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Coming Attraction!

Next Wednesday night the screen at the Greenbelt Theater will be dark. No prancing horses or chorus girls, no men from Mars or Technicolored tenors! Instead, the membership of Greenbelt Consumer Services will at last see the results of a long and costly survey, aimed at finding out why Greenbelters don't go to GCS membership meetings.

The word has gone out—No long reports. No tedious harangues. No waste of time. Everybody out by ten o'clock. Elect the new officers of the community's corporation and go home.

This is Annual Meeting, 1952. Questionnaires have come in to the GCS office filled in by more than 200 word-weary stockholders. On annual meeting, in the present expanded state of GCS growth, requires a quorum of about 175 people. Either the required number of residents will take another chance and turn up at the meeting to transact their own business—or the status remains quo.

Letters To The Editor

CONCERN

Mrs. Comings and I sincerely appreciate the concern shown by our Greenbelt friends over my recent collapse and hospitalization in Baltimore. It is most gratifying to know that we are living in a community where friends and neighbors are so eager to help when sickness or disaster fall.

My doctors have advised that my heart is sound but recommended that I take it easy for a few weeks. Hence, there should be plenty of mileage left if the accelerator is not floored.

Sincerely,
Steve L. Comings

(Ed. note: This communication was received two weeks ago and held over due to lack of space)

Laurels to P. D. and the Rescue Squad

I would like to publicly thank and commend the Greenbelt Police Dept. and the Greenbelt Rescue Squad for two recent services of great importance to my family. The Rescue Squad on a few moments' notice arrived to rush one member of the family to the hospital suffering from serious loss of blood. They not only drove carefully to protect the patient, but on arrival all four members waited around to offer their own blood if needed. Two weeks later another member of the family caught a hand in a cake mixer. The police arrived within three minutes with a blade saw and helped saw the mixer blades off the painfully injured hand, and in the meanwhile helped to calm the other children, besides offering to assist the doctor at the scene.

I cannot imagine any other community where such valuable and timely services are so freely and cheerfully given. For one family, we are deeply grateful to the Greenbelt police dept. and rescue squad for their prompt and efficient help in these emergencies. They are organizations that certainly merit the full support of the entire community.

Anthony M. Madden.

Local Patient

Dan Cusick, 14-B Ridge, is a patient at Washington Sanitarium in Takoma Park, and would be happy to hear from his friends in Greenbelt.

Sam Schwimer.

Trattler Chatter

By Pauline Trattler
Gr.-3762

Hi! Gosh, seems like everyone you talk to has illness in their family. But cheer up folks - it won't last long with spring just around the corner. (Did I hear someone ask "which corner?") ... **Lucky John L. Bennett**, 52-Ridge, and **Charles V. Haegle**, 1-H Northway, guessed the correct number of chocolate bits in the jar at the food store and each won a beautiful pink toy elephant. The correct amount was 1700 bits. (Cheer up, kids, next time your daddy might guess right!) ... It's good-bye to the **Solomons**, 11-L Ridge, who moved last week to S.E. Washington. (Sorry to see you go, but lots of good luck!) ... Sorry to report that at this writing **Mahlon Eshbaugh** is again a patient at the Bethesda hospital. (That will never do, Mahlon. Hurry and get well. We all miss you.) ... Also sorry to hear that **Mrs. Carroll Gardner**, 3-C Crescent, is ill in bed. (Neighbors, please stop in and cheer her up!) ... **Welcome** guest to Greenbelt are **Mr. and Mrs. Steve Krall** from Perth Amboy, N. J. who came down to spend their 25th wedding anniversary with **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burchick**. **Mrs. Krall** is **Mr. Burchick's** sister. (Enjoy your stay here, folks, and happy anniversary!) ... **Mr. and Mrs. H. Novak** and daughter spent the weekend visiting in New York. On Sunday they attended the confirmation and reception of **Jules Weiner** in Newark, N. J. (How does my home town look to you, Sonya?) ... **David Young**, art instructor at Northwestern, was host at a birthday party in honor of **Miss Devena Keithley**. Other guests were **Miss Rita Robinson** and **Sgt. Gordon Leake**, recently returned from Korea, having been with the Corp. headquarters. (Wonder how many candles were on the cake, Devena looks so young!) ... If you should pass the **Murray** house at 45-G Ridge and sniff a pleasant aroma, no doubt you'll be smelling oysters on the half shell or delicious clam chowder cooking. When the **Murrays** returned from a trip they made last Sunday to **Chincoteague Island, Va.**, they brought back with them several bushels of oysters and clams. (Want me to keep some of that stuff in my deep-freeze, folks?) ... **Former Police Officer John Belton** and wife **Esther** had a get-together with **Mrs. Mildred Buck**. Both are former old-time Greenbelters who have moved to **Fresno, Calif.** They send regards to everyone here via **Mrs. J. Long**. ... Some people who were away for the weekend were the **Wetters**, **Bickfords**, **Fischers**, and **Friedmans**. (Hope you all had a nice time.) ... Don't forget the **Northwestern High School Jamboree** on Saturday.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister
Sunday, March 2 - Sessions of the Sunday School, 8:45 and 9:45 a.m. Worship service. Sacrament of The Lord's Supper and Reception of members, 11 a.m. Also service at 8 p.m. conducted by the pastor. Teen Ageds Class at 7 p.m.
Monday, March 3 to 7 - Evangelistic Crusade conducted by the Reverend **Jacob H. Snyder**, pastor of the Elkridge Methodist Church. Mr. Snyder will preach each evening. The entire membership of the church will have a part in this Crusade. Come and bring your friends.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, pastor
Saturday, Confessions, 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children, 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults
Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for members of the Sodality at the 7:30 Mass, and for members of the Teen-age Sodality at the 8:30 Mass.
Wednesday: Novena services at 8 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Thursday: Benediction at 2 p.m. for children of the parish.
Baptisms: 1 p.m. on Sundays. Anyone wishing a baby baptized should call Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi Seymour Zahn
11-A Parkway - Greenbelt 4311
Friday, February 29 - Services will be held in the social room of the Center school. Candlelighting time - 5:26 p.m. Reading from the Prophets - I Kings 5:26 to 6:13. Portion of the Week - "Terumah" - Exodus 25:1 to 27:19. Sermon topic - "The Tabernacle and Today's Jewish Center."

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Spring Recital

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Participants this year will be Jackie and Kay Ellen Fruchtmann, Marilyn Hazard, Carol Ann Grog, Alexa Jean Bevington, Lenore Algaze, Tony and John McCarthy, Joyce Ott, Joseph Cornett, Jerry Anzulovic, Donna Jean Evans, Vernon Davis, Betty Siegel and Vicky Goldfaden.

The public is invited.

Leap Year Frolic At North End Friday

A night of fun and fellowship has been planned for children, patrons, and parents of the North End School on Friday night, February 29. Children will be entertained from 7 until 7 p.m. with movie cartoons and "grab-bags" brimful of fun and excitement, at little cost. Adult entertainment will begin at 8:30, featuring a variety program of skits, dancing and music by local talent. Tickets are available; refreshments and baked goods will be sold during intermission.

WCFM Elects Five; Invites Program Ideas

Radio listeners are invited to contribute their suggestions at the meeting of the WCFM Program Committee, March 6 at 12:30 at the station (1120 Conn. Ave. N.W.). Mrs. Simon Newman, committee chairman, reporting to preferred stockholders at their annual meeting February 19, urged all those interested in working out new program ideas for the station to attend the committee meeting and participate.

Board members elected by the preferred stockholders were C. Edward Behre, Mrs. Margaret Just Butcher, Wallace J. Campbell, Robert Nathan, and Charles W. Putnam. Seven additional board members will be elected by the common stockholders at their meeting on March 19.

WCFM - March 3 - Drama - All Things Common; Stories for Children - Big Sister Sheila.

Women Voters Air Budget On WGAY

The Greenbelt Unit of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County will hold its next meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the home of Mrs. Herbert Hertz, 45-T Ridge Road.

At 12 o'clock Saturday, March 1, on WGAY, members of the Greenbelt unit will broadcast a discussion of the County budget. Mrs. Joseph Karlin, Mrs. Ben Goldfaden, Mrs. Haward Hunt, Mrs. W. J. Hoff and Mrs. Herbert Hertz are the participants.

Chairman Praises Committees
Our successful brotherhood meeting on Sunday night would not be complete without mentioning with gratitude the contributions of the program committee with Mrs. Carolyn Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Love, Mrs. Gladys Duffy, Percy Andros, and Mrs. Fan Schein; and of the publicity committee with Arthur Plackett, Mrs. James Flynn, Mrs. Vida Stricklin, Mrs. Robert Casey, Mrs. Mary Jane Zust, and Mrs. Edith Nicholas.

I wish to thank also the Junior High School art class for posters; the Homemakers Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Ladies of Charity for serving the refreshments.

Mention should also be made of the work of the treasurer, Richard Hoffman, and the typing done by Mrs. Helen Salzman.

Our city library cooperated with a display of books available on the subject of brotherhood.

We are proud of the fact that our program represented the work of twenty-six organizations in Greenbelt and truly was brotherhood in action.

Ruth Bowman, Chairman.

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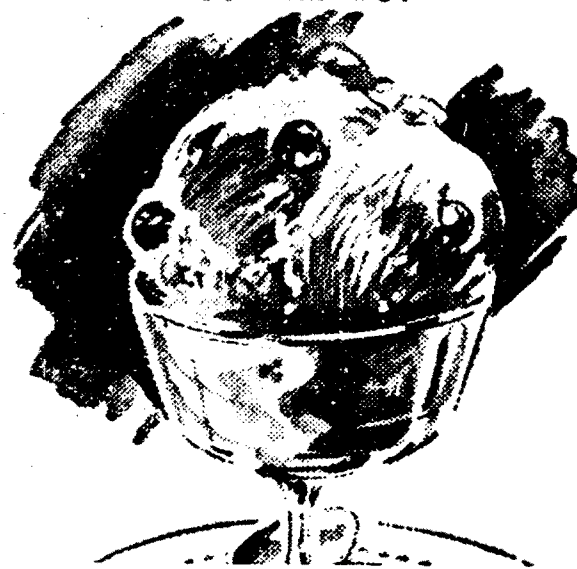
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March 5th is Important

The day was Wednesday, March 5th, and the time was shortly before supper. Jack wasn't home from work yet, but the table had been set early and the kids were beginning to make a nuisance of themselves as the smell of supper came from the kitchen. As soon as Jack drove in the car and was in the house they started the meal. Nancy, Jack's wife had planned it early just so the two of them could get down to the Co-op Annual Meeting early. In the past, neither of them got to meetings on time but Jack felt himself lucky today. There were going to be some door prizes, and a bag of groceries as some sort of promptness prize for those who got there early.

No meal, however, with four kids, goes either quickly or quietly even when all four mouths are full. They barely picked up the napkins when the questions began to flow. First, "Where are you going tonight, Pop?" "To the Co-op Annual Meeting," replied Jack in between mouthfuls of spinach, bread and potatoes. "But why," came the next question from John, the 12 year old. Jack wiped his mouth before beginning that one "Well," he said, "Because" — and his voice trailed off in a glass of milk. "Now that's no answer," said little Nancy. There was a longer pause as Jack took a piece of bread, ran it around the surface of his plate to get all the gravy and then put it into his mouth. Then he answered.

"You see, a Co-op is a different sort of business because it belongs to us. That's what a Co-op is, a people's business, and because it belongs to us, and the people next door and the people next door to them, we all have a stake in it. Our stake is growing all the time, in fact. Five years ago I purchased one share of stock but now by letting our patronage refunds accumulate toward additional shares, we own close to \$200 worth. Now one of the reasons we go is to hear how the business made out. The board, and the president, and the general manager will all be there to tell us how the business has fared. Then when the business session is over, and we have voted on by-law changes, we can ask questions about the operations."

"Since this is our business, we must also help to run it by electing a board of directors. These are the people who have helped build the business to where it stands today and they are the ones who will help guide it in the future. Tonight we will vote for the man who lives across the court from us. In fact, your mother and I helped nominate him. He represents our interests as consumers and has good sound business judgement. If we are to elect this representative, our vote is important."

Jack could have gone on further except his eye caught sight of the clock on the wall. The meeting being held in the Greenbelt Theatre would be starting in just 15 minutes, and only a second before the baby sitter had come. They had their coats on when little Nancy delayed them a second longer. "Daddy," she said, "When can I go to one of these meetings?" There was a sparkle in her father's eye as he picked up the little girl, gave her a big kiss and said, "We will buy an extra share for you, and next year you too can come."

As the car door slammed, John called out his parting question. "Hey Pop, you going to win that bag of groceries?" "I will wake you up if I do," Jack shouted back and the car disappeared down the road.

MAKE A DATE AND PLAN TO KEEP IT COME TO THE GCS ANNUAL MEETING

These pictures show a few of the friendly services operated by your cooperative and some of the patrons who use them.

