



Legion Plans Parade For Armistice Day

The Armistice Day parade will begin at 9:45 a.m., November 11, according to Austin R. Green, parade chairman.

The first division will include the Greenbelt Police Department, Legion officials, city officials, PHA officials, United States 3rd Infantry Color Guard from Fort Meyer, Greenbelt National Guard A Battery, 224th Field Artillery, 29th Division Color Guard, Greenbelt Mechanized Units, 105 Howitzers. The second division will include the Greenbelt Majorettes, the Greenbelt Band, the American Legion Post 136 Color Guard and members, American Legion Auxiliary Color Guard, and members, Boy Scout Color Guard and members, Girl Scout Color Guard and members, Cub Scout members, Greenbelt Fire Dept., Greenbelt Rescue Squad, and visiting fire departments and rescue squads.

The Legion would like all organizations to join the Armistice Day parade this year.

Woman's Club Wins First Prize In Fair

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt is proud to announce that its exhibit at the Fair in Upper Marlboro was awarded first prize. The theme chosen this year by the representatives of the Woman's Clubs of the County was "States", and the Greenbelt Club was given the State of Maine to portray. The subject was approached through a symbolic medium representing the coast line of Maine as seen through the eyes of an old fisherman aboard his sailing vessel. The Club was given a check for \$70 following the judging and awarding of prizes.

Chairman for the Fair Booth Committee was Mrs. Donald Romer, assisted by Mrs. E. Leland Love, Mrs. Thomas Freeman, Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell, Mrs. Henry Brautigam, Mrs. Lawrence O. Mott and Mrs. Miles Bonnar.

Cub Pack 202 Meets, Gives Awards, Prizes

Cub Scout Pack 202 met Friday, October 20, in the basement of the Community Church.

Annual roll call and inspection were conducted by Ernest Townshend, Explorer-Advisor for the South Maryland Council. Using a point system, each Cub was individually graded on personal appearance. The Pack proved its ability in good grooming, for the appearance and neatness of each was in top Cub fashion.

Mrs. June Nutter, Mrs. Lee Fink and Mrs. Mary Callanan received Den Mother pins as new Den Mothers.

The following awards were made: Bobcat: Charles Horton, Charles Callanan, Tommy Stage, Gary Preble, Francis Stachitas and James Ohlmacher. WOLF: John Anderson (also Denner's Badge). BEAR: Ronald Bussard and Robert Simpkins (also 1-year star). LION: Kenneth Reamy, Alan Horton (also 2-year star), George Harrington, Gold Star and 1-year star; Court Bailey, Silver Arrow; Tommy Johnson, 2 Silver Arrows.

Awards for the annual Field Meet held September 30 were presented by Percy Andros. Den 8 earned the highest number of scoring points, and Mrs. Morgan Johnson received the coveted trophy for her boys. Kenny Reamy received an official Scout knife as his award for earning the most individual points.

Mrs. Burke Horton's Den 9 received both the achievement and attendance award flags.

Youth Center Raffle Reports Net Of \$1266

The Advisory Board of the Youth Center of Greenbelt held their monthly meeting Tuesday night in the Drop-Inn building and inspected the work that has been done on the building by the Drop-Inn members the past few weeks. They agreed that a fine job had been done and admired the glistening white paint and green trim in the hall, the slicked up snack bar and the rose and white girl's lounge.

Mr. Jack Fruchtmann, chairman of the recent raffle and dance for the benefit of the Youth Center, was given a vote of thanks for his fine work in carrying the benefit to a successful conclusion. Mr. Henry Brautigam, who served as financial chairman for the benefit, reported that \$1,266.33 had been cleared and turned over a check for that amount to the president of the Advisory Board, Mr. Irvin Dietzel. The Board accepted the check for the Building Fund for a new Youth Center and in a statement to the Cooperator said they wished to thank all those who contributed and assisted in so many ways to start off the Building Fund for a new Youth Center with this substantial amount.

Miss Ora Donoghue presented the program for the winter season of the Drop-Inn which had been developed by the members in cooperation with the Recreation Department. A fine program has been outlined for both Junior and Senior High members. The Recreation Department also hopes that recent high school graduates and college age young people will be interested in developing a program.

Mr. Fruchtmann presented his resignation to the Board which was accepted with regret. Mr. Fruchtmann stated that he would be available to assist when needed but could no longer remain as a member because of increase in his work which kept him away for longer periods.

Girl Scout Week Starts October 29

Sunday, October 29 will open the seven-day celebration of Girl Scout Week which continues through Saturday, November 4. Girl Scouts everywhere in this country, one and one-half million strong, will honor the memory of the founder of Girl Scouting, Juliette Gordon Low, and tell the world what Scouting is all about.

As participating members in the Community Chest, the Girl Scouts extend their activities to a Scout population of approximately 2700 adults and girls in this county. Over 600 adults in Prince Georges County work together to offer Girl Scouting to over two thousand girls. During October and November sixty adults are taking a basic training course which prepares them to be Leaders of Girl Scout troops. Because the Girl Scouts are a Red Feather service, this training is offered gratis to those who are interested.

Girl Scouts keep busy in activities which include agriculture, arts and crafts, community life, literature and dramatics, music and dancing, nature, out-of-doors, and sports and games. Whether they are busy doing a Community service or playing together they are learning to live and work together with others in a democratic setting. They, the women of tomorrow, are developing qualities of importance to good citizens of tomorrow.

Drop-Inn Will Hold Open House Sunday

An invitation is cordially extended to all the Drop-Inn parents and other citizens to attend Open House on Sunday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. This affair is sponsored by the members of the Youth Center in an effort to acquaint the teenagers' parents and other members of the community with the Drop-Inn and its activities.

Rec. Dept. Halloween Plans Include Parades, Parties, Block Parties

Greenbelt's Recreation Department, under the direction of Sam Fox, offers the community a program of Halloween festivities which adds to last year's successful plan for enjoying without destroying on the witching eve. The holiday observances will start Saturday night with a hayride for Drop-Inn members, who will leave at 6:30 p.m. for Rock Creek Park, refreshments, singing, and dancing, returning to town about 11 p.m.

Beg Monday Only

Monday night only will be Beggars Night, and treating time will be after the Braden Field celebration, which will give beggars from 7:30 till 9 p.m. to make their collections. Parents are asked by the Recreation Department to cooperate by not giving treats at any other time, and to inform the children of this arrangement.

The Braden Field celebration on Monday night will start at 6:30 with a Halloween Hunt, under the lights on the field. Prizes will be offered for each age group from 6 to 12, who must be in costume to participate. Numbered packages of candy will be hidden, and the finders of the lucky numbers will get a prize.

At 7 p.m. a costume parade will take place on the field for children and adults. Prizes will be given to children, aged 12 and under, for the best story-book costume and the most original costume; to youths, 12 and over, for the best comic-strip costume, and the most original costume; and to the most originally-dressed adult couple.

Block Parties

On Tuesday night, Halloween proper, block parties for all kindergarten and elementary-school age children in the city will be offered, under the supervision of parents from the blocks. Refreshments will be served, games played, and prizes awarded for winners of the games and winners of the costume contests. Children must attend the block parties in the sections where they live. The names, addresses, and meeting places for the block parties are listed below:

"A" block, Boggs, Moore, Rhodes - 6 Court of Ridge.

"B" block, Cusick, Combs, White - 11 Court of Ridge.

"C" block and defense homes, Provost, Dunn, Greenwald - "D" block and defense homes, Thomas, Fontaine - between 34 and 36 Court of Ridge.

"E" block, Woodland Way and Parkbelt, Calvin, Donnellan - between 44 and 46 Courts.

Defense homes on Ridge from 20 court to 18, and 7, 9, 11 on Southway, Proctor, Scully - 18 Court of Ridge.

Plateau Place Defense Homes, Horton, Sutton, Ailstock - end of 12 Court.

Research Rd. including the 69, 71 and 73 courts of Ridge, Soo, Moore, Sefchik - 71 Court of Ridge.

Courts 49 to 62 of Ridge inclusive, Stricklin, Huff - 57 Court of Ridge.

Courts 2 to 4 Laurel Hill and Courts 11 to 14 Hillside, Loria, McNeice - 1 Court of Northway.

North of Ridge Road to Laurel Hill, Bowman, Weidberg, Holton - 14 Court of Laurel Hill.

Parents who can assist should contact the parents in charge of their block.

School Parades

On Tuesday, there will be elementary school costume parades during the day, the Center school at the city center from 1:15 to 1:30; the North End school at the North End during the same time, and the St. Hugh's children at Braden Field from 1 to 1:15. Parents and neighbors are invited to watch the procession, which is usually very colorful and amusing.

Thanksgiving Essay Contest

As a current contribution to community affairs, the Cooperator is sponsoring a Thanksgiving essay contest for all of Greenbelt's elementary and high school students. The theme of the essays, "The Meaning of Thanksgiving", is particularly appropriate, we believe, for Thanksgiving is a traditional time of stocktaking. Thanksgiving is part of our heritage, a time to evaluate ourselves, our community, and our country, a time to appreciate the true values in our American way of life.

The contest is being conducted in three divisions. Students through the sixth grade in the first division; junior high students in the second division; senior high students in the third division.

Prizes will be the same for each division. First prize—\$5.00, second prize—\$2.50, third prize—\$1.00.

Entries must be postmarked no later than November 13 and addressed to the Greenbelt Cooperator, Contest Editor, P.O. Box 68, Greenbelt, Md. All entries must be legibly written and signed with name, school and grade, and address.

We have been particularly fortunate in securing the following people to act as judges:

Mrs. Marjorie Muir, Greenbelt's Librarian

Mayor Elizabeth Harrington of Greenbelt, Mrs. Marjorie Muir, Greenbelt's Librarian, Bill Gold, Washington Post columnist.

Winners will be announced in the Thanksgiving issue of the Cooperator.

Drop-Inn Data Library To Observe Book Week Sunday

By Joanne Slaughter

At a meeting of both junior and senior high students, nominations were made for officers for the coming year. Elections will take place this Friday at the Drop-Inn and will be conducted by ballots. President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be chosen from the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades, and a representative each from the 7th and 8th grade. The following people are in the running:

President - Joe Lasick, Charlie Kans, Harry Fox, Joe Brosmer, Rita Snoddy. Secretary - Patricia Giersch, Joanne Taylor, Nancy Kurth, Margaret Zoellner. Vice-president - Joanne Slaughter, Beverly Blanchard, Judy Lewis, Richard Kosisky, Jimmy Denneman. Treasurer - Betsy Cassidy, Patricia Arrington, Kenny Miller, Clydis Creech, Gene Kellaher.

Center PTA Hears Talk On Growing

The Center school PTA met Tuesday, October 24, with Dr. John J. Kurtz, associate professor of education at the University of Maryland as speaker. After the business meeting at which a report was given on legislation which the PTA intends to promote, Dr. Kurtz discussed the topic "How our Children grow toward Maturity", with emphasis on biological growth and the growth curve.

After the talk, the membership divided into three discussion groups led by Ben Perelzweig, Mrs. Isadore Parker, and Mrs. Thomas Dolgoff. Mrs. Milton A. Pogorelskin led the general discussion which summarized the meeting.

A large membership attended and took part in the discussion. The next meeting, which is to be held on January 23, will include the North End school and the high school.

Library To Observe Book Week Sunday

The Greenbelt public library is ushering Book Week into the community Sunday evening, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the library, located in the Center school. Mayor Elizabeth Harrington will introduce the speaker at the Greenbelt-first event. She is Mrs. Frederick A. McCarthy, a librarian working with children's books at Wilson Teachers College. Mrs. McCarthy has two youngsters of her own, and her informal talk will encompass children's books and reading. There will also be a display of children's books in the library at this time.

Book Week will extend from November 12 through 18 this year, and its slogan is, "Make Friends with Books". This annual event provides an opportunity for the child to get to know about the kind of books that will be his preference. By absorbing various good books with their color, adventure, facts, humor, understanding, beauty and good taste, the child will eventually become aware of values and gradually mature into an individual capable of selecting the finest for himself.

Interior Decorating Classes Have Been Discontinued

The interior decorating class on the schedule of the adult education program did not have sufficient enrollment, and is being discontinued for the fall. However, Mrs. Pittman, teacher of the class, is making plans for the spring term, and the class will be offered about January 15 or 20, according to Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, local director of the adult education program.

The Spanish class does have a sufficient enrollment, and will meet on Wednesday night, 8 p.m. in the Center school, room 225, instead of Friday night. Members of the class will please note the change. Anyone interested is urged to enroll at the next meeting of the class.

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2. To serve the best interests of the cooperative movement.

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Democracy In Action

When does a co-op stop being a co-op? When its members are too lazy to attend meetings or don't give a tinker's damn what happens, and when management "forgets" to inform membership or fails to consult it on big decisions. Our co-op is in just that danger!

When the bus fare was raised, grumblings were heard on all sides, but did the grumblers attend a meeting to protest the price rise? About four appeared. Many residents believe the bus service should be extended to include early morning hours, but have they ever said so at a membership meeting? The Pantry service has been stopped in Greenbelt. There was bewilderment among the housewives, and in many cases, hardships. Yet the pantry was making a profit. Did the management inform the membership why this service was withdrawn? Did any member ask why? Perhaps the North End Store will be closed next. What is the membership going to do about it?

All these policy problems are in the domain of the members. The co-op becomes what the members make it. It can be a democracy in action, with service for the majority—and profits—or it can become an oligarchy with little attention to service and all emphasis on profits.

The responsibility rests equally with the membership, as well as management, to adhere to the cooperative ideals. The duly elected board of directors are the servants of the members, in the same sense that elected representatives in Congress are. The membership can make its needs known, can have a voice in its store operations if it really wants to, because the relationship between members and management in a cooperative is a more direct, closer, and more tangible one than with the Government. At the same time, it's up to the Board to encourage activity on the part of the members and to take them into its confidence.

The board of directors, at last aware that many people are too frightened to express themselves at a large meeting, has planned to set up small discussion groups, in which individual opinions can be aired with more freedom, at the next general membership meeting on November 1. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to speak, who have ideas and suggestions, but feel too shy before a large assemblage.

The first step in sharing this mutual responsibility has been taken by the board and management. Will the membership respond by attending and expressing their views? Make our co-op the democracy it was meant to be—by taking an active part—by coming out November 1 to the general membership meeting.

RIDERS WANTED one or both ways to vicinity of 18th & Constitution. 8-4:30. Call 8911.

RIDE WANTED to Annapolis - Hrs. 8:00 to 4:30. William Rice - Gr 2941.

RIDE or RIDER - or sharing arrangement - from 21st and G (GWU). Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Glaser, 52-A Ridge. Call

2491 weekends; Executive 6300, ext. 3837 weekdays.

RIDE WANTED from American University Friday night 10:45 to Greenbelt. Ride Wanted from Greenbelt to State Dept. 8:45, return 5:30 or mornings only. Ride wanted from Greenbelt to Maryland University Saturday mornings at 8 and return 10:00. Citron, 4796.

Personal Touch

Doris Asbell Mednick

Statistics can be very comforting things, especially this one on the widely-debated subject of women drivers vs. men drivers: In records kept by the Metropolitan Police Department over a 12-month period it was found that bad male drivers numbered 42,483 while women offenders were only 1780. Okay, men, that's enough out of you. Reminds us of the joke: What's the difference between a man and woman driver? No difference, except the woman gets blamed for it.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schrecongost who used to live at 4-B Laurel Hill and have since moved to Minneapolis were visiting in Pittsburgh and on the way home decided to visit in Greenbelt. Whom do you think they visited? Naturally... the Lawrence Sights of 2-A Laurel Hill. They arrived Friday and stayed through Monday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kessler who also formerly lived at 4-B Laurel Hill and are now living in Washington. Mrs. Slight must either be a wonderful cook, or own a super sofa-bed.

Betty and George West, 1-B Ridge, boast a similar record of visitors, although theirs are mostly relatives—who sort of move in while they're about it. Except their latest visitor, George's mother, who came all the way from Canada to visit for a week. She thinks children who live in Greenbelt are quite fortunate for that opportunity.

Rev. Braund was in Mt. Alto Hospital this week where he underwent a tonsillectomy... Mr. and Mrs. Don Herwick (she used to be organist for the Community Church) were in town for a visit and remarked upon attending the service that the congregation "still dragged on the hymns"—and that was nine years ago.

Mrs. Earl Rogers of 10-G Plateau is home and recuperating after spending 15 days in the hospital, where she underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stillings of 3 Forestway announce the birth of their second boy, a 10-pounder born last Wednesday at 11 a.m. Mrs. Stillings was a member of Child Care Center last year.

All right, Mr. Editor, here's one for you—you say you've never seen a name in this column that you know: well, did you know your brother Warrant Officer Herman Zubkoff, his wife Annette, and their young son visited you over this past weekend on their way up from Ft. Sumter to Hartford? He also visited sister Ethel Fisher at 5-H Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClendon have moved to 5 Woodlandway.

Ann Richards, former manager of the beauty salon who moved to Berwyn last year, has adopted a week-old baby boy and will send out announcements any day now.

Rae Algaze, former editor of "Our Neighbors", has been incapacitated with a bronchial congestion for 10 days and is still pretty far from her usual smiling self.

HEBREW SERVICES

Greenbelt 3593

Morris Sandhaus, Rabbi

Friday, October 27 - Candle-lighting, 4:40 p.m. Services, 8:30 p.m. in the social room of the community building. Portion of Week: VAYERA.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Phone SHepherd 0035

October 25 through 31 - Week of Prayer and Self Denial.

Thursday, October 26 - Regular choir rehearsal in the Church at 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 29 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Guest speaker, in observance of Week of Prayer, Mrs. Orson N. Eatton, president of the East Washington District, Woman's Society of Christian Service. Her subject, "Ye shall be my witnesses". All are cordially invited to attend. Fidelis Class, will meet in the Church, 7 p.m. All young people are invited.

Thursday, November 2 - Laurel Zone Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at Mt. Oak Church, Mitchellville, Md., beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 5 - Our Church will observe its fourth anniversary. Special emphasis will be a part of the regular morning worship hour. In the evening at 8 p.m. a very special service is planned. Details will be announced next week.

Friday, December 8 - The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold their annual bazaar at the Center.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor
Phone WARfield 0942

Thursday, October 26 - Choir meets at Mrs. Holien's, 2-F Plateau Place, 8 p.m.

Friday, October 27 - Lydia Guild meets at the home of Mrs. Lyman Henderson, 6706 40th Avenue, College Park, at 8 p.m. All those wishing transportation meet in front of the Post Office, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 29 - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:45 a.m. Regular services at 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Phone Greenbelt 7931

Ministers

Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.
Rev. Eric T. Braund

Phone: 5001
Phone: 8241

Thursday, October 26 - 7 p.m., St. Cecilia choir. 8 p.m., Cloister choir.

Friday, October 27 - 9 to 12 p.m., Kan Du Masque Ball, Center school auditorium.

Sunday, October 29 - Morning worship, 8:45 and 11 a.m. Mr. Bonsall will preach. Church school, 8:45 and 11 a.m., nursery, beginners and primary. 9:50 a.m., juniors, junior high, senior high and adults. 3 to 5 p.m., Tea for all women of the parish, in the social room. 8 p.m., great Protestant mass meeting, Uline Arena. Dr. Robert MacCracken of Riverside Church, New York, will preach.

Monday, October 30 to Friday, November 3, inclusive - Every night at First Methodist Church, Hyattsville, 7 p.m., Bible study; 8 p.m., preaching service. Dr. Mueller of the national staff of the Evangelical-United Brethren Church will be the preacher each night.

Tuesday, October 31 - 7 p.m., Collegiate choir.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
Greenbelt 5911

Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Saturday: Confessions, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for children, 7 to 9:30 for adults.

Monday: Religious instructions, followed by question period. 7:30 pm. in the rectory, 58-A Crescent road.

Wednesday: Novena services, 8 p.m.

Religious instruction for all public school pupils, grade and high school, immediately after the 8:30 Mass, Sunday.

Wednesday, November 1: Feast of All Saints, holy day of obligation. Masses at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 30: Vigil of the Feast, a day of fast and abstinence.

Thursday, November 2: Feast of All Souls.

NCJW Delegates Attend Conferences

Ten members of the Greenbelt section, National Council of Jewish Women, attended sessions of the Mid-Atlantic Conference at the Wardman Park Hotel on October 22-25. Official representatives of the section were Mrs. Nathan Schein and Mrs. Herbert Hertz, delegates; Mrs. William Levsky and Mrs. Hy Tannenbaum, alternates; Mrs. Harry S. Weidberg, member of the board of directors of the Conference, and Mrs. William Nicholas of the extension service committee of the National.

Highlights of the conference were addresses by James Rotto of the Hecht Co.; J. Russell Wiggins, managing editor of the Washington Post; and Robert Nathan, consulting economist and economic advisor to Israel. Bill Downs, CBS newscaster, spoke at the banquet at the Woodmont Country Club.

One of the most interesting meetings was on volunteer service to the aged, a new phase of the Council program. The Council of Jewish Women was the first national organization to offer such service. A March of Time film, "Life with Grandpa", about the science of geriatrics, was shown.

A detailed report on the Conference will be given at the next meeting of the Greenbelt Section on November 1, in the home economics room of the Center school. Mrs. Thomas Dolgoff will also report on a meeting she attended in Baltimore as a member of the Maryland state legislative committee of the Council. At this meeting the Ober Law was discussed by Rep. Ober and Morris Ernst.

Kan Dus To Hold Masque Ball Friday

The Kan Du Club will give a masked Halloween ball, its first dance of the fall season, on Friday, October 27, from 9 to 12 p.m. in the Center school auditorium.

The ever-active Kan Du-ers are calling it a Bal Masque and hope the whole town will put on Mardi Gras airs, if not costumes, for what promises to be one of the best dances of the year. Masks will be available at the door, refreshments will be on hand and Ray Carroll and his Masquers will be furnishing the music, plus a big floor show to add to the carnival mood.

GCS QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CENTER SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov. 1

8 P. M.

New Discussion Group Type of Meeting.

Be Sure To Come

Letters To The Editor

FOR THE RECORD

To the editor:

The following facts are submitted to set the record straight:

1. G.C.S. Manager Ashelman notified the board in July of his desire to take his accumulated vacation leave during part of August and September. This met with board approval. During his vacation period, Mr. Ashelman was available by phone, and also attended meetings in the office as required.

2. Mr. Ashelman has recently returned from representing GCS at the 17th biennial Congress of the Cooperative League, U.S.A. This Congress is a working convention of the large farm, petroleum, insurance, and consumer cooperatives. An important purpose in attending this Congress was to further friendly relations with other co-ops, from which we obtain merchandise and financing assistance. However, while in Chicago, Mr. Ashelman took orders for enough English co-op bicycles, so that the small fee GCS receives for each bicycle imported more than covers the cost of his trip.

3. In November 1948, GCS opened the new Greenbelt Supermarket which had been built in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties. Financing of the store was turned down by a score of lending institutions; only the untiring efforts of Mr. Ashelman and the contacts he was able to make in New York and Washington made the store possible. As a result, two years later there were two different organizations interested in financing the Takoma store for us.

4. A retail food business must have the services of a sound wholesale organization. For that purpose GCS has for years been a stockholder in Eastern Cooperatives, Inc., who operated a wholesale warehouse in New York City. After the war ECI was losing money, and early in 1949 the value of ECI stock had depreciated to 30c on the dollar. This jeopardized not only our investment but an important source of groceries. The board at that time directed Mr. Ashelman to accept the nomination to the ECI board of directors and spend whatever time might be necessary to help bring about an improvement. Mr. Ashelman has spent many weekends and some week days since in New York attending board meetings and meeting with various groups and committees. At present reorganization of ECI is proceeding; Greenbelt is being served direct from a warehouse established by ECI in Baltimore; the ECI operation is in the black and the book value of the stock has nearly doubled.

In conclusion, it has been the standing policy of GCS to participate to the extent required by business commitments in the "wholesale" meetings on questions of policy, warehousing, distribution, and finance. It has been the policy to afford our employees an opportunity to learn Co-op and business principles at the Co-op Institutes. This is nothing new, but a 10-year-old program. Its worth is amply demonstrated by our success locally, and our growth at present, which is in keeping with the Co-op principles of expansion. We are proud to note that throughout the National Cooperative Congress at Chicago this month, Greenbelt was publicly pronounced an example for Co-ops in the U. S. to follow.

We believe that this is a record of accomplishment to be proud of. By order of the board of directors
WALTER J. BIERWAGEN
Pres. Greenbelt Cons. Serv. Inc.

RIDE WANTED to Census Bureau, Suitland, Md. Call 7971

RIDERS WANTED to Naval Gun Factory, 8 to 4:30. Call 2281.

RIDE WANTED: to downtown Washington, vicinity Lansburgh's Department Store. Hours: 9 to 6. Call 7597.

RIDE WANTED: to Dept. of Agriculture, 14th and Independence S.W. Hours, 8 to 4:30. Greenbelt 7871, evenings.

ANOTHER LOOK

There is some disagreement, naturally, with my method. There is too much agreement, unfortunately, with what I've had to say. But, to keep the record straight: I am not disaffected with G.C.S. or cooperatives. I do believe in co-ops and in co-op expansion. I'm glad that co-ops throughout the country look to us for leadership. But before they look too closely—let's take another look for ourselves:

At a co-op with too much management and high administrative costs—losing money in four out of fourteen operations; so interested in promoting new stores, we fail to educate in Greenbelt; so ready to help other co-ops—while our personnel problems mount.

Perhaps the board, like the membership, just hasn't been informed. At any rate that is the charitable explanation of the lack of positive direction and policy-making from that group. Maybe (an all-too-widespread belief) Sam has outgrown our local co-op and in order to keep him (and he has done wonders for us) we'll have to hump ourselves in order to provide a wider field for management. (Let's not mention Glenn Dale. Or the tax situation. What's happening in Westminster?)

I'm afraid a previous board was only too successful in "streamlining" its operations when it changed the management committee (dealing with personnel problems) to an executive committee. A board member, when the committees were being organized, indicated that he wanted to be on the Executive Committee because so much went on of which he was unaware—as a board member. I've noticed no agitation for change—from the board or the committee. In fact a report on committee organization and board rules (hanging fire for some months) doesn't include a discussion of the organization of the Executive Committee. It's that perfect!

Except that it invites the widespread charges of management domination or "clique control". A committee made up of two officers, two board members, and, in effect, the manager (though I learned with surprise that he isn't a member of the committee) "screens" all matters for board consumption and reports, in a few minutes, the result of hours of deliberation. Presumably they decide, as is often decided for the membership, what should be made known to and discussed by the board.

Presuming again that all such decisions have been right and wise, I rather question the omnipotence of the same four people and our ubiquitous manager in dealing with all matters with equal skill. For their peace of mind, and mine, wouldn't it be better for each matter to come before the board, be referred to committee, standing or special - using, radical thought, qualified members as consultants - and then brought back in report form to the board? An Executive Committee, yes, but to be made up of officers, to act only in emergency - when the four top men in management are at home, out of

THE FOUL LINE

By Paul Rynnion

(Notes and News about unlimited basketball in Greenbelt.)

Greenbelt Co-op—feeder team to the Greenbelt Lions — has been practicing since mid-September... made up of former members of Greenbelt High School and Greenbelt Boys' Club teams. A young, fast club is the immediate prospect, with the transition from High School to independent basketball now being made... lack of overall height means that this team must be aggressive if it expects to win games... will play all preliminary games to the Lions. First game Saturday, November 4, at 7:45 p.m. against Greenbelt "Old Timers"... will also enter a D. C. Recreation Dept. League... coached by Pete Cookson and Bob Lindeman.

Individual Notes: Bobo Hause outstanding in practice sessions... Jim Williams developing into a real pivot man... John Teel as fast as ever... Bob Suessle the smartest man on the floor... House and Neuman co-captains.

Greenbelt Lions - have been practicing for three weeks... team had a successful 1949-50 season and the same players have returned. Lions will enter a D. C. Recreation Department League - the Prince George County Y.M.C.A. League - and will play two or three times monthly - on Saturday nights at the Center Gym... First home game Saturday, November 4, at 8:45 against Washington Gas Co. - coached by Bob Lindeman.

Individual Notes: Pete Cookson, winner of 1949-50 Most Valuable Participant award, trying to run off 10 pounds... "Smoot" Fox getting his shots off nicely and wondering why they don't go in!... Harry Benefiel outrunning everyone and complaining about not being in shape... Cragin getting his right-handed lay-ups through the nets... Graybeal in good condition - looks like he hasn't gained a pound since last season... Teddy Fox and Harry Benefiel voted co-captains.

Predictions: Too early! But we will predict a successful season for the Lions; the Co-op team must learn to play together before they can concentrate on winning ball games - a case of "walk before you run".

Next time we'll try to bring you some one-minute interviews with the players and will also give you their basketball backgrounds.

Homemakers Meet Wednesday, Nov. 1

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Homemakers Club will be Wednesday, November 1, at 8 p.m. in the social room at the Center school.

Miss Ethel Regan, home demonstration agent, will talk on Christmas suggestions and will display hand-made articles suitable for gift-giving.

The Homemakers will also work on braided rugs at this meeting.

the county. And please, let's have a personnel committee!
BRUCE BOWMAN

JCC Rummage Sale Coming Nov. 6

The Jewish Community Center's big rummage sale and bazaar will be held this year from November 6 through November 10, every day from 9:30 a.m. to 4 in the afternoon, in the lobby of the swimming pool building. As usual, the sale will feature outgrown clothes and donations of items by the leading department stores of the Washington area. An added attraction this year will be the sale of toys handmade by residents of Greenbelt and of those donated by department stores. Mrs. Sally Brandon is in charge of the rummage sale, which

Gun Club Indoor Season Starting

The indoor shooting season of the Maryland Rifle League opened Monday, October 16. Two Greenbelt teams are on the league. Greenbelt team No. 2 was defeated by National Capitol Team No. 2 1087 to 1050.

Last Thursday night No. 1 team defeated Kensington No. 1 team, 1108 to 1083. On Monday, October 23, team No. 2 lost to National Capitol No. 1 team.

Thirteen teams are participating in the league and will fire two nights a week for several months to come.

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THE GREENBELT Child Care Center, 14 Parkway, Greenbelt 5856, has several vacancies for children, 2 1/2 to 5 years, either morning or full day care.

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Boys Club Football Teams Victorious

Both the Greenbelt Boys' Club 90-lb. team and the Juniors won their football games last Saturday, even though the 90-pounders had a close call. In fact, they were behind until the last few minutes of play, when Marshall Gerstell threw a pass to Freddie Comings who ran 42 yards for the tying touchdown. The point after touchdown, which was the winning margin, was made by Vernon Iseli who was taken out of the line for that purpose. Final score Greenbelt 7, Alexandria 6. It was the first defeat for Alexandria in two years and the 90-pounders are deserving of praise for a job well done.

The Juniors defeated Bladensburg 14-0 in a hard-fought game last Saturday, which followed a victory over Mt. Rainier the previous week by a score of 26-6. Since both of these games were regularly scheduled games, the Juniors are now at the top of the league.

This week they play at Lanham at 12:30 with the Greenbelt Midgets (105-lb.) playing the preliminary game at 10 a.m. Those intending to see these games are requested to meet at the center at 9:15 Saturday morning and take some of the players with them as there is a shortage of transportation facilities.

The 90-lb. team will play at Braden Field at 11 a.m. against Eastern Branch Washington Boys Club.

THE FORUM

A Column of Public Opinion

Last Friday's board of directors meeting of the Greenbelt Consumer Services concerned itself largely with the problem of education. The question resolved itself down to: how to interest more of our local citizenry in cooperatives as a concept and our cooperative in particular. And after they're interested, how to get them to participate vocally as well as physically in co-op activities. The only fault with any discussion, of course, lies with the individuals who participate. In this case, most of the participants were old-timers in cooperative affairs, and old-timers to this particular problem. As Carnie Harper expressed it, she was all worn out and had no more ideas. This observation seemed true of all of them.

The only original and refreshing contribution of the evening was in the form of pertinent questions by Marty Bickford, a newcomer, and Edith Nicholas, an old-timer returned. Even they, however, inevitably became trapped in their original approaches to the problem by the weight of the confused thinking around them and the tendency of the others to talk in terms of yesteryear. This is a dangerous habit, and especially dangerous when it hampers constructive thinking.

To begin with, it is sheer rationalization to place the blame for apathy on the general membership. If it is true that the membership is apathetic, it is the Board's fault entirely for not planning and carrying out a positive participation program. But, and this is the crux of the matter, is the membership really apathetic? It's more realistic and invigorating to start with a positive assumption, particularly if it can be supported by facts. Interest does not necessarily manifest itself in activity. Conversation is also a measure of interest. Witness the conversations which take place daily—at the center, in car pools, over bridge tables and at gatherings.

This changes the entire complexion of the problem. As Ben Rosenzweig so sensibly put it, the solution does not lie in hiring an idea man to carry out an education, promotion, and public relations program, but rather to set up and utilize some machinery to tap the energies and capabilities of our own membership. This makes sense, and assuming they are interested, the problem of furthering their education in cooperatives becomes relatively simple. Membership should then supply the ideas that provide for progress. And not the frenzied ideas born of desperation which is the product of a professional idea man, but the spontaneous, wholesome, progressive ideas of genuinely interested participants. And the Board of Directors should have the mechanical apparatus set up to act upon the ideas and suggestions thus obtained.

Now then, if the problem is to stimulate into positive activity an interest which already exists, the answer is simple.

To be sure, the newer residents may not show any interest, but this is due to ignorance and reflects an amazing lack of planned public relations and promotion on the parts of both the board and management. The piddling efforts which have heretofore been made in this direction are hardly worth mentioning. And when board of management, in their promotion efforts, decide to spend some money, both honest critics and professional hecklers alike spring to the attack. What nonsense! GCS spends less on this type of activity than any comparable size business. Yet, by its very nature as a cooperative, it should spend proportionately more. There are many mediums which can carry the cooperative educational message: posters, billboards, flyers, phone calls, direct mail, personal contact and newspapers (despite allegations to the contrary by renegade ex-editors) to name a few. All of these can be effectively used, and all cost money—but the results can be measured. It's time both the Board and Management stopped relying on discussion alone, and started some positive action.

Fox Tales

By Sam Fox

Arts and Crafts: Arts and Crafts classes will be held in the social room of the Center school from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. Children 8 years old and over may register for class.

Dramatics: Dramatic class will meet every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 at the North End school in room 101—all are invited to attend.

Don't forget Women's Night on Thursday and Men's Night on Wednesday . . . get in shape and have lots of fun . . .

Halloween: Our Halloween plans are in *The Cooperator*. Pitch in and make this a very enjoyable Halloween. Parents—please cooperate in the block parties and don't forget that only one night should be Beggar's Treat: on Monday from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Drop Inn: The Drop Inn will have its reception for all parents of Greenbelt on Sunday, October 29 between the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come and see how your children have made the Drop Inn a wonderful place for the Youth of Greenbelt to have a good time. You will not appreciate the work unless you see it. All are invited to be present.

Junior Chorus: The Junior Chorus will not meet next week because of Halloween, but will meet the following week.

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A new men's bowling league sponsored by the Greenbelt Athletic Club was officially organized at a meeting held at the Athletic clubhouse on October 13.

Officers elected were: I. R. Scott, president; Joe Thompson, vice president, and Stanley Huff, sec-treas. By-laws, rules, etc. are being drawn up by a committee appointed by the president.

This League will bowl on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. on the new Greenbelt Alleys below the Food store, with the costs held to a minimum, as no large prizes are contemplated.

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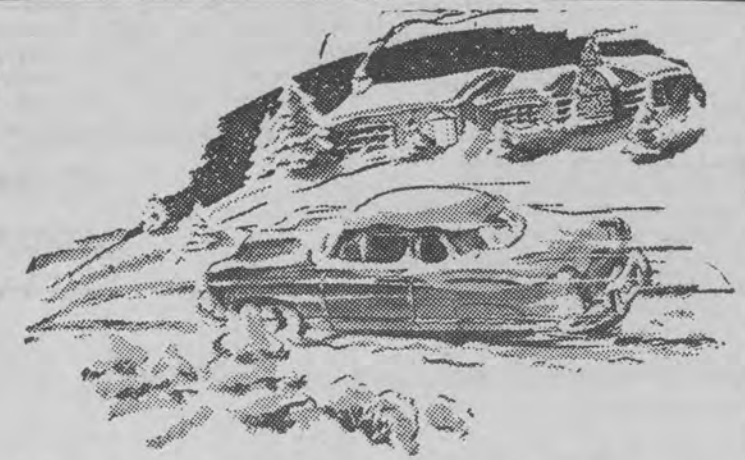
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