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NEW GROCERY STORE
TO OPEN HERE SOON

Co-Op Gas Station Starts
Operations

Opening date of the new store has, for several weeks, vied for honors with the bus service and politics as the most popular conversation piece in Greenbelt; and it is felt that at this time some word of its progress will be welcome.

While Consumer Services is ready to open the store, there will be some delay until the premises are ready for occupation. Electricity and refrigeration have not yet been provided for, and as several holes have yet to be drilled through the eight inches of concrete floor, and plumbing lines have to be run through the building, it is unlikely that the store will be ready for several days.

This announcement was made with deep regret by Mr. R. M. Templeman, store manager, who had hoped for an earlier opening date.

The filling station, by way of compensation, has now been operating for several days. This will also be run according to the cooperative principle, meaning that the Greenbelt car owner may now buy gas as well as groceries cooperatively.

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JOURNALISTIC CLUB BEGINS
WORK ON NEWSPAPER

Consumer Services Aids
Greenbelt Weekly

The Greenbelt Journalistic Club held its first meeting Thursday evening, November 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, 35 G Ridge Road.

More than fifteen persons participated in a general discussion on the best methods now available for the distribution of authentic news and announcements in Greenbelt.

Several attending the meeting summarized their personal experiences in publicity and newspaper work and volunteered their services as reporters.

Tentatively, a plan was suggested to issue six numbers of the Cooperator, a weekly journal, covering matters of local community interest.

The principle generally adopted by club members is that any bulletin or newspaper in the community shall be non-partisan in politics, and cooperatively designed.

As its first venture the club will sponsor the Greenbelt Cooperator with the assistance of Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc.

The club elected the following officers: Louis Bessemer, president; William R. Poole, vice president;

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Stork Makes First Stop Here

Greenbelt's youngest citizen, Sonya Fulmer, born a month ago in Garfield Hospital, Washington, D.C., is now in her daddy's home here. We welcome you to Greenbelt, Sonya.

NEW GROCERY STORE

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Mr. Dunaway, station manager, wishes to announce that it is his aim to provide service with the best of independent or chain owned stations and will welcome all suggestions offered toward improving the service.

The Consumer Services is now hard at work on plans for a cooperative set-up for laundry, dry cleaning, and milk delivery services, and is in every way trying to keep pace with the growing needs of Greenbelt's growing population.

Last week a leaflet was distributed to every home pointing out the place of the Consumer Services in the new community. This will be followed from time to time by others explaining in more detail the aims and principles of this organization and the part it is expected to play in the growth and development of Greenbelt. H. L.

We've heard it said so often: "The family selection committee and the investigating staff of the Farm Security Administration have done such a beautiful job!" Greenbelters know that it would not be easy to bring together such a congenial, wide-awake community of people, if selection had been merely a haphazard undertaking. There is no time left to say more. We wish you continued success. We hope the neighbors to come are as nice as the ones we have.

Roy S. Braden, Community Manager, visited New Orleans recently.

THANKSGIVING DANCE TONIGHT

Tonight the residents of Greenbelt will forsake their children, and homey firesides, and dirty dishes, and march en masse to the school auditorium to attend the town's first Thanksgiving Dance. The hours will be from nine until midnight, and the tickets are on sale now from committee men.

Music will be furnished by Johnny Graham and his orchestra, Greenbelt's foremost maestro. For those who feel that they had rather play cards and converse, tables and chairs and cards will be provided.

The committee has been working on arrangements and the sale of tickets, and promises a good time for all who attend. Receipts from the dance will be turned over to the Party Fund.

In the Public Eye

Greenbelt is receiving national attention time and again. Notice the spread in Life magazine, November 15. A week before, November 6, Literary Digest told the world what the "First Settlers" thought of their adopted town. Feature articles will continue to appear and all Greenbelters can help make the facts clear when any camera man or reporter comes a-knocking at the door.

Mrs. G. M. Brassor Recuperating

Quite ill and confined to her home during the past ten days, Mrs. Grace M. Brassor, mother of one child, is reported on the road to recovery. Mr. Brassor, employed with the Accounts Section of the Procurement Division, is now out of the "dish-washing" game at home and, he thinks, that's another reason for satisfaction.

GREENBELT COOPERATOR

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A non-profit cooperative weekly published every Wednesday at Greenbelt, Md., under the auspices of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club and the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

Cooperator Staff

Louis Bessemer, Editor; William R. Poole, Asst. Editor; James Dunaway, Treasurer-Business Manager; R. S. Sowell, Secretary; Philip S. Claxton, Circulation Manager; Webster W. Mc-Achren, Technical Advisor; L. M. Pittman and John M. Norvell, Illustrators.

Reporters

George W. Bradford; Clifton J. Cockill; John P. Murray; Robert D. Hayes; Robert E. Jacobsen; Sheila D. Cone; Walton O. Cone; Ruth Hayes; Frank Harris; Dorothy W. Rider; and Henry Little.

GREENBELT! WE MAKE OUR BOW.

Greenbelt is a new town geared to the Twentieth Century. Quite appropriately it is called the "Town of the Future". Greenbelt citizens inspire all with their friendliness and faith, their vision and community spirit.

Life in Greenbelt is no accident. It is the result of foresight, careful planning, and engineering skill. If it isn't a community for financial gain, it is a town for the enrichment of life, and for the encouragement of better housing in America.

This is no little opportunity and no little responsibility for an intelligent self-governing people. Democracy is at work and its influence is felt in Greenbelt. Here economic resources have served the general welfare beautifully.

While all this is obvious to any

Greenbelt tenant, there could not long remain either security or responsibility for community affairs without a center of dependable information. That center, quite naturally, is a town weekly.

A good newspaper is an adjunct of self-government; it is the keystone in the arch of American liberty. The town meeting and, the town weekly, are joint partners in maintaining order, stability, progress, and sanity in any modern community.

It is therefore natural to ask what policy the Greenbelt Cooperator has in view; what its relation is toward the community. The sphere of the Cooperator and its policies may be summarized within an eight-point outline as follows:

1. To serve as a non-profit enterprise.
2. To remain non-partisan in politics.
3. To remain neutral in religious matters.
4. To print news accurately and regularly.
5. To make its pages an open forum for civic affairs.
6. To develop a staff of volunteer writers.
7. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

These are the broad general principles and policies which will guide the staff and editorial writers, from week to week, and year to year--we hope. If this program, platform, or policy, is worthy of support, the Cooperator will become a valuable medium in the development of Greenbelt and its environs.

Therefore, the editors anticipate loyal support from every Greenbelter. Remember this is a beginning. No apologies are offered. Yet this is no whimsical, carefree undertaking.

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WE MAKE OUR BOW

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Publishing any bulletin, journal or weekly newspaper, requires unselfish dedication to the task. Time and thought and energy are demanded of the contributors.

Every civic-minded reader may assist the Greenbelt Cooperator staff by keeping the paper informed, or by making constructive suggestions. We know that you expect the best from us, and we are confident we can count on the best from you. May the Cooperator soon attain the high standing, respect, and esteem which will make it Greenbelt's own weekly.

REPORTERS NEED YOUR HELP

Citizens of Greenbelt will find an opportunity to assist the editorial and news staff of the Cooperator by making use of the Community News Box located in the business district.

If you have a statement to make, any announcement of clubs or meetings, any news tips for the editor, any suggestions, or letters-to-the-editor, it will be helpful if these are deposited promptly each week.

The Cooperator staff should be in receipt of all news and editorial items by Saturday, if the Cooperator is to appear each Wednesday.

Copy offered to the Cooperator by citizens should be prepared with brevity and accuracy. If it is double-spaced and neatly typed there is less chance of error in handling each news item.

This is intended to be your newspaper, cooperatively owned and operated. Help make it everything you desire.

Cooperatives are based on a classless society. All men are consumers.

We Pioneers

(By Mary E. Van Cleave)

We did not arrive in Greenbelt after long, tiresome miles by covered wagon; nor did we find this place by chance. We were not first to gaze upon this spot of ground; nor did we cut down trees in order to build our homes. Nor is it necessary to clear the land to plant our crops, that we may eat; nor dig a well, that we may quench our thirst.

Yet, we are pioneers--of a new way of living! We are the sculptors handling the soft, yielding clay of a new community. What form shall we mold out of it?

This project has given most of us an opportunity we'd never anticipated. We are in the process of creating homes! Our families and our children will live under laws of our own making. Only in our fondest and most youthful dreams have we imagined such a chance. What will we make of it?

Let us make good laws--wise laws, and not too many of them. Let us keep ourselves, our community, our city government, our ideals, as clean as our own, new, windswept roofs. Let us conduct ourselves and the management of our Greenbelt in such a way as to deserve the pride with which all America will be looking on.

We who have been endowed with the greatest heritage on earth by our ancestors, still have that hardiness and determination underneath. Greenbelt will be a success, with the cooperation of her citizens and with the help of God. We will have proved ourselves--we pioneers!

Cooperatives Encourage Thrift

Cooperatives give a sense of ownership and stability.

DEAR SALLY: UNCLE SAM'S EXPERTS WILL DO THEIR BEST FOR YOU.

Community Manager Roy S. Braden has had more problems to solve here than Dorothy Dix, but this case is beyond his powers. On a bright morning recently he discovered the following spicy communication, with all its delicate subject-matter, dropped into the mail slot of his door. Since the communication was signed by one "Sally Rand" the Manager has consulted the Greenbelt Cooperator staff for an answer. But we, too, give up, and we now let our readers help poor Sally in her predicament. The letter follows:

October 27, 1937

Mr. Roy S. Braden,
Greenbelt, Md.

Dear Mr. Braden:

You have gained the reputation of kindly helping to solve the various problems of the residents of Greenbelt. I am confronted with a rather serious one, but was a little undetermined whether to seek the advice of you or Dorothy Dix. Someone told me that you have lived in a house before, and maybe Dorothy, like myself, has always lived in apartments, in which case she wouldn't know the answer, so I decided to ask your paternal advice.

I don't know what to do about my brazen out-door clothesline; it is so public out there in the great open spaces. I've always dried my little tid-bits of intimate apparel on the towel rack in the bath-room; but this public display makes me feel as if I were doing a strip-tease act for the benefit of all the men of Greenbelt. I fled to a dark closet to hide my crimson face after hanging out my first public wash. I could imagine the passers-by discussing each item, and perhaps saying, "Well, imagine her wearing those," or "Don't you suppose she wears _____?"

What I want to know is: will time soften my embarrassment; will I become hardened to this intimate display; or had I better give it up and go back to the bathroom clotheslines? Your advice will be most deeply appreciated.

Modestly yours,

SALLY RAND

Citizens' Association Elects Officers

Two hundred citizens of Greenbelt gathered in the Community Hall Monday night, November 8, to form "The Greenbelt Citizen's Association".

Officers elected for a term of six months are: Stanley B. Rider, president; Yale B. Huffman, vice president (acclamation); Mrs. Louise Endsley, secretary; Walton O. Cone, treasurer.

VETERANS ORGANIZE LEGION POST

SIGN PETITION FOR CHARTER

In response to a call issued by Comrade Allen Morrison, an organization meeting of Greenbelt Veterans was held Tuesday evening, November 16. There is no doubt that Greenbelt will have a large and active Legion Post, because more than enough men attended to petition for a charter and a dozen more who are known to be interested were unable to attend because of their working hours.

A communication was read from Comrade "Jim" Fitzgerald, vice-commander of the Legion for the district of Southern Maryland, and it was decided that the Greenbelt organization would affiliate with the American Legion. Comrade Edson G. Worden was elected chairman and secretary pro-tem. Comrades Carr and Worden were delegated to visit Comrade Berkalew who is confined in the Mount Alto Hospital with a broken arm.

A second meeting, at which vice-commander Fitzgerald was present to explain the necessary details of organizing the Post and petitioning for a charter, and to answer any questions which the members might have, was held Monday evening, November 22nd. Dues, including national, state and local, will be \$3.00 a year.

Any ex-Service man who has not already signed the petition for charter, should do so at once in order to get in on the charter membership. Call Comrade Worden at Greenbelt 2231.

E. G. W.

Marshmallow Roast

Held at Lake

Approximately twenty children and their parents attended a marshmallow roast held at the lake recently.

CITIZENS ATTEND RALLY

12 Candidates Outline Platforms
For Community Development

Greenbelt politics took on a new form Wednesday, November 18, when 12 candidates for council presented their views at a meeting of the Greenbelt Citizen's Association. Stanley B. Rider, president, presided.

Rider spoke briefly on the qualifications necessary for council membership. He said, "This isn't the usual type of town office," it is a big responsibility because Greenbelt is a unique town.

Each candidate was given three minutes speaking time.

The following candidates presented highlights of their platforms.

Glendon L. Allred; no definite platform; honest consideration to best interests of Greenbelt.

John S. Beckham; labor man, not yes man; opposed to misleading publicity about Greenbelt.

Louis Bessemer; thinks Greenbelt town of future; urges economical transportation; would stick to high standard set by planners; support cooperative movement; have conservative program guided by Citizen's Association.

George Bradford; would bring "essentials" to Greenbelt; a cooperative bus; would establish a clinic; urges safety regulations for children playing under overpass.

Sherrod E. East; no specific platform; encourages study of town charter to understand relation between Federal Government and citizens; favors Braden for Town and Community manager.

Elbert B. Ferguson; no specific platform; best interests of Greenbelt; services at command of community.

Frank S. Harris; conservative views; stands for any plan that would make

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JOURNALISTIC CLUB

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James Dunaway, treasurer and business manager; R. S. Sowell, secretary.

Club officials, it was decided, for the first six issues of the Cooperator should serve in their respective offices on the new weekly.

Appointment of Philip S. Claxton, 33 Q Ridge Road, as circulation manager and Webster W. McAchren, as technical advisor, was also announced. Levi Pittman and John M. Norvell will serve as illustrators for the publication.

The following reporters attending the meeting received assignments:

George W. Bradford, Community Manager's office; R. S. Sowell, Correspondence; Clifton J. Cockill, Recreation; Mrs. Robert Hayes, Women's Clubs; Robert Hayes, Schools; Henry Little, Co-Op News; John P. Murray, Public Utilities; Mrs. Walton O. Cone, Personals; Walton O. Cone, Books and Public Library; Robert E. Jacobsen, Calendar of Events; Louis Bessemer, editorial copy; Frank Harris, Poetry; and William R. Poole, Town Council.

--- L.B.

RECREATION PROGRAM

ADVANCED HERE

The refreshment of body and mind effectively defines the word recreation. To all residents of Greenbelt, whether they be six or sixty, there will be many varied recreational facilities at their disposal. Active participation in basketball, table tennis, dancing, hiking, softball, hunting, fishing and ice-skating (if the weather-man will be kind enough to freeze the lake) will be encouraged here. Suggestions for any group programs are urged and will be energetically advanced by the sports staff.

This is not an ordinary community, so let's not forget the necessity of developing sound minds and bodies that will be synonymous with our progress.

STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED
AT GREENBELT SCHOOL

Teachers and Pupils Cooperate in
Educational Program

Greenbelt a planned community and an integrated one. All the elements that enter into community life are welded into a workable unit.

All the separate parts bear definite relationships to each other. So it is that homes are not entirely things apart from their surroundings, nor are the commercial buildings and enterprises wholly independent from the community. In a more significant sense, however, the school is the prime integrative factor in Greenbelt. A growing generation lends permanence even more than do our homes. The Greenbelt school reveals several interesting and important things. First, the school population--94 pupils in regular attendance and 6 teachers. The pupils fall into approximately 5 class-grade groups.

Even before the town elections the pupils have already set up their own form of quasi-student government. The five groups have each chosen one of their members to represent them in a Student Council. The particular function of this body, briefly, is this:

The council presents to the teacher-body those problems of the students that require teacher consideration for their solution. In turn, the teachers present their problems to the Student Council, to be presented to the student at large. Thus a definite community of interest is created between teacher and pupil, to the advantage of both.

The assembly meeting held Friday, November 12, revealed that the students have not been long in instituting an extra-curricular program. Among other activities an aircraft club and a science club have already been started. A music club is in the process of formation.

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STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED

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Individual students described personal, and group experiences in classroom or club projects. The student committee in charge of the washrooms has been functioning with noteworthy efficiency.

Of course there remain several things yet to be done. Some may have to await the organization of a Parent-Teachers Association. Others may require community action. It cannot be too strongly urged that each resident familiarize himself or herself with the school and school problems especially as they affect community life.

- Nathan H. Schein

CITIZENS RALLY

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life more pleasant here.

Robert D. Hayes; (better known as Bob); for youth of Greenbelt; Baby clinic; supervised recreation; clubs for children; cooperative education; adult education; all self supporting without adding to rent.

Robert Jacobsen; wants stores to coordinate with council; would have display house open; wants Greenbelt road signs to announce "Welcome".

H. H. Maurer; thinks charter instrument of people; likens responsibilities to that of aviation; would work hard and profit by our mistakes.

Allend D. Morrison; in public life for 30 years; would handle fiscal end of council if elected.

Mrs. Theodora Murray; feels urgent need for recognition of women; is not suffragette; believes men do not know about problems of home making and marketing; sees need for feminine viewpoint.

THINGS I NEVER NOODLE NOW

(By William R. Poole)

When a cow loses her "cud" she is a sick "critter" or more likely there is a big shortage of feed. The "cud" is not a part of the cow's anatomy, but in reality, is any wad of food regurgitated or "belched" up for further mastication and insalivation. A cow has over 41,000 jaw movements a day.

Enough cigarettes were produced in September, Treasury statistics show, to gird the earth 26 times at the equator; 14,854,000,000 cigarettes; taxes \$44,564,664.00.

"Chicken raising" besides being a "backyard business" is the second largest industry in the world.

An "antimacassar" is a "tidy" or any embroidered piece to put on the back or arms of a chair.

Property tax is by far the greatest paid by American citizens. It is followed by: Income tax, Miscellaneous tax, Liquor tax, Gasoline tax, Tobacco tax, Sales tax, Payroll tax, Death tax, Customs, Motor vehicle tax and Gift tax.

A pound of oleomargarine contains 7,500 units of Vitamin A.

Only 14 per cent of Government employees work in Washington.

School Students Secure Uniforms

Due to the cooperation of the citizens of Greenbelt in purchasing tickets for the Turkey raffle the school has been able to buy basketball uniforms for the team. The suits are green and white which is the color chosen to represent Greenbelt.

The baskets are now erected in the school gym and practice began Monday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Cooperator:

The petition and survey concerning the Greenbelt transportation problem has been consolidated into a report that will be presented to our first council for its most earnest consideration.

This report discloses the facts concerning the survey and suggests possible plans and solutions to the problems. Messrs. George D. Berkalew, 33 H Ridge Road; Howard A. Carr, 35 E. Ridge Road; Fred Falkenberg, 45 E. Ridge Road; have accomplished a very fine job of taking a survey and brought back facts with which I wrote up a report.

The report at the present time is in the hands of Mr. Robert Jacobsen who will review it and include in it his views from a cooperative standpoint. It will then be placed before Mr. Braden, who it is hoped, will also add comments from the Administration's point of view and interest. It is hoped by the time Mr. Braden has reviewed and commented on this problem the report will be submitted to council for any necessary immediate action.

In the meantime, both Mr. and Mrs. Berkalew are negotiating to see that new residents find adequate transportation when our present bus system does not meet their needs. The present bus system is contracted for and controlled by the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

This should show that definite steps are being taken to alleviate our acute transportation problem. It is well that we should recognize the work Mrs. Arja E. Morgan of 60 G. Crescent Road has done to aid the pioneers of Greenbelt in the difficult days when a few people had a transportation problem that makes the present one look sick.

Mrs. Morgan, we salute you!

Robert R. Porter,
2 F Eastway Road.

GREENBELT POSTOFFICE

Many people are deeply concerned about our mail service in Greenbelt, so Postmaster George W. Bryant gives us some information. The early delivery of mail to our doors depends on the patronage the citizens of Greenbelt give to their post office. Its growth and facilities, to assure good service, depends on the number of cancellations of mail leaving here.

It is very much in our favor that everyone buy stamps and send mail through this post office.

At present letter boxes, with a lock, are available at the price of 45¢ per 3 months, or 75¢ per 3 months for the large box.

NOW FOLKS, MEET MR. BRADEN

Roy S. Braden, community manager of Greenbelt, started his career in city management at the early age of 24, his first job being that of City Engineer and City Supervisor for the town of Kane, Pa., where he served from 1914 until 1918. Upon completion of his term at Kane, Mr. Braden went to Lynch, Ky., where he served as City Manager for the United States Steel Company in their huge housing project for the mine workers, from 1918 until 1922.

From 1922 until 1930, Mr. Braden served as City Manager for the city of Hopewell, Va., after which time he was selected to act as County Manager for Arlington County, Va. This position he held until he was appointed by the Government to the post of Housing Manager for the town of Greenbelt. This appointment took place on the 6th day of May, 1936, which was nearly a year and a half before anyone actually moved into Greenbelt.

Mr. Braden has been a member of the City Managers Association for ten years. It was to attend a convention of the Association that Mr. and Mrs. Braden slipped off to New Orleans recently. Mr. Braden gave an address on "The Duties of City Managers in Providing Adequate Housing" which talk gave him an opportunity to speak about Greenbelt. He also went on the air for 15 minutes telling New Orleans all about Greenbelt.

Professional baseball and basketball are listed among Mr. Braden's favorite sports, although in the days of his youth he participated in such sports as marathon running, football and basketball.

Mrs. Braden's favorite hobbies are flowers and gardening, and she expects to enjoy herself very much this coming Spring with her Greenbelt flower garden.



WATCH

For The

GREENBELT
FOOD STORE

SPECIALS

Assorted Caramels
3 Packages 10¢

Co-op Apricots
No. 2½ Can 25¢

Co-op Golden Bantam Corn
Cream Style
2 cans for 25¢

THANKSGIVING
BREAKFAST
SPECIAL



Syrup..(regularly)..... 19¢

Flour..(regularly)..... 19¢

38¢

Both for 35¢

GREENBELT FOOD STORE

Bradford Gets Invitation

George W. Bradford, whose family was one of the first to occupy a house in our model community, has been invited to speak on the subject of "Cooperative Enterprises in Greenbelt" before the student body at George Washington University on the night of December 7th.

Mr. Bradford has devoted much time to the study of cooperatives during the past two years and has written two articles on that subject for the Washington Star.

The invitation to speak at G.W.U. was extended on behalf of the student body by George Derr, who is studying cooperatives in that university.

Greenbelt Visited by
Expert on Home Economics

Miss Cora Winchell, associate professor of home economics at Teachers' College, Columbia University, stopped in Greenbelt for a brief visit last Wednesday. She took time out from a conference in Washington to see Greenbelt's model housing program.

Miss Winchell is widely recognized as an outstanding authority in her field. She made a somewhat hurried and unexpected call on Mrs. Mabel Bessemer, one of her former students, and put over a rapidfire quiz on "consumer cooperation". She says she's anxious to "learn everything" about Greenbelt Co-ops.

Miss Cora Winchell was accompanied on her visit here by Miss Edna Skinner, Dean of Women and Head of Home Economics in the Massachusetts State College, Amherst, and Miss S. Erickson, Dean of Home Economics, University of Kentucky.

170 Families Here

In Block D there are 122 houses with 120 of them occupied while in Blocks E and F there is a total -----

"Patented" Route to Washington

Joseph Long is one of the "pioneer" citizens of Greenbelt. In case you don't know it, he commutes on his own "line" between his office and Greenbelt. The route he takes daily is seldom used by motorists. Therefore, it has been dubbed the "Patented Line."

Injured

Mr. Bernard Axelrod, 33 J Ridge Road, recently sustained severe burns on both arms.

Journalistic Club Meets

Next meeting of the Journalistic Club will be held Friday evening at 7:30 at the offices of the Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc.

Sports

Greenbelt High School Soccer team defeated Mt. Rainier by a score of 4-2 last Thursday evening, November 18.

Keep the Sports Reporter informed on all scheduled games and recreational activities. The Cooperator staff will help you.

School News

Miss Archer's fourth year English class has organized an S.P.C.A. Club--The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Audiences--for the purpose of studying Parliamentary Law.

The Officers are: Harry Ewings, president; Stanley Provost, vice president; and John Guess, secretary.

of 122 houses with 49 of them occupied, making a total of 169 families now residing in Greenbelt.

MRS. GREENBELT . . .

Staff

Sheila Cone
Ruth Falls

Ruth Hayes
Annis Murdock

Dorothy Rider
Fannie Schein

TO THE LADIES OF GREENBELT:

The material in the following pages has been collected in the hope that it will prove of interest to you. We want you to feel that these pages belong to you! Eventually we would like to establish several features to appear each week on subjects of interest to everyone.

We hope to include in these pages news of women's activities and organizations, notes on household hints, shopping news, society items, and a personal column. We need your help in publishing the type of material you would like to read.

Suggestions, criticisms and contributions, are welcome!

Girl Scouts Organize

One of the first children's groups organized in Greenbelt is the Girl Scouts.

The girls and their sponsors met Monday evening at 8. Mrs. Lillian A. Mitchell of 3B Eastway, called the meeting for the purpose of encouraging women in the community to take an active part in the formation of both Brownie and Girl Scout troops.

Both Mrs. Louis Dashiell, the Commissioner of Girl Scouts for Prince George's County and Mrs. George M. Harris, Deputy Commissioner, were present.

Mrs. Mitchell who has initiated this Girl Scout movement, feels that Greenbelt is an ideal location for several

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COOPERATIVE BACHELORS

In sympathy with husbands whose wives have gone home to mother - or perhaps are now in the dog house - or expect to be (and what husband doesn't), we have secured an interview with the only bachelor menage in Greenbelt in order to obtain the latest tips on running home smoothly without "a little woman".

Our reporter found Bob Jacobsen and his cohorts more than gracious and anxious to explain the intricacies of their household problems. We found that their cooking problems had been solved by the pressure cooker. It was introduced into the household by Mr. Laakso, who incidentally was acclaimed as the best cook. It was with sorrow

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Bridge Club

In response to a general invitation to all women interested in the formation of a bridge club, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Claxton, 33Q Ridge Rd., last Thursday evening. Plans were discussed, and it was decided to have the next meeting on November 30th at 8 in the Home Economics Room of the school.

Mrs. Pittman was asked to act as General Manager with Mrs. Green to assist her. The meeting will be held every two weeks.

It was the hope of the sixteen women attending this meeting that the

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GIRL SCOUTS ORGANIZE

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troops. The town is surrounded on all sides with beautiful country for hikes, overnight camps and, possible in the summer, a day camp. The lake in itself will provide an excellent place for training in many activities.

The greatest need at the present time is for leaders. Mrs. Mitchell feels that in time Greenbelt will be able to accommodate at least four troops of Girl Scouts and four Brownie packs as each group should have a membership not exceeding 22.

The Prince George's County Girl Scout Council including Mrs. Dashiell, Commissioner, Mrs. Harris, Deputy Commissioner, Miss Purdum, Secretary, and Mrs. Boswell, Treasurer, have indicated that they were extremely interested in scouting organization in Greenbelt and would assist community leaders in every way.

A leader's course will be held January 15 to February 15 in Hyattsville, Md., which is for anyone wishing to become a Scout Leader. The County Troop Leader's Association also wish to extend an invitation to anyone in Greenbelt to attend a covered dish supper at the Olive Street School in Hyattsville on December 13.

It is felt that since county scout officials are anxious to help Greenbelt in every way a very definite attempt should be made to avail ourselves of the benefits of their knowledge and experience.

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club would be regarded as a purely social one; the main purpose being to provide a means through which women can become better acquainted with their neighbors.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

In answer to the Greenbelt housewife's theme song of "When will the furniture arrive?", this department felt a few statements concerning this current problem might serve to allay some of the anxiety and frustration of the feminine population.

Mr. Maybe assured us that these were the facts. Seven carloads of furniture have been guaranteed by the manufacturing concerns to arrive in Greenbelt no later than December 10. These carloads will be made up of dining-room tables, beds, dressers, chests, bedside tables, and mirrors.

The company making the living room couches have had some difficulty in matching upholstering material so that it is not yet known when delivery may be expected.

Mr. Maybe, however, hopes that this difficulty will be removed shortly. This department will advise you of additional information on the furniture from time to time.

Choir

Mrs. O. M. Johnson of 3C Gardenway, who is in charge of the organization of a choir for the Protestant Church Services wishes to announce that choir practice will be held every Friday evening at 7:30 in the Music room of the school.

Mrs. Johnson wishes to announce anyone interested in singing will be most welcome at these meetings as the choir is desperately in need of members especially those with soprano, tenor and bass voices. The choir, of course, is only open to those who can read notes and carry a part; previous training, however, is unnecessary.

A choir is a definite asset to any church service, and it is Mrs. Johnson's hope that all persons qualified will assist in this activity.

An announcement regarding Xmas music will be made in a later edition.

Cooperative Bachelors

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that they bonvoyaged him into a new home when Mrs. L. arrived.

A typical and favorite menu is pork chops, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce. Coffee, tea and milk is served with white, raisin and rye bread to fill the empty spaces.

The dishes, we gather, are done in a haphazard fashion. When it reaches "that point" they all take turns (some controversy over this) washing dishes. Lazy members are threatened with dinner served on their breakfast plate unless a little COOPERATION is shown.

The boys were in accord that their noble experiment of womanless living has been a great success (in the same breath) they also stated that all contributions of home cooking would be gratefully received).

However, the bachelors' days are almost over, and in the near future there will be an influx of wives. The CO-OPS were heartily in favor of a project to be built for bachelors, but at the same time Bob Jacobsen quietly but definitely commented that he intended to go into the city Sunday to get something to eat, whereupon he was almost overwhelmed with the number of fellow-travelers he acquired pronto.

SHOPPING NEWS

Shopping in Greenbelt is going to be such fun! A beautiful new market with just everything to please every taste. And everyone seems to be pleased with the self-service idea and the traveling market-baskets.

Have you seen the grand array of

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

The slanting rays of the rising sun are greeted each morning by a formidable array of cardboard boxes, packing crates and paper stuffed barrels - heralding the arrival of newcomers among us. They may have come in the dead of night; they may have crept in through the deepening shadows unannounced, shy and unbeknown to the veterans of three days' residence. It is our desire to assist these retiring newcomers in meeting and knowing their neighbors.

With these prefatory remarks we introduce: -

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheeling, 5K Eastway and their two small children hail from South Carolina. Mr. Wheeling is an employee of the Bureau of Air Commerce.

Mr. W. O'Brien of 3G Eastway, that rarity of rarities - a native of the District, is employed by the National Bituminous Coal Commission, while his wife names Penna., as her state. Two younger O'Briens, aged 14 and 11, make up the rest of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Letkemann and two children moved to 2D Woodlawn Rd., very recently. Mrs. Letkemann is a graduate of the Walter Reed Hospital in Physical Therapy and is interested in Child Welfare. Mr. Letkemann is with the Bureau of Public Roads.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Manning gave a shower for Mrs. Frank Harris at the home of Mrs. Elliot, 39B Ridge Rd., last Wednesday afternoon. About twelve women were present, including Mrs. Allred, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Murdock, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Norvell, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Roehling, Mrs. Slaughter and Mrs. Steinle.

SHOPPING NEWS

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canned and packaged goods bearing the Co-op labels? I am told that there is a complete line of Co-op products ordered for the new store. At this point the question arises, "Just what is meant by Co-op products?" The label indicates that one or more of the processes in the journey from producer to consumer has been operated cooperatively.

As you serve your guests tea, it would be interesting to tell them that the Co-op tea is grown, shipped, packed and distributed by cooperative organizations. This set-up eliminates the profits of both the wholesale and retail transactions, thus bringing it to us at a more reasonable cost.

More about shopping events next week.

BOOK REVIEW

"This is My Story"

Eleanor Roosevelt

Harpers and Sons - \$3.00 - 365 pages

"Eleanor wrote every word herself and anyone who says otherwise is a fool". So Alice Longworth is quoted as replying to a woman who sought to curry Alice's favor by suggesting Mrs. Roosevelt employed a ghost writer.

Eleanor Roosevelt tells in simple, direct words of her girlhood and motherhood. She experienced sadness as the result of her father's illness and her mother's death.

The self-conscious adolescent, needing the companionship of children of her own age and, feeling the importance of wearing clothes becoming to her type and similar to those of her friends, grows into a woman who realizes she

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, November 21, Dr. Mixon of the Federation of Churches conducted the services at the School Auditorium. Dr. Mixon gave a fine sermon and told the children about some of his experiences as missionary among the Indians in the Southwest.

Despite the cold weather, the services were well attended.

Dr. Dodson with the cooperation of some of the ladies, held Sunday School services.

Father Fealy of Berwyn presided at a meeting of the Catholic families on Tuesday, November 16, at which time it was announced that tentative plans were being made to hold Mass on Sunday, November 28, at 9:00 A.M., in one of the class rooms at the school.

It was also announced that Sunday School will be held at 8:30 A.M., before Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Huffman announce the birth of a baby boy on Saturday, November 19.

has many things to learn.

Housewives, professional women, and women whose names appear on the social register, will all find mutual experiences with Mrs. Roosevelt, recorded in this book.

Mrs. Roosevelt's autobiography is a character study which will be of value as a guide to a conversational style of writing, as well as an insight into the personality of an American woman. - Dorothy Rider.

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