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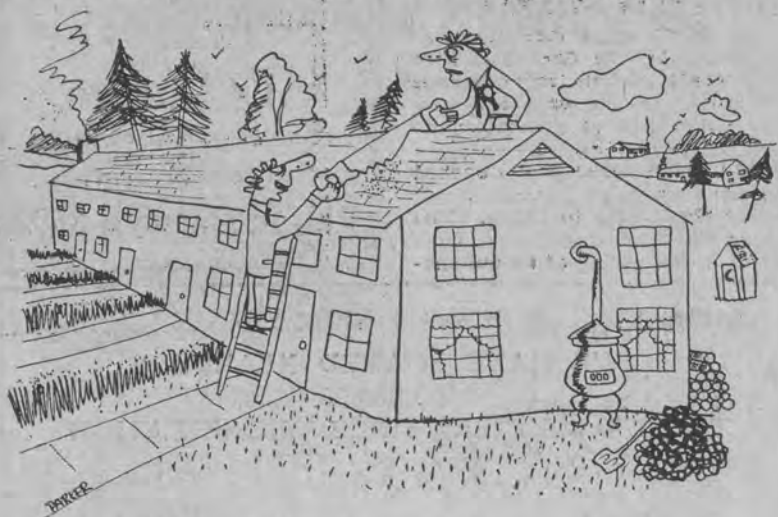
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## GCS To Begin Loop Bus Service In A Few Weeks

### Greenbelt At The Crossroads



"I told them I wanted no part of co-op housing."

### Citizens To Back Bomb Forum

Unanimously accepting an invitation by the American Veterans Committee, the Greenbelt Citizens Association at its regular meeting last Monday agreed to co-sponsor the forum on atomic energy which will be held here December 10, at 8 p. m.

Unanimity was also expressed on the matter of desks and playground equipment for the North-end School, President David T. Granahan pointing out that many children are without desks. Criticism of these conditions and the slow deliveries was voiced, and letters of protest will be sent to the Federal Works Agency and the County School Board.

When the Cooperator made inquiries several weeks ago, FWA and the School Board laid the blame for slow deliveries on manufacturers who failed to come through on their commitments.

Housing Committee chairman Tom Ritchie denied the accuracy of newspaper reports that Greenbelt would not be sold. Mr. Ritchie reported that the Town Council has taken no action on the Association's recommendation that a town-wide election be held to create an official housing committee and that present indications were that the Council will not consider this recommendation until January.

### Rec Hall Stops During Holidays

Co-Recreation night for the teen-agers will be discontinued until January 8, because of holidays and the substitution of other teenage programs on the Tuesday nights—December 11, Alumni vs. High School basketball game—December 18, High School PTA Christmas program.

The Christmas program and dance on the 18th will take the place of the monthly dance sponsored by the Drop-Inn.

### Balto. Conference Repeats In Spring

Greenbelters attending last weekend's cooperative recreation conference in Baltimore heard plans for another weekend conference in the spring, and received an invitation to attend an evening of square-dancing and games sponsored by Washington cooperators on Jan. 12. Among GCS members attending the conference were Ruth Taylor, Margaret Ashelman, Dorothy Broadbent, Merton Trast, William and Edith Nicholas, Rachel Garner, Hans and Elsa Jorgensen, Bertha and Sam Maryn, and Bob Volckhausen.

### Atomic Speakers Here On Monday

The Hon. Chet Holifield, Representative from California, Dr. Waldo E. Wiltz, professor of political science at the University of Maryland, and Arthur Compton, a specialist in the State Department, will make up the forum on "World Peace or Atomic Destruction" to be held in the Auditorium this Monday, December 10, at 8 p. m.

The Federation of Atomic Scientists, comprising more than 90% of the scientists who have worked on atomic projects, will also have a representative present. The scientists agree that atomic energy can be either a great force for peace or can mean the destruction of the world.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Greenbelt Chapter of the American Veterans Committee and the Greenbelt Citizens Association. The public is invited, and admission is free.

### Cafeterias Open At Both Schools

Under the leadership of the PTA, aided by a number of mothers, and with the cooperation of Greenbelt Consumers Services, the cafeterias at the north-end and center schools opened as scheduled this Monday.

Many more children than those anticipated as a result of last week's survey were served hot lunches. However, Mrs. Donna Romer, cafeteria chairman, encouraged the children to lunch at the cafeteria even though no reservations had been made.

In order for the center school cafeteria to function smoothly, the homemaking room which serves as a cafeteria will have to be locked. Meat and vegetables cannot be stored and towels left to dry when many groups use the room for activities every evening. This also means cleaning the room and re-setting tables and chairs daily.

Even though many difficulties had been anticipated in planning the cafeterias, it was quite a shock on Monday morning to find that 25 pounds of meat which had been placed in the refrigerator were spoiled because the refrigerator had been turned off over the weekend. This was a financial blow to the very limited cafeteria budget.

Mrs. Romer wishes to express especial thanks to Ralph E. Miller, produce manager of GCS, and to her committee chairmen Mrs. Alton Bowman and Mrs. Alfred Sansone. More volunteers are needed to serve on these committees. Anyone who can help serve or plan meals is urged to call Mrs. Bowman, GR. 4926 for the center school and Mrs. Sansone, GR. 4622, for the north-end school.

Assisting at the north-end school under the direction of Mrs. Woodrow McCaully were Mesdames W. Harrington, J. Carneal, E. Newton, P. Strickler, C. Ritter, D. Branch, H. Hertz, S. Wallace, G. Gross, and H. Richards.

At the center school Mesdames R. Bowman, A. White, H. Holmes, E. Miles, E. Turner, H. Turner, W. Blanchard, G. Smith, H. Hall, Jr., J. Trinko, J. Norwell, C. East, E. Hager, and J. Karlin worked under the direction of Mrs. Robert Richerson.

### To Collect Food

Processed and canned foods to be sent to the starving millions in Europe will be collected by the Catholic Women of Greenbelt throughout the week beginning Monday, December 10. Contributions should be taken to the apartment at 10-B Parkway between 9:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

### Board Buys Bus, Council Grants Franchise; Trial Route Laid Out

GCS will inaugurate loop bus service in Greenbelt within a few weeks, General Manager Sam Ashelman announced this week. Following a joint meeting of the GCS board and Town Council on Sunday night at which the Council agreed to grant GCS an exclusive intra-town franchise, Mr. Ashelman visited Wilmington, Delaware on Tuesday to complete purchase of a bus to serve the town. A license has also been secured from the Maryland Public Service Commission.

### Phoney Practices At GCS Meeting To Get Attention

Criticisms of procedure and charges of misconduct during last Wednesday's membership meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services resulted in the decision this week of several board members to make a thorough study of voting methods and to work out a fair and practical system to avoid repetition of irregularities observed at the meeting.

William Donahue, secretary-treasurer of the Improvement Association, who was present at the meeting, permitted his name to be offered in nomination for the Nominations and Elections committee although he was not a member of the cooperative, which resulted in over 200 ballots being cast for a candidate ineligible to accept office.

During the hand vote on proportional representation, an unidentified woman seized from the reception table voting cards surrendered by members who had left the meeting, and re-distributed them to her friends.

Prior to this, when it was the general impression that written ballots were to be used in deciding the PR issue, several persons were seen tearing the blank ballots into as many as six pieces, with the apparent intention of sextupling their vote and stuffing the ballot box. Persons whose official ballots were later observed to be intact asked at the desk for additional ballots on the plea that their originals were damaged or lost. Members of this group were especially vociferous that the paper ballot, rather than a show of hands, be used to determine the vote on the PR issue.

It has been suggested that if ballots are used in future elections they should be distributed just before the vote is taken and collected at the reception desk as members go out, when they will be requested to show their voting cards to the committee at the desk.

### Election Results

Results of elections for the nominations and elections committee have been announced by GCS secretary George Eshbaugh as follows: Anthony Madden, Cyrilla O'Connor, Carl Oliver, David Steidle and Hans Jorgensen.

### Town Will Have Ice Skating Rink

The enclosed area below the tennis court will be flooded for ice-skating for the first time this year, according to Community Manager Gobel.

Separate rinks on two different levels will provide an area approximating two courts for youngsters and what amounts to a four-court space for adults. The excavation will be shallow to allow for quick re-freezing when the surface of the ice becomes cut up. A bonfire will be provided for warmth, and there is a possibility of floodlights. It has not been decided whether or not to charge an admission fee.

A trial route will begin at the Center, follow Crescent to Ridge, go down Ridge to Research, then through to Hillside, Crescent, and back to the Center. Half-hour service will begin at an hour planned to connect commuters with the 7 a. m. Capital Transit bus, and a 5-cent fare will be charged all Greenbelters over five years old.

The 40-passenger White model bus, to be painted green and ivory, was purchased from the Sachs Motor Company for \$3500. Manufactured in March 1943, the bus was used to transport defense workers. To facilitate local servicing, Manager Ashelman plans to obtain two new mechanics who will join the staff at the local garage, and also improve the regular service to consumers.

Negotiations between GCS and the Catholic Parents Association to share a bus had fallen through previously, CPA leaders announcing that they were not in sympathy with the idea. Greenbelt's only other hope of loop service has been the inadequate plan proposed by Capital Transit, whereby only the North End would be served. If GCS decides to retain its franchise after its four months' option is up, C. T. Co. will have to confine its service to hauling passengers from the center directly out of town.

### Trailer Drawing Tomorrow Night

Theater Manager Jack Fruchtman announces that the Victory Bowl drawing will be held at 8:30 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday) night at the theater. Greenbelters have until this time to get in on the lottery.

As of December 4 Greenbelt had exceeded its \$13,000 quota by \$600. One resident has purchased \$2500 worth of Victory Bonds, thereby gaining 100 chances to win the completely furnished auto trailer offered by the theatres in this area.

### New Super-Market Is Assured Space

The GCS Expansion Committee was assured last Friday in a meeting with FPMA Regional Director Winston that ground space for the new super-market would either be leased or sold to the cooperative, and that the papers would be drawn up in such a way that there would be no difficulty in arranging long-term financing on favorable terms.

It was agreed in the discussion that if Greenbelt land values go up as a result of future building, any increment value would revert to the Government, if the lease or bill of sale is transferred from the cooperative to a private enterprise. Director Winston expressed the sentiment that it would be reasonable to allow the cooperative the benefit of any such increment as long as it remained a cooperative owned by the people in the town, who give the land its value.

FPMA also suggested the possibility of enclosing the center on three sides with the new building, with access from both parking lots, rather than expanding into one of the existing parking lots.



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## To the Editor:

### More On Sitters

A group of housewives are very much interested in the letter proposing a Sitters League as printed in last week's Cooperator. We, like A. C. Williams, feel that an organization for this purpose is vitally necessary to those of us who have small children, and this includes the majority of the citizens of Greenbelt.

Many of the high school girls who sit with children evenings are very capable and responsible, but there are others who are not, and it is impossible to distinguish between them until they have been employed several times. We have had and heard of more than one unfortunate experience when parents would come home early to find their children crying upstairs and the sitter and her friends making merry in the living room. That the parents of the sitter do not know what is going on is very possible, but that does not help the situation. If a sitter wishes to have a few girls in for bridge or a hen party with her parents' consent, I don't find it objectionable, but mixed parties, drinking, and jitterbugging are just too much to take from a girl who is, after all, being paid for her services.

We were especially interested in seeing the Cooperator's note on employing boys as sitters. This is new to us, but we believe a high school boy, or even a grammar school Boy Scout, would be trustworthy and entirely capable. Since the actual duties of an evening sitter are very light, we are not looking for practical nurses. We must find some responsible young people who can be trusted with our most priceless possessions, our children.

We hope that the Cooperator will do all it can to further the opening of a Sitter League. We would also be interested to see letters from other parents who are pro or con the organization.

—Housewife and mother

### Christmas Holiday

School will be dismissed at 1 p. m. December 21 and will be resumed January 3 at 9 a. m.

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR TOWN OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1946 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	Budget 1946	Recommended 1946
General Government	\$19,851.00	\$19,195.33
Public Safety	\$22,376.00	23,113.93
Public Works:		
General Supervision	6,600.00	6,820.00
Streets and Parking Areas	17,802.00	20,453.00
Park and Playgrounds	5,114.00	8,157.20
Street and Park Lighting	3,393.00	2,975.30
Repair Shop	4,667.00	5,021.00
Cemetery	150.00	
Sanitation		
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	3,172.00	5,692.00
Waste Collection and Disposal	14,207.00	22,932.08
Total Public Works and Sanitation	55,105.00	72,054.78
Public Health	4,718.00	4,734.00
Education:		
Library	7,464.00	7,840.00
Adult and Kindergarten	12,873.00	9,565.00
Social Service		3,600.00
Total Education	20,337.00	21,005.00
Recreation:		
Regular Program	7,860.00	8,795.00
Summer Program	11,055.00	2,854.20
Swimming Pool		7,576.15
Total Recreation	18,915.00	19,225.35
Total—All Departments		159,328.39
ESTIMATED INCOME		
Source—Other than Taxes		
Surplus	10,000.00	
Recreation Receipts	12,000.00	
Fines from Police Courts	500.00	
School Bus Fares	1,500.00	
From County for Roads	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	26,500.00
Personal Property Tax		3,600.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes		129,228.39
Total		159,328.39

A public hearing on this proposed budget will be held at 8 p. m. on December 10, 1945, in the Administration Building.

## Community Church

The second Sunday in Advent will be observed at the Community Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston will preach on "The Over-Crowded Life," taking his text from the over-crowded inn at Bethlehem. The music will be furnished by a choir under the direction of Thomas B. Ritchie, with Mrs. Hester Neff at the organ. Mrs. Wilmer P. Johnston will be in the vestibule at 10:45 o'clock to receive the children of the parents who desire to worship in the main auditorium. Fred DeJager will act as head usher.

The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a. m. under the direction of Frederick D. Birchard and his assistants. There are four adult Bible classes, as well as classes for all ages from the tiniest tots to high school boys and girls.

The Board of Deacons will meet Sunday night at 8 o'clock in the Pastor's study to discuss the question of entering the visiting evangelistic campaign carried on by the Federation of Churches from March 7 to 10.

All Protestant people in the community are invited to attend the services. The Community Church represents your church in Greenbelt if your church is a member of the Washington Federation of Churches.

## Lutheran Church

The Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow has chosen for his sermon this Sunday, December 9, "Beyond the Disconcerting Facts," taken from I Tim. 2:19. The services are conducted in the Home Economics Room of the Elementary School, beginning at 12:30 p. m.

The Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begin promptly at 11:30 a. m. Everyone is urged to be on time since rehearsal for the Christmas program will be continued.

This evening at 8 p. m. in Room 221 of the elementary school, Rev. Pieplow will hold his regular weekly discussions teaching the fundamental Doctrines of the Bible. A cordial welcome to all.

Tomorrow, Saturday, December 8, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Christian literature, pictures, and games will be on display in the drug store, in charge of Miss Olinda Roettger.

## 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.

## Methodists Meet Sunday Evening

The Methodists will hold their Sunday evening service December 9, at 7:45 p. m. in the Home Economics Room of the Community Building. This service will be conducted by G. Hirsch and a group from the Maryland Tract Society. The mid-week prayer service will be held Thursday, December 13, at 8 p. m. at the home of David M. Carney, 40-D Crescent Road. The Adult Bible Class will meet Sunday morning at 11 a. m. at 16-K Ridge Road.

### Notice

Mrs. Frances Stouffer, public health nurse, has announced that the public health clinic will be closed December 25 and January 1.

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## Co-op Nursery Has Full Parent Quota

Dr. Wayne Dennis, author of "The Hopi Child," spoke on the subject of the pre-school child at the recent meeting of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School's Parents Board.

Mrs. Donna Romer, president of the Board, reported that the school's membership has reached its quota of parent-members who were unable to assist regularly in the school's cooperative operation. No new members who are unable to participate can be accepted.

There will be a meeting of all mother-assistants of the three-year-old group next Monday at 8:15 p. m. in the school room.

## 2 Runs, 2 Errors In Week's Fires

Two recent minor fires were extinguished by the Greenbelt Fire Department before any damage was done. In one case, a housewife put a pan of grease in the oven to soften, and then forgot about it. When she finally opened the oven door, an inrush of air caused the grease to ignite. The second fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring of an automo-

bile parked in front of the Laurel Hill food store.

Two more false fire alarms were turned in last week. Parents are urged to curb the repetition of this impractical joke, which entails the needless use of fire vehicles and equipment, and wastes the time of members of the fire department who are needed elsewhere.

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**Greenbelt Women Triumph, 30-26**

Greenbelt's women's basketball team came home last Monday night with a 30 to 26 victory over the Northwestern Recreation Club. The women, entered in the Heurich's Basketball league for the Metropolitan area, accepted the challenge of the Northwesterners for a practice game and got the game as well as the practice.

Ora Donoghue teamed up with Betty Dickson, her high school team-mate, and Ibbey Butler, former Hyattsville High School and Maryland University star, made a trio worth watching. Greenbelt started the scoring with three baskets for Donoghue and two for Butler giving the local girls a two point lead in the first quarter. The NEC girls tied it up in the second and until the last few minutes of the half held the score 10 to 10. Butler shot in a long one to break the tie and Eileen Mudd followed with a lay-up to get a four point lead just as the whistle for half time blew. Doris Asher, Jane Linhardt and Jane Jones alternating with Bobby De Vecchia and Dolores Davidson put up a beautiful defense, keeping the four point lead for the Greenbelters until the end of the game.

The Greenbelt Women play their first league game next Monday in Takoma Park.

Greenbelt	G	F	T
Donoghue, f	6	0	12
Dickson, f	3	0	6
Butler, f	6	0	12
Mudd, f	1	0	2
Allen, f	1	0	2
Scott, f	1	0	2
Asher, g	0	0	0
De Vecchia, g	0	0	0
Linhardt, g	0	0	0
Jones, g	0	0	0
Davidson, g	0	0	0
Northwestern	G	F	T
Jost, f	2	0	4
Marston, f	2	0	4
Wiles, f	1	0	2
Woods, f	4	0	8
Williams, f	2	0	4
Gibson, f	2	0	4
Kephaut, f	0	0	0
Volst, g	0	0	0
Lundquist, g	0	0	0
Fleishman, g	0	0	0
Hurst, g	0	0	0
Yolist, g	0	0	0

**Library Has Jap Surrender Papers**

Photostats in Japanese and English of the original Japanese surrender documents are now on display under glass in the Greenbelt public library, located in the Center school. According to Mrs. Reba Harris, librarian, the exhibit was made available by Frank Cerwin of 36-L Ridge Road, and will be on view only a short while longer.

**Gun Club Loses State Rifle Meet**

The Greenbelt Gun Club lost its last rifle match in the State league by a narrow 7-point margin. A team from the 933rd Company, Maryland Minute Men, piled up 1255 points against 1248 scored by the home town squad.

Dick Bates took top honors for the Greenbelt marksmen with a 264 out of a possible 300, trimming his dad, Harry Bates by a single point. Both father and son turned in perfect scores for the prone position. Dick was on top for the kneeling position with 91, and C. W. Gardner scored highest in the offhand shooting with a 79. Gardner's match total was 241, giving him a third place tie in the team averages. Sharing the place with the same total was Bill Baird. Fifth position went to Ben Rosenzweig with 239.

Others who shot the course in the well-lighted indoor range at the University of Maryland were Don Cooper, Sam Wallace, N. Granims, and Howard F. Zabriskie.

For the sharpshooting opponents Neal was high man with 273 points.

The Greenbelt Club will fire against the Erco team tonight in a 7:30 match which is also part of the Maryland Rifle League schedule.

**Last Packer Game**

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### Ball League Opens

On Thursday night, December 13, the men's basketball league will begin. It is hoped that a six-team league will be functioning before the Christmas holidays set in. Men interested in basketball are still welcome and are encouraged to come to the gym next Thursday for a work-out.

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### Band Has Party; Plays At Big Game

The annual Band party will be held tonight at 8 p. m. Members of the council will be guests, and Joe Kozik, professor of History, English, and Physical Training at Gonzaga High will be one of the principal speakers.

At the invitation of the Touch-down Club of Washington, the Greenbelt Community Band represented Father Flanagan's famous Boys Town Team in the traditional Gonzaga vs Boys Town game held last Friday night in Maryland University's Byrd Stadium. Bright red and green uniforms inter-mixed as the Band merged with the Police Boys Band of Washington in an attempt to divert the minds of the spectators from the bitter cold weather.

Although Boys Town was defeated for the first time this year by a spirited Gonzaga team to the tune of 9-0, this event will take a prominent place in the Band's scrapbook. 7,000 fans turned out to see the game.

The following members of the committee which set up the original Band attended: Mrs. Rose Alpher, Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, and Mrs. Winfield McCamy. Mrs. Catherine Reed, former principal of the Greenbelt Elementary School and members of the Town Council were there also. Paul Garrett, original director and brother of the present leader, and Emerson Meyer, another ex-director, both recently discharged from the service, also attended. The Band received a letter of regret from former Town Manager Roy Braden.

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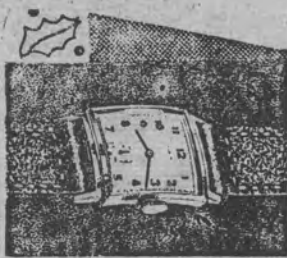
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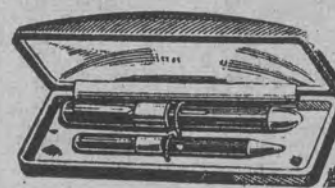
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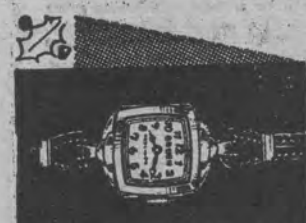
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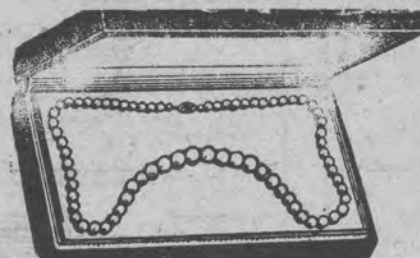
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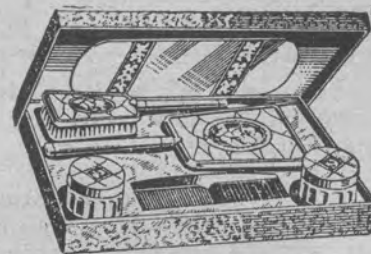


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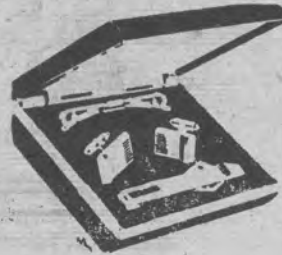
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