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Council Minority Moves To Oust Town Manager

Small Families In Large Houses May Have To Move, Says Cormack

Community Manager Cormack announced this week that changes of dwelling may be indicated for many families in old Greenbelt. In situations where the number of people occupying a dwelling has decreased, the remaining persons may be moved into a smaller unit, and similarly, large families crowded into a small unit will be given more suitable living space as soon as it is available. While an attempt has always been made to accommodate the larger families, the ordinary turnover is slight and a more equitable distribution of the dwelling space is indicated.

No notices of either readjusted rents or a change in residence have gone out, but Mr. Cormack com-mented, "I have no doubt that there will have to be some notices sent when we finish with the rent re-examination." The job should be completed by July 1, Mr. Cor-mack added. He also reminded residents that any changes are simply an enforcement of the reasimply an enforcement of the reg-ular provisions of the lease.

Rents Reviewed Residents of old Greenbelt re-ceived notices of the annual reexamination of rents.

The re-examination consists of a survey of the number of persons occupying a dwelling unit and the income earned by persons living in the unit. According to results of the survey, rents will be readjusted to fit the changed economic status of many families.

High Man Out Questioned by the "Cooperator" concerning the rumor that families whose income has reached too high a level may be asked to leave Greenbelt, Mr. Cormack replied that he has received no instructions on he subject. He commented that if the community has a ceiling for residency, in subsidized public housing it is natural that there should be a ceiling for continued occupancy. During the war, however, this policy was interpreted more liberally. Mr. Cormack added, however, that he personally feels that until at least people with higher incomes can find housing, there will be no drastic upheaval.

New Greenbelt may eventually have some readjustment, although nothing is planned at present. There is a \$3000 income limitation for admittance to old Greenbelt, but the only stipulation for housing in the defense section is that the applicant be a distressed veteran. There are about 1500 names on the present waiting list for Greenbelt dwellings. Persons now finding home here are those who applied in February, 1946.

Brown-Bates

All friends of Jean Brown, 36-A Ridge Road and Dick Bates are invited to a reception at Miss Brown's home at 5:30 p. m., Tuesday, May 13. Miss Brown and Mr. Bates will be married earlier Tuesday afternoon.

Child Care Center

Serving on the Child Care Executive board for the coming year are Mrs. Frederick McCarthy and Mrs. Jane Powers (re-elected), Mrs. John Resnicky, Mrs. Loma Stasiunas and Mr. J. W. Wirwile. They were elected at the Center's annual membership meeting, held May 6.

The group voted to hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 17, and to raffle off a large cake.

AVC Auxiliary Meets On Wednesday, May 14

The next regular meeting of the American Veterans' Committee Women's Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 8:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. James E. Walsh, Jr., 58-D Ridge Road. A report will be given on the card party, and arrangements will be made to remember the birthdays of disabled veterans in a nearby hospital.

Stockholders Vote Movie Prices Up

Greenbelt theatre prices will go up this Sunday as a result of action taken by members of Greenbelt Consumer Services at a special meeting Wednesday night. The Saturday morning shows for children will remain at their original

The new admission prices, cluding tax, are 40 cents for adults, 24 cents for children, except for Saturday matinee when the price for children is 18 cents. special Saturday morning shows will be given for children for 12 cents admission. This is the procedure schedule decided on by the board of directors on January 12 and repealed by the members on Feb-

Presenting the case for higher prices at the meeting were general manager Sam Ashelman and theatre manager Paul Linson. Mr. Ashelman stressed the increase in costs since 1943 with the gradual shrinkage of margin. In the last five weeks he said the theatre had lost approximately \$500. He pointed out that since 1941, average theare prices throughout the country had increased 50%.

Mr. Linson explained the ins and outs of booking and buying pic-tures, using "The Jolson Story" as an example.

Four representatives of the mo-tion picture industry were present to help answer technical questions. They confirmed the management's statement that all the good pictures are shown eventually at the local theater.

Former theare manager Jack Fruchtman informed the meeting that he had recently made a proposal to the board of directors that he return as manager of the theatre. He said, however, that he was withdrawing this proposal as "my name is synonymous with con-He gave a brief statement of how to run a theatre at a profit while keeping admission prices down.

Members challenged Mr. Fruchtman, quoting his recommendations of last year to increase prices. His reply was that everyone has a right to change his mind.

Ben Rosenzweig made the motion to increase adult prices, leaving children's admissions the same. motion was amended by board member David Granahan to increase children's rate for all but Saturday morning pictures, giving the manager the right to set special prices for special performances. The vote on the amend-ment was carried 119 to 62; the motion as amended passed by 108

Mayor George F. Bauer asked for a comparison of attendance figures for the period of higher prices compared with the following period. President Dayton Hull informed the Cooperator after the meeting that he regretted these figures were not read before the end of the meeting. From January 12 to February 26 (period of higher admissions) the average weekly attendance was 3200; for the next six weeks' period at lower prices the average was 3000.

EAST SAYS: FPHA Can't Issue Sale Policy Now

It is impossible, at the present time, for the Federal Public Housing Administration to outline poli-cies or to take definite steps with respect to selling Greenbelit. Ultimate action depends upon Congressional legislation, which is still in a state of flux. These opinions were voiced by President Sherrod East at last Monday's meeting of the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association.

Now numbering approximately half of the residents of Greenbelt in its ranks, the Association hopes to buy the originial and Lanham Act units under a previously-stated FPHA policy that present occupants would be given first priority to buy when Greenbelt is put on the market.

Abe Chasanow urged a "show-down" with FPHA in an attempt to get a policy stated upon which the group can go ahead and make

In the absence of a quorum, the scheduled election of a new nineman board of directors to manage the Association was postponed. The present board will set the date for a new election meeting.

GCS Invites Bids On Super Market

Invitations for contractors to submit bids on the construction of Greenbelt's new store buliding have been sent out by Ross and Walton, GCS architects. Closing date for submission of bids is May 23, 1947, and a contract should be concluded shortly thereafter. Construction is scheduled to start not later than July 1.

Culmination of months of painstaking planning, the store building is expected to be one of the most modern of its kind in the East. From the soft fluorescent lighting in the restaurant and soda fountain, to the "Toonerville Trolley" meat handling track system in the super-market, the structure plans to embody the latest ideas in pleasing appearance and labor-saving

Bus Trip To Lake To Start Sunday

Bus service from Greenbelt to the lake on Sunday afternoons will be inaugurated this Sunday, co-op bus manager Elwin Wintringham

announced this week. The bus will make one trip an hour, leaving the center at 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. Mr. Wintringham said the lake trips will not interfere with the regular half-hourly bus schedule around town. A five-cent fare will be charged for the trip from the

center to the lake. Another announcement from Greenbelt Consumer Services concerns rush hour connections with incoming Washington buses. Leaving the center at ten before four, five and six, the co-op bus will stop at Ridge and Southway to pick up passengers coming into Greenbedt on the Transit bus, provided the Transit bus comes in on

GHA Lawn Social

The next quarterly membership meeting of the Greenbelt Health Association will be held Tuesday night May 13 at 8:30 p, m. at 30-D Ridge Road.

The meeting will be in the form of a lawn social and reception for new staff members and Dr. Bloomberg. Refreshments will be served.

Reports will be read by President Ruth Bowman and Treasurer Tom Ritchie.

Gobbel's Reply Due Monday Night

Recent months of Council-Town Manager tension were climaxed last Monday when Mayor George Bauer and Councilman John Cain asked for James T. Gobbel's resignation. Confirming reports received by the Cooperator about the requested resignation, Councilman Allen Morrison announced his support of Mr. Gobbel's administration of the town manager's office, claiming that the Bauer-Cain move was a pre-election attempt at a show of power.

House Committee Is Now Deciding **Greenbelt's Fate**

The House Banking and Currency Committee concluded hearings on the disposition of permanent war housing this week and moved into executive session. Comments from committee members indicate that a bil will be drawn up giving veterans preference on purchase of these properties and revising the present appraisal sys-tem being used by FPHA. It is likely that this legislation will state that on sales of these properties a cash return must be made to the Treasury. The consensus of opinion seems to be that veterans can negotiate loans through FPHA or some other governmental agen-cy rather than having FPHA sell these properties on time payments.

Morton Bodfish, representing the U. S. Savings and Loan League, asked Monday that the disposal of government housing be put under the Federal Works Agency and that it he sold immediately. He that it be sold immediately. said he was "suspicious of FPHA cooperative and mutual ownership arrangements."

The Norwayne, Michigan Development committee, on the other hand, recommended at the hearing that sale of properties be to occu-pants individually, or on behalf of mutual ownership or to limited dividend corporations whereby lo-cal control can be retained. The committee opposed the cash only

Jewish Appeal Quota Doubled

The Greenbelt United Jewish Appeal Committee will meet Wednes-day, May 14 at 8:30 p. m. in room 223 of the center school. Rabbi I. Breslau, co-chairman of the Washington and suburban areas UJA drive, and Harold Greenberg of Mt. Rainier, chairman of the Prince Georges County drive, will be principal speakers. Five volunteer workers from the following Greenbelt organizations will also attend: the Jewish Community Ce nter, Labor Zionist Organization, National Council of Jewish Women, and the B'nai B'rith Women's Auxiliary.

The Greenbelt committee was formed at a meeting held May 4 at the home of Rabbi Morris Sand-Officers are: co-chairmen, Rabbi M. Sandhaus and Dr. A. Kramer; secretaries, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Florence Bloom; treasurer, Lester Citron. Mrs. Samuel J. Ringel is in charge of publicity.

A movie entitled "The Will to Live," with Paul Muni as narrator, showing relief, rehabilitation and resettlement work done with funds from the UJA was shown.

The quota for the Washington suburban area has been doubled from one to two million dollars. The funds will go towards relief for the million and a half Jewish survivors of a pre-war Jewish population in Europe of seven million, and the resettlement of thousands of displaced persons in Palestine and other lands.

Anyone desiring to make a contribution or wishing information may contact Mrs. Fisher at 2666 or Dr. Kramer at 2678.

Asked for a statement, Mr. Gobbel said, "Under the council-manager form of municipal government, the town manager must have the suport of the town council if he is to be able to administer the affairs of the town successfully. I expect to make a statement to the town council at its next meeting on Monday night. Beyond this I have no further comment to make."



BAUER

Mr. Bauer said when asked this week for his statement, "I refuse to stick my neck out any further," adding that he did not believe the matter should be aired publicly yet. Mr. Cain, his supporter in the ousting attempt, also refused to comment.

Councilman Joseph Rogers could not be reached. Councilman Paul Dunbar said he would prefer not to comment until all the facts were made known.

Crucial Item

Mr. Morrison expressed his confidence that the majority of the council would not accept a resignation if one were tendered.

One item of paramount importance facing the town council at present is the framing of zoning ordinances to protect Greenbelt in the event of its sale, said Mr. Morrison. The council could not pos-sibly at this time find another manager with Mr. Gobbel's knowledge of the zoning problem facing Greenbelt, Mr. Morrison stated.

Canteen Opening Draws Big Crowd

Youth Canteen president Jimmy Williams will appear on WGAY teen-age program tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. Jimmy was presented with the key to the new Drop-Inn building by Community Manager Cormack last Saturday when "open house" was held.

Nearly 400 parents and children took the opportunity of inspecting the teen-agers' new hang-out, complete with newly-hung curtains, attractive paint job, and above all, a feeling of spaciousness, much in contrast to the canteen's previous quarters underneath the police station.

Open house extended from 7 to 9, after which the teen-agers took over with a dance till 12 to the music of Bill Baxter's orchestra, giving its time as a contribution. Mrs. Rogers accepted contributions at the door for additions and improvements, and Mrs. Herbert Hall donated a cake which was raffled off for the benefit of the general treasury.

Greenbelt Consumer Services has made fountain room equipment available and has made special arrangements to sell ice cream to the Drop-Inn at a special rate. Jack Coleman, GCS fountain manager, has introduced the Drop-Inn fountain workers to the art of making sundaes.

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While Rome Burns

The time gets shorter and shorter for Greenbelt to take action to protect itself against the decisions of an unsympathetic Congress. It is crucially important for the longawaited, over-all zoning ordinance to be framed and

With so much at stake it is unforgivable for men in responsible elective positions to engage in time-consuming feuds. If these men cannot think straight in this time of crisis, they should be replaced with men who have the real interest of Greenbelt at heart.

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Phone 3667

Finding herself in sympathy with our editor's comments on a memorial for veterans in last week's editorial, Mrs. Herbert Barberie, 24-D Ridge Road, phoned and told us about her own home town. Indiana, Pa. is famout among other reasons, for being the home town of the movie actor, Jimmie Stewart, and also for NOT having a memorial arch. About a year ago, the city fathers planned to erect a memorial Mrs. Barberie's brother, Edward L. Fairman, then a private out in the Pacific, read his home newspaper's account of the proposal, and sent in his own opinion which was subsequently published. Private Fairman stated that he and all returning veterans with children would certainly appreciate far more that the funds be expended on a vocational program in the local high school, which was sadly inadequate. Perhaps other veterans of Indiana, Pa., voiced similar opinions; perhaps Jimmy Stewart, a veteran, did too. At any rate, the memorial arch was never built

Mrs. Irving Levine, 1-G Laurel Hill Road, with the help of all her neighbors, gave a farewell party Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellis who left the following day for St. Louis, Mo. About 34 guests were present. Last Saturday, a farewell birthday party was given for Bunny Ellis who has just turned six.

Another farewell party took place at 19-M Ridge Road, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schaeffer, last Saturday night. It was given in honor of Philip and Sylvia Guss, 18-F Parkway, who left for New York City on Monday. had lived here about four years.

On Tuesday Jackie Rowe celebrated his fifth birthday with a party for about 25 guests at his home, 2-V Laurel Hill Road. Last week, his sister, Mary Beth, celebrated her second birthday.

Mrs. Bill Jensen's sister, Mrs. Jerry Valenti of Rochester, N. Y., arrived on Tuesday for a week's

visit at 4-B Crescent Road. Earl Newton, 1-D Woodland Way, returned by plane on April 29 from Moscow where he had been for the duration of the Conference. Mr. Newton was with the American delegation of the Council of Foreign Ministers. As visitors, he and the others in the delegations enjoyed the hospitality of the Russians. They were escorted through the Kremlin, viewing the many fabulous and historical treas-

ures. They stayed at the Moscow Hotel, the very best hotel in the city. They attended the theatre, the ballet and a Moscow night club. Their interpreter, a little old lady who helped them select from the French-Russian menus, confided that the Russians liked the Americans very much. When Mr. Newton arrived in Moscow in early March, it was 25 below zero. There was lots of snow. With each snowfall, women street cleaners shoveled the snow into trucks. The Russians impressed Mr. Newton as being inquisitive and eager to learn.

Last week the Jorgensens bade goodbye to Hans Jorgensen's sister at Washington airport. Mrs. Russell Nielsen and her year-old son, Peter, flew to Copenhagen, Den-She has sent a radiogram, announcing her safe arrival in Denmark

Mrs. Harry Pollack, 5 Woodland Way, had as weekend visitor her Mrs. Sylvia Kron of New York City.

Five-year-old Donald Hargy of Laurel Hill Road and his grandmother, Mrs. Margie Hargy of College Park, were would-be air travelers to New York last week. Their plane, the first allowed to leave Washington airport in two days of fog, was forced by the bad weather to land in Baltimore. They reached their destina-tion by train and spent the weekend in New York as guests of Mrs. Marie Rivers.

Mrs. George J. Meyer and Mrs. Walter Woike of Bristol, Conn. were overnight guests last Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred A. Meyer, 54-F Crescent Road. A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. George L. Frank last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lachman, 12-A Plateau Place. All the guests cooperated with individual contributions towards the feast. A Mirro-matic pressure cooker was the parting gift to the couple, leaving to make their permanent home Toms River, N.

Five-year-old Maureen Holland, 10-R Plateau Place, recently won a photograph contest conducted by Murphy's in Washington. Her prize-winning photo appeared in the Star. Maureen was given an

8 by 10 free copy. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hess, former Greenbelters, now of Clarksburg, Md., have sent word of the birth of their infant son on April 25.

On April 29, Freddie Kennedy of 2-U Laurel Hill Road was one year old and celebrated the event with a party. All his neighboring contemporaries attended.

It will be a long time before we see Mrs. Joseph Story behind the candy counter again. She is at home recovering from a recent illness, and taking a prolonged rest. Her husband, also a convalescent,

Living Memorial

To the Editor: I heartily agree with your edi-torial recommending the erection of a living memorial with the Victory Day Fund. Among many suggestions may I propose a band-stand suitably surrounded by shrubs and flowers with a commemorative plaque attached there-

-BEULAH BUKZIN

See You Monday

To the Editor: . . Opinionated persons will feel that this has been ghost-written, editorialized, corrected, proofed, and set in type by my "better half." (My wife is the council reporter.) At the same time it so happens that I am not in any way connected with any local association or group. But I feel I have the right to express myself as I

Elsewhere, in this paper appears a story on dissension in our local government. I don't pretend to know the background or feelings involved. I do believe that it's important enough for me to come out of hibernation and go down to the council meeting Monday night and find out for myself.

I believe it's important enough for me to put in my two bits worth in urging that every man and womaan in town that can attend

-EDWARD W. MEREDITH

Thanks Friends

Dear Friends.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the help and comfort you gave me when I so badly needed it.

It is reassuring to know I have so many good friends and neighbors to help me through this period of readjustment.

There is so much I want to say but my heart is too full. I would like each of you to know that you have helped make it possible for me to stay here in Greenbelt and keep my home and children together as their father would have

hed. Thank you.

-MRS. FRANK T. JONES, JR.

Add Dave To List

To the Editor:

Your article on the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union appearing in last week's Cooperator inadvertently omitted the name of David Steinle, Chairman of the Credit Committee which approves all loans made by the Credit Union to its members. As the primary purpose of a Credit Union is making loans to its members, the importance of this Committee cannot be too greatly emphasized. "Dave" has been a member of this group virtually since its inception, and the Credit Union owes much to him for its low "low loss" rate and his long period of service with us. We hope that you will make this correction in your next edition.

ROBERT H. WATSON, Secretary-Treasurer Greenbelt Federal Credit

is getting along spiendidly.

Last week, Mrs. Thomas Callanan enjoyed the company of three of her friends from Chicago. Marie Noonan was her over-night visitor

on Tuesday. The following Friday, Mrs. Spencer Solheim and Miss Eleanor Courtney, house guests of Mrs. Edwin Lahey in Washington, came to Greenbelt with Mrs. hey to be Mrs. Callanan's luncheon

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slight. 2-A Laurel Hill Road, have visiting them for two weeks Mrs. Slight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Featherstone of Brighton, Mass., who enjoyed particularly the companionship of their only grandchild, two-year-old Larry Slight,

On Sunday, 8-year-old Dickie Meyers fell and broke his wrist while playing near his home at 14-N Laurel Hill Road and was taken to Leland Memorial Hospi-

tal. His wrist is healing nicely. Flowers are not the only things that "bloom in the spring." Here are some of the spring's baby crop:

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Nihart, 14-W Laurel Hill Road, announce the birth at Leland Memorial Hospital on April 30 of their fourth child, and first son, David Franklin Nihart.

Four-year-old Susan Kaye, 2-B Southway, is now big sister to Kenneth Michael, born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Kaye at Leland Memorial Hospital on April 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lars Bronstein, 6-F Ridge Road, happily announce the birth of their third child and first daughter, Deena, on May 2.

Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt thea-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 58-A Crescent in Greenbelt. Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to

Novena Devotions: at Berwyn Wednesday evening at 8 every

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

Lutheran Church

Friday, May 9— 8 p. m.—Lydia Circle meets at the home of Mrs. Clarence Berg,

20-H Hillside Road. 11:30 a. m.—Adult Bible and Sunday school classes.

12:30 p. m.-Church service in the home economics room of the center school, Rev. Pieplow will conduct the service.

Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church

Pastor, Rev. Chester J. Craig 6007 Baltimore Avenue Riverdale, Md. Phone UNion 1658 Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11— 9:45 a. m.—Church School 11 a. m .- Morning Worship (Spe-

cial Mothers Day service) 8 p. m.—Evening Worship Wednesday, May 14— 8 p. m.—Choir practice at the

church. Thursday, May 15-

8 p. m.—Cottage Prayer Service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Em-mett R. Griggs, 11-F Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md.

Community Church

May 10, Saturday— 10:30 a. m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal, directed by Mrs. Harry Rhodes in center school audi-

May 11. Sunday, Mother's Day— 9:30 a. m.—Church School, Tom Berry, superintendent.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class, James T. Gobbel, teacher.

10 a. m.-Pastor's Class of Instruction. 10:50 a. m. - Church Nursery,

sponsored by the Church Guilds. 11 a. m.—Church Worship, Board of Ushers will offer flower insignia for Mother's Day. Special Junior Choir anthem directed by Mrs. Harry Rhodes; Senior Choir music directed by Tom Ritchie music directed by Tom Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ. Special music selection by members of the Men's Class.

mon theme: "Behold Thy Mother." 8 p. m.—Board of Deacons meets at the church office, 8-B Parkway. May 12, Monday—

8 p. m.-Church Women's Discussion Group meets at Rachel Garner's apartment, 11-B Parkway. May 14, Wednesday-

8 p. m.-Choir rehearsal. 8:15 p. m.-Couples Club will attend the Guild-sponsored movie: "Wake Up and Dream." Following this they will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Althaus, 6-Q Ridge Road, for coffee.

May 16, Friday— 8:15 p. m.—Philathea Class meet-

Hebrew Services

Regular Sabbath Services will be held Friday evening, May 9, at 8:30 p. m. in room 201, center school, Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus conducting.

FIRE FIGHTERS STATEMENT

As volunteer firemen we wish to take vehement issue with a statement in your second editorial of last week—"The issue at stake was a minor one, of no vital concern to our citizens." Such a statement publicly announces your complete ignorance of facts and, as you were extended an invitation several weeks ago to acquaint yourselves with these facts and did not do so, such ignorance is in no way excusable or pardonable. By such statements you infer, as did several "citizens" (including one well-paid town employee) present at the Council meeting, that a Fourth of July parade and fund raising is more important to you than fire protection for this community and its people. If such is your official stand, you fail so badly in your duty as a newspaper, supposed to inform this community regarding issues of interest and concern to it, that you are reduced to little more than a propaganda organ, ignoring facts and presenting as news only such things as you desire to see in a very limited "view field."

field."

To you who do not actually fight these fires, particularly those so carelessly started in the surrounding wooded areas, a mere statement of facts concerned in the matters seems futile. It is not you who have to fight these fires with inferior and inadequate equipment that is dangerous not only to the volunteer who must use it and whose very life may depend on it, but also to the town if these fires should get out of control due to this dearth of equipment!

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The "issue" you refer to "as of no vital concern to our citizens" gives a direct insult to the volunteers who, with no compensation and no thanks (except some given very recently as an apparent afterthought) have given their services to protect this town. We are "citizens" and Greenbelters, in fact a lot better ones than those of you who sit placidly back and talk of "kids on a fire engine" and never offer to help us. These "critics" are very quick to comment, but are doubly quick to call us if needed! Such hypocrisy should be "rewarded," but such "reward" would be negligence of duty on our part, and our record shows that we have never been negligent—we intend to keep that record that way. In fact, it was a teen aged "boy" (again a better "man" than our critics) who went in and got the body of our only fatality, after he had been told that "it couldn't be done." Again, as to it being "of no vital concern," it is the volunteers and no one else who will get burned both literally and figuratively unless we cooperate with the other departments when needed, and can depend on them if they are needed by us.

The latest town directory also ignores the volunteers by stating "each police officer is also a trained fireman and they man the two modern fire trucks in case of fire." The facts are that one full time and one part time police officer are "trained firemen" as against over 75% of the volunteers who are graduates of the approved University of Maryland course and qualified to join the fire departments of any large city. As only one, or, on occasion two, police officers "run" to fires, it is hard to

fied to join the fire departments of any large city. As only one, or, on occasion two, police officers "run" to fires, it is hard to see how they "man" the two engines that are from from being

modern.

We could go on and state that our boots are 10 years or more old, full of dirt, etc., and not properly fitted; that we have, at present, only 4 Indian pumps when a minimum of 12 is needed; that we do not have enough running coats or other protection for our clothes, but these facts are technical and mean little to the average person. Only those who must use them know their inadequacy and the danger attached to such

The magnificent sum of \$150—\$12.50 per month—was requested by the Director of Public Safety to run the fire department in this town of 8000 people! This amount he considered as of such apparently small importance that it was not even broken down in the budget of the proper department as had been requested by the Town Council. The equipment that we are now asking for will amount to about \$1800, or about \$180 a year if properly prorated over the last ten years, whereas the district Fire Marshal stated that even a small nearby department uses \$2300 to \$2800 per year. Is \$1800 too much to ask when it has been mainly volunteers who have kept your fire loss at less than \$1000 in 10 years? It seems to be, although a very small amount of equipment has begun to trickle in to us in the small amount of equipment has begun to trickle in to us in the

A rather disgraceful fact is that out of over 8000 people we can barely get enough men to "man" 2 engines with 8 men each. What a "record"! Do we need a bad fire before this town

each. What a "record"! Do we need a bad fire before this town wakes up and gives us a hand? Apparently so, as the average attitude here seems to be "Let Joe do it," and then gripe like the devil when "Joe" is needed and can't do a first-class job as the "gripers" have hamstrung him.

Again, let us repeat, it not those who criticize us or try to discourage us by their negative and negligent attitudes that fight these fires, and, until they do they have no right to try in any way to damage the efficiency and morale of the ones who really do the work rather than give it "lip service"!

Originally submitted as a letter to the editor, this is a paid advertisement by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Fighters. The organization was unwilling for its letter to be condensed, as is the paper's policy when letters are submitted over 150 words in length.

Sunday the Greenbelt Shamrocks, traveling to Rockville to make their debut in the Montgomery County League, came home with a 4-2 win. Although the local nine came out on top, they had to work to chalk up their initial victory of the current season. Around 40 local fans followed the team to Rockville. Greenbelt got away to an early 1-0 lead in their half of the first,

only to see the home team come right back in the bottom half of

the inning and tie it up. LaValley opened the inning with a slow

single to short and at this point Baher, the Rockville hurler, couldn't find the plate and walked

the next three batters forcing the

In the fifth Greenbelt picked up

another run when Eckhart doubled Crouthamel across. Again in the sixth Rockville tallied and tied it

When the lucky seventh rolled around, LaValley got his second hit of the day to start things going again. Then with two out, An-

drews was purposely passed to get

at Tierney. Lou crossed Rock-ville's strategy, however, when he doubled to right center to score LaValley. Raber, the next batter,

followed with a single to push An-

drews home and Greenbelt out in

Crouthamel pitched a very good

game, giving up ten well-spaced hits and striking out twelve. Only one batter managed to work Harry

for a base on balls, while seven reached first base off Baher in this

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Reps Open Season **Tomorrow Night**

The Greenbelt Reps will open their 1947 season in the County Softball League by meeting the defending champs, Clifton Liquors, at 8 tomorrow evening on the Braden Field diamond. This will be the first game of a double-

header, the second game featuring American Auto Association vs. Judd and Detweiler at 9:30 p. m. Opening game ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p. m. at which time the managers of all the teams wil be presented and the mayor and town manager of Greenbelt will throw out the first ball.

Jr. Rep Softball Team Organized For Town Boys

A Jr. Reps Softball team is being organized for boys of the town around the ages of 17 to 23 under the direction of George Bauer. The boys meet Saturday and Sunday at Braden Field.

It is hoped that the team can be entered in a ball league in the Washington area or at Laurel, Md.

The boys present at practice last weekend were: Robell, G. Bauer, F. Bauer, Glazier, Helgren, Newman, B. Cookson, Carneal, Strickler, Runnion, Hardin, Hunter and

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Mrs. Kern Second In Rifle Match

"Woman's place is on the firing line," says Mildred "Toots" Kern, who has twice in succession outshot all the male gunners in the Greenbelt Gun Club. At the first official summer match of the Maryland Rifle League, held here on May 4, Mrs. Kern made 398 out of a possible 400. She was second high for the entire match of 38 competitors, representing six dif-ferent gun clubs.

Top score of the day was the 400 fired by Sherrod of the Prince Georges Club; this was the first perfect score ever to be shot on the Greenbelt range. Mrs. Billy Kirts, of 57-B Ridge Road, was the other Greenbelt woman taking part in what was her first formal outdoor rifle competition. The outdoor rifle competition. The Greenbelt shooters also aggre-gated the best scores of all clubs participating.

Refreshments were served at the range house by Mrs. Paul Klender, Mrs. Sam Wallace and Mrs. Kirts. Elaine Gardner hanthe preliminary arrange-

The Greenbelt Gun Club is participating in a series of nine matches this summer in the Maryland Rifle League program. The May 4 match was the lead-off; others follow at three-week intervals, using the ranges at Edmonston and Beltsville, as well as in Greenbelt. Next League match will be at Edmonston on May 25.

Waltonians Fish

By E. DON BULLIAN

belt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League went on a fishing trip last Saturday and Sunday to Chopa-wamsic Park in Virginia.

the campers who unanimously voted for more trips. As these trips are not planned to make a profit but are primarily for the entertainment of the members, the cost is kept of a minimum. Total cost is kept at a minimum. Total individual cost of the two-day ex-cursion was only \$2, with a pos-sibility that this figure may be lowered by better planning in the

Fisherman of the trip was Bob Brinson who caught the largest bass, but you should have seen the one that got away from Jack Mc-Neel. Top honors for the largest number of fish caught was divided between "Pop" Van Orsdel and Ro-land Dickman. Dr. McCarl and Harvey Wharton might have given them a run for the fishing honors if they had not taken three hours to locate the camp, which was only 100 yards away. They were not lost, but neither one knew where

he was.
The cooking ability of Will Mead praised by everyone; he's actually as good a cook as he is a photographer. The wood-chopping of Van Camp, Swisher and Mac-chio was very instrumental in keeping the home fires burning in addition to cooking. Non-essential activities included the noise-making of Don and Tom Freeman and Carl Pearson, in addition to the masterful card playing of Harry Walls and Don Kling. The prize boner, however, was pulled by DonBullian, who in making reservations had asked for June 3 and 4 instead of May 3 and 4. anxious moments were spent in the camp manager's office, but he

Bible Study Group

Kenneth W. Ornold, 10-B Hillside, announces that a Bible study group will meet at his home each Thursday at 8 p. m. Everyone is

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The trips won the approval of all

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Sports Stuff By JOHN COSTA

Rain, oh is it ever going to rain again, rain. Well, you don't have to worry about singing that song around this locality. Saturday, it was a merry-go-round, first the sun, then the clouds, and then the water-works. The weather put the damper on outdoor activities such as 1. The Shamrocks vs Bamby Bread; 2. Sr. Reps vs Jr. Reps; 3. Afternoon tennis and handball; 4. Sun-bathing (a great sport enjoyed by thousands); 5. Center 3 to 5 m. Gab Club (a great sport enjoyed by millions).

How about a boxing club. We

have some willing and able contestants on hand. At a recent A.A.U. boxing tournament, not one Greenbelter was entered. Such Clubs as Merrick, Apollo, Prince Georges, Washington Boys Club, etc. were well represented. Boxing under AAU jurisdiction is not a brutal or savage brawl, but a regulated and well-supervised contest. It keeps the boys well-conditioned and alert, teaches them self-defense and proper offense. Amateur boxing is something all boys enjoy, physically and morally; let's do something to bring boxing up to par in this town. A cue for the American Legion and Greenbelt Athletic Club.

GHS Downs Mounts 5-1
The Greenbelt High School baseball team defeated a hard-fighting Mt. Rainier nine last Tuesday by a score of 5 to 1. Greenbelt got four runs right off the bat. A scheduled game with Bladensburg last Friday was rained out after a few innings.

Starting line-up with Greenbelt in the Mt. Rainier game was: Scott, p; Martone, c; Randolph, 1b; Hause, 2b; O'Mahoney, ss; Longa-necker, 3b; Goodall, rf; Craigin, cf;

Sports Stuff

In By Monday

John Costa, new Sports
Editor, asks that all sports
news be turned in before or on Monday nights. Items may be dropped in the To-bacco Store box or at the Cooperator Office.

Track Meet Tues. For Grade Schools

Three

The annual track meet for the elementary schools of the town will be held on May 13 at 9:30 p. m. on Braden Field. The classes have been divided into four groups: grades 2 and 3, grades 3 and 4, grades 4 and 5, and grades 5 and 6. Dashes, relays, field events and games have been scheduled for the various groups. The morning schedule will in-

clude dashes for all groups and a game exhibition by the first grades. Children will be dismissed for lunch at 11:30, center school children reporting to the cafeteria or going home for lunch and Northenders having a picnic lunch on the playground. At 1 the children will report back to their class-rooms. The meet will resume soon after, with relays, then field events and then dodge ball games taking

The Recreation Department is in charge and will be assisted by older boys and girls in the town. Parents are invited to come down and watch the meet, but are asked to keep younger children near them at all times.

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 10—Reps vs. Clifton Liquors, 8:00 p. m., Braden Field. American Automobile Assn. vs. Judd-Detweiler, 9:15.

Sunday, May 11 — Sham-rocks vs. Gaithersburg, 3:00 p. m., Braden Field.

Monday, May 12—Council meeting, 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 13—Elementary school track meet, 9:30 a. m., Braden Field. Health Association meeting and lawn social for new staff members, 8:15 p. m. High school PTA,

high auditorium, 8:15 p. m. Friday, May 16—Methodist theater lobby, 10

Legion Team Outlasts Hyattsville Nine-Men

In a game that proceeded to get wilder and wilder as it went along, the local Legion team staggered through nine innings of something that resembled a baseball game, to beat Hyattsville 15 to 13 last Saturday. After trailing for 7 innings, Greenbelt came through with 10 runs in the 8th off Wilson, but still had to fight og a desperate last inning rally by Hyattsville to win.

Goodall of Greenbelt was chased in the fourth as a pitcher, but wound up getting 4 hits as a cen-terfielder. Scott finished the game for Greenbelt in a dazed condition. Benefiel collected 2 hits in the big eighth for the local team, while Hogman and Kane did their best for Hyattsville at the plate. A total of 28 runs, 22 hits, and 12 were well distributed amongst the contestants.

Shop in Greenbelt stores and save yourself money. given.

Co-op Camp Letts **Announces Rates**

Greenbelters should feel at home at Camp Letts this summer, with John Brown as Camp Director and Rachel Garner in charge of foods.

The co-op Camp Committee is taking reservations now for twelve long summer days on the Rhode River, not far from the Chesa-peake Bay. The dates are August 19 to 31. Notable attractions are the protected swimming areas, canoes, rowboats, and sailboats. Speakers and forums, though Speakers and forums, though strictly optional, will be planned. Campers may join informally arranged ping pong contests, tennis matches, volley ball or softball games. Folk dancing and singing will be part of the evening's fun.

The staff will include a nurse and a waterfront safety director, and children's counsellors will be on hand to provide fun for youngsters and free time for parents. For 7 days or more, rates are \$5 a day for adults, \$3.75 for children under 12 years. For shorter periods, the charge is \$5.50 for adults, \$4 for children

High Glee Club To Sing May 13

The 25 members of the High School Glee Club who recently sang over Station WGAY will schedule a repeat performance at the Hi PTA next Tuesday, May 13. The meeting will be held at 8:15 p. m. in the High School Audi-The Greenbelt Band will open with a half hour concert, and refreshments will be served by the faculty

Leon G. Benefiel, president, announces that election of officers for the following year will be held, and that annual reports will be

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Cater To Lobbies

By MELITA MEYER

Rent control "as is" and has been since 1942 will not be extended in this session of Congress, judging by what happened in the House last House and Senate rent control bills are merely complicated paper blueprints acceptable to real estate lobbies for decontrol of rents, with loopholes that any real estate agent or landlord can wiggle through to get an increase or an There are differences in eviction. both bills that will have to be hashed out, but these differences are mainly on the side of the hole or on how many to allow.

Rent Controls Killed The Wolcott Bill (HR 3203) pertaining to rent controls passed the last week, and S-1017 by Douglass Buck (R., Delaware) is awaiting floor action. The Senate bill will probably come up after the debate on the labor bill.

Fifty-two legislators, mainly Democrats and a few younger liberal Republicans, joined Rep. Helen G. Douglas in a last-ditch fight to extend rent controls "as but her amendment was defeated.

Another amendment sponsored by Patman (D., Texas) to recommit the bill, was also defeated. This amendment drew support from the above groups as well as outright "decontrollers." carried by a voice vote, but Jesse Wolcott and Republican members of the House Banking and Cur-Committee managed swing enough votes to defeat the measure on the record vote.

Sasscer Backs Control

Congresman Lansdale Sasscer of this District, who voted to recommit the bill and later against it, told this reporter that the bill does not extend rent controls, as the Republicans would like people to believe, and that he voted to recommit it so that a workable bill could be reported out of commit-

tee.
Mrs. Douglas on the floor of the House stated that the Wolcott bill "legalizes blackjacking; legalizes the use of fear to obtain higher rents." The bill provides that if a tenant and landlord vountarily enter into a written lease which is to expire on or before December 31,

1948, the rent may be increased. this bill legalizes decontrol; guarantees that there will be rent control." The bill decontrols rents as of December 31, but the President may extend them until March 31, 1948. Even this provision can be countermanded by local authorities, however. amendment by Monroe M. Redden (D., N. C.) which passed by a vote of 129 to 84 will leave the decision to decontrol up to any county, city or town governmental unit at any time.

Veterans Get Left

HR 3203 also removes all construction controls for veterans housing, Rep. A. S. Mike Mon-roney (D., Okla.) said this bill would open up the floodgates of all the unnecessary commercial construction that has been held back for the past 10 or 11 months by the veterans emergency housing

Congressman Jesse P. Wolcott, who sponsored and led the fight for this bill on the floor, did so against the opposition of the five major veterans organizations, the American Legion, the American Veterans Committee, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Amvets, and the Disabled Veterans, which favor the retention of all or the majority of these controls.

Cancer Program Receives Setback

Anybody wishing to make a contribution to the cancer control drive may still do so by contacting Mrs. Lloyd L. Nelson or any other member of the Woman's Club. Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Control Society. Collections to date are \$340 short of the hoped-for goal of \$500.

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Greenbelt Girl couts will be joined by Berwyn troops at this year's Day Camp, to be held at the lake June 23.26. The nature program is under the direction of Mrs. G. Stuart Parker, a former Greenbelter who taught at the center school. Additional help is needed, and interested persons are asked to call Mrs. J. H. Elder, camp director, or her assistant, Lloyd Nelson

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JCC Meets May 12

The next regular meeting of the Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt will be held on May 12 at 8:30 in room 201, center school. There will be a reading of proposed amendments to the by-laws regarding the duties of the president and of the board of trustees.

Also on the agenda is the ratifi-

cation of the acceptance of the Sunday School, its inclusion in the budget, and ratification of the entire budget. Rough sketches and plans of the proposed building will be shown and discussed. Time permitting, there will be an open forum before the close of the meeting. All are urged to attend.

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