



January Is Here Add Up Receipts

Greenbelters, this January, as usual have little time for getting up lists of New Year resolutions. They are all busy adding up sales slips for their patronage refunds. The GCS office has sent out instruction sheets, both through the mail and by flier. Anyone who has not received one, may get his at the GCS office over the drug store.

As usual, the slips are to be fastened together in groups of 25, with each bundle's total written on the outside, and each bundle labeled "A B C" etc. The total of each bundle should be entered on the patronage return sheet, and the final total, when determined, should be put on the sheet. All the bundles should be put in a bag, and the patron's name, address, and total amount of purchases written on the bag. Returns will be accepted after January 1 and must be in by January 18.

Stock Drive Ends With \$33,355 Total

Merton Trast, Greenbelt Consumer Services public relations director, reports that a total of \$33,355 worth of shares has been sold during the recent share drive. Although the goal of \$75,000 has not been reached, Mr. Trast expressed satisfaction with the results. "In the last drive, we reached \$26,000 in six weeks with more workers, as compared to \$30,000 this time in three weeks. Many people are waiting until after Christmas, and many will no doubt convert their patronage returns to stock. We are also stressing our savings plan right now."

GCS employees have pledged an additional \$2600 on a salary savings plan.

When questioned as to how any shortage of stock purchases would effect GCS expansion, Mr. Trast stated that it would mean that more money would have to be borrowed, but that there would be no curtailment in present plans.

Drop Innners Have New Year's Dance

The teen-agers saw the New Year in and old year out at a dance held on December 31. Laura Link and Carol Holien, entertainment committee, conducted novelty dances and arranged name bands for dancing music for the group by means of the juke box.

Winnie Strickler and Jeanne Kasko with the help of other Drop Inn members decorated the hall. Bob Link was chairman of publicity and refreshments. Hamburgers, cold drinks, and ice cream were sold.

The advisory board, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Miss Eileen Mudd and Pappy Hawkins, served as host and hostesses for the evening.

Heavy Load Makes Town Tree Tipsy

"Don't you go putting it in the paper that I didn't choose a straight tree," retorted Angus MacGregor when the Cooperator reporter twitted him this week about the tipsy community Christmas tree in the Center.

Greenbelters noticing the decided southwest list of the cedar's topmost branches have commented that the tree looks "lit up" even in the daytime.

Anyhow, the tree was perfectly straight when selected by the Grounds Superintendent from the Myer property back of the airport. The trouble developed when the light cords were not secured at regular intervals in the upper part of the tree. The prevailing wind blew the strings over to one side, and the weight of the star then bowed the tip down.

According to "Mac," the Center has several permanently tipsy trees influenced by the strong down-drafts from the hill. The sycamores near the drugstore and barber shop are the leafy leaners to watch.

CARE Announces Patronage Return

Instead of declaring patronage returns to individual purchasers, the directors of CARE, cooperative relief agency, are using the money to purchase 50,000 packages for free distribution overseas. These packages will be delivered in the country for which the American purchaser bought a package.

Faced with a possibility of a complete sell-out of the present 10-in-1 food packages by March 1, the board also authorized the CARE management to start assembling a new food package.

Paul Comly French, CARE general manager, has announced that CARE now has a \$10 blanket package available for delivery in France, Belgium and the Netherlands. This new package contains two all-virgin wool blankets, 64 by 84 inches, 3 3/4 pounds each. They are U. S. Army surplus, olive-drab in color. The package also contains sewing materials (needles, pins, thread and buttons) which will enable the recipients to fashion garments from the blankets.

New Commissioner Visits Our Town

Newly-appointed FPHA Commissioner Dillon Myer made his first official visit to Greenbelt on December 20.

Escorted by Community Manager Charles Cormack, Mr. Myer's party included General Field Office Director Winston and General Consul Glick.

A prominent Chinese official, Marshal Feng, made a whirlwind tour of the town on Christmas Eve, accompanied by a staff of military attaches, embassy officials and interpreters.

A second foreign visitor, the city engineer of Minsk, Russia, spent three hours on Monday, December 30, with Mr. Cormack and an interpreter inspecting the town's sewage and utilities arrangements.

Dr. Lejins Speaks To Woman's Club

The January meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Thursday, January 9, at 8:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Phillips Taylor, 13-R Ridge rd. The speaker will be Dr. Peter Lejins, professor of sociology at the University of Maryland, who will speak on "Children's Problems of Today." This meeting is being held under the auspices of the Education Department of which Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel is chairman.

A musical program will include vocal solos by Miss Jackie Keenan and violin solos by Miss Joanne Slye, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Finlay. Special guests will be Dr. Margaret Towle Goldsmith, Mrs. Peter Lejins and Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Finlay, Mrs. D. J. Neff and Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell.

New Oil Burners

Nine more oil burners are reported on hand for conversion to oil of Greenbelt's defense homes, FPHA Manager Charles M. Cormack reported on Monday. Two have already been installed, leaving 21 burners yet to arrive on the project. The two already in place and the nine recently arrived are of the small type.

The new hot water heaters in old Greenbelt are now in the process of installation, Mr. Cormack added.

Major Nesbit Weds

In a quiet wedding ceremony performed December 28 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., Miss Mary Esther Haynes was united in marriage to Major Joseph N. Gray Nesbit of 8-M Parkway.

Mrs. Nesbit was a former teacher in the schools of Washington. Major Nesbit taught at the University of Maryland.

Tax Return Time

Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue will be assigned to various towns in Prince Georges County to assist taxpayers with the filing of their amended estimated income tax returns and estimated income tax returns, it was announced this week by George Hofferbert, Collector of Internal Revenue at Baltimore.

Collectors will be at the Hyattsville County Service Building on January 8 and 9.

Vets Meet Jan. 8

The next meeting of the American Veterans Committee, Greenbelt chapter, will be held Jan. 8, at 8:30 p. m., at the center school, home economics room.

Action on the proposed rules to be considered at the Maryland State Convention will be discussed. The convention will take place in Baltimore on February 22, 23, and 24.

Gussio Betrothal



MISS GUSSIO

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gussio, of 2-J Westway, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Ellen to George Domchick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Domchick of 60-H Crescent Road.

Oops, Our Error

A story on NTEA in last week's Cooperator stated that GCS paid \$34,000 in Federal income taxes. The amount should have been \$3400.

UPWA Discusses Price Increases

The UPWA Women's Auxiliary held a regular membership meeting, December 12 at 5 Woodland Way. Among the major problems discussed were the need for keeping prices in line and the rumored rent increases. The Auxiliary plans to work with the Washington Council of Consumer Protection on these issues.

Confirming a proposal made at the previous meeting to form a Sitters' League, the membership voted to charge a fee of 50c a month to those using its services; with the proceeds to be contributed to CARE. It was decided to hold a series of educational discussions on subjects of interest to the membership.

All persons interested in the work of the Auxiliary are invited to join the organization, whose chairman is Rose Rothchild. Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. A. Hirschtritt's house, 8-K Plateau.

What Goes On

Friday, January 3—Greenbelt Theater Group meets at 8:30 p. m., 45-J Ridge Road.

Monday, January 6—School starts.

Wednesday, January 8—AVC meets at 8:30 p. m., home economics room, center school.

B'nai B'rith meets at 8:30 p. m., in room 223, center school.

Thursday, January 9—Woman's Club meets at 8:15 p. m., at 13-R Ridge Road.

Board Votes 5% Rise In Movie Prices As Ashelman Cites Increased Expenses

With one dissenting vote from the six members present, the GCS board of directors approved general manager Sam Ashelman's recommendation of a rise in admission prices for the Greenbelt theater. Going into effect January 12, it constitutes the first rise in the history of the theater. From now on, admission will be 33c for adults and 15 and 20c for children, plus 20% amusement tax, which will bring the prices to 40c, 17c and 24c.

Mr. Ashelman stressed that the rise was necessary to keep the theater running properly in the face of rising costs and the need for repairing and replacing worn equipment. Labor costs have risen \$2,000 in the past year, and film costs have gone up from 25 to 32 percent of ticket sales. The seats need re-covering and a cash re-

serve must be set aside for the purchase of a new projection machine. Mr. Ashelman reported that the net margin of the theater had dropped from over 13 percent in 1944 to 9 percent this year. "If we continue at our present rate," he said, "we estimate our margin will drop to 5 or 7 percent the coming year."

Mr. Ashelman's proposal caused considerable discussion. William Nicholas placed himself on record as opposed to any increase without first notifying the members, since they have expressed themselves so strongly against a raise. Bruce Bowman was of the opinion that a special meeting held on the subject would bring out only the objectors; and that the members would have ample opportunity to discuss the change at the February meeting if anyone is interested in putting the subject on the agenda. Mr. Ashelman added that the present price increase was sought, not for the purpose of bettering the quality of the pictures, or to obtain an earlier run; but that it was necessary to preserve the status quo. He also said that the increase was smaller than had been asked previously; since it was a 5- rather than a 10-cent raise as requested some months before by former manager Jack Fruchtman.

Warehouse Woes

Mr. Ashelman's report on Leslie Woodcock's negotiations for an ECW warehouse in the Washington area made it plain that the cost of purchasing or building a warehouse and equipping it would be too great a burden for either ECW or co-ops in this area. A location for rent has been found in nearby Virginia for 65 cents a square foot, which would necessitate raising \$20,000 from Rochdale co-ops, \$12,000 from GCS and \$8,000 from other co-ops in the Potomac Federation. Mr. Ashelman stated that this would not be impossible to raise, since the opening of a warehouse would release a considerable sum of money at present tied up in inventories and in extra services. Since the owner wants a 10-year lease, however, and since the rental exceeds that on the average warehouse by 15 cents a square foot, the board felt that the subject should be explored further.

Education Chairman Bruce Bowman, presented a list of 25 members for board approval to comprise an advisory committee on questions of consumer interest, which would also pass on criticisms and suggestions, and sponsor neighborhood discussions and meetings.

Employee Insurance

The management committee reported that the Ohio Farm Bureau plan has been chosen as the most satisfactory for employee insurance. The board approved the committee's recommendation that GCS bear 50 percent of the cost to full-time employees and 25 percent of the cost for half-time employees. Merton Trast stated that 75 percent of the employees will have to enroll for any phase of the plan before it can be put into operation.

The board also decided to issue stock quarterly instead of issuing shares each time an individual buys them. This would not affect the amount of interest to be paid but would simplify the bookkeeping and effect economies in issuing the stock.

Mr. Ashelman reported that GCS sales reached another record last week. Total sales were over \$37,000, with variety store sales hitting a new high of \$6200.

Co-op FM Station Orders Equipment

Equipment has been ordered for the new FM broadcasting station, sponsored by the Potomac area cooperatives, and a decision on the site for the broadcasting tower and transmitter building will be made in the near future. A conditional construction permit for the station was granted by the Federal Communications Commission last spring. It will be the only non-profit broadcasting company in the city.

Helmuth Kern, new manager for Potomac Broadcasting Cooperative, urges co-op members not to buy obsolete radio sets, and to be sure their own radio is equipped for FM (frequency modulation) as well as AM reception. It is expected that by the middle of 1947 the D. C. area will have nine FM stations on the air, with programs probably superior to existing AM broadcasts and with clearer reception.

The broadcasting co-op has applied for call letters WCFM (Washington's Co-operative FM Station).

Reckless Driver Runs Into Truck

On Christmas Eve as Officer Green of the Greenbelt Police was driving towards the lake, he saw a Ford pick-up truck pulled over to the side of the road. He stopped to question the driver, Thomas Clark of Bever Dam Road, Beltsville and was told that the truck had just run out of gas.

As he was talking to Mr. Clark a car came speeding down the road and crashed into the parked truck. The driver of the other car was Luther P. Waring of Vienna, Va., who was charged with reckless driving. Officer Green took the three passengers of the car and a 14 year old boy, Thomas Morris of Beltsville, who was in the pick-up truck, to the hospital, but only the boy's injuries were serious enough to warrant admission.

Thomas Clark, the driver of the truck came to the Greenbelt Police Station for first aid. He was treated by a Health Association physician.

Band Serenades

Polio Patients

With Jimmy Brenon of 60-A Crescencet rd., and Sam Bailey, 11-E Laurel Hill rd., especially in mind, the Greenbelt Band gave Children's Hospital a 30-minute serenade on Sunday, December 22. Fourteen-year-old Jimmy, whose bed was pulled over to the window, and 9-month Sam, have been polio patients since August, the latter having also suffered a broken collarbone and a siege of pneumonia since his admission.

Jimmy celebrated his fourteenth birthday at the hospital Monday evening, when the nurses gave him a birthday party. The Drop Inn made him a present of a life membership in the Greenbelt Youth Association. Dick Trast was elected to make the presentation.



Eleanor Roosevelt buys CARE packages for overseas relief through the Village Co-op, 391 Sixth Avenue, New York City, of which she is a member. "I consider CARE packages one of the best food buys in the country today," she says. Shown with Mrs. Roosevelt are Dr. Lincoln Clark, assistant executive director of CARE, and Judge Dorothy Kenyon, a director of Consumer Cooperative Services.

Plan Co-op Label For Frozen Foods

(CNS)—A beginning in the distribution of frozen foods has been made by Eastern Cooperative Wholesale, and officials believe it is the first co-op wholesale to handle this line. Buyers have had to shop around widely to put together a full frozen line up to Co-op standards, and the Co-op label itself will not appear on this merchandise for the first few months.

First delivery was made to the Morningside Co-op in New York City. Among the products included are asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, corn, green beans, peas, spinach, numerous fruits and berries, crab, shrimp and oysters. The shortage of display cabinets will slow up this development, but ECW expects to see a sizable volume in the future and forecasts a considerable shift in consumer habits toward frozen foods.

An Associated Press correspondent says the Russian people are more interested in football than in war. This is the kind of godless materialism that ought to be encouraged. (CNS.)

Co-op Officials Visit Rockingham

GCS general manager Sam Ashelman, food store manager Tom Okazaki, meat department manager Dan Livingston, and George Cook, Rochdale meat buyer, returned from a trip to the Rockingham co-ops in Virginia last month, with a buying agreement which should prove beneficial to both co-ops. The Rockingham Poultry co-op has agreed to sell poultry to the GCS and Rochdale stores jointly at the same price they sell to wholesales. Mr. Ashelman reports they have a good plant with very modern equipment.

Hundreds of thousands of displaced persons will spend another winter in Europe's detention camps. Nobody regrets this more than our Military Government, and it is to be hoped that a minimum of these people will have the bad taste to die on our hands. (CNS.)

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Athletic Club Elects Officers

The Greenbelt Athletic Club elected new officers for the coming year at their last meeting on December 12.

Curtis S. Barker, president; Lloyd L. Clay, vice president; Yancey H. Garner, secretary; Fred J. Hahn, treasurer, and custodian Joseph F. McNally were elected.

Henry L. Griffin, Charles A. Bradley and Jack L. Burt were appointed to the executive committee by President Barker.

Co-op Currents

By MERTON TRAST

Why is it that so few people are aware of the present size and importance of the Cooperative movement? Very few people understand the phrase "patronage returns," while "collective bargaining" or even "portal-to-portal pay" is a part of nearly every conversation.

This seems a little unusual until we consider why.

The obvious reason for the current popularity of certain terms is that these terms are associated with conflict. A labor strike is a form of conflict. Cooperatives operate pretty well outside of the field of conflict, at least directly. For example, instead of fighting with competitive business about who is to operate a particular store or service, cooperators simply establish their own business and go ahead. By this method cooperatives have spread in all parts of the world without attracting much notice.

It is true that a recent fight has arisen in the United States and Canada because of the success of coops. This has taken the form of an attempt by a small group of businesses to attempt to legislate co-ops out of business. But this is simply competitive business being afraid of the competition of cooperatives.

Cooperatives are in total members and in total volume of goods handled quite large. In fact, the International Cooperative Alliance has been given status in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, along with the International Labor Federation.

Cooperatives operate in practically all fields. Perhaps the most significant recent development has been the establishment of the International Cooperative Oil Association by the consumers of the world. As oil is taken out of the profit field, world peace will be closer to reality.

Boy Scouts Launch New Year Program

The Southern Maryland District, Boy Scouts of America, National Capital Area Council, including Prince Georges, Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles Counties, launches the new year with training courses for Scout and Cub leaders at the University of Maryland, beginning Monday, Jan. 6, in preparation for observance of National Scout Week, Feb. 7 through 13.

The training courses consist of discussions, lectures, and movies in a series of six weekly meetings. Scout leaders and Cub leaders will meet separately to discuss and receive training on organization, hiking, camping, health and safety, boy training, civic service, handicraft, program planning, and recruiting.

Those who enroll and successfully complete the course will be awarded training course certificates by the Area Council.

The courses are open to everyone interested in Scouting. Meetings will start promptly at 8 p. m. in rooms A12 and A21, in the Arts and Science Building, University of Maryland, and will close at 10 p. m.

Doors will be open at 7:30 p. m. for special displays and exhibits before each meeting.

Capt. J. J. Berkeley, U.S.N., is in charge of the Cub Leaders' Course, and Howard Owens the Scoutmasters' Course.

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