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TOO MUCH BASEBALL

Cooperator Picnickers Find Aching Muscles

Aching muscles and sore backs were the complaint of many Cooperator staff members several days following a successful and strenuous picnic last Sunday afternoon. About fifty people ate lunches cooked over a grill at the Lynnbrook Recreation Area in Montgomery County, and played horseshoes, baseball, tennis, and volleyball. The weather was sunny and cool. Children had monkey-bars, see-saws, swings and other equipment to occupy their time.

The baseball game, featured home-runs by editor Harry Zubkoff, Russ Greenbaum, Sam Schwimer, Moe Hoffman, David Reznikoff, Ralph Miller, (Janet Miller popped up to Dad), and others. The score was 7-5, but which team won is still in doubt. A torrid volleyball game, participated in by countless women in shorts (permitted by ordinance) was the feature of the day.

Overheard, was one remark by a wife watching her spouse chase a long-hit ball in left field: "Why is he wearing himself out, when there is so much work to do around the house?"

Coffee was served by Mrs. Carnie Harper, representing Greenbelt Consumer Services. Arrangements for use of the picnic area were made by Art Hatton, husband of Cooperator staff member Marian.

Little League

By E. Don Bullian

August 2

Indians 10 - Tigers 5. Winning pitcher, Dye, struck out 5 and allowed 5 hits while he banded out a home run which brought his RBI's to 3 for the game. Henderson's triple raised his RBI's to 5. Dean got the most hits, a couple of singles. Santora, Cunningham, Miller, Huffman and Braund all got singles. P. Miller, the losing pitcher, allowed 4 hits but his teammates came up with 6 errors. The Indians came up with two sparkling double plays. Byers to Henderson, and then from Haslinger to Byers to Henderson.

August 3

Athletics 10 - Wildcats 6. Winning pitcher, Emmert, struck out 9 and allowed 5 hits to two batters, Halpin getting a double and single, while Moore banded out 2 singles and a double, 3 for 3. Powell got a double and single while Leatherbury roured out the extra base hitters with a double. Tucker and Sherer got singles.

Pirates 16 - Redbirds 5. Winning pitcher, Gelberg, struck out 6 and allowed 7 hits while he poled out a homer in addition to getting 7 RBI's. Gelberg did enough to win 2 games. McNally and Sandvik both banded out doubles. Day got the most hits - 3 in his 4 times at bat. Temple and Page had 2 hits apiece. Tierney, Tharp and America got singles. The pitchers for the Redbirds, Page, McCarthy and Sandvik, did good jobs allowing only 6 hits but the Birds made 7 errors. The Redbirds used 14 players.

Greenbelt Takes 5th In Junior Olympics

The Hyattsville Playground for the second consecutive year captured the Junior Olympics conducted by the Prince Georges County Recreation Department by winning 51½ points in the fifth annual track and field meet, held Wednesday, August 4 at Byrd Stadium, University of Maryland. Second place went to the Sligo Park Playground with 39 points, while Parklawn took third with 32½ points. Fourth place went to Landover Hills with 30 points while Greenbelt took fifth with 24 points.

Over 1000 boys and girls from 42 playgrounds participated in the annual event which opened with an Olympic Parade. Headed by the Olympic torch and the American flag, playground participants paraded in colorful costumes. Each playground selected a theme and Olympic gods and goddesses, Indians, woodsmen, red devils, angels, circus performers, mountaineers, pirates, comic book characters, and cowboys, were represented in the parade. The Olympic oath was led by Eric Sohr, Parklawn, and Mrs. Emma D. Everson, Chairman, welcomed the children on behalf of the Prince Georges County Recreation Board. Presentation of ribbons was made by Mr. Daniel Abbott, County Commissioner. Tom Tait, Hyattsville, high scorer of the 1953 Olympics, carried the flag.

Boys were divided into five classes according to weight and competed in dashes, relays, broad jump and high jump. Girls, divided according to ages, competed in dashes, relays and softball throw.

Points scored by the individual playgrounds were: Hyattsville, 51½; Sligo Park, 39; Parklawn, 32½; Landover Hills, 30; Greenbelt, 24; Clinton, 23½; Forest Heights, 22; Seat Pleasant, 21; Hollywood, 20½; Green Meadows, 20; Brentwood, 17½; Glenn Dale, 16; Cheverly, 14; Lane Manor, 12; University Park, 12; Bradbury Heights, 11; Suitland, 11; College Park, 9½; Berwyn Heights, 9; Bladensburg, 8; Adelphi, 8; Lanham, 8; Beltsville, 5; Hillcrest Heights, 5; Kentland, 5; Columbia Park, 4; Lewisdale, 4; Oaklawn, 4; East Pines, 3; Forestville, 3; Templeton Knolls, 3; Oxon Hill, 2½; Carole Highlands, 1.

Participating but not scoring were: Accokeek, District Heights, Forest Park, Hampshire Greens, Laurel, Mt. Rainier, Riverdale, and West Lanham Hills.

Rabbi Waldman Takes New Position In Ohio

A large group attended a farewell party that was given last night to Rabbi Cadish Waldman of 18-B Ridge, on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rosenzweig, 4-E Crescent.

Rabbi Waldman is leaving for Wooster, Ohio, to accept a post there. For the past two years he was with the Prince Georges Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt.

President Ben Rosenzweig spoke a few words expressing for the group deep regret over the Rabbi's leaving the community, and wished him happiness and success in his new post.

Mrs. Ethel Gerring and Mrs. Nettie Granims served delicious refreshments.

Calendar Of Events

Friday, August 13 - Methodist Church bake sale at center, 3-6 p.m.

Friday, August 13 - GVHC meets on Hamilton Place at 8 p.m.

Friday, August 13 - GCS Board meets above Drug Store in Greenbelt at 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 15 - GCS Employees Picnic at St. Helena's Island

Monday, August 16 - City Council meets in City Office above Variety Store.

Tuesday, August 17 - Boy Scout Troop No. 229 will hold its first meeting at the Lutheran Church, 22 Ridge

Tuesday, August 17 - Men's Bowling League meets in City Office, 8 p.m.

Friday, August 20 - St. Hugh's bake sale in front of the theater from 10-2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 1 - Methodist Men's Ice Cream Social at Center, 1-7 p.m.

The Human Side Of Social Security

By F. C. Stann
Field Representative
Social Security Administration

"I'M ONLY HUMAN" is an expression we often hear as an excuse for mistakes and failures. Most of us at one time or another have taken refuge behind this old axiom when called upon to explain our shortcomings. It was not so with Wendall Patterson. He used the "saying" for the exact opposite purpose.

Patterson operated a sawmill and employed one person full time. He paid the Social Security taxes on this employee. He also employed extra help for several days at a time, but believed part-time work was not covered under social security and did not report it. One of the part-time workers was Joe Clark.

When Joe failed to survive an attack of polio, his widow and two children had a tough time making ends meet. The widow came to the Social Security office for help. During this interview it developed Joe had never had a Social Security Card but did work now and then at the sawmill.

When Patterson was informed that the employment was covered, he said he would make a report of Joe's earnings. He was very apologetic for his mistake and when he seemed to be condemning himself unnecessarily, the Field Representative said: "We are only human, Mr. Patterson, and subject to mistakes." Patterson replied: "Yes, I'm only human . . . but that is not an excuse—it's an indictment. Humanity is not something to live down—it's a challenge. I should have made sure that I was doing the right thing."

Words like those spoken by Wendall Patterson are heart warming and add to a field representative's job satisfaction. In this case there was double satisfaction because the employment at the mill gave Joe an insured status which entitled the widow and children to monthly Social Security payments.

Light Industry Question Faces Greenbelt; Time For Decisions

By I. J. Parker

Part of the undeveloped land sold by the federal government last month was zoned "industrial". These sites were mainly on the extreme west portion of Greenbelt's city limits, near the railroad tracks. With easy access to rail and highway transportation, this potential industrial area is very desirable.

For several years mayor Frank Lastner has had occasional contact with several manufacturers and businesses trying to induce them to settle within Greenbelt. The handicap of federal ownership made the land cumbersome to transfer for this purpose. At one time city manager Charles McDonald had hoped the city might establish a municipal freight terminal in this area, for the purpose of raising revenue.

When Greenbelt was first planned, it was hoped that light industry and minor agricultural pursuits would be as vital a part of the community as the commercial center. But the city turned into a "dormitory town" chiefly because most of Greenbelt's inhabitants work for the federal government; and the Washington area was not noted for its industrial establishments. However, in recent years many light industries, particularly in electronics and related fields, have mushroomed in the county. It is almost inevitable that Greenbelt property will soon have some kind of light industry. Now that the land has transferred to private ownership, the city can expect the new landowners to use this property for income, and the possibility of having an industry settle in Greenbelt soon is not remote.

The effect a small factory will have on a community like Greenbelt is something local citizens may consider seriously. Some say that it will bring revenue to the city; new taxes, income to residents as salaries, income to the stores. Some employees may want to build or buy homes in Greenbelt, and the city may grow.

On the other hand there may be added costs; more police and fire protection, cost of new utility lines, costs of increased services to new residents.

Whether citizens will be able to prevent or lure light industry from entering Greenbelt is not known. The sites are there, waiting, and marked "industrial." As far as can be determined, the city council is in favor of light industry in Greenbelt. They have indicated a willingness to extend attractive tax benefits and other inducements within their power to light industry. Their attitude reflects the idea that light industry would have a beneficial effect on the life of our community.

For the interest of our readers the Cooperator is reprinting three articles on this subject, taken from *Pathfinder - The Town Journal*, a national magazine. The first article appears on page 3.

Water Ban Lifted, But Let's Go Easy

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has issued the following statement:

The order issued by the commission August 2, placing certain restrictions upon the use of water by its consumers until further notice, has been ordered rescinded as of August 8.

The intermittent rainfall of the past week and the cooperation of the consumers have resulted in a marked decrease in water consumption, sufficient to enable the commission to largely restore its reserve supply of treated water. As a result the restrictions on water use are being removed at the earliest possible moment.

At the same time the commission wishes to request that in event of a renewal of drought conditions its consumers limit themselves in the use of water to the extent that none be used for non-essential purposes or otherwise be wasted.

If, under such conditions, our consumers will observe this request, there should be an ample supply of treated water available for every essential need, and the reimposition of restriction would be unnecessary.

The commission wishes to thank the public for the understanding and cooperation displayed during the recent drought.

LIBRARY CLOSED

The Greenbelt Library will be closed Thursday and Friday this week, while some much needed repairs are underway.

County Bike Rodeo Draws 75 Entries

Seventy-five boys and girls from the Prince Georges County Recreation Department participated in the first county-wide Bicycle Rodeo, Friday, August 6. The Rodeo, held at the Mt. Calvary Church Playground, Forestville, was sponsored jointly by the Recreation Department and the Prince Georges County Police Department.

First place winners in three classes were presented with bicycles by Mr. Borris Inko, of the Capitol Cycle and Sport Shop, with second place winners receiving speedometer sets and third place, twin head light sets. Officer John Baze, Police Department, presented trophies donated by the Bicycle Institute of America to each participant having the best time in the Spiral event.

Children were judged for accuracy and speed in six events which tested their ability to maneuver, to balance and to stop suddenly.

BOWLING

All captains of bowling teams and any others desiring to enter teams in the Greenbelt Men's Bowling League (College Park) for the 1954-55 season are requested to meet in the City office (over the Variety Store) on Tuesday, August 17, at 8 p.m.

Plans will be formulated for the season, and an opening date for the league will be decided at this meeting.

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Recreation Building

The newspaper picnic at the Lynnbrook Recreation area reminded many staff members of the need for better facilities in Greenbelt for recreation of this kind. A beautiful recreation building, with a fire-place, toilet facilities, chairs and tables, storage rooms with athletic equipment and table games was the dominant item impressing most of us. How wonderful it would be to have such a structure at our lake!

Such a building has long been needed in Greenbelt. How it can be managed should occupy the attention of citizens and council members. It did not look expensive. It was simple in design, economical to maintain, and was designed for use by children and adults for recreation activity, small meetings, indoor picnics and any variety of functions.

Both Montgomery and Prince Georges County are rapidly expanding their recreation area programs, building new units from the site up. Needless to say they will not spend money for this in Greenbelt, as long as we own our own recreation areas. We assume that there would be bitter opposition to dedicating our lake area and other park sites to the county for development; however it would be foolish to keep such sites to ourselves if they remain in their present undeveloped, "natural" state.

Much of the opposition to erecting a public building at the lake area centers around vandalism and its cost to the community, inflicted on isolated buildings in areas such as the lake. This opposition has prevented other proposed structures from being built in the city. It is time the city officials recognized that the jeopardy of vandalism is always present and it must be met by vigorous police action and proper supervision. We cannot inhibit the growth of our community by the fear of vandalism forever.

The cost of a building of the type we saw was estimated at about \$25,000. We assume that financing of such a building need not be met by a bond issue and a referendum. The city can borrow money; it has recently to meet current obligations. Spread over a period of years, with payments included in our yearly budget, we cannot see that this would inflict any hardship on the citizens tax-wise. In fact, the services resulting from the use of such a building in connection with our already-expensive recreation program may save us money in the long run.

The recreation building we are proposing is separate and apart from a new municipal building, or a new Drop-Inn. Plans for those buildings are being considered in connection with bond issues. Referendums for these and cost of providing certain utilities to the new development in Greenbelt, are being considered daily by our city officials. But we wish they would spend some time considering a sorely-needed recreation building at the lake picnic area. It would be time well spent.

For a symbol of the building-poor recreation facilities, consider the well-worn, dilapidated, dangerous, "pavilion" at the lake. For several years it has been in the process of being torn down, rebuilt, remodeled, painted or scrapped. It has remained in its seedy "natural" state far too long. Let's put up a recreation building of which we can be proud.

WSSC Plans 42" Water Supply Line

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has started clearing rights of way for completion of its 1.7 million, 42-inch, water supply line to serve the Southeastern area of Prince Georges County.

A \$988,445 contract for construction of the second and final section of the big line was awarded to Charles F. Smith & Son Inc., of Kennett Square, Pa., lowest of nine bidders. Laying of pipe is expected to start in about four weeks.

The contract calls for construction of a total of 35,180 feet, which includes several thousand feet of lateral lines. The final section of the 42-inch supply line will extend from Virginia Manor road to Glenn Dale road in Greenbelt.

The first section, recently completed and already in service, runs from the Commission's Patuxent filtration plant, near Laurel, to Virginia Manor road.

Length of the entire line is 40,900 feet and will have an estimated capacity of .30 million gallons per day.

The Long View

By A. C. Long

Well, I see the Cooperator (pardon, the expression!) is still pounding me over the head in the editorial columns—I had no idea the circulation was so bad. You know a good fight always builds up subscriptions.

Usually, I don't mind a good journalistic wrangle, but in this case some of the charges that the Greenbelt Junior Pulitzer so carelessly fabricates has gotten me into trouble at home, namely, that I have missed so many Board meetings. This accusation has aroused my better half who pointedly asks, "I am well aware of the reputation of the Cooperator editorials for factual accuracy but even so I'm suspicious. If you haven't been going to Board meetings on Friday evenings through Saturday early mornings, where have you been?"

I ask any husband in town, what would you do in the face of such pointed conjugal doubts? (I mean if you knew you were innocent.) Right! I asked the office of GVHC for proof, and the official answer came back, "Mr. Long was absent from two Board meetings this year." Both absences were excused, one for reserve officer training and the other because of an extended business trip to the West coast. I don't know if all the other Board members have perfect attendance records. I strongly suspect some of the others were absent occasionally; maybe, even as much as two meetings also. I suggest that their wives check up on them before the Cooperator does, especially where they go after 9:30 p.m. when the meetings usually are finished. That Greenbaum, the Cooperator's reporter, is a sly dog. Where does he go after the Board meetings?

Greenbelt sure looks "purty", green and clean after the rains, doesn't it? That is, all but the business sections. That's the trouble—(censored!)

The long (A) and short (women) of the Cooperator's editorial policy this year is clear cut—cut Long's throat and cut women's dresses.

The number of new homes that are being built in Greenbelt is astounding—an increase of 200 percent: last year, 0; this year, 2. Nothing like a housing co-op to get things booming.

Remark overheard—Abe Chasnow, "I don't understand the Cooperator. If Long is as bad as they say, why are they mad if he doesn't attend Board meetings?"

Fishing Lines

By Lee

Hi! Anglers. I haven't been with you for several weeks. Not much to report during that time as fishing was rather poor during our recent hot spell and not many good fish were being taken except down in the bay. But now since the rains and the cool nights the fish are moving around again and feeding. Had several reports of nice bass being taken at the lake in the past two weeks. Mr. Wilson got two seventeen inchers last week and of course old "Pop" Bell lost the biggest one he had this year. He stated that it would have made minnows of the sixteen and seventeen inch ones he took before, but the big fellow after showing himself, broke the hooks off of the lure, so Pop says. Says he's got witnesses this time. Fishing should be very good over this week and weekend and it seems that the fish are doing much more feeding and moving around in the evening from about six on until dark. Not doing much at all in

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Sunday, August 15 - 9:45 a.m.,

Sunday School, John S. Stewart, Superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning worship, sermon by Bro. James Perry. A nursery for babies and small children is maintained during all services. 6 p.m., Baptist training fellowship for entire family. 6:45 p.m., Evening worship, sermon by Mr. Perry.

Thursday, August 19 - 7:30 p.m., Mid-week service in home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Danahy, 48-G Ridge, Mr. Danahy leading.

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Wednesday, August 18 - 8:30 p.m. Official Board meeting at the Parsonry.

Monday, August 23 - 6:30 p.m. Family supper sponsored by the Methodist Men and WSCS at the Chapel, Woodland Way.

Wednesday, August 25 - 8:30 p.m., WSCS Executive Committee meeting.

Wednesday, September 1 - 7 p.m., Methodist Men will sponsor ice cream Social at the Center.

BAKE SALE

St. Hugh's will sponsor a bake sale Friday, August 20, beginning at 10 o'clock until 2 p.m. The sale which will feature a variety of home baked goods including cakes, pies, rolls, and the like will be held in front of the Theater. Mrs. James Flynn is chairman of the bake sale and will be assisted by Mrs. John O'Neill and other ladies of the parish.

the early morning so far. Get on down there, fellows, in your spare moments and get yourself a mess of fish. The big bluegills are taking flies better than anything else. Use a fly casting rod late in the evening and you will probably come home with a mess. You might hit a nice bass that way also. Best of luck and hope to have some more to report next week.

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About 80 persons, including parents and children, will leave on Sunday for Community Church Family Camp at Camp Kanessatake, Spruce Creek, Pennsylvania. The camp opens with supper at 6:30, and closes with breakfast the following Sunday.

Mrs. Denson, Church School Superintendent, announces that plans are under way for a teacher training course in Church school and religious drama this fall.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
GR. 3-5991

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults and children.

Sunday: Feast of the Assumption, Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This is Communion Sunday for children of the parish.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday: Miraculous Medal Novena followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone: GRanite 4-9200

Sunday, August 15: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible class. Classes are held for all age groups. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services. Sermon by the pastor. A nursery is maintained for the benefit of parents with small children. Visitors are always welcome.

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Do You Want To See A Factory Move In?

By Donald S. Stroetzel

There's a big argument these days, in Rotary Clubs and Lions Clubs, in the stores and homes of many an American town between two groups of people: those who would "encourage new factories to come to our town," and those who think "new factories would be bad for us."

You may have this fight in your town—soon, if not now. For there's a trend in industry to locate new factories outside the big population centers and it's gaining speed.

If you listen to the people who want new factories in town, you'll get the idea that this will solve all the town's problems. If you're a merchant, you're told that new payroll dollars will give you more trade, more incentive to spruce up your store. If you're a housewife, you hear that a factory job will bring that new range and refrigerator within your budget. You're told that young people will find job opportunities.

Sounds rosy? Then listen to the people who don't want new factories. They see factory smoke turning white houses grey, industrial waste ruining the river. They talk of honky tonks and slums. They see need for building new schools, and having overcrowded schools in the meantime. They anticipate noise and bustle disturbing their peaceful village; cheap new houses; traffic and parking problems; along with higher taxes made necessary by extension of utilities to the new factory.

WHO'S RIGHT? For part of TOWN JOURNAL'S extensive research for this series, I put that question to some 400 industrial development specialists. Nearly all of them agreed that some industries, in some towns, are liabilities; but that industries help far more towns than they hurt.

Several of the experts pointed to a study—a real eye-opener for the doubting town—which shows that a new industry employing 150 men could be expected to: feed \$400,000 in payroll money into a community each year; support 1,000 people and a dozen stores; make \$2 million in new property available for taxation, and lead to sale and servicing of 200 cars.

How does such "statisticating" stand up against actual experience? To find out, I went to Bath, N. Y., (pop. 5,416) where Westinghouse Corporation recently built a factory employing nearly 2,000 people. What happens, I wanted to know, when a large plant comes to a rural trading center? (Bath previously had only a ladder company employing 200 and a corrugated pipe factory with 45 employees.) Were the benefits really greater than the problems?

HERE'S THE PICTURE as I got it, talking to dozens of local residents and Westinghouse officials and workers:

Excitement had run high, three years ago when Westinghouse, seeking a site for an electronic-tube plant, picked one just outside Bath. Merchants foresaw quick spurts in business; local charities expected an end to fund-raising troubles; and lawyers, dentists and doctors got ready for a rush of new clients and patients. Nothing Westinghouse wanted seemed too much for the town to do.

Sewer and water for the plant? "We'll bring our utilities to the village limits—if Westinghouse will take it from there." A labor survey to find out how many people in the area would work at the plant? Volunteers sent out 30,000 post cards in a fever of enthusiasm. And, without even being asked, a local committee offered to grade the plant's land without charge.

Gradually, as the new plant began to take shape and hiring began, the fever subsided. And Bath became acutely aware of growing pains. Rents went up, houses zoomed in price.

LIKE MEN AWAKENED SUDDENLY from a sound sleep and not yet able to meet the problems of the day, Bath's village fathers

grouped for answers to new and urgent municipal problems—and found trouble instead. Grading of Westinghouse's land, for instance, originally considered something "a manufacturer of earth-moving equipment would be glad to do free for the publicity," suddenly became an out-of-pocket expense for local boosters; it cost \$20,000, had to be paid for in \$100 donations—and when the kitty proved to be \$4,000 short, the Chamber of Commerce had to go in hock for it.

You began to hear grumbles, "this plant had better do all the things they say it will."

The grumbles became louder. The well-meaning Board of Education, galvanized by "new-plant fever" into building a new \$2.7 million high school on a "crash" basis, stumbled into a pair of lawsuits involving the contractor and architect—a tangled mess yet to be unraveled.

Everywhere, it was "speed, speed, speed." The municipally owned utilities company suddenly had to dig a new well, build a new water storage tank, replace rotted heating coils in the sewage disposal plant and lay miles of sewer and water pipe. All this meant borrowing \$429,000 and paying interest—a pinch each resident felt when a planned reduction in utility rate had to be ruled out. Similarly, growing expenses of the village government (for new roads, etc.) have meant higher taxes. "They're up about 20% in 3 years," estimates Arthur Hamilton, president of the Bath National Bank.

Has it been worth all the chaos, confusion and expense? Or was Bath better off before its quiet streets were shaken by the pulsating clatter of pneumatic hammers?

Most Bath people I talked to think the village has improved. "No matter how much you may like your village the way it is, you can't keep it that way," philosophizes Chamber of Commerce Secretary John Vairo. "Standing still means slowly going down."

"New ideas have been brought here by the young men employed by Westinghouse. Three years ago, we were without a Junior Chamber of Commerce, an organized music society or an active Chamber of Commerce. Today we have them all."

"True, we had the Rotary, the Lions, and the Masonic orders long before Westinghouse came in—but all had stagnated to a degree. It took the new blood to awaken the progressive ideas that actually had lain dormant."

Some of the merchants will tell you that the plant trade has boosted their business; others can't see much difference. They complain that only about 350 of the Westinghouse workers live in Bath; that the rest, coming from farms and towns up to 50 miles away, "jump in cars or busses at quitting time, without stopping to shop."

On the other hand, this commuting (which is pretty typical in country-town factories) has meant that Bath has not had to contend with low-cost housing projects—potential slums 10 years hence. There's been a spurt in home-building, but most of the 100 or so homes going up annually are for people in the middle and higher income brackets; such houses fit in with the town.

TWO CHAIN GROCERIES, attracted by Bath's Westinghouse-improved prospects, have opened big new supermarkets, and a third

supermarket is under construction. Merchants see many worker-commuters drawn eventually to these stores; once they park, they will spend in nearby stores, too. An eight-store shopping center in the outskirts should help, too, if built as planned.

New physicians and dentists have come to Bath, and they're doing well. One reason is that Westinghouse workers, covered by group insurance at the plant, last year collected some \$70,000 in sickness benefits. Much of this money went for the so-called "elective" operations—ones that should be performed, but probably would have been put off.

Another social benefit: The number of people on county relief has been dropping as more have found work.

Meanwhile, many of the original problems have worked themselves out. The new school should be ready this fall. The utility expansions no longer seem so burdensome—many residents, as well as Westinghouse, have benefited. Moreover, prices of homes have started to go down from their inflated levels—and taxes, too, should come down as soon as new homes and stores are taxed.

Liberty Street merchants haven't minded the plant's competition for labor as much as they'd feared. They're making do quite nicely with older help and others lacking the dexterity needed for Westinghouse's tube assembly.

Westinghouse, Bath has found, is no "patsy" for local fund drives. But it's no uncooperative miser, either. An "industrial neighbor," the town is discovering, is like any other neighbor. You can't impose on him; but he'll help you if you help him. Thus, Westinghouse cheerfully loaned equipment to grade Bath's new golf course. Also, if Bath will extend its limits to include the plant, the company will welcome the chance to pay its share of village taxes as an act of neighborliness.

SOME RETIRED PEOPLE still aren't happy about Bath's plant even though it's not noisy or smoky as they'd feared. They complain chiefly that the plant has increased their living costs, blame it even for the high cost of coffee. On the other hand, some retired farmers have made big profits selling their land for new housing. Others have gained what many folks want most—their sons and daughters, with job opportunities now in the community.

One thing that frankly frightens thoughtful people around Bath is the possibility that Westinghouse might someday pull out or greatly curtail its operation. "That's furthest from our thoughts," you're told at the plant. But even if the worst happened, most Bath people take a sensible "it's better to have loved and lost..." attitude. Even losing a factory need not be a permanent tragedy; local effort can bring in new, growing industries to replace older ones which have left. (Thus after a Ware, Mass., cotton mill shut down in 1937, the town of 7,000 gradually filled the empty plant with not one but 13 different industries. Today 1,800 people are employed there—700 more than before. This town just wouldn't be licked!)

Is more industry the answer for your town? You'll want to be sure before you start the big job of trying to get an industry to come in. Best place to start is with an economic survey or an **See INDUSTRY, Page 4**

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INDUSTRY from page 3 industrial survey; you can make one with the help of your state university, utility company, railroad, state or regional development agency. When this is completed, you'll know your assets and liabilities, industry-wise, and what kind of industries to seek.

As mentioned at the outset, however, chances are that your town would benefit from the right kind of industry. If so, here is some guidance from the University of Arizona:

- Try to get companies with:
 - A reputation for reasonably steady employment, ones that will grow with the community.
 - A high ratio of skilled workers; they usually bring a better type person to the community and more payroll per hundred employees.
 - A plant manager who is allowed to make decisions and thereby can be responsive to local needs.
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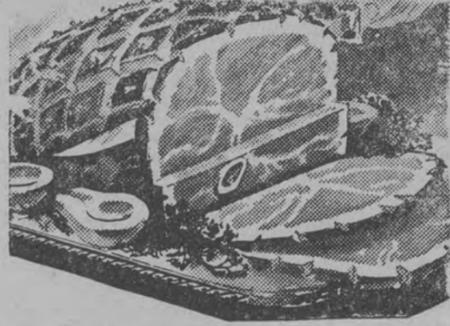
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