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## FPHA "Suggests" Cuts In Personnel As Council Considers 1947 Budget

In a cordial atmosphere, the town council met with FPFA representatives Monday night to discuss economies in the 1947 town budget. Beneath the cordiality lay basic differences of opinion, the main one being who knows how to run the town—the council and town manager or FPFA.

Deputy director Joseph C. Gray presented the results of the survey conducted here by FPFA last winter as "suggestions" to the Council in drawing up its budget. During the course of the meeting however, he pointed out that, while these were suggestions, if the budget total ran too high the government might determine that (as a taxpayer) it was not getting value received. Thus, the old argument. By legislative action the town sets its own tax rate; but the government evaluates the budget and may determine the value of services received as less than the rate set.

A more specific difference of opinion concerned setting up reserves in the budget to cover the replacement of federally-owned property on lease or loan to the town. The Council maintains, and Mayor George F. Bauer was strong on this point, that for the protection of the town, all equipment used by the town should be replaceable through gradually built up reserve. Gray maintained that the government lawyers would disallow any reserves on federally-owned property. Bauer claims that until FPFA will promise in writing to replace such equipment when worn out, the town will continue to include such reserves in the budget.

In the discussion of the department of public safety, Police Chief George Panagoulis defended the size of his staff and stated that it required two police officers to take a prisoner to Hyattsville and that a long wait was often involved. Gray said the same situation existed at Cedar Point, which had been solved by handcuffing the prisoner to the car, thereby requiring only one officer to accompany the prisoner. To this, Panagoulis said that he would not be associated with any force which used this practice and a visitor stated that it was illegal by federal law.

The survey recommended holding the police force to five (the present size) and Mayor Bauer pointed out that according to the City Managers Association one policeman for every 1,000 inhabitants is the desirable proportion. As Greenbelt has 8,000 residents by the highest standards the community is three officers short.

"Crime is on the rise throughout the country," claimed Mayor Bauer, "and we cannot afford to relax our protection of Greenbelt citizens."

Other personnel cuts were recommended in the recreation department, in the office, and at the sewage disposal plant. Town Manager James T. Gobbel challenged FPFA to run the plant with one man instead of two, and the council indicated that several other recommendations were also out of line.

In fact, the suggestions on personnel cuts here prompted Mayor Bauer to comment that the FPFA survey last year might well have been made by one instead of two workers!

The survey recommended securing county funds to carry out some town functions in the public health and the recreation departments. Mr. Gobbel pointed out that requests have been made before for county support but have invariably been unsuccessful.

## London Co-op Aims For 500,000 Houses

(CNS)—The Cooperative Housing Society of London aims at building 500,000 new houses, it was announced at a meeting of East London cooperators. Harold Shopland, director of the London Society, said England needs from three to four million new homes.

## Tuna And Turkey To Lure Quorum

GCS members are being lured by door prizes of Crisco, soap flakes, tuna fish and turkey to make up a quorum for the membership meeting this Monday, December 2. One door prize will be held immediately after consideration of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, and the other will be held just before adjournment.

Action on several important matters at the last meeting was voided due to the lack of a quorum and will be taken up again at this meeting.

Four board members will be elected. The nominations and elections committee reports the following nominations for the board of directors: Thomas Ritchie, Carnie Harper, David Granahan, James Walsh, Jane Andrusic, Mary Callanan, Robert Tomlinson, Carolyn Miller and Delbert Mesner. Nominations for the auditing committee are: Delbert Mesner, Henry Mazien, Allan Bryan, Glen Allred, Galman Tilden, Sidney Spindel and Thomas Ritchie. Nominations for an election committee will be made from the floor.

Action on by-law changes will be necessary to facilitate the share drive. One amendment would change the amount of stock an individual member could hold from \$500 to \$1000. The other would increase the authorized share capital from \$150,000 to \$250,000.

A third amendment would reduce the quorum from 10% to 5%. The board feels this is necessary since the lack of a quorum has often made it impossible to conduct business.

An employee bonus and the request of the Greenbelt Rescue Squad for a donation will be considered. Reports by the president, treasurer, general manager and committees will conclude the business of the meeting.

## GCS Stock Drive Starts With Feast

\$5,000 worth of stock was sold at last Monday evening's smorgasbord feast initiating the Co-op's stock drive to finance the new super-mart. Town dignitaries present included Community Manager Charles Cormack, Town Manager James Gobbel, Mayor George Bauer and members of the Council. Representatives of the various churches, clubs, and cooperative organizations in Greenbelt were also invited.

General Manager Sam Ashelman announced that current costs involved in the new building, including amortizing the mortgage, interest, provision for repairs, etc. are \$9000 less than what the Co-op would pay the landlord for rent. Mr. Ashelman exhibited and discussed the ground plans and features of the new building.

Stock Drive Chairman Dr. James McCarl voiced the belief that "we have a good thing here," and called on the various section leaders to do an intelligent canvassing job.

\$75,000 is the immediate goal, with \$100,000 to be sought when the new center is completed. Mr. Ashelman indicated he has sought permission from the Securities Exchange Commission for out-of-state financing, if necessary, but expressed the hope that all investment be local funds.

## What Goes On

Monday, December 2—G.C.S.

Monday, December 2—G.C.S. quarterly membership meeting, 8:15 p. m., center school auditorium.

Wednesday, December 4—

Izaak Walton League chapter meets in Room 222, center school at 8 p. m. AVC meets at 8:30 p. m. in the social room, center school.

Thursday, December 5—

Community Church Christmas Bazaar, home economics room, center school, 5 to 9 p. m. Prince Georges Council P-TA, meets at the North End School to discuss juvenile delinquency. Council of Jewish Women, at 8:30 p. m., Room 222, center school. American Legion Post No. 136 holds initiation at 8:30 p. m. in center school auditorium.

Friday, December 6—Greenbelt Theater Group, 8:30 p. m., arts and crafts room, center school.

## Cormack Sees Utility Increase

FPFA Manager Charles M. Cormack has appealed to Greenbelt residents for cooperation in the current coal strike, it was announced on Tuesday. A letter has gone out from the management to all Greenbelters, commenting on Greenbelt's complete dependence upon coal, both for fuel and for electric power, and urging a maximum of cooperation to prevent real hardship.

While the original Greenbelt project operates on oil burners, Mr. Cormack stated, electricity is necessary to operate the burners, circulating pumps and controls. The defense homes are in the process of conversion from coal to oil, but the completion date of January 1 may not be met. To date, Mr. Cormack added, two boilers have been converted and one big burner has been shipped to the project. All burners are scheduled for delivery by December 1.

In this letter the management has suggested methods of conserving both heat and electricity. It is felt that electricity has been wasted in Greenbelt and that with the full cooperation of Greenbelt residents a cut of nearly 50% may be made.

Mr. Cormack added that present utility costs are substantially higher than the present utility revenue and that it will be necessary to increase charges "substantially" unless a savings can be effected.

*(The COOPERATOR earlier received authoritative information that utility rates levied on Greenbelt tenants exceeded the amount paid by the Government. Readers of Washington papers will recall that a recent order of the Public Utilities Commission ordered the Potomac Electric Power Company to reduce rates and make refunds on previous charges.)*

## County Delegates Meet Here Thurs.

Delegates of the 30 local Parent Teacher Associations of the Prince Georges County Council, representing over 5000 parents and teachers, will meet at the North End Greenbelt Elementary School, next Thursday, December 5, at 8 p. m. to discuss the county's juvenile delinquency problem.

Unlike most of the state, Prince Georges has no local provision for separate treatment of youthful offenders. Regardless of age, minors are charged by warrant and brought before a trial magistrate.

In 1945, a law was passed by the

## Fruchtman Resigns In January Will Continue In Part-Time Capacity

Jack Fruchtman has notified Greenbelt Consumer Services that he does not want to continue as manager of the Greenbelt Theater when the present contract terminates at the end of 1946. General Manager Ashelman made this announcement at last Friday's board meeting, and subsequently gave this statement to the Cooperator:



FRUCHTMAN

"Mr. Fruchtman has decided to establish his own theater booking business. He will, however, continue to work part time for GCS doing booking and buying of films as long as necessary to properly break in a successor."

"My relationship with GCS has given me real pleasure," stated Mr. Fruchtman. "I leave with deep regret. I hope to continue being in close contact with the cooperative."

"I wish Mr. Fruchtman the best of luck in his new undertaking," stated Mr. Ashelman. "He has skill in the booking and buying business and should be very successful. I deeply appreciate Mr. Fruchtman's willingness to continue with us until a successor can take over. No successor has been appointed."

Often the center of controversy at GCS board and membership meetings, Mr. Fruchtman is the only GCS manager to be working under contract. Signed in 1942, the 2-year contract with its 2-year option gave the theater manager a percentage of receipts and certain expense allowances in addition to a salary. Upon the completion of the defense homes, ticket sales took such a jump that in 1943 Jack's salary was \$10,000, more than that of the General Manager. When General Manager Ricker appointed Jack assistant general manager and proposed placing himself under a 5-year contract, it touched off some of the stormiest board and membership meetings in the Co-op's history. When the issue came to a final vote at the February, 1945 meeting, the membership overwhelmingly voiced its objection. GCS by-laws now expressly forbid the signing of contracts with managers unless agreed to by the membership. A compromise agreement was reached at the December 11, 1945 membership meeting, when Jack took up the option on his contract whereby the theater manager's salary was limited to \$7,000 annually.

During the war years, Jack held several bond premieres and, in the 7th and 8th war loan drives, sold more bonds than any other theater in Prince Georges County, for which he was awarded a citation from the Treasury Department. He also received citations and awards from the Red Cross, United Nations, and the March of Dimes for money collected at the theater.

Future plans for the theater involve making it the "center of the community's cultural life." Among other innovations Mr. Ashelman has suggested a special program of children's shows, both stage and screen to be given on Saturday between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., when an adult show would be offered.

## American Legion Initiates 100

The American Legion Post No. 136 will have a mass initiation, in the center school auditorium, Thursday night, December 5, at 8:30 p. m. The ceremony will be performed by the "Grand Voiture No. 174, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux" or 40 and 8 Ritual Team from the District Department of Washington.

Membership chairman Lester Sanders states there will be approximately one hundred new members to be initiated at this meeting. The Greenbelt Band will play for this occasion.

Commander MacEwen invites the public to attend. Refreshments will be served at the Legion Home following the ceremony at the school.

## Drop Inn Members Elect Officers

Election count after the first day of balloting for officers for the Drop-Inn showed Jeanne Kasko in the lead for the Junior High School representative; Robert Link, Jimmy Williams and Dick Trast with the highest votes for the Senior High School; and Donald Wolfe at the top for the older or college age boys and girls. This represents forty-eight of the hundred and fifty or so boys and girls expected to vote in the election.

The Planning Committee now in office drew up a slate of nominees giving the members a choice of one out of four names for the Junior High School representative; three out of ten for the Senior High School representatives; and one choice out of four for the older boys and girls. Voting has been held every afternoon for the past week at the Drop-Inn with the polls closing today. Each paid-up member of the club had the right to cast a ballot.

This election is an important one, for the incoming Planning Committee will have the responsibility of planning the operation of the new canteen and the boys and girls have been cautioned to vote wisely to insure an active club.

Those up for election are: Jr. High School—Jeanne Kasko, Betty Mae Gussio, Bobby Belton, and Donald Tompkins.

Senior High School—Leo Slaughter, Marie Sansone, Robert Link, Lorene Nelson, Sam Downs, Carol Holien, Jimmy Williams, Shirley Gray, Lucy Kalvass, and Dick Trast.

Older boys and girls—Donald Wolfe, Paul Strickler, Betty Ann Dickson and Ora Donoghue.

General Assembly establishing a juvenile system in the Circuit Courts of the state, but five counties, including Prince Georges, were excepted from the operation of that system.

These counties may establish their own juvenile courts, and delegates to the meeting on Dec. 5 will be asked to vote whether to (1) continue the present system; (2) adopt the state wide juvenile court system; or (3) establish a separate court.

This year's president of the County P-TA Council is Mrs. Wells Harrington of 4-C Plateau Place.

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## Thanksgiving, 1946

Thanksgiving Day this year finds us in a world at peace, which is no peace. This is a year of fear and of famine.

How can we give thanks in our warm houses, with well-filled cupboards and tables heavy with food, when our neighbors throughout the world weep in want and misery?

How can we give thanks that man no longer wars on man when the flaming crosses are set high on hills in Georgia and concentration camps are enlarged in Palestine?

Shall we give thanks that we are protected in our white "purity" from meeting with our fellow-men in churches or theaters?

Shall we offer thanks though we have not yet achieved our freedom from fear? The frightened men who have lived for years in the shadow of the atomic bomb give us this solemn warning—there must never be another war.

If you can, utter your thanksgivings this year for our abundance, and the small, swift hour we have been given to avert the catastrophe of atomic warfare. Give thanks that we still have the right to speak out against discrimination, and to help the hungry with our gifts of food. And remember Abraham Lincoln's words, spoken at a time of great national peril:

"We hold the power and have the responsibility. We may nobly save, or meanly lose, the last, best hope of earth."

## To The Editor Who's In Control?

To the Editor:

Lack of a quorum at the last GCS membership meeting prevented election of four Board members and continued the service of incumbents by default.

As one of these directors, I feel strongly that the membership was negligent in failing to attend the meeting in sufficient number to select their representatives to carry on the important work of the cooperative.

Members are quick to criticize mistakes in management and to condemn poor leadership on the Board. In the case of quorumless meetings, criticism is properly directed at the membership.

GCS is embarking on an ambitious and important expansion program. While we are fortunate in having an able general manager, he looks to the board of directors on policy matters and for help and consultation on major problems.

Election of four directors at next Monday's meeting, representative of the membership as currently constituted and responsible to that membership, is vitally important at this time. Your choice of directors is your main control of the direction the cooperative will take in the months ahead.

—CARNIE O. HARPER

## Talks On Co-ops In Latin America

Dr. Ferdinand Chavez, director of cooperative studies at the Pan-American Union, addressed the cooperative adult education class last Wednesday night. Dr. Chavez told the group that cooperatives in the sister republics to the south, while very active, are not developed to the extent that they are in this country. The South American governments give active assistance and encouragement to their growth and are especially anxious to send more students to study United States co-ops.

# OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE  
Phone 3667

Yesterday there was a real, old-fashioned family Thanksgiving dinner with a large gathering of the Meredith clan at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davenport, 3-F Crescent Road. Sally and Ed Meredith of 9-D Southway were there to welcome Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Meredith who had come from Chicago to be with their six children, ten grandchildren and two nieces on Thanksgiving Day. I'll wager there wasn't much turkey left to make the usual turkey hash.

Other out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hirschtritt of New York City who were the guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hirschtritt, 8-K Plateau Place. Yesterday was Ralph's birthday, thus making double the reason for celebration. His nephew, Stanley Worton, was also a house guest for the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Pergola of 3-C Parkway have presented their son, Robert Phillip, with a new baby brother, Thomas Alan, born November 13 at Leland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Paul Hawk returned recently to her home at 45-T Ridge Road after three weeks of visiting relatives in Texas, Topeka and Chicago.

Mrs. Hawk attended the wedding of her daughter, Miss Lexey Jane Cragin and Robert Booth Lambert early in November in Houston. The bride, in traditional white satin and carrying a bouquet of white orchids, was given in marriage by her father. The former Miss Lexey Cragin was graduated from the University of Maryland, and the groom, a graduate of the University of Ohio, is a resident of Odessa, Texas where the couple will make their home. Both the bride and groom served three years in the navy during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Weisenberger, 10-T Plateau Place, are happy to announce the birth of a baby daughter on November 25 at Cheverly Hospital.

Mrs. A. M. Addinell of Surrey, England has come to stay for several months with her daughter, Mrs. Prudence Bradford, 3-A Plateau Place. Mrs. Bradford was married in her native England.

On the occasion of his annual visit to the east, President O. W. Carrell of Nebraska Central College was entertained at dinner on Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Del Mesner, 2-N Gardenway. Later in the evening there was an alumni reunion, several attending from the Washington area. Greenbelters present were Waldo and Martha Mott, Herbert and Dixie Lock, and Mrs. Wilda McConaughy. Visiting the Mesners over the Thanksgiving weekend are Del's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellis and their small daughter, Carol of Raleigh, N. C. Tomorrow the four grown-ups will attend the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harper, 9-R Laurel Hill announce the birth of a daughter on November 24.

Maureen McConnell had a birthday party this past week with seventeen guests present. Prized above all her lovely birthday gifts is a birthstone ring, the gift of her mother and daddy.

Thomas Kevin Callanan was baptized last Sunday by the Rev. Leo Fealy in a ceremony at Holy Redeemer Church in Berwyn. His godparents were Mr. David Cleary of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Edward Kelly of Arlington, Va. In the afternoon sixty-five friends came to his home at 2-C Laurel Hill to wish him well.

It's a bouncing 8 lb. boy that makes a quartet of young ones at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Meara of 11-E Ridge Road. Stephen Michael was born November 22 at Leland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Felter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rich and Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Fonda joined in a double celebration last Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Ebert accepted congratulations on their seventh wedding anniversary, and Mrs. Lois E. Lafamme reached her twenty-(censored) birthday. After dinner at Hogue's in town, the group stopped off at the AVC dance at the center and then went on home to finish celebrating in court 9 on Research Road where they all reside.

Nathan Israeli, 5-F Gardenway

## Community Church

Friday, November 29—  
8:00 p. m.—Couples Class at Phillips Taylor's, 13-R Ridge Road.

Saturday, November 30—  
10:00 a. m.—Junior Choir at Joanne Taylor's, 13-R Ridge Road.

Sunday, December 1—  
9:30 a. m.—Church School, Thomas Berry, Superintendent.

10 a. m.—Men's Class, James Gobel, Teacher.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery.

11 a. m.—Church Worship. Beginning of Advent. Sermon: "A Sense of Expectancy." Music directed by Thomas Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ.

7:30 p. m.—Hi-School Fellowship meets at Jerry Cowell's home, 39-M Ridge, Alison McDermaid, Leader.

Tuesday, December 3—  
2 p. m.—Church Guild meets at Mrs. Walter R. Volckhausen's, 6-K Hillside.

Wednesday, December 4—  
7:30 p. m.—Choir Rehearsal.

Thursday, December 5—  
5 to 9 p. m.—Christmas Bazaar, home economics room, center school. Sponsored by ladies of the church as a benefit for the building fund.

8:00 p. m.—Board of Directors Meeting, Church Office.

Friday, December 6—  
8:15 p. m.—Church Women's Discussion Group, at Mrs. Sam Ashelman's, 4-D Hillside.

## Tony Ends Study Of Local Co-ops

By SALLY MEREDITH

Antonio Davilo, who leaves Greenbelt tonight after a three-month exploration of Greenbelt Consumer Services operation, will return to his native Venezuela filled with enthusiasm for cooperatives and for the American people in general.

The enthusiasm for cooperatives could be expected, inasmuch as he is a member of the Centro de Estudios Cooperativos of Venezuela. His opinion of the American people, however, underwent a change. In Venezuela, explained Senor Davilo—or Tony, as he likes to be called—the Americans with whom most of the natives come in contact are what we call industrial developers, and what they call exploiters.

"They are not the American people," said Tony. "I will go back and tell them about the American people and about cooperatives."

Tony was chosen to represent Venezuela in the Latin American Orientation Conference, which sent 19 cooperative students first to the University of Kansas City, where they had a month's course in the principles of cooperatives. From there they were sent all over the United States to study the projects at first hand.

They will now go to Chicago for ten days, coming to Washington on December 14. On December 15 they will leave for South America.

Tony, at least, will return with the conviction that cooperatives can play a major part in the economic reconstruction of Venezuela.

"Our new government does not believe that hand-outs to its citizens will solve our difficulties. What we need is greater development of our present resources and the addition of new products on a large scale, both of which should prove practicable through cooperatives, started and assisted by the government, but operated by the people."

Another enthusiasm Tony has acquired is American popular music. His current favorites are "To Each His Own" and "Rumors Are Flying." Popular in Venezuela, according to Tony, is the "joropo," a fast waltz-type of dance music.

He has one tip for Americans who would favorably impress Venezuelans: "Learn Spanish, our language. Our two peoples can never understand and like each other until we speak each other's language."

Road, was elected as a Fellow, Division of Personality and Social Psychology, American Psychological Association.

Court 9 Research Road welcomes its new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Martin and their son, in 9-R. We hope they will enjoy living in court 9.

## Catholic Church

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.

Choir practice will be held every Sunday morning immediately following the 9:30 mass.

## Lutheran Church

On December 1, at 12:30 p. m., in the center school, Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow will preach on the subject, "Does Christianity Have a Ghost of a Chance?" Luke 11: 67-79 or Gal. 4:28. The public is cordially invited.

Sunday school and adult Bible class begin promptly at 11:30 a. m. in the home economics room. The Christmas program will be completely rehearsed, therefore, all children are urged to be present, and prompt.

Regular weekly choir rehearsal will be held at 2-F Plateau Place.

## Mowatt Memorial

## Methodist Church

Sunday School opening assembly—9:45 a. m.

Junior Choir—9:55 a. m.

Classes—10:10 a. m.

Sunday School closing assembly—10:45 a. m.

Morning worship service—11:00 a. m.

Evening worship service—8:00 p. m.

Prayer service, Thursday—8:00 p. m.

## Christmas Bazaar

## Coming Thursday

The Community Church Christmas Bazaar will be held in the home economics room at the center school next Thursday, December 5 from 5 to 9 p. m. Proceeds from all sales are to be donated to the church building fund.

Mrs. Howard Slaymaker, bazaar chairman, announces the committee chairmen as follows:

Apron table, Mrs. Anna Lewis; book table, Mrs. Charles Cormack; plant table, Mrs. Robert Leo; baby table, Mrs. Clifford Woodward; miscellaneous, Mrs. Eric Braund; baked goods, Mrs. Henry Key; candy, popcorn balls, candied apples, and sugar donations, Mrs. Phil Taylor; fishpond, Mrs. Edmund Getzin; refreshments, Mrs. Merle Frady; shell jewelry, Mrs. James Beck; Fidelis Bible Class, Mrs. John Kramer; Philathea Bible Class, Mrs. Horace Kramer.

Any contributions to the bazaar should be taken to the appropriate committee chairman.

## 92 Care Packages

## Sent Since May

CARE packages purchases from Greenbelt have passed the \$1,000 mark, with \$1,180 reported. This makes 92 packages which have been purchased since Greenbelters started sending them in May.

The largest single donation has been from the Fred DeJaegers, who purchased seven CARE packages this month to send to Mrs. DeJaeger's relatives in Holland. The Community Church has collected money twice this year and has a total of \$115 to its credit.

The 56 court of Crescent Road leads in the amount turned in by courts holding regular collections, with \$100 reported since May. The 2, 3, 4 courts of Laurel Hill together report a total of \$100.

Mrs. Charles East, CARE chairman, emphasized that the total of \$1,180 represents only the money which has been reported to her. "Many families have been contributing to CARE but have not reported their donations. Greenbelt churches and clubs have their own welfare programs and have been contributing generously to them."

Rachel Garner, GCS Consumer aid, and Henry Meyer, sign specialist, have arranged the contents of a sample CARE box for display in one of the drugstore windows which contains spaghetti and meat balls, bacon, eggs and pork, whole kernel corn and fruit cocktail in addition to bread, butter, milk, cereal, and candy rations.

## Washington May Get Warehouse

General Manager Ashelman reported that Eastern Cooperative Wholesale officials had expressed a desire for a joint meeting with GCS and Rochdale to consider a warehouse for the Washington area. December 6 was set as the meeting date. Mr. Ashelman expressed the hope that a warehouse could be secured by the time the new GCS store is finished. The warehouse is expected to cost between 50 and 85 thousand and will be a branch of ECW with GCS and Rochdale funds invested. The present stock-quota relationship between retail purchasers and the wholesale will be retained. Member stores are required to hold stock in ECW equal to 15% of their purchases. ECW is already selling stock to facilitate expansion. It has sold \$400,000 preferred stock and has just been authorized to issue an additional \$500,000.

The annual fall conference of the Potomac Cooperative Federation will be held Sunday, December 8, from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. at American University. This will be a working conference with the zones holding separate meetings before the main meeting so as to agree on their stand on various issues. Greenbelt, because of its large business and membership, comprises one zone. The others are Washington, Maryland with the exception of Greenbelt, and Virginia.

Each member co-op is allotted delegates on the basis of its membership. Greenbelt, with 2,000 members, will send 20 delegates to the conference.

At the Friday, November 22 GCS board meeting, the board adopted a resolution to express their appreciation to "Doc" Wells for his long service. Several board members recalled that two years ago, when the drug store was forced to close, Mr. Wells came out of retirement to serve as a pharmacist. A resident of College Park, Mr. Wells often expressed a liking for Greenbelt and preferred working here to other nearby communities.

The board passed a management committee resolution to set up a \$10,000 revolving fund to be used to repurchase stock of members who wish to sell. In the past GCS has repurchased the stock, but the member has had to wait until the next board meeting to get the approval of the board. Under the new plan, the stock would be repurchased with no delay. The board would still have to approve the repurchase of the stock, but that approval could be given after the transaction.

At the request of Mr. Ashelman, the board agreed to file registration papers with SEC to obtain permission to sell stock in GCS outside the state. The board felt this would enable GCS to help raise money needed for the new store.

## Jewish Women Vote

The next meeting of the Council of Jewish Women will be held Thursday evening, December 5 at 8:30 p. m., in Room 222, at the center school. Officers will be elected and committees appointed.

Conserve wheat, fats and oils.

## GOING TO TRADE OR BUY A NEW CAR?



For information regarding financing and automobile insurance, it will be to your advantage to insure with full coverage Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance—which will fully protect your interests and those of the financing organization which you select.

FOR FULL INFORMATION—CALL OR WRITE

**Anthony M. Madden**  
17-E Ridge Road  
Greenbelt 4111  
Representing  
**Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Ins. Co.**  
Home Office—Columbus, Ohio

## Football Mishaps Bring Broken Bones

Two out of town boys were injured in football games at Braden Field last weekend. Thirteen year old Gerald Longnecker of Branchville, who came out to play last Saturday against a pick-up team of Greenbelt boys, was badly injured during the game. Officer John Belton of the Greenbelt Police force took the boy to the Leland Memorial Hospital, where it was found that he had a couple of broken ribs. Officer Belton cautions boys against playing football at the field if they are not attended by a coach or some adult, because they can be injured quite seriously. He suggests that the injured player should not be moved until aid comes.

The other injured boy was Terry McGuire of Washington, D. C. He was one of the players on the Metropolitan Police Club team which played against the Legion Boys football team last Sunday. He suffered a broken collar bone.

## Teacher Sends \$1900 Letter

A \$1900 letter recently arrived in Greenbelt from Shanghai, China. Mrs. Irene Sovik, former kindergarten teacher at the North End School, said the paper cost \$100, the envelope \$500, and the postage \$1300 in Chinese money. In the midst of uncontrolled inflation, there was shortage of items such as jello, canned foods, men's shirts, even new cars, she reported, although at fantastic prices. "We have meat three times a day," she added. The rate of exchange in Shanghai at the time she wrote was \$3800 Chinese national currency to \$1 American money.

While awaiting boat passage up the Yangtze River to Hankow, Mrs. Sovik was visiting her in-laws, who have lived in China for many years and catching up on what happened during the war. One friend of the family had spent three years in a concentration camp: "to hear her tell of digging around in the garbage for soup bones is enough to curdle one."

Mrs. Sovik hoped to meet her husband at Hankow, then take a day's train trip to reach Chungking, where Edgar Sovik is a liaison agent for this government.

Sailing from San Francisco on an unconverted transport, the trip to China was anything but luxurious. Passengers slept 36 to a room, and at mealtime "queued up to grab a tin GI tray and went down the line to have the food plopped into the six depressions of the tray." Table cloths for Sunday only. There was no deck space for sports and little for walking. We were able to be on deck every day and only a squall would send us scurrying for shelter."

One of the high spots of the trip was an entertainment staged the night of October 10, "Independence Day," by the 250 Chinese technicians aboard. The passengers included presidents of two well-known Chinese universities. One Chinese woman, who had just received her M.A. and Ph.D. in the United States, was returning to China to work in her field of educational psychology, Mrs. Sovik related.

## Legion Boys Tie Langdon, 12-12

Greenbelt Legion Boys football team tied the game Sunday 12 to 12 with the Langdon Boys Club which was undefeated and untied so far this season. The first score of the game came in the first quarter with Bauer catching an aerial from Wolfe and going over the chalk line. The conversion failed. Following close to this score, the Langdon Boys completed a 25 yard pass to tie the game.

The score remained this way until late in the second quarter, when Wolfe on an end run went over to put the Legion in front, 12 to 6, ending the half.

The Legion Boys did no more scoring, but Langdon on a 35 yard pass tied the score with a final 12-12.

## Northenders Beat Center Grid Team

Allan Carneal led his Northenders to a smashing victory over the Center School Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. with a score of 12-0. The outstanding players for the winners were Carneal and Cross. Richard Ward and Vernon Vickers shone for the Center team.

Carneal scored the first touchdown in the second quarter on a thirty yard run around left end. Cross scored in the third quarter on a quarterback sneak of six yards. This concluded the scoring for both teams.

Line-up	
Center	Northend
L.E. V. Vickers	R. Miller
L.G. R. Frady	B. Higgins
C. B. Solomon	S. Humphries
R.G. J. Hagstrom	J. Beale
R.E. R. Hensel	P. Reamy
Q.B. R. Ward	A. Carneal
F.B. W. Sherertz	R. Cross
Substitutes: Center—J. Schaeffer, B. Moore, H. Fox. Northend—K. Miller, F. Jones, F. Richards.	

## Ike Walton Group Meets December 4

The next regular meeting of the local Izaak Walton League chapter will be held next Wednesday night, December 4 in Room 222 of the center school at 8 p. m.

Committee reports will be heard and the group will discuss progress made. Among the projects the club is sponsoring is the construction of nature trails. Samuel Wallace, conservation chairman and leader of senior scout patrol 202, has charge of this project and has been working with the scouts to select a site for the first nature trail.

E. Donbullian, secretary-treasurer, reports that the membership is growing rapidly and the club already has enough members to be granted a charter by the national Izaak Walton League. Charles East, president of the local group, stated that he hopes the charter will be presented to the club at the January meeting.

Prospective members are urged to contact William Schofield, membership chairman, at 3921.

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## The Homemaker

By JUNE WILBUR

Have you ever looked at an old sock and wondered what you could do with it besides mend it? Some of the ones that really don't deserve to be mended any more can be turned into nifty doll clothes. For the smaller dolls, the children's socks are a better size; for the larger ones, papa's will have to be used.

A hat can come out the toe. If the toe of one sock is cut about one-third down the length of the foot, there will be ample coverage for a doll head and enough of the edge to roll up into a neat, band finish. Furthermore, this can all be accomplished without taking a stitch. Those with greater ambition or more time might enjoy adding a tassel on the top.

The top of one sock should be cut off just as the base of the ribbing, and the other about one and one-half inches from the top. By doubling the narrower piece and stitching it with a very loose stitch to the cut edge of the other, one has a skirt and belt for the doll.

A sleeveless sweater can come from the other toe. This second sock should be cut off down at the heel. By snipping off the tip of the toe for a neckline and cutting two narrow, perpendicular slashes about one inch below the neck cut for arm holes, a sweater results. These edges can be quickly and loosely overcast to finish the ray edges.

It is important to remember to take loose stitches on this knitted stuff. It will have to stretch to go on and tight stitches would prevent the garments from ever coming to rest comfortably on the form of a doll.

## Dichaut's Team Wins Tourney

The elementary school girls' dodgeball tournament came to a close last Friday with Barbara Dichaut's team in first place with four wins, one loss and one tie, and Nancy Snyder's girls in second with three wins, and three losses. Betty Lou Kitchen and Virginia Sowell took third and fourth respectively with two wins, three losses and one tie for Kitchen and one tie for Kitchen and one win, four losses and one tie for Sowell.

The Junior High girls continued their basketball practice preliminary to starting their basketball tournament. Teams have been drawn up and they are spending their time these first few weeks learning the beginning techniques of the game.

The dodgeball teams entered in the tournament were:

Barbara Dichaut—Lynn Perchick, Ann Garner, Betsy Cassidy, Missy Bradley, Helen Horstman, Beverly Blanchard, Patsy Dunbar, Gil Maffey, Marlene Walton.

Virginia Sowell—Marie DeJager, Barbara Colliver, Faye Ballance, Marian Kramer, Grace Wolfe, Dorothy Dawson, Joyce Kling.

B. L. Kitchen—Shelia Reuben, Clydis Creech, Sharon Phelps, Janie Michaud, Sylvia Keaton, Valarie Ramsdell, Carol King, Pearl Gold, Jerianne Weber.

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## High School Enrollment Doubles While Gymnasium Remains A Mirage

(This is the first in a series of articles on the high school problem.)

When Greenbelt started out as a project of 885 homes, the Federal government constructed a high school building at the junction of the Greenbelt and Edmonston roads because there were not then enough students to locate the school in the town, and children from surrounding areas were also in need of a high school. With addition of the defense homes and increasing population, additional school space was needed and Congress appropriated \$400,000 for another elementary school and an addition to the high school. The plans in 1940 included both a gym and an auditorium for the high school.

About this time war controls were slapped on building materials, and the War Production Board wanted definite information on Greenbelt's needs. Though the town's population was being doubled, and the high school enrollment would also be doubled by actual count, Greenbelt was told that until the pupils were actually enrolled in the school no additions could be made, and approval would not be given for additions for the enrollment level at that time.

In the meantime the \$400,000 appropriation had expired, as Government funds are apt to do unless used by a specified time, so it was up to the town fathers to get busy again on another appropriation and approval of an enrollment. In 1943-44 building was curtailed, and permission was given only for additional classrooms to be joined to the old structure. With \$200,000 to work with, the North End school was built, and the addition was put on the high school with multi-purpose rooms (which could also be used for classes) in both buildings instead of gymnasiums.

While the high-school multi-purpose room can be used for many things, it cannot be used for a gym, a cafeteria or an auditorium. With an enrollment of 620 this year, there is seating space for only about 275 pupils if they are crowded together. To use the room as a cafeteria would deprive the students of the space for four periods a day, one period to set it up for cafeteria service, one to clean it up, and at least two periods to feed the students working in shifts.

The multi-purpose room measures 40 x 60 feet. The ideal basketball court is 50 x 85 feet and has 18-foot ceilings, while the ceiling in the multi-purpose room is only 15 feet. Even if the room were large enough for basketball practice, the boys wouldn't be able to play as there are no baskets. The county promised some by Thanksgiving 1946, but so far none have been received.

Near the high school building is a small court, used for practice in throwing baskets, which accommodates only a few students at a time and is close enough so that the noise of the players distracts students in classrooms facing the court. The athletic field back of the high school is sandy and cannot be used for several days after a hard rain. The County, in an attempt to improve this condition, spread truck loads of the local common red clay on the area; but instead of giving it a firm base, the mixture now holds water, and this part of the field is not used.

The person most interested in seeing that the high school gets a gym is probably Athletic Director Abe Zeldin. Teaching six classes of gym a day, five days a week, can be quite a job when facilities indoors are inadequate and all games and exercises must take place out of doors. At present all soccer, basketball and football practice takes place at the center school and athletic field. In playing soccer the boys have to take great care not to tear up the baseball diamond. Basketball practice is carried on in the center school auditorium, which is not available to the high school boys until 4:15 p. m. Many of them meet at the drug store to pass the time, and Coach Zeldin says that in several instances boys have been sick during practice from consuming too much ice cream.

Coach Zeldin thinks that Quonset huts could be used to advantage as a stopgap measure, utilizing three of the structures for a gym, one for shop work, and one for a cafeteria. The cost would be around \$30,000, less than a third of the expense of the high school addition which provided only five classrooms, a principal's office, and the multi-purpose room.

## Greenbelters Find Co-op Shangri-La

By ELISA EAST

When GCS consumer aid Rachel Garner and foodstore manager Tom Okazaki arrived in Timberville, Va., to attend a recent Brethren Work Camp Retreat, they were surprised to find a well-organized cooperative in full swing. The people of Timberville and nearby Harrisonburg were equally amazed to hear there were several thriving co-op stores only 125 miles away in Washington. Bob Volckhausen, executive secretary of the Potomac Cooperative Federation, confessed that the Rockingham County co-ops were unknown to him, although they are within the area served by the Federation. In the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, Rockingham and nearby Shenandoah counties comprise one of the richest farm areas in the country.

It is estimated that 95% of the families in Rockingham County belong to one or more of the cooperative organizations which serve them. The Rockingham Farm Bureau, organized in 1922 with 268 families, now boasts 4,000 members, and last year did a business of over \$3,500,000. A mutual insurance company has \$60,000,000 in insurance on farm homes and buildings in the county.

The telephone lines of the Shenandoah Valley Electrical Co-op serve nearly all the farms in the county. The sales of the milk producers co-op last year totalled \$2,250,000. The poultry marketing co-op has a capacity of 35,000 chickens daily, and there is a canning co-op which packs everything from apple sauce to boned turkey. There is also a mutual cold storage plant with a modern locker system, a meat packing co-op with four plants which promises to become a model for the nation, and a mutual feed company. The Shenandoah County Farm Bureau numbers 1500 members and has four stores serving them, together with a co-op locker system, a mutual fire insurance company and a mutual telephone company.

Manager J. C. Smith took Rachel and Tom on a survey tour of the Farm Bureau store in Harrisonburg. Expressing great interest in Washington and Greenbelt co-ops, he plans to send a delegation soon to study self-service techniques used here as an aid in helping him plan similar services in his store.

GCS Manager Ashelman plans to work out a close relationship with the Rockingham co-ops. "The wholesale warehouse we're planning in Washington ought to be a big help to them, and with all the food they produce, we certainly ought to be able to do business with them," he stated.

## Senior Play Cast Take It With 'Em

By SALLY MEREDITH

Playing to a combined audience of over 1100, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the cast of "You Can't Take It With You" seemed to have no difficulty in making observers see the Sycamore and Kirby families, instead of a dozen or so high school students.

The fun-loving, irresponsible Sycamores with their permanent and temporary visitors, evoked a real envy and despair for their philosophy. The grand, stuffy Kirbys had just enough pathetic undertones to their snobbish exteriors to make the reformation delightful.

Kay Roach as Penelope Sycamore was a convincing scatterbrain, and easily the focal point of each scene in which she appeared. She did not, however, eclipse other personalities. Such a feat would have been impossible with Jackie Hause's Essie, Don Robinson's Martin Vanderhof, or the superb Boris Kolenklov, of Daniel Dambrauskas, who managed to draw the last ounce of humor from his lines.

The remarkable stage presence of the entire cast indicated able guidance of their director, Mrs. Dorothea Dawson, as did the utter lack of awkward pauses usually associated with amateur drama.

The only participants whose services were superfluous were the prompters, for the dialogue flowed smoothly.

The cast included: Kay Roach, Jackie Hause, Jean Graham, Jack Likens, George Jones, Arthur Winker, Wayne Jernberg, Don Robinson, Joan Reid, Jack Cherris, Jack Waldo, Daniel Dambrauskas, Harry Powers, Alison McDermid, Harry Benefiel, Robert Scott, Sumner Cragin and Barbara Blondell.

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