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Election Fliers Hit Record High

In less than a month's time, Greenbelt residents have received at least forty-one flyers. The Cooperator lists them herewith for the record. The dates in some cases may be approximate as many of the flyers were undated. For purposes of brevity the following designations are used throughout: GIA—Greenbelt Improvement Association; CBG—Committee for Better Government; GCS—Greenbelt Consumer Services.

1. Aug. 26—GIA backs resolution of House Small Business Committee labeling GCS a "monopoly", urges registration and votes for a council "who believe in the American way of free enterprise."

2. September—GIA urges attendance at their meeting of September 3 to hear "both sides" of story on Congressional hearings.

3. September — CBG reviews "Bauer-Cain slate" and says "It's time for a change." (Cartoon of Cain and Bauer in car marked "town council", quoting Cain's statement at hearings, "This has not functioned right since I've been on it.")

4. Sept.—GIA accuses co-op supporters as not being concerned with Greenbelt but with perpetuating co-op movement. Lists "inciters to riot" at their meeting of Sept. 3. GIA says not opposed to true co-ops but wants to prevent co-op "monopoly." Statement of Maryland Economic Council used at hearings attached showing other Md. towns and the number of businesses they have.

5. Sept.—CBG directs voters' attention to "real issues": Greenbelt's disposal retail services proper zoning, an adequate budget. (Cartoon of 22 stores located underground at center.)

6. September—CBG gives three alternatives in selling town; claim local mutual ownership the best way. (Cartoon of Greenbelt on junk wagon.)

7. Sept. 10—Anthony M. Madden letter endorsing Thomas J. Canning.

8. Sept. 10—Thomas J. Canning letter asking support of voters.

9. Sept.—Letter signed only "Young Vets of Greenbelt" attacks GCS saying veterans can't get jobs there; lists "people behind" CBG giving a list of almost all Jewish names, most of whom are known not to be connected with CBG.

10. Sept. — Citizens Association urges residents to come to meeting Sept. 15 to hear all candidates.

11. Sept. 12—James C. Smith sends postcard asking support.

12. Sept. 13—James C. Smith flyer.

13. Sept. 13—GIA announces slate composed of Bauer, Eshbaugh, Goldfaden, McConnell and Shaffer, and a five-plank platform, (hereinafter called the "GIA slate")

14. Sept. 14—150 residents endorse Canning, Granahan, Harrington, Lastner and Morrison (hereinafter called the "independent slate") urging voters to pool their strength to beat GIA slate.

15. Sept.—GIA in 2-page flyer discusses various issues, says among other things that the council is powerless to effect many changes here because of FPFA ownership and that real "enemies" of town are those who do not have the same "love and loyalty for (Continued on Page 3)

Women's League

The College Park League of Women Voters hopes to attract members from Greenbelt this year. A membership tea scheduled for 2 p. m. on September 27, in the Maryland Room of the Home Economics Building, is open to all who are interested in joining.

Mary Anderson, chairman of the President's committee on the status of women, will speak on the outlook for the Women's Bill, slated to come up for a vote before the new Congress.

Anyone interested in getting a ride from Greenbelt is invited to call GR. 2282.

Five To Allocate Center School Use

A committee of five Greenbelt citizens has been appointed by FPFA manager Charles M. Cormack to form a community council. Appointees are Leon G. Benefiel, Benjamin Rosenzweig, Edward F. Trumbule, Mrs. Lyman L. Woodman and Mrs. Edward Kaighn. The committee will review requests of organizations for space in the community building for the coming season, and make decisions where conflicts occur between requests.

The committee was appointed by Mr. Cormack as a result of a resolution passed at the September 4 meeting of 25 organization representatives, which requested Mr. Cormack to appoint this committee. Mr. Cormack stated that he has tried to select a committee composed of individuals who are thoroughly acquainted with the community, who have been active in various phases of town life, and are at present in a position to represent all town interests.

Demands for use of the community building this year are "terrific," Mr. Cormack commented. Regulations concerning its use and information concerning established charges for janitorial services for the forthcoming year (September 1947 to June 1948) are contained in a letter to be sent to community organizations.

NJCW Tea Thursday

A Membership Tea, sponsored by the Greenbelt Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, will be held Thursday, October 2, at 8:30 p. m., in the social room of the center school. The tea to which all Jewish women in Greenbelt are invited, will feature short talks by committee chairmen explaining the work of their committees in the council. Mrs. Ethel Gerring, 36-N Ridge Road, will present a short program of songs.

Mrs. Frances Miller, chairman of the overseas service committee, announced that monthly social evenings are being planned to aid in the work of sending clothing packages overseas. At these meetings members will repair clothing for overseas shipment and get packages ready for mailing. Each of these social evenings will concentrate on particular types of clothing.

A Hallowe'en Party for members and their husbands has been definitely scheduled for November 1.

JCC Get-Together

The Jewish Community Center is opening its 1948 social season with a get-together to be held Saturday, October 4 at 8:30 p. m. in the social room of the Center School. Everyone is welcome.

GHS Enrollment At All-Time High

Enrollment in the Greenbelt High School at the present time is 629, the largest in the history of the school. This does not include the 100 7th graders from Belwyn and Beltsville who are attending the Berwyn school. Approximately 115 boys and girls will graduate this year. Nearly half of last year's graduating class are attending institutions of higher learning, and many of them have been granted full scholarships on the basis of their high school record.

Five new teachers have been added to the high school faculty. These include Mrs. Barton, French and core; Mr. Benjamin, social studies; Mr. Chapman, mathematics; Mrs. Turner, core; and Mr. Meadows, industrial arts.

This summer the interior of the old building was re-decorated by the county at a cost of over \$1600. A new refrigerator and two new stoves have been purchased for the home economics department. Approximately \$2,000 worth of textbooks and equipment has been supplied to the school this fall.

Community Chorus Seeks 200 Voices

The Greenbelt Community Chorus, which meets each Monday night at 8:30 p. m. in the home economics room of the Center School, is beginning the season's work with practicing the old familiar tunes. Seventy-five strong, the group is accepting new members and particularly needs male voices but welcomes any resident of the community or vicinity who would like to sing with them. Mrs. Charles Cormack, chairman of membership, will accept applications for membership in the chorus and states that the membership goal is 200. The group is looking forward to presenting a program later in the season.

Dr. Harlan Randall, director, counseled the members of the chorus to forget their troubles when they came to practice and to concentrate on the music. He explained that it takes as much effort to sing as it does to partake in any athletic contest and that the mind must be ready for the mental effort to put the song across. There is nothing to equal the team-work needed for a choral group to work together in proper harmony nor the satisfaction gained from such activity, he said.

The Greenbelt Community Chorus provides an opportunity for members of every organization to work together in harmony, Mrs. Cormack said. She stated that every person who likes to sing is urged to become a member.

New Council Faces Fall Housecleaning; Canning Promises Impartial Probe

One of the first items of business facing Thomas Canning, David Granahan, Mrs. Betty Harrington, Frank Lastner and Allen Morrison, is an investigation of the town government. Mr. Canning, last week's sole victor, promised a full, impartial probe at a special meeting last Friday of the "lame duck" council.



From left to right, top to bottom: Granahan, Canning, Harrington, Morrison, Lastner.

At this meeting Mrs. Mabel Kandler, town treasurer, charged that Town Manager Gobel, not abiding by the 1947 budget, overpaid himself, the town solicitor, and the public health director.

Mr. Bauer withdrew his candidacy Saturday, "so that I can speak as a citizen," with a sworn statement backing Mrs. Kandler's allegation.

In a flyer issued last Tuesday, former Police Officer Robert Dodge charged that conditions in the Police Department endanger public safety. Statements by Elliot Sines, foreman of public works, and Frank Stachitas, disposal plant operator, accuse Mr. Gobel of electioneering during the present campaign, and inefficient supervision of the disposal plant.

Regardless of the charges hanging fire, however, the first regular meeting of the new town body this Monday will be "purely organizational," according to Town Clerk McCamy. The town charter states that the first council meeting following the election is to be devoted to swearing in the five officers, then choose from their own number a mayor and mayor pro tem.

Special meetings may be scheduled upon written request of the mayor, the manager, or three councilmen. The regular meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month.

Local speculation upon who will be Greenbelt's new mayor generally agrees upon Mr. Canning, the only candidate achieving the necessary majority in the first contest. Past precedent has generally accorded the job of mayor to the candidate receiving the greatest number of popular votes.

Irving Rothchild, who handled publicity for the groups endorsing the five successful candidates, announced this week that the campaign cost \$228. Mostly contributed in amounts ranging from 50 cents to \$5 amounts, the money went for posters, flyers, sample ballots, and the hiring of a sound truck for two hours on September 16 and for all day last Tuesday.

Contributions were taken from all individuals and groups wishing to back the "independents," Mr. Rothchild said. Public endorsement was accorded the winners both by a representative citizens committee of 150 and by the Committee for Better Government formed this spring by several North End residents under the leadership of Henry Pearlman.

Election officials had completed their tallies by midnight last Tuesday. Judge of the Election George Edmiston remarked this week that this election was the "hottest contest" he'd ever seen in Greenbelt, but he added that the crowd outside the firehouse door "seemed mighty happy" when the final result was announced.

The official figures Mr. Edmiston gave the Cooperator were: Harrington, 963; Lastner, 887; Granahan, 831; Morrison, 808; Eshbaugh, 762; Goldfaden, 688; Schaffer, 625; Bauer, 321. The total number of votes cast was 1519, only a few less than the previous Tuesday, which set an unprecedented record for run-off returns.

PHA Notice

Effective Monday, September 29, PHA office hours will be changed, according to PHA manager Charles M. Cormack. Formerly the office opened at 8 a. m. and closed at 4:30 p. m. New hours will begin at 8:30 a. m. and end at 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, with no hours on Saturday, according to custom.

Picks New Editor

Sally Meredith has been named editor of the Greenbelt Cooperator, and Ralph G. Miller associate editor, according to an announcement from the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Assn.

Mrs. Meredith, the eighteenth director of the paper, succeeds Anne Hull, who will continue on the staff as news editor. The new editor first joined the staff of the Cooperator in 1941, and served until 1942 in various capacities, including associate editor. Mrs. Meredith left Greenbelt in 1942 and returned in 1946. Since October 1946 she has served as news editor and council reporter.

Mr. Miller formerly was advertising manager and was the fifteenth editor of the paper.

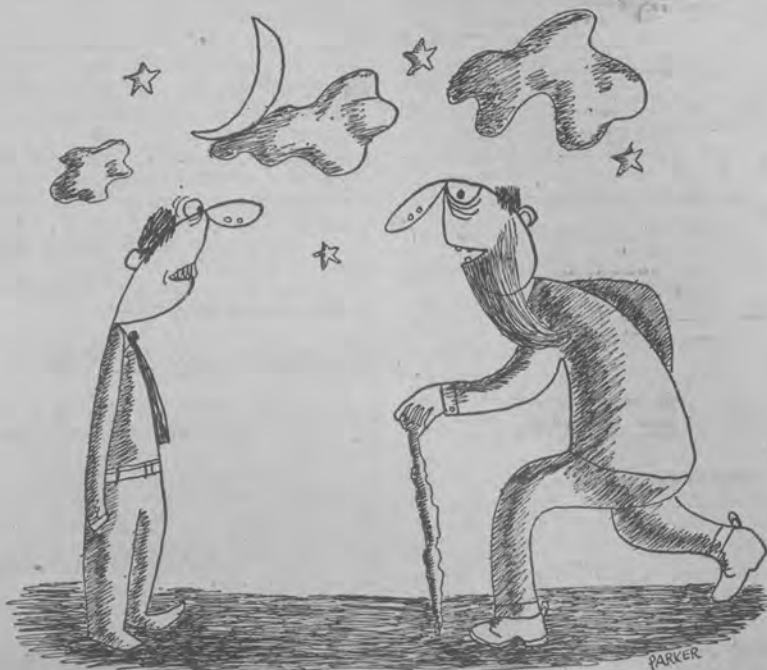
GCS Board Elects Officers Tonight

Officers will be selected at the meeting tonight of the directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services. The election was postponed until after the town council election because of the candidacy of GCS vice president David Granahan and secretary Frank Lastner. Mr. Granahan has stated that he would resign from the GCS board if elected to the council.

Elected by the members at the August 27 meeting to serve on the board for one year were Mrs. Carnie Harper, Mr. Granahan, Thomas B. Ritchie and William Nicholas. Other members of the board are Mr. Lastner, Delbert Mesner, Dayton Hull, Cyrilla O'Connor and Mrs. Elise East.

Royal Crown?

Town crews are now at work preparing to resurface Southway Road from Greenbelt out to the crossroads at the high school, according to town manager James T. Gobel. The road will be resurfaced with gravel and R. C. No. 2, and the job is estimated at about \$5000, Mr. Gobel added.



"Man and boy, for 10 years I've been delivering fliers in Greenbelt, but this election's really done me in!"

Greenbelters Aim For State Title

This Sunday, September 28, a team of rifle shooters of the Greenbelt Gun Club will fire a match with the Cumberland Rifle and Pistol Club for the State Championship under the summer league smallbore program sponsored by the National Rifle Association. This will be a postal match. That is, the Greenbelt team will fire a course on the home range and the opposing team will fire the same course on the same course on the same day at Frostburg, Maryland. Both phases will be refereed by officials of the NRA. The scores will be compared by mail; the NRA will verify the results and name the winner.

The Greenbelt team in the State Championship match will consist of Harry Bates as team captain, Donald and Mildred Kern, Carrol Gardner, and Lyman Woodman. The match starts at 9:30 a.m.

In the last match fired in the local league program, Mildred Kern and Lyman Woodman both fired their best scores of the season, shooting 399 out of a possible 400. Carrol Gardner fired a 396.

Come On 'Chillun'

The Mothers' Club of Greenbelt is sponsoring a dancing school for boys and girls five years and up, to be held at the Center School. Registrations are being accepted until October 15 by Mrs. Nellie McIntosh at 54-K Ridge Road, phone Greenbelt 6517. Any mothers wishing to enroll their children are requested to contact Mrs. McIntosh promptly.

A number of Greenbelt children took lessons last year at the Legion House. The course culminated in a dance recital held in the auditorium last summer. Ballet, tap, and juvenile numbers were presented.

Riverdale To Get Express Bus Line

Effective Monday, September 22, Capital Transit began operating two experimental extra fare express bus lines Q-1 and Q-3, between Riverdale and downtown Washington via Mt. Rainer. Fourteen morning express trips leave Riverdale at 5 minute intervals beginning at 7:12. The two lines will alternate, Q-1 operating via Peace Cross and Q-3 via West Hyattsville, both routes operating through Mt. Rainer for the trip down town by way of Rhode Island Avenue to 9th and Constitution Ave., N.W. The running time from Riverdale to downtown Washington is 36 minutes.

In the evening fourteen trips will leave 9th and Constitution, beginning at 4:40 p.m. and alternating via Peace Cross and West Hyattsville after leaving Mt. Rainer. The evening trips to Riverdale will approximate 35 minutes.

A 20c cash fare will be charged for the trip from Mt. Rainer. From Riverdale the fare will be 30c cash or 20c cash and an 8½c ticket. Fares from points between Riverdale and Mt. Rainer are proportionate.

Election Flier

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America that we do."

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. Sept.—Flyers from candidates Hertz (2), Lawrence, Lastner, East, McConnell, and Chasanow.

23 and 24—Sample ballots of Independent slate and GIA slate.

25 Sept. 17—Greenbelt Cooperator Extra giving election results.

26. September 20—Dunbar, Morrison and Rogers flyer referring to special council meeting of September 19 re Gobbel administration state a recent audit of the Town accounts was "highly complimentary".

27. September 20—Gobbel letter to residents states "when facts are known, I am sure that no one will have any doubt that I have

acted in a perfectly proper manner."

28. September 21—Citizens Thomas, Shaeffer, Madden, Barrick, Hazell, Plackett and McGonagle call special council meeting on Gobbel administration "a dirty political maneuver."

29. Sept. 21—Four candidates eliminated on election day endorse independent slate. (Letter written by Chasanow; also signed by East, Fox and Hertz.)

30. September 21—Independent slate asks for support. (Picture of Greenbelt children—"It's theirs now—let's keep it that way.")

31. September 21—Mayor Bauer (notarized statement) withdraws from council race; makes four specific charges against Gobbel.

32. September 21—Mabel L. Kandler, town treasurer, (notarized statement) puts in writing her oral statement including accusations of Gobbel at the council meeting of September 19.

33. September 21—Robert A. Dodge, police officer, tells of "unbearable conditions" in police department, his bringing of charges against Chief Panagoulis to Gobbel's attention and Gobbel's promise (Dodge claims not carried out) of an immediate investigation of the charges.

34. September 22—Independent slate reiterating that real issue is the disposal of Greenbelt.

35. September 22—Anthony M. Madden accuses "one side" in campaign of attacking a man's personal honor. Urges vote for independent slate.

36. September 22—GIA says audit referred to in no. 5 was for last six months of 1946; takes issue with flyer no. 27; raises question "was not the present council entitled to initiate the investigation?"

37. September 22—Ten citizens come out for Goldfaden.

38. September 22—Elliott M. Sines, foreman of Public Works, in a notarized statement, claims Gobbel made effort on August 25 to intimidate him in the manner of his voting; claims he has Gob-

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bel's slate in Gobbel's handwriting. (Independent slate was announced September 14.)

39. September 22—Dunbar and Rogers say they found out audit was for last six months of 1946; urge voters to back GIA slate.

40. September 22—Frank A. Stachitas, disposal plant operator, describes "difficulties and bottlenecks" at Disposal plant and concludes "Mr. Gobbel is not competent in his duties as town manager."

41. September 23—Robert A. Dodge writes he has been suspended from duty on police force "for telling the truth about police conditions in Greenbelt."

42. Sept. 23—Independent slate sample ballot.

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Robert Cummings
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(Re-issue)
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representing the Boys' Club, and various town and club organizations in the county competed for the coveted team trophy.

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Trash Collections

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Yes, the Prince Georges County Memorial Library does accept gifts. They can always use picture magazines, sets of news magazines, sheet music, and books of current or per-

manent interest. Anyone who wishes to donate material to the library should call Mrs. Kenan, County Librarian, at Warfield 4916.

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