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## Greenbelt at the Crossroads



"This fountain is a disgrace. I'm leaving."

## AVC Supports Two Beneficial Bills

The newly formed National Pol-Chapter, American Veterans Com- mittee of the Greenbelt mittee, have reported on the fol- lowing bills to the executive com- mittee:

HR 3841, proposing a minimum national wage standard of 65c per hour. Over ten million persons are reported to have received less than 65c per hour last year, a wage less than the family of an army private receives; this number does not include domestic, agricultural, or migrant workers.

HR 4422, introduced by Rep. Kunkel of Pennsylvania, to credit enlisted men in all services and re- imburse them for accrued leave not used before discharge. Com- missioned officers receive such credit, officially designated termi- nal leave.

Locally, the proposed hospital plan for Greenbelt is being studied and will be reported on in the near future. The next regular meeting of the Greenbelt chapter is on Tuesday, November 27 at 8 p. m. in the social room of the commu- nity building.

"The New Veteran," a recent book by National Chairman Charles Bolte, has been reviewed favorably by the New York Times, and the author will speak at the United Nations Peace Forum at Constitution Hall, November 26 on the subject of the atomic bomb. A member of the National Planning Committee is John Hersey, war correspondent and author of "A Bell for Adano."

A mass meeting conducted by AVC at Hunter College in New York to protest the serious lack of housing for returning veterans in the New York area prompted city officials to designate the local chapter as screening agents for appli- cants seeking housing in vacated WAVE barracks. Apartments are awarded on the basis of need only and without regard to previous military rank.

The board of the Greenbelt Publishing Association, Inc., wishes to thank Don Cooper for his long and faithful service to the Cooperator. The recently- resigned business manager served as editor-in-chief for two long terms and has also held the positions of treasurer, president, and circulation manager of the Publishing Association. Incumbent president Anne Hull stated this week that in her opinion Mr. Cooper had con- tributed more to the paper than any other one individual in town.

June Wilbur recently resigned her post as "Our Neighbors" editor, after a two-year tenure. One of the oldest columns in the paper, "Our Neighbors" was started in 1941 by former resi- dent Sally Meredith. Mrs. Wilbur's services will be greatly missed.

## No Wing Dips

Townpeople who have been scared into immobility in the past few weeks by the sudden and un- comfortably close zoom of a de- scending aeroplane may now rest easy, since the War and Navy De- partments and the Civil Aero- nautics Authority have agreed to attempt the control of low flying over Greenbelt. Town Manager James T. Gobel requested the help of these agencies when fliers began an apparently habitual "buzzing" of the town.

Fritz Schrom, owner of the nearby Schrom's Airport, doubts that planes from his field are the culprits. In fact, he mentions that more than once military planes have "buzzed" the airport, en- dangering civilian fliers in the area.

It is generally understood that some of the fliers addicted to "buzzing" are local residents re- turning home and intending an un- usually hearty greeting to their families.

## 10'Belters Vote On ECL-ECW Merger

The rapid growth of Eastern Co- operative Wholesale and the nec- essity of immediate planning for its future expansion highlighted discussions at Eastern Cooperative Wholesale and Eastern Coopera- tive League's joint annual confer- ence in New York on November 17 and 18. 146 delegates out of 315 individuals attending from 93 co- operative societies, voted to merge ECW and ECL into one organiza- tion, to be known as Eastern Co- operatives Associated, Inc.

The League has been a federa- tion of all co-ops on the Eastern Seaboard, a form of trade associa- tion cooperating on policies, growth and development, whereas the Wholesale is a large wholesale organization, owned by all co- operative groups in this area. Joint committees of both groups will work on the consummation of the merger, to be completed within from six to twelve months. To continue and promote the rapid expansion of ECW, it was voted to issue shares of preferred stock, which would increase ECW's total capital stock from 2 1/2 to 5 million dollars. This would be non-voting stock and hence issuable to in- dividuals as well as to societies.

Outstanding item in the expan- sion program of ECW is the pro- posal to open a large wholesale house in this area, in either Wash- ington or Baltimore. At present, GCS deals with ECW's Philadel- phia warehouse.

Round table discussions on Sat- urday morning included "Youth and Recreation," "Housing," "Co-op Literature," "Local Publi- city," "Membership and Capital Drives," and "Store Equipment." Paul Negrier, of the National Co- operatives of France, informed the conference that 95 per cent of the French farmers are now organized in cooperatives.

The delegates banqueted Satur- day night at the Co-op Cafeteria on 49 E. 25th St., one of seven functioning in the New York area.

Attending from Greenbelt were Sam Ashelman, Bob Volkhausen, Herman Ramras and Lt. Dayton Hull; alternates were Merton Trast, Fordyce Meriam, William Nicholas, Mrs. Carnie Harper and Mrs. Bertha Maryn. Mrs. Nicholas was also a visitor at the confer- ence.

## Recreation Conf. Meets Next Week

Ruth Norris, well-known direc- tor of youth and recreation pro- grams of the Eastern Cooperative League, will lead cooperators from the Potomac area in a weekend recreation conference December 1 and 2 in Baltimore. First of a series of three planned for this year, the conference seeks to train recreation leaders for this area, and will be attended by represen- tatives from Washington, Balti- more, Westminster, Richmond and Greenbelt.

The sessions begin at 8 p. m. Saturday night at 17 E. Franklin St. All persons interested in at- tending should register with Ruth Taylor in Merton Trast's office.

## FPHA Inspects Us

Greenbelt's shopping center was the object of a preliminary inspec- tion of FPHA "commercial men," on last Friday afternoon, reports Samuel Ashelman, GCS General Manager. Accompanied by Mr. Ashelman and by Herman Ramras, chairman of the expansion plan- ning committee, Harry S. Peiken, from the national office of FPHA and Henry W. Prescott from the general field office which super- vises Greenbelt, surveyed town stores and locations in an initial exploration of the problem.

The FPHA representatives are in possession of both the GCS pro- posal and blueprints. A conference between FPHA representatives and GCS officials is scheduled for the near future.

## CT Representative Will Explain Plan

Public Relations Director E. C. Giddings of Capital Transit has as- sured Town Manager James Gobel that a company representative will attend this Monday's Council meeting to explain the proposed post-war bus schedule for the county and to answer questions. As outlined in the Washington Post the plan which CTC and the In- dependent Trade Association will submit to the Public Service Commission in Baltimore next Tuesday calls for a loop service in Green- belt along Crescent, Hillside, Re- search and Ridge Roads. There will be 20-minute shuttle service to a high-speed trolley to run from Branchville every six minutes, where a turn-around and shelter will be provided. Transportation to College Park and Riverdale will be taken care of by supplementary buses. According to the Post article the change in bus schedules will delay Navy Yard workers.

Some of the questions uppermost in the minds of townspeople are whether CTC would be willing to extend the loop service to the other end of town, how often such a bus would run, what the intra-Green- belt fare would be, and whether the present shelter at Branchville will be deemed adequate by Capital Transit.

Following the erection of the de- fense housing the Town Council petitioned Capital Transit in vain to institute a loop service. War- time regulations and the shortage of buses, gasoline, and drivers were cited as excuses by the transit company. The Council was suc- cessful, however, in bilking shuttle service to the Branchville trolley track, highly unsatisfactory to Greenbelters in view of the poor connections and the drafty "pagoda" provided for shelter.

The Citizens Association later appointed a transportation commit- tee to study the question. The most recent attempt at a solution was an offer made to the Catholic Parents Association by GCS whereby the later would purchase the bus CPA has ordered to replace the "cheese crate" now taking Holy Redeemer pupils back and forth. For a weekly rate of \$35 GCS offered to make two morning and two after- noon trips to the Catholic school, furnishing loop service to the town the remainder of the day. GCS was also to assume full responsi- bility for upkeep and maintenance. A final meeting of GCS and CPA officials to iron out details has not taken place to date, and delivery of the bus has been delayed by production difficulties.

## Surplus Material May Be Sold Here

Any Greenbelt interested in purchasing items the federal gov- ernment will dispose of through its new Surplus Commodities Corpora- tion may contact GCS offices in the near future, General Manager Samuel Ashelman announced Mon- day. GCS has been put on the mailing list of this organization, and will keep a file of the lists it will be furnished, so that Greenbelt citizens may be able to purchase through GCS various items which individuals might otherwise be un- able to buy.

## False Fire Alarm

An alarm set off about half-past eight last Saturday night brought the Greenbelt Fire Department to the corner of Ridge Road and Plateau Place, only to find that it was a hoax. It is believed that some small children broke into the box to give the alarm, since this particular box is the only one near enough to the ground for small fry to reach, according to Chief Pana- goulis. Mr. Panagoulis stated that the prank comes under the heading of breaking into public property, with a fine attached if the culprits are caught.

## GCS To Consider ECW Investment

A proposal by the Improvement Association that Greenbelt Con- sumer Services withdraw from the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale money it now has invested in ECW is on the agenda for consideration at the quarterly membership meet- ing next Wednesday.

Since the step would represent a major change in GCS policies, the "Cooperator" questioned Lt. Day- ton Hull, president of the board of directors, regarding his opinion of the proposal.

Said Lt. Hull: "I believe it would be a backward step that would cost the consumers of Greenbelt real money. For most of the items we purchase from ECW we pay either the same or a lower price than we would pay elsewhere. Whenever we may find an article of the same quality at a cheaper price else- where, we do so; for ECW itself encourages such bargain hunting. Since this is so, it is to our interest to expand and develop the whole- sale, not cripple it."

Board director Fordyce Meriam, who attended the recent ECW- ECL conference in New York, ex- pressed his belief that GCS's asso- ciation with ECW resulted in a definite practical advantage to GCS. Said Mr. Meriam: "Inas- much as one of the major items in ECW's expansion program is the opening of a wholesale house in either Washington or Baltimore— from which we, as the largest cus- tomers in the area, would be the greatest beneficiary—we should do nothing to forestall this. This seems to me a prime reason for maintaining our membership in

## Greenbelt Sale Eventual Reality

"While there are no present plans for the sale of Greenbelt, every indication points to the fact that the government wants to get out of the housing business," de- clared housing chairman Tom Ritchie when questioned this week about a report to the contrary published in a recent Washington Post article.

Mr. Ritchie went on to say that Federal Public Housing officials, while emphasizing that they have no clearly defined plans for the disposal of Greenbelt, have indi- cated a willingness to study the problem with a quasi-official com- mittee of residents and to work out a solution best suited to the needs of the community. Such a study would not obligate either party; the government would not be committed to sell, nor the resi- dents to buy.

Greenbelt citizens will be in a much better position to shape their future if such a study is made, it was pointed out by Mr. Ritchie, adding that the government will not overlook any attractive offer which the committee might work out, and that Greenbelters would not want to be caught by surprise in case the government should suddenly crystallize its attitude and be on the lookout for a ready buy- er. If Greenbelt citizens are not prepared with a position of their own, various housing groups in Washington may be in a position to make the Government an offer, in Ritchie's opinion.

Lanham Act provisions require housing built under the act to be disposed of within two years after the emergency has ended, and un- less special legislation is passed, all defense housing in Greenbelt will fall under the hammer.

A proposal by the Citizens As- sociation that the Town Council sponsor the election of a citizen's committee to study the possible purchase of Greenbelt has been taken under advisement and will be acted upon at their next meet- ing on Monday, November 26. In- terested citizens are asked to con- tact their council members and give them the benefit of their views on the subject.

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## What the Britannica Says:

"PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION, an electoral arrangement designed to secure that the representative assembly shall be an exact reflection, a 'snapshot', of the voting strength of parties among the electorate. The case for the system is fundamentally the case for representative government. Every trace of opinion, be it ever so small, ought to be represented in the legislature as near as possible to its proportional mathematical claim. That, and nothing else, is true democracy. The system first obtained principal support through the advocacy of John Stuart Mill who, about the middle of the 19th century, recommended the Hare system, on the ground that democracy must be especially careful that minorities get their appropriate representation. The appeal of this argument has been widespread and there are few democratic countries today which are without some such system . . ."

Quoted above is the first paragraph of the Encyclopedia Britannica's article on PR, the system to be voted upon at the quarterly GCS meeting next Wednesday night. The rest of the article, too long to be cited here, is worth the reading of anyone who is still unconvinced.

## Uncle!

The fountain at the center, subject of comment in this column on several occasions, has been disowned by the Town Council. Manager Gobbel says it will be turned off for the winter in a few days, and Councilman Morrison volunteered during council meeting to explain that the fountain, and the enormous monstrosity of "Lulu Belle" which towers over it, is not the Council's doing but the Federal Government's and that Uncle Sam is the culprit to blame for its brooding and unhygienic presence.

The fountain episode brings up the matter of Uncle Sam's position in town as landlord and sovereign of all we survey, and as we look about our fair community; to him belong the streets, the sidewalks, buildings and landscape generally, and to him we must attribute the unpainted buildings, the absent sidewalks, the missing blocks in the ceilings of the community building, and the sky-high price the cooperative pays for the space it rents for the community stores. When the north-enders moved to the grassless reaches of "Mud-belt", their landlord made no apology or promise of better things to come; there were, however, two letters mailed to them outlining to them in detail the specifications of the mailbox required for the defense homes. The awnings provided for the variety store have been hanging in ribbons since we can remember, despite the roasting heat which stews the clerks on summer afternoons.

The town council and town police get blamed under the current set-up for all sorts of omissions and commissions for which they are not responsible; one instance is the lease provision which the landlord has made against keeping pets, which leads residents to think that a report of pet-keeping should bring squad cars to the offender's door, whereas the police are powerless to enforce anything but town ordinances. They are for the same reason powerless to uproot fences, since it is the landlord and not the town which prohibits them. One would think that the town fathers would have some say about the presence of a public nuisance at their front door; the nuisance belongs to the landlord, however, and is apparently a sacred and permanent fixture. (We do hope they keep it turned off, if they can't get a good one.)

To top it off, the landlord has just changed his mind on the disposal of the town, after the citizens, alarmed for the safety of their homes, had gone to the trouble of organizing to meet the crisis. The crisis still exists, of course, since the defense homes are irrevocably doomed to disposal under the terms of the act of Congress which built them; there will be nothing definite, we expect, from the government offices on what they intend to do with us until the day before they do it. Greenbelt has already experienced the panic of a threatened sale, and there is danger that it may not take seriously a second and definite cry of "Wolf!" In spite of this week's assurance that the landlord does not intend to let the tenants take over any time soon, it would seem advisable that the tenants prepare themselves for the inevitable moment when the landlord has a change of heart—or a change of administration.

## Give To Goodwill

Anybody having clothing, furniture, toys, or other discarded household articles that they would like to donate to the Goodwill Industries, please call Mrs. George Clark, 4161. The Goodwill Industries, a non-profit organization,

provides employment for the disabled and recently has established a new department providing special work opportunity for blind and more seriously handicapped persons. Discarded articles are renovated and sold at a nominal cost, all of the money realized being turned back into the organization.

## Community Church

"The Five Ways in Which the Church Contributes to Christian Living" will be the sermon topic of the Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston at the Community Church next Sunday morning at 11 a. m. The music will be furnished by a voluntary choir under the leadership of Thomas B. Ritchie with Mrs. Hester Neff at the organ. Anyone desiring to sing in the choir should meet Mr. Ritchie at the close of the service Sunday morning or at choir rehearsal Wednesday evening. Mrs. Katie Barili will be in the vestibule from 10:45 o'clock Sunday morning to welcome the children whose parents desire to leave them while they worship in the main auditorium.

At 9:30 Sunday morning the Church School meets, with ample provision for all ages of pupils. There are classes for adults, kindergarten tots and all ages between.

The officers and teachers of the Church School will meet Wednesday evening, November 28 at eight o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Eshbaugh, 33-M Ridge Road.

## Lutheran Church

Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow will deliver his sermon on "Readiness in the Kingdom," Matt. 25: 1-13, in the Home Economics Room of the Elementary School at 12:30 p. m., November 25.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will begin at 11:30 a. m. The Christmas program has been outlined and will be rehearsed this Sunday. All children who wish to participate are urged to be present.

Friday evening at 8 p. m. the Pastor will hold his weekly class, teaching the Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible. Everyone is cordially invited. Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m. a similar class will be held for the children at 35-L Ridge Road.

## 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.

## Methodists Get Folding Organ

The Methodists will hold their regular Sunday evening service in the Home Economics Room of the Community Building, beginning at 7:45 p. m. The mid-week prayer service will be held Thursday, November 29 at 8 p. m. at the home of Reuben K. Barrick at 19-Q Ridge Road. A folding organ has been purchased to accompany hymn singing.

The Adult Bible Class will meet at 11 a. m. Sunday morning at 16-K Ridge Road.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

Greenbelters attending the recent national convention of the American Legion in Chicago were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley, and William Shea.

A surprise baby shower for Mrs. Billie Bergonge was held last Friday by Mrs. Bill Klepser and Mrs. Richard Bowman. Guests were Dorothy Hart, Marjorie Holmes, Janette VanDusen, Helen Dumbrowski, Betty Comings, Opal Kitchen and Lorna Ott.

Julia Ann Irwin of 5 Parkway celebrated her second birthday November 16.

Jane Stouffer, Dorothy Hart, Sylvia Maschauer, and Opal Kitchen celebrated their November birthdays at the Lotus recently, having as guests Elizabeth Pratt, Virginia Hughes, Mildred Dickhart and Mimi Mayher.

Little Vicki Goldfaden was scheduled to have her tonsils snatched today.

Meet your new cop, Walter J. Nichols, six-foot 190 lb. ex-Marine who joined the local force Monday. It'll pay to be good, brother.

## State Conference

Delegates from Greenbelt to the Convention of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers that took place at Annapolis, November 14 and 15 were Mrs. Joseph Long, Mrs. L. P. Dittman, Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt, Mrs. Wells Harrington, Mrs. Donald Romer, Mrs. Rowena

Whittaker and Mrs. Catherine Reed.

Mrs. Reed, former principal of the Greenbelt Elementary School and present supervisor of schools in Prince Georges County, was elected Fifth Vice-President. Mrs. Dittman was Director of Questions on a panel discussion on education.

Principal speakers at the convention were Governor Herbert R. O'Connor and Mr. Charles W. Phillips, second vice-president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

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**CINEMATERS**

By I. J. PARKER

It has been my continual hope that the people in Greenbelt will take their movies more seriously. I have tried to stress the profound influence movies have on our lives and how necessary it is for us to develop a more critical attitude towards them. Investigating into the sources of information that are available to the public about movie making I was greatly alarmed and distressed at what I found. An unbelievable amount of money and effort is continuously being spent by Hollywood to cajole, persuade, tempt and even deceive the public into attending sundry movie productions. The ratio of money spent on publicity and exploiting is in direct proportion to the costs of the vehicle itself. Artistic merit is wholly ignored. The daily metropolitan newspaper is the main transmitter of this vast amount of misinformation. Hollywood supports hundreds of journalists whose chief occupation is to discover or fabricate choice tidbits of nonsense concerning various movie-folk and pass them on in their columns or press-release. Their devotion to keeping the spark of interest alive in the public's thoughts produce some darn silly results at times. One such gentleman always includes in his column just what attire the subject he interviews wears to bed and therein (every-one admits) lies the appeal of his scholarly efforts!

Also there is an increasing amount of movie magazines wholly dedicated to the dissemination of Hollywood propaganda. I find them much too concerned with the private tastes, ambitions and loves of their subjects, an attitude that sometimes get embarrassing. I'm sure that any critical attitude they may attempt to develop is quickly squelched by the advertising department. Colored photographs, candid shots at night-spots and fashion photos add strongly to the

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appeal of these magazines, but it is an appeal directed to the infantile and adolescent-minded.

I visited the Greenbelt library to see what material it afforded for an enlightened attitude towards films. They had three books on the shelves, two of them juveniles, both of these a sort of tour around a studio. Generously interspersed with photographs they offered an elementary guide to the uninitiated of the technical procedures involved in movie-making. The other book, "Our Movie Made Children" by H. J. Forman, was a delightful surprise. If parents have any doubts to the effect movies have on children this book will prove shockingly informative. As the result of an investigation made by the request of the Motion Picture Research Council and supported by the Payne Fund, this book proves conclusively that the exposure of children to the movies should be deeply considered and seriously contemplated. An indication of what subject matter the book covers are such chapter titles as, "Movies and Sleep," "Horror and Fright Pictures," "How Much Do They Remember?" and "Movie-made Criminals."

The library also has a file of mounted pictures pertaining to the movies. At present it is wholly inadequate but the library welcomes all new material. If you have pictures worth mounting that concern the movies in its historical aspects or contemporary implications bring them into the library and help enlarge this file. (No pin-ups, please.)

The periodical shelf is fairly well stocked and most of the magazines have movie departments in them. Next week, I hope to evaluate them for you as I consider them the best source of information for the critical movie-goer.

**Mrs. Teel Passes**

Mrs. Catherine Major Teel, wife of John R. Teel, 2-H Northway Road, died last Thursday, November 15. The Teels have one son, John Roy Teel, Jr. Mrs. Teel is also survived by her father and mother, six brothers and one sister. The funeral was held at Branchville Methodist Church last Saturday at 2 p. m., and interment was at St. John's Cemetery.

**GREENBELTERS IN UNIFORM**

Pfc. Joseph Radcliffe, 27-A Ridge Road, is home from the ETO. Pfc. Radcliffe was with an Engineers Maintenance outfit and participated in the D-Day invasion and several other big battles in the European Theater.

Leonard Webster is now in Arkansas after his furlough home. He was also in the ETO and was on duty for a while in Austria.

Pfc. Roy Ward is now on duty at the Pentagon Building with the Signal Corps, and is stationed at Ft. Myer, Va.

S/Sgt. Leo A. Brennan, who was with an engineer regiment in the ETO, participated in D-Day then went through France, Belgium, Germany and was at the Remagen Bridge, has concluded a visit with Mr. and Mrs. James L. Herbert on his return from Europe, and has received his discharge at Camp Dix.

Bill (Wimpy) Dodson arrived home last week. Mrs. Dodson was informed of his arrival by the Silver Spring paper; when she asked for detail and verification about Wimpy, Mrs. Dodson found that the paper knew more about Wimpy's battle activities, stars and citations than she did. Bill is a sergeant (waist gunner) on a B-29, and helped bomb Japan into surrender.

Pvt. Herbie Hall Jr. is enjoying his furlough from Keessler Field, Miss.; he is to report back to Goldsboro, N. C. for further duty and expects to go overseas soon.

Pvt. Tommy Caton will be home this week from a POW camp in Georgia. He will then go to Germany as an MP guard for German prisoners.

CPO Clayton Aylor, 3-F Ridge Road, has been in the Pacific for a year. He has received a citation for outstanding photography of the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Storekeeper Bill Ford is stationed outside Shanghai, and says his prospects of getting home are pretty dismal.

Yeoman Bill Klepser reports to Bainbridge for discharge after 2½ years in the Navy.

Seaman James Matheny reported at the San Diego Naval Base. Mrs. Matheny had a phone call from him but still doesn't know if he can get home for some time.

Lt. Edward Kaighn, Jr. joined his outfit, the 1st Marines, at Tientsin, China after quite a terrifying experience in the typhoon on Okinawa.

Greenbelters receiving their discharges recently include Cpl. Howard H. Boomhower of 5-L Eastway, M/Sgt. William M. Entler, Pvt. Willard S. Baines of 7 Research Road, and Lt. Arnold J. Bogan of 3-E Research Road. Lt. Bogan, a Liberator 24 pilot who served in the American theater and a present member of the Reserve Army, intends to stay in the field of aviation.

**Club Displays Rugs**

The American Home Department of the Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the season Thursday night at 8:15 on November 29, instead of the afternoon of November 22 as previously announced. Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell, chairman, has secured a speaker, Mrs. F. C. Bradford, who is a specialist in hooked rugs. Mrs. Bradford will demonstrate how to hook a rug and display some rugs from her large collection. Co-hostesses for the meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. A. N. Gawthrop, 2-G Gardenway, are Mrs. Mattie Blake, Mrs. Philip Morrell and Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell.

**Parents Requested To Collect Books**

Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, Executive Secretary of the American Federation of Churches, will speak on "Living with Others" at the Elementary School PTA meeting Monday, November 26, at the Center School. Dr. Reissig was a pastor in Rochester, N. Y. for 19 years.

Members of the High School PTA are especially invited to attend.

Parents are requested to bring the balance due on books ordered at last month's Book Fair to Monday night's meeting, when they will receive their books.

**60 POINTS AND OUT**

By SGT. BILL HARMELIN

Q. Before I entered the service, I borrowed some money from a loan company. Since I have been in the service, I have been depositing a portion of my pay in soldier's deposits. The company has been dunning me and has threatened to attach my savings in soldier's deposits. What can I do?

A. You don't have to do anything. Soldier's deposits are exempt from attachment by the courts.

Q. Does an enlisted man's service, for the purpose of calculating longevity, date from the time he was sworn in or from the time he commenced active duty?

A. From the date he was sworn in. Reserve status counts towards longevity.

Q. If a serviceman converts his term policy to one of the other three types of National Service Life Insurance and later finds that he cannot meet the increased premiums, what happens? Can he, at that time, change back to a term policy at a lower rate?

A. No, he cannot. Once a policy is changed from its original form to one of the other forms, it may not be changed back again. The only thing that may be done is to reduce the face amount of insurance that is carried, so as to cut down on the total premiums.

Q. How may a veteran who is interested in federal employment find out about job opportunities?

A. Announcements of Civil Service examinations and the proper application forms may be obtained at any first or second class Post Office or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

Q. Does a noncitizen acquire citizenship upon induction into the military or naval forces?

A. He does not. However, Congress has granted him certain exemptions from the ordinary requirements of naturalization which greatly facilitate his acquisition of citizenship.

Q. May a noncitizen member of the military or naval forces apply for naturalization while overseas?

A. Yes; and he may be actually naturalized abroad. He should apply to his Commanding Officer, who will make the necessary arrangements.

**Food Store Clerk Inspects Bakery**

Greenbelters who buy and eat Co-op bread may have the assurance that it is bread baked under ideal sanitary conditions, Rita Thomas, food store employee, declared recently.

Miss Thomas "dropped in" at the Olympia Bakery, at 58 E St., S. W. in Washington, where Co-op bread is made. From the huge vats where the bread is electrically mixed, through the large shaping machines and into the enormous ovens, "so big you can walk right into them," Miss Thomas followed the whole process of modern bread-making. Operated entirely upon one floor by five members of one family, the entire bakery is conspicuous for its complete cleanliness, for the spotless white uniforms of the bakers and the floor itself.

Miss Thomas also paid a brief visit to the Capitol laundry, where laundry work for the Greenbelt valet shop is done. She found especially interesting the huge machines where each individual part of a piece of clothing is pressed with amazing precision.

**Family Flies Globe Shooting Scenery**

A trip around the world to most of us is the height of life's ambition, but it's all in a day's work for photographer Horace Bristol, his wife, and teen-age sons, Horace, Jr., and Christopher, better known as Kit, who have lived at 6-X Plateau Place for three years. Mr. Bristol, former Lt. Commander in the Navy, will pilot his own plane (a 150-horsepower Stinson Voyager) on a self-financed tour of the globe, during which he will do both contract and free-lance photography for magazines and news syndicates. The boys will assist in the photographic work and help Mrs. Bristol hold up the literary end of this family team by writing articles to accompany the pictures. They expect to publish several books.

San Francisco, where Kit has been for two weeks (the others are leaving shortly), is the starting point. After spending some time flying and taking aerial and ground photographs here, the family will go by boat to Australia, where they expect to spend five or six months, mainly in the vicinity of Sydney. They will then fly the 400 miles to Timor and other small islands of the French East Indies. The next points on their itinerary are Malaya, French Indo-China, and Burma, and from there to India, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers to Bagdad. By way of Iraq, they will arrive in Palestine, Syria and Turkey, where they will stay for several months. From there on, plans are vague, but this trip should satisfy the wanderlust of this globe-trotting family for a while.

Travel is nothing new to the Bristols. Horace, Jr., was born in Paris and has since seen most of the United States, living in Chicago and on a California ranch before coming to Greenbelt. Both boys were outstanding students at Greenbelt High School, where Horace was a senior and Kit a sophomore. Mr. Bristol was chosen *Life* "Photographer of the Week" some months ago, and he and his family seem to have every chance and intention of remaining in the photographic limelight! Bon voyage!

**Class Changes Time**

The Prince Georges County Voters School, conducted by the League of Women Voters, will start evening sessions on December 5 at the Administration Auditorium of the University of Maryland. All interested citizens are invited to attend this class, which will concern itself with party organizations, how officials are nominated and elected, and the influence individual citizens can have in the selection of qualified candidates.

Due to the dwindling response to the salvage campaign, the town public works department will stop collections of prepared tin cans, director Harry Rhodes announced recently.

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## TO THE EDITOR Man of Year on PR

The Greenbelt Cooperator, in saluting the citizens for the year 1944, did me an honor in including me amongst those who had contributed to the community welfare. The Cooperator said, at that time, that I had the courage, in the face of considerable opposition, to point out conditions which were hostile to the best interests of the membership of the Greenbelt Consumers Services. At this time, I should like to point out another condition that is contrary to the best interests of the membership of Greenbelt Consumer Services.

The Greenbelt Improvement Association, the Ex-Committee of American Voters, has been trying to palm off their "progressiveness" on Greenbelt. Actually they thwart a progressive and liberal community, and they have, by their actions and statements, shown their contrariety. At the last membership meeting of GCS the Greenbelt Improvement Association alleged that stockholders of GCS would have to kick-in more dough if the expansion program flopped. This allegation was an attempt to frighten, and deceive the membership into voting against a sorely needed expansion. The deceit was there for we all know that in any corporation, liability is limited only to the amount of the investment. Further than that, their program was definitely against expansion and their candidates had to repudiate that platform because the membership was overwhelmingly for expansion.

Now, the Greenbelt Improvement Association is backing a by-law amendment to repeal proportional representation, and to substitute the plurality system of voting instead. Let us examine their stand that will boomerang any attempt of their to clothe reaction wrapped up as progress.

Under the plurality system of voting the candidate who receives a plurality of all votes cast is declared elected. A person is said to have a plurality when he has more votes than any other candidate. As a rule this system results in minority choice, for it is not often that an aspirant for office displays greater strength than all his opponents combined. In other words, if four people are running for one office, and they polled respectively 30 per cent, 25 per cent, 25 per cent, and 20 per cent of all the votes cast, the person getting the 30 per cent of the votes cast would be elected. And he definitely represents only a small minority. On the other hand, the Hare system of proportional representation secures the representation of every shade of public opinion in direct

## Seen Ever Since?

Tickets to "Ever Since Eve," Senior class play, are now being sold by High School students. Performances are scheduled for December 6 and 7 at the Elementary School Auditorium. The three-act comedy by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements is said to be "an enjoyable combination of teen-age escapades and spicy romance."

proportion to its numerical strength. The chief advantage of the Hare plan is that it prevents any one group, whether majority or minority, from securing control and excluding the representatives of all other groups. Every important element in the community is represented in exact proportion to its strength, and it prevents the diffusion of the independent vote.

The large majority of members of GCS want to feel that their interests are being represented by the Board of Directors of GCS and therefore they want to be represented on the Board of Directors. The only way to retain their representation is for them to overwhelmingly defeat the amendment to repeal proportional representation. The crux behind the effort to repeal P.R. is not its mechanics, it is the desire of a minority to control GCS against the best interests of the membership. Therefore vote against the amendment to repeal proportional representation.

M. H. SALZMAN,  
Sp (P) 1/c, USNR

## 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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## Aids 942 In Year

Almost a thousand children and adults have been aided in the past year by Greenbelt's social service worker, Dorothy Black.

A report by Miss Black submitted to the Town Council showed more than 2000 interviews with 240 families. Of the 942 persons aided, 481 were children.

The cases ranged from personal family problems, to ill health and financial troubles. In breaking down the cases, Miss Black said 96 had family troubles; 95, ill health; 78, problems outside the family; 25, protection of children, and 13, financial. She said 95 families affected had members in military service.

## Phones To Stay

Investigation of a statement in Monday's Washington Post that Greenbelt would have new phone exchanges proved unfounded. Francis Donley of the Berwyn Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone office stated that the new exchange, Tower, applies to Berwyn phones alone, and implies no change in service except that Berwyn residents when phoning each other will dial TO, instead of asking for the operator. Calls to Washington from Berwyn, as well as Greenbelt, will continue to be made through the local operators.

## To Study School

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## Football Sunday

High School basketball games will begin early next month, according to informed sources.

This Sunday on Braden Field the high football team will meet the Georgetown boys at 2 p. m. in what promises to be a "tough" game. Last Sunday the Laurel team was defeated 32-0 on their own field. During the scrimmage Jimmy Townsend suffered a torn muscle and rib injury.

Club has asked Mrs. Rowena Whitaker, principal of the North End School, to address the group. The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Birchard, 2-S Laurel Hill Road on Monday evening, December 3 at 8:30. The meeting is open to all interested Greenbelters. Parents of pupils and parents of future pupils are urgently requested to attend.

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# MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NEXT WED., NOVEMBER 28, 8:15 P. M.

-AUDITORIUM-

## A MEETING FILLED WITH BIG ISSUES

- Choosing an election committee
- Vote on a proposal to introduce plurality in substitution for proportional representation voting
- Christmas bonus for employees (Board proposal)
- Vote on by-law changes to clarify the provisions on shareholdings and on interest payments (Board proposal)
- Vote on a proposal to withdraw membership from the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale
- Reports and recommendations

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