



## Gobbel Explains Heat Headaches

In an official statement issued this week the Town Administration states that the Heating Department has been working under tremendous pressure during the past two months in trying to supply heat and hot water for the 7500 residents of Greenbelt. There have been unavoidable delays in receiving fuel, due to transportation difficulties, and the already undermanned heating force has been further depleted by illness and injuries. During and immediately after the holidays a number of the 187 oil burners which supply heat for the original homes and apartments were out of operation for lack of oil. As the oil tanks became empty, the pumps sucked in sediment from the bottoms of the oil storage tanks and this caused mechanical difficulties with the oil burners themselves. During the past two weeks, however, the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department which supplies oil for Greenbelt was able to make a few extra deliveries of oil and this situation has been somewhat relieved. Fuel oil is still difficult to secure, and since Greenbelt uses over 1,000,000 gallons during the heating season, the community will probably be faced with a fuel problem during the remainder of the winter.

### LACK OF LABOR

The problem of supplying heat for the 1000 war houses has been due primarily to lack of labor, Manager Gobbel explains, although there has been some shortage of fuel. These 1000 homes are heated by 25 widely-scattered coal-burning boiler rooms, of which four so-called "large boiler rooms" are located in the north end of town and supply heat and hot water for 704 homes, while twenty-one "small boiler rooms" are located along the east side of Ridge Road between Northway and Westway and supply heat and hot water for 296 homes. A minimum of eight firemen and one foreman are needed on each shift, three shifts per day, to operate these boiler rooms. In spite of continuous and repeated efforts, it has been impossible to secure additional firemen so that the required minimum working force can be assigned to each shift. Illness and injuries have depleted the already undermanned staff, and in the sixty work shifts from January 1 through January 20 there were only five shifts when there were eight or more firemen on duty. There were two shifts when there were only two firemen, three shifts when there were three firemen, six shifts when there were four firemen, twenty-two shifts when there were five firemen, fourteen shifts when there were six firemen, and eight shifts when there were seven firemen. When the shifts are short each man who is on duty must do the work of two and sometimes three men.

### ORIFICES

Many complaints have been received about the heat control instruments and orifices that have recently been installed in the war houses, and many residents apparently feel that they are the cause of the heating difficulties. These changes, Gobbel states, were initiated and designed by the Washington office of the Federal Public Housing Authority in order to give a more even distribution of heat to all homes and assure a more efficient operation of the heating systems. These installations were supposed to have been completed before the heating season began last fall, but delays in obtaining many essential parts have created considerable difficulties and much work remains to be done before they will be in perfect working condition.

### LEAVE 'EM ALONE

It has been reported by the contractor who is responsible for this work that he has come across numerous instances where residents

## Red Cross Honors War Volunteers

Red Cross volunteers in Prince Georges County who served during the war are to be honored at a tea to be given by the County Chapter, Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. in the County Service Building at Hyattsville.

Isaac Brooks, field director of the Washington District Office, will give a brief talk, and the chapter chairman, John R. Fletcher, will present certificates of appreciation to all volunteers who have served 200 hours or more. A social hour will follow.

have removed the newly installed orifices from the radiators in their homes in the belief that this would increase the amount of steam in the radiators. The removal of any of the orifices results in the unbalancing of the entire system, and further complicates the problem of supplying adequate heat for all homes served by the same boiler room. If any tenant has removed any orifices from the radiators in his home, he should immediately report this fact to the maintenance officer so that the contractor may be advised of the location and take necessary corrective action.

### HEAT ALONG RIDGE

A further survey on the heating situation by the Cooperator shows that many courts along Ridge Road, and particularly in the vicinity of the 16 block, have been without heat at intervals for the past two months. When the residents do get heat, it is reported to be terrific in quantity, but it ceases completely and suddenly, and families have risen on many a morning to find the homes stone cold. Several children, as a result, have had continual colds. One resident stated that after phoning Engineer Rowley, the situation improved, but is still far from comfortable.

## Mary Jean McCarl Weds Robert Bonham

Two of Greenbelt's oldest families were united Saturday when Mary Jean McCarl, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James McCarl, and Lt. (j. g.) Robert Thomas Bonham, USNR, son of Mrs. Robert T. Bonham and the late Mr. Bonham, were married at the Church of the Reformation in Washington. Both the church and the Admiral Club where the ensuing reception was held were thronged with guests from Greenbelt.

The bride's white satin gown and Juliet cap which held her veil were trimmed with seed pearls. She carried white roses and sweet peas, with an orchid center.

Mrs. McCarl, the bride's mother, wore a green ensemble while Mrs. Bonham wore rose.

The bridesmaids included Gamma Phi Beta Sorority sisters, Miss Virginia Lee Bonham of Greenbelt and Miss Phyllis L. McCarl, a cousin of the bride. James Merton England, chief warrant officer, AUS, was best man. Ushers included James and Clayton McCarl, brothers of the bride and William Townsend, of Greenbelt.

Miss Janet Neff of Greenbelt sang two solos, "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

## Two New Teachers At Center School

Mrs. Kathleen Dempsey has taken Mrs. Virginia Schoenberger's place as teacher of the upper primary group at the center school. Mrs. Schoenberger, who is on leave of absence, has taught at the center school for the past four years.

Mrs. Nell Amatt has filled the vacancy created when Mrs. Jenny Butler left to teach at the Beltsville school. Ms. Amatt was formerly principal of the school at Calvert Homes.

Mrs. Fairchild substituted in the first grade last week during the illness of Mrs. Hawkins.

## Ashelman Defends Movie Price Hike

About 20 persons braved the Wednesday evening downpour to listen to the arguments for and against the five cent hike recently recommended by theater manager Fruchtmann. The matter will again come up at the quarterly membership meeting on February 27.

Mr. Fruchtmann defended the nickel boost on the grounds that operating expenses and the theater's competitive position demand it. He emphasized that three new theatres will soon be operating in this area and that a substantial amount of patronage may be lost by the Greenbelt theater unless booking of current pictures can be speeded up. Since the film distributors provide the "better" or more popular pictures to the higher-priced theaters first, the Hyattsville theater, with its 50c evening admission charge, rates priority over Greenbelt. The higher priced theatres are favored because the distributor realizes about 40% of the gross ticket take on the better pictures. The Hyattsville Theater's arrangement with the distributor also stipulates a 14 day "break" during which no other theater in the neighborhood may run, or even advertise, these productions. A higher admission price here, Fruchtmann stated, might make it possible to reduce or even to eliminate this 14 day lag. Another result from such a change would be that fewer movies would be shown here, but that the average quality would be much higher. The increase will not go into effect, he stated, until the firm companies promise earlier release dates for Greenbelt.

General Manager Ashelman defended the proposal as "sound business," declaring that a three-cent increase is needed in any case to maintain the theater equipment in accordance with the terms of the GCS lease with FPHA. Substantial expense is anticipated in repairing seats, overhauling projection lenses, replacing rugs, and other necessary maintenance. In the past no reserves were set aside for this purpose, Ashelman stated, and the money must now come either out of the present net returns or be met by slightly increased rates. It was explained that the showing of better pictures sooner was important in view of the bulk of outside patronage, which is indicated by the mailing list of 1600 out-of-town customers to whom the bi-weekly bulletins are sent. The increase in admission prices would not alter the manager's salary.

Board member Carnie Harper expressed some doubt as to whether obtaining more up-to-date films was worth the increased price. Director Eshbaugh thought the proposed hike would adversely affect the regular and frequent movie-goers here, who, in his opinion, provide a major part of the theater's income.

## Name An Orchestra And Win A Prize

A new and un-named orchestra will make its bow to the community at the first post-war Young Peoples' Dance to be held in the Auditorium on February 16. Mrs. Rolfe Sauls, sponsor of the dance, announces that a \$2 award will be made on this night to the Greenbelt submitting the most appropriate name. Entries should be mailed to her at 28-A Ridge Road before February 14.

Money raised through the sale of tickets at 25c, from a collection taken at the dance, and from the sale of refreshments will go for music and stands for the youth orchestra, whose members are Pat Loftus at the piano; Jack Waldo and Bill Sauls, trumpets; Sam Downs and Bill Charles, saxophones; Pete Hazell, trombone; Eddie Halley, drums.

## Citizens Organize Action Committee

The Citizen's Association voted at its regular monthly meeting last Monday night to organize a committee to study the current problems of Greenbelt and to consult with Community Manager Gobbel. Heating of the homes, painting of interiors and exteriors, landscaping around defense homes, and the need for a larger playground and playground equipment at the Northend School were among the subjects discussed. It was decided to have the committee report on its findings at the next Association meeting, to be held the week of February 17.

It was the hope of the members present at the meeting that through an organized citizenry much could be accomplished in improving many local problems. Persons wishing to assist in the work of this committee are invited to contact David Granahan, president of the Association, at 10-J Plateau Place, phone 4803.

## Dads, Sons Dine, Hear Major Siple

Major Paul A. Siple will speak at the annual Father and Son Banquet of Cub Pack 202, Scout Troop 202, and Senior Outfit 202, to be held Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p. m. in the Elementary School Auditorium. Major Siple was the Boy Scout chosen to accompany Admiral Byrd on his first Antarctic Expedition.

James T. Gobbel will act as Master of Ceremonies. The program includes a community sing, skits by Cubs, Scouts, and Senior Scouts, and remarks from the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, and Senior Scout Outfit Advisor. "The Three Aces" will furnish music during the banquet.

Mrs. Daniel J. Neff and her committee of mothers have planned a roast turkey dinner.

Guests should advise the executive committee before Monday, February 11, if they wish to attend the banquet.

## Valentine Dance Tomorrow Night

The Valentine dance to be sponsored by the Woman's Club will be held in the Elementary School Auditorium tomorrow night. Dancing will be from 9 to 1 with music by Walter Hubbell. Tickets are available from any member and will be sold at the door for \$1.00 per person, tax included. Refreshments will be sold in the home economics room throughout the evening. Formal or informal dress may be worn as desired. Something special in Valentine decorations has been promised by the decorating committee.

The Woman's Club will celebrate its sixth anniversary party with a meeting at the home of Mrs. James Gobbel, 1-F Gardenway, at 2 p. m. on February 14. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, Mrs. Henry Brautigam and Mrs. W. Corwin Ewing. Guests will be Mrs. Melvin G. Pierpont, vice president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. David W. Zimmerman, treasurer of Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and Mrs. L. Warrington Carr, editor-in-chief of the Maryland Club Woman.

## Of Mice And Men

Resident of Ridge Road state that trash pick-ups have been every ten days, instead of semi-weekly, on three recent occasions, and that aside from the slovenly look of the courts there have been mice rummaging around the premises.

## Stay-Home Moms To Get Child Care

By combining the former Jeep Canteen and Child Care Center, set up and operated here for the past three years by the Lanham Act funds, the 5-woman board of managers of the newly-formed "Child Care Cooperative" hopes to carry on at 12 and 14 Parkway Road when the federal funds cease the last of the month. By accepting children of non-working mothers on a full or part-time basis, the board expects to make up for the drop in enrollment of school-age children that is expected to occur when the Lanham-operated regime is over. Last summer saw a 50% increase in the number of school-age children registered, however, and it is felt that many mothers will again want responsible care for children of this age group when the school day is not taking up most of their time.

All persons wishing to register children in the new school, which will operate on a non-profit basis as before, are asked to obtain information from Miss Cameron or Miss Nyla at the Child Care Center about hours and rates, which vary according to the type of care desired. February 15 is the registration deadline, and fees are payable two weeks in advance. For further information Mrs. Frederick McCarthy, 6-J Ridge Road, may be contacted.

The school will continue to be federally subsidized in part, as the Federal Public Housing Authority will continue to maintain the quarters rent-free, with no charge for the utilities used.

## Parents Air Views At PTA Tuesday

The High School PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 8 p. m. Following the business meeting there will be a "Parents' Point of View" session. Mrs. Louis P. Dittman, representing the mothers' point of view, will speak on "The Importance of Family Counsel in Solving the Problems of the Adolescent Which Differ from Those of a Previous Generation." Dr. James W. McCarl, representing the fathers' point of view, will speak on "Use of the Family Car. Spending Money, and Staying Out Late at Night." A general discussion period will follow.

## Child Strikes Bus

Quick thinking and lightning action on the part of a GCS bus driver saved little Susan Singer, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Singer, 14-C Ridge Road, from fatal injuries last Friday afternoon, when the three-year-old girl eluded her sister's grasp and ran into the side of the bus. Mary Singer, 9, had called for Susan at the Child Care Center, and alighting from the Co-op bus at Ridge and Crescent Roads, took her little sister by the hand and started for home, but the baby wrenched her hand away and ran back towards the bus, which had just started up. Bus driver Milo Yoder, feeling the impact of the child's body and hearing Mary's scream, stopped "on a dime," as one eyewitness put it, and dashed out to pick Susan up and carry her to a nearby house, where a doctor was summoned. The child was taken to Leland Memorial Hospital for treatment of facial cuts, bruises and shock, and is now recuperating rapidly.

Bus patrons and the Singer family exonerated Mr. Yoder of all blame. The passengers said the tiny child darted so quickly that she couldn't be seen from the driver's window, while Miss Dorothy Singer, one of Susan's three sisters, said, "The bus driver feels as bad as we do about it, but it was not his fault. In fact, we think that if he hadn't stopped the bus so quickly, Susan might have been killed, or seriously injured."

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## Hedging Again

Following last Friday's mishap, GCS General Manager Ashelman issued a statement urging that parents do all in their power to keep their children off the streets, remarking that the bus drivers have often had difficulty because of youngsters crowding into the streets to play.

It was a quirk of fate that the accident last week did not involve a child from the defense section, especially the Research Road area, where all the sidewalks lead into the road. Mothers of small children living here must be getting prematurely grey, because there are no boundaries, natural or otherwise, to help keep their offspring within bounds. This brings us around to the galling question of why no hedges for the defense homes, Manager Gobbel stated long ago at a Citizens Association meeting that hedges might be planted by last fall, but that if defense householders persisted in sporadic fence-building he could promise there'd be no hedges planted. To the best of our knowledge, all the outlaw fences were pulled down, amid great resentment from parents who didn't like to see their children running wild. Their yards are still hedgeless, while Head Gardener MacGregor says he doesn't know anything about the budget for planting of the defense section. "It needs someone in authority to take a personal interest", Mac stated recently.

It is our hope that the newly-formed Citizens Association committee will make it their business to see that someone in authority does make this (and many other items) a personal concern.

## TO THE EDITOR

(The letter concerning eggs received this week cannot be used until the writer identifies himself. Anonymous letters are not printed, but names will be withheld upon the writer's request.)

### Unclean, Unclean!

To the Editor:

1. Why can't we have fresh luncheon meats at the North End Store? It seems that nothing but leftovers are brought up from the Main Store which apparently cannot be sold due to selection of variety. Is it assumed, that because we North Enders have no choice we will buy these leftovers? Without exaggeration, I have frequently seen luncheon meats in the show case which were not fit for human consumption. That again is probably due to the fact that we'd prefer to go to the center rather than buy this stale meat. How about some consideration for us North Enders?

2. There are a few magazines in the Cigar Store which should not be on the racks. If there are such people that buy these magazines, then for heaven's sake get them off the lower racks where the children can't gawk at them, nor procure them for that matter. Greenbelt represents a clean, healthy town, let's keep it that way.

—MICHAEL BURCHICK

### AVC Lauds Bradley

The Executive Committee of the Greenbelt Chapter of the American Veterans Committee sent Gen. Omar N. Bradley, head of the Veterans Administration, the following telegram last Monday, February 4:

"We veterans of World War II applaud the remarkable progress and the heroic effort made by you to overcome the neglect of the VA in the past. The American Legion has assailed you because of your independent, energetic and far-sighted new management of the VA in behalf of the veteran."

The Executive Committee of the

local AVC chapter, upon sending the above telegram, issued the following statement: "There are, of course, serious deficiencies in the service that the Veterans' Administration is rendering. General Bradley himself has repeatedly emphasized the fact that the VA was inadequately organized and unprepared to handle the colossal problem that has been dumped into its lap."

The statement then pointed out that, "It was clearly evident during the war that the VA would have to undergo a thorough overhauling to prepare it for its gigantic postwar task. The Legion might have rendered constructive service by pressing for such modernization. But, being in the saddle, they were content to follow along in the old groove. Now, when an energetic new management in VA is struggling to overcome the neglect of the past, the Legion rashly assails General Bradley for not performing miracles in six months. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that the American Legion is being used for support of interests other than those of the veterans."

—M. H. SALZMAN, Secretary  
American Veterans Committee  
Greenbelt Chapter

### Maynard Watson North-End Manager

Maynard (Mike) Watson was employed last Monday as manager of the Northend food store succeeding George Bradley who recently resigned. Mike comes to Greenbelt fresh from three years with the ground crew of the 9th Air Force in Germany, Belgium, England and France. He got his basic training in the Rochdale Institute, cooperative training school for store employees. Following that he managed a Cooperative Food Store in Wilmington, Delaware; was assistant manager of the 14th Street Rochdale Cooperative Food Store in Washington, D. C. From this job he entered the Armed Services. Mike was born in Washington State and took his college work at the University of Wisconsin.

## Community Church

At the Community Church Sunday morning the guest speaker will be Dr. Robert L. Whittenburg. Music will be furnished by a choir under the direction of Thomas B. Ritchie, accompanied by Mrs. Hester Neff at the organ. An attendant will be in the vestibule to receive the children whose parents desire to leave them while they worship in the main auditorium.

The Church School meets at 9:30 Sunday morning. The Men's Bible Class will be taught Sunday morning by James T. Gobbel, community manager. All men of the community are invited to attend this class which is preparing for an attendance contest.

The meeting of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses will be held at the Pastor's study, 8-B Parkway, Sunday at 8 p. m.

All Protestant people in Greenbelt are cordially invited to attend the Community Church since it is the official representative in Greenbelt of your church if your church belongs to the Washington Federation of Churches.

## Catholic Church

A new schedule of Sunday Masses at Berwyn, effective February 3, has been announced by the Rev. Leo J. Fealy, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, in order to take care of the overcrowding of Sunday Masses, particularly the late ones, by both Berwyn and Greenbelt residents.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt theater; 7 a. m., 9 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 11:45 at Berwyn.

Confessions: Saturday from 7:30 to 9 p. m. at 10-B Parkway in Greenbelt; Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

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

Religious instruction for children is held every Tuesday at 3:30 p. m., 10-B Parkway.

### B'nai B'rith Tea

A B'nai B'rith Valentine Membership Tea will be held on Tuesday, February 12, at 8:30 p. m. in the social room at the elementary school. Members may bring a guest and all residents interested in the B'nai B'rith program are welcome.

A festive evening has been planned and refreshments will be served. The Chapter president, Mrs. Minerva Krasnor, will address the group.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Lillian Schurr, Mrs. Ida Mandell, Mrs. Helen Chasanow, Mrs. Pauline Trattler, Mrs. Nettie Steinman, and Mrs. Ann Mittel-dorf.

### Louise Ritter Wed

Miss Louise Susan Ritter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritter, 6-P Hillside Road, and James D'Amico, son of Mr. J. D'Amico and the late Mrs. D'Amico, were married Saturday, February 2 in St. Agatha's Church, Canastota, New York. The bride wore a gown of white lace with a veil of illusion held in place with white roses. Her attendant, Miss Sanna D'Amico, sister of the groom, wore a gown of pink and carried yellow roses. The young couple will make their home in Canastota. The bride has lived in Greenbelt for many years, attending grade and high school here. Mr. D'Amico is a veteran of this war. Mrs. Ritter attended the wedding service and spent the weekend in Canastota.

### Helen Kaighn Weds

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaighn of 13-V Ridge Road announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Margaret Kaighn, to George Eaton Pitts of Framingham, Mass. The ceremony will be performed at the First Congregational Church of Washington 10th and G Sts., N. W., on Saturday, February 16 at 4 p. m.

All Greenbelt friends and acquaintances are cordially invited to attend.

### Marriage Class

The subject of the next meeting of the Institute of Successful Marriage will be "Post-War Family Adjustments." Miss Amy Green, social worker at Johns Hopkins Hospital, is the speaker. The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the Administration Building of the University of Maryland.

## Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church services begin at 12:30 p. m. Sunday in the home economics room of the Center Elementary school with Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow officiating. The theme for this Sunday's sermon is "Building for the Eye of God" taken from Matt. 7:24-29.

Sunday school and Adult Bible class begin promptly at 11:45 a. m. Five classes from beginners to seniors are taught. The Confirmation class meets with the pastor on Saturday at 4 p. m. at 35-L Ridge Road.

Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday evening at 8:30 at 10-G Plateau Place.

## Hebrew Congregation

Services will be held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mitteldorf, 14-X Ridge Road, at the usual time.

## Methodists Meet Sunday Evening

Preaching service will be held Sunday, February 10, at 7:45 p. m. in the home economics room of the Community Building. Rev. Craig will be the speaker of the evening. Mid-week prayer service will be held Thursday, February 14, at 8 p. m. at the Tavenner home, 19-R Ridge Road.

The Adult Bible Class will meet Sunday morning at 11 a. m. at 16-K Ridge Road, with K. D. Watson teaching the class.

## CIRCUS COMING

Martinez' Society Animal Circus will entertain at the north-end and center schools February 20, Mrs. Clifford Woodward, chairman of the elementary school PTA and of the ways and means committee nounces.

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The Navy Wives meet every Tuesday night at 8 p. m. in the Elementary School and all wives of men in the Navy are welcome.

## New Women Teams Play First Games

The newly-formed basketball teams challenged each other for the first time on gym night February 6, when Katie Brady's team played against Jane Linhardt's team and Ray Berkofsky's team against Gracie Allen's team.

Although the teams have been chosen, any of the four Captains would welcome more players. If interested in joining a team come to the next session of gym night or call Gr. 6966 and leave your name.

The teams entered in the League to date are Captain Brady with Holloway, Des Marets, Davidson, Jones, Greiner, O'Connell; Captain Linhardt's with Dickson, Fitzmaurice, Fish, DeVecchia, White, Chavrid, Gussio; Captain Berkofsky with Scott, Purnell, Ward, Brown, Brittingham, Gardner, Kirschbaum; Captain Allen with Armstrong, Asher, Donoghue, Benson, Kindler, Drozdorff, Geiermann.

The ladder type table tennis tournament is still in progress and will continue till the end of March. A new rule has been added: If anyone in the tournament is absent and is challenged, that game will be counted as a forfeit and the name will move down the ladder. At present Lucille Luchine, Jane Linhardt, Mildred Resnick and Rosalind Kaye hold the first four places respectively.

## PLAY BALL

By LES SANDERS

While stopping in at the Athletic Club the other evening I overheard something that I believe to be one of the first moves towards the return of varied athletic competition throughout the town. Not so many years ago you could get together a tournament for any type of sport out here at the drop of the hat, but as the war years took away the greater portion of the younger men and tied the remainder down close to their jobs these things have disappeared. Therefore, when the Executive Board of the Athletic Club passed a motion to sponsor a Ping-Pong tournament and offer appropriate prizes, it looks as though the ice has been broken for the return of pre-war sports.

Along the same lines of thinking it has been suggested that another golf tournament be organized for this spring season, similar to the ones held in former years. If any of the golf-loving readers are interested in such a tournament, please send your name to the writer of this column at 11-C Ridge Road. Preliminary inquiries have disclosed that arrangements can probably be made with a nearby club and each entry will, of course, have to pay a fee which would cover their greens charge. Get enough people interested and you will have a golf tournament sponsored by some local organization with some fine prizes.

## Garden Clubbers Meet Next Tuesday

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the new season on Tuesday, February 12, at 8:00 p. m. in Room 221 of the Elementary School. All Greenbelters who are interested in growing a better garden this year are invited to attend. The benefits of group buying are offered to members of the club.

## High Cagers Win Twice From Mounts

Our high school basketball teams hit their stride last week by taking over the Mt. Rainier High teams on both Tuesday and Friday nights. Tuesday's games at Mt. Rainier were close and exciting throughout with our girls winning by a 20-8 score and the boys by 46-41. On Friday at Ritchie Coliseum before a large crowd of local rooters, the same teams engaged again, with the Grizzlies outclassing their opponents by a 17-7 score while the Grizzlies came out on top by the close margin of 20-19.

Tonight is the local game of the year as our teams take on Hyattsville in a return encounter on the local court. This should be a thrilling contest as Hyattsville has not been defeated in league play.

The GCS bus is now on a 20-minute schedule after 4 p. m., Monday through Friday. The half-hour service, as before, will be resumed at 8:30 p. m.

## Women's Bowling

Upsets aplenty by the lower-place teams were the order of the evening on last Thursday, January 31. The league-leading Robots bit the dust in a clean sweep of all three games by the Pioneers, featuring Dennard of the losers with a 108 game and Greene of the winners with a 109 game. Another clean sweep was made by the Anchors as they took three from the Bombers with Timmons rolling a 302 set for the winners.

All other matches were divided two and one with the Triflers having Ourand tossing a 110 game to take the Atomics over, even though Benjamin shot a 110 game for the losers; the Commandos dropped the odd game to the Widgets; the Rioteers stopped the fast-moving Zombies; the Deuces came out with two from the No-Names as Bradley chalked up a 115 game; the Co-op came to life in taking over the G. I.'s, while Macchio had a 105 game for the winners and Holmes shot a 110 game for the losers; the Allies were on the move with fine games by Lastner of 122 and 103, coupled with a 113 game by Panagoulis, to take the Raiders for two games although Lehan had a 112 game. The standing at the end of January are listed below:

Team	W	L	Pinfall
Robots	38	19	26,678
Triflers	34	23	25,220
Commandos	34	23	24,921
Rioteers	33	24	23,622
Zombies	32	25	25,773
G. I.'s	31	26	25,790
Raiders	30	27	25,093
Anchors	30	27	25,009
Atomics	28	29	25,333
Bombers	28	29	24,376
Pioneers	27	30	24,905
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## Men's Bowling

On January 29 the Legionnaires increased their lead to two full games when Lastner with a 350 set, and Timmons with a 345 set, took over the Defenders for two games, while the Rummys even with Flynn and Eshbaugh rolling 124 games, dropped two to the Emanon as Nellinger came up with a 136 game. The Eagles could not overcome that handicap even though Sansone had a 121 game, and dropped two to the Co-op as Mathers got hot and rolled 120 and 124 games.

The other two game winners were the Redskins, with Sutton having a 330 set coupled with Andestad's 136 game to top the Greenhorns; the Scorpions with Heiny rolling a 328 set and Daneke a 124 game emerged on top of the Pickups; the Seahawks, having a 122 game by Galvin, overcame the Spoilers even with G. Bowens' 136 games; the Commandos opened up with Officer "Red" Allen contributing a 335 set coupled with a 123 game by Slaughter to take over the Southeast Glass who had Blanchard come up with a 338 set; and the Piddlers took over the Aces for the odd game. The standings as of January 29 are listed below:

H.I.G.—Brenon 164, Birdseye, 158, H.T.G.—So. East Glass 611, Emanon 579. H.I.S.—Alexander 400, Slaugh 396. H.T.S.—Emanon 1652, So. East Glass 1650.

High Average—Birdseye 112, Samson 110, Alexander 109, Andestad 109, Slaugh 109. High Spares—Samsone 135, Andestad 126, Alexander 125, Slaugh 118, Iseli 117. High Strikes—Maffay 33, Andestad 32, Sansone 31, Lastner 30.

Team	W	L	Pinfall
Amer. Legion	36	21	28,312
Rummys	34	23	28,739
Eagles	33	24	28,515
Greenhorns	30	27	26,850
Redskins	29	28	29,897
Commandos	29	28	28,443
Spoilers	29	28	28,149
Defenders	29	28	26,913
Co-op	29	28	25,871
Seahawks	27	30	29,859
So. East Glass	27	30	29,176
Piddlers	27	30	26,141
Emanon	26	31	28,411
Aces	26	31	27,406
Scorpions	23	34	26,541
Pickups	22	35	26,614

## Navy Wives Club Installs Officers

The Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club held a candlelight installation of officers on January 28 at the Elementary School. A notions drive for the needy of war-torn countries is now in progress. Anyone wishing to contribute may call Mrs. Velma Tarrant at 6056, or Mrs. Nancy Brunjes at 4983.

## Mom, Meet Teacher

The teachers of the north-end school will act as hostesses for a mother and teacher meeting in the school activity room Wednesday afternoon, February 13 at 3:30. The cafeteria will be among the subjects to be discussed, and refreshments will be served.

The mothers and teachers at the center school will hold a similar meeting on February 19.

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## Greenbelter Has Wild Ride Homeward On Transport Caught In Hurricane

Charles A. Powell of Plateau Place, recently returned from civilian service with the War Department in Germany, was one of the ill-fated passengers on the Athos II, the troop transport which was caught and almost doomed by a hurricane six days out of Southampton. Mr. Powell, who was with the Navy three years as Chief of Section, Naval Identification Bureau in Washington, never saw the sea, as he puts it, until the War Department asked for him to work with them as consultant and advisor to establish a Central Identification Bureau in Frankfurt, where 14 million Germans in the occupied zone were fingerprinted.

Although he was flown to Paris in 24 hours from here, it took Mr. Powell and the 3500 troops of the 118th Regt. 31 days to return home aboard the Athos II, which was being used as a transport. The ship ran into the hurricane about noon December 21, 600 miles north-northwest of the Azores. The barometer had been dropping since 10 p. m. the night before, and wind velocity increased to 70 miles per hour. Caught in the cyclone, the vessel slid off its course, and was unable to recover, despite all emergency measures. The situation gradually became worse; there was extreme pitching and rolling, the quarters were flooded, and lifeboats began to tear loose.

The dining room fixtures knocked the inner walls out of the ship, and the kitchen was destroyed by the huge baking oven which tore loose and slid back and forth from port to starboard. Fire broke out in the PX and was finally put out, but wind and sea became steadily more violent. One of the motor launches was thrown against the wall of the radio room, imprisoning the operator.

The most critical moment aboard was when the water rose in the boiler room almost to boiler level, making an explosion imminent. It was at this time that four of the five chaplains on board went into the hold to head prayers and services for the troops. The Catholic chaplain gave the last rites, since it was thought that ship and men were lost. The absent chaplain was in sick bay, having broken his back when the wind hurled him across the deck.

On the 23rd winds had abated so that the Athos II was able to limp into Porto Delgado in the Azores, where the troops were transferred to the Enterprise, the only large carrier to hold the Presidential Unit Citation. On this ship they travelled without further misfortune to New York, leaving the Athos II, a French ship, to be repaired and refueled.

Besides the memory of the hurricane, Mr. Powell, who wore an Army officer's uniform, had privileges and responsibilities of an Army officer, and lived and ate with the Army, has more tangible souvenirs of service. He brought back to his sons, Charles, 14, and Frederick, 12, a beautiful and deadly sheath-knife with a steel blade and the Nazi insignia, which was one of the Hitler Youth knives given to all boys between 10 and 16. He has a certificate given to him on his trip over to Germany to show that he is a member of "The Court of King Neptune's Airmen." He has maps, charts, newspapers, journals, and other things, but most of all he has memories of the situation in Europe.

"The people in this country cannot realize the awful devastation that has befallen Germany, as well as France and other countries," said Mr. Powell. "There is not one large city that has not been almost bombed off the face of the earth by RAF and American precision bombing. The people have no clothes, no food, no homes. They are living in ruins, basements, bomb shelters, and eating black bread when they can get it. The Germans are really beaten this time, and it's up to us to see that discipline is maintained so that they never get a chance to stage a comeback."

While in Frankfurt, Mr. Powell worked at the I. G. Farben building, formerly the headquarters of General Eisenhower's SHAEF, now General McNarney's USFET. The building was huge, up to date, beautifully furnished, and was called the "small Pentagon."

## OUR NEIGHBORS

Recently returned to Greenbelt are Corporal and Mrs. George Patrick Morse, of 36-J Ridge Road. Cpl. Morse was with the Strategic Services at Nuremberg, Germany, on the staff of the Military Tribunal, handling cases against criminal organizations, the Gestapo, and the Reich cabinet. He arrived in New York by boat New Year's Day, spent some time in Milwaukee, and has now returned to Greenbelt.

Lt. and Mrs. Curtis Barker are returning to Greenbelt about the 1st of March. Lt. Barker was on the Town Council before being commissioned in the Navy and also star softball pitcher in the Greenbelt Reps. Friends will be delighted to hear he's coming back.

Miss Naomi C. Blair of New York City spent several days in Greenbelt last week visiting her sisters, Mrs. F. P. Thurston and Mrs. Orville M. Slye. A graduate registered nurse, Miss Blair is receiving a B. S. degree from New York University on February 15, and was down here between examinations.

Mrs. William Kinsley and son are visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Bole, of 34-A Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Miller of Kansas City, Missouri, formerly of Greenbelt, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary, born January 26.

Lyman Woodman is visiting the Sherrod Easts while looking for a vacancy in Greenbelt.

Former resident Gerhart Krebs has been visiting friends in town while here on business. His wife, Ellen was formerly very active in the Greenbelt Players.

Mr. and Mrs. John Machowsky have moved to Laurel, Maryland, where they have acquired a poultry farm. Jack formerly played third base for the local Shamrock baseball team.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Leland Love of Greenbelt attended the formal opening of the Kress collection at the National Gallery last Saturday night, having the thrill of seeing President and Mrs. Truman at close hand. Mrs. Love represented the Woman's Club of which she is Fine Arts chairman.

Mahlon Eshbaugh and Pete Cookson, head of the Drop-Inn, passed their Navy examinations last week and are due to be inducted into the Navy on February 20. Good luck, kids.

Mrs. Earl Aitcheson of 57-F Ridge Road entertained a sewing circle of friends and neighbors recently. The group mended clothing for the American Friends Service Committee, for which contributions are solicited by Mrs. Waldo Mott, 7 Woodland Way.



Greenbelt youngsters add their individual packages to the stockpile on their way into the Theatre to see "Thunderhead", Wednesday afternoon matinee attraction. Theatre Manager Fruchtmann, ran two showings, collected four tons of clothing for shivering Europe.

## Asks New Pastor To Build Church

The Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston announced his resignation as pastor of the Community Church at the morning service last Sunday, to become effective the first of May.

A letter to members and friends printed on the church program stated in part: "... We have a nest egg of approximately \$3000 and what is needed now is an aggressive, continuous campaign to raise money for the new church. Unfortunately I haven't the physical strength to undertake this work... so the best thing I can do for you now is to step down... and let someone come in who has the youth and enthusiasm to complete this task..."

Candidates for the vacant pastorate will be invited by the church governing board to conduct Sunday services and meet the congregation, in whose hands rests the final decision as to Mr. Johnston's successor.

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