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1946 IN REVIEW

JANUARY—

Town budget for 1946 not approved by FPFA. Administration carries on with funds left over from 1945.

Shoppers, kids, joy-riders enjoy the new intra-town co-op bus.

Tenants complain about lack of heat, control instruments installed by FPFA.

Community Church incorporates. First GCS-sponsored Community dance, with free bingo, draws record crowd.

Town Council applies for war surplus building for a Youth Center; tables Citizens Association recommendation that a committee be elected to study purchase of town by residents.

UNRRA canned food collection.

Town employees Harry Rhodes, director of public works, and Dorothy Black, full-time social service worker, resign.

FEBRUARY—

Citizens Association votes appointment of committee to consult with Community Manager Gobbel on heating, need for paint, landscaping, adequate playground for north end school.

Community Church pastor Wilmer P. Johnston retires.

FPFA Field Director Winston demands Gobbel resign or face charges of inefficiency, insubordination. Gobbel tells Cooperator of "unrealistic" economies recommended by "unqualified" FPFA survey team. Rhodes heads citizens committee to protest to Commissioner Klutznick, who promises personal hearing. Gobbel files answers to charges; "grace period" set by Winston for Feb. 18 goes by with no news about status of Community Manager. Council passes resolution endorsing and supporting Gobbel's record. Winston promises to okay vouchers submitted by town for expenses incurred in 1946.

Child Care Center ceases to get Federal aid.

CPA Lou Englander reports 1945 as Co-op's best year to date.

MARCH—

Child Care Center re-opens as cooperative venture.

Assignment of garden plots held up by uncertainty regarding proposed route of super-highway.

FPFA okays 1946 budget.

East urges Council to take action on recommendation of Citizens Association Housing Committee.

House-breaking cases solved by arrest of 15-year-old.

Greenbelt Food Conservation Committee forms under leadership of Carolyn Miller.

ECL Recreation Director Ruth Norris presides over organization of local dramatic group.

APRIL—

Council vetoes appointing committee to study local ownership of town.

FPFA revokes permission for Council to use war surplus building as youth center, in view of housing shortage.

1,100 housewives pledge themselves to save food; Greenbelt Food Conservation Committee wins national notice.

Legion Carnival scheduled during Holy Week draws protests from churches, individuals.

Community Church announces Rev. Braund as the new pastor.

Council decides not to sponsor a town fair.

Town Public Works Director Ross resigns.

MAY—

Ralph G. Miller takes over as editor of Cooperator.

First dance to raise money for Youth Center backed by 28 organizations.

Robert Davenport elected Citizens Association president.

First local CARE groups form.

Fritz Schrom acquires FPFA land for proposed air-freight depot on edge of town. Council protests deal, passes resolution condemning General Field Office for "disregard of principles behind Greenbelt idea."

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Gobbel Asks PSC For Bus To Pike

At Monday night's town council meeting Town Manager James T. Gobbel read his letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission, requesting that shuttle bus service be provided at least as far as Berwyn Elementary School for the benefit of residents commuting to Baltimore and Washington by Greyhound and Trailways busses. Capital Transit had refused to furnish such service on the grounds that it would require an additional bus and driver. Mr. Gobbel also read a letter of the Public Service Commission advising that the trial period of present Capital Transit Company service will be extended to March 31, 1947, as the commission has not compiled sufficient data to enable it to reach a final decision on the present operating plan.

Mayor Bauer emphasized that the town council seeks the cooperation of all citizens in improving the transportation service, and to this end desires that the citizens present written complaints to the council of specific instances of bad or inadequate service. The council expressed preference for direct bus service to Mt. Rainier.

Parkbelt Dogs

Mr. Gobbel read a letter from Federal Manager Charles Cormack, advising that FPFA had no immediate jurisdiction to regulate the keeping of dogs in Parkbelt, although basic provisions of the lease with Parkbelt Homes, Inc., might provide a means for such regulation. He expressed the belief that the town council had adequate legal authority to restrict the keeping of dogs to leashes or muzzles, and to dispose of all stray dogs in Greenbelt. A councilman reported that one Parkbelt had stated that if his dog were disposed of he would "blow the top off Greenbelt." Mr. Bauer commented that, while protection should be afforded against dogs and cats, a town ordinance licensing pets would be at cross-purposes with lease provisions prohibiting the keeping of dogs in Greenbelt. A visitor expressed concern that, without an ordinance, the town or policemen could be held liable in damages for destroying dogs running at large. Further study will be made by the council.

Hey Doc!

Milton William of the Greenbelt Health Association Board presented a petition that the council authorize a hook-up of GHA physician's phones with the police station, so that, if necessary, messages can be left with the police operator. Mr. Gobbel stated that now when emergency calls are made to police operators, every effort is made to locate a physician. The council, though reluctant to accept the responsibility, expressed willingness to study the matter upon submission of complete written recommendations and report, provided the town could be relieved of legal liabilities resulting from the arrangement.

Mr. Gobbel also read a letter to Mr. Winston, requesting a meeting with FPFA for study and discussion of zoning plans and land use in Greenbelt.

Mayor Lights Tree

Solos by Mrs. Lydalu Palmer, singing by the elementary school children directed by Mrs. Genevieve Gerrits, and band music featured the formal lighting of the community Christmas tree on Tuesday afternoon.

At 4:45 p. m., Mayor George Bauer turned on the tree lights. Music continued following the ceremony.

Loud-speaker was installed in the police station to send Christmas music through the Center.

We Thank You, Fellow Citizens

Each year the Cooperator makes up its own list of persons who, in our opinion, deserve the especial thanks of the community for services rendered. For 1946 we nominate the following as outstanding citizens of the year:

SAM ASHELMAN: He has made our co-op into an organization of which the town can really be proud, and has demonstrated the worth of cooperative principles rightly used.

MRS. FRANK McCONNELL and her Community Chest committee: While surrounding communities struggled to raise their quotas, Mrs. McConnell and her co-workers quietly and efficiently pulled Greenbelt well across the goal line.

CAROLYN MILLER: Her appeal to Greenbelters to conserve food awoke the community's conscience to the suffering abroad. She effectively banded together 23 town organizations into the Greenbelt Food Conservation Committee, whose work attracted national notice and gave impetus to local support of the CARE program.

MRS. FRANK McCAR-THY: After Federal funds were no longer available for the Child Care Center, Gene headed a committee of stalwart workers, who set up their own cooperative organization so that working mothers in Greenbelt could leave their children in safe hands. The center is prospering and has a waiting list.

C & P Applies For Higher Phone Rate

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Maryland for a general increase in telephone rates, citing among other reasons, "rising costs and the lowest earnings in the company's history."

William F. Wolfe, telephone company manager in the local area, in commenting on the proposed increase, stated that "tentative plans have been made to change the system in Greenbelt altogether." He also stated that the company's aim "is to give good service, and we know that you're not getting good service in Greenbelt. However, we are doing everything possible to give it to you." Mr. Wolfe pointed out that the requested raise in rates would be only a moderate one, and would, he said, aid the company's plans to give better service.

What Goes On

Friday, December 27—GCS Board of Directors meeting, office over the drug store, at 8 p. m.

Saturday, December 28—Legion Auxiliary Holiday Dance, at 9 p. m., center school auditorium.

Tuesday, December 31—Drop Inn New Year's Eve Party, at 9 p. m., at old Drop Inn.

Wednesday, January 1—Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 2—Meeting of Greenbelt Section, National Council of Jewish Women, at 8:30 p. m., home economics room, center school.

Friday, January 3—Greenbelt Theater Group meets at 8:30 p. m., arts and crafts room, center school.

GHS Alumni meet at 8 p. m. in high school auditorium.

War Brides Enjoy 1st American Yule

Not many of us can remember our first American Christmas, but Greenbelt boasts four European war brides who have that memory tied with tinsel and packed away with a 1946 label.

Mrs. Joseph Kosisky and son were able to enjoy the season's festivities at home with admiring relatives.



MRS. KOSISKY with his mother last January.

Another December child came to Greenbelt from Edinburgh, Scotland, last July with her mother, Mrs. Aubrey Jones of 53-H Ridge Road. Susan was born December 6 and is two years old. Mrs. Jones, the former Marie Baird, says that her folks back home in Scotland had their first real Christmas this year since the beginning of the war.

Christmas celebrations in England are much the same as here, say Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Kosisky, but not as elaborate and festive, and naturally, during the war years the lack of toys and decorations has lessened the enthusiasm. Very few families have trees, and all ornaments are home-made. Mistletoe plays the leading role and every house in England decks the door with a wreath. The ritual of kissing friends and neighbors who enter your door is an old, old English tradition and still holds top honors. The day after Christmas is also a legal holiday, called Boxing Day, when all stores and banks are closed and parties and feasts are the order of the day.

Our French bride, Mrs. Joseph Rogers, Jr., is in "ecstasy," she exclaims, over the beautiful Christmas tree at their house. In France, she says, only families with more than one child have trees and only then if they can afford them. Trees are very expensive and scarce. But every home has a fireplace and on Christmas Eve children place their shoes before the mantle for Patre Noel to MRS. ROGERS fill. It seems particularly wonderful to Anna Marie to see lighted trees and wreaths when for seven war years she spent dark and gloomy Christmas Eves in France.

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NTEA Opens Fight On Co-op Savings

By ELISA EAST
The National Tax Equality Association, avowed enemy of co-ops, has finally turned its big guns on Maryland cooperatives. The NTEA has succeeded in getting the Maryland Legislative Council to approve the taxing of cooperative savings, which would make earnings subject to tax before any patronage returns could be given to the members.

More than 30 cooperatives (mostly farm groups) in Maryland are ready to fight this latest move by the NTEA when it comes before the Maryland General Assembly. According to a story in the December 20 Washington Post, the Farm Bureau, represented by C. E. Wise, Jr., has made this one of the two main planks of the legislative program outlined by state Farm Bureau leaders planning the annual state convention in Baltimore on January 7-10.

According to an official of Southern States Cooperative, "The situation is well in hand." "Of course," says Sam Ashelman, GCS general manager, "we can't be complacent about a situation like this." Bob Volckhausen, executive secretary of the Potomac Cooperative Federation, assured the Cooperator that "The Federation is joining other co-op groups in the fight to see that no discriminatory action is taken against co-ops."

The NTEA opened its anti-co-op campaign in Maryland with a blast in the Baltimore Sun repeating charges it has been leveling against co-ops since its organization in 1943 under the name League for the Protection of Private Enterprise. Since then, under three different names, it has attempted to kill cooperative enterprise in the United States. Its president, Ben McCabe, has propagated in every paper in the country which has been willing to lend itself to the NTEA campaign. Mr. McCabe and many of its members are big grain dealers who first became concerned about the danger to free enterprise when co-ops invaded the grain monopoly field in Minnesota. They have since tried to enlist the support of other businessmen and business organizations with varying results. The National Association of Manufacturers turned them down cold and came out with a statement endorsing co-ops as a healthy influence in the American free-enterprise system.

In answer to the NTEA charge that co-ops do not pay taxes and so enjoy an unfair advantage over private businesses, Bob Morrow, GCS office manager, gave the Cooperator an account of the taxes GCS pays every year. Besides license fees, permits, social security, and unemployment insurance, GCS pays over \$34,000 in Federal income taxes and a small sum in Maryland income taxes. If the proposed tax law were passed, GCS would have to pay an additional tax before patronage refunds could be declared. Co-ops maintain that this money is savings, while the NTEA declares it is profit and should be taxed as such.

Lee Johnson, executive vice president of the National Public Housing Conference, will be the guest speaker at the January 2 meeting of the Greenbelt Section, National Council of Jewish Women in the home economics room of the center school, at 9 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Housing Official To Address Women

Mr. Johnson has been with the National Housing Authority since its inception, and has a background of varied activities in the field of housing. He will present a comprehensive report on the long-range housing program. Questions will be invited from the audience.

A short business meeting starting promptly at 8:30 p. m. will precede the speaker.

Drop-Inn Party

The Drop Inn is holding a New Year's Eve party on Tuesday, December 31 from 9 p. m. to 12:30 p. m., in the old Drop Inn below the Police Station. Admission will be 50 cents a couple and 35 cents single. There will be refreshments, dancing, and a floor show.

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Happy New Year!

Well, it was a long year, 1946, our first full year of peace. Long, and trying, and full of people's tears, and some laughter. We even had a war scare last August, which blew over as quickly as it came. And OPA was killed, and John L. Lewis struck, and the Republicans swept into power. And 9000 CARE packages a day were being sent to Europe (a lot of them from Greenbelters). And we had a bang-up Fourth of July, and a real Christmas with trees and egg-nog parties and presents and Santa Claus. And the usual weary calls to the Maintenance Department—"We have no heat." And wonderful autumn days. And a polio scare that affected both our kids and our nerves. And we finally got our lease from FPHA to build our new store! And we sang "Rumors Are Flying," and proceeded to pass on a few...

Yes, it was a long year. But the thing that made it outstanding was that our husbands and sons and friends were out of uniform—and there was peace, all year. Many happy returns of this year!

OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE
Phone 3667

This is the "joyous season" of the year, a happy time that belongs to everyone. To the children it's the year's highlight, for Christmas is truly the children's best holiday. Perhaps it is because the Christmas spirit, since it is one of giving finds its greatest expression in making little children happy. Best of all for the small fry is the beloved Santa Claus who is the personification of love, hope, kindness and the joy that is found in doing good for others, that something pretty wonderful that we call the Christmas spirit. It lives throughout the year in all that is good. It lives in good neighborliness, for thoughtfulness, kindness and good will is in the Christmas spirit and in the good neighbor.

At this season I'd like to begin to write each week about an act, large or small, of somebody's good neighbor, and give a verbal orchid to that special neighbor. For a beginning, I'd like to mention the Jorgensens and their Sunday night "sings." Everyone is welcome to gather round the piano and sing while either Hans or Elsa, both accomplished pianists, play for their neighbors. So, we present this week's orchid to Hans and Elsa Jorgensen, of 2-T Laurel Hill Road. Will you phone me about YOUR good neighbor and something kind or thoughtful that he or she has done for you or for others?

Donny and Jerry Epstein of Chicago are spending their two weeks' Christmas vacation with their cousin, Jimmy Klinenberg, 13-K Hillside Road.

It was an especially happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Kaighn, 13-V Ridge Road, with the Kaighn family all here for their first Christmas together in three years.

Mrs. Mollie Sanders, 7-W Research Road had as house guests, her sister, Mrs. Allen Lubart, with her two children of New York City.

Pvt. LeGrande Benefiel spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Benefiel.

Mrs. Bertha Bonham enjoyed a Kentucky Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Merton England of Lexing-

ton. Miss Virginia Bonham joined the family group, coming from Nashville, Tenn., where she is a student at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Collins, 2 Forestway, motored to Columbus, Ohio, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gale came from Chicago to spend Christmas with their folks on Woodland Way.

Also from Chicago are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bonham, here to spend a week with Dr. and Mrs. James McCarl.

Pvt. James McCarl and Pvt. Marvin Perchick sailed from California, December 3, and probably spent Christmas somewhere in Japan.

It's a very gay and busy holiday season for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Feig, 11-J Ridge Road. Mrs. Feig's parents, of New York City were visitors last weekend; her younger brother, Jerry, will be a house-guest until school reopens. Her brother-in-law, Louis Feig, of Denver, visited during this past week, and her father and mother-in-law will be guests this coming weekend. Happy holiday!

Little Rozanne Fandom of 16-D Ridge Road was four years old on Christmas Eve. Someone should exchange birthdays with her. Wasn't it Robert Louis Stevenson who gave his birthday to a little boy who complained that his birthday fell on Christmas??

Mrs. William J. Dempsey flew in from Manhattan, Kans., for a week's visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Backstrom, 73-R Ridge Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Pettit of San Diego, Calif., are the happy parents of a daughter, Anita Lee, born December 10. Mrs. Pettit is the former Dolores Carr of Greenbelt.

Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus was a Sunday dinner guest of Samuel Bogans at 3-E Research Road.

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Catholic Church

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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.

Community Church

Sunday, December 29
9:30 a. m.—Church School, Tom Berry, Superintendent.

10:00 a. m.—Men's Class, Rolfe Sauls, President.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery.
11 a. m.—Church Worship. Welcome to all. Sermon: "What's Ahead?"

8:15 p. m.—Christmas Cantata, "The Christ Child," sung by Community Church Choir. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy this beautiful music.

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 a. m.

Sunday school closing assembly

10:40 a. m.

Morning worship service—11 a. m.

Evening worship hour—8:00 p. m.

Hebrew Congregation

Services tonight will be held at the home of Emanuel Mohl, 4-G Laurel Hill Road.

Hebrew School

The Hebrew Sunday School will not meet December 29. School reopens on January 5, 1947. Chanukah observances over last weekend included a children's party given by the Hebrew Sunday school, and a party for adults sponsored by the B'nai B'rith and the Sunday school parents.

Rabbi Morris Sandhaus, spiritual leader of the new Jewish Community Center, was the children's guest, and officiated at the candle-lighting for the older crowd's party, at which Rabbi Meyer

News Deadline During Holidays

Because of the New Year holiday ALL news stories for the January 3 issue must be in the Cooperator office, 8 Parkway, by Monday night, December 30, at 10 p. m. Stories for this issue submitted after that time will run the risk of not being printed.

Jewish Center

The Jewish Community Center met at the center school with Samuel Bogan presiding. The constitution and by-laws were adopted and will be ready for signatures of members at the next meeting. Mrs. Lillian Gerstel and Bill Treadwell were appointed to serve as trustees, pending the April election.

Lt. Commander Charles Mandell has been named executive chairman in charge of programs and arrangements and will select working committees.

Membership Drive

Not to be confused with the Youth Center raffle for a 1946 Ford, which is to raise money for a general maintenance fund, is the current "Adult Membership" drive to finance the necessary heating and plumbing installations and to pay for furnishing the renovated war surplus building recently acquired by the Youth Center and War Memorial Association.

Contributory, sustaining, honorary and life memberships are now being solicited by block captains and their helpers. Adults are taking over this work in every block except C Block, where Mrs. Rolfe Sauls is captaining a squad of eight teen-agers who are authorized to accept contributions. David Wyant, Bill Sauls, Julian Tavener, Bill Colliver, Richard Lewis, Skip Hunter, Don Wilson and Sam Downs, are vying to see who can secure the most memberships in this area.

Mrs. Rose Sansone is currently scouting for material to curtain the 34 windows of the Youth Center. She estimates it will take 175 yards.

Girl Scouts Give Christmas Party

Girl Scout Troop 42, under the leadership of Mrs. Phil Crofford, had a Moth and Daughter Christmas party, on December 20. All the girls received their investment pins as a Christmas gift from Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. W. E. Elizabeth Singer was invested as a committee member of that troop. Mrs. H. McNeel, chairman of the district organization, who was guest of honor, performed the necessary steps for investiture. There will be no more meetings for this troop until January 10.

Greenberg of Maryland University's Hillel House was also present.

GHS Alumni Meet

On Friday, January 3, at 8 p. m., a meeting of all Greenbelt High School alumni will be held in the high school auditorium. Election of new officers will be followed by acceptance of the constitution, and a program will be planned for the coming year. This is the second attempt to organize an alumni association, and all graduates are urged to attend.

GREENBELT Theatre Program

FRI., SAT. DEC. 27, 28

Dorothy Lamour - Ray Milland

The Jungle Princess

Friday 7:00 and 9:00

Sat. Cont. 1:00

Last complete show 9:00

SUN., MON. DEC. 29, 30

Dana Andrews

Susan Hayward

Canyon Passage

(Technicolor)

Sunday Feature at

1:30, 3:28, 5:26, 7:24, 9:25

TUESDAY DEC. 31

Happy New Year to All

Bing Crosby - Betty Hutton

Here Comes The Waves

7:00 and 9:00

WED., THURS. JAN. 1, 2

Matinee New Year's Day—

Evelyn Keyes - Larry Parks

Renegades

(Technicolor)

Wed. Cont. 1.

Last complete show 9:00

Thursday 7:00 and 9:00

FRI., SAT. JAN. 3, 4

Margaret O'Brien

Lionel Barrymore

Three Wise Fools

Friday 7:00 and 9:00

Sat. Cont. 1.

Last complete show 9:00



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Variety Store



Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

Hits And Misses

By ROY BELL

(Our new bowling reporter has been in the Greenbelt bowling league since it started except for four years in the service. His former column called "Hits and Misses" had a large following and we welcome back his covering of all the league games. "Pop," as he is called by most of his friends, says he will call the shots as he sees them and hopes to have the standings of both the leagues each week and any important news concerning them.

"Pop" is a member of the American Legion team and also of the Prince Georges County League "Atomic Bombers" which has led the league since the start of the season. Welcome to our staff, "Pop." . . . The Editor).

The outstanding bowling of the previous week was that of the Rev. Braund, a member of the Church team who carries an average of 85, but who had the high game of 141. This goes to prove that our very popular and well-liked clergyman not only is tops in his profession but is also on the job when it comes to bowling. Keep it up, Rev.!

Attention, wives of bowlers! Do you know what your husband needs badly? All bowlers will agree that bowling shoes should be worn. It is compulsory in nearly every league. Why should a few bowlers make it bad for all the rest of the men in the league? Come on fellows, let's get some shoes. This is no offense to any particular payer but the opinion of the entire league. AA hint to the wise should be sufficient.

The Annual Christmas Turkey Sweepstakes of the Greenbelt Bowling League was held last Wednesday evening and some mighty fine games were rolled. Interest ran high until the last man had finished. The hottest men of the evening were Joe Muller of the Redskins and McCauey of the Greenhorns who rolled sets of 389 each to win the first two prizes. They were closely followed by Carroll of the Defenders with a set of 386 who won the third prize.

In the individual games, "Fireball" Ruleman of the Emanons got hotter than the old pop himself, and rolled 168, easily taking first prize. There was considerable rivalry for the next prize of \$6. Three winners finally had to split up the prize. Those in the roll-off were Mathers of the Co-Op, Ramsdell of the Community Church, and Bell of the Legion team. They all rolled 154.

The teams who have been throwing the ball down the gutter when they got ahead in order to hold their averages down are going to feel mighty low the last of the season when they find themselves tied with several other teams. Get all you can, you'll need them.

Recreation, 1946

APRIL—Easter Egg Hunt for all elementary school children, over 350 from kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades, and over 200 from the upper grades. They all had a great time.

MAY—Elementary school annual track meet, with the center school winning all the awards. The entire student body of both schools took part in this activity. Swimming pool opened. Men's baseball and softball teams started play in their leagues, the local softballers losing the play-off to the Clifton Liquor team of Washington. The baseball bunch beat Hyattsville for the Prince George's County Championship. Start of a campaign to raise funds for the new Youth Center; building purchased and moved to Greenbelt.

AUGUST—Water pageant in conjunction with the Town Fair, with about 100 boys and girls taking part and about 2,000 spectators.

Subscribe to The Cooperator for friends and relatives who are away from home. \$1.50 per year.

Store Hours
New Year's Day

All Greenbelt stores will be closed except:

Theatre open 1:00 p. m.
Pharmacy open 12 noon to 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.
Tobacco Store open 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.
Co-op bus operates 9 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.

Greenbelt
Consumer Services, Inc.

Basketball League

Scores By Teams

The box scores for the three games of the Greenbelt Recreation Basketball League, played December 12, are as follows:

SWABBIES	G.	FG.	P.
Daniels, f.	2	1	1
Goldberg, f.	0	0	0
Peters, f.	0	0	0
Lindeman, f.	4	1	1
Tillman, c.	1	0	2
Carroll, c.	1	0	2
Carroll, c.	0	0	1
Pines, g.	1	0	0
Miller, g.	3	0	0
Totals	11	2	5

TIGERS	G.	FG.	P.
Leiper, f.	1	0	0
Neuman, f.	1	0	0
Kaighn, c.	3	0	2
J. Cookson, g.	5	2	2
B. Cookson, g.	1	0	0
Bauer, g.	1	0	2
Totals	12	2	6

IRONMEN	G.	FG.	P.
Grego, f.	1	1	4
McNally, f.	0	0	1
Rowell, f.	1	1	0
G. Clay, f.	1	1	0
Garner, c-f.	1	1	3
Congolosi, c.	0	0	0
O'Connell, g.	1	0	2
Schinderman, g.	0	0	0
S. Clay, g.	6	0	0
Totals	11	4	10

CHIEFS	G.	FG.	P.
Noble, f.	1	0	1
Nihart, f.	0	0	0
VanNote, f.	0	1	3
Duncan, f.	0	0	0
Mothershead, c.	3	0	3
Cowley, g.	0	2	3
Combs, g.	0	1	2
Kollar, g.	3	0	0
Totals	7	4	12

TERPS	G.	FG.	P.
Wolfe, f.	3	0	0
Cranthanel, f.	2	1	0
Somers, f.	1	0	3
Fox, c.	3	0	0
Provost, c.	2	1	3
Davidson, g.	0	0	1
Andrus, g.	0	1	1
Egli, g.	0	2	3
Buck, g.	0	1	1
Totals	11	6	14

SENATORS	G.	FG.	P.
Blanchard, f.	2	0	5
Galligar, f.	2	0	0
Wilbur, f.	0	0	1
Comings, c.	0	0	1
Demar, g.	5	2	0
Glazier, g.	0	0	0
Kindler, g.	0	0	0
Benohman, g.	0	2	0
Newman, g.	0	0	2
Totals	9	5	8

68 Street Lights Help Save Power

Some 68 street lights in "old" Greenbelt were doused to conserve electric power, Town Manager James T. Gobbel, announced last month. This amounts to about every other light in this section of the community. No lighting has been eliminated in the defense area, Mr. Gobbel, added, since that section is already inadequately lighted. The lights not in use are serviced by 200-watt bulbs; so that with the elimination of 14 hours of use, a fair saving in power was effected.

REVIEW

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All-time high of \$176 raised by annual Cancer Drive.

First peacetime Memorial Day since World War II.

Dr. Louis Moody joins Health Association staff.

JUNE—

GCS gets CPA approval on super-market.

Last year's Fair Committee recommends that participating organizations be responsible for Town Fair V.

FPHA and Public Roads Administration hear objections to super-highway route, promise that Greenbelt will be given every consideration, defend route as the "most practical." Council asks Gobbel to be full-time town manager.

Youth Center and Memorial Park Committee acquire surplus building for \$1,200.

Local gardeners protest trespassers; Chief Panagoulis says parents of offending children will be arrested.

Permanent Town Fair Council and Governing Board appointed.

Local Methodists get permission to organize church in Greenbelt.

JULY—

First peacetime Fourth of July celebration at Lake.

Community Manager Charles Cormack assumes duties.

American Legion home banned as official polling place by county supervisor Buscher.

Town employees get 14 percent raise.

GCS and FPFA agree on site; lease still pending.

Second week of July brings Greenbelt's first two polio cases.

Open meeting called by AVC organizes the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association.

FPFA tells Council no change possible in super-highway route but promises chain link fence, screen planting, shifting of underpass and cloverleaf.

AUGUST—

Fake SOS fools passing transport; huge crowd waits for "crash landing" at Braden Field.

Town sprays sludge pits with DDT.

Kids turn in Japanese beetles at 50 cents a quart.

Bachelor apartments will no longer be rented to single persons, Cormack states.

Charles McDonald replaces John Rowley as maintenance engineer.

Short-cut road to Beltsville expected before cold weather.

Polio cases total 13 in August.

Capital Transit announces construction of Beltsville and Riverdale loops.

Council reports no progress with FPFA on Youth Center land lease; FPFA states no payments in lieu of taxes to be used to maintain Center.

SEPTEMBER—

Recreation Head Holochwost resigns; Goldfaden succeeds.

New Youth Center moves over in sections.

Prince Georges Bank and Trust Company makes bid to open bank in Greenbelt; GCS decides not to take up option when county banking commissioner stipulates \$200,000 back-log.

House Appropriations Committee Report indicates Greenbelt sale by June 1948. GMHA announces membership of over 500. Gives formal notice to FPFA of intent to buy.

Town and Federal offices separate.

Defense houses to be converted to oil by January 1, says Cormack.

FPFA announces it will permit \$1,000 annual expenditure of funds in lieu of taxes for upkeep of Youth Center.

Local Lutherans announce building plans.

Residents can do own interior painting, Cormack says.

OCTOBER—

Council asks FPFA to lease land outside Center to other enterprises. FPFA says it will protect GCS within half-mile radius.

GMHA announces 800 membership; approves by-laws.

Editor Ralph Miller resigns; Edith Nicholas takes over.

NOVEMBER—

Mayor Bauer asks revision of charter to give Council more power.

Greenbelt takes part in county's 250th anniversary.

All-time high of 433 voters turn out to help sweep county Democrats into office. Polling place at Center for first time.

November 15. FPFA signs overall and super-market leases with GCS. Stock drive starts to finance expansion.

FPFA officials meet with Council to suggest economies on 1947 budget.

Community Chest drive tops \$1,200 quota.

GMHA gets budget and operation figures on new and old Greenbelt.

Cormack hints utility, rent rise; asks special cooperation from residents during coal strike.

DECEMBER—

Public Health Officer Eisner, Town Manager Gobbel ask ban on all pets in Greenbelt area after Parkbelt dog attacks child. Cormack states FPFA lease provision banning pets in Greenbelt homes will be enforced.

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Parents of children starting fires to be prosecuted, police say.

GCS lowers quorum to 5 percent.

High School PTA appoints committee to work for bigger high school.

Deputy Director Gray states no immediate rent raise in prospect but promises study of schedules in near future.

Trash Piles High

Every effort is being put forth to assure town residents of two regular trash collections, both this week of Christmas and that of New Year's Day, Town Manager James T. Gobbel assures residents. Trash collections is cited as doubly difficult during the year's end, partly because of the 1½-day holiday each week, and partly because of the additional accumulations of trash due to Christmas gift-giving and celebrating.

CLASSIFIED

RATES—for classified advertising: 3 cents per word, minimum 50 cents, payable in advance. Bring to basement of 8 Parkway Tuesday night. For information call 6821.

WASHING MACHINES & VACUUM CLEANERS—Sales and service. Pick-up and delivery. James T. Chenault, 4806 Edmonston Ave., Hyattsville, Md. WA.4662

GCS Association Plans Benefits

The GCS Employees Association at a meeting last month named a four-man committee to meet with public relations director, Mer-ton Trast, to consider a hospitalization and insurance plan for GCS employees. James Mathers, Ruth Watson, John Brown, and Si Pearson are the committee members.

The hospitalization and insurance plan has been advanced by the GCS board as an alternative to the employees Christmas bonus, which has been paid for several years.

GCS employees at the present time are covered by workmen's compensation laws which protect them against injuries while at work. GCS contributes to Health Association fees for employees and their families.

The War Department will draft no more men in 1946, it is announced. Already fifty thousand prospective draftees have been freed to fight for houses.(CNS.)

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1947

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- I will help keep Greenbelt a "best" place to live and rear a family.
- I will invest as much as possible in capital stock of Greenbelt Consumer Services as a safe and profitable place for my money.
- I will save systematically by using the new G.C.S. "Savings-Investment Plan."
- I will buy all I can in Greenbelt and thereby save time and money.
- I will keep all my cash register receipts so that I can participate in "patronage returns."

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Our First Request for a General Increase in Telephone Rates Since 1925

Rising costs an important reason. Telephone rates have remained low for years, while almost everything else has gone up in price.

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has filed an application with the Public Service Commission for an increase in telephone rates.

This is an important step for us and we would like every customer to know the reasons for it.

Suppose You Were Running the Telephone Business

You'd try to render good service, pay good wages, make a reasonable profit and lay a little aside for a rainy day. To do so, there would be one thing you'd have to ask of your customers — a fair price for what you sold.

That's the way we look at it. We've made a number of reductions in telephone rates in the last twenty years and made the telephone more useful and of greater value to more people.

The last time there was a general increase in local telephone rates in Maryland was in 1925, or 21 years ago. In the meantime there have been reductions resulting in savings to customers of a greater amount than the increases now requested.

Payrolls and

All Material Costs Have Gone Up

Since 1925 the cost of almost everything that goes to make good telephone service has gone way up.

Just since 1939, the payrolls of this company have increased 215%. Building costs are 90% higher than in 1939. Material costs in general are way up.

The cost of poles, for instance, has gone up 85% since before the war. Lead-covered cables and bare copper wire 30%. Steel wire 25%. Telephone instruments 15% and switchboards about 35%.

When we go out to buy anything we have the same problems you have. The only difference is that our needs and our market-basket are so much larger.

How Much Does the Telephone Company Make?

Most people think that the earnings of the telephone company are much higher than they really are. True, we have been doing a very big volume of business — serving more telephones and handling more calls than ever in our history.

But our expenses have increased much faster than revenues. These rising costs have reduced the earnings to the lowest point in the entire history of our company.

So today the earnings of this company are *critically* low. Earnings on the company's investment are currently less than 2½%.

The telephone company did not profit by the war. These low earnings have come in years when the volume of telephone business has been breaking all records!

A \$75,000,000 Program to Expand and Improve Telephone Service

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has every faith in the future of Maryland and it is planning to spend \$75,000,000 in this state for new plant in the next five years. For people are constantly needing more and better telephone

service. Nearly 45,000 people in this territory have waited for a telephone for months because building and expansion were held up during the war and have been slowed up since by shortages.

Many improvements in service can be made and will be made as soon as equipment can be obtained and installed, including the extension of service to more farm families and the improvement of existing service in rural areas. Our plans are all set and ready.

The telephone industry will not be able to raise the large amounts of money needed to carry out these plans unless it is permitted to earn enough to make thousands of men and women of average means want to invest their savings in the business.

Reasonable Telephone Earnings Important to Everybody

The supply of money is not inexhaustible and no business has a monopoly on it. It flows to the companies that offer continuing safety and a reasonable return.

It is important, therefore, to everybody who uses the telephone — to everyone who works for it — and to everybody who invests in it — that earnings be on a fair basis and in line with the service rendered and the job to be done.

We want you to know that we ask for this rate increase only after increasing costs have made it necessary.

The people of this community have always been fair to the telephone company and we believe you will understand the reasons for this request for increased rates.

If you were running the telephone business, we believe you would say that an increase in rates is necessary.

The increase we ask will not produce *all* the added revenue that current costs indicate is needed. However, it will give us immediate relief in the present critical situation.

**The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company
of Baltimore City**

