



Council Considers Bus, Hospital, Home Ownership; Takes No Action

The proposed change in the transportation system between Greenbelt and Washington was one of several subjects brought to the attention of the Town Council by the Citizens Association Monday night.

The Council and about twenty interested residents heard Delbert Mesner present the Association's decision disapproving the proposed change in bus service. W. Haward Hunt outlined possibilities of erecting a hospital here, and Thomas B. Ritchie reported for the GCA Housing Committee.

Matters listed on the agenda for the meeting were not voted on, and had it not been for the number of petitions presented by the Citizens Association, action on which would have been over in forty minutes. Manager Gobbel asked the Council to delay consideration of a bus franchise to Greenbelt Consumers Services, promising that a special meeting would be called when GCS was able to secure a vehicle.

WEIGH BUS PLANS

The Council was agreed that preference between the present system and the proposed plans for bus service between Greenbelt and Washington should be expressed by residents before formal protest could be made at the hearing before the Maryland Public Service Commission on November 27.

A plan drawn up by the Independent Trade Association of Prince Georges County provides shuttle bus service between Greenbelt and Branchville, connecting with streamline street cars at Branchville proceeding directly to Washington. The shuttle service to Greenbelt includes a loop around the North End, traveling on Crescent, Hillside, Research and Ridge Roads. Included in the proposal is a bus to the University of

Maryland connecting with the street car. It was also pointed out that the shopping center in Hyattsville is only one-half block from the street car stop.

Disadvantages of this plan mentioned at the Council meeting are the lack of an adequate shelter at Branchville, and the distance from the street car line of shopping areas in the towns between Branchville and Mt. Rainier.

Since both the Council and the Association lack information on Capital Transit's plans, a representative of the company will be invited to be present at the next meeting, scheduled for November 26.

PLAN FOR HOSPITAL

Mr. Hunt asked the Council for an expression of town interest in supporting the erection of a hospital. By taking prompt advantage of surplus Army and Navy equipment soon to be available by paying only shipping costs, Mr. Hunt estimated that a fifty-bed building could be erected and equipped for about \$100,000.

HOME OWNERSHIP

The Housing Committee of the Citizens Association requested the Council to hold a community election to select a committee to study local ownership of Greenbelt and, if such ownership appears possible, to take preliminary steps to set up the proper organization.

The request was embodied in a report of the Committee recommending establishment of a mutual ownership corporation to take over Greenbelt when the Government is ready to sell.

Town Manager Gobbel advised against doing anything in this direction too hurriedly, whereupon Mr. Ritchie pointed out the importance of having the machinery set up well in advance of the date of sale.

The report was accepted for study by the Council.

School Cafeterias Seek Chef Staff

Cafeterias for both the Center and North End Schools will open December 3, providing a chef can be secured for each school by then. The Production and Marketing Administration has signed an agreement with the PTA to reimburse it for a certain percentage of the money spent on meals and milk, since the 15 cent charge per meal does not cover the cost of the food and help.

One typical menu for lunch is creamed codfish potato and carrots on toast, bread and butter, milk and fruit; another is meat, sweet potatoes, raw carrot sticks or cabbage wedges, bread and butter, milk and cookies.

Serving on the Steering Committee under Mrs. Donald Romer, who is chairman of the Cafeteria Committee, are Mrs. Alton Bowman for the Center School and Mrs. Alfred Sansone from the North End School. Mothers will be depended upon to serve meals, act as cashiers, and perform the unglamorous task of washing the dishes.

One paid person at each school will act as Chef and Manager. The positions have not been filled as yet and, since the entire project cannot function without them, it is hoped that the PTA advertisement will reach the eyes of persons talented in the art of cooking.

Senior Scouts Get First Area Charter

To a group of Greenbelt Boy Scouts the first Senior Scouting Outfit charter to be issued in the National Capital Area, Boy Scouts of America, was presented Tuesday night. Sam Wallace is advisor for the eight young charter members of the Explorer Scout outfit here: Jack Likens, leader, Wesley A. Bryan, George T. Gale, Harlan Radinsky, Richard Hammersla, William Charles, Joe Loftus, and George Jones, all old members of Boy Scout Troop 202.

Boy Scout Field Executive Carl Hildebrand, in making the presentation, complimented Greenbelt on the achievement of these youths and the sponsoring committee in securing their unique "first". He explained that the new Senior Scout program includes Explorer posts, Sea Scout ships, and Air Scout flights. On the sponsoring committee are Lt. Dale Charles, Charles Wainscott and Sidney Diebert.

A second highlight on Tuesday night's program in the social room of the Elementary School was the presentation of the new annual charter to Boy Scout Troop 202. Frank Taylor, district commissioner for Boy Scouts in Prince Georges county, gave the charter to Horace "Chick" Turner, new chairman of the troop's sponsoring committee. Individual certificates were presented to troop committeemen and Scouters on the adult staff. Registration certificates and service stars for the Scouts were given out by the troop's new Scoutmaster Jacob Moeser.

In a solemn ceremony two new members, Kenneth O'Rourke and Rusty Brown, were inducted into the troop. William Charles was awarded the Star Scout rank, and second class pins were presented by Jim Denson and Francis Carmody, whose mothers did the pinning honors. Attendance pins went to George Brezina, David Cassidy, Jim Denson, Jack Likens, George Gale, and Wesley Bryan.

Commander Frank Riley spoke briefly on behalf of the Greenbelt American Legion post, sponsoring organization for the Greenbelt Scouts. Assistant Scoutmaster Donald H. Cooper also spoke briefly. Each of the four patrols put on short demonstrations for the parents who were gathered for the Charter night ceremonies.

GCS Expansion Gets Go-Ahead Signal From FPHA Regional Director Winston

A delegation composed of General Manager Ashelman, board president Dayton Hull and expansion committee chairman Herman Ramras was informed last Friday by Federal Public Housing Authority's regional director Oliver Winston that FPHA would designate a full-time project planner to work with the cooperative in arranging for expansion of the present commercial facilities in the Center. Mr. Winston also said that an FPHA lawyer would be assigned to draw up a lease for the land that will be needed for the project.

PTA Plans Dance

Tickets for the PTA Juke Box Dance were taken home by children at the Center and North End Schools this week. The dance will be at the Center School, Saturday night, November 17, from 8 to 12 midnight.

If the children's enthusiasm for the Harry James, Benny Goodman, Guy Lombardo, and Tommy Dorsey records to be played at the dance is any indication, the dance is bound to be a success.

Tickets are 30 cents, including tax and refreshments will be on sale. Further information can be secured from Mrs. Clifford Woodward at Greenbelt 6426 or Mrs. William Rupert at Greenbelt 4377.

Juke Box Thief Gets Two Years

When Washington police arrested Page L. Smith, 18, last week for attempted robbery of a filling station in the District, the youth admitted that he had taken money from the jukebox and cigarette machine in the Greenbelt Athletic Club house 54 times in the past three years. He denied breaking into the building 54 times, however, stating that many times the building had been open and he had just walked in.

Young Page has received a w-year sentence, one year for breaking his 120-day probation period for previous charges and one year for other misdemeanors. The sentence may be added to, however, since still other charges are being preferred against him.

Maid Gets 18 Mos.

Mrs. Mary Jane Fields of Lakeland, domestic worker in Greenbelt for several years, was sentenced by the circuit court last Friday to 18 months in the Maryland Reformatory for Females at Jessup. Mrs. Fields was convicted by the Grand Jury of larceny on the complaint of two Greenbelt families, who missed a total of \$209 worth of clothing during the time they employed Mrs. Fields.

Local C. T. Driver Represents Union

Walter Bierwagen of 1-D Westway, Capital Transit Company driver for the past ten years and a half, was one of the three men on the special membership, or "rank and file" committee, chosen to represent the employees in the recent transportation strike.

According to the formula worked out by the committee and transit officials, the company will negotiate the wage question before a labor panel, the proceedings are to be terminated by Thanksgiving Eve, and no disciplinary action is to be taken against employees or local unions for the strike action.

The bus drivers are asking for a 30-cent hourly raise, because of the drop in overtime. If the men get the compensation they ask, Mr. Bierwagen declares, "it will mean better service for all."

Public Utilities Commission records show that Capital Transit now carries twice as many passengers as in 1941, with 10 per cent fewer cars and buses, and 750 fewer employees.

The outstanding feature of the co-op's plan, of which Mr. Winston expressed hearty approval, is the erection of a new store building of approximately 20,000 square feet, to house under one roof and on one floor a large food market, a bakery, a separate pharmacy, an ice cream soda fountain, a delicatessen to remain in operation on evenings and Sundays to supply essential grocery needs, and large storage rooms.

Included also are plans for converting the present drugstore into a restaurant; use of present main food store space to enlarge the variety store to facilitate the handling of dry goods, household appliances and some furniture items; and a large sub-basement under the new market, where an ice cream manufacturing plant and community recreation facilities might be located.

Financing of the Greenbelt Consumers Services project is being planned by a committee under the chairmanship of board director F. H. Meriam.

Baby-Tender Has Boisterous Party

When Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williams of Research Road returned home from an anniversary party last Saturday night, they discovered that the high school "sitter" whom they had left in charge of their children had had a party of her own, and that over fifty dollars worth of damage had been done to the furnishings.

The sitter claimed that her guests, another Greenbelt girl and three boys from Laurel, were uninvited, but they remained until routed by some of the neighbors, whereupon they drove the car belonging to one of the boys down the road, and returned on foot. The neighbors first noticed them when the automobile careened wildly around the court, bumping the parked cars of the residents.

When faced with the evidence of an empty whiskey bottle, a half-empty bottle of wine, and broken glass scattered over the living room and kitchen the 16 year old girl admitted that there had been drinking. A coffee table was dented and nicked beyond repair; there were nicks on Mr. Williams' rifle, which had been stored away in the back of one of the service closets; curtains and slipcovers had been muddled and pulled away. A plant had been crushed beyond recognition, and there were other minor damages.

Further inquiries made of the girl's mother and stepfather disclosed that the sitter had been on 30 days' probation for shoplifting, and had stolen ten dollars while taking care of a child, although charges had not been preferred since the parents paid back the money. When the girl's parents were asked why they let her take the responsibilities of sitting with other peoples' children, the stepfather stated that he always came up at least once during the evening to check on her, and that when he arrived at 11 p. m. Saturday night, she was alone in the house. He agreed, however, that he and the parents of the boys would pay the damages, since his stepdaughter admitted her guilt.

Sic Transit

Capital Transit, Greenbelt's half-hourly link with the great outside world, will appear before the Maryland Public Service Commission in Baltimore in a couple of weeks to give reasons why the Greenbelt bus should stop at the streetcar lines and deliver its passengers to a trolley going into Washington, instead of proceeding up the pike to Mt. Rainier as it does now.

The town council, elected as the representatives of Greenbelt, want to get Greenbelt's idea on the subject. From what little information they have gleaned on the transit company's plan, there is a promise of extending the half-hourly bus route to include the north end of town. In return for this, however, the service to Washington will be curtailed at the carline, and there will be no way for Greenbelters to get directly from here to College Park, Riverdale, Hyattsville or Mt. Rainier without transferring. There seems to be some doubt as to whether there will be a suburban bus coming from the Baltimore highway to the streetcar line, but if there is it will also be on a half hour schedule, with the attendant chance of having to wait an hour to get from Greenbelt to Maryland University. (One could always walk of course.) There also seems to be some question on the desirability of a trolley to Washington, presuming that the present service to Mt. Rainier, Eckington, Riverdale and Beltsville will be maintained, as to whether it would actually take longer to use the trolley than it does at present to go by bus to the terminal at Mt. Rainier.

Luckily, a council meeting is scheduled for the night before the Baltimore hearing, and a Capital Transit spokesman will be asked to present the plan for the town's benefit at that time. Aside from their personal views on the matter, the council will have no way of judging the town's wishes unless the people who oppose the change get up and say so. Anyone who favors the plan as it will be outlined will, of course, be invited to voice his agreement. The University at College Park, the hospital at Riverdale, the theatre and shops in Hyattsville and Mt. Rainier are vital adjuncts to the daily living of many Greenbelters, and it would be too bad if they found their transportation to those points taken away without having had a chance to protest.

The council considers this matter important enough to request a special announcement of the meeting, to be held in the town office above the Variety store, at 8 p. m. on Monday night, November 26. The Cooperator urges every resident who is opposed or favorable to the proposed change to come and get the facts, and let the council know his views

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We're Petrified

Inspired by a recent doctor's thesis published in the "American Sociological Review" and by an editorial in the November 6 Baltimore Sun which commented on the article, a Time reporter and photographer visited town last Thursday and Friday to find out whether or not it was true that Greenbelt, as a social experiment, was a failure.

As the paper went to press the editor had been unable to track down the magazine article, although the "Sun" editorial was duly perused. Quotations therein from Dr. William Form's thesis indicate the gentleman's belief that Greenbelters have stratified into seven different and distinct layers, and he goes to some lengths to point out the characteristics of each stratum. By our next issue we hope to publish a complete review of Dr. Form's analysis, which reminds us of a geological treatise. His Greenbelt doesn't sound in the least to us like the place we've been living in for all this time. As a social experiment, in fact, we think it has been surprisingly successful. More on this subject later.

Community Church

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Community Church Wilmer P. Johnston will have as his guest speaker Rev. Robert L. Whittenburg of the Christian Church, whose subject will be "Vision Translated Into Life." Dr. Whittenburg is pinch-hitting for Dr. J. Lloyd Black, who was called out of the city but who will speak December 16. The music will be rendered by a choir directed by Thomas Ritchie, with Mrs. Hester Neff presiding at the organ. Mrs. Katie Barill will be in the vestibule at 10:45 to welcome the children whose parents wish to leave them while they worship in the main auditorium.

At 9:30 a. m. the Community Church maintains a Sunday School under the leadership of Frederick D. Birchard in which there is a choice of four adult classes. The children's Sunday School as classes for children of all ages.

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. on at 10-B Parkway in Greenbelt; Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. on.

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

Choir practice will be held every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Room 225 of the School. Newcomers are invited; male voices are especially needed. Practice for the Christmas Mass will begin immediately.

Lutheran Church

"The Conquest of Time" will be the sermon topic this Sunday, November 18, to be delivered in the home economics room of the elementary school by Rev. E. E. Pieplow, at 12:30 p. m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begin at 11:45 a. m. in the same room. The children are urged to be present for a discussion of the Christmas program.

Pastor Pieplow will hold his weekly class this evening on the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible in Room 221 of the elementary school. Everyone is cordially invited to attend without obligation.

The children's class will be held at 4 p. m. Saturday, at 35-L Ridge Road.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Irene Susan Schwimer, second daughter of Lil and Sam Schwimer of 13-B Ridge Road, arrived on Armistice Day at Leland Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Irene's four-year-old sister, Carole, is visiting her grandmother in New York.

Mrs. Patricia Holbrook was surprised last Friday night at her home by a baby shower. The guests were classmates of the class of 1942 of Greenbelt High and several classmates from the cadet corps at Garfield Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gobel have had as guests for the past two weeks Mrs. Gobel's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ray of North Carolina. Mr. Ray recently returned from Belgium and Germany where he served with the medical corps of the 7th armored division. He received his discharge in October.

Mrs. Anna Kantro of Washington Heights, New York City, visited her brother, Mr. Joseph E. Singer and family at 4-C Ridge Road, over the holidays.

Miss Hazel Phillips of Hazel, Va. and College Park is stopping temporarily with her chum Dorothy Burton.

Diane and Donna Finley of 10-E Southway have a new sister, Debbe, who was born November 8 at the Providence Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley.

Sgt. and Mrs. Robert McGregor of 1-E Parkway announce the birth of a boy, Robert, Jr., on Saturday, November 10, at the Fort Meade Hospital. Both grandmothers were on hand to greet the newcomer, and Sgt. McGregor arrived Wednesday from Ft. Riley, Kansas. Mrs. McGregor directed the cooperative nursery school here last year.

Mrs. Bernice Klinenberg entertained the 11-13 Club last Friday night, with Mrs. Bettie Denson as co-hostess.

Having seen an ad for washers in a copy of the Greenbelt Consumer which had been sent to him a soldier in the Pacific has placed an order with GCS for a washing machine for his wife's Christmas present. The name of the couple must remain anonymous so that the washer will come as a surprise.

Mrs. Whittaker wishes to announce that the parents will be invited to attend individual conferences to better acquaint them with the individual needs and progress of their children. Invitations will be sent in the report letters to be issued November 19.

Council Requests Hospital Opinion

Organizations and individuals interested in obtaining a hospital for the town are asked to attend the next Town Council meeting on Monday, November 26, at the special request of the Mayor and Council. On a recommendation, made at last Monday's council meeting by W. Haward Hunt, chairman of a Citizens Association committee investigating hospital possibilities, citizens will have their say on whether they are interested in investing money in a community undertaking to get hospital equipment from the Surplus Properties Commission which is being offered through the Public Health Service at cost of handling to communities proving their need and ability to utilize such material.

At the October Citizens Association meeting a report from the Federal Public Housing Authority indicated that enough surplus hospital equipment would be released in this manner to supply about a thousand hospitals and clinics, and the association thereupon appointed a committee to investigate Greenbelt's chances. Public Health officials reported that there were definite plans to distribute the material as stated. The Greenbelt Health Association, as a non-profit health plan, would be eligible to apply for the equipment, but the Town Council would have a higher priority since municipal authorities applying will be given first consideration. The Health Association's board of directors studied with the citizens' committee Greenbelt's needs, cost of building and operating a hospital, and chances of financial success, and a report of their findings was presented Monday night by Mr. Hunt and Henry Walter of GHA.

According to the report the cost of building and fully equipping a modern hospital runs about eight to ten thousand dollars per bed, and the most economical set-up is a fifty-bed unit. Since the major portion of the cost is for equipment, however, the building alone would cost under \$100,000, and the equipment (obtained for the cost of packing and shipping) should not cost more than five or ten thousand dollars for the entire amount needed. Greenbelt, therefore, has the chance to get a fully equipped hospital at a total cost of about \$100,000, four or five times less than it would cost under ordinary conditions.

Raising of funds can be done by forming a Hospital Association, incorporating, and selling stock or shares or making a loan through a government agency or banks. The organization would be empowered to act to raise funds, construct a building, pay handling costs for equipment, and carry out planning and management details. The share-selling plan is the preferred choice, since the townspeople will be more interested in making a success of an enterprise in which they have invested their own funds, but it will mean the backing of the entire town and their willingness to support the plan.

Telephone calls or letters from residents interested in investing in the hospital project are invited by Mr. Hunt, at 3-D Research Road, telephone 6936. Organizations are particularly urged to sound their members on this question, and Mr. Hunt has offered to meet with any group who wants further details on the plan.

Dr. Watson Speaks On Hare System

"The Hare system is the only election method which insures a fair proportional representation," declared George Watson, executive director of the Federation of Tax Administration before a group of thirty or forty Greenbelters, Monday night.

A majority system, in which each winning candidate has to have a majority of the votes cast, is unsatisfactory mainly because it may result in a large minority of unrepresented voters, Mr. Watson explained. By the commonest method of plurality voting, it is possible for a minority of the voters to elect all candidates to a board or council, resulting in the loss of majority control. It is also the opinion of Mr. Watson that the plurality system encourages the drawing of factional lines and the formation of a two-party system, a condition likely to affect unfavorably any voluntary organization.

Generally, Mr. Watson believes, the representation of minority groups, a primary aim of true democracy, can best be achieved within a group through the Hare system of proportional representation. Mr. Watson demonstrated the workings of the Hare system in principle and in practice, following the count of the last GCS Board of Directors election to illustrate his explanation. Issues were raised by members of the audience, one of whom objected to the existence of minorities within a cooperative.

Mr. Watson, a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago, taught political science at Southern Illinois Normal University for two years.

Schools Addressed On Public Safety

Bill Moore addressed an assembly of the primary groups in the auditorium at the center school Thursday morning on the work of the Washington Fire Department. This gave the children, who had previously had the work of the Greenbelt Fire Department outlined for them by police officer Johnny Belton, a chance to make a comparison between the workings of a big metropolitan fire department and those of a volunteer group in a town the size of Greenbelt.

Monday morning the primary groups at the north end school heard police officer Buddy Attick outline the growth of Greenbelt, the work of the police and fire departments, and the importance of observing safety rules. Mr. Attick's stories of the early days of Greenbelt held the complete attention of the children.

Teacher Appointed

Mrs. Grace Deibert will substitute as first grade teacher for the center school until a permanent teacher can be found. Her employment has enabled the center school to add an hour a day to the children's schedule, which up until this time has lagged behind that of the north-end school, and the teaching load has been reduced from about 45 to 30.

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What No Football?

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Red Cross Needs Tools For Vets

The Red Cross Field Director at the Ft. Washington Veterans Hospital is anxious to establish a hobby shop for returned veterans, many of whom are older men and homeless, and the Prince Georges County Camp and Hospital committee is starting a drive to secure the needed tools. If anyone has the following items lying unused in a tool chest, or would like to buy a saw, square, awl, file, vise or similar tool for the Ft. Washington hobby shop he is asked to telephone the local representative, Mrs. George Clark, 4161, to learn the size and weight of the tools needed.

Greenbelt clubs have already responded generously to the Christmas request list sent out by Mrs. William Werber, county Red Cross chairman. Various town organizations plan to furnish cookies, fruit cakes, candy, dates, nuts, raisins, gift wrappings, playing cards, and other items for personnel in military hospitals. Still urgently needed are strings of Christmas tree lights, tree ornaments, paper bells, and Christmas wreaths. Any individual or club wishing to participate in this activity should contact Mrs. Clark, or Mrs. Werber at Warfield 1446.

Fund Drive Closes

The Community War Fund drive in Greenbelt closed with a total of \$1,115.39 contributed. Mrs. D. J. Neff, chairman, wishes to thank all who worked for the fund, especially the block captains and committees, as follows: Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. Rueben Cohen, Mrs. Wayne Dennis, Mrs. Bessie Dickson, Mrs. Charles East, Mrs. Park W. Espenshade, Mrs. Lawrence P. Fern, Mrs. Louis Gerstel, Mrs. Henley M. Goode, Mrs. Carl Hintz, Waldo Mott, Mrs. Harold Richards, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mrs. Mary Rupert, Mrs. Harry Stage, and Mrs. Raymond Strickland. Mrs. Neff wishes to thank all organizations which contributed and also the three schools.

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Suggestions for Reading

Here are some books and pamphlets worth any one's time. They can be borrowed free from the G.C.S. Circulating Library, or purchased in the office above the Drug Store.

- **Social Significance of the Cooperative Movement**
Dr. M. M. Coady ----- \$1.50
This pamphlet comes from the rich experience of a leader in Canadian Cooperatives. It is tops.
- **The Goolibah Tree**—Joe Gunterman ----- \$0.50
A delight for children—a funny story that teaches a lesson. An ideal Christmas gift.
- **Paddy the Cope**—P. Gallagher ----- \$2.00
A readable autobiography from the early days of Irish cooperatives.
- **Dollar A Share**—Adam Allen ----- \$1.00
An engrossing story of typical young Americans overcoming difficulties in running their own cooperative to secure sport supplies. A good Christmas gift for teen ages.

GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 28

60 POINTS AND OUT

SGT. BILL HARMELIN
Q. Is it true that all men with 50 points are eligible for discharge?

A. No, only overseas men with 50 points in this country for furlough or temporary duty have been made eligible for discharge. Some men with less than 60 points will be discharged this month in accordance with the policy of discharging soldiers for whom no useful assignment exists.

Q. I would like very much to continue my National Service Life Insurance after my discharge but I have heard that the insurance isn't any good if I leave the States. Is that correct?

A. Your information is not correct. Your G. I. insurance will protect you no matter where you go. National Service Life Insurance is free from restrictions as to residence, travel, occupation, or military or naval service.

Q. I had a lot of debts when I entered the service. One of my creditors threatened to get a court order and put a lien on my policy. Can he do that?

A. He cannot. National Service Life Insurance policies are free from claims of civil creditors and they cannot be attached for your debts under any circumstances. If you should die, the money goes to your beneficiary and no one can get any part of it for your debts.

Q. I am a member of the Merchant Marine. Is there any national, all inclusive veterans organization I can join?

A. Yes. The American Veterans Committee, with National Headquarters at 554 Madison Avenue, New York City, accepts men who have served in the Merchant Marine during this war.

Q. May an eligible person who was separated from active service before the Mustering-Out Payment Act of 1944 become law now apply for payment thereunder?

A. Yes. Application may be made to the War or Navy Department, as the case may be, before the expiration of two years from February 3, 1944, the date on which the Mustering-Out Payment Act became law.

Q. Is the parent of a veteran eligible to receive pension on account of the death of the veteran where the death is not connected with service in the Armed Forces?

A. No. He is not eligible for such pension.

Q. On what Form may claim for pension or compensation be filed by the dependent parents of a veteran whose death is connected with service?

A. Veterans Administration Form 535.

Q. May a veteran called into service under the Selective Service Act, and discharged before December 7, 1941, receive a course of education or training, who was discharged with other than an honorable discharge?

A. The law provides that the veteran shall have been discharged or released from active service under conditions other than dishonorable.

Legislative Lineup

LITTLE MEN, WHAT NOW.

The Little Men of Congress are taking what we hope is their last stand firmly on the side of re- action. Witness:

1. **Full Employment.** President Truman, in his speech last week and in messages to Congress, has emphasized the Administration's and the people's wish for full employment legislation. Write or wire immediately one or more of the following House Expenditures Committee members, particularly Chairman Carter Manasco who has resisted the President's most earnest attempts to convert him to un- qualified full employment mea- sures. Also: Clare E. Hoffman (opposition leader as usual), Ed- ward J. Hart, Donald O'Toole, Henry J. Latham. (Remainder of Committee roster furnished on re- quest).

2. **The Unemployment Compensa- tion (\$25 maximum for 26 weeks) Bill** is shut up to die in the House Days and Means Committee which President Truman scored in his recent radio address for in- action amounting to a virtual veto of Administration program. Two hundred and eighteen signatures are necessary for a successful Dis- charge Petition to rescue the bill from the hold of the Republican- Southern Democrat House coalition. Our esteemed Representa- tives (poll-tax-elected in many in- stances) are afraid \$25 a week maximum jobless pay for veterans and dislocated warworkers will en- courage "widespread idleness." Anyone with an ounce of honest indignation must feel it his sworn duty to see to it that his Congress- man signs that Discharge Petition.

The treatment of these two bills adds one more smell to the malodorous collection this Congress has garnered unto itself. We'll have a chance to clean house in 1946, and we ought to remember that a new broom sweeps clean. We can't stand still, so it's either back- ward—to the dark ages of un- employment, cheap labor, and de- pression, accompanied by such signs of decay as race, color and creed prejudice (we still have Ran- kin and his Un-American Activities Committee); or forward—to full employment, full production, and full and equal enjoyment of civil and political liberties. *Moral: Register and vote in 1946.* (Call 5136, 5156, 5697, 2596 for registra- tion information.)

MINIMUM WAGE

OPA Chief Chester Bowles, who ought to know, has testified before the Senate Committee on Educa- tion and Labor that a 65c Mini- mum Wage (The Pepper Bill) can be absorbed by most industries without any difficulty. Using the tobacco industry, Mr. Bowles showed how wage raises to that standard would cut 9% off several million dollar profits. He termed existing substandard wage policy a "national disgrace." It would be fine for us to let him know how fervently we agree with him, especially in view of the fight OPA will have next Spring to retain price control as a national service. And we mean service!

Eyes Front on the Labor- Management Conference which opened in Washington last week. Although both labor and manage- ment agree that collective bargain- ing is the only way to industrial peace the interpretations of that term vary considerably. President Truman's assertion that labor must have a wage raise, and that in- dustry must be given a fair chance at profits and a "reasonable" wage demand by labor, leaves the field pretty open. What emerges from this Conference will probably af- fect you and me for many years to come. Public approval and dis- approval in letters to the Presi- dent, in letters to newspapers and organized petition may play a defi- nite part in the conference pro- gram. Let's watch development closely, prepared to add our John and Jane Does to American public comment.

Bon Mot for those who have been insisting that the recent New York longshore strike has been holding up demobilization ship- ments: the National Maritime Union (CIO) which supported that strike, has announced that unless military authorities expand avail- able shipping for GI Joe overseas by December 1, NMU mariners will strike on all commercial shipping on that date.

DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY REMINDER

Make sure you vote in 1946. We hope to be able in the near future to print registration rules for each state, beginning with Alabama and Arkansas.

GREENBELTERS IN UNIFORM

Capt. D. B. Branch is making good use of his terminal leave these days, getting in a lot of fish- ing down at his home in Wilming- ton, North Carolina. Capt. Branch was Provost Marshal while on duty at Ft. Belvoir, also at the Prisoner of War Camp at New Cumberland Gap, Pa. He was later Inspector of GI prisons for the 3rd Corps Area.

Pfc. Albert Muzzo, 9th Inf. Div., 1st Army, was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mullen. "Al" saw service in Af- rica, Italy, France and Germany, and has seven battle stars. Wave Lorraine Mullen had a weekend leave over Armistice Day from Newport, Rhode Island.

S/Sgt. Lionel F. Soignier com- pleted a 3-week furlough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Day. Sgt. Soignier was in charge of night personnel with the 129th General Hospital in Wales. Last winter he was transferred to a medical combat unit attached to Patton's 65th Infantry.

Seaman 2/c Sonny Herbert is in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Navy hos- pital with bronchial pneumonia. All of his friends surely wish him a speedy recovery.

Samuel Gottesman of 20-B Park- way has arrived in town from New York and overseas duty, and has received his discharge.

Cpl. Robert J. Leo, recently re- turned from Germany and dis- charged from the army, will make his home in Greenbelt.

Sgt. Virginia Bonham is still on duty with the Far Eastern Air Service Command Base, Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. The Coopera- tor received a large picture of Sgt. Bonham in front of the island chapel made by the natives.

AMM 2/c Bud Zoellner received his discharge from the Navy at Norman, Oklahoma a week ago Saturday. It wasn't the "Girl you left behind" back in Kansas that gave you that lost look up at the barbecue, was it Bud?

Ed King, S 1/c, is home with his family on rehabilitation leave. Mary Ann King, checker at the foodstore, is thrilled at having her husband back from the Pacific, where he has been on duty most of the past year.

Pvt. John Lehan of 7-A Hillside Road is home on a 80-day furlough. He was stationed in Hawaii for 9 months and says he found Waikiki Beach a great disappointment what with garbage and litter. "Green- belt looks mighty good to me," are John's sentiments.

AOM 3/c Elmer J. Lowry, 26, of 3-L Research Road has been re- ported killed in action, after hav- ing been previously listed as miss- ing after the carrier Franklin was damaged last March 19. His wife, who lives with her brother in Greenbelt, is the only survivor.

Former resident Lt. (j.g.) Clarke George is stationed on Okinawa and hopes to get back to Santa Barbara by Christmastime. Edna and the two boys live at 1745 Grand Avenue.

Plan Food Tryouts

A series of food demonstrations to be given in private homes by Miss Rachel Garner, new GCS dietician, is being planned by the education committee of GCS. At its first informal meeting on last Friday night, the committee with Mrs. Bertha Maryn as chairman appointed a sub-committee, con- sisting of Miss Garner, Mrs. Wil- liam Harmelin and Mrs. Herbert Hertz, to work out details for the program.

Holiday Schedule

Mrs. Fugitt wishes to remind the parents of the following schedule for the Thanksgiving holiday: School dismissed at 1 p. m. November 21, reconvenes Monday, November 26.

Know Your School

American Education Week began last Friday with a movie short "Jig Saw Puzzle" which was shown at the theatre all this week. Spon- sored by the County Teacher's As- sociation the film urges parents to visit their children's schools. Many parents, fathers as well as moth- ers, took advantage of the opportu- nity afforded by Monday's holiday to visit the classrooms.

Primary group teachers at the center school held open house this afternoon from 3:30 to 4. The children have completed their study of the past history of Green- belt and are now considering the significance of changes in the world and the community.

GCS Employees To Get Bonus

The Greenbelt Consumer Serv- ices Board of Directors has decided by unanimous vote that all em- ployees who have been continuo- usly employed by GCS for at least one month before Christmas should receive a Christmas bonus. The bonus will be paid on December 17 in accordance with the full or part-time rating of the employee, depending upon membership ap- proval at the November 28 meet- ing.

Full-time employees will be paid \$1.50 a month, with a maximum credit of two years and a minimum bonus of \$5, representing an in- crease over last year's \$3 mini- mum.

Half-time employees are to be paid \$.75 a month, with a minimum of \$3. One-fourth time employees will be paid \$.40 a month, with a minimum of \$3 and all other em- ployees are to be paid a straight bonus of \$3.

School Gift Shop

The pupils at the center school plan to open a gift shop in the auditorium December 18. Com- mittees have been organized in all the classrooms to plan the various children are now at work on gifts types of gifts to be made and the of every kind, from clay statuettes to aprons.

Radios Next Month

Radios are expected in the var- iety store in another month. GCS representatives attending a Bendix display at the Hotel Statler on Tuesday placed orders for radios, Conlon washers and ironers and Royal vacuum cleaners. Delivery will be made on the radios in three or four weeks, GCS Manager Sam Ashelman told the Cooperator, with the other appliances arriving later.

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Thanksgiving Notice

Greenbelt stores will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, next Thursday, Nov. 22, except as follows:

- DRUG STORE—Open 12 noon until 10 p. m.
- TOBACCO STORE—Open 9:30 until 10 p. m.
- SERVICE STATION—Open 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.
- THEATRE—1:00 p. m. Mat. and evening—Continuous as usual
- BEER STORE—Usual hours, 7-10 p. m.

Shop early to avoid the Saturday rush

Greenbelt Consumer Services

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 28

Nicholas Elected AVC Chairman GCS Seeks Bonus

The Greenbelt Chapter of the American Veterans Committee adopted a constitution at their regular membership meeting held on Tuesday, November 13. Bill Nicholas of 18-F Crescent, who has seen several years of overseas service and who was discharged from the army this week was elected chairman. Leo Bass Sp (P) 2/c was elected vice-chairman, Tech. Sgt. Bill Harmelin, secretary, and Mike Salzman, Sp (P) 1/c, treasurer.

Donald Fish and Ben Berkofsky will head Membership and Publicity, Frank LaMacchia will head the National and International Policy Committee, and Phillip Cohen will handle the Rules Committee, and T/Sgt. Harmelin of "60 Points and Out" will head the Veterans Service and Policy Committee.

The first Greenbelt WAVE to join the local group, which now numbers 22, is Joan Penrod of 3-K Plateau Place. According to National executive secretary Ed McHale, Greenbelt is the first small town to charter an American Veterans Committee.

Membership in the American Veterans Committee is open to all veterans and members of the armed forces and the merchant marine, and the Greenbelt Chapter meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Social Room of the Elementary School.

T/Sgt. Harmelin has been named chairman of the Fort Meade provisional chapter of the American Veterans Committee, and had enrolled over 70 soldiers, WACs, doctors and nurses as of last Tuesday.

Methodists Meet Sunday Evening

The Methodists will hold their Sunday evening service at 7:45 November 18, in the Home Economics room of the elementary school. Rev. Beckett of the Hyattsville Methodist Church will deliver the message.

The regular midweek prayer meeting will be held Thursday, November 22 at 8 p. m. at the Featherby home, 19-A Ridge Road. The Adult Bible class will meet Sunday at 11 a. m. at 16-K Ridge Road.

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Gun Club Loses To Maryland U.

In its opening match on the fall schedule of the Maryland Rifle League, the Greenbelt Gun Club bowed to the University of Maryland varsity squad last Friday night. Headed as usual by Harry Bates, the local team chalked up 1213 points against their opponents' total of 1308.

Captain Bates, with 279 out of a possible 300, missed top honors for the match by a single point. Bunched together were Greenbelters Bill Baird with 237, Norman Granims with 236, and Don Cooper with 234. C. W. Gardner was the fifth man and turned in 227. Shooting for the University varsity were Bowling, Bowers, Ashe, Mattling and Cherigus.

The match, held in the University's indoor range, required 10 rounds prone, 10 rounds kneeling, and 10 rounds offhand, with a time limit of 30 minutes.

Greenbelt sharpshooters will meet the "933" team of former Maryland Minutemen, November 23 at 7:30 p. m. on the same range and with the same course to be shot. The team is not fixed ahead of time, Captain Bates has explained, but is composed of the five highest scores of any Gun Club members shooting. Interested riflemen should get in touch with him prior to the next match in the series.

Voter Study Group Organized Here

Cyrella O'Connor, a member of the Citizens Association Housing Committee, will conduct the next study group meeting of the League of Women Voters unit which is being organized here. The time and place have not yet been scheduled.

Last Friday the group heard Mrs. Frank Garfield, past president of the Montgomery League of Women Voters, outline a plan for study and action.

The League is a non-partisan organization which aims to encourage wider citizen participation in government. Mrs. Lydalu Palmer of 1-D Eastway has membership blanks for those interested in joining. She may be called at 5201 for information regarding the group.

Alice Polston Weds

At a candlelight service Saturday in the Hospital Chapel at Fort George G. Meade, Miss Alice Polston, foster daughter of Captain and Mrs. James H. Matthews of Greenbelt became the bride of Don Boyce, son of Colonel and Mrs. L. D. Boyce of St. Louis, Mo. Captain Kennedy, Chaplain of the Chapel, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Captain Matthews, and wore a net gown over satin with a fingertip veil held in place by a halo of white rosebuds. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

A reception was held at the home of Captain and Mrs. James H. Matthews.

Riley Reports On Armistice Weekend

A report on the Legion's week-end Armistice Day observances was given the Cooperator by Frank Riley, Legion Post commander, who states that one hundred and sixty-five couples turned out for Saturday night's dance at the community auditorium. Walter Hubbell's band from Baltimore played for jitterbugging and waltzing alike, and the affair was pronounced "the best one yet" by the Post leader. Church services Sunday morning included addresses by Mr. Riley and by Edward Kaighn, the Post chaplain, as well as a special sermon by a Navy chaplain who was formerly commander of a Legion Post in the West. 350 shared Monday's barbecue at the lake, which featured a pig prepared for the feast by Jim Smith. The local Post membership has doubled in the last four months, according to Mr. Riley, who counts the members at nearly 200.

Drop Inn Calls Special Meeting

A special meeting of all members of the Drop-Inn will be held at 4:15 p. m. at the Drop-Inn on November 19. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting for the planning committee which according to the by-laws of the club is elected every six months, in December and in June. Other plans and problems of the club will be discussed at that time. A door prize is planned and all members are urged to attend.

A campaign dance, at which time officers of the club will be elected, will be held November 27 in the gymnasium, with admission set at 30c for members showing their cards and 50c for all others. A special program of entertainment is being planned and the newly elected officers will be installed. Music will be furnished by the Laurel Debonnaires.

Lost And Found

The police department reports that its lost and found locker is overflowing with articles such as glasses, gloves, hats, purses, shoes, bathing suits, jewelry, galoshes. Possible owners of these items are requested to make inquiry at the police station between the hours of 4 p. m. and midnight when the switchboard operators are on duty.

R. Dove Graduates

Robert M. Dove of 6-M Hillside Road was a member of the fourth class of National Service Officers to graduate under the auspices of the American University School of Social Sciences and Public Affairs last Sunday night. Mr. Dove is now serving with the Disabled Veterans to help handicapped veterans find places for themselves in civilian life. After a trip to Cincinnati he will work out of the Washington, D. C. office Disabled American Veterans, working in cooperation with the government and various universities, plans to place four hundred service officers throughout the country.

Scouts Have Party

Girl Scout Troop No. 15, of which Mrs. Hazel Gump is leader, held a Thanksgiving party at the Athletic Club House last week. The girls made their own party favors and refreshments and enjoyed a program presented by troop members. Bubbles Crofford and Eunice Birtman did a tap dance with Ann Smith at the piano. A Thanksgiving play directed by Mrs. D. Darling completed the entertainment. The club house was decorated by the girls under Mrs. Crofford's direction. Miss Eunice Birtman was the hostess for the evening.

CLASSIFIED

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

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- Price checking.
- Selecting a line of children's shoes to be carried in the Variety Store.
- Welcoming new residents to Greenbelt.
- Planning the expansion program.
- Consumer information committee.
- Planning membership meetings.
- Membership committee.
- Cooperative Book Club.
- Securing new members.
- Cooperative recreation and social affairs.
- Telephone committee.
- Education committee.
- Volunteer work to get out mailings, etc.

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