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Hull Heads Board For Fourth Term; Granahan Elected Vice-President

Dayton Hull has been unanimously voted president of Greenbelt Consumer Services. David Granahan is vice-president, Phillips Taylor, secretary, and Tom Ritchie, treasurer. Bruce Bowman retains chairmanship of the Education Committee and Granahan remains in his job as Membership Committee chairman. Carnie Harper, Frank Lastner and William Nicholas again serve on the Management Committee and Robert Dove is chairman of the Grievance Committee, the position formerly filled by George Eshbaugh.

At its last meeting the new board adopted a resolution by the Management Committee recommending that GCS pay 50% of the cost of the insurance program which the board has decided to substitute for the bonus system for employees heretofore in effect. Mrs. Harper stated that this plan would cost no more than the Christmas bonus and would result in more benefits to the workers.

The board also voted to employ a full-time worker to work on the sale of stock by visiting Greenbelt residents and arranging neighborhood meetings.

Carolyn Miller reported on a study of improvements in GCS public relations policy, concluding that the co-op should "blow its own horn a little louder." She pointed out as desirable the co-op's sponsorship of the local dramatic association and the square dancing group. One of the co-op's most popular services, according to Mrs. Miller, has been the blackboard notices of the arrival of scarce items. Most people approved of the way the recent sugar sales were handled, she reported.

Bob Volckhausen, executive secretary of the Potomac Co-op Federation, recommended that GCS increase their payments to the Federation. Mr. Volckhausen explained that the services of a field manager were badly needed and that increased contributions would be required from GCS and Rochdale. The co-ops would get no immediate benefit from their increased outlay, according to Mr. Volckhausen, but the results would be felt at a later date when support is needed to build the warehouse.

The board moved to refer the request of the Rescue Squad for \$900 to a special committee. Mr. Hull, President of the board, has since appointed William Nicholas chairman, and David Granahan and Robert Dove, members of a committee to consider the Rescue Squad's request.

Sugar Plum Tree Takes Third Bow

For the third holiday season in a row, a sugar plum tree on the librarian's desk at the center school is delighting the eye. Stated in prosaic terms the tree is a fragment of thorn bush whitened with flour paste and stuck with gumdrops and marshmallows. Actually it is a thing of magic and delight, in a class with the "Nutcracker Suite."

The librarians report that the younger fry take the extremely practical attitude of trying to pluck and eat the dainties. Older children who are familiar with Eugene Fields' poem look for the chocolate cat and the gingerbread dog. According to the rhyme, the only way to "fill your apron" with the goodies is to encourage the dog to bark at the cat. Her excitement causes the branches to sway and drop some of their burden.

"We didn't achieve a gingerbread dog this year," says Mrs. Muir, assistant librarian. "And the chocolate cat we carved out of a Hershey bar melted."

Anyhow, there's a marshmallow Santa Claus roosting in the top-most branches to provide the proper Christmas cheer.

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Greenbelt Lights Christmas Tree

Greenbelt's community Christmas tree will be formally lighted on Christmas eve at 4:30 p. m., Town Manager James T. Gobel announced on Tuesday. Music by the band and a few words from Mayor George Bauer will also inaugurate the holiday here.

All town offices and services will be closed at noon Christmas eve, Mr. Gobel added.

No Immediate Rent Raise, Says Gray, But Study Of Schedules Is Planned

A letter received this week by Editor Nicholas from Joseph Gray, deputy director of FPHA's General Field Office, states "We have no immediate plan to raise rents in Greenbelt." Mr. Gray goes on to say, however, that a study of the rental situation is contemplated "in the future." Points to be examined in the study include the policy and practise of the graded rent schedules and the question of utility charges. "Whatever is done will undoubtedly affect both projects," (i. e. both the original and defense sections), Gray concludes.

Seeking to resolve wide-spread rumors, Mrs. Nicholas addressed a letter to Director Gray on November 29 asking if rents were to be raised, whether the graded schedules would be retained, if ceiling rents and utility charges were to be upped, and similar questions.

In connection with rent ceilings Gray remarks that OPA determines equitable rentals for public housing by comparison with like accommodations in the same area. "If it appears desirable to this Agency to raise the economic rents at Greenbelt while the OPA controls rents, it will be necessary for us to ask OPA to review whether such proposed new rents are not in excess of those charged for comparable facilities.

As you know, we have done and are doing what we can to operate economically without a reduction of the standards required by the original Greentown objective."

Net incomes re-defined

"In addition to answering your specific questions, may I point out that completely apart from any study of rents . . . there will start on the first of January the customary annual reexamination of tenant income. . . It is a program calculated to reexamine the continuing propriety of making rental adjustments as set out in the graded rent schedule. In this connection, there will probably be one change that will affect some tenants. We propose to put into effect this year the definition of net income for reexamination purposes which has been used for some time throughout the remainder of the Agency's program. This will make possible more accurate determinations of net income for the purpose of establishing the proper rent grade."

Blazes Keep Fire Fighters Hopping

At 9:30 Tuesday night a fire was discovered at the center school during the high school alumni basketball game. An alarm was immediately turned in, and the fire was put out before any serious damage had been done. When the fire truck arrived, several individuals were already using hand extinguishers on the blaze, which was started by a cigarette butt that had been dropped in a basket of trash. Although the fire was soon over, the heat cracked the plaster and burned the shades at the window near the basement stairs in the front of the building. The entire first floor was filled with smoke. The fire signal jammed and blew for several minutes, adding to the confusion.

No one was injured; but the basketball game, which was in the third quarter, was thoroughly disrupted.

Cormack Gives Statement

Charles M. Cormack, Community Manager, gave the following statement to the Cooperator following the fire Tuesday night at the center school: "I urge the utmost care on the part of everyone in connection with smoking near Christmas trees and other decorations. In view of the possibility of serious fire I am asking Chief Panagoulis to make frequent inspections of the Community building. If, in his opinion, any decorations are placed by organizations which cause a serious fire hazard, I will require that such decorations be removed at once before permitting the use of the building. The regulation against smoking in the Community building will be strictly enforced."

Cipriano Fire

The Greenbelt Fire Department has been kept busy fighting several large fires the past week. On Friday, Dec. 13, at 2 p. m., the small daughter of Joe Cipriano started a fire which caused an estimated \$200 damage to the kitchen of his home on Glendale Road about a mile outside of Greenbelt. The little girl was playing with some paper which she put into the kitchen stove. When the paper caught fire she threw it down, and it landed in a waste paper basket which immediately started to burn. Mr. Cipriano tried to put out the blaze but when he thought he had it under control, it started again. He asked the telephone operator to call the Fire Department and she called Greenbelt, as well as two other fire companies. The fire was finally put out.

Brush Fire

Saturday at noon there was another brush fire behind the 7 Court on Ridge Road. This is the second time a brush fire has occurred in this particular spot.

Greenbelt Fire Truck Called to Bowie Fire

On Monday, Dec. 16 at 5:45 p. m. the Fire Department was called to fight a blaze which had broken out in a barn at the Cluck Coon Farm of the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Patuxent Research Refuge at Bowie, Md. The Laurel and Bowie Fire Departments were called out first to fight the blaze and when their tanks were dry, they called in the Greenbelt Fire Department. The cattle had been safely removed but the barn burned down to the ground.

A Christmas Message

FROM REV. ERIC T. BRAUND, Pastor Community Church

Christmas is a term of magic. It conjures up wreaths of holly, sprigs of mistletoe, parties and package, not to mention jolly Saint Nicholas, alias Kris Kringle, alias Santa Claus.

Beneath the happy folklore and the legends is the basic fact that Christmas commemorates the birth of the baby Jesus.

Born in a stable in Bethlehem of Judea because "there was no room for them in the inn," his first cradle, aside from Mary's arms, was a manger. Yet, so the beautiful legend says, angels heralded his birth with song, guided by a star of wondrous brightness, and came and laid rare gifts of homage at his feet.

All this and more the world has, like Mary, "pondered in its heart" for the baby Jesus fulfilled all his possibilities, both human and divine, and has been known to millions as Saviour and Emmanuel, "God with us."

Christmas ought to remind us that divinity is attendant at the birth of all children. Wise men, "Magi," everywhere, will bow in awe before the miracle of life newly made. What gifts of gold and myrrh would they not exchange for it! (Yet thousands of children will go hungry even on Christmas Day.) And truly there is a star of exceedingly bright possibilities above every tiny candle. What mother has not seen and marvelled at its power over darkness and fear! Wise men, who would be good, will know that any action of their own or of their community (or lack of it) which dims the lusture of that star violates the spirit of Christmas and of its Lord who said, . . . O such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

May the words of Phillips Brooks's great Christmas carol be in our hearts this season:

"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel."

Holiday Dance

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual Holiday Dance, Saturday, December 28 at the Center School auditorium. Clay and his all Veteran Orchestra will furnish the music from 9 to 1.

Library Closed During Holidays

The Greenbelt Library will be closed during the coming holidays from Tuesday, December 24, through New Year's Day. The Library will be open at regular hours on Monday, December 23, and will reopen Thursday, January 2.

Santa Hears Tots

Greenbelt's own Santa Claus interviewed 1500 tykes at the Variety Store on the 7th, and about 1200 on the 14th. Each child received two shiny pennies (and how candy sales at the tobacco store boomed!)

Four-year-old Judy Henderson of 26-D Crescent Road was sick in bed when Santa visited the center. Her disappointment changed to bliss when the jolly saint paid her a special visit.

One small citizen who waited his turn in line at the Variety Store asked for a baby sister, an unforeseen request that really flustered his attendant mother, who was hovering close so as not to miss a word.

What Goes On

Friday, December 20—Greenbelt Theater group has Christmas party at 1-D Research Road, 9 p. m.

Saturday, December 21—Square dance group holds Christmas party at 9 p. m., in social room, center school. Adult Chanukah Party at 8:30 p. m., in the home economics room, center school.

Sunday, December 22—Children's Chanukah Party at 11:30 a. m., room 224, center school. Christmas pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," at 6 p. m., center school auditorium.

Monday, December 23—Cooperator deadline, 10 p. m., 8 Parkway. Lutheran Church Christmas program at 7 p. m. in center school auditorium. Greenbelt Child Care Center Christmas party, at 10:30 a. m.

Tuesday, December 24—Community Christmas tree will be lighted at 4:30 p. m., in the center.

Wednesday, December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Friday, December 27—Greenbelt Theater Group meets at 8:30 p. m., in arts and crafts room, center school.

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God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

After 54 days of historic debate, the General Assembly of the United Nations adjourned its 1946 session.

As a Christmas gift to the peoples of the world, the assembled delegates offered the hope of "Peace on Earth," not merely as a phrase, sung or spoken, but as a goal to be set and achieved.

As definite accomplishments, the Assembly can point to the fixing of a permanent site for the United Nations, the setting up of a 10-nation Trusteeship Council, and a refugee organization, the approval of an arms limitation resolution, and an anti-discrimination resolution.

These are, of course, but a few solutions of the many problems which confront the U. N., but they mark the beginning of a world in which "all nations may joyful rise."

God rest you merry gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay.

To The Editor

Parents Say "Thank You"

To the Editor:

The undersigned are parents of the children who contracted polio this past summer. We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to Doctors Wodak, Moody, Eisner, Public Health Nurse Stouffer, Town Manager Gobel, Service Director Kinzer, and Police Department officers for the assistance, advice, patience, and excellent care they extended us. During a period of great distress to us they were sympathetic and kind and each performed his job in a most efficient and commendable manner. In many ways they exceeded the functions normally expected of them. Particularly in the matter of the relationships of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis with the State, County and D. C., Mr. Gobel was aggressive and successful in pioneering to bring about a much needed explanation of the functions each agency played. We feel that not only are we indebted to him but that the town itself is and can be justly proud of the leadership he displayed.

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Thanks For CARE

To the Editor:

I want to express, on behalf of the many needy families they have aided, my sincere appreciation for the fine spirit shown by the 100 Greenbelt families who have been contributing to CARE. Since May, these people have been, not giving, but faithfully sharing with the hungry people of Europe. These 100 families have sent 40

Post Office Hours

Greenbelt Postmaster George W. Bryant wants to remind townspeople that the Greenbelt Post Office will be open to 7 p. m., daily until Christmas Day. Post office hours on Sunday, December 22, will be from 12 noon to 6 p. m.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE
Phone 3667

It's nice to know that Bobby Nance, who is being treated at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore has been allowed by the doctors to spend the holidays with his parents at 8 A Hillside Road.

Mrs. Archie Foggatt, 10 G Plateau Place is welcoming her husband home tomorrow night for a week's visit. Mr. Foggatt left recently for Indianapolis to accept a position with the Civil Aeronautics Administration and is in charge of photography at an experimental station. He's house-hunting so his wife and two sons may join him. The Foggatts are happy that his work in Indianapolis brings them nearer to their former home in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zarrilli, 7 K Laurel Hill Road are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Susan Carol at Leland Memorial Hospital on Nov. 21.

Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer is spending Christmas with her sister in Virginia.

Mrs. Arthelia Pritt and Mrs. Inez Anspach were hostesses last week to the ladies of the 9-11-13 Club, who held Christmas bingo at the home of Mrs. Anspach, 11 A Hillside Road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rowfe are arriving Sunday from their home in Negaunee, Mich., to spend the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Rowfe, Jr., at 2 V Laurel Hill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harper, 9 R Laurel Hill Road are the happy parents of a baby girl, Sarah Blanche, born at Leland Memorial Hospital on Nov. 24.

The Laurel Hill Sewing Club held its annual Christmas party on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Mary Callanan, 2 C Laurel Hill Road.

There were birthday parties this week for Dewey Menter, 6 B Crescent Road who was four years old, for Emmitt Hughes, 5 B Ridge Road who was six, and for three brand new five-year-olds up Laurel Hill way: Donald Hargy, Karen Jorgensen, and Steven Cunningham.

Harry Walter Palmer, assistant manager of the Greenbelt Variety Store will be married in New York City, Dec. 31 to Miss Marie Hazeltine. The wedding will be attended only by the immediate family and friends. After a week's honeymoon trip the couple will be at home at 12 G Parkway. Harry, who has been with GCS since May and his bride are both from New York.

Dr. Joseph Still, formerly physician on the Greenbelt Health Association staff, has been appointed public health officer for Prince William and Stafford Counties in Virginia, according to an announcement of the Virginia Health Department. Dr. Still will take over his new duties on January 1.

The five Girl Scout and five Brownie troops of Greenbelt, 200 strong, are holding Christmas parties this week. Their program for the past month has included making gifts for family, friends, and for Red Cross distribution in nearby hospitals.

The bell-ringing near the center school last week heralded the American Legion 40 and 8 locomotive, driven to Greenbelt to collect funds for Christmas gifts to be presented to members of the armed forces in hospitals throughout the country.

Last Monday evening Kathleen Scott and Pat Brown presented their pupils in a flute and clarinet recital. All members of the "feeder" or the regular Greenbelt band, the participants, were: Carl Caruso, Patsy Dunbar, Judy Lewis, Bob Love, Mary Michaud, Fred Pfeiffer, and Valerie Ramsdell, clarinetists; Pat Giersch, piccoloist; and George Jones, Shirley Lou Morrison, and Ruth Rhodes, fustists. The accompanist was Miss Agnes Hohman of Berwyn. In addition to solo pieces a double and a single quartet and some duets were performed.

Among those "home for Christmas" will be newly-weds Frank and Shirley Loftus. Frank is studying at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Louise Steward, North End Kindergarten teacher, sailed from New York Sunday with her baby daughter to join her husband in Germany in time for the Christmas holidays. The Stewards address is: Lt. Wilfred H. Steward, Jr., 01042438, Battery D-644 AAA AW Bn. (SP), APO 171, o/c P. M. N. Y.

Community Church

Saturday

10:00—Junior Choir rehearsal at Joanne Taylor's, 13-R Ridge.
Sunday, December 22
(Christmas Sunday)

9:30 a. m.—Church School, Thomas Berry, Superintendent. All students and teachers are asked to bring a package of canned food for Christmas packages. Santa Claus will visit some departments today.
10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class, James Gobel, teacher.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery.

11 a. m.—Church Worship. Music by both choirs directed by Thomas Ritchie, with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ. Familiar Christmas carols will be sung. Sermon: "Emmanuel!"

6:00 p. m.—Christmas pageant "Why the Chimes Rang." The public is cordially invited to this great pageant.

7:30 p. m.—Christmas carolling by the Hi-School Fellowship.

Sunday, December 29

8:15 p. m.—Christmas Cantata by the senior choir of Community Church. The public is invited.

The Community Church is collecting new and used toys for Christmas packages. Those wishing to contribute please call Robert Dove or Rev. Braund.

Community Church Christmas Plans

The classic Christmas pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," will be presented by the Community Church in the center school auditorium the Sunday before Christmas, December 22, at 6 p. m. Mrs. Lillian Mitchell is directing a cast of 35, and music will be provided by the High School Glee Club; Mrs. Daniel Neff, organist; William E. Ransom, Jr., violinist; and a trio of male voices from the church choir. People of all faiths are cordially invited.

A second interfaith service will be presented the Sunday after Christmas, December 29, when the cantata "The Christ Child" by Hawley will be sung by the Community Church choir with four soloists, conducted by Tom Ritchie with Mrs. Neff at the organ. All residents of Greenbelt are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9 p. m. on the second floor of the center school.

Rabbi Appointed For Jewish Center

Chaplain Morris A. Sandhaus has been named spiritual leader for the Greenbelt Jewish Community Center.

An ordained rabbi, Chaplain Sandhaus entered the United States Army as a Jewish chaplain shortly after the outbreak of hostilities, and was one of the first to touch French soil following D-Day. He served overseas for many months and recently was discharged with the rank of major.

At the present, Chaplain Sandhaus is serving as assistant personnel director of the Chaplain's Division, Veterans' Administration, and recently was elected treasurer of the Army and Navy Chaplain's Club.

Prior to his entry in the Army, Chaplain Sandhaus served for nine years as a rabbi for one of the larger Jewish congregations in Yonkers, N. Y. He will assume his duties as rabbi for the Jewish Community Center in Greenbelt as soon as arrangements are completed to bring his family here.

Care Center Holds Christmas Party

The Greenbelt Child Care Center announced a Christmas Party to be held on December 23 at 10:30 a. m. There will be an exchange of ten cent gifts under the tree, each child to bring a gift for another child.

Any person interested in the Child Care Center will be welcome to attend the Christmas party. Miss Elizabeth Cameron, director of the center, feels that this will be an excellent opportunity for observing the functions of the center. She also announced that the waiting list has been greatly decreased, and new applications will be accepted at this time.

Mrs. Fishal, Director of the Highlands Cooperative Child Care Center, accompanied by Mrs. S. Hartford Downs of Greenbelt, visited the Greenbelt Center on December 10. The Highlands Center recently became a cooperative and Mrs. Fishal stated that she had gained many valuable ideas through studying the Greenbelt Center.

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

The sermon topic for Sunday, December 22, will be "The Power To Break Down the Barriers," Luke 9, 55-56. Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow will conduct the services which begin at 12:30 p. m. in the home economics room of the center school.

On Monday evening, December 23, at 7 p. m., the children will present the Christmas program in the center school auditorium.

Regular weekly choir rehearsal on Thursday at 8 p. m. at 2-F Plateau Place.

The Lydia Circle will meet at 35-L Ridge Road, this evening at 8 p. m.

Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church

Woodland Way and Forestway Rd.
Rev. C. J. Craig, Pastor
UNION 1658

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

Classes—10:00 a. m.

Sunday school closing assembly—10:40 a. m.

Morning worship service—11:00 a. m.

Christmas Program—8:00 p. m. A Christmas tree and Santa Claus will be provided for the children.

Thursday, Prayer Service—8:00 p. m.

Hebrew

Congregation

Services tonight will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Granims, 2-S Plateau Place. Traditional refreshments will be served at the close of the Chanukah service.

Chanukah Party

The Hebrew Sunday School, under the auspices of the B'nai B'rith Women of Greenbelt, will hold a Children's Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 22, at 11:30 a. m., in Room 224 of the Center School.

A program has been planned, with the traditional lighting of the Chanukah Candles as the main feature. Each child attending is asked to bring an inexpensive gift for the grab bag. All Jewish children are cordially invited to attend.

There will be no school on Sunday, December 29. However, there will be Sunday School as usual on January 5, 1947.

The adult Chanukah party will be held on Saturday night, December 21, in the home economics room of the center school.

Sodality Party

Bridge, "500," pinochle and "pitch" will all be features of a card party planned by Our Lady of Sorrows Sodality on Saturday night, January 18. The party will be held in the center school auditorium and will include refreshments. Tickets will be 55 cents, tax included.

Mrs. Frank McConnell is in charge of tickets, Mrs. John Traskey of bridge, Mrs. Edward Grace of 500 and Mrs. Charles Wright of pinochle and pitch.

Details of the party were arranged at the monthly Sodality meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Bernard Bordenet. The meeting was a joint business meeting and Christmas party, with games, refreshments and a grab bag.

65 Gifts For Vets

Under the direction of Mrs. George E. Clark, camp and hospital chairman for the Woman's Club and vice-chairman for County Red Cross community services, 65 personalized Christmas gifts have been collected locally for veterans who must remain in hospitals for the holiday season. The gifts have been gaily wrapped, and are ready for distribution on Christmas morning by Red Cross recreational workers.

Organizations cooperating with Mrs. Clark were the B'nai B'rith, the Community Church Guild and the Woman's Club.

News Deadline During Holidays

Because of the Christmas and New Year Holidays, ALL news stories for the December 27 issue must be in the Cooperator office, 8 Parkway by Monday night, December 23, at 10 p. m. ALL news stories for the January 3 issue must be in the Cooperator office by Monday night, December 30, at 10 p. m. Stories for these issues submitted after the designated times will run the risk of not being printed.

Cormack Promises

Paint Next Year

FPHA workmen are soon to paint four Greenbelt defense homes, as an experiment, FPHA Manager Charles M. Cormack told the Cooperator Monday. While actual painting will not be done until spring, the management plans to try out four different color combinations on the doors and window trims of each home. Only the exposed woodwork will be painted, Mr. Cormack explained, since the main body of the buildings as asbestos shingle.

Some consideration is likewise being given to the problem of hedges in the defense section, Mr. Cormack stated, but added, that at present it seems far too extensive a project.

Conserve wheat, fats and oils.

Drop-Inn Hours

During the Christmas holidays, the Drop-Inn will be open in the afternoon from 2 to 5, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day at which time the Drop-Inn will be closed in the afternoon. The evening shifts will remain the same; however, a New Year's Eve party is being planned for Tuesday, December 31.

Basketball League In 3 Game Opener

The Greenbelt Recreation Basketball League opened with three rousing games on December 12.

Tigers 26, Swabbies 24

The Tigers nosed out the Swabbies by a 26 to 24 score. J. Cookson's lay-up shots were working well as he dropped in five field goals and two free throws. The Swabbies who were trailing 16 to 9 at the half made a gallant effort to overhaul their opponents with Miller and Lindeman carrying the load. Miller was high for his team with nine points.

Ironmen 26, Chiefs 18

In a game that started out to be a hard-fought contest, the Ironmen led by Spud Clay, hammered the Chiefs down to a 26 to 18 score. The game was abbreviated at the third period due to the rule which provides that each game be allowed only 50 minutes of play whether or not the game is finished. The game was a well played affair, with the Chiefs showing a fine passing attack, although they had trouble making their shots count. The Ironmen were more fortunate as S. Clay couldn't miss with his long-sinking six of them. Kollar and Mothershead were high for the losers with six points apiece. The defensive work of O'Connell and Garner for the winners was instrumental in keeping the score of the Chiefs down.

Terps 28, Senators 23

Paced by Wolfe, who tallied six points, the first quarter ended with the Terps leading 10 to 4. Half time saw the game tied 11 to 11. Both teams were credited with good defensive play. However, during the third quarter the Terps forged ahead to end this period with a score of 24 to 15. During the closing period of the game, Demar of the Senators, was responsible for six points which brought the Senators within five points of the Terps as the game ended.

Christmas Day NOTICE

All Greenbelt stores will be closed Christmas Day except Theater open 1 p. m.
Tobacco Store open 6 to 10 p. m.
Pharmacy open 12 noon to 2 p. m. and 8 to 10 p. m.
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How Greenbelt Holds Christmas

By GERALDINE BACKSTROM
Christmas in Greenbelt will find families of many nationalities celebrating the holiday in special ways, some of them quite different than any of us would imagine. No matter where one abides, he still tends to adhere to the "old country" mode of observing holidays. Apparently the pattern for celebrating in individual families dates back to the impressionable days of ones youth.

The Dutch Divide It

Residents of Dutch descent will remember Christmas as celebrated in their native Holland as a season definitely divided into two parts. Santa Claus visits Dutch shops on December 5, taking orders from the eager children. He fills the orders that night, giving Dutch kids quite a lead over the rest of the world.

Religious ceremonies, feasts and parties are conducted day and night on December 25 and 26. The favorite Christmas dish, according to Mrs. Fred DeJager of 58-L Crescent Road, is an almond cake, served with fruit punch.

Swedish Lutefisk

Those of us who claim Sweden as our native land will adhere to the old-time tradition by feasting on Lutefisk (a poached white fish served with a cream gravy) for Christmas Eve supper. The Christmas tree will be trimmed in the evening, with the help of the entire family. Many unusual homemade decorations and cookies of various shapes will dangle from the branches in a maze of glitter. The Vernon Backstroms of 73 Ridge Road will observe in this fashion.

Christmas morn the family attends Swedish Services "Julietta," usually celebrated at 5 a. m., then rushes home to unwrap the Christmas horde while "Mom" prepares for breakfast potato sausage, a large casing stuffed with a mixture of pork and ground beef combined with grated raw potatoes, seasoned with onion juice, salt and pepper. In addition to this, Swedish Braid, Spritz, and Swedish Rosettes are among the especial prizes of any Swedish household—yes!

Norwegian Christmas

The Norwegians observe Christmas in much the same fashion as the Swedes, the main difference being that the Norwegian families unwrap their gifts on Christmas Eve. The Charles Easts of 56 Crescent Road will adhere to Norwegian tradition in their celebrating.

Italian Customs

Of Italian descent, the Michael Julianos, 1-G Northway, will serve several types of fish during their Christmas celebration. One favorite is smelt and dried codfish which is fried in deep fat, after being dipped in a rich batter. Boiled chestnuts will be a feature of the Christmas Eve supper.

The Juliano family will arise early Christmas morning to unwrap their gifts, attend Church services and thence home to a busy day. The main meal on Christmas day will include a special soup prepared from broth of chicken with small meat balls added; this course is followed by

Legion Boys Close Football Season

The Greenbelt Legion Boys football team closed their activities for the season last Saturday night with a celebration at the Legion Home. Thirty members of the squad attended with their girl friends.

Mayor George F. Bauer; Town Manager Charles M. Cormack; Lester Sanders of the American Legion; Ben Goldfaden of the Recreation Department; James Wolfe, representing the parents and Leo Mullen representing the sport fans, each gave a short talk.

Each member of the football squad was presented with a miniature football by Coach Pappy Hawkins, who, in turn, received a fountain pen from the boys.

The evening's entertainment ended with dancing.

Bowling League

14th week

	W.	L.	Pinfall
Seahawks	29	13	21338
Legion I	26	16	21851
Redskins	25	17	21090
Rummies	25	17	20341
Spoilers	23	19	21200
Aces	23	19	21182
Legion II	23	19	20991
Pickups	23	19	20722
Eagles	21	21	21783
S. E. Glass	21	21	21579
Northenders	21	21	20674
Commandos	21	21	20411
Emanon	21	21	20314
Greenhorns	21	21	20194
Bums	20	22	20527
Comm. Church	20	22	20430
Raiders	19	23	20352
Defenders	19	23	20199
Tigers	19	23	19844
Piddlers	18	24	19385
Flyers	17	25	19956
Pioneers	17	25	19478
Co-op	16	26	21042
Food Store	16	26	19867

H. I. Game—Bowen 169, Miller and McDonald 164. H. I. Set—Link 387, McDonald 384, Blanchard 379. High Spares—(3 way tie) Alexander, Lastner and McEwen 94. High Strikes: McEwen 31, Link 28, Miller 26. High ind. aver.—McEwen 113-36; Lastner and Link (tie) 110-10; Galvin 108-22; McDonald 108-17.

ravioli, turkey, and vegetables. The dessert features various kinds of small cakes: ribbon fry cakes, cottage cheese cake, and a special anise and almond cake similar to that served at Italian weddings.

Former Servicemen Report

According to Thomas Dolgoff of 14-E Laurel Hill Road, Christmas is not as important in France as we consider it in the United States. It is definitely a children's holiday. Santa Claus in France is called Father Noel. Gifts are not exchanged on Christmas, as a general rule, but on New Year's.

Former T/5 Ben Perelzweig of 6-F Hillside Road, who served with the Army in Germany reports that on Christmas Eve Kris Kringle goes from home to home accompanied by the "Christ Child," represented by a woman in white who wears a long white cape and carries a lantern. Before gifts are offered to the children they are required to demonstrate their proficiency at prayers and Christmas songs.

Back Home Again

Christmas throughout the United States finds a variety of ways of celebrating. For instance in Texas the family always trims the tree on December 1, and celebrates Christmas by shooting fireworks. One of the favored holiday dishes is Ambrosia. The Southern States are famous for a special almond cake. Christmas dinner in New York state features oysters on the half shell and plum pudding for dessert. We wish we had space to take up each of your home states. No matter which way you choose to celebrate, however, it is an undisputable fact that it all adds up to a happy celebration of a very Merry Christmas to one and all.

Ben McCabe of the National Tax Equality Association offers the world a solemn warning: "The blunt fact is that co-op doctrine forbids the right of an individual to own a business. It denies the right of your own sons returned from war to own a business of their own. They must, if they work for a cooperative, be hired men forever." Drop in at your co-op tomorrow and ask to see the shackles.—(CNS).

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50 Orphans Need Food And Clothing

Would you like to clothe an orphan whose parents died in World War II? If so, contact Matha Mott or Elise East or send your package direct to Henri and Henriette Julien, Secourenfant, 2 Rue de Bausset, Marseilles, Bouches du Rhone Dept., France. The Juliens have charge of 50 orphans of various nationalities, mostly French. Until October they lived with their charges in a tent camp in the Alps. A storm destroyed all their possessions and they were forced to move. Mrs. Elise East, Greenbelt CARE chairman, learned of their plight through a CARE news bulletin.

Mrs. Mott, who recently agreed to take charge of special requests for help through CARE, started work on this project immediately. Five CARE packages have been sent so far, two as a result of a collection at the last Greenbelt Consumer Services membership meeting, two from court collections and one from an individual contribution.

Food is the most immediate need; but clothing is badly needed too. Under the leadership of Mrs. Katherine Mitchell of 2-F Parkway, kindergarten teacher at the North End School, the north end students brought in 87 pounds of clothing and toys for the children. The postage for the resulting eight packages was footed by the Missionary Class of the Community Church. Collection for an additional box was made this week at the North End School.

The children expect to start writing letters to their overseas friends after Christmas and hope to be exchanging news with each other soon.

Mrs. Mott expressed the hope that families in Greenbelt would go through their children's worn-out clothes and try to find a complete outfit for one child. All clothing should be packed carefully in a cardboard box for shipment abroad and should be clean and mended.

Mrs. East announced that she has received a supply of CARE Christmas cards. Anyone who wishes to send a CARE package overseas may get a Christmas card to send to a friend announcing that his Christmas gift this year is 30 meals for a needy family in Europe.

Rev. Eric Braund, pastor of the Community Church, is planning to place an altar in the hall outside the auditorium where people may place their offerings for CARE following the Christmas Eve program presentation by the Community Church.

High School Notes

By MARGARET BROWN

On Saturday, December 21, at 7 p. m., Louise Steinle, G.H.S. senior, will participate on the program "Americana Quiz," over Station WMAL. She is the second in a group of five girls, chosen from Greenbelt, to appear. Carroll Byerly, also a senior, remained victorious for five weeks previous to this; as the two highest participants from five different schools receive \$25 savings bonds and a chance to return the next week. The other three contestants are given five silver dollars each. Good luck, Louise!

The Annual Senior Christmas Ball, given last Friday night in the center school auditorium, was hailed by all as a huge success. The decoration theme, "A Winter Scene," featured a sleigh, Christmas trees, candy canes and blue and white streamers. Much credit is due to all those who cooperated so willingly on the various committees.

Christmas holidays this year begin at 3 p. m. Friday, December 20, and end at 9 a. m. Monday, January 6, 1947.

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U. S. Postman Is Greenbelt Santa

Greenbelt will never lack a Santa Claus as long as there's a U. S. mail carrier around. We thought you might like to know a bit about one of the men whose Christmases are complicated with OTHER people's packages, so we managed to catch Lawrence Suit of 17-F Ridge for a moment during his endless day.

Mr. Suit has had plenty of Santa Claus practice, having three children of his own. His son Billy, a Marine veteran of 20, is, in fact, following the paternal footsteps in a Washington post office at night. Dotty, who's 16 and a pretty redhead, and Shirley, nearly 12, give a hand with the packages along with Mrs. Suit, who wears full postal regalia for the occasion.

In the five years he's been knocking on our doors with welcome news, Mr. Suit has had, he's sure, some strange adventures. But Christmas is no time to ask him about them; a man who leaves home at 5:30 a. m. and neither eats nor rests until he returns at 7:30 p. m. is not exactly chipper enough to recall funny stories. But, despite the wear and tear of his day, Mr. Suit did remember one time when a Greenbelt resident called him to transport a bathtub from her home to Washington. He never got further than the call (which was hardly appealing) and is still wondering, (1) where did the bathtub come from and (2) why was it going.

One of the postman's most constant conjectures has to do with housewives' pocketbooks. "There are some women," Mr. Suit said, with kindly, "who never seem to know where their money is." Every Christmas at least one flustered female recipient of a package keeps him waiting at least fifteen minutes while she searches in vain. She finally finds her purse either hanging on the Christmas tree or packed up with the new doll for little Ellen (where, perhaps, a pocketbook might belong). One housewife had her change purse stowed neatly next to the eggs in the refrigerator.

Children often cluster around the blue mail truck when it pulls into their court, shouting "here's the package man." The lucky kid whose door gets the familiar knock is the envy of the neighborhood and there's usually a sizeable audience for the unveiling of the package. At this time of the year Mr. Suit is the oracle for all the children who buttonhole him as he appears and want to know at once, "What did Santa Claus bring me?"

Perhaps next year we ought to catch our local Santa Claus sometime in May when he's fully recovered from this Christmas and not yet snowed under by the next one.

FPHA Enforces "No-Dog" Clause

"It is the policy of FPFA management to enforce the provision of its lease against the keeping of dogs, cats and pets in Greenbelt homes," declared Community Manager Charles M. Cormack on Tuesday.

In a statement to the Cooperator, Mr. Cormack pointed out that in every case where a complaint has been made to his office, the complaint has been followed through and the tenants notified of their obligation.

"It is possible," Mr. Cormack added, "that there are dogs and cats kept strictly within doors. We (the management) have no police force to go around inspecting the premises. We are dependent upon complaints from other tenants.

"If complaints are received," Mr. Cormack continued, "we will give them our prompt attention." He added that this provision of the lease is always stressed to new tenants before they move in.

Mr. Cormack commented that the local situation is a peculiar one, involving a contract between a landlord and a tenant. However, Mr. Cormack felt that it was important to remember that this regulation in the lease was placed there by the people of Greenbelt, as a result of a public referendum in which 95% of the early Greenbelters voted not to allow pets in Greenbelt.

"We do not have separate yards or cellars in Greenbelt, and we do have hundreds of children," he continued, "and I believe that even today at least 75% of the people here would vote the same way—although you can't please everybody."

Stray dogs, he added, fall within the province of the police department. The management feels that the town is perfectly free to pass an ordinance prohibiting dogs here, if the town finds itself legally free to do so.

Concluding his statement, Mr. Cormack repeated, "When we have specific information of a specific violation, we will enforce the provision of the lease."

Call 6011, Hon

Any tenant wishing heat, hot water, the services of an electrician, plumber, or carpenter, should call the federal maintenance office, 6011.

For a temporary period the Greenbelt Police, 2011, will accept emergency maintenance calls after 4:30 p. m. and on weekends and holidays, pending FPFA's securing sufficient personnel to handle such calls. The police will relay the calls to the appropriate federal employee when he comes by the police station.

The Homemaker

By JUNE WILBUR

There's something new again, designed especially for the younger generation. Greenbelt's population being what it is, there ought to be a special interest here. A new fabric finish called "Scotch-lite" is out to be used for jackets, raincoats, or trimming on outer garments. The fabric comes in a variety of colors but at night it lights up stark white. This of course, would be quite a safety measure for fellows and girls who play ball or go to movies and have to return at night.

The material can be washed or dry-cleaned without losing its lighting-up properties, according to the claim of the manufacturer. Tests show that it is 150 times brighter than plain white. It will probably be a while before garments of this stuff reach the local markets but asking for it is one way of hurrying it along.

Finishes are tremendously important to fabrics and there are many new developments in this field. Since they are so new, many manufacturers advertise them for what they hope the performance will be rather than what the finish is known to do.

Again, the only safeguard Mr. and Mrs. Consumer has against misleading information concerning finishes is to read the label. If the label says "guaranteed," "water-proof," "mildew-proof," "moth-proof," it can be relied on. Otherwise the manufacturer is not sure and can only suggest on the label that it might be these things. He is hoping the fabric will be water-proof, moth-proof or mildew-proof.

With water-resistant finishes, the weave of the material is equally as important as the finish. Fabrics, to give protection against water, need to be very closely woven and of firm quality. The exception is the loosely-woven foundation material which is coated with plastic. In this case the spaces are completely filled with water-proof ingredient, rather than the material being treated with a resin for a water-resistant finish.

However water-resistant the material is, it has recently been proven that double thickness is the best insurance against getting wet. A raincoat with double material over the shoulders of a good water-resistant fabric is excellent protection against wet weather.

Schools Celebrate

The center school celebrated Christmas today with a program of carols, stories, and poems. At the North End school a play "The First Christmas" was presented at a morning assembly yesterday and today.

School re-convenes Monday, January 6.

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Citizens Protest

Poor Bus Service

George L. Frank, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Citizens Association has announced that on December 16 formal protest was filed with the Public Service Commission of Maryland against the present transportation service afforded Greenbelt by the Capital Transit Company.

Among the grounds for complaint, as indicated by a survey conducted by Mr. Frank, are that residents are losing about 10 to 15 minutes each way between Greenbelt and downtown Washington as compared to the service heretofore given; that the cumbersome transfer at Branchville discouraged the use of commercial facilities at College Park, Riverdale, and Hyattsville by Greenbelt residents; that no protection from the cold was provided to transfer passengers at Branchville; and that the use of Greyhound and Trailways buses was made very difficult because there was no transfer point easily available.

GREENBELT Theatre Program

SATURDAY DEC. 21

Double Feature
East Side Kids - Leo Gorcey
Live Wires
Duncan Rinaldo
as The Cisco Kid
South of the Rio Grande
Cont. 1:00 p. m.
Last complete show 8:30

SUN., MON. DEC. 22, 23

Tom Breneman
Bonita Granville
Breakfast in Hollywood
Sunday feature at: 1:08, 3:13,
5:19, 7:25, 9:33
Monday 7 and 9

TUESDAY DEC. 24

Theatre Closed
Merry Christmas to all our patrons

WED., THURS. DEC. 25, 26

Special Christmas Matinee
1 p. m.
Danny Kaye - Virginia Mayo
The Kid from Brooklyn
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Thursday 7 and 9

FRI., SAT. DEC. 27, 28

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Saturday Cont. 1:00
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During this joyful season may we all re-dedicate ourselves to the true spirit of Christmas. May we strive for equality between race and between peoples everywhere. May we strive for unity of high purpose. May we strive to constantly build a spirit of cooperation throughout the world and avoid setting man against man.

And now your cooperative, Greenbelt Consumer Services Inc., wishes the people of Greenbelt a happy and meaningful Christmas season.

CO-OP BUS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY (leaves center)	MONDAY THROUGH FRI. (leaves center)	SATURDAY (leaves center)
9:00 A. M.	6:30 A. M.	6:30 A. M.
9:20	6:45	6:50
9:40	7:00	7:10
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2:00	12:00 Noon	11:30
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3:00	12:30 P. M.	
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HOLIDAYS: EVERY 30 MINUTES 9 A. M. TO 11:30 P. M. unless notice is given otherwise

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