimey, He's A Limey

The staff of the Cooperator received a belated V-mail letter this week from Sidney Barnett, SK 2/c wishing all a "Merry Xmas". On the left-hand side of the letter is a cartoon of an English sailor. The letter is done in verse, the first of which states—

I've learned to call radio "wireless,"

A victrola to me now's a "gram." Instead of catching a street-car,

Now, "blimey," I'm hopping the "tram".

Orchestra Still Open

The orchestra class, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Power, of the Maryland University music faculty, will meet Tuesday, February 13, in Room 201 of the Elementary school at 8 p. m. This class, under the adult education program, is still open to residents of Prince Georges county over sixteen and out of school. The first rehearsal was held February 6. Anyone who can play an instrument is invited to attend future sessions.

Ton Of Tin

Director of Public Works Harry Rhodes reports that he picks up about a ton of tin cans on the last Wednesday of each month, which is the time set for the local salvage.

Tin cans for the salvage drive must be stripped of the paper cover, washed clean, tops and bottoms removed and the can pressed as flat as possible. They are picked up from the edge of the street in front of the homes.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

Mothers Aides Start

The second class of Mothers' Aides will start Wednesday, February 14, at 1 p. m. in Mrs. Frances Stouffer's office, 2-A Gardenway Road. All Greenbelt women are welcome to take the course, which prepares volunteers to help mothers and babies home from the hospital at the end of their fifth day. The course is eight hours long and lasts over a period of 2 weeks.

Get Your Teeth Into This

The meat situation is easing back to normal—at least normal for wartime—according to Dan Livingston, GCS meat manager. Last week-end, when Greenbelt housewives expected to see totally empty meat cases, there was a supply of fresh pork, plenty of lamb chops and variety meats as well, with some left over for sale Monday morning.

No February Citizens

The Citizens Association will not meet during the month of February. Its next gathering is scheduled for March 5.

CIGARETTES

Next week the limited supply of cigarettes we are able to secure will go on sale 30 minutes after the hour each hour at the tobacco store.

The schedule is changed each week in order to distribute the supply as fairly as possible.

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THE QUESTION IS...

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Do you remember the Charter Amendment recommendations distributed to your door a couple of weeks ago? They are IMPORTANT. If passed they remove barriers to the progress of your cooperative by:

- Increasing the authorized capital stock.
- Increasing the amount of stock any one person may hold.
- Decreasing the quorum required at membership meetings.

To pass there must be over 1000 votes in favor. Your vote makes a difference. So -- if you cannot come to the membership meeting on February 28th...

DON'T DELAY

Vote By Mail NOW — If You Have Lost Your Ballot call GREENBELT 2231

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