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Red Cross Outlines Annual Program Plan Drive For Funds In March

As March first, beginning of the yearly drive for Red Cross funds, draws near, the Prince Georges County chapter of the American Red Cross releases statistics telling the story of the past twelve months' activities in bringing comfort to thousands of service men and their families.

The Home Service Secretary and a volunteer staff have handled 3622 cases—an average of 10 a day—regarding such matters as a servicemen's concern for his family's welfare, or the family's for his whereabouts; emergency financial assistance for the family, emergency leave for the soldier; civilian inquiries about relatives in foreign countries and foreign relatives seeking word of their families here. Women volunteers in organized groups devoted 42,855 hours during the year in preparing surgical dressings, making and filling kit bags, and preparing other articles for use in Army hospitals. The mobile blood donor unit, in 41 visits, collected 5,582 pints of blood, while 5,620 county residents donated their pints at the Washington center, making a total county contribution of 11,202 pints of blood or plasma for the year.

Greenbelt has furnished the largest unit in the county corps of 164 canteen workers, our thirty members adding to the 4,728 hours of service put in by the group. The 24 members of the Motor Corps of the county have contributed 7,108 hours of service, transporting material for production, collecting and delivering the finished articles, driving the mobile canteen kitchen to serve soldiers, and transporting workers and donors to the mobile blood donor center. Countless emergency errands also fall to their lot, such as the weekly delivery of 40 to 60 dozen cookies from Greenbelt to the cookie jar at Beltsville Reconditioning Section. The local canteen recently inaugurated a weekly trip to the reconditioning center to take coffee and sandwiches to the servicemen at Beltsville.

All this is accomplished through contributions of money and volunteer service. Greenbelt has responded generously with both during the past year. Mrs. Joseph Rogers, war service chairman of the Women's Club is again head of the Red Cross fund drive, and has called a meeting of block captains and workers for Monday, Feb. 26, in the social room of the elementary school. Supplies for the 1945 drive will be distributed, and the meeting will be shown a film on Red Cross work.

Valet Shop Changes Mgr.

The resignation of Warren W. Jones as manager of the valet shop and appointment of a former part-time GCS employee, John H. Sawyer, to the position was announced by General Manager Sam Ashelman last Tuesday.

Mr. Jones has been a resident of Greenbelt for the last six years and began work for the cooperative here in July 1943 as bookkeeper. In October of last year he was appointed to the management of the valet shop and in addition continued with some of the office bookkeeping work. He resigns to take up work in which he can devote his full time to accounting.

Mr. Sawyer, recently discharged from the Army, lived for a time in Greenbelt and held a part-time job in the variety store two years ago. He has had laundry and dry-cleaning experience and told the Cooperator that he is looking forward to returning to Greenbelt and working to improve the service and business efficiency in the valet shop.

In line with the policy of the cooperative of promoting within the organization, the position was offered to James B. Peeler, assistant manager of the variety store. Mr. Peeler declined to accept the job on the basis of lack of experience in the laundry and dry cleaning field.

Speaks Tonight



Marian Fletcher of the Stage Door Canteen is the guest speaker at the Housewives Club special program meeting in the Home Economics Room, starting at 9 p. m. Her topic is "Planning for Your Returning Serviceman".

Painters At Work In N. End School

The North End School building project, handicapped in its progress by bad weather and the manpower shortage, should be finished in three or four weeks, according to an unofficial observer. The red brick exterior has been painted with two coats of white. The entrance facade on Ridge Road is in good proportion and the simple lettering over the Assembly Hall windows provides all the ornament necessary.

Interior millwork, shelving, closets, and blackboards are installed. The painters are at work inside, making the walls and ceilings of the classrooms a warm cheerful yellow. Most of the electrical work is finished. Plumbing fixtures are in place but not yet connected to the main system. The heating system is operating to the satisfaction of the workmen, and tile setting in the toilet rooms has been completed. Largest item of work to be done is laying the asphalt tile flooring in the corridors and classrooms. Furniture and equipment cannot be installed until that job is finished.

This Year's March Lion Could Be A Polar Bear

Chief Heating Engineer Oscar A. Zoellner reminded residents of Greenbelt this week that March is the month of variable weather. He expects no change in the fuel situation at this time, but stated that the transportation of fuel oil might be disrupted if there is a recurrence of the icy roads we had in January. However, he hoped that none of the oil tanks in Greenbelt would run dry, despite the high winds of March.

Call Stouffer At 2011

Anyone having difficulty in reaching Mrs. Frances Stouffer, public health nurse, at her office, Gr. 6111, may leave a call for her with the town operator at 2011. Contagious diseases must be reported promptly, and Mrs. Stouffer checks daily at the town switchboard to get requests for her services.

Scouts Find Home At Last

After seven years of crowding into private homes and not having adequate storage place for their work materials, the girl scouts of Greenbelt are now the proud possessors of an official meeting place in the unused section of the basement at 14 Parkway. The space was made available through the cooperation of the Town Administration, the Child Care Center, and the local scout leaders.

In preparation for a "grand opening" in the future, the walls, ceiling and floor are being painted by a committee of fathers. The girls will make curtains.

There are approximately 90 Girl Scouts in town, divided into four different troops.

Mrs. FDR Makes 1st Co-op Speech For Freedom Fund

"Building for Freedom Through Cooperatives" is the theme of the Freedom Fund rally to be held next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Department of Interior Auditorium. Leading the list of speakers is Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt who addresses a cooperative gathering for the first time. Other speakers on the program are Congressman Jerry Voorhis (Dem.), California, Mr. Charles P. Taft of the State Department and brother of Senator Taft, and Mr. Frank Munk, Czechoslovakian, of UNRRA.

"The rally will receive worldwide publicity and a large audience is expected," reports Helmut Kern, Secretary of the Potomac Cooperative Federation which is sponsoring the meeting.

Greenbelt cooperators interested in attending are asked to get in touch with Mrs. St. Clair, GR. 4503, to arrange for transportation.

Navy Wives Set Sale

At the meeting of the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club held Tuesday, February 20, it was voted unanimously to have a bake sale in the theater lobby on Friday, March 2. Proceeds of the sale will be used to buy equipment for "Drop-Inn", the teen-agers' canteen. Donations of baked goods will be gladly received, and Mrs. Kay O'Neill, chairman of the sale, will arrange to have them picked up. Call her at 5087.

Mrs. Phyllis Kelsey and Mrs. A. L. Bolshazy have been taken into the club as new members. Mrs. Bolshazy was formerly a member of the Charlotte Woodward club in Brooklyn, and is the national parliamentary of the Navy Wives Clubs of America.

Merger Study Progresses

Unanimously agreeing that the proposed affiliation of Greenbelt Consumer Services and the Greenbelt Health Association is of sufficient merit to deserve more intensive study, the fact-finding committee representing the two local cooperatives has taken the first steps in making a more detailed investigation. Under the chairmanship of Lt. (j. g.) Glen Wilbur and Rudolph Schubert, secretary, the committee appointed two sub-committees, one to study the legal aspects of such a consolidation and the other to consider possible plans and finances.

Committee members emphasize that their work is limited to fact-finding and exploratory studies. Reports will be submitted to the Boards of the two organizations, and if any action results, it will be taken by the respective memberships.

Representing G.C.S. are Lt. (j. g.) Glen Wilbur, Mrs. Carnie Harper, and W. R. Volckhausen. G.H.A. people participating are Herbert Hertz, Henry Walter and Rudolph Schubert.

Board Elections, Patronage Return Have Top Billing At Co-op Meeting

Vying for first place in membership interest at the annual meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services next Tuesday night are the election of five directors to the Board and the decision on the amount of patronage returns for 1944.

Official Nominations

The closing of the nominations for the new Board members of Greenbelt Consumer Services last Wednesday disclosed the names of the following candidates for the five vacancies:

Herman Ramras
A. H. Long
Dayton Hull
Thomas Ritchie
Allan A. Bryan (for re-election)
Frederick McCarthy
Sherrod East
Paul Dunbar
Frank E. Watson
Frank H. Riley
Edward C. Kaighn
Elsie East (Mrs. Charles)
Captain James H. Matthews was nominated but declined to run.

5 Graduate From Mothers Aid Class

Five Greenbelt women have completed the Mothers' Aid course taught by Public Health nurse Frances Stouffer. They are Mary Smith, Alyce Williams, Helen Fish, Jean Purnell, all Navy Wives, and Kay Dallas of B'nai B'rith. They will round out their nurses training with a short course in Nursing Ethics given by Mrs. McCloy of the Navy Relief Society.

The mothers aid graduates are now prepared to go into Greenbelt homes and assist new mothers who are in need of help when they come home from the hospital. Those wishing aid should contact Mrs. Stouffer, 6111, Miss Dorothy Black, 5876, or Mrs. C. Daryl Bailey, 5632.

The volunteers will devote several hours a day to the case they are called on to serve. They will bathe the baby, make the mother comfortable, see that there is something to eat in the house and that the mother and her family are fed. They will tidy up the house and do anything else which will relieve the mind of the mother. The sponsors of the program wish to emphasize that the work is done not for pay but as a neighborly service.

The next Mothers' Aid class will start Wednesday, February 28 at 1 p. m. in Mrs. Stouffer's office, 2-A Gardenway. All women who feel that they would like to help out in this service are invited to attend.

Prepare Stock Drive Pending Membership Vote

The machinery for Greenbelt Consumers Services' projected stock drive is being set up under the chairmanship of Herman Ramras in anticipation that the necessary two-thirds of the 1600 members will vote to increase the amount of authorized stock from \$60,000 to \$250,000.

Louis Englander, auditor from the Cooperative League, has pointed out that GCS is undercapitalized as it stands, in view of the fact that facilities were meant to serve a far smaller number. Extra capital is also needed for improvements and expansion of present services.

The co-op warden system is putting on an intensive drive before the annual meeting this Wednesday for members to get in their votes on the capital stock issue and also on the question of decreasing the quorum. It is pointed out that many who plan to attend the meeting may be deterred at the last moment, and that important decisions can be made at the meeting if it is known in advance that the stock increase is assured.

Only one Board member whose term expires this month is a candidate for re-election. Groups and individuals have been active in studying qualifications of nominees and a close contest is expected in the election of a majority of the Board.

Election of a warden chairman will be proposed and if favorable action is taken, the membership will vote on candidates nominated at the meeting. Mentioned for the position thus far are Captain James A. Matthews, who declined to run for the Board, and Henry Walter.

Patronage Dividend

Patronage returns this year to members will be based on the net savings announced in last week's Cooperator of \$14,078. As this represents a drop of approximately 45% from last year's savings, the dividend will be proportionately lower unless some way is found to use accumulated savings from former years not claimed by members, or to determine this year's return on the basis of the number turning in cash register slips instead of the total number of members as has been done in the past. The legality of either of these methods of raising the patronage return is still to be determined.

An amendment to retire automatically a Board member who is absent from more than half of the Board meetings in any period of three consecutive calendar months will also be put to the vote of the membership. The minutes of the cooperative that on the basis of November, December and January one Board member would have been retired had this ruling been in effect.

Charter, By-Law Changes

Charter and by-law amendments important to the expansion of the organization will be voted upon. These include proposals to increase the amount of authorized capital stock, to permit individual members to own more stock than allowed at present and to reduce the number required for a quorum. Votes on these amendments are being collected throughout the community now by members of the co-op warden system.

Discussion of the value to GCS of membership in the Potomac Cooperative Federation is listed on the agenda as well as reports of the officers and general manager.

Two passes to the theatre will be offered as door prizes, the first at 8:30 p. m. and the second near the close of the meeting.

P-TA Meets This Monday; Plans Dinner On April 23

"Counseling with Our Children" will be the theme of the Parent-Teacher Association meeting next Monday at 8 p. m. at the elementary school auditorium.

Lucille Lewis, supervisor of the child care centers in Prince Georges County, will be the principal speaker. A panel discussion, with Donald Cooper serving as chairman, will follow Miss Lewis' talk. Other participants in the panel will be C. Mabel Smith, curriculum consultant for the Greenbelt elementary school, Lt. Wayne Dennis, former professor of psychology, and Mary Jane Kinzer, director of adult education in Greenbelt.

Dorothy East, president of the local unit, has announced that the P-TA will sponsor a dinner for school children and their parents, April 23, in the elementary school auditorium. Tickets will be 40 cents for children and 75 cents for adults. The dinner will replace the regular April membership meeting. Mrs. Donald Romer, newly-appointed chairman of the hospitality committee, will arrange the decorations and Mrs. Russell Brown, chairman of the ways and means committee, will have charge of the menu.

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Attention, Parents . . .

Senate Bill 27 now before the State Legislature provides for the establishment of Juvenile Courts on the Circuit Court Level in various counties of Maryland. Such a court is needed in Prince Georges County to protect those youngsters who are arrested for a mild offense and are in court for disciplinary action. At present Juvenile offenders are often put in with hardened offenders of the worst type. The bill also provides for follow-up work by trained case workers. It is reported that most of our county legislators were absent from the last hearing on the bill, and that it may therefore go through with Prince Georges County exempted. If you are interested in a Juvenile Court for our County the persons to write to are:

State Senator Harold Sothoron, c/o Senate, Annapolis, Maryland, and delegates Samuel H. Harvey, Noah Joffe, LeRoy Pumphrey, Nopoleon B. Steward, John S. White, and Perry O. Wilkinson, all of the House of Delegates, Annapolis, Maryland.

We also understand that a move is on foot to throw the financial burden of the 5-point education program onto the counties rather than the State of Maryland. Since the counties must carry the large post-war cost of new school buildings, such a move seems unfair, especially in view of the unequal relative prosperity of the various counties and the fact that Maryland is a wealthy state.

It would be in order to mention your viewpoint on this matter when you write to Senator Sothoron and our six delegates about the Juvenile Court.

We Are Their Debtors

Now that several individual salary increases have gone into effect at the Child Care Center and Jeep Canteen, and a system of automatic pay increases has been setup, it is hoped that these two vital organizations will be able to retain qualified supervisors and to attract others as they may be needed.

Nothing can adequately express the community's debt to the women at both the care center and the canteen who were qualified for higher paid jobs elsewhere but who have chosen to remain here, working long hours and sometimes having to perform chores "not on the work sheets", in order to free war workers and others performing essential community services.

Servicemen's wives and women who are the sole support of their households are able to take jobs to keep their families together, secure in the knowledge that their children are in good hands from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily.

At present there are 39 children in the Child Care Center, ranging in age from 2 to 6. 34 families are represented, and in 26 of these the father is in the service. 14 mothers hold clerical and stenographic jobs with the government, 4 work at the Engineering and Research Corporation in Riverdale, 5 are nurses, 4 are store clerks. The remaining 7 have jobs ranging from home economist to photographic aid.

The 42 children at the "Jeep Canteen" for school-agers represent 38 families, and number 18 fathers in the service. The working mothers include 2 nurses, 9 store clerks, 2 kindergarten and nursery school teachers, and a wide variety of other job-holders.

The School Week

By DONNA ROMER

The children enjoyed the Animal Circus and Acts of Magic presented by Hugo Martinez yesterday and sponsored by the P.T.A. Delegations from the Nursery School and Child Care Center also attended.

The taking of the school census has been leading everyone a merry chase. It is a terrific job and has been accomplished only by the untiring efforts of many mothers of the P.T.A. This is only another one of the unpaid duties expected of our teachers and certainly demands our gratitude and appreciation of a task well done.

Once more, a reminder and a plea to make your appointment with your child's teacher for your conference. You won't be sorry you spent that half hour with her. Next week some personal impressions will be printed in this column gathered from parents who have participated in their conferences.

Also, don't forget that the Parent-Teachers Magazine is on file at the library—stop in a sneak a read. And how about a record attendance at the next P.T.A. meeting?

Town Cookie Jar In News

A picture of the Greenbelt Cookie Jar taken by Cooperator staff photographer Don O'Reilly has appeared in the Councilor, national publication of the Camp and Hospital Committee of the American Red Cross. The picture, printed in their February, 1945 issue, had previously appeared in the Cooperator and the Washington Post, and depicts the presentation of the cookie jar by Mrs. Helen Chasanow of the B'nai B'rith to the Reconditioning Center at Beltsville, Md. Others appearing in the picture are Mrs. E. I. Mohl, also of B'nai B'rith; Mrs. George Wyant, representing the American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. James Gobel and Mrs. George Clark of the Woman's Club; Mrs. D. J. Schlater and Mrs. Alfred R. Lee of the American Red Cross.

Citizens Meet March 5

The next meeting of the Citizens Association is scheduled for Monday, March 5. Circle the date on your calendar.

We plan to remember in our will the kind lady who entertains the editor's husband and children at dinner on the night the Cooperator goes to press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charter Changes

To the Editor:

Mr. Bussans letter in last week's paper indicates that there is some difference of opinion among Co-op members on reduction of the quorum for Greenbelt Consumer Services, and the increase in per capita stock holdings proposed.

However, there can be little quarrel for the third of the three charter amendments up for vote—increased capitalization. Manager Sam Ashelman has made it quite clear that goods and services now offered to the people of Greenbelt are not adequately serving the needs of the community. On the basis of suggestions from customer-members he has already run off a brief preliminary survey of the increase in store facilities needed at once, and he is in a position to give the cost figures on what we must have to do a good merchandising job here.

Possibly no other business in the Washington area does so large a gross on so small a capitalization as we do. All but a small portion of our present capital stock (designed for a town less than half the size of the present community) has been bought up by the membership. We can either vote to issue more stock which we can buy ourselves, and pay the interest to ourselves, or we can borrow money from commercial sources and pay the interest to someone else outside the community. The credit rating of our Co-op is excellent, and we can probably borrow money at a smaller rate of interest than we would pay to ourselves on our shares of stock. However, continued borrowing would weaken the financial structure of GCS while increased investment by members would strengthen it, and we would all benefit by it individually.

The whole crucial point is that an affirmative vote on any charter amendment requires two-thirds of the entire membership—1200 ballots, just to make any future action permissible. Considering how many members are living out of town or in the armed forces, we face a terrific job in bringing in this many votes. Every single ballot is important and should be mailed or brought to the GCS office immediately, else we shall have to do this whole job again next quarter.

In defense of the other two charter amendments proposed—the ownership of not more than 5 percent of the capital stock by any one members is generally recommended by co-ops. Our present individual maximum is much less than 1 percent, and the proposed maximum still would be much less than 1 percent.

The proposal for a lower quorum comes in acknowledgement that about one-fourth of the members are now away from Greenbelt and cannot possibly attend meetings, and that many of the remaining memberships are two within a family. In the latter case one often stays home with the children while the other goes to the meeting. Most of us probably agree that quorums should be kept as high as possible, but if the quorum is too high for regular membership attendance, then the current directors remain in control indefinitely—certainly not a satisfactory alternative at any time.

DONALD H. COOPER

Rothchild Takes Hintz

To the Editor:

We are very grateful for Mr. Hintz' well meant letter in last week's Cooperator, since it gives the committee a chance to state once more the reasons for its actions and to clear any misunderstanding about its purpose.

Immediately after the special membership meeting in December a letter was published in the Cooperator appealing to all GCS members to follow up the heartening results of that meeting by getting together to study the qualifications of Board candidates. The meetings which followed were open to all, and were held in one of the rooms of the school house. Frequent invitations were issued. The very first action taken was the preparation of a questionnaire on basic Coop principles. This was published in the Cooperator on January 12. A group of 20-25 names of possible candidates was suggested—each of these was questioned as to his desire to run, and the questionnaire submitted to those interested. It was only after the questionnaire had been published and these contacts made, that the committee decided to nominate 5 individuals, Dayton Hull, Maj. A. Long, Herman Ramras, Tomas Ritchie and Max Salz-

man who were considered the very best possible choices. We do not wish to imply that other good candidates may not appear, but we do know that on the basis of their records, their interest and their answers to the questionnaire, these nominees will make excellent Directors of GCS.

One other point in Mr. Hintz' argument requires an answer. He implies that by our selection and endeavors in behalf of these candidates they will be beholden to us for election. To whom, to what group? This committee did not exist before the last meeting and after the next one will dissolve into its constituent elements, the coop members who thought it a good idea to (1) have people on the Board of Director of GCS who are really interested in and know something about cooperatives and (2) do something about letting the membership know in advance what the candidates stand for. The sole and only purpose for their coming together has been to see that these ends were accomplished, and not to secure special favors for themselves. If and when these candidates are elected, they will be beholden only to the principles of good Coop management for which they stand.

IRVING ROTHCHILD,
on behalf of the "Unofficial Committee"

A Forum On The Quorum

To the Editor:

Last week the Cooperator published a letter opposing a proposed amendment to the GCS charter permitting a smaller quorum, and stating that the usual quorum is a majority.

This may be true of the ordinary corporation, where one person often owns, or holds proxies for, a majority of the stock. I know of no co-op, however, which has a majority for a quorum. In the Department of Labor pamphlet on "Organization and Management of Consumers' Cooperative Organizations and Clubs", the following advice on the quorum is to be found: "In small associations it may be 30% or 40% of the membership; in large ones it may be as low as 10%." GCS is one of the largest consumer cooperatives in the East. Of the two large commercial co-ops in Washington, Rochdale has a quorum of 5% of its 2100 membership and Konsum's quorum is 50 persons, less than 5% of its 1100 members.

The letter mentions the danger that, with a small quorum, a small group of members may take action which is contrary to the will of the majority. In GCS this danger is minimized by the fact that our quarterly meetings, except the annual meeting, are special meetings. At special meetings the membership can act only on business listed in the agenda of the meeting, so that the membership is forewarned of any proposed action. At the annual meeting, because of the election of directors and determination of the patronage return, we have always had well over a quorum present.

The question of the optimum quorum for GCS is certainly debatable, as the writer of the letter points out. However, at present even debate is out of the question since the charter will not permit a quorum below 15%. The proposed charter amendment would merely permit a quorum as low as 5%; the real debate should come on the by-law amendment intended to set the quorum at 10% an amendment which cannot even be considered if the charter amendment is not adopted.

HERMAN RAMRAS

No Capital, No Business

To the Editor:

In a letter in the last Cooperator it was pointed out that under one of the charter amendments now being considered by GCS members, 100 families of 4 could own \$200, \$10,000 annually out of the earnings "which would otherwise be distributed as patronage returns". The writer seems to overlook the fact that a corporation does not issue stock—even if its charter permits it to—unless it expects to increase the earnings of the corporation by doing so. Disregarding the fact that finding 100 families ready to toss \$2,000 each into the co-op might be difficult, the Board will certainly not issue the stock unless it sees fields in which the money can be invested to increase the net savings of the co-op or otherwise to increase the benefits to members.

Even in 1944, one of our co-op's least successful years, the \$50,000 invested by our members in shares supported a business which yielded

a \$14,000 net saving, or a 28% return on capital invested, which certainly covers the 5% interest on the capital stock. Of course we might have saved the \$2000 or \$3000 interest on shares if we had had no capital, but then we would have had no co-op—and that seems to me to be the reductio ad absurdum of the argument in the letter. In short, by selling shares in the co-op so that it will be better financed, and consequently better equipped, we should increase rather than decrease the net savings of the cooperative and the rate of the patronage return to its customers.

MEYER VOLK

One Member, One Vote

To the Editor:

A letter in the last Cooperator cited the danger that under a proposed amendment to the charter of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., permitting each member to own \$500 in shares, 100 families of four could purchase the entire \$200,000 proposed additional stock.

The observation seems more arithmetical than practical, since under our present charter, with total authorized stock of \$60,000 and each member eligible to hold \$200 worth, just 75 families of four could own the whole works—but actually we have 1600 members owning stock in the Co-op.

Even if 100 families should manage to purchase most of the stock, they would have only 100 votes—as against 1600 votes possessed by the remaining members. The principle of one member, one vote is the safeguard of membership control in cooperatives as contrasted to other corporations.

DAYTON W. HULL, Lt. (j. g.)

NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Meade, 14-A Hillside Road, announce the arrival of Janis Lynn, January 22nd, Columbia Hospital.

Judith Lee, weighing in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces, joined the household of Private and Mrs. Harold Ronin on January 31 at Garfield Hospital in Washington.

Health Assn. Needs Toys

The Children's Corner at the Health Association is in need of a new collection of toys. If you have any durable ones—books, stuffed animals, dolls, or wooden toys—that you are ready to discard, please call Mrs. Harry Stage, Greenbelt 2182, 57-Q Ridge Road. Mrs. Stage will be glad to collect them and to see that they serve the children, and incidentally the mothers, who spend any time in the Reception Room at the Health Association.

Blue has been the color of U. S. Marine uniforms for a longer period than any other color.

Cigarettes

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We are delighted to announce Mrs. Carl Day, our new "Greenbelters in Uniform" reporter. She is well-qualified for the job, as her daughter Jean is a nurse, now overseas, her son Dick is an Army private, and her son-in-law an aviation cadet. We hear that the CO-OPERATOR is well read and passed around in service circles, and we'd like to offer a liberal quantity of information that Greenbelt G I's could read about their friends in the service as well as home-front news. Please do your part by relaying what you know to Mrs. Day.

THE ARMY

Sidney Henes, former history and social study instructor at Greenbelt High, is enjoying a 10-day furlough at home. Mr. Henes is associated with the camp psychiatrist at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and is enjoying his duties very much.

Mrs. J. Walsh Barcus reports her husband is now in a hospital in England receiving treatment for trench foot. He has previously been reported missing from his company during the "Belgian Bulge" campaign, but crawled back into the lines and joined another company.

Lt. Ben Posner, who was national amateur typing champion for 1941, is stationed at a regional hospital as assistant registrar for the sick and wounded.

Pfc. Ben Perelzweig is home on furlough from Fort Benning, Ga.

Bob Gray who has been quite ill in a hospital in Hawaii with dengue fever is back on duty again, this time guarding P.O.W.'s.

Pvt. C. Hart of 2-F Gardenway was home on furlough recently from Ft. Riley and was sent out to Camp Ord, California.

Well now, Gen. Patton said not long ago that all the Army needed was a few good cavalry men; here they come, the Greenbelt Cavalry men—Pvts. Hughes, Perkin and McEwen, all home on recent furloughs from Ft. Riley and sent to Camp Ord, Calif.

Pvt. Paul Lung, recently home on furlough, reported back to Camp Meade. Mr. Lung has his basic training out at Fort Riley and is now connected with the radio reconnaissance dept.

Just heard that Charlie O'Leary of 2-B Northway is home on furlough after an absence of seven months. He is with the M. P.'s

"GINFO"

By ROBERT DODGE

Officer Robert Dodge, a member of the Regular Veterans Association, has offered to keep us posted from time to time on "G. I." legislation in view of the large number of service people in town.

Bills introduced into this session of congress of interest to members of the Armed Forces and their dependants include:

S. 421—Provides for promotion of certain American Prisoners of War.

H. R. 1985—Providing for a service medal, ribbon and clasp for honorable service in the Armed Services of the U. S. during present war.

S. J. (Joint Resolution)—November 10, 1945 to be observed as United States Marine Corps day.

H. R. 2016—Granting to Veterans of this war upon application, a certificate of credit of \$1000.00 to be used in purchase of surplus property, upon mustering out.

H. R. 1644—To grant commissioned Officers and Enlisted men of the Regular Establishment who remain in active service after present war, a permanent appointment in the highest rank held during the war.

The National Commander of the Regular Veterans Assn. Guest Speakers from Congress, will attend a special meeting at the School Auditorium to answer questions on all bills that have been enacted for G.I.'s and Veterans and their dependants. Date of the meeting will be announced later.

Restricted mail service to Leyte, Samar, and Mindoro was resumed Jan. 12, 1945. The Philippine Liberation Medal has been authorized.

down at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

HERE COME THE WAVES:

Wave Zella Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Bryan, 2-A Northway, is stationed at San Francisco, Calif. on duty at the Fleet P. O. Have you noticed now that the very capable Zella is out there, how the mail is speeding up deliveries? Zella has enjoyed a visit with her uncle and her grandmother since she has been on the Coast.

Wave Lorraine Mullen is stationed up at Newport, R. I. Lorraine says they have sure had some cold weather, 17 degrees below zero, but she loves it nevertheless.

Dolores Carr is still down in Jacksonville, Florida. How about trading some of that Florida sunshine with Lorraine for a while? HI, NAVY!

Seen around town was Donald Nicodemus, who is stationed at the Naval Air Base on Banana River, Fla. Donald has qualified as a Navy Radioman for the past 20 months. Brother Bob was home also; just finished his boot training at Great Lakes, so Mom and Pop were quite happy over the week-end to have both their boys home at the same time.

Paul Cherry finished his boot training and has been sent out to the Signal School at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Good luck to all of you, and God bless you.

We are often prophets to others, only because we are our own historians.—Madame Swetchine

County Tourney To Be Top Flight Affair; Goes Mar. 5

The Official Prince Georges County High School Basketball Tournament, first ever to be staged with complete blessings and sponsorship of the County Board of Education, will be held at Ritchie Coliseum, College Park, beginning Monday, March 5 with eight schools represented by their 15 teams.

Surrattsville, Oxon Hill, Laurel, Maryland Park, Bladensburg, Mt. Rainier and Greenbelt will toss their girl and boy courtsters in the championship scramble while Hyattsville will be represented only by their fine sextet, the boys will not perform. Temple Jarrell, boys' coach at Hyattsville and a committeeman in the organization of this tourney left Hyattsville to take a coaching job in a Tennessee high school.

First round pairings were drawn last week and list Maryland Park with a bye in the boys' division; Surrattsville meets Oxon Hill; Mt. Rainier plays Bladensburg and Greenbelt tangles with Laurel. Girls' pairings will be announced later.

Louise Stone's Greenbelt Grizzlies are topeheavy favorites to cop the girls' division. They have had a remarkable season, losing not one single game against P. G. County sextets, their only losses have been at the hands of Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Montgomery Blair.

Jack Zeldin's Green and White Grizzlies have played inspired ball in winning nine games to date. Chief stumbling blocks in their victory path have been Gonzaga's Purple Eagles and the towering Mounts from Mt. Rainier. Mahlon "Lonnie" Eshbaugh has amassed a respectable 200 points in 14 tilts thus far.

Orphan Ramblers Amass Impressive Basket Record

Town basketball was tried some six or eight weeks ago, a revival of men and women doubleheaders with out of town opponents. The first Saturday evening was a flop in as much as the men's opposition failed to show up—necessitating a grueling game with local high school kids—and the women were lambasted by Engineering and Research Company's Swingshifters.

Jack Burt, energetic coach of the men, was not too dismayed at the turn of events and took his squad of hustlers wherever he could schedule a game. To date the local Ramblers have won 8 games and lost only 1, counting their early narrow win over a good GHS Informal quint. They whipped UNRA at College Park, the Trinidad (Rum and Coca Cola) Ghosts, the Conscientious Objectors of College Park, twice, Mt. Rainier and last, a cracking good ERCO Shearer quint. Their lone loss was at Army War College.

Lloyd Clay, Jack Burt, and Red O'Connell have played great ball for the Ramblers, with Dave Grego, Frank Geierman, George Clay, Ken Stewart, Joe McNally, Joe Cangelosi and Bob Rickerson rounding out the fiery outfit.

Burt's 18 points were high in the Shearer tilt and Lloyd and George Clay supported with 12 and 10 respectively. Bob Sharpe tossed in 16 points for ERCO and Fred "Knocky" Thomas worked the best all round game of the night.

RAMBLERS	G	F	T
L. Clay, f (c)	6	0	12
Geierman, f	2	0	4
Burt, f	9	0	18
O'Connell, g	1	1	3
G. Clay, g	5	0	10

Totals:	23	1	47
SHEARERS	G	F	T
McLain, f	0	2	2
Sharpe, f	8	0	16
Young, c	2	1	5
Thomas, g (c)	3	1	7
McQuat, g	0	1	1
Fones, g	4	0	8

Totals:	17	5	39
Nonscorers: Greenbelt Ramblers—Grego, Cangelosi, Rickerson, Stewart, McNally. E.R.C.O. Shearers—Lucas, Strunk, Rogers. Scorer—Murray Krasnor. Timer—Jim Wolfe. Referee—Charlie Batterman, Ohio State U.			

The Nursery School mothers are meeting tonight at the home of Mrs. Tobias Beeber, 73-P Ridge Road.

February 25, 1945

GREENBELT COOPERATOR

Three

Greenbelt's Bruins Eke Out Victory In Two Tight Tilts With Hyattsville

Hyattsville, February 16—Hyattsville's Blue and Gold girl and boy cagers were cocked and primed to deal with vengeance a pair of Greenbelt High teams who dared to beat them earlier in the season. Hyattsville definitely had a chance to do just that in each tilt but raw courage on the part of the Green and White court kids prevailed and it was all Greenbelt, 29 to 28 and 27 to 24 in a wild evening of games.



TED FOX

Louise Stone's girls held 8-4 and 13-12 period leads but limped to a 21-24 third quarter deficit. Dolores Wolfe, who led scoring with 11 points, applied two of her buckets in the last stanza along with 1 and 1 by Lucy Forrester and a lone free toss by Patsy Loftus, while Captain-for-the-night Patty Bell, Jane Linhardt and Ellen Bryant valiently slowed down the Hyattsville forwards to 3 points.

Bob Milligan acted coach for the HHS quint in place of Temple Jarrell, who left the school to accept another position. Milligan, varsity guard until graduation in

Green And White Makes Valentine Of Annapolis High

Greenbelt High resumed athletic relations with Annapolis High in a twinbill at the local gym St. Valentine's Day evening before a fair crowd. Annapolis' girls and boys proved real "sweethearts", giving up 107 points to our Green Wave. Louise Stone's lassies won by 51 to 17 and Jack Zeldin's lads followed up with a 56 to 33 triumph. Both tilts figured to sharpen up the Green and White for pitch battles over at Hyattsville.

Principal John Speicher is sending his cage teams to Annapolis the afternoon of Tuesday, February 27, a "trip" reward for a very fine season. The Maroon and Blue figures to put up a more potent showing on their own smaller gym floor.

Mahlon Eshbaugh topped his previous high scoring effort of the year, on a great second half spurge, by 4 points. Lon connected for 26, all but 8 coming after intermission. Dolores Wolfe was high for the girls with 18 points in an evening that saw her brother Don held to but a pair of freebies. Lucy Forrester tallied 13 and Shirley Mitchell counted 9.

GREENBELT	G	F	T
Forrester, f	6	1	13
Cashman, f	0	1	1
Mitchell, f	4	1	9
Loftus, f	5	0	10
Wolfe, f	8	2	18
Totals:	23	5	51

ANNAPOLIS	G	F	T
Hollock, f	1	0	2
Winchell, f	0	1	1
Carter, f	1	0	2
Clemmens, f	6	0	12

Totals:	8	1	17
GREENBELT	9	23	36
ANNAPOLIS	3	7	7

Guards: Greenbelt—Brown, Turner, Morrison, Bell, Gomo. Linhardt. Annapolis—Ritter (f), Smith, Giddings, McCormick, Vickers, Howard, Reed, Small. Scorer—Ellen Gussio. Timer—Joan Schoeb. Officials—Bobbe Burdette and Leah Shiner, University of Maryland.

GREENBELT	G	F	T
Wolfe, f (c)	0	2	2
Strickler, f	4	0	8
Carneal, f	1	0	2
Fox, c	4	2	10
Gurney, c	0	1	1
Cookson, g	3	1	7
Eshbaugh, g	12	2	26

Totals:	24	8	56
ANNAPOLIS	G	F	T
Evans, f (c)	7	1	15
Norwood, f	0	2	2
Dietz, c	4	4	12
Farrall, g	1	0	2
Payson, g	1	0	2

Totals:	13	7	33
GREENBELT	14	25	41
ANNAPOLIS	11	15	24
Scorer—Allen Taylor. Timer—Timer—Ellen Gussio. Referee—W. C. Noyes.			

February, had his in a rampaging frame of mind. They romped to a first inning lead of 12 to 3 and were confidently ahead at half time by 18-11. Jack Zeldin's Green Wave came in with a tide of 9 points in the third semester while they cooled off the host quint to 3 points. That defense allowed 3 points again in the last quarter when the Bruins clinched things with 7 points and a neat 27-24 success.

Teddy Fox and Mahlon Eshbaugh were the big offensive aces, evenly sharing 20 points. The whole quint contrived to be a close guarding unit and so provoked Hyattsville that fists were flung in a wild moment right at the game's end. Captain Jack O'Steen walloped Don Wolfe on the button amid screams from a capacity crowd. Referee Bill Noyes banished both lads from the game only to learn that the final whistle had already blown.

Greenbelt entertains Paul Barnharts Bladensburg cagers here the evening of March 2. The Peace Crossers will help our Greenies celebrate their Sixth Annual All-Greenbelt Night.

Girls			
GREENBELT	G	F	T
Wolfe, f	5	1	11
Cashman, f	1	0	2
Loftus, f	3	1	7
Forrester, f	4	1	9

Totals:	13	3	29
HYATTSVILLE	G	F	T
Schmidt, f	6	0	12
Benson, f (c)	3	0	6
Kyser, f	5	0	10

Totals:	14	0	28
GREENBELT	8	13	21
HYATTSVILLE	4	12	24

Guards: Greenbelt—Bell (c), Turner, Bryant, Linhardt. Hyattsville—Harrison (f), Davis, Kintz, Flynn, McQuinn. Scorer—Ellen Gussio. Timer—Joan Schoeb. Referee—Bobbe Burdette, University of Maryland.

Boys			
GREENBELT	G	F	T
Wolfe, f (c)	1	1	3
Strickler, f	0	0	0
Fox, c	5	0	10
Cookson, f	1	2	4
Eshbaugh, g	5	0	10

Totals:	12	3	27
HYATTSVILLE	G	F	T
Yamasaki, f	3	2	8
Sommerfeld, f	1	0	2
Fowler, c	1	0	2
Brookshire, g	2	1	5
O'Steen, g (c)	2	3	7

Totals:	9	6	24
GREENBELT	3	11	20
HYATTSVILLE	12	18	24
Referee—W. C. Noyes			

CLASSIFIED

RATES—for classified advertising: 3 cents per word, minimum 50 cents. Phone 4151 or bring to basement of 8 Parkway Tuesday night.

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

RADIOS REPAIRED, called for and delivered. Telephone 3571.

WASHING MACHINES AND VACUUM CLEANERS—Sales and service. Pick-up and delivery. James T. Chenault, 6210 Rhode Island Ave., Riverdale, WA. 4443 and WA. 4662.

SAY NEIGHBOR—That broken tricycle or wagon can be sold to National Sport Shop, 2461 18th St., N. W., phone Columbia 9611, and used as parts for repairing other children's vehicles.

BICYCLE FOR SALE—Pre-war American-made 28-inch high pressure tires. Price \$25.00. Call 5136 evenings or Sunday.

WESTERN UNION—Agency for Greenbelt at 6-H Ridge Road; hours 8 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. Telegraphed money orders save time. To charge your telegrams to your phone bill call REpublic 4321.

RIDE WANTED—To vicinity of 12th and Pennsylvania Ave., working hours 8:45 to 5:15. Call Ertleman, 2317.

RIDE WANTED—Vicinity 21st and Virginia Ave., or 23rd and C Sts., N. W., Washington. Hours: 8:15 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Telephone Greenbelt 2183.

WOULD LIKE to join car pool. Hours 8:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; vicinity 7th and Independence Ave., S. W. Have 1941 Chevrolet coach. Phone 4416.

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in the Auditorium

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MEMBERS — — —

Come out to the meeting Wednesday to select Directors and to take action on other important matters.

Greenbelt Consumer Services

How To Decipher Financial Reports

by Tom Ritchie

The writer is office manager and bookkeeper for Rochdale Co-op in Washington. The following is the first article of two explaining the interpretation of financial reports. "Figures don't lie," so the old saying goes, "But—". The members of GCS are faced at every meeting, especially the annual meeting, with a barrage of facts and figures. What do they mean? What should a member know about them in order to make intelligent decisions and recommendations about the conduct of his business. Let us look at the more significant figures and their meanings.

The financial report is divided into two major parts, the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement. The latter, which we shall examine first, gives us the results of the operations of the business over a definite period of time. In the case of the annual meeting, it will be over the period of the previous calendar year. Thus we learn the total income from sales of goods and services to all GCS enterprises, the total expenses necessary to operate them, and the resulting profit or loss. For basis of comparison, we are more interested in breakdowns by percentage than we are by actual figures. These percentage breakdowns can help us compare the results of our operations with former years and with other enterprises of similar nature.

Margin, Expense Figures

In order to be consistent we assign the figure of 100% and base all our calculations on the sales figures. The first figure we obtain is the gross margin or merchandise margin percentage, which concerns only the cost of the merchandise itself and does not include any other expense except that pertaining to merchandise. In simplest terms, it is found by subtracting the cost of the goods sold during the period from the sales of the period. Dividing this figure by the sales as a base gives us the gross margin percentage—as an example, if we have sales of \$100 during the period, and the cost of the goods sold was \$80, we have a gross margin of \$20, or 20/100, which equals 20%.

From this figure, then, must come our expenses, which we divide into two parts, salaries and other expenses. Salaries generally represent the largest item of expense, sometimes being larger than all other expenses put together, especially in service and retail trades. Other expenses include such items as rent, heat, light and power, taxes, insurance, store supplies, depreciation, telephone, repairs, and so forth.

The difference between our gross margin and expenses represents our net savings or loss, as the case may be. To continue our example, if our expenses are less than \$20, a net saving will be the result; if they are over \$20, a net loss will result.

Just what do these figures mean? Our gross margin gives us information about our buying and pricing policies. If margins are lower than normal, it may be due to bad price policies, low turnover, high spoilage, buying from the wrong suppliers, or other causes. If margins are higher, which is seldom the case nowadays, it might show that prices are not competitive, that a larger volume of high-margin goods is being sold, and so forth.

Expense percentages tell us whether or not the enterprise is being run efficiently. A high salary percentage could mean a badly laid-out store, which wastes man-hours; duplication of effort, improper training, employee dissatisfaction, etc.

Inventory And Overhead

There are two other items to mention in connection with a profit and loss statement. The first is inventory and inventory turnover, and the second overhead expense. In the first place, an inventory correctly taken does not influence the gross margin obtained, as an inventory represents the goods on hand at the end of the period, and the gross margin is calculated by using the cost of the goods sold during the period. Therefore high or low margins should not be blamed on inventories, unless there has been a major shift in the inventory evaluation during the period. Inventory turnover represents the number of times the average inventory

has been sold during the year. This figure gives a good indication as to buying policies. Goods should turn over a certain number of times during the year to have efficient operation. Too large an inventory means tied-up capital, danger of price changes, and possibility of spoilage, while too low an inventory would mean inadequate stocking of shelves and narrow selection of goods.

In any business where central administration is practiced, as in GCS, there is always the problem of allocating overhead expenses, such as administrative and educational expenses. The most satisfactory arrangement, of course, would be a cost control system which would break down every penny of central expense. Such a system, however, is very expensive and time-consuming, and in our case would not be worth the benefits realized. Merchandise margins and direct expense breakdowns will give competent management the necessary information to guide a business. If a comparison is desired, however, central expenses can be broken down in proportion to the sales of the various enterprises. It should be distinctly remembered, however, that such a breakdown would be only approximate, and should be used only in a limited sense for comparisons.

These, then, are the functions of a profit and loss statement. In a later article we will take up the contents and meaning of a balance sheet.

Community Church

February 25 has been set apart as Youth Day at the Community Church and the young people will have complete charge of the service, which begins at 11:00 a. m., as usual.

Two sermon messages, "What Religion Means to the Young People" and "What Young People Can Do for the Church will be" handled by Jim McCarl and Paul Strickler, respectively. Mary Jane Townsend will offer a prayer and Kathleen Banks will lead the responsive reading. The children's story is to be told by Regina Olive. The High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Dwight Trucksess, is taking the regular choir's place. Alison McDermid, presiding officer, will announce the hymns, reading the Scripture, and make the announcements.

There will be a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Church School at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Eshbaugh, 33-M Ridge Road, on Wednesday, February 28, at eight o'clock.

Hebrew Congregation

After an absence of several weeks, Mort Chwalow will once again be present to conduct weekly services. He will start tonight's services in the Social Room at 8:30 o'clock.

For this Sunday, a treat is in store for the children who attend Sunday School. In celebration of Purim, a party will be held. The children will sing appropriate songs, and participate in various games. Through the courtesy of Rabbi Yanow, special records for this occasion will be played. The teachers hope that all children will come and join in the fun. Refreshments will be furnished by the ladies of B'nai B'rith.

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.

Lutheran Church

The second in a series of sermons to be given during the Lenten season, entitled "A Prayer of Victorious Suffering", Luke 22:42, will be delivered in the Home Economics room of the Elementary school by Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow at 12:30 p. m.

Sunday school and adult Bible class begins promptly at 11:45 a. m.

A cordial invitation is also extended to all to attend the special Lenten services which are held on Wednesday evenings at Trinity Lutheran Church at Mt. Rainier, 30th Street and Bunker Hill Road, at 8:00 p. m.

Religious instruction for teen age boys and girls are conducted by Rev. Pieplow every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m., 35-L Ridge Road. An adult class will be formed in the near future.

Drop-Inn Drops Droops

For failure to show up for K.P. duty, two members of the young people's "Drop-Inn" canteen were recently suspended. The kids mean business!

OUR NEIGHBORS

By JUNE WILBUR
Tel. 5051 after 5

Hi friends, oh well, spring was nice while it lasted.

Estelle Dolgoff apparently isn't satisfied with the local cold-wave, she plans to visit in New York over the week-end.

Mrs. Irene Key and Kay have gone home to Mississippi to see a brother who has returned on furlough from the Pacific theatre after three years away.

The Donald Coopers gave a "galloping coffee" party last Saturday night for purpose of aiding the Freedom Fund. We hope there are a lot of other such parties in Greenbelt for this fine cause.

Last Saturday evening was the date of an innovation at the home of the Bob Smiths. They gave a "car-pool" party with lots of fun and lots of refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnhart have moved to Cheverly in order for Mr. Barnhart to be nearer his work. Greenbelt will miss them.

Sergeant and Mrs. Nathan Snapp with little Caroline were visitors in Greenbelt over the week-end.

Mrs. Marion Fletcher, formerly of Greenbelt but now of Washington and with the Stage Door Canteen, was a guest of Mrs. Edna Stripling last Friday evening.

His family reports that Cliff Cockill is now in New Delhi, India. His children, Susan and Michael wish he were here to help through the ordeal of having tonsils removed.

Mrs. Mayo Smith with Patti has gone to her home in Virginia for a visit.

Here are two more Greenbelters who have been members of the "Gallon Club" for some time, Henry Walter and David Carney. Are there any others?

The "Swap Shop" seems like a swell idea. Have you visited it yet? The hours are from ten to twelve on Tuesdays.

Charles T. "Buck" Bowen, 73-N Ridge Road, is in Sibley Hospital successfully coaxing a stubborn leg injury to heal. He hopes to be bowling next week. He's a great bowler.

Capt. Bal B. Moore, Air, Sea, Land Rescue Officer of the Gulf Coast area, 3rd Army Air Force, nosed his B-26 down at Bolling Field last Wednesday evening, four hours after his take-off from Lake Charles Army Air Field, 1180 miles southwest and 2 hours later he was at his brother Bill's home at 4-K Ridge Road. Tailwinds must

have shifted on the Greenbelt leg of his journey—course that part was done in a '31 flivver instead of a B-26!

Capt. Moore was in the Southwest Pacific for 17 months, the last 4 of which he commanded a squadron of B-26's. He holds the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters along with 2 Presidential Unit Citations.

The flying officer left Saturday after a nice visit with his brother's gang.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Muntjan, of 48-C Crescent, were hosts last week to Mrs. Muntjan's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Beltzung of Boston, who visited little Klaudia for the first time.

Judith Perelzweig tried her hand at entertaining and gave a Valentine party last week. Her sister Dana came to her aid by making the favors and valentines. This is really a cooperative community.

Thats thirty for tonight, folks.

All-Greenbelt-Nite Shows For 6th Year

A gala local event, the 6th annual All-Greenbelt Night, will take place in the Community Building Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p. m.

The four-star program will feature two basketball games, the crowning of the high school queen, and dancing 'til 12 to the music of Melody Ballroom Orchestra. Both boys' and girls' teams will play the twin teams of Paul Barnharts Bladensburg High School. Previously in the season the Grizzlies defeated the Peace Crossers on the latter court. The lassies game is scheduled for 7:30, and the boys are to play at 9:00.

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the queen, scheduled to take place at 8:30. A secret known only to the tabulator of the votes, the identity of the queen will be revealed at that time. From these four senior girls: Carolyn Tampkins, Ellen Gussio, Shirley Mitchell and Ruth Morgan, the queen and her maid of honor will be selected. The other members will be Helen Miller, freshman; Dolores Wolfe, sophomore and Betty Sillaman, junior.

Last year Peggy Robey held the queenly scepter, while in past years Patty Day, Mary Jean McCarl and Mary Lowe have won the crown.

The price of admission to school children previous to the night is 30c, including tax, while the price for all tickets at the door will be 50c, including tax.

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- 3 Inform your friends and relatives "back home" about Greenbelt Consumer Services. And the possibilities for employment.

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