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## Hi School Crew Fights Local Blazes; Belton Offers Warmest Praises

Fire Chief John Belton took special occasion this week to praise the high school boys who make up half of our fire-fighting force at the present time.

When eight companies in the vicinity were called out to fight last Wednesday week's brush fire the high school contingent covered itself with glory, staying up till 2:30 Thursday morning. All graduates of Belton's fire fighting course given last year, they are Richard Burke, James Herbert, Leonard LeMire, Fred K. Klepert, and John Belton, jr. Senior crew members are Alvin Allen, William Joyce, Joseph O'Meara, William Klepser, and Chief Belton.

Belton at present has 26 students from Greenbelt and Berwyn in his fire-fighting course, which began in February. All over fourteen years of age are eligible for the training, which lasts for twenty-five weeks. As the course is part of the University of Maryland's Fire Extension Service, the classes are usually given at the University, but due to Belton's full schedule the local classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings at the fire station. Members of the course study from regular text books prepared by the University and take examinations every week. To remain in the classes, one must retain an average of above 70. Not all the course is class work, however; for a ten-week period the boys have actual training in combating fires and applying classroom rules. Those who pass all their class work and prove capable under actual fire hazards are recommended for graduation in the spring, when they receive diplomas and an emblem from the University. They are then qualified as regular firemen.

Boys at present taking the course are: George Bauer, Wayne Bochert, Jimmy Griggs, Dick McKee, Raymond Welsh, Wayne Hollen, John Williams, H. M. Goode, William Sweeney, Herbert Hazell, Jack Waldo, Eugene Anderson, Jerry den Hartzog, Herman Krumpke, Henry Leyh, John Leyh, Barney Meier, Wesley Meier, Than Porter, Bobby Porter, Frank Porter, Paul Smith, William Franhoe, Larry Leyh, John Walker, and John Wiedel. More than three-fourths are members of the Senior class at the high school.

### Contribute Corpuscles With Tuesday's Team

The mobile blood donor unit of the Red Cross will be at Hyattsville again on Tuesday, March 27. The motor corps is taking donors from the Greenbelt bus station, leaving promptly at 11:45 Tuesday morning. Those wishing to give blood are asked to phone Mrs. George Clark, 4161; Mrs. D. J. Neff, 2386; or Mrs. Joe Rogers, 3171 (after 6 p. m.). All who can give blood are urged to join Tuesday's group.

## Foodstore Hires Assistant Manager

Foodstore manager Tom Jeffries announced Wednesday the appointment of an assistant manager, Tom Okazaki, formerly assistant manager of the Woodstown (N. J.) cooperative foodstore. The new assistant manager will probably start work within a week's time.

An American of Japanese ancestry, Okazaki was interned at the beginning of war, and came to New Jersey a year ago from a relocation camp in Utah. A church group in Woodstown had sent Christmas gifts to the children at the camp and Okazaki, as a member of the local church, had assisted in their distribution. After being cleared by the FBI and released from internment he sought work in the town which had befriended his people's children. His appearance was an unexpected return of bread upon the waters to the people of Woodstown, a typically conservative small town. He soon became popular, however, both because of his efficiency and his personality. The farewell party given for him before he left Woodstown threatened to overflow the church.

Before the war Okazaki was associated with a foodstore run by his family in Portland, Oregon. His appointment here is expected to improve the all-over efficiency of the foodstore, as there has been for some time only two full-time employees handling groceries and produce, Manager Jeffries and Ralph Miller.

General Manager Sam Ashelman points out that in the person of Mr. Okazaki, Greenbelt Consumers Services is not only gaining a highly recommended and experienced foodstore man, but is also cooperating with the War Relocation Authority in its important task of reassigning to its civilian life Americans of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty has been proved.

Cooperatives in the Washington and Philadelphia areas have employed Nisei with gratifying results in the last few years, according to Ashelman.

## Proxy Deadline Set To April 6

Officials of Greenbelt Consumers Services extended to April 6 the deadline for members of the association to vote by mail on proposed changes in the charter of the cooperative after deciding at Friday's meeting that the vote had been insufficient.

The membership voted last November to revise the by-laws, providing the charter amendments were approved, to allow a \$150,000 capital stock ceiling and a \$500 individual stock ceiling. Over 1100 proxy ballots have been turned in, to date. Enough yes votes have been cast to pass the first amendment, but 70 affirmatives are still needed to pass the second.

GCS officials estimate the present capital needs at \$53,000, of which \$30,000 will be used to improve the efficiency of the business, \$13,300 for remodeling the main food store and the Laurel Hill Road store and \$10,000 which will be set up as a stock exchange fund to permit shareholders to withdraw their money on short notice.

Opposition to the quorum change proposed in the charter came as a surprise to the directors, who will be left with control of any decisions on which an insufficient quorum votes at membership meetings.

### One More Week To Go

The Red Cross drive in Greenbelt took a decided turn for the better over the weekend, with large donations from the schools and the Administration offices bringing the total amount collected to \$1214.09. With another full week to go the committee feels that Greenbelt ought to top the total of around \$1400 collected last year to make this drive the most successful in the history of the community. All who have not been requested to contribute by a Red Cross worker are urged to call Mrs. Joe Rogers, at 3171 after 6 p. m.

## Plans For Third Sunrise Service

This Easter will witness the third Sunrise Service in which the Greenbelt Community Band has participated. Sponsored by the Community Church, this early morning ritual has been a favorite among Greenbelt churchgoers for many years. The band has programmed as its contribution to this joyous affair the "Andante Religioso" by Tomas and a potpourri of sacred songs, "Joy to the World". While these will be the only unaccompanied band numbers on the program, the band will also accompany the singing of hymns.

### Cooperator Party Turns Snakes Out

At a pre-St. Patrick's Day party and business meeting, the Staff of the Cooperator recently heard Helmut Kern, executive secretary of the Potomac Cooperative Federation, who spoke on his experiences on cooperative newspapers in Germany and Holland.

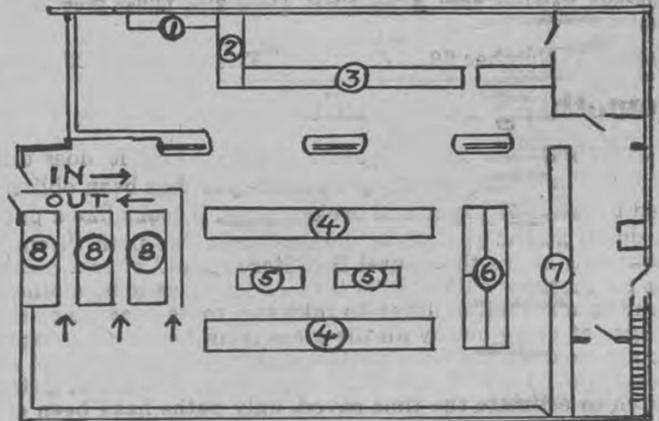
In memory of St. Patrick, who drove the snakes out of Ireland, the staff then turned to and eradicated some of the "serpents" infesting the dugout, mostly in the shape of unfilled Cooperators from 1939 to the present. By the end of the evening a file of orange crates and apple boxes had been constructed, and most of the old papers stacked away.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Carolyn Miller and Mrs. Eileen Hensel.

### Easter Holiday Corrected

Contrary to what you may have read in the last COOPERATOR, Easter vacation at the Elementary School begins at 1:00 p. m. on March 28. Children report back to their classes at 9:00 a. m. April 3.

## Engineer Plans New Store Layouts



The management of Greenbelt Consumer Services released to the Cooperator this week full details of the proposed new layout of the food store. Most of the changes are scheduled to take place within the next few weeks. The purchase of a new large frozen food box and modern meat cases have been authorized by the Board and are expected to be paid for by sales of stock in the April drive.

## Surprise Spring Sets Gardens Agog

By Betts Watson

Spring, with its own accelerated plan, has both professional and amateur gardeners marching on the double, armed with spade, hoe, pruning shears, and fertilizer. Discussions on how to plant and fertilize were interrupted to dig in and do the actual work.

Most gardeners have planted peas, onions and radishes, while some have put in lettuce, swiss chard, beets, and carrots. One gardener in the water tower area is proud of his double row of three-inch-high peas, planted Mar. 4. The ever-obliging radishes have come up in many gardens.

Superintendent of landscaping Angus MacGregor's crew of 8 men are busy spraying and pruning trees, and shrubs, fertilizing and liming grass, and rolling lawns. The landscaping department has three rollers, which will be loaned on request, for use on individual lawns.

Flower fanciers are enjoying the magnolias, daffodils, and forsythia, with the lilacs promising to be out soon. One housewife was surprised to find a crop of 7 fully matured Japanese beetles in her home, grown in the soil of a potted plant.

Requests for vegetable gardens are still being filled, since plenty of sites were left after the 348 applicants were assigned the gardens they chose. The demand for water-tower sites far exceeded the supply of 7 available gardens, and those applicants were urged to consider some other area. Parts of the American Legion site and Rapport area were closed this year, to provide sod needed for landscaping. The extension of Northway Road to the Rapport gardens has been improved, and the road into the old garden site is next on the repair list.

Every three weeks a check will be made to see if garden sites are actually being used. Persons who cannot take care of their assigned gardens are requested to notify Harry E. Walls, assistant community manager, so that the gardens may be reassigned.

### Scouts Hiking Again

Another hike is scheduled Sunday for local Boy Scouts in patrol units. Two adult Scouters will meet the patrols at the troop camp site shortly after noon to assist with test passing and completion of the essential clearing of patrol sites for a troop overnight hike to be held the weekend of April 7-8.

### How Times Change

There was plenty of butter for all at the foodstore last week, but oleomargarine was rationed at one box per customer.

The accompanying plan was drawn and explained to the Cooperator by Bassett Ferguson, an engineer who has been working several days a week to develop the most efficient layouts for the food store and valet shop.

The rearrangement of the food store begins at the entrance, which has been moved to the side to permit a more efficient check-out service. Customers will enter by the left-hand door. After making their purchases they will pass check-out counters (8) in the new positions shown. When the grocery carts are emptied they will be pushed under the rail over to the aisle where incoming customers can pick them up. The new arrangement is designed to eliminate congestion caused by the lines in front of check-out counters extending back between the grocery islands.

### New Sites For Stands

A new location for the dairy box is proposed (1), and an enlarged frosted food box has been ordered (2). Modern meat cases (3), also on order, are expected to improve our meat handling service. Wide center islands (4) of modern design which have been used with great success by other Co-op foodstores, according to Mr. Ferguson, will replace the present narrow islands. Special merchandise display tables (5) will be placed between the islands.

The new produce department (6) with mirrored display stands (7) will probably be the most outstanding single improvement, and the management expects with the increased quality of service to double the volume of produce business.

"Any increase in efficiency of operation and volume of business," Sam Ashelman, GCS manager, said, "will be reflected in increased values and better, fresher merchandise for the customer, as well as additional patronage refunds."

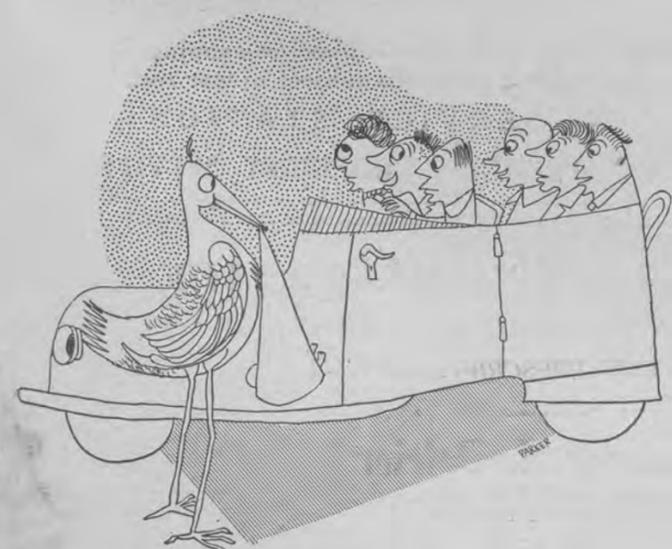
### Lid's On The Cookie Jar

The recent closing of the Walter Reed Reconditioning center at Beltsville has ended the first chapter in the life of the Greenbelt cookie jar, donated by the B'nai B'rith to the Red Cross. In its new home at Forest Glen Convalescent Hospital, the jar will be filled by organizations in that district.

For the past five months Greenbelt housewives have faithfully provided 40 dozen cookies each week. The jar was filled Tuesday morning, and was always empty by Thursday.

The B'nai B'rith wishes to thank the following organizations, whose members baked cookies once a month: Our Lady of Sorrows Sodality, Women's Guild of the Community Church, Women's Club, Housewives Club, Lutheran Women, and the American Legion Auxiliary. A Brownie Troop and many individuals also made donations.

## There's One in Every Car Pool



STORK: Is this the car pool to Greenbelt?

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## Something To Uphold

Greenbelt has never looked messier than it does this Spring. The beauty of many wooded spots has been obliterated by wads of paper and broken glass. It looks like a public dump at one spot along Ridge Road. The path through the woods above the Laurel Hill Store should offer a pleasant Springtime walk at this time of year; as it is, mothers forbid their small children to take this route because of the danger of being cut by all the glass lying about. The empty lot across from the new Northend School is an eyesore. At many junctures where it would require the services of a stop watch to estimate the time saved, ugly paths have been cut through the sodded areas, and we continue to use them, saying comfortably to ourselves that oh, well, we didn't start them.

Strange as it may seem, Greenbelt has the reputation of being a safe and beautiful place to live, a spot ideally suited for the upbringing of children.

It is certainly to our own interest and satisfaction to see that it retains this reputation.

## The Greenbelt Underground

We are impressed, as we look back over seven years of Greenbelt, at the extensive and ingenious use that has been made of cellars. Carefully planned as our community was in many respects, the blueprint boys foresaw not at all the tremendous social energy that was to result in some hundred-odd (?) organizations being formed. Meeting space has always been at a premium, and only two groups have been fortunate enough to build or buy meeting places for themselves, so we can be grateful that the administration office and Greenbelt Consumers Services have been agreeable about allotting cellar space to aspiring organizations. This move has perhaps worked to the disadvantage of those who live in the apartments whose basements have been given over, but there are numerous useful organizations that would be unable to function if it were not for their subterranean set-ups.

Among the first to pioneer in cellar-exploitation was the Cooperative Nursery School, which set up housekeeping, with Administration blessing, in one half of the basement at 14 Parkway. This thriving group now numbers 30 clients daily, and maintains a long waiting list. Those dauntless thespians, the Greenbelt Players, used as a dressing room and scenery loft the cellar space beneath the theatre stage.

Ping pong enthusiasts early discovered the possibilities of apartment basements. One California housewife suggested, we recall, that the basements might be profitably used for hydroponics. What? (We had to ask her, too). In plain English, it seems that succulent vegetables may be grown in water to which chemicals are added. She proposed that tanks be set up in the basements and that Greenbelters be enabled to harvest fine crops without incurring so much as a freckle.

The Square Dance Group goes underground in the wintertime into one or another of the Parkway basements. The maintenance staff had no sooner moved its impedimenta from the police station cellar to its new quarters than pop! the high school moved in to establish its popular canteen.

The Girl Scouts are the latest group to take over sub-surface life, and are fixing up very nattily the half of 14 Parkway's basement opposite that occupied by the nursery school.

Since 1942, the Cooperator has been operating from underground. So if you think we have too much of the worm's eye view of Greenbelt affairs, you see there's a basic physical reason. With Spring burgeoning all about us, we begin to yearn for the day when we can emerge into the air and sunlight. We envision a community planned and financed recreation building, one that will have room for all God's chillun, above ground, with quarters uncluttered by radiator pipes and unscented by nearby trash rooms.

## We Greet Thee In Passing

Down this way, Summer comes so hot upon the heels of Spring that there's not much time to marvel at tender evenings lit with stars, the first buds, the leafing of the trees. Enjoy Spring while you may, my friends, because before you know it, Summer will be here, a buxom perspiring lass with tick-laden hair and swelling feet. You just have time to plant some vines over your porch and to stock up on tropical weight clothing, and don't say we didn't warn you.

Bu it wouldn't be a Greenbelt Spring without one more snowstorm. Want to bet?

# OUR NEIGHBORS

By JUNE WILBUR  
Phone 3276

Hi friends, this is the week we had winter, spring, summer and we moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kline of Smithsburg, Maryland have been in town visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles Wwiggins, Jr.

Other recent visitors in town were Mrs. Max Horowitz, sister of Mrs. Max Rubin, and her daughter Marcia. Also visiting the Rubins was Michael Smith of New Jersey.

George Tretter is in New York now, having accepted a position with the Ship's Supply Company. He makes frequent trips back to his family in Greenbelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rudin and daughter Marcia Eileen of 14-A Crescent Road are visiting in New York for the Passover holiday.

Mrs. Charles H. Carter, mother of Cooperator Editor Anne Hull is expected down from Syracuse for a visit next week. Her grandson Chip Hull celebrated his fourth birthday on St. Patrick's Day.

Mrs. Blanche Heitzner has returned from a visit at her home in New York City.

A visitor here from Miami is Jacob Abrams, father of Mrs. Anna Citron. He can't escape the heat up here, it seems.

Sgt. and Mrs. Richard D. Latham have just returned from Akron, Ohio, where Sgt. Lathan has completed a course of instruction at a large rubber manufacturing plant.

David Johnson of Sydney, Nova Scotia is down to visit for a few weeks his daughter, Mrs. Edward Kalvass of 44-D Ridge Road.

Mrs. Sam Ashelman's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peter of New Haven, Connecticut, were down for a brief visit the middle of the week.

Director of Public Works Harry Rhodes recently suffered a fractured skull when cranking a tractor. The crank handle came loose unexpectedly and cut his forehead. Harry is supposed to "take it easy" for three or four months until the fracture heals.

That's thirty for tonight, folks.

## Community Church

Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches will preach at the Community Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, as a part of Mr. Johnston's anniversary celebration of his forty years in the ministry. Birmingham Lodge No. 188 of Free and Accepted Masons and the Branchville Church have both been invited to this service. All the people of Greenbelt are invited to come and enjoy this special service. The music will be furnished by a choir under the direction of Mr. Dwight Trucksess, with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ, and there will be a reception of members and infant baptism.

## Hebrew Congregation

Following tonight's services, there will be an important business meeting to vote upon several proposed changes in the by-laws. The Board of Directors recommends these changes, and urges members in good standing to vote for their adoption.

Passover services start this Wednesday night, March 28th, with candle lighting time at 5:56 p. m. Yizkor services, for those interested, should be said on Thursday, April 5th, the last day of Passover.

## Greenbelt Maps On Sale

Maps of Greenbelt, prepared by Lolita Granahan, for sale by the nursery school mothers, may be bought at the police station or from the cashier at the Greenbelt Consumers Services office over the drugstore. The price is 25c each.

## 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 1-B Eastway 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.

Lenten Devotions and Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 8 p. m.

## Mrs. Geo. Fair Wins Award For Decorating

Twice a winner in the Washington Times-Herald's "Homemaking Is Fun" contest is Mrs. George Fair of 25-D Ridge Road. Her clever ideas in decorating and furnishing 6½-year-old Marta Fair's bedroom were described in a recent Homemaker's page.

Highlight of the room is a large mural, done in poster paint, which is easily washed off. A Swiss scene is depicted, with trees in varying shades of green, a chalet with a red roof, and two Swiss peasants in green and red, yellow and blue. The painting is in outline, giving a graceful, airy effect.

A fine old spool bed, picked up for a song in the country last summer, had the old finish rubbed up with sandpaper and oil, and lots of elbow grease. An old washstand was transformed into a brightly decorated chest. Flower-like decorations were painted, free-hand, in bold colors, then "antiqued" with Turkey umber, wiped on and off with a cloth.

Mrs. Fair won the home-making contest in September, 1942, with her huge coffee table, made by cutting down the legs of an old game table, and her unique corner dressing table and chair, built by Mr. Fair.

The Fairs are well-known as musicians as well as home decorators. Mrs. Fair, a graduate of Rutgers and the New York Institute of Musical Art, teaches piano, while her husband, cellist for three seasons with the National Symphony, is now a Musician First Class with the symphony orchestra unit of the Navy Band.

## Forty-Year Anniversary

Monday, March 19 saw the culmination of forty years of Christian service in the ministry for Rev. and Mrs. Wilmer P. Johnston of the Community Church. Each church he has served sent representatives, who described his work with them, especially stressing his service to the young people. Mr. Harry Merryman, on behalf of the Deacons and Deaconesses of the church, presented Mr. and Mrs. Johnson with a basket of flowers, and Mr. George Schaeffer, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented Mr. Johnston with a bill-fold and Mrs. Johnston with a hydrangea plant in appreciation of service through the years. The Washington Federation of Churches was represented by Dr. Frederick E. Reissig. Two hundred people attended and were served dinner by Mrs. George Wyant and the church women, assisted by the girls of the Sunday School, with James Gobel as toastmaster. The dinner concluded with "The Lord's Prayer" sung by Mr. Herman Larson of Roanoke, Va., accompanied by Mrs. Larson.

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Mmes. Wei, Bonnet, FDR Address Scout Leaders

The District Girl Scout Council honored scout leaders at a banquet at the Mayflower Hotel last night, which was attended by several leaders and assistant leaders of the local Girl Scout District Organization. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke to the gathering, and greetings were extended by Mme. Wei, wife of the Chinese ambassador; Mme. Bonnet, wife of the French ambassador; and Mrs. Harold Butler, of Great Britain. Mrs. J. Harris Franklin, district Girl Scout commissioner, explained the responsibilities involved in scout leadership, and response for the leaders was made by Mrs. Francis W. Davis, chairman of the Leaders' Advisory Council. Greetings from the Girl Scout National Board were conveyed by Mrs. Harold G. Wright of New York.

The invocation was given by the Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, a message presented by Rabbi Norman Gershtenfeld, and the benediction pronounced by Father Edmund Fuller, S. J. Music for the evening was by the Navy Band Orchestra. Greenbelters attending were Misses Marion Cutsail, Virginia Neumann, and Frances Jane Stauffer, and Mesdames Russell C. Anderberg, Harry Carney, Elliott T. Cook, Louis C. Duncan, Gordon A. Finlay, Paul Hawk, William F. Joyce, Hilbert O. Kurth, Paul T. Kosatka, Lloyd L. Nelson, Howard B. Owens, Charles Mandell, Jacob Rosenson, John Sandy, O. M. Slye, Earl Strange and Charles J. Zounek.

Greenbelt firemen were called to the home of Miss Luella C. Toomey of 50-F Crescent Road yesterday afternoon to extinguish a fire started, officials said, by an electric iron which had been left on the ironing board with the heat turned on. The iron burned through the ironing board to the floor, filling the apartment with smoke.

Boy Goes Into Business

Here's a Greenbelt boy who has solved his transportation problem and is ready to go into the delivery business. Wesley Bryan, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan A. Bryan, 2-E Northway, is the proud owner of a shiny blue and chrome Cushman Auto-Glider, which he is using to deliver his 140 papers per day, grocery orders, and laundry. The one cylinder, 2 h.p. "scooter", complete with license, operator's permit, and gasoline ration is the result of two years' earnings from his paper routes and helping a bread truck driver.

Wesley hopes that his auto-glider, which incidentally get 75 miles to a gallon of gasoline, will help him earn enough money to buy a farm some day.

New Babies

This week we have two sets of twins to announce. First are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fenneman's twin girls, Jacqueline Mae and Virginia Ann, born March 5. The Fennemans live at 16-V Ridge Road.

Latest arrivals-in-duplicate are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Caruso's twin sons, born March 20. The Carusos' address is 2-J Plateau Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Amihud Kramer of 30-D Crescent Road wish to announce the birth of a son, John Beryl, on March 17 at the Riverdale Hospital. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz.

Red Cross Baseball Game

A Red Cross benefit baseball game between the Washington Senators and Boston Braves will be played this Sunday at the Byrd Stadium in College Park. The game starts at 2:30, and there is no admission charge, although a collection will be taken up during the course of the playing.

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**Brits Take Court Title On Shooting Of Marion Moore**

The Brittinghams defeated the Purnells on Wednesday last to take the championship in the local Women's Basketball League played during Women's Gym every Wednesday night. The Purnells started out in the tournament with great speed and whizzed right through the first half without a single defeat. However, they slowed down in the second session while the Brittinghams moved up and passed them to take the second half title. The Purnells met the Brittinghams for the final show down last Wednesday and the Brittinghams quite unexpectedly walked away with the game on some keen marksmanship by Marion Moore and Captain Myrt Brittingham.

The first half of the championship game moved by with just one basket for the losers, while the Brits leisurely chalked up 6. The second half saw the Purnells move up 5 points while the Brittinghams added 10 more and ended the game with a final tally of 22-7.

This game closed a very successful basketball season for the women of the town. Approximately 52 Greenbelt women took part in the league.

PURNELL	G	F	T
Allen	3	1	7
Scott	0	0	0
Habor	0	0	0
Chesley	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

BRITTINGHAM	G	F	T
Brittingham	3	1	7
Zeldon	2	0	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>

Guards: Purnell—Schubert, Bricker, Brown, Purnell. Brittingham—Richards, Ward, Armstrong.

**The School Week**

By DONNA ROMER

Many Greenbelt children in the Elementary School need either eye treatment or glasses, but in the absence of a competent eye doctor living here in town, parents have neglected to have their children's needs attended to. Physical check-ups are given once a year, but at present the eye and ear tests are administered only by volunteer helpers and are admittedly unreliable.

One local youngster, a child of unusually intelligent parents, had great trouble with school here, and never enjoyed it. Not till he moved away to attend a school where examination was given by a qualified eye doctor was it discovered that poor vision was the basis of all his difficulties.

The first step in finding defective eyes in any school child is a yearly examination by a competent, specialized doctor. The school alone has been unable to secure more efficient and professional aid, but it is believed that if sincerely interested parents would cooperate that a solution might be found.

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

**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. 4433 and WA. 4662.

**WAGON LOST**—Painted orange; from 6-H Ridge Road. Please call 4151, Cooper.

**Bowl With Your Neighbors**  
**UNIVERSITY BOWLING ALLEYS**  
10 minutes from Greenbelt at the traffic light  
**COLLEGE PARK**  
— 16 Modern Alleys —

**Marge Dulin Tops Scorers In 36-27 Better Half Win**

Greenbelt's married women sextet turned the tables and then sat on them for good measure Monday when they played a second game with the Calvin Coolidge Recreation Center and tossed them around for a 36-27 defeat. The women started out with grim determination to bring home a victory and there just was no stopping them.

Marjorie Dulin put them in one after the other and slowed down only when she hurt her ankle in the final quarter, giving the locals 25 points, just 2 short of their opponents total score. The game was full of other surprises for Myrtle Brittingham, proud of her title as the oldest member of the team, who proved that age makes no difference when she boosted the score with three long shots—all beauts. Gracie Allen showed the girls that even she has an occasional off-night and gave out with just one goal and 1 free toss.

Marjorie Jost of Coolidge kept their basket busy with 8 long ones with Anne Drullard assisting the score with 4 more. Mary Fitzmaurice played a beautiful game behind the center line and deserves the credit for keeping the Coolidge score a safe distance behind the Lady B's.

GREENBELT	G	F	T
Dulin	12	1	25
Fish	1	0	2
Allen	1	1	3
Moore	0	0	0
Clay	0	0	0
Brittingham	3	0	6
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>

COOLIDGE	G	F	T
Lartz	1	1	3
Drullard	4	0	8
Jost	8	0	16
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>

Guards: Greenbelt—Armstrong, Fitzmaurice, Brown, Richardson. Coolidge—Byers, Macne, Schaaaf, Kavanagh, Smithers

**Men's Bowling**

MARCH 15, 1945

Team	W	L	Pinfall
Redskins	51	27	39166
Commandos	50	28	38016
Defenders	46	32	35609
Com Church	41	37	36462
Triggermen	38	40	35451
Seahawks	37	41	35636
Scorpions	37	41	33209
Aces	36	42	37706
Bazookas	36	42	36288
Cardinals	33	45	36638
Co-op	33	45	33161
Blockbusters	30	48	36380

High Team Game—Redskins, 596; Aces, 587; Defenders, 583; Cardinals, 570. High Team Set—Redskins, 1621; Cardinals, 1612; Commandos, 1601; Blockbusters, 1580. High Flat Game—Colliver, 96. High Indiv. Game—Slaugh, 178; Birdseye, 161; Andestad, 159; Alexander, 154. High Indiv. Set—Andestad, 397; Birdseye, 385; Slaugh, 385; Taylor, 383.

**Women's Bowling**

MARCH 13, 1945

Team	W	L	Pinfall
Robots	51	30	37431
Co-op	48	33	36582
Victors	48	33	35811
Wing Pins	45	46	36406
Brownies	45	36	35704
Hep Cats	42	39	34805
Zombies	42	39	34410
Invaders	40	41	35343
Raiders	38	43	36013
Commandos	38	43	35557
G. I.'s	36	45	35386
Widgets	35	46	32569
Allies	34	47	35278
Bombers	25	56	32648

HTG—Robots, 534. HIG—Bradley, 136; Ourand, 135. HTS—Robots, 1506. HIS—Bradley, 356; Sansone, 338. High Strikes—Timmons, 22; Creech, 21. High Spares—Bradley, 130; Timmons, 115. High Average—Lastner, Bradley, Timmons, 98; Brittingham, Sansone, 95; Allen, Mathers, Walker, Greene, Johnson, 93; Dennard, Dove, Schnittker, Holmes, 92. High Flat Game—F. Bushman, 95.

**Attention Lady Bowlers**

Hilda C. Lastner, president of the Women's Bowling League, is calling a meeting of all team members in the league on Thursday, March 29 at 8:00 p. m. in the Athletic Club House.

## GREENBELTERS Housewives Ask Aid At Swap Shop

By MRS. CARL DAY  
3-D Crescent Road  
Tel. 5561

### HI, NAVY

Glen Kitchen and Charlie Dunbar were home recently on a 48-hour pass. Both are on a destroyer escort.

Clayton Aylor of 3-F Ridge Rd., member of a combat camera crew stationed near Guam, has been hospitalized with an infected foot.

Don Pleitner of 25-C Ridge Rd. is with the Pacific Fleet.

Al Schaeffer is home on a visit. He just brought a school of inductees out to Oklahoma.

Irvin Reamy and Joe Mousley, recent draftees, are at Bainbridge, Md.

We saw Ben Goldfaden enjoying himself down at All-Greenbelt Night.

Joe Lewis is now at Pearl Harbor. He wrote his "mom" last week that he had met his uncle, her kid brother, who is stationed with the Seabees. They had quite a visit.

Not so long ago we saw Tommy McNamara, formerly of 3-C Crescent Rd., one of Greenbelt's first and biggest families. Tommy was on the Princeton, when it went down and was in the water for some time. It would have been pretty hard, though, to miss that red head bobbing around. He is waiting for a new ship, and has a 30-day furlough. The McNamaras now live in Hyattsville. Tommy had a fine reunion with Bill Blew of 1-C Eastway, when he was home. Bill was strung with campaign ribbons, but claimed that all the real heroes are at the bottom of the ocean or in military graves. Last time Bill and Tommy saw each other was out in the South Pacific on some island. They had quite a time swapping tales.

Lt. Cooke has arrived home after 11 months in the Pacific. All five little Cookes are quite overcome with happiness that their daddy will be with them for a whole month.

### THE ARMY

Ben Sheldon has reported for duty at Fort Bragg.

Charles Maschauer is at Camp Wallis, Texas.

Mrs. Schofield went to Philadelphia, Pa. to meet Bill, who had a short leave. He has been down at Camp Swift, Texas.

Roy Buckwalter is in England in a medical detachment.

Bob Sommers is with the 515th Paratroopers now in France, while Jim is in Germany now with a combat infantry unit.

The Army caught up with Tommy Caton when he broke his glasses down at Hunter's Field, Ga., with the M. P.'s. Tommy, a former Greenbelt band member, put up such a fight to be retained in the Army that he is now in the band at Hunter's.

Larry Childress recently wrote his mom from a foxhole in France to say he was catching up on his letter writing during a quiet spell. Larry is now a pfc. and has been awarded the Infantry Combat Badge. He's with the 254th Inf.

George Nielson of 2-K Gardenway is at Camp Blanding, Fla. for his basic infantry training. He certainly has been missed at the Post Office these past few weeks.

George's brother Clayton has been in the Southwest Pacific on the U. S. Mojaba for some time.

### WITH THE MARINES

Dolores Juliano Frazier has received a letter from her husband dated February 24th, that "we planted the flag on Mt. Suribachi at 11:55 a. m." She's been hunting newsreels showing ever since, on the chance that Fred might be a member of the famous flag-planting group. Fred was wounded at Saipan but recovered in time to get in on the Iwo Jima fight.

Richard Sommers is with the 40th replacement detachment, and was recently hospitalized with a bad arm, at Santa Marguerita Ranch. We heard Dick's voice over WMAL not so long ago when he was a guest of Tom Brenneman at Sardi's. Dick also toured Hollywood. Leave it to the Irish to get around. While waiting outside RKO studios, Dick walked up to the nearest person and inquired "just who you had to see before you could get in around here?" The person replied "well, how would you like to have me for a guide?" Dick's guide turned out to be no other than the famous Pat O'Brien, who took him on an extended tour of the RKO studios. And the Marines had the situation well in hand, as usual.

The Housewives Club heard a report on the Swap Shop at its monthly business meeting on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Helen Salzman, 56-B Crescent Rd. In her report, Mrs. Salzman reminded the group that the Swap Shop, operated by the Housewives Club and housed in the upper story of the North End Food Store, is open every Tuesday from 10 a. m. to noon. In the two months that it has been in existence, 16 complete swaps have been effected, with galoshes, sweaters and snowsuits the most popular items. The Swap Shop is open to all, and members were urged to bring more people and help enlarge the shop. The major difficulty has been in obtaining sufficient help. To solve this problem, Mrs. Edna Stripling, co-chairman of the Housewives Club, plans to ask other organizations to help manage the Swap Shop.

A report on the War Activities Committee was made by Mrs. Elise East. She stated that her committee was working with Miss Dorothy Black, Greenbelt's social worker, on a program for Greenbelt's returning veterans. A group of volunteers was added to the list of blood donors from the club.

Members wrote postcards and letters to their congressmen urging renewal of the Price Control Act which is soon to expire. Discussion on other consumer problems in Greenbelt centered around the rise in the price of one brand of bread in the foodstore.

Co-chairman Mrs. Ann Pollack, announced that the club would hold a social meeting, aimed at increasing the Club's membership. She said that all Greenbelt housewives are welcome and hoped that many new faces would be seen at this meeting, the time and place of which will be announced in a future issue of the Cooperator.

### Womens Club Gets Data On Europe UNNRA

The relief work in liberated areas of Europe by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was outlined to the Women's Club last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell, 18-M Ridge Road, by Dr. Edward Carter of UNNRA, formerly with the American Red Cross in the Mediterranean theater of war and now stationed at the University of Maryland.

The main reason supplies have not been going to Europe through UNNRA, stated Dr. Carter, is that dock facilities in Allied hands are at present adequate only for military supplies, which take precedence over civilian needs. Those who feel that relief work accomplished so far has been insufficient are not aware of the agreement signed by the 44 nations participating in the Administration, which provides that UNNRA may not enter any country until invited by its government. In the present chaotic state of Europe it is necessary for the military to get things under control before civilian rehabilitation can begin. An important job will face those workers who have charge of repatriating peoples brought into Germany as slave labor in hundreds of thousands.

Mrs. Ramsdell was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Philip Morell and Mrs. John Sandy.

### Approve School Methods

One Greenbelt mother who describes her fourth grade boy as "a typical roughneck", says he amazed her at Christmas time by asking for an encyclopedia. He "just loves to go to school—hates to miss a day".

Another mother was recently impressed by the committee system as practiced at the school. It came to the fore upon the occasion of a party for her kindergarten daughter, when the senior hostess had to go to the center for ice cream just as the guests were beginning to arrive. When she got back she found that a "clean-up committee" was busily at work vacuuming the rugs while another group was hanging up wraps. "I believe they could have managed the whole affair very nicely without me," she laughed.

Greenbelt's maintenance buildings were reviewed in the March issue of Pencil Points, progressive architectural magazine. The group of structures was praised as a notable exception to the generally poor housing of community service facilities.

## CO-OP PROFILES

by C. R. Miller

When the county health inspector came around to the stores in Greenbelt recently, he quickly gave Ann Storey's cookie counter in the variety store its regular okay. "Ever since Mrs. Storey took over the sale of cookies and candy," he was heard to remark, "I have never had to give her a black mark." This is the only perfect record of its kind in any department of Greenbelt Consumers Services, although the inspector was able to pass all the food counters on this occasion.

Mrs. Storey began selling at the goodies counter a year and a half ago, shortly after she joined the variety store staff. The first thing she did was to give the whole set-up a good scrubbing, and she's been keeping it spick and span ever since.

Sales figures at Mrs. Storey's counter have gone up, too, as you



might expect. Store manager Bill Siegel tells us that the food sales average \$40 a day, about two and a half times the volume handled before Mrs. Storey took over. Her only previous experience in variety store work was selling men's ties in a department store in Texas, where she lived before coming to Greenbelt.

Her main interest is music and for many years she has taught piano and played for her friends. She never misses a Sunday afternoon with the Philharmonic, and recently passed up a local party to go into Washington on the chance that she could hear Lauritz Melchior, leading Wagnerian tenor. Luckily for her there were two cancellations for the concert, and she got the second.

Save TIRES—Buy at Home

## P-TAs Merge

Gardner G. Shugart and William M. Brish, superintendent and assistant superintendent of Prince Georges County schools, will address the Greenbelt Parent-Teacher Association on Monday night, March 26, at eight o'clock in the elementary school auditorium. The state and county legislative programs will be the topic of discussion.

According to Mrs. L. P. Ditman, president of the county council, the county legislative program, which has passed the Board of Education and is now being held under advisement by the county commissioners, will have an important influence on the extent to which our own county schools will benefit from the five-point program which has been actively supported. An increase of \$100 a year in teachers' salaries, raising the base pay from \$1600 to \$1700, an increase in taxes, and an intensive health program are among the important points in the proposed law.

Members of the Beltsville, Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt High School P-TAs have been invited to attend the meeting. Capt. W. H. Sulzback will report on the recent county council session, and refreshments will be served in the Social Room after the program.

## So They Chopped It Down

The cherry tree which was chopped down recently near Southway Road was a victim of old age, according to Mr. Angus MacGregor, superintendent of landscaping. It was all eaten up inside, and there was danger of it falling on the children who made it a center of their climbing activities.

The tree was injured by oil and gasoline during the construction of original Greenbelt. All the tractors and trucks were kept in that area, which was used as a salvage depot, and materials were often stacked under the shade of the old cherry tree. It continued to bear fruit until about three years ago.

## A Reminder

The new telephone number of the Drug Store and Valet Shop is 2231  
Greenbelt Consumer Services

## HELP WANTED

PORTER or CLEANING MAN OR WOMAN

Apply at office or call Greenbelt 2481

Day Or Evening Work

Greenbelt Consumer Services

## PLEASE NOTE

The VALET SHOP will be closed MONDAY and TUESDAY for extensive re-modeling. On

these days items will be received, not checked out, in the Theatre Lobby

Do NOT call for your garments or laundry on these days

We believe you will be pleased with the improved service made possible by the remodeling

Greenbelt Consumer Services



## CO-OP COLOR LABELS

### Co-op Quiz:

Why do consumer cooperatives promote color labeled merchandise?

### Answer:

Color labels tell shoppers what they want to know.

It makes shopping easier.

Color Labeling is controlled by the tests of our own Cooperative Wholesale. Look for the CO-OP COLOR LABEL.

CO-OP RED LABEL - Top quality

CO-OP BLUE LABEL - Good but cheaper

CO-OP GREEN LABEL - Economy pack

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