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## PLAYERS OFFER FREE SHOW TONIGHT

DR. FRANCIS D. THREADGILL SELECTED  
BY HEALTH ASSOCIATION AS GREEN-  
BELT'S SECOND PHYSICIAN

The appointment of Dr. Francis D. Threadgill to the staff at the Medical Center was announced Sunday, July 31, by the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Health Association. Dr. Threadgill's duties in Greenbelt began Monday, August 1.

Dr. Threadgill is the surgeon-gynecologist to whom Dr. Thomas A. Christensen referred in his talk at the last meeting of the Health Association on July 18 when he predicted that the second physician would be on the job within a month or two. Due to the rapid growth in the membership of the Health Association and in Dr. Threadgill's interest in the work of the Association, the Directors were able to make his services available to Greenbelt much sooner than was anticipated.

The new physician comes to Greenbelt directly from Washington where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession for the past few years. He is on the staff of several hospitals in Washington. His coming to Greenbelt will, however, permit him to continue his association with these hospitals and he will continue to devote some of his time to this staff work.

Dr. Threadgill for several years has been an associate of Dr. Edmund Horgan, one of the foremost surgeons of the country, and he will continue this association. His morning hours will be devoted to surgery with Dr. Horgan in The Washington Hospitals. All of his

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### SCENE SHIFTERS FEATURED

The Greenbelt Players are introducing a novel method of convincing the public of their worth as an entertainment group. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30 P.M., they will present their cycle of three one act plays at the school auditorium free of charge.

There are no strings attached, no box tops to send, nor coupons to clip. All you have to do is be there. The whole program has been designed with but one idea in mind and that is to lay a firm foundation for the future of the theatre here. The Players feel that if once Greenbeltians attend a performance they will appreciate the enjoyment derived and become steady patrons.

To enlighten and entertain their audience during that very often dull interval between acts, the Players have decided to change sets and scenery without the aid of a masking curtain. Half the attendant excitement of curtain time is the scurrying hustle of dressing the set and shifting the scenery and it seems only fair to let "the house" in on it, too.

The plays themselves were selected to meet every taste and the result provides varied entertainment. First on the list will be "Drifters", a starkly simple episode of Mississippi fishing folk. Following this is "The Inn of Return", a hair-raising spook story. The last will be one of the most hilarious comedies of the year, "Goodnight Please".

Complete program and casts may be found on page five.

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time, other than the morning hours, will be spent in Greenbelt.

He comes to Greenbelt with the approval of prominent physicians of Washington which will permit the people here to enjoy, through the staff of the Health Association, the privilege of the Washington hospitals since either Dr. Threadgill or Dr. Christensen can, if necessary, take Greenbelt patients into Washington hospitals for treatment under their own service.

Dr. Threadgill is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where his promedical work was done. He is also a graduate of the Medical School of Tulane University at New Orleans, La. Immediately after doing his resident work in St. Luke's Hospital of New York City and Fifth Avenue Hospital, also in New York, Dr. Threadgill came to Washington to practice medicine and surgery.

Dr. Threadgill has specialized in surgery and gynecology. His addition further enhances the value of the medical plan and will enable both doctors to enlarge the medical facilities and services of the community.

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STORE PATRONS ADVISED TO SAVE RECEIPTS  
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Herbert E. Evans, Vice-President of the Consumer Distribution Corporation was in Greenbelt Sunday, July 31st, to attend an afternoon and evening meeting with the Cooperative Organizing Committee.

The afternoon session occupied itself with a study and discussion of the financial affairs of our Greenbelt business enterprises. The financial report on store operations for the last three months was read and studied. After the meeting the following statement was issued:

"Our stores are now on a paying basis. All profits made on the stores belong to the patrons. It will be for the membership of the Cooperative, when formed, to decide the manner and method of distribution of those profits.

In the meantime patrons of the stores should save their receipts for purchases. They are the only evidence by which your dividend can be determined."

Receipts from the different stores should be kept separate and the total for each month shown. If patrons follow this procedure from day to day and month to

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MORE ABOUT GREENBELT'S BLOOD INDEX  
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It's easy to visualize a dramatic blood loss situation such as losing a leg, but it's not so easy to get dramatic about the quiet onslaught of diseases which demand reinforcement of the blood supply much oftener and in greater quantity. And it's not hard either to get unselfish folks to help out in either situation--but--are they the right folks? A feverish search at a moment of crisis, when every passing minute is of intense importance. If we only knew in advance where we could find just the right person.

For the first time a community has taken the opportunity to use its collective common sense and find out in advance. A transfusion for you or someone in your family is of course the furthest thing from your mind at present, but when the need arises, pray that it never will, it will be paramount and vital. A group of us is preparing to meet these crises in advance, and beginning today your representatives are visiting from house to house to ascertain the names and number of citizens who are ready to be typed and join in this common sense scheme.

Think it over! A successful Greenbelt Blood Index will take a load off your mind you never know was there.

More details next week.

Leslie Atkins

Secretary, Blood Index  
Comm.

WELFARE COMMITTEEREPORTS

At the monthly meeting of the Welfare Committee, which took place last Wednesday evening, several matters were discussed which should be brought to the attention of the general Greenbelt public. The Committee urges parents to be particularly careful about permitting the children under six to use the large playground below the store and town center. This playground was equipped with apparatus for older children, which would be dangerous for the younger ones. While some of the Junior Police are to be on duty to report accidents, the Committee recommends that all children under six be accompanied by an adult.

In connection with the plans for the Greenbelt Kindergarten, the Sub-Committee on Nursery and Kindergarten (Chairman, (See Welfare page twelve)

LEAGUE STATISTICS 3rd Series

By Bob Baughman

TEAM STANDINGS AS OF

July 30, 1938

TEAM	G	W	L	Pct.	*G.B.
Cubs	3	3	0	1.000	--
Bombers	2	2	0	1.000	1/2
Bees	1	1	0	1.000	1
Coe Lions	2	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Red Birds	3	1	2	.333	2
Outlaws	0	0	0	.000	1 1/2
Snob Hill	1	0	1	.000	2
Cliff					
Dwellers	2	0	2	.000	2 1/2
Emeralds	2	0	2	.000	2 1/2

\*Games Behind

RESULTS

- 7/21 Bombers, 8 Cliff Dwellers 7
- 7/22 Cubs 12 Coe Lions 3
- 7/24 Red Birds 7 Emeralds 3
- 7/25 Bombers 6 Red Birds 3
- 7/26 Coe Lions 10 Cliff Dw. 8
- 7/27 Cubs 5 Snob Hill 1
- 7/28 Bees 6 Emeralds 5
- 7/30 Cubs 10 Red Birds 5

LIFE SAVING COURSES ORGANIZED AS LAKE OPENS

Now that the lake has been opened for swimming for the rest of the season we can organize the classes in life-saving which were begun some weeks ago. If the course can begin at once examinations can be given by Labor Day and Greenbelt credit with having turned out its first batch of life-savers, able carriers of water safety methods, in its first season of swimming.

There are to be two courses, one for adults, Tues. and Thurs. evenings between 6:30 and 7:30 and one for junior citizens of Greenbelt, Tues. and Thurs. afternoons between 2 and 4 at the lake. These will be regular Red Cross courses with Red Cross official certificates given to those who pass examinations at the finish. Boy Scouts who intend to pass life-saving for their merit badge or to qualify for higher rating in the troop will find that this course fully takes in the Boy Scout life-saving requirements and goes over further toward the Red Cross requirements.

(See LIFESAVING Page ten)

LEGION NOMINATES OFFICERS

This year's annual Department convention will be held in Baltimore on August 17, 18, 19, and 20. A parade by districts will be one of the leading features and will be held at 7:30 P.M. Friday evening, August 19th. Each state in the Union will hold their respective Department convention at this time. These conventions will represent almost 1,000,000 members. The national enrollment on June 16th, was 931,103 members. Six departments have won star honors for new high enrollments, among them being the state of Maryland. The Greenbelt Post was among those listed as doing the best work in membership of the Southern Maryland District.

At a special meeting of the local post held on Thursday, July 28th, Comrades Harry Stewart and Thos. Freeman, as delegates and David Steinle and Geo. Bryant, as alternates, were selected to represent this post at the Department convention.

Also, nominations of officers for the post for the ensuing year was held. They were for Commander - Comrades John Gale, Bart Finn and Herkus Lotkemann; 1st Vice-Commander - Julian Ashloy, Thos. Freeman and Geo. Bryant; 2nd Vice-Commander - Henley Goode, Lambert Brozina, Fred Falkenberg and Chas. E. Welsh; Adjutant - Leon G. Benefiel; Service Officer - Matthew Fontaine; Finance - David Steinle; Chaplain - Wm. L. Good; Sgt.-At-Arms - Frank Donoghue and Jennings E. Craig. Further nominations can be made and election will be held at next regular meeting on Thursday, August 4th at 8:P.M.

GORDON BRADEN BADLY INJURED

Mr. Gordon Braden of 11-L Ridge Road received a severe head injury Saturday evening, July 23, when he fell while running to catch a trolley. His condition is improving slowly.

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month it will eliminate many hours of hard work at some future date.

At the evening meeting a program for the fall and winter months was discussed and preliminary plans made. The date for offering shares was not determined at this meeting but an announcement is expected before many weeks have passed.

## THE NEW GREENBELT BUSES

by E.F. Milos

There was the new bus on the other side of the street about ten feet past the "Bus Stop" sign facing a green light. Even with the "different" paint job and "Greenbelt" showing in at least six different places, the bus driver was at his old pastime, telling the man he did not want to ride if he did not want to go to Greenbelt. Thanks to that man I caught that bus.

Inside the seats are located airplane style, double seats on one side (the sunny side) and single ones on the other. The back door is absent giving more seating space. It will be little missed as the driver is funny about wanting to see your pass when you get off half the time anyway. There will be no more arms going to "sleep" from holding to overhead hand bars. There are none. Please use the ones at the back of the seats. The capacity is forty in place of the thirtyseven of the "Ford number 2501" which has been in use so much. Three more can stand.

They have the "no draft" ventilation. The windows open from the top, coming down about a third of the way. This way no one will get a strong wind in his ear or dirt in his eye. Besides the two or three open hole ventilators in the ceiling there is a force system taking air in at the front, and forcing it out one side of the conduct running the length of the bus. The heat when needed will be furnished by two water heaters. The one at the front might act as a windshield defroster. The door is operated by a hand lever so we will not be hold up by some "patented" door not closing.

The body is made by the "Yellow Coach Co." using G.M.C. parts. A small G.M.C. motor is used. The tires belong to the Goodyear Rubber Co., and rent is paid on them according to the reading of a speedometer in the center of the right front wheel. The speedometer reads over five hundred miles; so it will not be necessary to hold the buses under twenty-five miles per hour. The top speed is controlled by a governor set near the Maryland speed limit.

The space for advertisements is taken up by the same signs that were in the other buses. Nothing was said about the Health Group, Food Store, or any other

## COUNCIL AUTHORIZES INCREASE IN GREENBELT PERSON.

Two Directors of Recreation, one man and one woman, a Director of Adult Education, a Kindergarten Supervisor, and a Librarian are scheduled to begin their work here September 1, as the result of a \$6,000 appropriation voted by the Town Council July 25.

\$3,000 is allotted for salaries and the rest for equipment needed for these activities.

This appropriation provides these offices with the funds they need for the rest of this year. After January 1 they will be provided for by the regular budget.

## COOPERATORS MAY BE MAILED AT REDUCED RATES

Cooperators may be mailed for  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for each two ounces, according to a letter just received by Postmaster Bryant from the Third Assistant Postmaster General. No longer will Greenbeltians need to pay first class postage in order to send a copy of the town paper back home.

Following is the official post office statement:

"If the bulletin referred to consists of five or more mimeographed sheets bound together in pamphlet or book form by means of at least two wire stitches or staples, copies thereof are acceptable for mailing with postage prepaid at the third-class rate of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents for each two ounces or fraction thereof, or at the rate of 12 cents a pound when mailed in bulk under the provisions of section 562, P.L. and R., with a minimum charge of 1 cent for each piece. However, if the sheets are not fastened together in the manner indicated, it will be necessary that at least 20 identical copies of each sheet be presented for mailing at one time, in order that the third-class rate may apply."

Greenbelt institution. Why?

We must remember that these are Greenbelt buses, to be used by the people of Greenbelt and that they will run at the time that WE the people want them to run. Use them as they are if you like or say what you would like so they can be used for the best of Greenbelt.

HOWDY FOLKS

Well, good evenin' neighbors -- How are you, one and all? I declare I believe I'm gettin' younger every day. Reckon it's my second childhood? I 'spect not -- just seein' so many happy folks and drinkin' in all the things that make a fellar's spirit young.

I got somethin' on my chest today. It's 'bout this Health Ass'cosheation. Now folks, it's 'bout time we got together. Cut out this foolishness. That is one of the most worthwhile "get-ups" I ever heard of. When I first was asked to join -- I shook my head and says "Heck No!" Why I ain't sick. What's more I ain't thinkin' o' being sick. Besides five dollars is too much money all of a sudden fer a well and healthy feller to pay for sickness. "Lota' foolishness", says I. Well to make a long story short -- It wasn't no time at all 'till I'd paid out seven or eight dollars for a doc' to look at "this and that". Somebody else got a case o' poison -- there was more to pay out. Serves me right. One o' the Flashes o' lightnin' we had last week or so was me on the way to the Doc's office to fill out a card -- Yes sirc -- I was mighty glad to join.

Shucks folks, can't you see to the end of your nose? It's wonderful to have such an opportunity, no matter what hour of the day or night -- we don't have to feel backward or upset and worried -- why we have a real hospital in the makin' -- It's up to us to keep the ball rollin'. So come on Mr. and Mrs. Neighbor let's put our hearts in this business -- that's all it takes -- Greenbelt is that kind of a town--.

Supposin' Johnny breaks a leg -- Supposin' Pop gets intergestion from overcatin' that swell dinner Mom cooked (who can blame him? Supposin' one of those precious little babies needs a doctor in the wee hours of the morn -- Shucks -- we'll have the answer to everything right here-- All it takes is livin' up to our motto -- "Cooperation".

This is our home -- our now land -- with an abundance of God givin' and man-givin' treasures. Let's be thankful-- Let's be willin' and grateful for the chance to keep our Greenbelt "ever green." (See Neighbor page twelve)

THE GREENBELT PLAYERS  
PRESENT  
THREE ONE ACT PLAYS

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DRIFTERS

by Virginia Lee Sneed

Characters--in order of appearance

James Sims.....Sherrod East  
Boulah Locke.....Dorothy Harris  
Laura Lee Locke.....Marie Elliott  
Wes Locke.....H. Wendoll Miller

Production

Director.....Dorothy East  
Asst. Director.....Fan Schoin  
Stage Manager.....Harry Falls  
Property and

Costumes.....Edna Barlow;  
Lucile Cooper

Make Up.....Dorothy East

INN OF RETURN

by Don C. Jones

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Characters-- in order of appearance

Travers.....John Muller  
Dr. Darby.....Nathan Schoin  
Charlie Cook.....William Kinsley  
Martha Spinwell.....Lucile Cooper  
Dorothy Spinwell....Kathryn Wood  
Murphy.....John P. Murray  
Randall.....Milton Thurber  
The Ghost of George

Mann.....Paul Dunbar

Production

Director & Stage  
Manager.....Betsy Woodman  
Property Master.....Paul Dunbar  
Make up.....Marcia Kinsley

GOODNIGHT PLEASE

by James L. Daggott

Characters--in order of appearance

Merideth Whitehouse, Fordyce Lyman  
Burton.....Lyman Woodman  
Vivian.....Phyllis Warner  
McWindle.....Ramond Homingway  
Lucy.....Margaret Miller  
Cook.....Mildron Weinstein  
Basil.....George Warner

Production

Director.....Theodora Murray  
Asst. Director.....Shiela Cone  
Stage Manager.....Sid Weinstein  
Property Mistress...Loxey Jane Cragin  
Make up.....Phyllis Warner

Don't forget. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8:30. FREE.

# Editorial

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## OUR BARBER SHOP



Our Barber Shop compares favorably with any shop in Washington.

We could pay fifty cents plus a tip and yet get our hair cut in no more attractive place, under no more sanitary conditions and by no better trained nor capable barbers.

Haircuts with these trimmings are bargains indeed. In fact, the local cooperative enterprises can hardly hope to do better than to break even on them, and, as long as the barbers are paid a fair wage and we get our hair cut so "elegantly" we can hardly expect further dividends.

Ideally, of course, in all cooperative enterprises, there would never be any dividends declared, for there would be no surplus to distribute. We would pay for our goods just exactly what it cost to get them to us. But, in general, cooperatives have found that the actual cost could not be determined beforehand, so they allow a margin of safety which corresponds to the profit margin ordinarily charged. After the actual cost is determined and necessary reserves are set aside, any surplus is returned to the buyer, being considered an overcharge.

Thus, in our Barber Shop, we have an unusual demonstration of cooperative principles. We pay a fair price for a service we need, but we keep for ourselves what would ordinarily be charged us as profit. In this manner cooperatives enable us to make our incomes stretch farther.

## POST OFFICE RECLASSIFICATION

From now until the first of October is a crucial period in the history of our Post Office, for it is going to be reclassified on that date on the basis of the receipts for the quarter ending September 30th.

Receipts consist of the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards, box rents, and the fees on money orders issued.

The more patronage we give our post office, the higher will be its reclassification and the better its service and equipment. It is, therefore, decidedly to our advantage to give it all of our business.

Patronizing other post offices does not help them materially but does retard and weaken our own, prolonging the day of up-to-date service and city delivery.

Every purchase, no matter how small, every box rented, and every money order issued helps our office and us that much.

It is noteworthy that we are already being provided services not required by the regulations. The office stays open from 7:30 A.M. until 6:30 P.M., instead of the required 8:30 to 6:00. Through the efforts of Postmaster Bryant, we have extra incoming and outgoing mails, extra lock boxes and parcel post racks, and special service on new stamps. Seeing what our very genial staff is able to do with a fourth class office, we should hasten to give that office a boost in classification by giving it all our business.

#### CO\*OPERATOR MELON TO BE CUT FRIDAY

The Cooperator staff will receive their earnings for the months of May and June on Friday, August 5 at 8 P.M. at the Cooperator office. In accordance with the Cooperator's policy one half of the profits are returned to the reserve fund of the newspaper and the remainder is distributed to all who produce the paper in proportion to the time they spend. The distribution will be made by John McWilliams, Journalistic Club Treasurer. The rate of payment will be \$ .0237 per hour.

#### REPORTERS TO RECEIVE PRESS CARDS FRIDAY

All folk interested in covering a news-beat for the Cooperator are urged to apply to Acting Editor Howard Custer Friday, August 5 at 8:00 P.M. in the Cooperator Office, above the Drug Store. At that time beats will be assigned and press cards will be distributed to both old and new reporters. All reporters will participate in the earnings of the newspaper, both monetary and honorary.

#### CUSTER'S LAST STAND

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A kindergarten supervisor is being provided Greenbelt from public funds, but it is problematic how many Greenbelt children may profit by her services. One of the arguments against offering kindergarten to all Greenbelt children without fee was that then more children would enroll than could be provided for. In other words one of the purposes of the fee would be to deprive a certain proportion of our children from kindergarten training. This means that those favored children who have parents who can afford, or who take the trouble to afford, the enrollment fee, are to profit partly at the expense of the rest. Unfortunately these favored children are probably those who need kindergarten least; the welfare of the community would probably be better served if every measure was taken to see that the underprivileged children, specially, were given this training.

Certainly, our goal should be kindergarten training for all our children and certainly it is deplorable policy to offer such a public service from public funds without making it equally available to all. To say that only a small part of the community can profit from the service and to depend upon what are supposed to be nominal fees to prove prohibitory to many is an example of "economic royalty" sort of reasoning that should not be allowed in Greenbelt.

It is admitted that more than a pious hope is needed to give kindergarten training to all our children. Funds are not available, nor the room, to provide an ideal setup.

However more funds could be appropriated than have been, and unrented apartments can furnish additional room. Much of the equipment can be homemade, and many of the women of the community could be pressed into service by an energetic and inspiring kindergarten supervisor.

Only by working together along these lines can the members of this community keep their kindergarten from becoming a public concession to a privileged few instead of being the community-wide contribution to culture it should be.

Howard C. Custer

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to pass on to my neighbors what I discovered this morning, and that is, -the prices in the Co-op store are no higher than anywhere else.

I am not being paid to say this, nor am I employed by the Co-op. I have been against the Co-op store 100%.

This morning, I told the manager I wanted to be 100% Greenbelt, and wanted to deal in the store, but its prices were too high. He took me around the store. To save you from going into details, I will say this, - I never felt so ridiculous in my life. There was only one item in the store I could point at that was too high. That was Gold Medal flour, 29¢ for 5 lbs., which I have bought for 26¢ elsewhere as a special.

I have always been a good shopper, and when I say that the prices are no higher in the Co-op than anywhere else, you can know it's true. I am asking each and every one of my neighbors to do what I did. Figure every item you buy. Compare quality and prices. After doing that, let us be fair. Give our store here your trade. If you are not satisfied, go to the manager. He is only too willing to cooperate. Maybe you will be shown, as I was, how wrong we are.

There can be a great injustice done by not really knowing facts.

We (I) can be wrong.

Mrs. L. Morrow

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations to Greenbelt on the seven new buses. They certainly are fine looking and will, no doubt, increase the bus service.

All that is fine, but how about the families living on Ridge Road, Hillside and Eastway, who have to travel quite a way to get to the bus? Why not give them a break? Why cannot the bus make the loop down Ridge Road to Hillside, then down Crescent Road to the Bus Terminal? The slight increase in cost would be more than made up by additional riders. Further, it wouldn't interrupt the schedule, as the buses always lay over at least fifteen minutes, and it cannot be that the traffic would be too heavy on the road, for they cannot be as heavy as the large project trucks running up and down them all day.

I think it would be a good idea if this arrangement could be worked out on all limited buses, morning and evening. I have personally contacted quite a few of my neighbors and they all agree that the idea is a good one.

I hope this idea is worthy of some consideration so that, by the time the other road is repaired, we will be fortunate enough in receiving a favorable response to our efforts.

..... John W. McCollum

#### WELL-BABY CLINIC HOURS INCREASED

Due to the fact that the Well-Baby Clinic, which is conducted by the Health Association, has grown so much within the past three weeks, there must be some changes in the hours.

The Health Association announces that the clinic for well babies will continue to be operated from 8:30 and 9:30 on Friday mornings, but that these hours are being augmented by the addition of the hour between 8:30 and 9:30 on Thursday, during which time only immunizations will be given.

Mothers are requested to adhere to these hours as their doing so will act as a relief to both babies and mothers.

Directors of the Health Association have informed the Cooperator that hours for the Well-Baby Clinic as well as other office hours will be changed from time to time to answer the needs of the residents of Greenbelt.

#### ACTING EDITOR'S REPORT TO JOURNALIST-

##### CLUB ON STATE OF COOPERATOR

First of all I want to express my appreciation of the hard work that has been done by everybody connected with the Cooperator. In the midst of summer heat and summer holidays, and with little hope for tangible reward, workers have always been found to get the Cooperator out each week. The Mast Head of the Cooperator is a true Roll of Honor of people who have given till it hurt of their time and energy, for the sake of seeing a truly social minded paper in Greenbelt.

Now as to the present state of the paper. Editorially I believe we may be pleased. We have a group of forceful and effective writers, and are developing several good Feature Columns.

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## TO THE EDITOR:

I am not in favor of people who are always writing silly letters to newspapers, but I excuse myself by pointing out that my last was successful enough to have been termed "assinine". Such a response indicates some accomplishment.

The last meeting of the Cooperative Organizing Committee was stormy. Several people, I for one, came dangerously close to making asses of themselves publicly. Some explanation is called for. In the first place, this meeting should in no wise lower the Committee's prestige. It may even be taken as a sign of health for it indicates that the Committee is awake and active. Differences of opinion do not arise in sleeping Committees.

The real issues underlying the quarrel within the Committee group themselves around the fact that committees are not elected to solve all the community problems nor to transact its business independent of the community will. And on the vital question of Cooperatives committees are dangerous when they tend to become divorced from the community and to act other than as an instrument of the community. In short, they become something else when they begin to fall under the control of one man or a group of men. Cooperatives are made neither by money nor by single persons but by the whole people acting cooperatively for a common purpose. I believe in Cooperatives. I can explain why I believe in them. I think I know why I want them in Greenbelt; but I don't want a Cooperative in Greenbelt until every Greenbelter has weighed the pros and cons of Cooperatives and arrived at a decision that he can call his own regarding Cooperatives. We don't have to have them here. If we are to have them, let us understand why.

The same is true of leaders. We want them. We need them, but if we follow a man because of his good jokes or hearty laugh and infectious smile we aren't getting anywhere, and are acting after the manner of sheep--not reasonably intelligent human beings. It is fine to have faith in a leader, but it is much more practical to know the reasons why we have that faith. In a Cooperative there is such a thing as too much leadership, and not enough Cooperation.

## CREDIT UNION OFFERS VALUABLE SERVICE

Have you ever stopped to consider what a splendid institution the Credit Union is? Why do common interest groups of people get together and organize Credit Unions? They are motivated by three primary desires.

1. A desire to provide a means of safe and systematic saving.
2. A desire to establish a reliable and convenient source of credit at reasonable cost.
3. A desire to cooperate with one's fellow workers and neighbors in helping each other with financial problems.

The Credit Union movement has grown and developed to meet these desires.

The Credit Union provides the means for systematic saving with fair compensation for thrift in the form of dividends, and credit for provident and productive purposes in times of financial reverses and emergencies. It exists for the benefit of its members and it does help you to "Teach your dollars to have more cents".

Office hours are 6:30 to 8:00 P.M., Friday evenings, and on the fifteenth and last of each month in the Meeting Room above the Drug Store.

## "STAR" OUTING

by Louise Burke

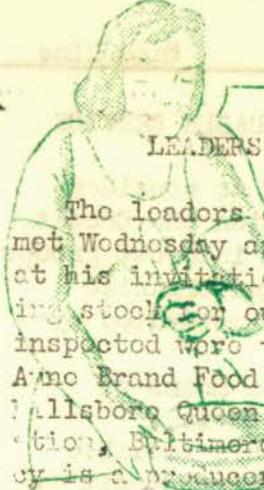
"The Star" accorded its delivery boys and their helpers a grand outing at Glen Echo on Wed., July 27.

The boys representing Blocks A, B, C, D, E, F, and J, are: Cecil McDougal, Billy Schoeb, Clayton Neilson, Carl Pearson, Leo Schmidt, Werner Steinle, Earl Margon, Larry Childress, Robert Burke, Mahlon Eshbaugh, Le Grand Benefiel, Bart Finn, and Richard Schmieder.

Some traveled on the bus from Greenbelt while others were transported in cars by Messrs. Benefiel, Burke, and Eshbaugh who delayed at the Park with the result of missing cars and busses. A few reached Greenbelt in the wee hours of the morning, but all came through safe, and sound.

Without this cooperation committees are both meaningless and useless.

Henry Little



LEADERS HOLD TASTING PARTY

The leaders of the Better Buyers Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Laakso at his invitation, to aid him in selecting stock for our food store. Products inspected were varieties of the Queen Anne Brand Food Products, distributed by Fallsboro Queen Anne Cooperative Corporation, Baltimore. This distributing agency is a producers' cooperative formed by the farmers of Maryland and adjacent territory for marketing their products.

Mr. Laakso explained that the volume of business has reached the point where it is possible to effect savings for the customers by buying direct from the producers.

Several cans of peas of different sizes and qualities were opened and passed around for sampling to the fourteen women present. The extra large sweet pea was unanimously chosen as the most desirable and the best value. Both crushed white and yellow corn and Golden Bantam whole kernel were tasted, and best buys indicated. Two qualities of tomatoes were tested but did not meet with the approval of the group.

Mr. Laakso stated that the new brand would be stocked on the shelves in the near future.

At the conclusion of the tasting party Mr. Laakso distributed among the tasters the remaining sample cans so that each leader present went away with something tangible to show for the afternoon's business.

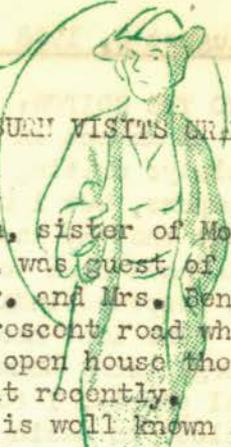
CHILDREN INSPECT SUBMARINE

On July 27, a tour of inspection of the U.S. Submarine SEAL, docked at the Navy Yard, was made by Billie Henry, Lewis Hodges, Tommy Caton, Wally Daniels, Teddy Fox, Jimmie McCarl and Clayton McCarl. It was the boys' first visit to a sub, and all came away thrilled by the wonders of the deep sea craft. The boys were taken on the trip by Dr. J.W. McCarl.

(LIFESAVING cont'd from page three)

Those interested please register with me at the lake immediately during swimming hours or at 3 F Parkway Rd. after hours. Let's have a big turnout for Greenbelt's first water safety campaign.

George Fair.



MISS MARION HEPBURN VISITS GREENBELT

Miss Marion Hepburn, sister of Movie Star Katherine Hepburn, was guest of honor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlswig at 46 E Crescent road when they entertained at an open house their new friends in Greenbelt recently.

Miss Marion Hepburn is well known for her social activities, her picture is frequently in the Washington papers. Miss Hepburn was impressed with Greenbelt. She is a student at Bennington College, and is going to include her Greenbelt visit in her term report, which she is preparing for the coming semester. She was accompanied by Miss Jessica Buck, of the U.F.W.A. Miss Buck is widely acquainted in Greenbelt and her many friends here were sorry that she had not arrived earlier that they might show her the recent developments.

SANDBOX PICNIC AND SURPRISE PARTY

The children of #2 Gardenway sandbox, chaperoned by some of the mothers held a picnic at Indian Springs last Thursday, July 28. Lunch was the main attraction after a short period of play. After everyone finished, Miss Mary Finn, supervisor of the sandbox, took all the children for a short hike. When they returned to the picnic grove they were all greatly surprised to find a birthday table, complete with white cloth, flowers, pink and white mints, colored carnival streamers, and a big pink and white birthday cake reposing in splendor as the centerpiece. All this was in honor of little Elaine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wendell Miller, 2-R Gardenway, who was five years old the day before. The children sang Happy Birthday to You, and Elaine was presented with a big rubber ball, gift of the sandbox mothers and children. Then the cake was cut and pronounced delicious. It was baked by Mrs. Eric Fundin and Mrs. Mark Jenkins. Mothers in attendance were Mesdames Atkins, Conlon, Green, Jenkins, Fundin and Miller.

ATTENTION, YE BASEBALL FANS  
PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3  
FOR A REPORT ON THE TEAM  
STANDINGS AS OF July 30, 1938

## SOCIAL NOTES

Little Betty Jean Megill celebrated her first birthday with a large blue and pink decorated cake. Colored balloons were all around the room. The youngsters had a grand time; games were played; candy, jello and ice cream were served later. The guests were: Jimmie and Bobby Richards from Cheverly, Md., Betty Lou and Barbara Hockett from Virginia, Freddie Sansone, Tommy Talbot, Billy and John May, Patsy and Tubby Ricker, and Mary Ruth Megill. Mrs. Whitmore and Miss Sue Hockett were visitors from Washington. The parents of the children were also at the party, and were served later with refreshments.

Mr. Edgar Wright of St. Mary's, W. Va. is visiting the Morgans of 60-G Crescent Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of 60-E Crescent Road have as their guests Mrs. Thomas' mother and sister, Mrs. Loehr and Janice Loehr of Mount Vernon, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris of 56-J Crescent Road have as their guest Mrs. Harris' niece Elizabeth Wells.

Miss Edith Presnell and Miss Mabel Presnell of Vincennes, Indiana plan a two weeks' stay with the Benefiels of 60-B Crescent Road. Edith Presnell is the Primary Supervisor of Vincennes, Ind. Both are teachers in that city. They are much interested in Greenbelt.

Miss Elaine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wendell Miller celebrated her fifth birthday on July 27. In the evening after dinner she invited 14 of her little neighbor friends over to her front porch to eat ice cream and cake. The cake was decorated with pink and green icing and five pink candles.

Mrs. William Poole and her children, Charlotte, Helen and Virginia, have returned home after a months' visit in Virginia and North Carolina. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Poole's parents.

Mrs. W. C. Barlow Sr. of Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Turner and their daughter Janet of New York, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow of 37-J Ridge Road for the past week.

Visitors to the home of Mrs. Nellie T. Daniels of 2-H Westway this week were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jaegar, Miss Mary Jaegar, and Mr. Fred McCarl, all of Baltimore.

Mary Jean McCarl of 7-D Crescent Road has returned home from two weeks camping at Camp Whippoorwill, Baltimore Girl Scout Camp.

Mrs. John R. Scott and Mrs. Sara Kennedy of New Albany, N.Y. who have been staying in Ashbury Park, N. J. and New York City spent last weekend with the Benefiels of 60-B Crescent Road.

Mrs. George Warner and Mrs. Lloyd MacEwen were hostesses at a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Donzil Wood on July 29th at Mrs. MacEwen's home, 16-F Ridge Road. The dining table was a picture in green and white. A lovely cake with five (!!!) candles and lemon and lime sherbets, with grape punch were enjoyed by all. The other guests included Phyllis Warner, Mr. Warner, Mr. MacEwen and Mr. Wood. Dainty gifts of toilet articles completed the fun of the surprise.

Miss Florence Liebow, of New York, fiancee of Mr. Al Sworn of the Food Store staff, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chafey of Spring Lake, New Jersey, spent Sunday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chafey, 32-D Crescent Road.

Sumner Cragin, 45-T Ridge Road, was host at a party in honor of his ninth birthday on Saturday. Sumner, who is champion marble player of the neighborhood scattered his winnings among the trees and woods, and the main game of the afternoon was a marble hunt, the honors going to Emily Custer. Jack McCollum was best at pinning a cats tail in place. A huge watermelon appeared and disappeared, followed by a large circus cake, as the

guests restored their spent energy.

The guests present were Leonard Deibert, Billy Donahue, Emily Custer, Betty Falkenberg, Mildred Ann Hawk, Jack, Donny, and Jimmy McCollum, Paul Strickler, Alfred Schwarz, and John Williams. Miss Loxey Jane Cragin assisted her mother, Mrs. Paul Hawk in directing the games and serving refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ratzkin had a gang from New York over the week end. The Gang, Moe Lechtman, of the Park Avenue Lechtmans and Mac Simkin of the Simkins and Dave Goffen of the Goofs all love Greenbelt and Mrs. Ratzkin's delicious food.

#### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Finger Marks on Books. These can be removed by covering with French chalk and leaving for some hours. Then cover with blotting paper and iron carefully.

To Banish Dampness. Place blocks of gum camphor in corners, on shelves, etc. Replace as it evaporates.

When Glue Hardens. When glue thickens in the bottle, moisten it with vinegar instead of water. Glue spots may also be dissolved in this way.

Myrtle Resnicky

#### TWO SALADS FOR CHILDREN

Bunny Salad. Invert halves of pear on bed of shredded lettuce. Insert blanched almonds for the ears of the rabbit, cloves or pink candies for the eyes and nose. Use a bit of marshmallow for tail.

Sunbonnet Salad. Invert half of pear on cup-shaped piece of lettuce, having small end of pear on stem end of lettuce. Pin lettuce to pear with cloves on either side. Make face on pear with candies or cloves, or paint with vegetable color. Use strips of pimento for bonnet strings.

(NEIGHBOR cont'd from page five)

I'm mighty happy to see so many smiles round and about.--Sorta' catchin' ain't it? You smile -- then t'other feller has to -- all of a sudden he likes the idea and passes it on -- Kinda' forgettin' what he was a'frownin' 'bout.

Time to get along, so till next time, regards to all from

A Neighbor

#### OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS

Dear Mothers of Greenbelt:

Trust that you have had a happy, wholesome vacation! But to get back to our responsibility.

In planning the year's program for our Mothers Club, your leader would choose that of Parent Education, as it is largely from his parents that a child learns to accept or to respect the good things of life, and to succeed or fail in achieving during childhood the independence and stability which will make him a satisfactory adult.

No movement for community improvement, either in the fields of education or of social service, is complete without the support of intelligent parents. Parent Education therefore, plays an important part in the life of the parent, the child, and the community. It is the means whereby the parent learns how to grow along with the child and to enjoy a companionship with him as well as to assume his guidance. It is also a means by which the aspirations of parents and the needs of homes may be made known to the community, and community resources directed in the service of parents and of homes.

It is with this purpose in mind that we plan to organize our Mothers Study groups this fall. We expect to make this service outstanding, and it can be made so by your club meetings each month. Plan your fall activities so that your Mothers Club plays the important role.

Yours in service for better mothers,

Mrs. S. Hartford Downs

Pres. School Age Mothers Club

(WELFARE Cont'd. from page two)

Mrs. East urges parents interested in sending children next Fall, to avail themselves of the opportunity to have their children vaccinated and given the diphtheria antitoxin at the Well-Baby Clinic during August, as these will probably be required before the children would be admitted to the Kindergarten.

The Welfare Committee unanimously passed a resolution to give Dr. Christenson a vote of appreciation for the work he and the Health Association have done in establishing the Well Baby Clinic and the other new services they are extending.

L.H. Fulmer

## MRS. GULLIBLE AWAKENS

by Bertha Maryn

## NET WEIGHT

In this whirlpool of production for profit, today innumerable crimes are committed against the consumer. Some of these crimes are subtle and hidden and take the keen eye of an expert to unearth; others are quite open and brazen depending largely on psychological effects. For example—6 or 8 ounces of breakfast foods are packed in huge boxes to give the consumer the impression that he is getting a lot for his money; olive oil and flavoring extract containers are shaped to give a larger appearance than the actual content would warrant.

Business today has developed all sorts of methods to induce the consumer to buy more. Thus we have all kinds of "sales"; "January White", "Remnant", "End of the Month", etc. In addition to these sales, the consumers have been nurtured on the principle of "the more you buy, the less it costs." If an 8 oz. jar of salad dressing costs 13¢, a 16 oz. jar which by simple multiplication should cost 26¢ is generally sold for about 23¢. The 3¢ difference is the customer's premium or profit for investing more money. The consumer has been urged time and again to save money by buying in "large quantities. Alack, alas! the consumer must keep his eyes wide open for not always is that true, as one member of the Better Buyers Club recently discovered.

The bread counter in the store contains two sizes of sliced white bread—a 9¢ size and a larger or 12¢ size. A casual glance might lead the customer to believe that she is getting much more for the extra 3¢. But this sharp consumer went beyond the casual glance and compared the net weights of these sizes, with the following results:

1. Three brands of 12¢ white sliced bread are carried on the counter
2. One brand contains 20 oz.
3. One brand contains 19 oz.
4. One brand contains 18 oz.

Taking the 20 oz. bread at 12¢ and comparing it with a 16 oz. loaf at 9¢ we find that the 4 extra oz. cost 3¢ making the per oz. cost of the large loaf more than the per oz. cost of the 9¢ loaf.

The same is true of the 19 oz. loaf, rais-

ing per oz. cost still higher; -3 extra oz. the customer pays 3 extra pennies. When we come down to the 18 oz. loaf the comparison becomes even more ridiculous for we pay 3¢ extra for only 2 extra oz.

At 9¢ for 16 oz. the per oz. cost is a fraction over  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent; 18 oz. for 12¢ the per oz. cost is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a cent. This difference may seem fractional but to the household that uses a lot of bread this mounts up. The wise housekeeper will find that by using the smaller loaves a saving of as much as a loaf or 9¢ a week may be effected.

Shoppers, look at the WEIGHT content!

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THE YOUNGER SET

by Toni Larmore

While visiting last week we shook hands with quite a youngster, Rice Turner born June 19. It's hard to remember back five months when we were that small. Rice has a brother Craig who was two years old on June 13.

Little Dale VanLeuven is very proud of his first two teeth. He is four months old and is now cutting his third and fourth ivories. He can almost sit alone and he really enjoys himself laughing aloud at his three year-old brother Ray, Junior.

Nancy Murdock is stepping high, wide and handsome these days. On July 25 she started walking alone, stepping forward like a veteran.

While his mother is on a vacation in Pennsylvania, Billy Franklin Argerios, 18 months old, is going to take charge of his grandmother's home in Arlington, Virginia. Billy sits on the porch each evening and waits for his Daddy to come home from work.

To celebrate her first birthday, Sharon Lee Thomas' grandmother arrived last week from Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Sharon has four teeth now and can say "ball", "button", and "bunny".

Among the words in the vocabulary of Annie Redd Fontaine, 12 months old, are "car" and "ring". Annie has seven teeth, and when outside, likes to find the birds in the trees and listen to them sing.

By special messenger we discovered that John May is the proud possessor of his first tooth. Little John is now six months old.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## "M" IS FOR MONEY

In the opinion of some people, money is the most important thing in the world. They work and work for it, and if by luck they get a lot, they find they want a great deal more. And when they have more they discover much of the freedom they had without their wealth has vanished.

Very rich people live in dread of having their children kidnapped by someone who wants their money. They are afraid of thieves. They live by themselves and are suspicious of other people because they think everyone wants the money they have.

A little money is a very good thing. We are glad we have enough to buy food and pay rent. We would like more so that we could have more new clothes and lots of toys, and we'd like to take long interesting trips. But it is probably better to have just enough money than much too much. For with much money we might find ourselves without many things that are more important, things we enjoy now that cost no money.

It is interesting, isn't it, that the most important things in the world have nothing to do with money.--I mean friendship and love and kindness. How many other things can you name that are more important than money?

## CAMPFIRE

The girls and boys of Greenbelt gathered again around a campfire Saturday night at the ball field.

The evening started with the song "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here". Mrs. East told the story about "How The Camel Got His hump" and read a poem about a camel.

The games played were vacation and Proverbs. Carl Pierson and Emmet Nanna sang a song. Mrs. Hammersla told a riddle.

We closed with the song "Goodnight, Ladies".

There will be another campfire next Saturday night.

Jane Jones

## DID YOU KNOW?

How many questions could you answer last week? Do you want to know the answers now?

Why are grapefruit called grapefruit?

Because the fruit grows in clusters like grapes.

Where does cork come from?

It comes from cork trees which are grown mostly in Spain.

Who invented the telephone?

Alexander Graham Bell. That is why some telephone companies are called Bell systems.

Where do we get raisins?

Raisins are dried grapes.

Who was Betsy Ross?

She made the first American flag.

How do peanuts grow?

The grow underground, attached to the roots of the peanut plants.

What other towns like Greenbelt have been built by the government, and where are they?

Greenhills, located near Cincinnati, Ohio; Greendale, in Minnesota near Minneapolis.

Why does wood float while iron sinks in water?

Wood floats because a piece of wood is lighter than a quantity of water occupying the same amount of space. Iron sinks because it is heavier than water.

## THE MOON

Do you know what makes the moon shine? It is the sun shining on it. Half of the moon is always bright with sunlight, but only once a month can we see that whole side. The rest of the time we see only part of the bright half, and it looks as if we could see only part of the moon. That is because we cannot see the half that is in shadow.

The moon is two hundred and forty thousand (240,000) miles away from us.

A little girl brought some bachelor buttons to her mother and said, "Mother, put my bashful buttons in some water."

## CHILDREN APPROVE PLAYGROUNDS

by Sally Larmore

Fully equipped for recreational activities, two large playgrounds have been opened in Greenbelt for the use of school children while a third is being constructed.

A slide, jungle bars, monkey bars, swings, seesaws, a wave stride and trapeze rings are included in the arrangement of each playground. As each unit is located in a grove of trees children are protected from the heat while playing.

Although primarily for children, many adults have enjoyed the playground facilities, especially in the evening. The management wishes to encourage more adults to participate in these activities.

As to what equipment in the playground they like best, the youngsters of Greenbelt differ. Margaret Brown likes the swings best. Patricia Brown votes in favor of the monkey bars. Andrew Freedman, Paul Stricklor, and Ruth Morgan enjoy most of all the wave stride. Bob Porter, Dick Haas, Richard Porter, Robert Scott, Morton and Marion Clark spend most of their time on the slides.

When asked what they thought of the play units, Mary Jane Craig and Evelyn Carr were enthusiastic over the location of the playgrounds in the midst of groves of trees. "It's always so shady and cool," they said. Juanita Helgoth and Virginia Lee Johnston, guests of Mrs. John H. Mack considered the playgrounds very superior because of the ideal equipment.

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 MOVIE PROGRAM TO FOLLOW MEETING OF  
 JUNIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The membership of the Junior Citizens Association, having endorsed the Executive Committee's proposal that a 5¢ admission fee be charged for movies, the movies shown next Tuesday will be sound pictures.

Lynn Ashley, President of the Junior Citizens Association, advises that the selection of pictures has not yet been made. However, we know Lynn and the Executive Committee will continue to do a good job, particularly now that funds are not as limited as heretofore.

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 SPEND LABOR DAY IN GREENBELT  
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## JUNIOR CITIZENS TO ELECT TOWN COUNCIL

At the regular meeting of the Junior Citizens Association, to be held in the school auditorium next Tuesday, August 9th, the election of the Junior Town Council that will function on Labor Day will be held.

Nominees are circulating petitions and have until noon on Saturday, August 6th in which to file them with Louise Burke, Acting Town Clerk.

The names of those who have filed petitions will be printed on the ballot and, after each candidate has made a two minute speech, the election will be held.

The elected Council will later choose a chairman who will be Mayor, and elect a Town Attorney and Town Clerk. They will, also, appoint a Town Manager whose duty it will be to appoint Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments, policemen and firemen and other town officials and employees to act on Labor Day.

The Junior Mayor will appoint a committee from the Junior Council to act with the committee of the Town Council already appointed to coordinate Labor Day plans.

The Committee of the Senior Council comprises Henry Maurer, Sherrod East, Robert E. Jacobsen and Mayor Louis Bossmer.

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 GIRLS' SEWING CLUB MEETS

The Girls' Sewing Club met July 28th at the home of Barbara Lylos, 11-K Ridge Road, with Barbara's grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Wilkinson, as hostess. Much doll sewing was accomplished, along with much fun and laughter. Those present included Patricia Featherby, Patricia Mark, Marjorie and Ruth Adole Schwab, Caroline Garner, Sally, Patsy, and Nancy Homessy, Eugenia and Mrs. Mayo Horstmann, Betsy Kay and Mrs. Denzil Wood, Jeanne Anne Kasko, and Catherine Ann Loftus.

Marjorie Schwab has tackled the big job of a quilt, using the entire alphabet to be done in cross-stitch.

Miss Peggy Morris of Seaford, New York, was an enjoyable guest.

Delicious cake and "wigglo-woggle" gelatine concluded a happy afternoon



## DOPE FOR THE "DUPES"

By George F. Carnes

When a man like Capt. Bill of Greenbelt gets yachting fever, you can be sure the boating season is here. I call him Capt. Bill---I really don't know his name, but watching him standing on the pier giving his trim little craft a last going over, the name, Capt. Bill, seemed to fit him, and so I christened him---Mentally.

The wind was pretty stiff, and even near the protection of the pier, water was breaking over the prow of the tiny single master. Capt. Bill was looking anxiously out over the water, and as I watched, I thought I detected a shade of apprehension in his countenance as he noted the clouds. But, a true sailor knows no fear, and the Captain, after making a few final adjustments with his swift, brown hands, shoved off. No sooner had the little craft reached open water than I knew she was in for a bad day! The wind, as if lying in wait for the boat, began to throw its full power into the fray! The boat began driving its tiny nose into the treacherous, green combers, and even from the distance of the shore one could see the tiny mast straining to the utmost of its frail strength to keep from being torn from its moorings.

Then it happened! I can't say I was surprised---just filled with increasing horror, for all along I had sensed its happening. One shrieking blast of wind, angrier than all the rest, swept down on the hapless craft and smote her with the devastating power of a giant hand! I didn't see her again!

For a moment I stood, paralyzed, then I turned slowly around---to see how Capt. Bill was taking it. He didn't make a sound---just threw up his hand in a half-salute, and as I watched, a tear glistened on his brown little cheek!

Now even though it be un-sailor like to show such emotion, I couldn't blame Captain Bill, for after all, he was only five---and for a Capt. of five to lose his first command on Lake Greenbelt---well, it's something to think about!

## ATHLETIC ASSC. TO ELECT OFFICERS

Tuesday, Aug. 9, will mark election day for the G.A.A. The officers elected will serve for a six month term. All members of the club are urged to be present as this event writes an important page in the history of this six-month old organization.

Several names are being passed around as likely prospects but the majority of the members seem to favor either George Bauer, the present incumbent, or Bill Neblott who is serving as representative for Block C.

## RECREATION

One of the most important, yet apparently overlooked, functional positions in the community is that of Recreational Director. Now, while the town is still young and people haven't settled down to recreational outlets of their own devising, is the time for an organized program to be inaugurated. Those of you who know what a real recreational program is would do well to add the weight of your plea to all the others which are being made for an EXPERIENCED Director of Recreation for Greenbelt.

## LAST ONE IN IS A\*\$/X@!

The good news that everyone has been waiting for will no longer be news by the time you read this, but to those who depend on the Cooperator for worldly knowledge, THE OLE SWIMMING HOLE IS OPEN AGAIN! Roy Braden, the man of a thousand worries, finally succumbed to the hundreds of pleas, and upon assurance of the health authorities that the water was in fit condition for swimming, throw the gates wide open and let the heat-maddened residents make a wild rush for Lake Greenbelt---and relief. Swimming will be permitted from 2 to 8 during week days and from 10 to 8 on Sundays. All other regulations pertaining to swimming will remain unchanged. George Fair will save the lives of any and all comers.

## SPORT PAGE'S THIRD SHOCK

A deep, melancholy, dejected silence from the pilot of the mighty Cliff Dwellers. 'S'matter "Pop"?

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CUBS AIDED BY BRACKEN

When "Bertha" Bracken was cajoled from the ranks of baseballers to guide the destiny of the lagging Cubs, someone evidently knew what they were doing. For Bracken has begged, threatened and yelped in his big bass profundo until his team is now in a position to topple the vaunted Cliff Dwellers from their pinnacle. One of the reasons for the good cheer among the Cubs is the constant good nature and always ready pat-on-the-back which Bracken has for his teammates. So here's good luck to a good sportsman!

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OLD RIVAL RETURNS

Those of you who are proud to call yourselves pioneers, will probably remember this article which was printed in the March 2 issue of the Cooperator.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

THE GREAT GREENBELT BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATED THE BURLY OPPOSING TEAM FROM COLONIAL VILLAGE IN THE GYMNASIUM LAST NIGHT BY THE SCORE OF 36-14.

Next Saturday, our old rivals, and incidentally our first rivals, athletically speaking, will return to Greenbelt to try their luck with the Greenbelt All-Stars. No doubt the Villagers, who got quite a surprise on their first visit, will receive another if the All-Stars are running true to form.

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NIGHT GAME RAINED OUT

The mighty Cliff Dwellers, not satisfied with the damage they have been doing around town, journeyed out to Laurel for their first try under the lights. Unluckily, a heavy downpour put an end to their high hopes for a new victory.

"Pop" Widger has announced that another game is in the offing for next week and a goodly crowd of loyal rooters would be welcome. So come out boys and gals and see how the boys perform under the bright lights. Watch the post office bulletin board for date of game.

## BATTER UP

By Lester M. Sanders

Have things been happening since last week on the softball diamond? After dropping a close game to the Bombers, Pop Widger's Cliff Dwellers suffered a second set back at the hands of the rejuvenated Cee-Lions by Score 10-8. The Red Birds scored a victory over the Emeralds on Sunday, Score 7-3, after the rain had washed their regular scheduled game out at the opening of the series. Elated over their victory of Sunday the Red Birds put up a very tough fight on Monday against the Bombers, but after holding the score at 3-1 for four innings fate played a hand and the Bombers scored 5 runs in the fifth to go ahead and win 6-3. Of course the Cee-Lions -- Cliff Dwellers game was on Tuesday with Bracken's fence busting Cub 's setting a terrific pace on Wednesday and trouncing Snob Hill with Marack in the box, for Snob Hill, score 5-1. Snob Hill played loose ball without the services of their Captain Johnny Bozok and several other of their key players. It seems that the ill fated Bees pulled one out of the fire Thursday when they nosed out the Emeralds 6-5. Friday's game was a washout between the Cee-Lions and the Bombers. This game has been rescheduled for Sunday August 7th at 5:00 P.M. It appears from all angles to be a ripping good game as the Bombers are out to win this one by a decisive score. Again those slugging Cubs remained undefeated by trouncing the Red Birds Saturday by the Score 10-5. From all indications at this time the team to watch is these Cubs in this series.

So as the first week of play comes to a close we find the third series more and more exciting, mainly due to the vacations of players weakening the stronger teams. A real exciting bit of strategy is in store for the fans whenever the Cliff Dwellers play, as Pop Widger and the boys had a half hour conference after their last defeat and since Barker is back in town the Cliff Dwellers intend to assert themselves as the team to be beaten from now on.

Greenbelt All-Stars settled their dispute with P. W. A. by setting them down by the score of 11-1.

DETAILED REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING OF  
JULY 25, 1938

Present at the last meeting of the Town Council, July 25, were Councilmen Bessomer, Maurer, East, and Morrison; Councilman Jacobson being absent. Also present were Town Manager Braden, Treasurer Rabbit, Engineer Vincent, and Clerk Stevens.

Mr. Braden reported that since January 1 the Town had received from the U.S. Government in lieu of taxes \$24,253.96, of which \$12,852.50 had been spent, leaving a Balance of \$11,401.45, to which is to be added another monthly payment of \$4,850.79 due from the Government, making the total available cash as of July 25, \$16,252.24.

Mr. Braden reported that the Greenbelt buses had run 11,176 official miles during June at a cost of \$2,878. Of this amount \$1,968.36 was collected in fares, leaving \$909.64 charged to Government subsidy.

Mr. Rabbit reported that he was negotiating with nearby banks in an effort to find one bank that would provide adequate protection for Town funds. Since the law provides that bank deposits beyond \$5,000 in any one account may not be insured, it would ordinarily be necessary for the Town to spread its deposits about, in order to provide the complete protection necessary for the public funds. For administrative reasons this division of funds is undesirable and it may be safely avoided if the bank sets aside enough of its assets as security for the uninsured part of the Town's deposits. The council authorized Mr. Rabbit to continue his negotiations, with the view of placing Town funds in the most conveniently situated bank that will furnish adequate security.

Mr. Vincent reported he had drawn up preliminary specifications for several community improvement projects which he thought W.P.A. would be willing to undertake. They included: drinking fountain at the Lake; miscellaneous sidewalks for playgrounds and elsewhere; ten miles of fire stops and trails; fences and shrubbery around small playgrounds; cleaning and painting the sewage plant; alteration of fire house to separate fire equipment entirely from other equipment and to provide a small two-cell jail.

He also proposed to include the installation of water faucets at the back of Greenbelt houses.

GREENBELT CITIZENS MAY VOTE IN STATE  
AND COUNTY ELECTIONS

Greenbelt is not a government reservation, but a bona fide part of the State of Maryland, and its citizens, who otherwise fulfill the requirements, may vote in State and County elections, according to a decision rendered by the Attorney General of the State.

Mr. Braden pointed out this would rightly be at Federal, and not Town expense. That is to say, they should be furnished by the owner of the houses, and they probably would be. Mr. Vincent responded that this could hardly be hoped for from W.P.A. funds, which must be used chiefly for relief labor, since the cost of the pavillion would consist of too large a proportion for materials and skilled labor.

Mr. Bessomer suggested that W.P.A. might undertake a fly control project. He pointed out that flies were becoming a serious problem here and that measures should be taken against them. Mr. Maurer suggested that the method of garbage disposal was at fault. Mr. Braden agreed to see that the problem be given immediate attention.

President Hosse of the Health Association appeared before the Council to request that signs showing the way to the Health Center be placed at important intersections. The suggestion seemed a good one and the matter was referred to the Town Engineer.

Mr. Braden outlined, with the help of a varicolored map, the tentative zoning ordinance being drawn up by his office. It largely follows the original plans of Hale Walker, who laid out the town. The Council authorized him to draw up the ordinance as outlined for further consideration and public hearing. Mr. Braden stated that the private owners of property in Greenbelt would be specially notified of this hearing.

The Council unanimously voted a special appropriation of \$6,000 from the Town's surplus funds; \$3,000 to pay the salaries of the following officers from Sept. 1 to January 1, when they will be provided for

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## REPORT (cont'd. from page eight)

and sections. It is noteworthy that the paper is a true expression of the community's thought and activity, containing practically no reprints.

During the summer we have purposely kept the paper small, to relieve the smaller staff of too great a chore. We have been concentrating on organization and by fall when the present staff turns over its responsibilities we hope to have Neighborhood News boats as well as other news boats well established and reporters assigned to each. We have already added several Features and expect to add one or two more soon. We are always glad to consider new ideas. So from the standpoint of content I believe the Cooperator will be ready to "go to town" during the coming year.

The big problem is the production and business end. Our profit and loss statement for May and June shows an increase in Net Worth of only \$13.75. And this is all the more unsatisfactory when we consider that we pay no rent, own no machinery, and pay no wages.

It is true that we have discounted 40% of our Accounts Receivable and that we may receive almost all of them. However these accounts are coming in slowly and we must not depend upon them.

Also I believe we are not justified in paying a commission of 25% on advertising. It is true that the Business Manager has made himself invaluable to us and there is no doubt that he earns more than he gets, but there are others on the staff just as invaluable who earn a small fraction of what the Business Manager gets. Also the ads that we get regularly and get paid for regularly we could get without paying such a commission, yet we pay the commission on those, while we wait months for any returns from the others.

Also I have come to the conclusion that we should not much longer depend upon volunteers for the production work on the paper. It is not only asking too much of the workers, considering the meager financial returns now being produced, but it also is too uncertain and takes too much of the Editorial staff's attention. For instance George Warner, whom I need badly on the copy desk, but who is also

a typist, has had to spend much of his time typing, and I myself who am no typist have spent hours each week pecking out busy strips. Probably we should come to consider, the typists, stencil cutter, and mimeograph operators not as members of the cooperative but as employees of the cooperative to be paid definite sums.

But for the present I shall only recommend that although our Profit and Loss statement only shows a Profit of \$13.75--which means that we only have \$6.88 available for distribution according to our rules--still I suggest that we draw on our reserves for \$25.00 to add to the \$6.88 so that we will have \$31.88 to distribute. Perhaps this cannot be justified by strict accounting (although the fact that we are discounting 40% of our advertisement accounts outstanding should not be forgotten) but our workers must not be forgotten. Let us distribute the \$25.00 from the reserves this time, and see that the distribution of funds is more equitable hereafter. Last month alone we paid \$43.71 in advertising commission to one person and yet we have only \$6.88 to distribute among the rest of the workers. Until we can have a smooth running and fairly managed business organization we should not even consider a printed paper or even any paper.

One final word. The paper is in a much stronger position than is evident. Soon the town will be completely occupied and all the stores will be running and we can have more advertising revenue from local stores. We are adding new blood to our staff every week and if we take care to distribute responsibility and make this a true community undertaking instead of the work of a few, we should go far.

However all undertakings must have their self-sacrificing pioneers and we have chosen to play that role here. We believe that the town paper can contribute an important bit to the town's welfare, and we have accepted the responsibility of seeing that it does so. I believe that we will never regret having done so and that the time will soon come when we will be mightily pleased with our handiwork.

## MOVIE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

The first reel of film was projected in the Greenbelt Theater as the workmen completed installation of machinery last Saturday. This week official tests of the equipment will be made and then the theater should be ready to operate as soon as it has been released by the government.

(COUNCIL cont'd from page eighteen) by the new budget: men's Recreational Director, women's Recreational Director, Librarian, Kindergarten Supervisor, and Supervisor of Adult Education; and \$3,000 for equipment for the activities to be handled by these officers. Mr. East strongly urged that all possible arrangements be made to provide kindergarten classes for all Greenbelt children of appropriate age.

The Council also authorized the Treasurer to use \$100 of his funds for traveling expenses, so that he may attend important meetings and conventions. Since his salary is not paid by the Town and none of the \$1000 set aside for his office by the Town Budget has been spent, it was felt that the value to be gained by the Town by his presence at official meetings justified the appropriation.

Mr. Bessemer brought to the attention of the Council the need for parking control on the driveway in front of the store and the Post Office. It was pointed out that no parking should be done there, the spaces behind and at the side of the stores being for that purpose. The management was advised to limit parking on this drive to fifteen minutes and to limit traffic on it to one way--from the Service Station to Southway. The Council had already authorized such regulations by its Traffic Ordinance.

Before the Council Adjourned Mr. Bessemer asked for an expression of opinion as to the value of his efforts to interest the Municipal Ownership League in making contributions to the Greenbelt transportation problem. The opinion generally held was that the Council should not now officially deal with such a group, nor consider any plan that did not deal specifically with the Greenbelt setup, but that all efforts of citizens to make contributions to the solution of the problem should be encouraged.

## NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION PHYSICIANS ANNOUNCED

The Health Association announces a temporary change in office hours to be held by their physicians. Due to the addition of Dr. Francis D. Threadgill to the staff as well as to the very heavy requirements on the physicians' time, the hours are necessarily being increased. However, within the near future permanent hours will be established in accordance with the needs of the community.

Office hours will be held every morning from 10:00 until 12:00, every afternoon from 4:00 until 6:00, and every evening from 8:00 until 9:00--with the exception of Wednesday and Sunday.

On Wednesday there will be no office hours during the afternoon or evening, as this time is being reserved for operative work. While on Sunday there will be no official office hours, a physician will take care of pressing ailments at the Medical Center by appointment between 12:00 and 1:00.

With two physicians at work, medical care is available at all times in Greenbelt.

## DR. CHRISTENSEN MOVES

On Saturday, July 30, Dr. Thomas A. Christensen moved from the house at 30-D Ridge Road, where he has been residing since July 1, to No. 7 Woodlawn Way. While a Cooperator reporter was interviewing Guy R. Moore, one of the Health Association's directors, Sunday morning, Dr. Christensen called and said, "Boy, this is heaven up here."

Dr. Francis D. Threadgill, whose association with the Greenbelt Health Association became effective Monday, August 1, has moved into No. 6 Woodlawn Way, almost directly across the street from Dr. Christensen's new residence.

Dr. Threadgill's family will arrive at a later date.

## HEALTH ASSOCIATION IS GROWING

It has been announced that the membership of the Greenbelt Health Association now numbers above the 200-mark. With 14 applications for membership which became effective on August 1 and the 195 paid-up members, the membership total reaches 209.

CO-OP WORKERS STUDY MERCHANDISING

The Greenbelt Consumer Services staff and the Cooperative Organizing Committee with members of its sub-committees have been, for the past three weeks, attending a course of lectures on merchandising methods. These lectures have been held jointly, each Monday night, by the Consumer Distribution Corporation and The District of Columbia Cooperative League.

The lectures are being conducted by Dr. Werner K. Gabler, co-author with Edward A. Filene of the book "Next Steps Forward in Retailing", and Mr. Hoctor Lazo, Secretary of the National Cooperative Wholesale Distributors.

The course has included, so far, lectures by Dr. Gabler, Mr. Lazo and Mr. A. T. Edinger, B.A., M.A., Associate Agricultural Economist in the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Gabler, in his talk Monday, July 18, stressed cleanliness, friendliness and efficiency as outstanding qualifications that any retail store must have in order to succeed. He said that 70 per cent of the grocery stores that are opened for business fail in the first year.

Mr. Lazo, who talked the following Monday night, July 25, spoke about merchandising methods in general. He held his listeners' interests throughout the lecture with thought provoking descriptions of the art of being a good merchandiser.

Mr. A. T. Edinger of the Department of Agriculture spoke last Monday night on the subject of merchandising meat. He said that a store's profit could go out via the meat department unless meats were cut and sold correctly and that, in order to satisfy a majority of the patrons, meat must be merchandised right. He pointed out that the method of pricing meats by slide rules, discs and other set percentages, as used by some markets was not the best method!

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DONALD HAMMERSLA INJURED

Six-year-old Donald Hammersla, of 2J Gardemway, last week suffered lacerations and contusions about the head and ear upon being struck by a swing while playing at one of the playgrounds.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed. Aug 3	Young People's Choir	7:30 P.M.	Music Room
Wed. Aug 3	THE GREENBELT PLAYERS PRESENT THREE	8:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Thu. Aug 4	ONE-ACT PLAYS NO CHARGE		
Thu. Aug 4	Dance Orchestra Practice	7:30 P.M.	Music Room
Thu. Aug 4	Well Baby Clinic	8:30-9:30 A.M.	Health Center
Thu. Aug 4	Choir Practice	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Thu. Aug 4	Choral Society	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Fri. Aug 5	Well Baby Clinic	8:30-9:30 P.M.	Health Center
Fri. Aug 5	Credit Union	6:30-8:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Fri. Aug 5	Boy Scouts	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Sun. Aug 7	Mass	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Sun. Aug 7	Community Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Sun. Aug 7	Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Sun. Aug 7	Community Vesper Service	6:00 P.M.	Near Side of Dam
Tue. Aug 9	Junior Citizens Association	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Tue. Aug 9	Semi-annual Election G.A.C.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Wed. Aug 10	Journalistic Club	8:00 P.M.	Cooperator Office

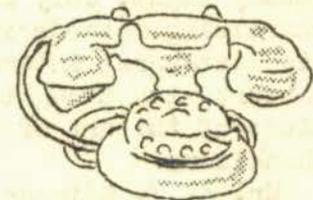
A member of the Community Manager's staff will be in the Manager's office each week day evening between 7:30 and 10:00 except Saturday when the hours are 1:00 to 4:00. The present staff assignments are as follows:

Monday-----J.W. Rabbit-----Finance Officer  
 Tuesday----H.L. Vincent----Town Engineer  
 Wednesday--W.F. Maboo-----Director, Public Safety  
 Thursday---O.K. Fulmer-----Superintendent of Buildings  
 Friday-----R.S. Braden-----Community Manager  
 Saturday---Frank Harris----Assistant Finance Officer  
 (afternoon)



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