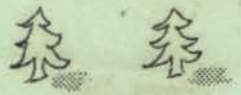


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COUNCILMEN ELECT MAYOR !!

GREENBELT CONSUMERS MEET CO-OP LEADERS IN PROGRAM SETTING UP COMMUNITY STORES

Consumers cooperation in Greenbelt took a decided step forward Sunday night when the residents met at the school auditorium and heard Wallace Campbell, Herbert Evans, and Flint Garrison, of New York, set forth the features which will insure success for consumer-owned enterprises here.

Mr. Campbell, Editor of Consumer Cooperation, organ of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., told the fascinating story of European cooperatives in a brief and concise manner, bringing the cooperative movement up to date, from the time of the Rochdale, England, in 1844 to Greenbelt in 1937.

Dr. Herbert Evans, educational and personnel director of Consumer Distribution Corporation, spoke of the way in which this organization was founded by the late Edward A. Filene. He pointed out that Filene's great faith in Democracy - a faith so great that he believed that its principles could be successfully applied to American business.

Dr. Evans, who is also vice president and treasurer of Greenbelt Consumer Services, emphasized Mr. Filene's determination as a truth-seeker: how in seeking to promote human happiness he passed by the ordinary types of philanthropy and sought always for "some permanent cure

Town Manager Braden Directed to Make Budget Report for Fiscal Year

TRANSPORTATION AND RULES COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The town council held its first official meeting Monday night, Nov. 29.

The purpose of the first meeting was to elect a chairman who would serve as Mayor of Greenbelt.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Mildred Stevens, appointed registrar, until a temporary chairman was elected.

Robert E. Jacobsen, temporary chairman, took charge until the Mayor was notified of his election.

Jacobsen called for nominations for the mayoralty of Greenbelt.

Bessemer nominated East; Morrison nominated Maurer; and Jacobsen nominated Bessemer.

The ballot resulted in a 2 to 2 tie between East and Maurer.

A second vote was taken on the motion of Councilman Bessemer, which resulted in a 3 to 2 victory for the latter.

Mayor Bessemer in his acceptance speech stated: "As long as I am in office, complete frankness will be my motto. I shall always give my heartfelt cooperation to the council, and will work with Mr. Braden, whom I honor and respect".

COUNCIL ELECTS MAYOR

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H. H. Maurer was elected Mayor pro-tem by acclamation.

Roy S. Braden was appointed Town Manager at a salary of \$1.00 a year until a treasury is acquired.

Braden stated, in accepting the position, that he had known these men only a short time but had complete confidence in them. He said: "I am going to work with you for the best interests of Greenbelt. I may make some mistakes, but I can assure you that they will be of the head and not of the heart. I believe the dual job of Town and Community Manager keeps down overlapping expenses and will benefit everyone".

The town manager was instructed to draw up a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, in order that the council might submit it to the Farm Security Administration for funds in lieu of taxes, at the earliest possible date.

A committee was appointed to draw up rules, in consistency with the charter, for this council. Those appointed to the committee were: East, chairman; Morrison, and Maurer.

A transportation committee headed by Robert E. Jacobsen was also set up, and because of its importance, the council as a whole will act on the committee.

The committee immediately asked Robert R. Porter for a report on his transportation survey. This survey was examined by the council's transportation committee the next day.

No further business was discussed and the council adjourned.

The council will meet again on Monday night, December 13.

BIDS FOR MAIL SERVICE

Call on Postmaster George Bryant at Greenbelt Postoffice, or Postmaster T. R. Burch at Berwyn, for complete information and application forms for bids on the opening of mail messenger service between Berwyn and Greenbelt.

This is called B&O RR Route 103770. All bids must be in by Dec. 15, 1937.

TWENTY ONE SCOUTS IN LOCAL TROOP VISIT
TROOP 201 HYATTSVILLE

Visitors Look In On Ceremonies
For Honor Scouts

Twenty one representatives from Greenbelt were guests of Troop 201, Hyattsville, when awards were made to honor scouts.

An interesting talk was given on the "History of Scouting in Prince Georges County".

Bronze, gold and silver palms were presented to Eagle Scouts. Life and Star Scouts were also presented with medals.

THE OPEN FORUM

"The United States still stakes its faith in the democratic way of life. We believe in the representative form of government. We dare not close our eyes, however, to the fact that the only way in which that representative form of government can persist is through an educated electorate * * * We need to have meeting places for the discussion of public questions, in the cities, hamlets, and on the farms throughout the length and breadth of the land". - Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Pending the establishment of the Greenbelt Civic Forums it will be our avowed purpose in these columns to serve as a clearing house for the varied opinions entertained by the members of this community.

We solicit the opinions of the body politic. The citizen should feel free to express his opinion on questions that impinge directly or indirectly on the exercise of his function as a citizen.

Please forward your communications to The Cooperator.

Nathan H. Schein.

Editorial



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THE TOWN CHARTER

Published weekly under the auspices of the Greenbelt Journalistic Club and the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Ind. Its sphere and policies are as follows:

1. A nonprofit enterprise.
2. Nonpartisan in politics.
3. Neutral in religious matters.
4. An open forum for civic affairs.
5. Create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT LIKES OUR PAPER

The Journalistic Club is in receipt of a letter from the White House stating that Mrs. Roosevelt found our paper "very interesting".

The Town Charter is our most cherished document. Greenbelt could not be without it - nor long survive. With its provisions understood by every interested citizen, the Town Charter will be a beacon light through the years to come.

To evaluate the charter, to examine it again and again is one of the privileges accorded to every citizen. By careful study each citizen will find in the Charter the mechanism through which federal, state, and local agencies are coordinated.

This is no ordinary type of municipal government. As the first "town manager" form of government in Maryland, Greenbelt's affairs will fall within well defined spheres of state, county, local, and federal administrations. Cooperation among all bodies is essential.

Our town-community manager, and our Council sit down from time to time together and conduct our corporation business without political factional strife. Each problem is examined, diagnosed, and passed upon, with objective, scientific certainty.

Only the community's welfare is desired. Sentimentality, guess-work, and favoritism, are not in the cards. Every play is made on its merits. That is why a non-partisan government in an age like ours is a vital need and one not to be denied.

CHILDREN HAVE FURNITURE PROBLEMS

Several little tots were playing with their dolls, in motherly fashion, when one little girl decided that it was time to put them to bed.

She looked around for some imaginary place for a bedroom. All of a sudden she realized that "the furniture man hadn't delivered the crib".

GEORGE PANAGOULIS FIRST
GREENBELT POLICE OFFICER

Town Manager Braden Appoints
Deputy at Stated Salary

The Town of Greenbelt deputized its first police officer Wednesday, Dec. 1 George Panagoulis, after taking his oath of office, received his commission from Town Manager Roy S. Braden.

The youthful Panagoulis, who is a popular man about town, received his authorization immediately after he had been sworn into service by the Mayor of Greenbelt.

"Listen, George", said Town Manager Braden, "you are the town's first police officer". George listened with intense interest.

"You are appointed for an indefinite period, and your salary will be ----".

By this time George's interest had been heightened to a keen pitch.

"Your salary will be exactly one dollar -- and I'm not sure that you can collect that".

Panagoulis took the job. - L.B.

A POEM WITH A THOUGHT

No doubt, a lighter heart,
Would tend to make us gay;
Or help the other fellow,
Plodding onward by the way.
It's not quite right, to show,
A smile upon your face.
When rancor, in your heart,
Is keeping fast apace;
Nor is it fair, to scowl,
And rave or rent,
When joy is present
In your heart, however scant.
Prorate your joys, though small
And narrow they may seem;
'Tis not a hard, or even
Greatly varied scheme.
It's this way only
You'll be sure to find;
Domestic peace, a grateful joy,
And tranquil frame of mind.
Your FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS, all,
Will benefit, no doubt,
If only you will be, of all things,
Just, a darned good scout.

Frank Harris

THE BIRTH OF GREENBELT

(By Mary E. Van Cleave)

We walked down a long corridor to his office and, as we came to the door, we saw a painted sign on the outside glass, which read, "A Dreamer, parent of all realities".

Opening the door, ever so quietly, we tip-toed inside. A man, with back-tilted chair and feet propped high, was seated at a desk. We could not see his face, because his head was in the clouds. But, as he sat in silent contemplation, we heard him heave a mighty sigh.

We gazed into the ring of smoke, made by his pipe, and there we saw the tragic sight of children playing in crowded, filthy streets and alleys. We were not startled, as we had seen this picture so often in our own large cities that it had become commonplace. But, suddenly the scene changed and with relieved smiles we watched many small children gayly laughing as they played in blessed sunlight-- on green lawns. Children growing into happy, healthy, useful citizens. Next we saw grown men and women returning home through the early dusk, weary from their day of rest, contentment and complete peace. We watched them as they seemed to cleanse their very souls with great lungfuls of purifying air.

There were other pictures - but we had seen enough. We started to tip-toe out. But, just before we closed the door--what was that word we heard him murmur? It couldn't have been "Greenbelt"--could it?

TOWN MANAGER AND TWO COUNCILMEN
SPEAK AT BALTIMORE

Town Manager Roy S. Braden, accompanied by the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, appeared before the Baltimore Advertising Club luncheon Wednesday at the Emerson Hotel.

The Club sent an invitation to all Greenbelt councilmen immediately after their election and requested them to participate in a symposium on "America Looks at Greenbelt".

Braden, as principal speaker, denied

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YOUNG PEOPLE MEET
TO FORM ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held November 19 at 1G Gardenway to bring together the young people of Greenbelt between the ages of 15 and 21. Those attending were: Lassie Thurston, Varina Craig, Deloras Carr, Mary Clare Bonham, Dorra Ashley, Nathelia Sandman.

Those interested watch for notices of time and place of next meeting

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS
FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Harold O. Melsness Named
Commander

The American Legion of Greenbelt held its third meeting Friday evening, December 3.

Permanent officers were elected for 1938.

Thirty-five veterans, who enlisted between November 11, 1918, and April 6, 1937 signed the charter for a Post at Greenbelt.

The following officers were elected: Harold O. Melsness, 1C Woodlawn Way, Commander; John C. Gale, 1A Woodlawn Way, 1st Vice Commander; Herkus W. V. Letkemann, 2D Woodlawn Way, 2nd Vice Commander; Leon S. Benefiel, 60B Crescent Road, Adjutant; David R. Steinle, 56H Crescent Road, Finance Officer; Frank H. Donoghue, 3A Woodlawn Way, Chaplain; Leo O. Lemire, 58A Crescent Road, Sargeant at Arms; Howard A. Carr, 35E Ridge Road, Historian.

The next meeting is announced for Friday night, December 17. Every World War Veteran is urged to be present.

LITTLE PATSY BROWN HAS
DOUBLE TROUBLE

Little Helen Patricia Brown of 58F Crescent Road has been very unfortunate since her arrival in Greenbelt. Shortly after her arrival she broke her arm. Later she was taken down with appendicitis. Now home from the hospital she wishes her little friends to call.

WALLACE RICHARDS VISITS
WITH BRADEN AND FULMER

Wallace Richards, formerly executive officer in charge of Greenbelt project, called at the offices of Community Manager Braden and the Cooperator while making a tour of Greenbelt Saturday.

The former project manager is now an executive officer of the Municipal Planning Association of Pittsburgh, a privately financed nonpolitical organization. Mr. Richards was active in Greenbelt during the entire development of the community. He says that Mr. O. Kline Fulmer will soon be able to release a series of interesting reports on the beach and bathhouse development, and other features in the original Greenbelt plans.

TOMMY HAWTHORNE RECEIVES
CUTS ON HEAD

While playing on the stairs late Thursday, Tommy Hawthorne, 21-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne, 4D Hillside, fell and received head injuries.

Tommy was taken to Dr. Malin at Riverdale, by Mrs. Gosinger, a friend of the family.

The child is said to be improving.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends of Greenbelt for the beautiful floral offering and for the many kindnesses shown us during Mr. Berkalew's recent accident.

Mr. & Mrs. George Berkalew & Family.

NOTARY PUBLIC

George W. Bryant, 56C Crescent Road, has been appointed Notary Public for Greenbelt.

DANCE DECEMBER 15

Greenbelters will again trip the light fantastic in the school auditorium, Wednesday night, December 15, to the music of Johnny Graham and his orchestra. The hours are from nine until midnight; the price--25¢ per person. The proceeds go to a fund for a children's Christmas party

GREENBELT CONSUMERS
MEET CO-OP LEADERS

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rather than first-aid to the injured".

Mr. Garrison, former director-general of the Wholesale Dry Goods Institute and now serving as executive vice president of the C D C, pointed out the position of this Filene-endowed organization and what part it will play in the development of this community.

He referred to the organization as the interim-trustee responsible to the people, emphasizing its nonprofit character.

Mr. Roy S. Braden, community manager, welcomed the speakers, suggesting that in the near future Greenbelt might serve as a model to the world-famous European cooperatives.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Evans conducted a question period in which many features of the Greenbelt cooperatives were explained in detail.

Only a brief sketch can be presented in this report. It was repeatedly pointed out that all these consumer enterprises are projects to be owned and controlled by the people just as soon as they are prepared to assume responsibility over them.

Robert E. Jacobsen, assistant manager of G C S I, presided, and introduced the speakers.

Henry Little.

A WORD FOR DOUGLAS ELLINGTON,
ANOTHER GREENBELT ARCHITECT

In writing of the architects and planning experts who worked on the Greenbelt project from its inception, we failed to mention Douglas D. Ellington, co-principal architect, who is now at Asheville, N.C. This oversight was not in any way intentional when, in our previous issue, we referred to the heroes of 1937. Mr. Ellington did a vast amount of detailed planning in conjunction with the use of color in the housing development here.

CREDIT UNION GROUP SEEKS CHARTER
TO SERVE GREENBELT CITIZENS

More than 120 Greenbelt residents attended the first Credit Union meeting, Saturday night at the school auditorium.

Two representatives of the Credit Union National Association outlined the growth of credit unions since their origin in Germany in 1848.

Tom Doig and Miss Dora Maxwell gave a detailed report on how 6500 credit unions in this country have consistently served the people in all types of small loans, without a single credit union failing throughout the depression.

In the operation of a credit union in Greenbelt, the first aim will be to secure a charter from the State, and the appointment of a Board of Governors.

In addition to a credit, and a supervisory committee, the Board is aided by four officers, president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

No loans in excess of \$50 are made, it was said, without collateral. Credit committees, Tom Doig said, should be composed of liberal-minded persons, who are faithful to the ideals of lending, rather than conservative hoarding of money.

The interest rate on loans is 1% per month maximum, which is really 12% per annum, or five and 5/10 percent if discounted. The interest on \$100 would be \$5.50 in 12 months.

The credit union plan eliminates usury in the U.S., Mr. Doig pointed out. "Even today the legal rate of interest in 20 states is from 40 to 60 percent".

Mayor Bessemer opened the meeting by introducing the speakers and paying tribute to Mr. Edward A. Filene, who undertook in 1921 to back the credit union movement in the United States.

A committee of eight residents was appointed at the close of the meeting to apply for a charter. They are: Edward Thornhill, Sherrod East, Robert E. Jacobsen, Glendon Allred, George Hudson, George Bauer, Mrs. Theodora Murray, Mr. Donohue, and Mr. Leightner.

H. L. & L. B.



Mrs. Greenbelt



EDITORIAL

The children of Greenbelt, like other normal children frequently are in need of medical attention. The mothers and fathers are wondering as to the best method of procedure in case of an emergency. Economy, country air, safety devices and spacious lawns fade into the background when a loved one needs a doctor's care or parents need professional advice.

Can the aim of Greenbelt be achieved or its goal attained with such a condition existing? Can we, in fairness to ourselves and to our families sit idly by and let a tragedy mar our lives before we take action?

It becomes the duty of every man, woman and child to voice a demand for the protection of the health, and therefore, the happiness of our community.

Greenbelt Needs A Doctor.

----- Annis Murdock

SOCIETY NOTES

Mrs. Edna Benefiel of 60B Crescent Road gave a "Good Neighbor Tea" last Thursday afternoon for all the women residing in the court formed by the houses numbered 60 to 62. Those attending were: Mrs. Brennon, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Halley, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Thornhill.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Yale B. Huffman and her son John Norris--three weeks old, -- have returned to 2B Northway Road.

Reverend M. E. Kunz, of Chicago, Ill. has returned to his home after spending a week with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Barr at 39L Ridge Road.

Send your news in early.

Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McWilliams of 3D Eastway Road were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Von Hugel and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talkemeier of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonnell at 43B Ridge Road were visited recently by Mr. Sam Rubin, Mr. Jean Du You and Marvin Lauderdale, of Washington, D. C.

Washington friends were entertained at a housewarming held at the home of Mrs. Velma Brewer Saturday evening.

Guests present were: Kathryn Burns, Rosa Lee Busby, Anne Curry, Irma Hoffman, Bessie Pressley, Lee True and Mary Varnie.

NOTE: Please bring all society news to Mrs. Isabelle McAchren, or phone Mrs. Dorothy Harris, 5041.

Your personals will be appreciated.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

In answer to numerous questions on the care of walls and woodwork the administration has given us the following information.

Last week we suggested a method of hanging pictures. We stand corrected. Mr. Fulmer advises us that scotch tape used in hanging pictures is not successful in all cases due to the fact that the type of plaster varies in the different houses. To be on the safe side he would suggest that all pictures be hung with wire from the picture molding.

CARE OF WALLS IN LIVING ROOM, BEDROOM AND HALLS

These walls are painted with a casein water color paint which spots easily. Some spots are very difficult to remove, but with care can be taken off by washing. The following directions should be used: wet a soft sponge and rub the spot lightly using only clean cold water without soap; do not wash more often than necessary as constant rubbing will remove the paint.

CARE OF KITCHEN AND BATHROOM WALLS

For removing spots and hand marks, first wet the spot with a soft sponge using clean, cold water. Then rub the sponge on a cake of Ivory soap and rub the spot or mark lightly until removed. Rinse off the soap.

Treat painted woodwork in the same manner. After washing, dry with a chamois or clean cloth free from lint. Use no soap containing a high percentage of lye, resin or grit such as pumice stone.

M.R.

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS

The Editors of the Cooperator request that all church news and advance church announcements be delivered to Robert Hayes, 35G Ridge Road, not later than Sunday afternoon.

All news items aside from the church news and the news for the Women's Page should be turned in to the Editor or Assistant Editor not later than Saturday.

RECIPES

The favorite pie of the Fulmer household -- Pecan Pie:

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| 1 c. dark Karo | $\frac{1}{2}$ c. melted butter |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 3 eggs | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 1 cup coarsely chopped nuts. | |

Mix karo, sugar, melted butter, salt, vanilla. Cover the bottom of the pie crust with the chopped nuts. Beat the eggs until fluffy and add to mixture. Then pour it over the nuts (which will rise to the surface in the baking). Bake at 300 degrees temperature for thirty minutes.

HANDBOOK FOR MOTHERS

For those Greenbelt mothers of infants and small children who haven't the time or money to consult a doctor for every problem, let me suggest "Infants and Children" by Frederic H. Bartlett. Dr. Bartlett covers every aspect from the most practical point of view in layman's language. This has been a sort of "Baby Bible" for me and a dozen or so of my friends. The book costs \$1.50 and can be obtained by writing to the publishers, Farrer & Rhinehart, Ind., Murray, New York.

Lois Fulmer.

NOTICE

All mothers who are interested in the formation of children's classes in dancing, music and dramatics, in Greenbelt please get in touch with Mrs. Morgan at 60G Crescent Road.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Mr. E. C. Beery, presiding elder of the Washington District of the Southern Methodist Church, spoke here Sunday on "What it Means to be Consecrated to Christ or Dominated by the Lord".

Mrs. O. M. Johnson and Mrs. Barr announce that choir practice will be changed from Friday to Tuesday nights. Dr. Worth M. Tippy is arranging next Sunday's program.

MOTHERS DISCUSS NEEDS
OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

AND NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO KID
YO' ALL--WE HOPE YOU WON'T MIND

About thirty women interested in the organization of a Nursery School, a Kindergarden and a Mother's Study Club, met in the Home Economics Room of the school, Wednesday evening, Dec. 1. Mrs. Reed, Principal of the Grade School conducted the discussion until a temporary

Mrs. Reed stated that since there was no provision in Prince Georges County for Kindergarden work, she was particularly anxious to see the community foster such training. She felt that both a Nursery School and Kindergarden were vital parts of any educational program. It was made clear, however, that the school authorities were not in favor of the development of a mere "park-place" for children while mothers were away. The need for trained personnel was also stressed.

Mrs. Edna Benefiel, who was responsible for calling the meeting urged the mothers to form a Mother's Study Club for the purpose of discussing the various problems of child care. It is planned to use the Parents Magazine as a guide in discussions. The yearly subscription fee of one dollar will be collected at the next meeting.

Mrs. Murray, temporary chairman appointed Mrs. Ritchie as chairman of a committee of Mrs. Benefiel, Mrs. Dickerman and Mrs. Harper to make a survey of the number of mothers interested in Block D. Mrs. McAchren with Mrs. Custer, Mrs. L. Hayes, and Mrs. Smeltzer were asked to make a similar survey in Block E and F. Committee reports are requested at the meeting tonight.

R. G. H.

The London Cooperative Society is the largest in the world; had 600,000 members in 1936 and conducted an annual business of more than \$50,000,000.

During the depression the British co-ops continued to increase both the number of employees and their real wages.

It occurs to us that now is the time of year for hunting exploits. Bob Hayes is an aspiring big-game hunter, but to the best of knowledge, his only trophy of achievement is a sprig of holly which he triumphantly presented to his impressionable family.

Ed Thornhill is planning on fencing in a dainty area in which he will place one rabbit for each promising (to bring home the dinner) young hunter.

You might find it interesting to ask John Murray just where he acquired that game leg.

Did you know that our self-appointed community cat known to us down our way as "Measles" is now as happily mascotting at the Greenbelt Airport as she did in our own city. Shiela Cone.

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

The first regular meeting of the Bridge Club was held Monday evening Nov. 29 at the home of Mrs. Pittman, 62B Crescent Road. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Dickerman. Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Cockill are to be the hostesses for the next meeting to be held at the school, the second week in January. Anyone wishing to join the club should give their name to Mrs. Pittman, the General Manager.

MAJOR WALKER INTERESTED

Major John W. Walker, Director, Resettlement Division, Farm Security Administration, sent the Journalist Club a letter stating he read the Cooperator "with a great deal of interest".

ABOUT REMOVING STAINS:

COFFEE STAINS: Hold soiled spot tightly over a pan and pour boiling water directly upon the spot until it disappears.

COUNCILMEN AND TOWN MANAGER
SPEAK AT BALTIMORE

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that Greenbelt's recent campaign was "dull", refuting a Baltimore newspaper charge.

Making his first public appearance following his appointment as Town Manager, Mr. Braden told the advertising men Greenbelt provides the building industry with a yardstick in modern housing. "While there is not any one thing which is completely new in Greenbelt, more new things have been brought together into a complete unified plan than in probably any other American city", Town Manager Braden said. "In this plan practically all nondesirable features have been eliminated".

In answer to an editorial charge of a Baltimore newspaper, that Greenbelt's campaign was "dull", Mr. Braden cited the interest among Greenbelt people in their civic groups, and the fact that 96 percent of the registered voters of Greenbelt went to the polls on election day, November 23.

William P. Childs, Baltimore banker, lauded the Greenbelt project as a commendable investment enterprise, which increased land values, created productive work for unemployed, and left a fine heritage for the future citizens of Maryland.

Councilman H. H. Maurer spoke from the standpoint of a family man who thought no privilege could compare with that of "looking into the clean, shining faces of Greenbelt children". He extended a welcome to those present to visit Greenbelt and see what sort of people make up the community.

Louis Schecter, vice president of the club, admitted that the nation has an alarming shortage of houses, but he charged that such housing projects as Greenbelt could not answer the acute need, because they are too "darned" expensive. Immediately we would need to spend about six billions of dollars if we were to set about meeting this shortage", Schecter said. Louis Bessemer concluded the symposium.

L. B.

TENANT SELECTION DIVISION
HAS GREENBELT OFFICE

The Greenbelt Tenant Selection office is now located at 27A Ridge Road and is under the supervision of Mrs. Anne Savage who was recently transferred from the Barr Building to take charge of this office.

Mrs. Savage was appointed to the Tenant Selection office of the Farm Security Administration early in 1937. Previously she was engaged by the Public Assistance Division as a social service case worker.

An interviewer soon discovers in Mrs. Savage a charming personality and a ready sense of humor, qualities so necessary to one of her profession.

Pennsylvania is Mrs. Savage's native state. She received her degree at Geneva College, and taught school for several years in the Keystone State.

Mrs. Savage is genuinely interested in Greenbelt and "would love to live here". She also is greatly impressed by our social and educational activities.

An average of ten prospective tenants are interviewed at the Greenbelt Tenant Selection office daily. Others are interviewed at the Barr Building previous to filing their applications.

The Staff at the Barr Building is as follows:

Mrs. Azile Aaron *** in charge;
Mrs. Rose Alpher *** assistant;
Miss Edna Jury ***** assistant.

Others on the staff are: Miss Zelda Stone, Mr. Jack Nichols, Mrs. Ellen Harper, Miss Irene Lowe, and Miss Betty Ressler, architect, formerly with the New York Housing Authority.

G. W. B.

JUST GIVE HIM TIME

Joseph Long, Jr., who celebrates his seventh birthday Dec. 19, spent about ten days at home with chicken-pox. The boy gives promise of being a checker champion. In fact, he is certain he could beat his Dad at the game, if he could stay out of school another ten days.

----- E D W A R D A . F I L E N E -----

"The Robert Owen Of America"

Edward A. Filene was one of those unusual men who have enough courage to pioneer and to break with old friends and long-established connections in order to do the pioneering. His high interest in consumer's cooperation was the logical outcome of his earlier ventures in support of the credit union movement and of his interest in mass purchasing power, in labor organization, in economic democracy. He had a strong sense of social justice. And his idea of education was that it included both thought and action.

I suspect Mr. Filene was one of the best examples we have had in recent years of a man who dared to grow and who dared to educate himself. And, make no mistake about it, wealth in good quantity is daily a hindrance to the growth and self-education of numerous men and women in the United States. It would have been much easier for Mr. Filene to have rested on his oars and to have held his tongue and pen.

He wanted his last contribution to be to the consumers cooperative movement. And he made it, as we might have expected, in an unconventional way. He was pragmatic about it. He searched for a new technique because he felt the American scene demanded something different from that of other nations. He was impatient with the slowness of the established methods of building consumers' cooperatives. He wanted to speed up the process. So he set up the Consumer Distribution Corporation to organize cooperative department stores, and he made cooperation known in quarters where it was unknown.

Because Mr. Filene was so much the pragmatist, he did not bother much about the "ultimates" in the relation of cooperatives to capitalism. But if he died a capitalist, he was certainly the most peculiar capitalist I ever knew. For he said that the wealth that he was lucky enough to have did not belong to him. His will gave the rest to institutions that are to carry on many of his interests. His whole life demonstrated the promise there still is in American life.

Benson Y. Landis
Department of Research
Federal Council of Churches.

(The above article on Edward A. Filene is an extract from the November, 1937 issue of CONSUMERS' COOPERATION, a monthly magazine published by the Cooperative League of the United States, New York City.)

GREENBELT BACHELOR BREAKS
DOWN BEFORE TOWN AUDIENCE
AND REVEALS THE GREAT SECRET

Robert E. Jacobsen, whose responsibilities, as assistant manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., are well known in this community, primed himself courageously before a Greenbelt audience Sunday night and "let out the big secret". He announced that he would be married at Minneapolis the first of January, 1938. Happy New Year, Bob-- and Congratulations!

RADIO RECEPTION

This column may later on attempt some comments on radio programs, but for the present it will concern itself with the mechanics of reception. Radio programs really are not of much value unless they can be heard.

Greenbelt realizes Utopian dreams in many ways--but not in radio reception. The situation, however, is far from hopeless, and may be improved considerably through cooperation of radio lovers. It is a wise ruling in the residential lease which provides that tenants shall not erect outside wires for radios or for other purposes. None of us would want a network of wires strung haphazardly over the roofs.

Nevertheless, lack of an outside aerial very definitely hampers reception. Mr. Fulmer, assistant community manager, assures me that a coordinated expression of opinion on the part of the residents will be given every consideration possible.

With this in mind, we are going to conduct another one of those surveys for which Greenbelt is already famous. Everyone interested in this problem is urged to help in its solution. Jot down a few words about your radio reception, mentioning such points as type of radio, aerial, ground, reception in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

Washington stations, other stations, short wave, best stations, etc. Please add your name and address. This report may be dropped in The Cooperator Box at the Food Store.

Arthur A. Dickerman

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GREENBELT

1. How many acres in the project?

Ans. The Greenbelt project has a total of 12,259 acres. The town of Greenbelt has 3,800 acres of which 100 have been set aside for gardening purposes. (The remainder of this acreage has been transferred to the Agriculture Department.)

2. How many family units does Greenbelt have?

Ans. There are 885 units in the town.

3. How many units are now completed?

Ans. 1) There are 250 units completed
2) 200 more units will be completed within the next two or three weeks.

4. How many units are now under construction?

Ans. There are 435 units at different stages of completion.

5. How many units were occupied as of December 1, 1937?

Ans. 210 units.

6. What are the rent limits?

Ans. From \$18 to \$41 per month.
Send your questions to The Cooperator.
Velma Brewer.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Surgeon General Thomas Parran, Jr., of the U.S. Public Health Service declares that cooperative health insurance is an old American institution, despite all the current disputes about it.

In a talk to Public Health Service Employees recently, he said President John Adams signed the first cooperative health insurance act in 1798. This Act started the Marine Hospital Service, out of which the Public Health Service grew in later years. The Act, he pointed out, provided that 40 cents a month should be deducted from the pay of every sailor and placed in a joint fund for medical service.
L. B.

THANKS FOR THE HELP

Mrs. Harold O. Melsness and Mrs. Lydalu Palmer helped The Cooperator Staff as volunteer typists. The Editors express grateful thanks.

THIS CHILD'S LETTER SHOULD PLEASEREX TUGWELL

To the editor of the paper:

I have gone to five different schools. Each, very dark, old and gloomy. With strict rules such as to get in line straight or to play what the other children play.

The room was always dark. Most of the time the teacher would have to turn on the lights.

Our studies were not alike. If we did not finish our work we would have to stay and get it done. But to my delight the new school is altogether different. There are no strict rules about getting in line straight or playing all the same games.

The teacher is very nice and kind. We never stay after school unless we help the teacher.

My mother never worries if I get home late, for it is safe through the underpasses.

And I am very thankful to all who helped plan and build Greenbelt.

Marilyn Maryn
Fourth Grade, Age 10.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SWAP?

There is a very useful service the Cooperator could render the citizens of Greenbelt. This is your paper and we want it to serve your purposes.

We know that there must be a number of people in the community who have things--such as baby buggies, baby pens, etc.--for which they no longer have any use; there must be those here who desire just such things.

Therefore, if you will notify the Cooperator of your desires, we will be only too glad to print them in this column. You will find a box attached to the bulletin board at the Food Store in which you can deposit your ads.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council of Greenbelt is scheduled for Dec. 13. Meetings are always open to the public and the members of the press.

JUNIOR POLICE PATROL

Practically every facility has been provided for the convenience and safety of children in Greenbelt. Indeed, it may be said without equivocation, that Greenbelt youth belong to a "charmed circle" among the children of the Nation.

Yet among these youngsters we have some we should classify with the reckless ones, with more spunk and energy than you'd find in a Texas Mustang. This new freedom is a test to youthful bravado.

So we find some of them taking their bicycles to the steepest incline, their roller skates to the nearest underpass, their wagons to the sharpest curves--and with the swiftness of eagles, they gloriously "spread" themselves out only to end ingloriously with a bruised head, or a twisted ankle.

Now comes a plan of the school authorities at Greenbelt to work up a school and community Junior Police Patrol and we of the Cooperator are outspoken in our approval of the purpose of such an organized body. Orderly conduct, safety campaigns for youth, and a self-government code, can all be worked out by these Junior guardians.

Adult rules and regulations will not be so effective, nor penalties so certain, as those which these boys and girls in the Junior Patrol work out for themselves.

L. B.

MANY REQUESTS FOR FIRST ISSUES

The Journalistic Club received several requests this week for copies of the first issue of our newspaper. An Antique Store in Martinsburg, W.Va., which specializes in "Old Books, Back Numbers, Magazines, Etc.," wrote for two copies. Owner Kebler stated: "I believe they will be nice to look over in years to come".

A student at State Teachers College, Salisbury, Md., has chosen Greenbelt as the subject of a thesis and wants a copy. Other requests came from "The Comet" and the Enoch Pratt Library, at Baltimore.

The verbal requests for copies have been so numerous it is difficult to supply them.

ON WRITING POETRY

Some people collect stamps, some collect rare editions, others work at carpentry and still others write poetry. The writing of poetry as a hobby has a great many things to recommend it, not the least of which is the small expense entailed.

All you need is pen, paper and a dictionary, and if your vocabulary is good the pen and paper will suffice. Writing poetry has all the requisites of the perfect hobby: anyone can do it; it is absorbing; it brings the glowing feeling of having created something; and it yields dividends in increased facility in writing and an appreciation of one of the greatest of the arts.

I like to use the sonnet form since it makes writing more of a game in which the idea must be expressed in a definite form, meter and rhyme. Here is an attempt at a sonnet which I wrote to - -

OUR LITTLE GIRL

What wondrous fairy gift hath come to us,
For she is more than of us made. We're
made
Of human stuff, but this maid is not thus.
Some magic power in her body's laid,
And she is more than to the senses seems.
Amazing paradox is here: her might
Within her weakness lies; and she great
dreams
Can make although she cannot dream; tho'
light
Is she, she's of more weight to us than
all
The world; her smile, tho' fleeting thing,
will stand
Enshrined forever in our hearts; her call
Is faint, but trumpets cannot more command.
Of giving knows she naught, yet do you see,
So long she lives to take we'll debtors be.
L. B. Sawyer.

Every form of life repeats its whole evolution at some period of its existence. The human embryo is at one stage a fish. (Don't think you're so important. One of your ancestors was probably just a herring.)

Use electricity; do not waste it.

THE BENEFITS OF LOCAL
CONTROL IN TRANSPORTATION

The need for controlling our own bus system means more than just operating this system on a cooperative basis. Because the transportation situation reaches into a majority of the Greenbelt homes it becomes evident that a voice from these homes should be heard, constantly to maintain a service for a fare that meets the needs of the family therein. If any other bus system is utilized that is not owned locally there is little chance of the local needs being heard.

Since this phase of the transportation problem seems so important it becomes evident that a local organization, consisting of bus riders, should be formed solely for the purpose of concentrating opinions and efforts toward maintaining a maximum of service for a minimum fare for Greenbelt. This organization should be apart from and independent of any other civic organization so that its business can be carried on without interference from disinterested parties.

R. P.

TOYLAND SOLILOQUY

A clubhouse for lonely toys, please!
Eight-thirty and we are abandoned with
never a farewell kiss.

Rain falls on us rusting our youthful beauty away. Strange infants hide us from our owners.

Three-thirty o'clock finds us embittered, and stiff. Some of us have even had to spend harrowing nights alone in the cold and dark.- D. W. R.

EDITORIAL OPINION

In a free press, the opinions of individuals or groups may be quoted directly or indirectly in news stories.

Statements made by individuals are not necessarily opinions of The Coöperator.

News items in The Coöperator aim for clarity and honest portrayal of the facts. Letters and opinions are gladly published when names of responsible persons are offered with them.

TAXPAYER'S LAMENT

Some enterprising statistician who undoubtedly has a lot of spare time on his hands (as well as a calculating machine) has taken time to figure the earning capacity of a Greenbelt councilman. Based on a rate of \$25.00 per year, each councilman costs the Greenbelt taxpayer as follows:-

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| \$.0000007925 | per second |
| .00004755 | per minute |
| .002853 | per hour |
| .068472 | per day |
| .4793 | per week |

Every time a councilman breaths 6,259 times he earns one cent - and even at that there probably are many who would contend he is overpaid.

The statistician who compiled these figures has figured he spent \$.00976 worth of time (based on a rate of pay of 25¢ per hour) and in consideration thereof and for his brilliant discourse on where our taxpayers' dollars go we are forwarding him one shiney, brand new cancelled .03¢ postage stamp which he may retain for his album or toss in the waste basket as he so desires. (He too is overpaid!) H. G. R.

IMPORTANT CO-OP BOOKS

Co-op Novels:

"The Brave Years" William Heyliger \$1.50
 "Fresh Furrow" Burris Jenkins 50¢
 "Co-op" Upton Sinclair \$2.50

Co-Op Classics:

"Cooperative Democracy" J.P. Warbasse \$1.50; "The Decline and Rise of the Consumer" Horace M. Kallen, \$2.75; "Sweden: The Middle Way" Marquis W. Childs \$2.50; "The English Cooperatives" Sydney Elliott \$3.00; "Consumer Cooperation in America" Bertram B. Fowler \$1.00; "Denmark: The Cooperative Way" Frederick C. Howe \$2.50.

People with gallstones seldom have ulcers; and people with ulcers seldom have gallstones.

THE ATHENS (?) OF MARYLAND

Some observers in Greenbelt declare the citizens here are much like the citizens of ancient Athens.

Like the Greeks of old, they engage one another in public and private discourse.

They stop in public places and hold forth on social, economic, and political philosophy.

They are engaged in the forum. The Greenbelt Citizens' Association, is a center for reasoning out matters of public concern.

MASSACHUSETTS FISHERMAN

WANTS ANCESTRAL INFORMATION

A First Settler Writes.

A First Resettler

Donald LeMar Poole, while reading his afternoon paper, at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, ran across the name of William R. Poole, assistant editor of The Cooperator.

He writes: "My name is Poole, my family has lived here on an island off the southeast coast of Massachusetts since 1745. We count five generations. There is no record, no family tradition to explain from whence my first ancestor, Captain William Poole, came. The similarity in your given name to that of many of my people, has led me to wonder if we do not stem from the same stock.

My people have followed the sea since the days of the first settler, Capt. Wm. Poole. I myself am a commercial fisherman, as is my father, while my brother is a yacht captain. My family was deeply interested in whaling. My grandfather was one of six brothers all of whom were master mariners in the whale trade.

My wife's people have lived here since 1642 and she is of the eleventh generation.

I own my vessel and have a crew of two Indian men, of whom we have perhaps two hundred left, out of the 3,000 here in 1642, which dates the first settlement by white men.

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