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Cub Meet Features Circus Acts, Awards

The May pack meeting of Cub Pack 202 last Friday evening consisted of gay circus acts. Den 2 gave a freak side-show. Den 4's circus band led the animals of Den 6 and the clowns of Den 8 in a march. Den 9 supplied a snake charmer and weight lifter. At intermission Den 7 provided a game of feeding peanuts to the elephant. Clown Robert Wilkerson was the winning feeder.

Cubmaster Ohlmacher introduced Mrs. Freble, the den mother to replace Mrs. Horton in Den 9.

Den 8 presented gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Johnson as a token of appreciation for their services to the Pack.

Haward Hunt made the following awards:

Den 2 - Pat Hunt, 1 silver arrow. Jerry Gray, Wolf, 1 gold and 1 silver arrow. James Hunt, 1 silver arrow. Bert Weidberg, Bear, 1 gold and 3 silver arrows. Denner's stripe. Eddie Mangold, Bear, 1 gold and 3 silver arrows. Jerry Brennan, 1 silver arrow. Court Bailey, 1 silver arrow.

Den 4 - Edward Wilkerson, wolf. James Ohlmacher, wolf.

Den 5 - Walter Fink, 1 year pin. Wesley Hogan, lion, Denner. Mitchell Bukzin, 1 gold arrow.

Den 7 - John Anderson, gold arrow. Lance Wolden, Denner, gold arrow. Bobby Andros, assistant Denner. B. J. Braley, gold arrow. Bobby Taylor, Bob cat.

Den 8 - Leslie Linetsky - Bob cat. Ronald Newman, gold arrow.

Pat Hunt from Den 2 received the Webelos Badge. Richard White, Scoutmaster of Troop 229, welcomed Pat to the Scouts.

Mrs. Bailey's Den 2 received both the attendance and awards flags.

Chairman announces that there are several vacancies in Pack 202. Therefore applications from prospective Cub Scouts are again being accepted. For information contact Percy Andros, membership chairman, at Greenbelt 3612.

Gun Club Plans Annual Tourney

Shooters from the University of Maryland "Terrapins" team took most of the awards in the second match of the Maryland Rifle League summer program, held on the Greenbelt range last Sunday. In the 40-shot, 100-yard match, Roy Oster of the "Terps" won top medal for a perfect score of 400. Robert Sillery of the Greenbelt "Bears" team took next honors with a 398, and third place, for another 398, went to Charles Denight, also of the University group.

In the three shooting classifications, Major Lyman Woodman of the Greenbelt "Wolves" team won first place among the Experts; in the Sharpshooter and Marksman classes, Captain Myron Myers and Dean May of the "Terps" were the winners.

Attendance at last week's shoot equalled the League's previous record of the number of members firing in a single competition of this organization of 8 clubs. Greenbelt Gun Club has entered 4 teams in this season's schedule.

This coming Sunday, May 27, is the date of the local Club's annual spring tournament. Club president Donald Kern is serving as the tournament executive officer. There will be four matches, all registered with the National Rifle Association, in open competition, with suitable awards provided for place and class winners. The tournament has been widely publicized and good attendance is expected. Firing will commence at 8:30 a.m.

Notes and Notices

By Sarah Gelberg, 8511

Mr. and Mrs. William Tredwell and son Jeffrey, 32-F Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Chasnoff, 36-K Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bukzin and their children, Mitchell and Francie, 34-L Ridge, returned Friday, May 18 from three weeks' vacation at Miami Beach, Florida.

Rev. and Mrs. Eric T. Braund, 7 Forestway, had as a weekend guest Ray McCorkle of Geneva, Switzerland, who had come to Washington on business and stopped here to visit his brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and two young relatives.

Mr. McCorkle spoke at Sunday morning services at the Community Church. He is the CARE representative for southeastern Europe with headquarters in Geneva. A few weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle and their three children entertained at dinner a Greenbelt resident who is touring Europe, Mrs. H. M. Goode, 23-P Ridge.

Freddie Fox, age 5½, 14-A Ridge, had his tonsils removed on Friday, May 18, at Leland Memorial Hospital.

Lyndall Kennedy, age 6½, 19-F Hillside, also underwent a tonsillectomy on Monday, May 21, at Washington Sanitarium.

Lillian Castaldi, age 8, 11-V Ridge, will perform on the Junior Revue television show Sunday, May 27, which begins at 12 noon. She will do a tap routine with a Washington boy who attends the same dancing class.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Davies, 2-F Southway, announce the marriage of their son, Wilton H., to Joane Canter, of Hyattsville, Md. on Saturday morning, May 5, at the First Methodist Church of Hyattsville with Rev. Edgar Beckett officiating. The couple left for a honeymoon trip to New York City and Niagara Falls. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Canter.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. McCord, 4-N Laurel Hill, announce the birth of a son, James Francis, on Monday, May 21 at Leland Memorial Hospital, weighing 6½ lbs. There are three other children, Teddy, 12, Barry, 6, and Diane, 2½.

Mr. and Mrs. George Domchick, formerly of Greenbelt, now of 11964 Andrew St., Wheaton, Md., announce the birth of a son, Andrew Carl, on Thursday, May 17 at Prince Georges Hospital, weighing 5 lbs. 5 oz. They also have a daughter Cheryl, 2½. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gussio, and Mr. and Mrs. George Domchick.

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Gussio, 2-J Westway, announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth May, to Carroll Dean Shiflett, of Berwyn, Md. The wedding took place at St. Mark's Incarnation Lutheran Church in Washington on Saturday, May 19. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shiflett. The bride was attended by Miss Esther Wolfe of Greenbelt. The best man was the bridegroom's brother, Norwood. The couple will live in Chillum Heights, Md. Elizabeth and Carroll are childhood sweethearts and both attended Greenbelt High School.

Center PTA Holds Last Meet Of Year

At the last yearly meeting of the Center School PTA, a short business meeting was held. After election, the following new officers were installed: president, Janet Parker; vice-president, Mrs. Thompson; secretary, Lydia Novick; and treasurer, Marion Kuster. Refreshments were served after adjournment.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE WEDNESDAY

Annual Memorial Day exercises in Greenbelt will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:30 in the evening, at the Memorial Plaque at the Center.

Services will be memorial in spirit and act; the usual parade and its attendant festivity will be dispensed with.

Participants will be the Greenbelt Band, the choral group, and various veterans organizations and their auxiliaries who will present memorial wreaths.

Deac Leaves Town For Points North

A real friend to the people of Greenbelt is leaving this week for at least four years of intensive study here and abroad.

Everybody knows Deac—Deac Bonfanti, that is—who has been piloting the Pantry for nearly two years, fair and stormy weather alike. From nine a.m. to an hour before midnight Deac and his co-workers have been solving the shopping problem for housewives in Greenbelt, Calvert Homes, and University Hills.

Working for co-ops is nothing new to Deac. Born in Wakefield, Mass., twenty-five years ago, he has already served in an Andover (Mass.) co-op, and as produce manager and assistant manager in the one-time successful Boston Co-op.

War service in the Navy interrupted him for a while but now Deac plans to use his G.I. benefits for schooling in Boston, then two years with St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, where academic and field study in co-op management are combined. After two years he hopes to continue in England.

With those four years under his belt Deac says he'll go "where he's needed."

Praises Colleagues

During his last tour with the Pantry, Deac emphasized that "any success we've had has been strictly due to the high quality of personnel. They've been devoted, loyal, hard-working, and more than willing to accept the challenging responsibility of the job." This includes Don Freener, who will succeed him as manager.

Deac finds leaving Greenbelt tough. "It's been a most interesting experience and a very pleasant one. One of the most difficult decisions I ever had to make was the decision to leave. I've learned to know most of the people in Greenbelt and have become very fond of them."

The hundreds of men, women and children the Pantry has been servicing will miss Deac's warm, friendly generous personality. He will be happy to hear from any and all at his Boston address, 22 Gould Street, Wakefield, Mass.

St. Hugh's Observes May Day Ceremonies

A crowd overflowing St. Hugh's Church watched the crowning of the Blessed Virgin last Sunday, followed by a talk by the Reverend Victor Dowgiallo and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The annual May Day ceremony was preceded by a procession around the church grounds in which children and young people of the parish divided into groups representing the continents of the world with colors and banners for each continent. All present prayed for world peace.

Response And Responsibility

Greenbelt's response to last week's editorial was both surprising and gratifying. It was also, in a measure, frightening. Members of the Cooperator staff have participated in numerous conferences with various groups of interested citizens. Briefly, we were confronted with three general schools of thought. There were those who favored the Cooperator's editorial policies and urged us to continue; those who opposed our editorial policies and urged us to desist; and those who were opposed to co-ops, particularly GCS, and urged us to express defiance to GCS.

(This last view we reject completely; we are a cooperative ourselves and believe in cooperative principles!) (See letters on page 2.)

But on one point everyone was unanimous: everyone was disturbed at the prospect of the Cooperator discontinuing publication. Everyone was genuinely concerned that a vital community service might cease functioning. And everyone urged us to do everything in our power to continue. We must admit we were immensely pleased with this overwhelming reaction. It prompts us to make this statement: *We will continue to put out the Cooperator as long as it is humanly possible!*

We accept this responsibility and will continue to do our best to give the people of Greenbelt a free newspaper of their own, and we do mean free, in every sense of the word.

Correction Please

Due to our printer's error the byline "By I. J. Parker" appeared over Morris Solomon's letter in last week's issue. Parker covers the council meeting and his story ran on the opposite side of the page. We regret the error.

Boys Club Activities

The Boys Club Midgets opened their baseball season Monday, May 14 with a win over Berwyn, in the Prince Georges County League, by a score of 13 to 0. Tony Baker pitched a one-hit ball game. Heavy hitting by Fred Comings with a home run, Mike Canning with two triples and Rayburn Cox with three hits for five times at bat, highlighted the game. The Midgets played three games previous to the league opener. They were defeated by Merrick Boys Club of Washington 6 to 4. They played Mt. Rainier in a non-league game and defeated them 14 to 1 with Leon Allen pitching a no-hitter. Mt. Rainier scored their one run on errors. The Midgets also defeated University Park in a non-league game, 32 to 3. Looks like they are off to a good start for a successful season.

Greenbelt's eastern-section Juniors started off by defeating Berwyn Juniors 8 to 4, at Braden Field Wednesday evening, May 16. The western section Juniors journeyed to East Riverdale and opened their season by losing a close one 13 to 10. The Seniors will open about May 31st.

The Midgets won their second league game Monday evening, May 21 defeating Laurel 8 to 3, Tony Baker pitching a two-hitter.

The Seniors will open at a later date which will be announced in the column.

The Greenbelt Boys Club is taking on a new activity. All boys within the age limits who are interested in track and field events should come down to Braden Field at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19. The Boys Club is going to develop a track team to compete in the County events this summer. Lou Zimmet, head track coach, will give the boys all the assistance he can. There will be four groups in the Track events: 10- and 11-year olds; 12- and 13-year-olds; 14- and 15-year-olds; and 16- and 17-year-olds.

Parents of all members of both junior baseball teams are urged to call Mr. Lee, Greenbelt 4967, if it is at all possible for them to help out on the transportation problem for the boys.

GVHC Board Meet To Plan Report

Directors of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation met Wednesday night to arrange a report to member-residents on the status of the sale of Greenbelt.

Negotiations were ended abruptly last year soon after the corporation was named "preferred purchaser" of the project by PHA, and it will take some time to start over again. David Krooth, the group's legal counsel, reported on the present status of the negotiations.

He pointed out that changes in PHA staff since last year's discussions may necessitate a longer time to arrive at any agreement.

A membership meeting, at which new directors will be elected, is planned for early September, but will be held earlier if events move rapidly. Approximately 1100 Greenbelt families are members of GVHC.

Band, Majorettes In Lions Contest

Greenbelt High School's band and majorettes are participating in a Band Contest sponsored by the Lions Clubs of District 220 at the National Guard Armory on Friday, May 25 at 8 p.m. Greenbelt residents are cordially invited by Band Manager Austin Green to attend and encourage them in the fine work they are doing. In past years they have made a good showing and are again anxious to have high honors.

Admission to the South Balcony is free, but only a limited number of tickets is available at the Police Station. Admission cannot be gained without a ticket. The prize is an all-expense paid trip to Atlantic City, N. J. for three days.

Girl Scouts Honor Mothers At Dinner

220 Girl Scouts, Brownies and their mothers enjoyed a roast beef dinner at the annual Mother and Daughter banquet of the Greenbelt District Girl Scouts Monday night in the social room of the Community Church.

Following the dinner, District Chairman Ruth Bowman introduced as a guest Mrs. William Shott of Beltsville, a training course instructor and Mrs. Mitchell Saul, public relations director for Camp Conestoga. Mrs. Saul showed a film of the Scout Day Camp at Conestoga, with a comment on it.

The group voted against a day camp at the Greenbelt Lake and in favor of supporting the camp at Conestoga.

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

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IRRITATING

To the Editor:

I think that the members of the Cooperator staff who have criticism to offer the management of GCS can best do this as members of the GCS Board. If they and their theories are well supported, they can campaign and easily be elected. Then they can thrash out their differences in the proper quarters at Board meetings.

To devote the columns of the Cooperator to endless needling, bickering, harping, carping criticism, constructive or not, is valueless and very irritating.

If these critics of GCS policy feel that they must air their views repeatedly until the next Board election, they must do this as much as they're able at Board meetings . . . and at appointments they may make with the managers or board members particularly concerned with their specific complaints.

Lee Fink

HELP

To the Editor:

As an apartment dweller with a young baby I must agree wholeheartedly with the letters published in last week's COOPERATOR by the Mrs. Dingle, Ely, and Ferguson.

The facilities for indoor drying of clothes are very limited—in my case, at least. With a young baby I have to wash clothes and diapers every day and since our line space is limited I often conflict with the other tenants in the building. Theoretically we tenants have one day a week when the lines and dryer are for our sole use. What then is a mother to do when she has to wash (and dry) baby clothes and diapers every day? Furthermore, I am fortunate enough to be the only tenant in the building with a baby and still I have a problem!

Perhaps "two wrongs don't make a right" but if appearance is the leading issue in this controversy I have noticed that the lines outside the houses are not exactly a beautifying influence on the project either. However, one is accustomed to them and we all realize they are a necessity for convenience and health. Why should lines behind the apartments be objectionable when they are not considered so on the lawns of the houses?

Unfortunately, I did not see or hear of the petition being circulated until I read about it in last week's paper. Let me say "more power to you" and if you need any help I will be glad to lend a hand to those circulating it.

Mrs. A. Hatton.

New Look At Lake

City manager Charles McDonald announces that new fireplaces have been set up at the Lake for resident picnic groups.

Although the lake closes official-

WILDERNESS

To the Editor:

I am one of those in Greenbelt who are compelled, because I do not have a car, to do all or most of my shopping for food in Greenbelt. Naturally, this means buying from GCS. There have been many occasions when I have spoken directly to the general manager and to members of the Board of Directors criticizing things in general or in particular, and rarely got anything but an evasive answer. But the same policies always continue, without change except to the apparent disadvantage of the consumer.

Now, when your paper prints a column which shows ways of helping the consumer and bringing GCS more into line with its outward purposes, consumer cooperation, GCS strikes back in a vicious manner completely unlike those I assume are the general practices of those who believe in cooperation, and attempts to throttle its critics. It has stopped advertising in the Cooperator, a paper which in the past has given it all its support, helped it in its attempts to establish a sound and firm foundation, and backed it in its fight against its enemies. SHAME!!!

Rather than let the Cooperator go out of existence because of lack of financial support, it is time the people of Greenbelt did something to keep it alive and helped it to continue to uphold the democratic principle of a free voice and a free press in Greenbelt. I am enclosing a small remittance which in itself will mean nothing in helping the paper to continue its existence. But if everyone in Greenbelt will do their share we can continue to have a strong voice "in the wilderness".

It's time Greenbelt woke up! The Cooperator has been distributed to the residents of Greenbelt without charge for many years. Its workers receive nothing for their efforts. Every one in Greenbelt responds to many different kinds of calls for contributions for many worthwhile causes. Here is one close to home. Let's give just a little bit. It won't even hurt. But it will hurt—and terribly—if the Cooperator is allowed to "fade away".

Sam Schwimer.

ly at 11:30 p.m. the current renovations of the parking lot prevents the traditional use of the gates.

As of this weekend firewood will be available for residents who will check in with the police department to sign for it. Unfortunately, previous experiments in leaving firewood at the lake proper for general use have not proved practical.

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Friday, May 25 - 8:30 p.m., Sunday school teachers' meeting in church social room.

Sunday, May 27 - Memorial Sunday. Church School at 8:45, 9:50 and 11 a.m. Church worship at 8:45 and 11 a.m. Sermon topic: "The Family Remembers". 7 p.m., Angelus Hour. 7:30 p.m., Reception and program for new members in the church social hall. This event is sponsored by the Board of Deacons to introduce and welcome 163 new members. All church organizations will be represented by their officers for this annual affair. Refreshments will be served by ladies of the church.

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday: Forty Hours' devotions, 8 p.m., with solemn closing on Tuesday night.

HEBREW SERVICES

Morris A. Sandhaus, Rabbi
Greenbelt 4493

Friday, May 25 - Services in the Social room of the Center School at 8:30 p.m. Because of the death of the father of Rabbi Sandhaus, services will be conducted by Benjamin Rosenzweig. Candlelighting time - 8:05 p.m.

Sunday, May 27, will mark the last day of classes for the JCC Sunday School for this season. Special exercises will be held in the auditorium, where the children will present a program of entertainment at 11 a.m. Parents and friends of the children are invited to attend. Regular classes will be held, beginning at 10 a.m. as usual for the Sunday School children.

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DOLLARS & SENSE

By Morris J. Solomon

Out On A Free Press --

The editor has asked me to stray from the original path set for this column to comment on the current situation in which financial straits threaten the continued existence of the paper.

When this situation was revealed to me, it seemed to be a tragic commentary that a press that had served the community for nearly 14 years should be involved in a controversy which would end a useful career.

It seemed to me that a group of disinterested citizens qualified to pass judgment might be asked to intercede in the differences between the paper and the cooperative which has been the target of the columns of the paper for some months.

Three former editors were unanimous in feeling that the paper badly needed taking a much more constructive approach toward the community's business enterprises. With a sounder approach, it would then be in order for the co-op to reconsider its position.

A former councilman felt that the caliber of the attacks in the paper were petty. He felt that the columns should be written with a greater sense of responsibility.

The editor was present at this clinic. The people there were invited because of their integrity and interest in the paper, the co-op, and their demonstrated service to the community.

From analysis of the paper's woes, it seems to me that the answer lies in a meeting of two responsible groups from the paper and the co-op, with a disinterested arbitrator to decide what amends the paper owes without jeopardizing freedom of the press; and what concessions the co-op can reasonably make without appearing to be callous toward the best interests of its members and stockholders by supporting a paper which is a consistent critic, and not in a very noble role.

Responsibility of Management For Labor Policy Limited

The general labor policy of a Co-op is a Board function and ultimately that of membership. It is the job of management to carry out a labor policy which the Board sets out for it. On the basis of interviews with a GCS management representative, the writer believes that management operates on the theory that it has an obligation to pay whatever competitors in the same line pay, and no more.

To the extent that management can find ways of operating on high wages without raising costs, it is desirable that such opportunities should be pointed out to the Board. Beyond that it is a question of policy which is up to the Board, and ultimately the membership, to decide.

Philosophy of Co-ops
Inconsistent with Low Wages — A Board Responsibility

It is significant that the Rockdale Weavers were among the lowest paid in their time. They saw in Co-ops a way of making their meager pay go a longer way.

Co-op leaders are constantly proclaiming the solidarity of labor and Co-ops. It seems to me that to be consistent with the professed philosophy of Co-ops, we should try to do better than 60 or 65 cents an hour. It is not unlikely that if a minimum wage law were enacted in Maryland, GCS would have to raise the pay of some of its employees. Surely we ought to be able to do better than that. For one thing, I think GCS management is getting employees of far higher caliber than stores such as Woolworth. It is up to the Board. How About A Course In Auto Repair?

Hyman Tannenbaum has come up with an idea which I think has a lot of merit: He suggests that GCS sponsor a class in "How To Do Repairs On Your Own Car". He claims that there are many mechanics living in Greenbelt who could teach a very useful course, which should enable a car owner to make many repairs himself. The expenses, including pay for teacher, could be met by fees. This would be another way to stretch the limited repair facilities of Greenbelt.

How Notorious Can You Get?

My wife tells me that about three weeks ago she went to the GCS Supermarket to order some skim milk. She stepped up to the man at the checkout counter and said, "I would like to order a 50-lb. bag of skim milk powder". "You'd better see Morris J. Solomon", he answered, "he knows all about it".

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Increased wages and other costs must be met

Latest wage offers emphasize need for higher telephone rates

There is no mystery or magic about telephone rates. The price for service is determined by what it costs us to provide it.

Wages are by far the biggest item in the cost of furnishing telephone service, taking 59¢ out of every expense dollar.

Since 1939, our wage rates are up 103%, while the cost of telephone service to our customers in Maryland has gone up on the average only 27%. Over the same period, general wage increases total nearly \$6,000,000 a year more than the rate increases we have had. This includes wage increases recently granted Traffic employees. Now, in current wage negotiations with the CWA-CIO Unions representing employees in other departments, we have offered these employees a general wage increase. This will further widen the gap.

Despite this, however, this wage increase is necessary to keep telephone wages in line with those paid by other businesses in communities we serve. And we must keep our wages in step, if we are to attract and hold the capable people we need to give you good telephone service.

Telephone costs are up

Compared with 1939, our tax bill has gone up more than 314%. Just in the past year, our taxes have gone up over \$3,500,000 . . . and they will go even higher.

The cost of most *everything* we use in the telephone business is higher than ever. For example, since 1939 the cost of lead is up 246%, zinc 244%, copper 132% and pine poles 112%.

It all adds up to millions of dollars in higher costs to the telephone company. That's why we must ask our customers to pay a little more for their service.

There is no other answer. Higher telephone rates are essential to meet the higher cost of doing business and to assure good telephone service.

We can't keep our rates down when our costs keep rising

For 22 years we avoided any general increase in telephone rates. But, finally, when soaring prices made rate increases necessary, we asked for the minimum needed to maintain good telephone service. That is what we are doing now. All we want is a fair price for telephone service, only enough to enable us to do the telephone job that must be done.

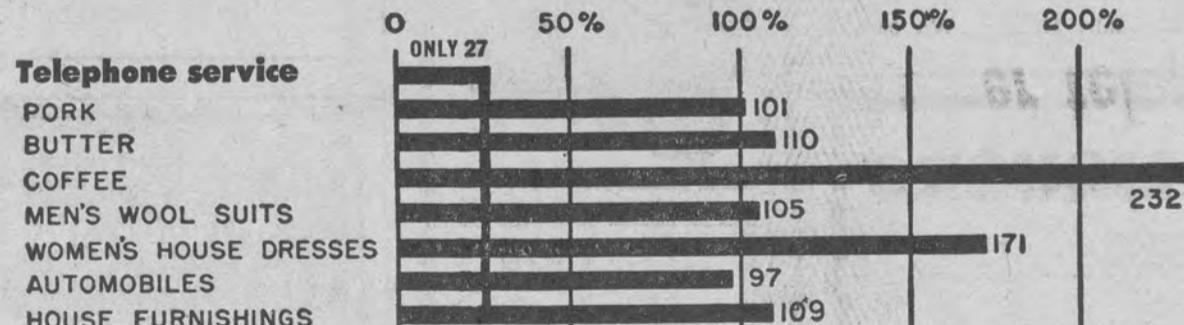
Telephone rates have been regulated for many years

Most businesses have been able to raise prices whenever their costs went up. But the telephone company is different. Our prices always lag behind increased costs.

Telephone rates in Maryland are regulated by the Public Service Commission. When we need higher rates we must present facts and figures to prove the need. In the public interest, the Commission must study these facts and figures carefully. This is a proper procedure, but it takes time. So, when a decision is reached, costs may be even higher.

The result is that telephone earnings are far too low to assure the continuance of good telephone service. They are much lower than the earnings of most other businesses, averaging only about 5% over the past five years, as against more than 15% for outside industry in Maryland.

Average cost of telephone service to our customers up much less than most other prices



SOURCE FOR COMMODITY PRICES: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (% INCREASE OVER 1939-1939 LEVEL)

Adequate rates are essential to good telephone service

The nation is facing serious times. Good telephone service is vital to fast production and to every phase of national defense.

Our ability to serve these growing needs depends upon a sound financial position. And only adequate telephone rates can give us the financial strength to fully meet our obligations to customers, employees and stockholders, and to do the big telephone job ahead, demanded by these critical times.

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