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HAPPY NEW YEAR



FROM THE STAFF

Greenbelt Prepares for First Meeting of Consumer Services

Monday, January 1, 1940, Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., will become Greenbelt's long awaited consumer cooperative; and on Tuesday, January 2, at 7:45 P.M., the charter members of the new cooperative will gather in the auditorium for the first regular membership meeting, and elect the first board of directors.

The new board will have the responsibility of directing, in the interest of the people of Greenbelt, a business grossing over a third of a million dollars annually, and employing more than 35 full time employees.

Nominations for the board of directors close tomorrow evening, and are to be submitted in writing to Miss Martha Hanes, acting secretary of the Cooperative Organizing Committee, in the Greenbelt Consumer Services office over the Variety Store. Up until Tuesday evening, the following nominations had been received:

Howard C. Custer, Linden S. Dodson, Sherrod East, Carnie Harper, Isaac Schwartz, Dr. Joe W. Still, Walter Volckhausen, and Denzil Wood.

It is expected that business of the first meeting will include, besides the election of the board of directors, the transfer to present officers of Greenbelt Consumer Services of the \$4,000 entrusted to the Cooperative Organizing Committee by the subscribers whereupon the fully paid subscribers will become members of the cooperative; formal approval by the new members of the by-laws and financial agreement which they approved as subscribers at the subscribers' meeting on December 12, and which have been the basis of all subsequent negotiations.

Many Advantages for Greenbelt In Highest Tax Rate

The following tabulation shows comparative tax rates for towns in Prince Georges County:

TOWN	POPULATION	BUDGET	TAX RATE
Hyattsville	6,500	\$38,920	.40 per \$100
Brentwood	3,100	\$11,897	.45 per \$100
Greenbelt	3,100	\$85,145	\$2.115 per \$100

According to Roy S. Braden, community manager, Greenbelters would rather pay the taxes than do without such conveniences as the town hospital—the only one in the county, the public health program with a full-time nurse and part-time physician, adult education program, town library, and recreational facilities.

SCHOOL CHILDREN PUT ON CHRISTMAS PLAY

The children of the Elementary School presented "Babushka" on Friday, December 22, in the school auditorium. The play is a Russian Christmas legend about the old woman who brings toys to the children. The role of Babushka was taken by Miss Theo Trehwella of the seventh grade and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the audience that she did a piece of superlative acting. Of particular note were her grace and her ability to express the emotions of the Russian girl, Babushka, in her search for the King.

The costumes added a great deal to the effectiveness of the play. They were gay and colorful and typical of the old Russia. The lighting arrangements were excellent and more successful than they have been in the past.

Paul Kelly To Give P. T. A. Course in Adolescent Training

A former member of the Community Council of Greenhills, Ohio, Paul Ryan Kelly is to present a course in adolescent training as part of the Parent-Teachers Association's adult education program here.

The course will be of the informal panel discussion type rather than formal lectures and will have its first meeting January 4 at 8 P.M. in the Social Room. All who attended Mr. Kelly's pre-Christmas toy discussion will remember him as a capable as well as a charming person. All mothers and fathers of adolescent or pre-adolescent children are urged to attend the meeting, as Mr. Kelly has considerable pedagogic experience.

Six years of intensive teaching include city and country school in New York City; professor in sociology and problems of adolescence at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mammit School at Pawling, New York where he was in charge of adolescent children; supervision of several camps for adolescents; and special work with children having emotional difficulties.

At present Mr. Kelly is superintendent of the Child Health Camp of the District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association.

HOSPITAL STAFF CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Thursday afternoon, December 21, a party was held by the hospital staff in the reception room of the hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Yuretich, superintendent, the nurses on the regular staff, Robert Attick, and Mrs. Elinor McCauley were present.

— Photos by Francis C. Fosnight

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Spreading It Thin

The new year poses new problems and too often reposes old ones. One of the most grievous of our old ones is the multiplicity of offices in which our most willing workers find themselves involved, year after year.

People who are ready to pitch in and really work are as numerous as purple cows and the result is that too often our best brains are being pitted against the problems of a half-dozen organizations at once.

Spreading too thin the most indubitable of talents can benefit no one. Certainly, when the inertia of a group makes it easy to pin the heavy burden on a single individual, time after time, the reluctant and unwilling worker is not forced out of his stupor to join the stream of active workers. Stagnation works no good for a person or a community. Neither however, does overwork.

A happy balance can be best achieved by prodding our more lethargic friends out of their havens so that more persons will participate in our affairs and so make them ever more democratic.

Further, the contribution of more minds must of necessity improve the workings of our organizations. Certainly, no one who has actively participated in any work will level the unjust accusations, ignorant gibes, and cheap belittlement which has come from the drones of this town in the past.

Let us give more people this next year more active civic life, and a few hard workers more restful home life. Fair exchange is no robbery.

The Best Propaganda

Present war conditions find most Americans aware of a flood of propaganda designed to bring our support to the "right" side, or failing that to prevent our helping the "wrong" side. Forewarned by previous attacks of lies and distortion we should be in a position to sort out the truth and act accordingly.

There is, however, a further danger which results from one of the finer techniques in propaganda. The most successful propaganda is that which tells the truth—at least in part. An English or German or domestic propagandist, merely by suppressing some of the facts in a given situation, will tend to make people agree with his position over a period of time.

This has been demonstrated over and over, and has been made especially clear by a recent experiment in the psychology department of Columbia University. Two classes were told that they would be given propaganda, so that they would be on their guard. Then one group was presented over a period of time authentic facts about the Japanese invasion of China organized by a Japanese publicist. Similar material, quite authentic, was organized by a Chinese protagonist. Each represented the truth of his own side but repressed the facts which would arouse sympathy and support for the other.

As we might have predicted, the students who were given only the Japanese point of view emerged from the experiment with demonstrated pre-Japanese attitudes, while those subjected to only the truth as presented by the Chinese view point showed definite leanings towards the Chinese in their sympathies. A third group who were given the propaganda of both sides in order to serve as a control for measurement in the experiment showed no marked change in opinion over the duration of the test.

So simple a demonstration of something which we could easily have predicted seems useless. It proved nothing we did not already know. But it is a reminder that in order to make considered decisions it is not enough that we should know the truth about England alone, but about Germany as well. It is not enough that we have Finland's side of the present warfare there, but Russia's too.

If the German people could read foreign newspapers or listen to any radio broadcasts besides those fed to them by the Hitler government they would, probably, not be fighting today. So long as we can have all points of view presented in this country without threat of force and without intimidation—so long as we keep a free press, and our free speech, and if we can free movies and the radio of censorship—we shall avoid the wasteful, blundering heroism of 1918-19, and we shall be spared the terror and destruction which has overtaken Italy, and Spain, and a dozen other nations in the last two decades.

A Job Well Done

So we are on our way at last after 14 months of anxious working and waiting for the organization of a consumers' cooperative which will operate Greenbelt's business enterprises. On the night of January 2 about 300 share-holders will elect the first board of directors of the new co-op, and Greenbelt will swing into the growing list of communities where the consumers control their own stores.

We will attend that Tuesday night meeting with mixed feelings—with relief that the long drive has been successfully completed, pride in being able to say "I told you so" to the critics who had no faith in what we were doing, and appreciation for the arduous job which the members of the Cooperative Organizing Committee have completed.

The work of the C.O.C. was difficult, beset with discouragement and criticism, ridiculed by those who could find no fault in the prevailing profit system, and sabotaged by those with personal axes to grind. There were times, after the first flush of enthusiasm, when the community offered but little help in the physical work which had to be done in preparation for the assuming of the responsibilities. There is no pay, and there is precious little thanks for those who did the job, but members of the C.O.C. and its subcommittees know the value of what they have done.

The Study Group

The cooperative movement develops best when it relies most on the discussion group or study circle. Consider the adult discussion classes inaugurated in Denmark by Bishop Grundtvig. Review the work of the Swedish Cooperative Discussion Clubs. Look into the activities of the Study Circles in Nova Scotia.

The cooperative movement is more than a consumers' cooperative store, more than a credit union, more than a cooperative wholesale. The true cooperator is not a person who belongs to a cooperative chiefly to save money. The money-saving aspect is incidental to the cooperating, to the developing of a new community life, to establishing the spirit of cooperation in the nation and the world. He who participates in a cooperative is a lively phase of a social movement that has meaning beyond his own time and place.

It is the study circle that gives people the meanings that lie hidden in cooperation. In the study circle the fascinating origins of cooperation are considered. In it the successes and failures of cooperative activity are analyzed in a search for the reasons why success or why failure has resulted.

The uneducated farmers, fishermen, and miners of Nova Scotia started nine years ago with a hundred study circles. This winter they will have over a thousand study groups. Educated persons likewise need the advantages of participation in a cooperative study group. No cooperative association can expect to amount to much or to last long where its members have joined without an understanding of the basic principles of the cooperative movement. To obtain this appreciation is not easy. To listen to a few lectures will not suffice. Hard study without any sugar-coating is the only way.

In Nova Scotia one gets into a cooperative by first passing muster as a study group participant. There is no short cut. Moreover, the lessons that have come out of the Antigonish experiment in Nova Scotia show that cooperators never outgrow the need of what advanced study circles have to offer. Introductory study groups are needed for prospective members; and advanced study groups for members of one, five, ten, twenty years standing. Prospective members need to experience what an introductory study circle offers so that they may understand the larger aspects of the cooperative movement, and members of standing need the study circle so that they can discuss together what is being learned by cooperators near and far, at home and abroad. All need to catch the dynamic spirit of working for a cooperative civilization.

— Dr. Emory S. Bogardus,
 Professor of Sociology,
 University of Southern California



A YEAR AGO

(From the Cooperator December 29, 1938)
 Gladstone S. Lewis, 13-M Ridge Road, and neighbors had to chase Mr. Lewis' Christmas turkey after it slipped its bonds and decided to try its wings.....

The week ending December 24 was a banner week for the Greenbelt stores.....
 Citizens were requested to prepare purchase slips to be turned in to the C.O.C. for possible dividends.....
 Chief Mabee, and Officers Attick, Panagoulis, and Huffman, motored to Baltimore to attend the annual convention and banquet of the Maryland Police Association.....

C. O. C. BOX SCORE

According to the treasurer's records at close of office hours Friday, December 22:

Shares	542
Shares subscribed for	618
Shares fully paid for	339
Dwelling units represented	456
Dwelling units with at least one share fully paid for	259
Amount deposited	\$4,110.50

The following names of subscribers with at least one share fully paid for supplements lists previously published: Price Hartley, Irving D. Johnston, and Marvin T. Van Cleave.

Letters to Editor

AMERICAN LEGION AND THE JEWISH CITIZEN

To the Editor:

The writer wishes to call your attention to a dastardly and deceitful rumor that is being circulated within the midst of our citizens of Greenbelt to the effect that the American Legion is anti Jewish. I shall try and refute this damnable piece of propaganda within the limits of the space of your paper shall allow and shall be frank about it.

I have been a member of the American Legion for 20 years. I have served twice as a Post Commander and also have served in the capacity of all other post offices. Further, I served on the Department Americanism Committee in the State of Indiana. Of all my associations within the American Legion, and to my knowledge, this is the first and only time within the first and only locality that the American Legion has been accused as being anti Jewish (and this in what is considered to be the Nation's model community.)

Now why is this and why does a portion of the Jewish population allow themselves to listen and believe such low down rumors? I ask you to seek the truth and then answer for yourself.

In all communities where American Legion Posts are located they are respected as an outstanding organization serving the community as any American would have it do so. Out of some one million members there are bound to be some who do not follow out the principles and foundation of the organization. But so it is with practically all organizations, you will find such members. How can and why should an organization be judged by such members?

Every veteran who enlisted in the U. S. Army or Navy from April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 and who holds an honorable discharge and is without a criminal record are entitled to membership in the Legion, which was chartered by an Act of Congress. Our one million members include Jew and Gentile as well as white and black. In our local post we have one member, to my knowledge, who is of Jewish faith. I respect him and the post respects him as being of the highest type of a Legion member, and would only like to have many more members of his standard.

I have traced this gasty rumor that is being circulated within our community to its source. I find the parties responsible are neither Jewish nor eligible of Legion membership. They only desire to damage the principles of the American Legion as an organization as well as its members by circulating such falsehoods.

I know there are people of the Jewish faith within our community who have the intelligence and backbone to refute such false accusations. It is to these people that I appeal that they may seek the truth and held expose such culprits that would spread such poison propaganda. We yet have faith in mankind and our America.

— Leon G. Benefiel,
 Sr. Vice Commander

THANKS FOR THE HOSPITAL

To the Editor:

Being the first one to take advantage of the Greenbelt Hospital, I feel that it is fitting for me also to express my gratitude for the wonderful care my daughter and I received. Due to this fact I returned six months later for a major operation which I've been putting off for several years. Now after three weeks of convalescence I am able to go to New York and bring back my children. Thank God for the wonderful place in which we live.

— Mrs. William May

Letters to the Editor must not be more than 250 words long for publication.

Co-op Question Box

GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES

HEALTH ASSOCIATION CREDIT UNION

Q. If "I never need a doctor" why should I join the Health Association?

A. Most of us never know when we do need a doctor. Often we hesitate to call on him thinking we will "feel better in the morning" and save his fee. When you belong to the Association you do not hesitate to call because you have already paid for the service in dues. Many serious illnesses begin with small danger signals which we neglect until it is too late.

ooOoo

Q. What are the duties of the directors of the Greenbelt Credit Union?

A. The principal duty of the directors of the Credit Union is attending the monthly meetings to discuss and pass on matters of policy and operation. In addition, various special duties are assigned each director. One acts as treasurer, another as clerk, and a third as public relations counsel.

ooOoo

Q. When ownership of the local stores is transferred to us as a cooperative, won't the name be changed to include the word cooperative?

A. No, there will be no change in the name. Maryland law does not allow the use of the word cooperative in names of businesses other than farmer cooperatives. The present name was selected as suggesting the same idea.

The cooperative will not set up a new corporation. It will merely become the owner of all the present corporation's stock, after the corporation's charter and by-laws have been amended in accordance with the cooperative subscribers' wishes to authorize cooperative practices. The amendments to the by-laws are to be extensive, being in fact, the substitution of an entirely new document.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

The Christmas song of celebration is ended. Is it trite to say, "but the melody should linger on"? At this season, we think, pray and sing much about our divine Saviour's birth. The lore of the miraculous, the halos of beauty and sanctity are all contained in our adoration and worship. The exchange of gifts and good-will complete the experience of Christmas-time. But the emotions that are the vehicles for love and goodness soon disappear, and the true expressions of Christianity are once again watered under with the incoming tide of everyday-practical-life. Beautiful is the picture of the Christmas story which annually excites our imagination and greatly stimulates our emotions. The "song" is lovely, but what is the "melody" that should linger on throughout the year?

The following has always impressed me as far more durable and lasting, and as being a "melody" which lingers constantly in my mind. I wish to share it:

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of his divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth while he was dying—and that was his coat. When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of...progress.

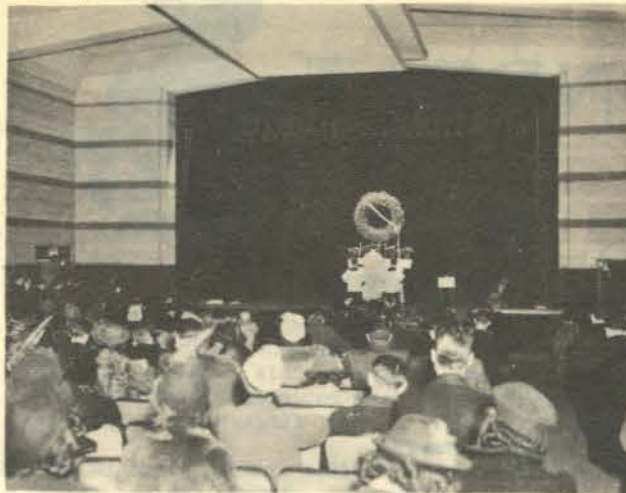
"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life."

The name of the man who wrote these words is unknown. We deduce that he was an Englishman and it is a certainty that he was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. I like the quality and strength of this "melody".

Marvin J. Nevius of 20-A Parkway died of a heart attack Tuesday, December 26, 1939. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. Mr. Nevius was 69 years of age.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held Wednesday, January 3, at 8 o'clock in Room 200 of the Elementary School. All those who might be interested are invited.

Midnight Mass



— Photo by Mead

Christmas feature of Greenbelt was the Midnight Mass in the Auditorium, attended by many non-Catholics as well as Catholic Church members.

THE HOPE DIVINE

My brother is a German and worships far away
The very God that I do when I kneel down to pray.

My brother is a Russian who seeks as best he can
My Heavenly Father's guidance and help in all he plans.

My brother is a Frenchman who in his every need
Desires my Father's spirit and follows in its lead.

My brother lives through all the earth with any race
or creed—
Who calls my God his Father and sows for Him good deeds.

My brother shares my heritage of star and thronging
host,
He learned to sing as I did of Him we love the most.

My brother's suffering haunts me, I cannot shut it out,
I cannot feel the joy this year the angels sang about.

My brother's hands are groping for what strength
there is in mine
That we may search together for the Christmas hope divine.

— Calvary Parsonage, Washington, Christmas 1939



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I have mumbled under my breath for many moons in protest against blue and white porcelain "No Smoking" sign that faces us as we sit in our auditorium. It fits the simple beauty of that hall no more than a "Dr. Jones Syrup Cures All" sign fits mountain scenery.

It might not be objectional in a hamburger joint. And now that I have been to the recent meeting of the Health Association I can see no reason for the sign remaining where it is. Before that meeting was over the place was rank with cigarette smoke, ashes were well strewn about, and the fire of more than one cigarette was extinguished between their smokers' feet and the valuable floor our sign is supposed to protect.

Now, I believe the floor should be protected—actually protected; furthermore I think we should abide by the regulations of our community, and heed the admonitions of our officials.

But it is proved that this sign brings about neither of these desired ends. Its cold unctuousness merely clashes with the warm color of the auditorium.

I suggest that the sign be removed, that the scar it leaves in the wall be patched as well as may be, that the words "No Smoking" be nicely painted there in a shade of brown or other color that agrees with the color of the wall, and that presiding officers of groups meeting in the hall be required to see that the sign is not disregarded by members of their respective groups.

— Howard C. Custer

WITH THE PLAYERS



Jack Pickering, assistant theater manager, is reported to be interested in radio script writing. He is said to have written a number of stories already, and recently turned two over to Bill Kinsley, Players president, for consideration in connection with the proposed Players' participation in the coming WJSV amateur drama series.

It is hoped that in some future day it may be possible that the children of the audience will be so schooled that they can appreciate at least the less farcial plays "in decorum dignified". This is probably too much to ask of the very young, but certainly some of those disturbing youngsters who occupied seats in the front of the house on the second night of "The Cradle Song" were not too young to exhibit consideration toward the people on the stage.

Joe Maynard, chairman of the play selection committee, reports that lack of plays to read constitutes the reason for the committee's failure to produce three plays for the group to select from for the next production. It seems that Maynard has requested a number of books from a Baltimore organization, with no result. In this connection it may be that the companies dealing in amateur plays can furnish some of these stories on approval, pending selection of the scripts desired.

Disappointment reigned in the Players last week when the audience for "The Cradle Song" turned out to be somewhat lean. It was expected that more people would turn out due to the fact that the play was presented as a church benefit. Someone has suggested that perhaps a number of church-goers were devout to the extent that they disbelieved in attendance at dramatic functions.

In the staff of the Players, Lyman L. Woodman, publicity director since June of this year, resigned as of December 20.

Edwin Miles' name was inadvertently omitted from the list published last week of those who worked all night to get the proposed cooperative by-laws and financial agreement into the hands of the subscribers to the cooperative as soon as possible.

— Lyman L. Woodman

Places to Go

The COOPERATOR lists below Advertisers who offer a wide variety of food, beverages and entertainment. They are helping Greenbelt to build its paper so we ask our Readers to try these Advertisers before going elsewhere.

Starlight Inn Baltimore Boulevard. Quality Food, Pabst Blue Ribbon on draught - Dancing every night. Orchestras Friday and Saturday.

Town Hall Balto. Blv'd - North of College Park DANCING-NIGHTLY to RHYTHM LADS ORCHESTRA BEER - MIXED DRINKS - FOOD - DELICATESSEN

Varsity Grill College Park, Maryland. We offer a late supper and early breakfast, lunch and dinner, beer and wine. "Wind up that Party at the Varsity Grill."

Whalen's Sea Food Restaurant 4512 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, Md. Delicious Dinners, Mixed Drinks, Dancing. See our Pit Barbecue. Private Dining Room for Clubs and Parties. Oyster Roast every Sunday 2:00 P.M. until ?.

GREENBELT THEATRE

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 28 & 29



Saturday, Dec. 30

One Day Only



Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31 & Jan.



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REDUCED OUT-OF-TOWN TELEPHONE RATES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

The same low rates for telephone calls that apply regularly after 7 p.m. on weekdays and all day on Sunday will also be in effect all day on Monday, January 1. This means you can send New Year's greetings by telephone at the lowest rate anytime from 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, to 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 1940.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City
Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc.
Over Drug Store Greenbelt 3041



MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt:

Gee this is awful! The worst thing about writing this on Saturday night for you to read on Thursday night is that Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Santa Claus all get here in between those dates. It's hard to write tonight what will interest you after the jingle of the sleigh bells has faded on the winter air when my mind is full of stockings to be hung, trees to set up and packages to be unwrapped.

But by the time you read this the shouting and the tumult will have died away and the over-proud turkey will look like a "prop" for a desert scene. And you will be all ready to face a new year. May I hope that it will be a happy one for you—for us all?

— Peggie Arness

RECIPES

Does your conscience hurt you when you have to throw out bacon fat? If you are one who accumulates more than you can utilize, try making the following salad dressing with it:

3/4 cup milk
2 tblsp. flour
2 tblsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. mustard
1/4 cup vinegar
2 tblsp. bacon fat

1/4 tsp. salt

Mix dry ingredients, add milk, then the vinegar slowly. Cook over low fire, stirring until it thickens. Add bacon fat. The addition of one egg slightly beaten will give this a better flavor and color. When the egg is added, use only 1 tablespoon flour. If made without an egg, add a little butter for coloring.

If you're looking for a salad dressing which contains no lively condiments and is therefore on the children's list of "may-haves", make up a batch of this:

2 eggs, (for richer dressing use only the yolks of 3 eggs instead of the entire 2 eggs)
1 rounded teaspoon salt juice of 2 lemons
8 tablespoons salad oil

Of course the secret of a smooth salad dressing is the beating after every addition and for a few minutes after everything's in.

ICE BOX COOKIES

1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup shortening
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. cream of tartar
4 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 cup nuts or coconut

Mix in order given, sifting dry ingredients together. Form in loaf and let stand in ice box several hours. Slice and bake in moderate oven.

Here is a man's recipe for easy dessert (A Man would make it easy):

8 heaping teaspoons of CO-OP chocolate malted milk
1-1/3 cups CO-OP evaporated milk.

Whip together, put in ice tray, freeze; makes over a pint of dessert at a cost of 10 cents.

Women in "Building America"

From shrinking violets to militant suffragettes is the pictorial account of the elevation of women in the social mass as shown by Vol. IV, No. 4 of Building America. This photographic magazine of Modern Problems, published by the Society for Curriculum Study and used by many progressive schools in their social science courses, is on the shelves of the Greenbelt library.

The issue—Women—gives an excellent pictorial account of women's struggle for civil rights and her present fight to gain economic and social equality with men. They are still defending the right to work outside the home, to better pay, and to more healthful working conditions.

It is interesting to note that the reforms which women lobbied for and demanded before Congressional committees were considered inimical to the sanctity of the home and the progress of business. When these were attained, none of the calamities befell the nation, but it seemed to prosper in spite of the reforms.

Those who were interested in the program for women in the future should read this issue of Building America. Ask the librarian for it.

Page Lady Macbeth

Now that we've settled the subject of ink spots on the carpet, one of our friends sends in the following, which seem apropos at this post-holiday season when anything can have happened—from overturned midnight coffee cups to cut fingers due to picking up broken tree ornaments.

To remove cocoa or coffee stains, rinse in cold water until stain disappears. Beware the hot water. It will set the stain.

Lukewarm water and Ivory or Co-Op Floating soap will take away blood stains. Wash thoroughly and then rinse with lukewarm water.

Rust stains will disappear like magic if daubed with a mixture of lemon juice and salt and held over steam.

Thanks to Mrs. Johnston for these excellent suggestions. They are worthy of being pasted in a handy book for quick reference.

SAILOR'S CATEGORY

Carlotta,—of the blue-black hair,
See her

Dancing there?

Warm shadowed eyes
Where light love lies;
Her pomegranate lips—
Her smooth swaying hips;
And ankles bare;
Carlotta,—of the blue-black hair!

Sweet Hulda,—of the flax-like hair,
see her

Standing there?

Bright shining eyes—
Blue, dipt in skies;
Her clear pearly teeth
With sharp tongue beneath;
She is so fair;
Sweet Hulda,—of the flax-like hair!

Annetta,—of the mouse-brown hair,
See her

Sitting there?

Fine, frank grey eyes
Where soft lights rise;
Her round, gentle cheeks
Where now a blush peeks:
Bold is she ne'er;
Annetta,—of the mouse-brown hair!

Gay Sharon,—of the flame-red hair,
See her

Laughing there?

Brown, lively eyes
Where mirth ne'er dies;
Her bright flashing smile
Haunting to the Nile—
Assumes no air;
Gay Sharon,—of the flame-red hair!

O Sweet one,—of the soft, grey hair,
See her

Waiting there?

Kind, smiling eyes,
Understanding, wise;
Her comforting hand
Mine in any land;
For her I care;
O Mother,—of the soft grey hair!
— Betsy Woodman

Milk Protest Gets Approval of County Citizens

The Maryland Milk Committee headed by Dr. Mary A. Schorb met recently and unanimously approved the brief which was to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture protesting the inclusion of the Maryland area in the proposed milk marketing agreement.

Thomas R. Freeman, as representative of the Greenbelt Citizens Association suggested getting the endorsement of the Federation of Citizens Associations of Prince Georges County in this matter. His suggestion was accepted by the committee. Mr. Freeman presented the matter before the Federation the same night and received its approval.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

A full course turkey dinner was served by the Nifty Shoppers Club to fifteen members of the Club and their guest, Miss Ollie Hoffman, on the evening of December 20 in the Domestic Science Room at the Elementary School.

After dinner, gifts were exchanged and various games were enjoyed.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday evening, January 10, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Henshaw, 5-A Ridge Road.

Mrs. Peggy Loftus' group of Better Buyers were entertained at luncheon on December 14 with Mrs. Dorothea Childs as hostess. No business was taken up at this meeting, it having been voted at the previous meeting to make this a real Christmas party. After luncheon, gifts were exchanged and opened.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mary Fitzmaurice, 4-C Parkway, January 11, at 2:00 P.M.

Nasturtiums in bloom for Christmas was the boast of Donald H. Cooper, editor of the Cooperator, last week. The plants, remnants of a bed which bloomed through the summer and fall, bore an even dozen blossoms throughout the freezing weather of the Christmas week end. The plants are in a sheltered corner and half covered with leaves.

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SPORTS

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Rockville A.A. Defeats Reps

Last Thursday night the Greenbelt Reps journeyed to Rockville, Maryland, to engage the fast Rockville A.A. basketball team, and returned home on the short end of a 54 to 41 score. This was the second defeat against five victories for our boys, but according to reports that have found their way to the press room, they should have won this.

It seems that quite a bit of controversy arose over certain plays used by Rockville that were ruled out of the books a long time ago. Then, also, the Reps' did not play heads-up basketball, and discussion among the ranks resulted in the loss of many points. With all this, Greenbelt did manage to gather 41 points, McDonald accounting for 13, and Wurl for 10. Hershberger, of Rockville, was high man for the game of 14 points.

Coach Resnick announced that some drastic changes are forthcoming as a result of the last two games, in which poor teamwork and personal criticisms were very noticeable, and the selection of a new first team for the games of the New Year is the first change to be made.

BOX SCORE

GREENBELT	POS	G	F	PTS	ROCKVILLE	POS	G	F	PTS
Cain	F	2	0	4	Hershberger	F	5	4	14
Wurl	F	5	0	10	Smith	F	0	0	0
Marack	F	1	0	2	Becker	F	6	0	12
Abrahams	F	0	0	0	McCoskey	C	1	0	2
Blanchard	C	1	1	3	Miller	G	0	0	0
Boggs	G	1	0	2	Lanier	G	6	1	13
Giersch	G	0	0	0	Wooten	G	0	0	0
Barker	G	1	1	3	Markland	G	5	3	13
McDonald	G	4	5	13	Sheckles	G	0	0	0
Klepser	G	1	0	2					
Alder	G	1	0	2					
Total		17	7	41		23	8	54	

Yuletide Sweep Won by Blanchard

The Greenbelt Duckpin Bowling League held their first Yuletide Bowling Sweepstakes last Tuesday night, December 19, 1939, at the College Park Alleys. Sixty one members entered the tournament, and quite a few good sets were rolled by the contestants.

The tournament was won by Bill Blanchard, of the Blues, who spilled the maples for a 373-78-451 set, and Frank Lastner, who rolls with the Crescents, captured second prize with a 356-48-404 set. In this set, Frank scored a 151 game, establishing a new high individual game in the league. Third prize was won by Trehella, of the Cardinals, with 341-60-401, and Jack Maffay, captain of the Scribes, scored a 318-81-399 set, which captured fourth prize. The fifth prize for high set was won by Wright, of the Knights of Columbus team, who rolled a 289-108-397. The sixth and only prize for high game was won by Bill Krebs of the Jaguars, who had a 137-18-155 game.

Greenbelt High Quintet Meets Oxon Hill Team

The Greenbelt High School basketball team play their first interscholastic game against Oxon Hill High on Friday, January 5, 1940. The team this year is gradually rounding into shape, being built around some of last year's veterans. Many good prospects are expected from the new members out for practice, and Coach Wurl is working up some very good plays in preparation for the opener.

Greenbelt High was very successful last year against Oxon Hill, defeating them in both games by 36 to 20 and 32 to 20 scores. Greenbelt was also undefeated last year in county competition. Good luck, boys.

Greenbelt Bowling League

With every team winning their matches by a two to one margin, the members of the Greenbelt Duckpin Bowling League completed the first round of league competition last Tuesday night, December 19, 1939, at the College Park Alleys.

In the 7 o'clock round, the Jaguars beat the Scribes, the Blues defeated the American Legion, the Eagles bowled over the Consumers Services team, and the Knights of Columbus nosed out the Starlight #2.

At 9 o'clock, the Romans took on the Lions and lost, the Musketeers defeated the Crescents, Starlight #1 dropped their match to the Cardinals, and the Buckeroos continued their climb up the ladder by defeating the Holi-Rollers.

All bowlers will rest up this week, no games being scheduled for the holiday season, to be in top shape for the start of the second and final half of the schedule on Tuesday, January 2, 1940. Next week, on your Sports page, the complete averages of every bowler of the league will be published. What is your average?

STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
Musketeers	33	12	23017
Starlight #1	28	17	21794
Lions	28	17	21545
Crescents	27	18	21694
Cardinals	27	18	21485
Buckeroos	27	18	21100
Starlight #2	24	21	20177
Scribes	23	22	20051
Consumer Services	22	23	20965
Jaguars	21	24	22258
Eagles	21	24	21353
Holi-Rollers	18	27	20400
Knights of Columbus	17	28	20297
American Legion	17	28	19836
Romans	16	29	18044
Blues	11	34	20511

High Team Game - Musketeers 565; Crescents 564.
 High Team Set - Musketeers 1665; Crescents 1595.
 High Ind. Game - Lastner 151; Temple 147.
 High Ind. Set - Temple 415; MacEwen 380.
 High Flat Game - Allen 95; H. Wood and Miller 94.
 High Spares - Temple 128; Milbrook 102.
 High Strikes - Temple 37; Dove 26.
 High Averages - Temple 119-43; Araujo 107-15; Milbrook 106-33; Lastner 105-33; MacEwen 105-20.

BOWLING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2, 1940

Alleys 1 and 2 - Romans vs. Crescents	7 P.M.
3 and 4 - Holi-Roll vs. Starlight #1	7 P.M.
5 and 6 - Scribes vs. Amer. Legion	7 P.M.
7 and 8 - Cee Men vs. Con. Serv.	7 P.M.
1 and 2 - Eagles vs. K. of C.	9 P.M.
3 and 4 - Jaguars vs. Blues	9 P.M.
5 and 6 - Cardinals vs. Buckeroos	9 P.M.
7 and 8 - Lions vs. Musketeers	9 P.M.

Greenbelt A. C. Basketball League

The eight teams of the Greenbelt Basketball League met last Friday night, December 22, for their four contests.

The first game between the Jints and the Bees was forfeited by the Jints, and gave the Bees undisputed possession of first place. L.D.S. scored their second victory in the second game when they defeated the Snob Hill Quintet and the Colts smothered the Athletics with an avalanche of baskets to gain an easy one sided victory in the third. In the last game, the best of the night, the Cee Men turned the tables and handed the Dumbells their first defeat in a very close game.

Friday, January 5, the last round of the first half will be played, and on the following Friday, January 12, the second half will get under way.

STANDING OF TEAMS

TEAMS	WON	LOST	TIED
Bees	6	0	0
Dumbells	5	1	0
Cee Men	5	1	0
Jints	2	3	1
L.D.S.	2	3	1
Snob Hill	1	5	0
Athletics	0	6	0

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1940

7:30 P.M. Colts vs. Snob Hill
8:15 P.M. Athletics vs. Jints
9:00 P.M. Bees vs. Dumbells
9:45 P.M. Cee Men vs. L. D. S.

Greenbelt Athletic Association Plans Banquet

Plans for the Second Annual Greenbelt Athletic Association Banquet are under way, and from the latest reports, an affair equal to that of last year's is in the offing. The only difference this year is that it will not be such an elaborate occasion with respect to cost. The tickets will be cheaper this year, giving those men who could not attend last year an opportunity to be present this year. Tentative plans show the date to be some night in February.

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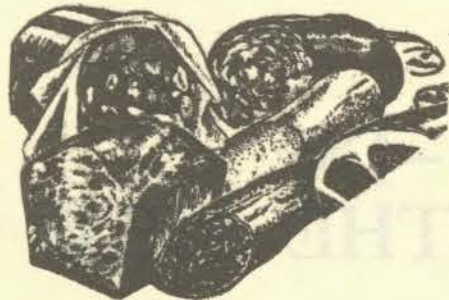
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"Cradle Song" --- A Review

From a placid and even dry beginning, complicated no little by both muffled diction and noisy air conditioning equipment, "Cradle Song" advanced by degrees to a point of audibility and genuine interest.

The theme of this play is the impact on the dry and sterile existences of the characters of an object on which they can lavish a real, human, and selfless devotion.

The chief characters in the "comedy" are the inmates of a Convent of Enclosed Dominican Nuns. The humanity of these "brides of God" was portrayed with nicety and poise by the toute ensemble with rather more in the way of mechanical stumbling than was indicated in the last Players' performance, but perhaps with more justification, as there was little action to guide the players in their lines.

The action is strictly limited and the character portrayals confined to speech and attitude. This type of play is more difficult to put across, and the sustained applause for the performance all the more richly deserved by the troupe.

The story itself, divided into two acts of one scene each, deals with the tribulations of these sisters who are so strictly secluded from worldly contact in their cloister, especially when beset by the flesh and the devil. The sisters move under the aegis of a kindly and tolerant Prioress—whose matriarchate was ably portrayed by Margaret Miller.

In the opening scenes, the three novices, Sister Sagrario (Marjorie Ketcham), Sister Marcella (Anne Hull) and Sister Joanna of the Cross (Elizabeth Goldfaden), find the juices of life still running through their veins a thought too richly and freely for their secluded and sedate vocation. They are, as a result, constantly clashing with the martinet vicarress (Betsy Woodman) for their numerous infractions of the rules. Sister Marcella, for her pagan joy in life, in the sun, in color, movement, and flight, in the sheer delight of being. Sister Joanna for her irrepressible pleasure in the budding lives of the brood of seven over whom she was the shepherdess for her parents. The acidulous vicarress clashes with the novices constantly and with their interceder, the Mistress of Novices (Dorothy Harris).

The climax of the scene comes with the abandonment of a waif at the Convent gate by a self-confessed bawd, which the nuns are moved to take under their protection for the very sake of the love they profess for their Creator. This they are enabled to do because of the child's adoption by the old Doctor to the nunnery (Sherrod East). This is done, to be sure, over the vinegary protests of the vicarress, but with the hearty endorsement of the novices to whom this is a breath from their recently abandoned world. Sister Joanna's frustrated instinct of motherhood moves her to an immediate cherishing of the orphan, and its adoption as a substitute for her own little flock.

The second act, 18 years later, pictures the waif—now Teresa (Marita Freeman) a young lady—about to be married to her choice Antonio (Dayton Hull); who loves her and is moved by the deepest regard for her "mothers", the nuns, for the care they have lavished on her, and the fine spiritual qualities they have instilled in her by precept and example. They have achieved the ultimate in balance between the joyous coltish spirit budding into womanhood and the soul of the mother—and mentor-to-be, to Antonio's profound wonderment.

This is Teresa's last day within the Convent walls, and she is receiving her completed trousseau from the sisters, and even the flinty facade of the vicarress shows a few cracks from the effects of the child's continual presence. The novices—novices no longer—still show that the juices of life are hard to dry up completely, but they are more repressed than formerly.

The nuns present Teresa with her trousseau, Antonio, and the Doctor—now aged—come for her to take her away forever, and the girl and the nuns part in a touching scene, which is climaxed by the heart-broken bereavement of Teresa's "mother" Sister Joanna.

This last scene was highly emotional, had highly contrasting nuances of feeling with the meeting of these kindred spirits on a plane of mutual love and regard, which it required a masterful touch to portray so that it would be neither wooden nor pathetic. That this scene was carried off is due in no small measure to excellent acting ability of all the Players, especially Marita Freeman, Elizabeth Goldfaden, Margaret Miller, Sherrod East, and Dayton Hull.

The play demonstrated Dorothy East to have directorial ability of a high order, by the unconstrained performance, where a false note would have created havoc. All things considered, the performance was a splendid one, and spoke well of the group.

Those who missed the performance lost the opportunity for a real treat, not to omit the quartet, which gave a fine musical interlude.

NOTE: What in the world could the parents have been thinking of who sent that set of rowdy youngsters, which would have been obviously more at home in a session with Donald Duck, to see this play?

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