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## COUNCIL SLASHES BUDGET; REDUCES TOWN TAX RATE

Town Council meeting Wednesday night, December 27, was marked by a lively debate on the proposed public health set-up, and by extensive budget-slashing. By cutting \$1,050.00 from the proposed budget, the tax rate was reduced from \$2.115 per hundred dollars to \$2.08.

Citizens present at the session wished to know how the proposed public health arrangement would be an improvement over that now in force, and whether "the underprivileged" would be forced, under the new set-up, to join the Health Association. A definite need for home nursing service was expressed by several women present.

Roy S. Braden expressed the opinion that a full time public health officer, assisted by nurses from the hospital, could carry out a program more coordinated than the present one. This officer would have no connection with the Health Association, and no one need feel any compulsion to join.

Dr. Samuel Berenberg declared that the community was not at present getting its money's worth for public health service, citing for example the disproportionate amount of time found necessary to perform clerical work. Under such circumstances, he said, it was difficult for the department to reach and serve the entire community effectively. The new budget provides enough to pay a clerk, besides the health officer and part-time nurses released from the hospital for public health work. Dr. Berenberg emphasized the point that public health service should be purely educational, and that medical advice should be sought only from a physician. "In a self-sufficient community such as Greenbelt", he stated, "social service work is as out of place as an Animal Rescue League would be."

It was suggested that Greenbelt ask the advice of the State Public Health Department in setting up its Public Health unit, and Mr. Braden commented that relations with this Department have been far from satisfactory. For example, he said, Greenbelt has had to buy outright, serums and anti-toxins which are distributed free of charge to other Maryland towns, on the grounds that Greenbelt is not a tax-paying community.

Councilman Ruth Taylor expressed a concern that some supervision by the Public Health Department be kept over children sent home from school because of colds and other ailments, and to prevent them from playing with pre-school children in the neighborhood, thus spreading possible infection.

The proposed public health set-up will be discussed further at the next regular meeting of the Town Council on January 8.

Reductions in the budget took the shape of a \$100 cut in office expenses under General Government, a \$250 reduction in repairs and replacements under Garbage Collection, \$200 from personal services under Public Health, \$100 from Hospital material and supplies, and \$100 from the Insurance Fund for compensation and liability. The Contingency Fund was decreased from \$1,520.00 to \$1,220.00.

## FOOD STORE TRAINS MANAGERS

The Council for Cooperative Business Training, organized recently for the purpose of training cooperative store managers, has sent Adam Lohaus and Leonard Brocco, both of New York City, to Greenbelt for a short training period in the Food Store.

Because so many small cooperative stores are being established, there is a need for managers who not only have some training in the practical affairs of store management but also have some knowledge of the theory of cooperatives. It is to give potential managers such schooling that the Council for Cooperative Business Training was organized.

This new organization was made possible by a grant from the Good Will Fund which was founded by the late Edward A. Filene. On its board of directors are Arthur E. Albrecht and Lionel Perkins of the Rochdale Institute, Percy S. Brown and Herbert E. Evans of the Consumer Distribution Corporation, and Leslie E. Woodcock and Robert L. Smith of the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale, Inc. Rudolf Treunfels is the secretary and treasurer of the Council for Cooperative Business Training whose offices are located at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

The training period lasts approximately three months. One-half of it is spent in school where the theoretical side of cooperatives is taught. The other half is spent in selected model cooperative stores where the practical training is given. The Council for Cooperative Business Training will select 15 model cooperative stores in which future managers will further their cooperative education. Greenbelt's Food Store has been chosen as a model store, thus becoming Model Store No. 1.

The men in the Food Store are proud of the fact that their store has become a training center for prospective managers. Several of them have applied for the training in order to become more familiar with the theoretical side of cooperatives. One man will be sent from here to receive the training. Who it will be is not yet known.

The training class is not limited to cooperative store employees only. Others may also apply, but the size of the class is limited to 30.

## Kindergarten Children Build Auto and Trailer



Photo by O. Kline Fulmer

(As told by Frank Hale, Joanne Taylor, Mary Ann Smith, and Dick Duter, of the afternoon kindergarten class.)

Have you seen our house trailer? If you haven't, come and see it. We made the trailer and car out of wood and put paper around it. We hammered nails and thumb tacks to make it stay. We knew how to make our big trailer, because we made little trailers first for a pattern.

One day we saw a real big trailer out in back of the stores on the parking lot. It belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore. They invited us in to see the trailer, so we could figure our's out.

Inside of our house trailer is furniture. We sewed curtains for it too. On the outside are the licenses, flower boxes, awnings, chimney, wheels, and hook. We painted the house yellow, blue, red, black and green.

Our car has crates for seats. We have a starter, a foot brake, the gas, clutch, steering wheel, a dash board which has a clock and radio, and a thing that tells how much gas and how hot it is. It has a spare tire. Our windows are made out of cellophane. We painted our car with blue and black paint.

We know all about the other kinds of trailers. There are library trailers, doctor-trailers, camp trailers, candy, ice-cream and hot dog trailers, store trailers, and telegram trailers.

There are trailer camps for house trailers. The trailers park in these camps. Some of these camps are called "Trailer Towns".

This is why we would like to live in a trailer: Mary Ann Smith—"I would like to live in a trailer because you could ride and play in it all the same time and it would be fun."

Joanne Taylor—"I would like to live in a trailer because you could do everything you want—like cook, sleep, eat and ride."

Dick Duter—"I would like to live in a trailer because you could go from one town to another."

Frank Hale—"I would like to live in a trailer because you could go a long way—live over in California and those places."

## Nominating Committee Prepares For Next Credit Union Election

A nominating committee which will select a slate of officers for the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union to serve during the coming year was appointed last week by Frederick L. Wilde, president of the credit union. Glendon L. Allred, Donald H. Wagstaff, and Joseph E. Bargas, all of whom are active participants in community affairs, make up the committee.

The slate put forward by the nominating committee will be voted on by the credit union members at the annual meeting to be held January 17. At the same meeting members will vote on the declaration of a dividend to be paid on deposits. Profits for the year amounted to \$418.51 at the end of November, 1939. A large part of this will be divided among the members in proportion to the amount of savings that have been on deposit during the year.

Of the present officers only Valma A. Brewer and George E. Hodsdon still have unexpired terms, both of these directors having been elected for a two year term at the last annual meeting. Thad Shannon also carries over as one of the three credit committee members who pass on applications for loans. The directors whose terms expire are: Frederick L. Wilde, Dayton W. Hull, Oscar B. Lightner, and Ernest E. Demitatis. Also expiring is the term of Harold H. Key, credit committee member. The supervisory committee, which performs the function of auditor, will have three vacancies to fill; Bernard Jones and Fred A. DeJager have terms which will expire this year. At present there is one vacancy on each committee and one on the board of directors, all of which will be filled at the annual meeting.

Members of the credit union attending the annual meeting exercise control over a substantial banking business. The 523 members had on deposit at the end of November, 1939, the sum of \$13,068.51, most of which is working in the form of loans to members who have availed themselves of the credit privileges. Mr. Wilde expressed the hope that a large proportion of the membership will attend the annual meeting on January 17, so that they may hear an account of the stewardship, exercised by the officers in the conduct of Greenbelt's only banking facilities.

## VOLCKHAUSEN LEADS VOTE CAST IN G. C. S. ELECTION

By R. S. Sowell

A meeting, considered by many as being the most important in Greenbelt's history, was held Tuesday evening, January 2, in the Auditorium by nearly 200 subscribers of Greenbelt's long-awaited consumers' cooperative. The most important business transacted there was the selection of nine residents who will serve—four of them for six months and five for one year—as directors of the reorganized Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., which reorganization, according to present plans, should be accomplished by January 11.

The five candidates elected to serve one-year terms (in the order of their selection) were Walter R. Volckhausen, Howard C. Custer, Sherrod E. East, Fred C. Wilde, and Dr. Joe W. Still.

Those chosen to serve six-month terms (in the order of their selection) were Mrs. Carnie Harper, Mrs. Bertha Maryn, Joseph Loftus, and Earl J. Swailes.

Eighteen Greenbelters were candidates for the nine positions on the board of directors. In addition to those who were elected, the following were candidates:

Glendon L. Allred, Allan S. Arness, Mrs. Bernice Brautigam, Eugene Reynolds Henderson, Francis J. Lastner, Isaac Schwartz, George Tretter, Donald Wagstaff, and Denzil D. Wood.

After some 14 months of hard work on the part of the Cooperative Organizing Committee, a citizens' committee elected by the Greenbelt Citizens Association, all arrangements have been completed and the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., on January 9 or 10—whichever day the present stockholder (the Consumer Distribution Corporation, represented either by Percy Brown or Herbert E. Evans, president and vice-president, respectively, of C.D.C.) meets in Baltimore and certain legal papers are filed with the State—will be transformed into a consumers' cooperative owned and operated by the participating residents of Greenbelt and a few non-residents who have subscribed. At that time the old board of directors will appoint as directors those Greenbelters selected Tuesday evening and then resign. Thus, the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., will become a locally-owned cooperative.

On December 29, the old board of directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., met and adopted measures which (1) amended the organization's charter permitting the adoption of by-laws suitable for Greenbelt's cooperative, (2) replaced the old by-laws with those approved at the subscribers' meeting on December 12, subject to a few revisions which were approved by the subscribers last Tuesday evening, (3) retired the stock owned by Consumer Distribution Corporation, and (4) issued 303 shares of stock (303 voting shares and 40 non-voting shares) to the paid-up subscribers, in exchange for checks totalling \$3,430 from the Cooperative Organizing Committee, acting for and in accordance with an agreement between the committee and the subscribers.

This method of procedure allows the corporation to be transformed into a consumers' cooperative without any interruption in the organization. It was expected that these arrangements would be completed by and be effective on January 1, 1940 (as published in last week's Cooperator). However, legal technicalities necessitated a 10-day delay in the actual filing of the necessary official papers.

Chairman Walter R. Volckhausen of the C.O.C. has been assured by Percy Brown, president of C.D.C., that these papers will be filed by January 11.

Practically all action taken at Tuesday's meeting was by unanimous vote.

The following persons served as tellers: George Bauer, chairman; Abraham Chasanow; William Robinson; Mrs. Linden S. Dodson; Joseph O'Leary; Mrs. Ruth Taylor; Joe Maynard and Arthur Gawthrop.

## SCOUTS SURPRISE MOTHERS WITH PARTY

With funds raised by taking charge of the check-room at several dances, the Boy Scouts held a surprise party for their mothers on Friday, December 22, in the Social Room at the school.

Games were played and refreshments were served. A glass full of pennies was given as a prize to the mother who could guess most correctly the number in the glass. Mrs. Hennessy was the lucky winner. The names of all the mothers were then put into a hat. Mrs. Pearson, whose name was drawn, won the prize, a compact.

The highlight of the party was the presentation of a tenderfoot pin by each scout to his mother.

## SNOW REMOVAL CREW WERE PREPARED

By the time it stopped snowing Wednesday after Christmas, the town maintenance workers were through clearing away the snow. They began at 7 A.M. and were through by 11:30.

The prescription department of the Greenbelt Drug Store reports that more prescriptions were compounded last Friday, December 29, than ever before in its history.

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### Home Nursing Service

From questions asked and points raised by citizens who attended the Town Council meeting of December 27, when the budget was being discussed, there is evidently some confusion about the duties of a department of public health. Neither this nor any other public health department has been designed to serve as a visiting nurse society, but rather to do educational work to help people to stay healthy and to seek proper medical care when they need it, and to supervise such public—not private services—as prevention of epidemics, examination of school children, inspection of water and milk supply.

That several families have expressed a need for free bedside care does not indicate that our public health organization need be diverted from its proper work. Indigent families in other towns turn to the standard charity and relief organizations which have been set up to provide such services for those who cannot afford to pay for it. Such facilities are available in Greenbelt through the Welfare Committee.

If the need for bedside service is now widespread there remain two proper courses of action. The Health Association could well consider the addition of a home nursing service at a small extra charge per month. This would take care of a third of the town's population at present, more as the Association grows. Some families (about 500) already have home nursing service available through insurance policies. Another solution to the demand, if there is one, would be the setting up of a regular municipal nursing service which could be operated in conjunction with the municipal hospital. Such a project, in order to serve the entire town would run into considerable cost, but we can have it if we want it badly enough to pay for it with increased taxes.

In other communities there is enough spread in income so that the rich can be taxed to provide services for the poor. That is just and proper, but here in Greenbelt we are all in a fairly narrow income stratum. Any service set up here must be available to everyone in town and must be paid for by all of us.

### Self-improvement

No one of us has either the right or the desire to prescribe rules of living for another, but together, as a group, we can and do set up standards by which each member of any community may measure himself.

We don't want everyone to be a conformist—that would indicate stagnation and the death of civilization. Nor do we expect a perfect world. No two of us can agree on what that would be like, and if we had such a state of being we should probably find it disgustingly dull. We can, however, improve ourselves and increase our usefulness to our neighbors, especially with the opportunities offered in this country, and still more especially in Greenbelt.

Habitual drunkenness, excessive gambling, fighting, sex problems, suicide—these are all evidence of individual disorganization and maladjustment to the complex life in which we live. Remedies can and will be found for our great social ills, but they will only come in proportion to the will and energy we as individuals devote to improving our own lives. Those who would be leaders in any community must put their own houses in order before their influence is going to have weight among their neighbors, which is another way of saying that people should practice what they preach.

A minimum code of living in Greenbelt would at least include the curtailment of annoyance to one's neighbors. There will be some who, on reading this, will think a personal rebuke is intended. And indeed there is. There have come to our attention an increasing number of complaints about leaders who have shown a lack of maturity and responsibility, and about neighbors who show flagrant disregard for others among whom they live.

The advantages here should be reserved for those who will use them and build themselves into more useful citizens. Rules for residence should not be set aside to help those who fail in appreciation.

We still think the idea of having periodical welcome meetings for newcomers to Greenbelt is a good idea even though no organization has done anything with the suggestions we outlined in the Cooperator in November. And we still think the Citizens Association is the organization to do the job.

### Snow and Sleds and Children

Snow and Christmas sleds proved an irresistible combination last week for the youngsters, but for the Greenbelt's Department of Public Safety it was something of a headache.

As soon as the work of clearing the streets was under way Wallace Mabee turned his attention to a slide area for sleds and toboggans. Because the slide from the top of A-block down to the end of the lake was not in good condition a portion of the hill on Crescent Road was blocked off from auto traffic. That should have wound up the extra work of Mr. Mabee and his officers for the day, but instead they spent the rest of the day and most of Thursday trying to keep children with sleds from being crushed under autos in other parts of Greenbelt.

When mothers simply turn children loose out-of-doors they not only run the risk of physical danger to that little boy and girl but they impose on the officers the unpleasant task of substituting for the parents. If our officers have to chase the kids off the streets, and continually tell them "Don't do this. You can't do that" they will cease to be the pals they are now and become cops, something formidable from which to hide, something big to resent and sneak away from.

With a few extra minutes, the mother who has won the respect of her children can explain the necessity of sledding in the areas set aside for the purpose, and the advantages of playing in the playgrounds. Streets are not the place for children to play anywhere at any time, and more especially is that true in Greenbelt where ample play areas are provided. Another accident to one of our Greenbelt youngsters would be a sorrow to every family in town.

### The Ultimate Achievement

From his earliest beginnings man was dominated. Dominated first by his environment—by saber-tooth tigers, and mammoths; by famine and pestilence, and finally, by the matriarchy that was the first form of society.

His emergence from this primitive subservience was followed by a period of quasi-voluntary submission to dominance by chieftains, or heroes, or military captains, and even by priests. Never through long, weary ages was he the master of his soul.

Even the flowering of the Grecian culture, and the proud city-states of the Hellenic era, boasted a freedom more imaginary than real. For here, the right of plebeian to challenge the rule and power of patrician, was a pretty little "drama" played in the groaning, sweating, toiling bodies of helots, slaves of the free peoples who ruled all.

The spirit of true democracy was not quickened until after the Renaissance and the Reformation had lighted the way by showing the world that enlightenment and education, that the rule of reason and the inherent rights of individuals to life and liberty were not subject to exception. That each man was the peer of his neighbor, and that circumstance could not be brooked as an instrument for continued oppression of the many unprivileged by the mighty few.

The final flowering of these ideas came with the 18th century and the rise of those movements which overthrew the despotic yoke for the establishment of government by the people, and of the equality of men before the law, of the final incorporation of the Bill of Rights of the days of King John, as a valid, inviolable doctrine of republican government.

The establishment of this equality of men, of the rights of self-rule, of freedom from political, economic, and religious despotism was the culmination of years of effort to achieve a form of society in which equality was the cornerstone of government, where each man was held fit to be the judge of his destiny.

How lightly people must hold this precious privilege wrung with such effort, with such blood and toil from grudging hands, when they would gladly deliver it up for the chimera of "security" under the rule of despots termed "leaders" or "comrades", who are endowed by the same mystic alchemy which held sway centuries ago, with the "divine rights" of absolute rule over their humble and subservient "children".

Surrender of democracy can be no forward step, because there is historical precedent for the rule of "benevolent despots", and they have never achieved their aims and never can.

Only those weaklings who will not pay the price of ceaseless vigilance, of sustained effort, of deep and serious thought can ever believe that yielding up the birthright of freedom for every man regardless of race, creed, or color, is anything but a backward step. Especially when the "state" or the "proletariat" are a handful of men in whom are vested all the rights of the free-born democrat, subject to their caprice and personal prejudice.

### EDWARD



the son of Mr. and Mrs. Comly B. Richie joins his family in boosting Harvey Dairy Milk. Edward is the brother of Priscilla, who in an earlier issue, we inadvertently stated was also a Harvey fan—has been drinking Co-op evaporated milk. But her dad tells us she will soon make the family 100 per cent consumers of Harvey Dairy Milk.

(Photo by Slinkman)

**HARVEY DAIRY**  
Hyattsville 335

## Letters to Editor

DO YOU REMEMBER?

To the Editor:

Do you remember when you moved to Greenbelt and for the first time caught the true spirit of our community? There was the hope of a better life, of better surroundings, of adequate shelter, and of opportunity to be of service to your fellow men. There was the realization that our new home was the keeper of a new spirit among men. A gentle spirit, yet with the strength to grip any heart with its unselfish idealism, its social consciousness, and compassion for the welfare of others.

Here was an economic philosophy that would square with the teachings of Christ, the principles of American Democracy, and the convictions and beliefs common to all good men. Here was a way of life so simple that none need err therein yet so logical and sound as to defy adverse argument. Here was the spiritual satisfaction that can only come from collective achievement in a common Brotherhood. Here was the emotional security that can only come from an abiding faith in the ultimate destiny of the human race. Here was the religious and intellectual freedom that can only come from mutual determination to advance common understanding. Here was the quiet beauty, the dignity, the practicability that can only come from design and planning. In short, you caught a spirit which, in its complete development, is known as "Cooperative Philosophy".

—Howard M. Gibson

### WITH THE PLAYERS



A play review ordinarily has its prime purpose in furnishing to prospective second and third-nighters, a synopsis of the story which is available to their attendance on nights subsequent to the release of the review. In other words, a newspaper or magazine review is further publicity for the acting group on their current show, and is a service offered by the paper to its readers on an existing entertainment—not one that has ceased to exist.

While the Players appreciated the review, as such, which appeared following "The Cradle Song" in last week's issue, it was not a service of value to either the Cooperator readers as a separate group, or to the Players, simply because it appeared in print too late. If the Cooperator came out on Wednesday after noon instead of Thursday, it would have been a different situation—a better one.

The service of greatest good in connection with the productions of the local drama group, therefore, would be an out-and-out criticism following the play, of the handling of the dialogue, the mechanics of the action, the preparation of the set, and the appearance of the make-up.

The Greenbelt Players organization is performing what might be termed a civic service. It exists for two principal reasons: first, to offer to the community an appreciation of the drama; second, to provide a communal creative activity for the leisure-time pleasure and benefit of the citizens who participate. For these reasons it seems logical that the Players expect the support and cooperation of the administration and the population. Helpful newspaper criticism of the group's endeavors is certainly support which will aid in increasing the skill of the actors and actresses of our town.

—Lyman L. Woodman



### Co-op Question Box

GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES

HEALTH ASSOCIATION

CREDIT UNION

Q. How long does it take to get a loan from the credit union?

A. The time it takes to get a loan varies from 15 minutes to a week or more, depending on a number of factors. If you have been a member in good standing for several months and have a reasonable share balance, you can get a loan much more quickly than the man who has just joined and whose credit record must be investigated. And, of course, since the office hours must be limited, there are inevitable waits occasioned by people who arrived ahead of you.

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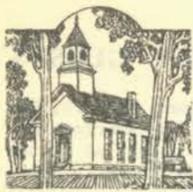
Q. Why does Consumer Services elect its directors by the Hare Proportional Representation method?

A. This is a difficult question to answer briefly. The Hare method provides that any one group of the members shall elect that proportion of the Board that the group bears to the entire membership. Under this method a group of 51 per cent of the members could control the election of a majority of the Board only; they could not deprive the other 49 per cent of the members of their share of representation on the Board. Under the usual method of voting 51 per cent of the members could elect the entire Board and deprive the minority of all voice in the Board's deliberations. The Hare method tends to prevent single groups from monopolizing control of the organization, and it serves to discourage railroad tactics. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica "The case for the system is fundamentally the case for representative government"

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Q. Are the physicians on the staff of the Health Association qualified as specialists?

A. Each of the three doctors, besides being a good general practitioner, is a specialist in a different field. These specialties include pediatrics, obstetrics, internal medicine and surgery.



# Meditations

by Robert Lee Kincheloe  
Minister to the  
Greenbelt Community Church

A book that I find to be an excellent tonic and especially at this time of the year is a famous old volume entitled, "Children of the Second Birth" by S. M. Shoemaker, Jr. The following is an excerpt from the introduction—the reflections of a clergyman upon his essential task as a minister. You will like the frankness and evident strength of the man:

"Most of all I am after the outsider. I talk with him every day of my life. I know his prejudices and his power to see our weaknesses; and I know also that inner love for Christ which is his, and his admiration of those who really live Christ's kind of life. He is not able to understand much of our theology, he is fuddled by our ritual and funny little tame church-ways, he is aghast at what he considers our pretense and humbug and the quarrelsomeness amongst ourselves. But he understands it when a bad man turns good, or when a good man shakes off his self-satisfaction and becomes Christian. He understands it when a man on the road to nowhere finds a direction towards a destiny, or when a life adrift comes into harbour—he understands and he likes it, and he says in the soul of him: 'Now, that's what I call Christianity.'

"There is no more scathing proof that most of us Christians are off the track than the judgment of the outsider who secretly loves the Lord Jesus, as all normal men do, but feels us so faithless in our following, so impotent and unenthusiastic in our witness, that he does not care to fall into step with us. Jesus was always conscious of the outsiders. They liked him, felt at home with him. Out of them he made his great forces, turning the energy of their opposition and sin into the energy of loyalty and support.

"Through the streets of the city are thousands who I wish might know of these changes and transformed lives—thousands who are heart-hungry and lonely and tired of sin and at war with themselves and making a failure of life. One of them often tells me of the hunger of the rest. And I have noticed that really vital religion sometimes goes straight over the heads of merely nominal Christians—the present-day Pharisees—and hits these dear old publicans and sinners in the solar plexus, just as it did of old. I'd give anything to fetch more of them in, and get them to see that they also can become finders of life."

## Catholics Observe Feast Days

While the rest of the Greenbelters have observed Christmas and New Year's as such, our Catholic population has participated in an additional celebration of these days. On the Catholic calendar Christmas is the "Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord" while New Year's Day is the "Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord". The observance of these holy days was made by hearing Mass which was celebrated in the theater on each occasion.

In the Old Law, by the rite of Circumcision, every male Jew became a member and shared in the privileges and blessings of the Chosen People by God. A Jew who failed to be initiated by the ceremony was excluded. Our Lord was the Son of God by nature, and absolutely sinless, and therefore did not need adoption into the number of God's children. Yet He submitted to the law. The Church also honors on this day the holy name of Jesus, given to the Holy Child at the Circumcision.

Saturday, January 6, is the "Feast of the Epiphany". On this day is observed the visit to the Infant Jesus by the Magi. In many countries it is on Epiphany, or Little Christmas, that gifts are exchanged instead of on Christmas Day. Santa Claus does not even exist in these countries and the legend is that on the Eve of Epiphany the Magi come to see little boys and girls, and leave them beautiful gifts just as Santa Claus does to us on Christmas. The children leave hay and grass for the camels to eat, and wake up the next morning to find it all gone. In its place are the gifts by the Magi just as they brought precious gifts to the Christ Child on the first Christmas.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" and in observing it as a special Feast Day the Church commemorates the manifestation of Our Lord to the Magi—that is, to the Gentiles. However it carries a three-fold significance of His manifestation: 1) to the Magi; 2) in His Baptism; and 3) at the Marriage Feast of Cana.

Sunday, January 7, is the "Feast of the Holy Family". This special devotion proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the model of virtue for all Christian households. The Feast was approved in 1893 for Canada by Pope Leo XIII and was extended later to the universal Church by Pope Benedict XV. It is not a holy day of obligation.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS



Photos by Francis C. Fosnight

Above: The Community Church cast which presented the Christmas play "Why the Chimes Rang". The King was portrayed by F. L. Ackerman; Mrs. E. P. Edmonds was the Queen.

Below: The Community Church choir which sang carols Christmas Day. In the back row, left to right are: Earl J. Swales, Reuben K. Barrick, Irving D. Johnston, Rev. Robert L. Kincheloe, Fred L. Wilde, William Neblett and Mrs. Neff.

In the front row, left to right, are: Mrs. S. L. Moulton, Miss Eleanor Nichols, Miss O'leary, Miss Jacqueline Freeman, Miss Janet Neff, Miss Betty Allian, Mrs. C. S. Dowrick, Mrs. F. O. Fosnight, Mrs. O. M. Slye.

## MEN'S CLASS MEMBERSHIP REACHES 112

The Community Men's Class now has a membership of 112, as a result of the attendance race being held between the Reds and the Blues. The latter team has a slight lead now in the contest with a score of 3210 for the Blues and 3130 for the Reds.

## Martin Nevius Is Buried Here

Martin J. Nevius, the first head of a Greenbelt family to pass on, was buried last week in the Greenbelt Cemetery. Mr. Nevius was a 69-year-old retired printer, who had spent many years at the Government Printing Office, and was well known in Greenbelt as a member of the Bridge Club. He came up to set type for the Cooperator on several occasions last year.

Mr. Nevius' burial was the second in the Greenbelt Cemetery, the first having been John Woods.

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# GREENBELT THEATRE

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 4 & 5

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Sunday and Monday, Jan. 7 & 8



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This week I nominate for Greenbelt's Hall of Outstanding Citizens Walter Volckhausen. I would go so far to name him citizen of the year.

His work as chairman of the Co-operative Organizing Committee has been extraordinary; much more so than has been evident because he has avoided personal publicity. A great portion of the work of the Committee has been concerned with technical details that are not noticeable to the casual observer.

But believe me—one who has had a ringside seat at the fight—he has fought a hard battle well. Time after time his persistence, his labor, and his understanding of the problems involved have readily overcome official inertia and technical obstacles that were supposed to be insurmountable in the time provided. His grasp of the legal and accounting details involved in the organization of the Co-operative has been acknowledged by distinguished lawyers and accountants. His determination that every document and proposal approved by the Committee should be for the best interests of the Co-operative has caused him to drive himself to studies and labors that were all out of proportion to what might be expected of anyone in his position. His official correspondence has been distinguished, as have been his official reports. Many safeguards to the Co-operative were put into the Financial Agreement only because of his insight and insistence. His labor during the last months of the organization has been down-right prodigious and inspired.

I do not mean to belittle the contributions of the other members of the Committee, both past and present. Those have been, on the whole, highly praiseworthy too; but I know that by far the greatest thanks for the truly distinguished work of the Committee are due Walter Volckhausen.

— Howard C. Custer

## Calendar Of Events

### Thursday, January 4, 1940

Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Legion Auxiliary	8:00 P.M.	Legion House
Legion	8:00 P.M.	Legion House

### Friday, January 5

G.C.S.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
Credit Union	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Congregation	8:30 P.M.	Music Room

### Saturday, January 6

Gun Club	2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27-A Ridge Rd.
Basketball Game	7:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Square Dance	9:30 P.M.	Jr. Recreation

### Sunday, January 7

Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Economics
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Sunday School	10:30 A.M.	Music Room
Gun Club	1:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Hebrew Congregation	3:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg.
Evening Hour-Community Church	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Latter Day Saints	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science	8:00 P.M.	Music Room

### Monday, January 8

Citizens Association	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Town Council	8:00 P.M.	Town Council
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room

### Tuesday, January 9

Girl Scouts	3:15 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Bowling League	7:30 P.M.	College Park
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Hebrew Congregation		
Auxiliary	8:15 P.M.	Meeting Room

### Wednesday, January 10

Junior Choir	7:00 P.M.	Music Room
Holy Name Society	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Bridge Club	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium

## 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.

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And now the daily business of living assumes its proper proportions. Clothes must be washed and ironed and mended; weekly menus worked out and new recipes to be tried—all the familiar, everyday tasks. Let us dedicate ourselves to making them less monotonous. The easiest way to clean your house, the most interesting dishes that the budget will allow, little groups of friends doing their mending together—these things need not be dull chores. I want to help you. Will you help me?

— Peggie Arness

## RECIPES

### LIVER AND RICE LOAF

Wash 1 cup of rice and cook tender in 1 quart of boiling salted water. Do not drain, but let the rice absorb the water so as to form a sticky mass which will act as a binder for the loaf. Use the left-over cooked liver, or fry 1 pound of sliced liver just long enough to brown the pieces on both sides. Then grind the liver or chop it very fine. Slice an onion, chop several sprigs of parsley, and 3 or 4 stalks of celery, and cook for a few minutes in the drippings. Mix the rice, liver, and seasonings with salt and pepper to taste. If desired add canned tomatoes, catsup, or chili sauce. Bake the meat mixture in a greased shallow pan in a moderately hot oven (375°-400° F.) for 45 minutes to an hour.

Cooked oatmeal or mashed potatoes may be used instead of rice.

### MOLASSES SYRUP

Boil equal parts of sugar and water together till sugar is dissolved. Thicken with 3/4 tablespoon flour for each cup of water used to prevent crystals forming. Flavor with molasses to taste. Two tablespoons of molasses per cup gives a taste similar to syrup made of brown sugar.

### DRIED PEACH HONEY

Soak dried peaches over night, grind or mash fine. To each cup of peach pulp add 1/2 cup carrots, either grated or run through a meat chopper, one cup sugar and just enough water to make the consistency of honey. Heat until thoroughly blended.

Eldon Lewis, 10 year old student at the Linton Hall Military Academy of Bristow, Virginia, is convalescing in the Greenbelt Hospital after his recent illness.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

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## Standards Set for Canned Peaches

The following bulletin was released by the Department of Agriculture on December 26, 1939. A sort of Christmas present for the American housewife, it seems.

"Regulations establishing definitions and standards of identity, quality and fill of container for canned peaches under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act have been promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These definitions and standards were formulated on the basis of evidence received at a public hearing which began on April 10, 1939.

"The regulations were filed for publication in the Federal Register on December 19 and 20 and are effective 90 days thereafter. They are published in detail in the December 22, 1939, issue of the Federal Register, which may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., at 10 cents a copy."

## THREE ARE WHITE HOUSE GUESTS

Mrs. Betty Bone, Mrs. Lucile Cooper, and Mrs. Ellen Krebs, as wives of members of the American Political Science Association, were guests at a tea given by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House on Wednesday afternoon, December 27.

About 250 people were received by Mrs. Roosevelt and were served tea in the huge state dining-room. Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Krebs were introduced to Mrs. Roosevelt who commented on the commonplace matters people were interested in hearing her discuss in lectures, to which Mrs. Krebs replied that it was Mrs. Roosevelt's uncommon approach to such subjects that interested her listeners. Upon learning that Mrs. Cooper was from Greenbelt, Mrs. Roosevelt said she would be interested in a study of how well people here meet their needs and how they go beyond them to other aspects of living.

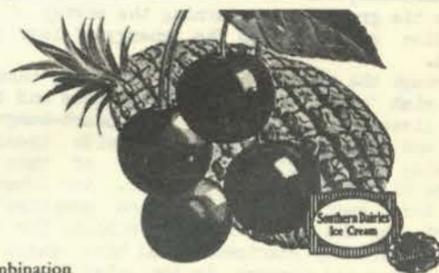
The ladies reported that Mrs. Roosevelt was very gracious and unaffected, giving her whole attention to the persons with whom she spoke. A very tall woman, she easily dominated the room, rising above even the up-soaring hats which were much in evidence. She wore a very simple black chiffon velvet gown trimmed with white silk pique and ornamented with diamond clips.

Mrs. Krebs noticed that the White House Christmas tree was trimmed only with small white lights and silver tinsel festoons, giving a very lovely effect.

The stork paid a post-Christmas visit to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Horstman of 11-D Ridge Road on December 28, 1939. The baby, a girl, weighing five pounds, three ounces, was born at 1:12 A.M. at the Greenbelt Hospital.

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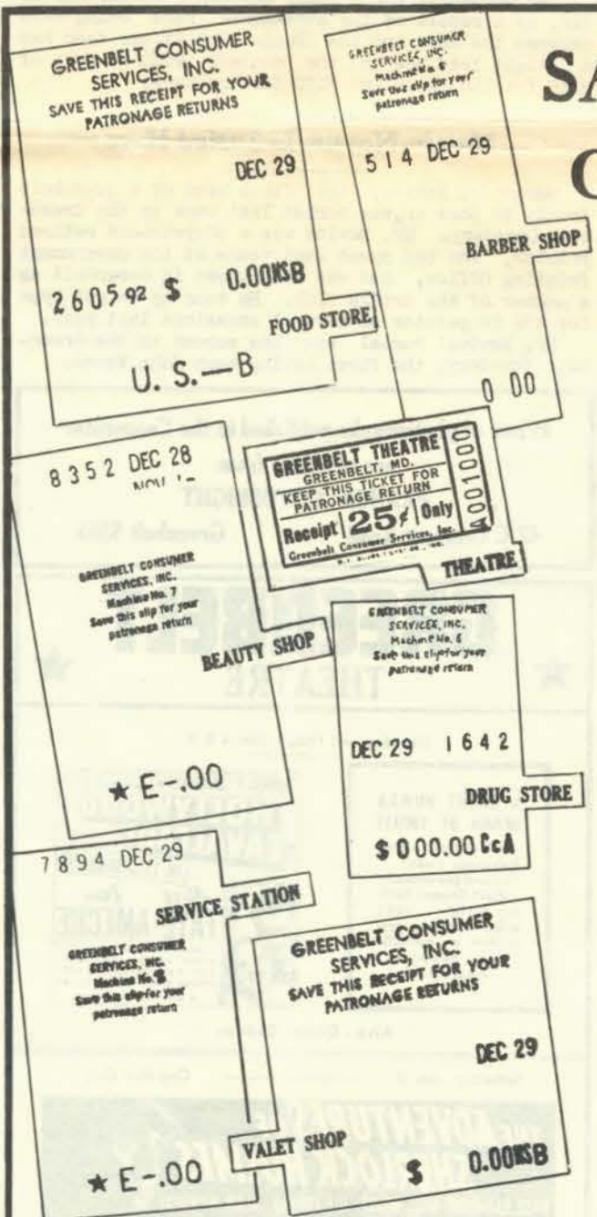
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# SPORTS

JOHN C. MAFFAY, EDITOR

## Greenbelt Bowling League

TEAMS STANDING, END OF FIRST HALF

TEAM	G	PINS	H.G.	H.S.	W	L
Musketees	45	23017	565	1665	33	12
Starlight #1	45	21794	546	1578	28	17
Lions	45	21545	526	1555	28	17
Crescents	45	21694	564	1595	27	18
Cardinals	45	21485	537	1539	27	18
Buckaroos	45	21100	525	1506	27	18
Starlight #2	45	20177	511	1476	24	21
Scribes	45	20051	498	1433	23	22
Consumer Services	45	20965	498	1455	22	23
Jaguars	45	22258	552	1570	21	24
Eagles	45	21353	522	1502	21	24
Holi-Rollers	45	20400	508	1422	18	27
Knights of Columbus	45	20297	513	1452	17	28
American Legion	45	19836	511	1474	17	28
Romans	45	18044	491	1436	16	29
Blues	45	20511	538	1489	11	34

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

MUSKETEERS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Temple	45	5398	37	128	147	415	119-43
Mac'Wen	45	4745	17	92	134	380	105-20
Pockler	45	4410	13	67	120	325	98-
Taylor	45	4275	16	54	116	306	95-
Schulz	45	4189	12	52	135	317	93-4

STARLIGHT #1	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Henshaw	39	4052	12	71	133	338	103-35
Wolfe	8	811	3	12	111	313	101-3
Bell, Jr.	43	4224	11	68	124	340	98-10
Bell, Sr.	42	4110	15	60	134	340	97-36
Lopez	32	3031	11	39	121	325	94-23
Horn	38	3496	12	32	115	305	92-
Seybold	23	2032	3	23	108	279	88-8

LIONS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Meek	42	4258	21	72	127	334	101-16
DeJager	22	2200	7	37	134	328	100-
Riley	45	4277	10	56	120	314	95-2
Brown	45	4261	9	57	120	307	94-31
Thompson	41	3820	9	43	119	314	93-7
Markfield	26	2413	4	27	119	303	92-21

CRESCENTS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Lastner	36	3813	24	60	151	356	105-33
Dickhaut	38	3915	9	68	126	357	103-1
Cain	40	3925	15	54	123	325	98-5
O'Flaherty	34	3336	13	45	132	330	98-4
Boggs	36	3485	12	50	129	318	96-29
O'Brien	3	267	1	4	94	267	89-
Coulter	6	498	1	4	92	241	83-

CARDINALS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Trehwella	45	4565	12	78	126	341	101-20
Colliver	45	4392	15	61	120	340	97-27
Jenkins	45	4258	15	64	116	310	94-28
Hall, Jr.	45	4237	9	53	115	313	94-7
Miller	25	2283	3	27	104	286	91-8
Peeler	12	1091	2	14	108	287	90-11
Taylor	3	259	0	2	93	259	86-1

BUCKAROOS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Timmons	39	3918	15	54	132	324	100-18
Sanchez	38	3622	7	48	127	315	95-12
Dunbar	38	3577	10	47	127	325	94-5
Miner	19	1759	4	28	112	308	92-11
Childs	33	3043	7	35	115	302	92-7
Martone	40	3651	9	45	121	321	91-11

STARLIGHT #2	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Bradley	39	3845	13	67	118	346	95-23
Thomas	41	3866	18	47	121	319	94-12
Williams	35	3110	3	42	115	289	88-20
Neblett	34	2987	5	30	106	275	87-29
McWilliams	23	1999	4	15	105	262	86-21
Lyons	26	2095	3	18	104	244	80-15
Green	13	971	2	6	86		74-9

SCRIBES	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Gay	41	3907	11	54	120	316	95-12
Maffay	40	3772	9	45	115	318	94-12
Hemingway	26	2326	3	29	118	311	89-12
Bellezza	38	3361	12	20	113	291	88-17
Cockill	39	3345	11	29	111	295	85-30
Allred	37	3037	5	23	105	278	82-3

CONSUMER SERVICES	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Milbrook	45	4803	11	102	127	339	106-33
Milisi	41	4064	9	65	128	339	99-5
Richie	42	3855	8	51	111	312	91-33
Jeffries	35	3126	6	36	110	298	89-11
Kellams	15	1219	2	11	95	251	81-4
Peckham	14	1114	3	12	95	259	79-8
Robinson	8	604	0	6	92	253	75-4

JAGUARS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Araujo	45	4830	19	93	143	357	107-15
Krebs	33	3416	16	55	138	352	103-17
Alexander	29	2990	13	57	126	341	103-3
Wofsey	38	3632	8	48	113	301	95-22
Fels	40	3812	11	51	115	314	95-12
Chapman	32	3051	10	39	116	326	95-11

EAGLES	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Dove	45	4622	26	77	140	335	102-32
Sansone	43	4353	15	72	127	335	101-10
Tompkins	43	4040	8	50	128	312	93-41
Wilde	10	937	4	9	118	301	93-7
Snyder	26	2361	1	33	113	286	90-21
Witcher	29	2618	5	26	106	297	90-8
Goldfaden	15	1238	0	9	98	256	82-9

HOLI-ROLLERS	G	T.P.	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVER.
Cosby	36	3690	10	75	133	352	102-18
Holloman	38	3538	15	43	120	308	93-4
Chase	28	2597	6	33	117	295	92-21
Hall, Sr.	37	3202	7	37	107	284	86-20
Muller	37	3128	3	35	107	273	84-23
Simpson	36	3001	6	23	106	270	83-13

## Gun Club Buys Rifle; To Elect Soon

Just two days before Christmas, the Gun Club purchased its first .22 calibre target rifle. It has taken some time to gather the \$25 involved, and this purchase represents the cooperative effort of all 28 members of the group. The gun is for the use of the members of the club only.

The firearm referred to is a Winchester Model 75. The gun is chambered for long rifle cartridges only; weighs approximately 8 pounds, 10 ounces; is bolt action with speed lock; is provided with a Winchester 99A telescope height front sight with post and aperture sight inserts; has the new Winchester 84A extension rear peep sight with quarter minute clicks for windage and elevation; contains a five-shot magazine; bears the Army type leather sling strap; and has an adjustable sling swivel base. All this may sound technical to some—but to shooters, it is "talking turkey".

The club will buy another such rifle as soon as the money can be accumulated from fees, dues, and the very slight profit that is derived from ammunition sales. Then the next purchase may be one of the Colt "Woodsmen" pistols. Eventually, the group hopes to own several of the higher priced target arms, but in the meantime the rifles planned for at the present are entirely adequate for shooting on the Greenbelt range.

The first official annual meeting of the Greenbelt Gun Club will be held within the next two weeks, and all members will be notified of the time by mail. This meeting is for the election of officers and the planning of the spring program of instruction and shooting.

### REP QUINTET HOST TO CLARK'S CLUB

The Greenbelt Athletic Club Representative Basketball team will play their first game of the New Year this Saturday night, January 6, 1940, at the local School Gym against a good Clark's Club Quintet. The game will start immediately after a preliminary game, which will be between the Barney Neighborhood House team and the Greenbelt Boys Club Five. The time for the first game will be 7:30 P.M.

The Greenbelt Reps so far this season, have come out on top in five out of seven games played, so they will be shooting for their sixth victory. This will be the first game for the Boys Club.

### ANOTHER FIRST

With the birth of an eight pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Mach of 43-C Ridge Road this unit now boasts of the first Baseball Nine in Greenbelt. Mrs. Mach gave birth to the baby pitcher on December 23, at Sibley Hospital in Washington. 43 Unit also has three girl cheer leaders, Ann Marie and Mary Lou Culiney and Jean Annette Mach. The team is composed of Edward and Brian Blum, Bart and Jackie McDonald, Lee and Stapler Shields, Tim and Tom Murphy, and the new addition, William Chapman Mach.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Donahue	16	1527	4	24	126	305	95-7
Starke	37	3473	5	48	110	302	93-32
Moore	11	994	9	7	104	285	90-4
Day	39	3506	8	43	118	300	89-35
Barous	32	2876	14	29	116	312	89-28
Finley	26	2253	3	24	106	286	86-17
Wright	38	3236	8	29	113	329	85-6

### AMERICAN LEGION

Gray	36	3674	14	53	120	346	102-2
McGoldrick	39	3849	14	51	118	318	98-27
Sommers	32	3134	11	52	115	320	97-30
Stewart	40	3524	12	33	111	313	88-4
Brezina	28	2433	11	28	103	288	86-25
Estes	21	1728	3	21	102	275	81-17
Gibbs	5	407	1	2	85		81-1

### ROMANS

Wood	26	2540	5	38	121	320	97-18
Eshbaugh	26	2536	7	39	120	345	97-14
Thomas	6	569	3	8	106	301	94-5
Schaffer	21	1955	1	27	116	308	93-2
Slusser	40	3701	7	47	109	300	92-21
Halley	30	2656	4	25	114	230	88-16

### BLUES

Blanchard	9	941	5	13	138	373	104-5
Wood, D.	44	4144	12	55	116	325	94-8
Stottlemeyer	33	3070	6	37	115	298	93-1
Allen	24	2130	6	12	104	248	88-18
Bowen	31	2733	8	30	138	298	88-5
Johnstone	26	2197	2	20	94	267	84-13

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## Sports Parade of 1939

With the passing of 1939, let us make a quick review of the sports highlights of the past year.

In January, the Greenbelt Representative Basketball team continued on their winning ways with their fifth and sixth victories over the D. C. Commissioners and the Bellman Heating Five by 51 to 45 and 33 to 31 scores. The Greenbelt A. C. Basketball League started their second series; the High School team remained undefeated by beating Oxon Hill; and the Beavers regained first place in the Greenbelt Bowling League. The Reps defeated Company "F" of Hyattsville for their seventh win and the Boys Club scored a 33 to 19 victory over Colonial Village. Carnegie took the lead in the Basketball League and the Reps dropped their third game to St. Martins and fourth to Bellman Heating. The High School Basketball team downed Hyattsville 24 to 11, and established itself as a leading contender for the county championship.

February saw the presentation of the American League movie "A Century of Baseball" by the Athletic Club and the Rep Quintet added six more victories and two losses to their record for a total of 13 victories and 6 defeats. Laurel was another victim of the High School basketball and the first of the month marked the formal opening of the Junior Recreation Center by the Junior Citizens Association. Carnegie remained the only undefeated team in the G.A.C. Basketball league with 6 wins, and the Beavers led in the Bowling league by three games. John Messner was elected president of the Greenbelt Athletic Club, replacing George Bauer, who served two terms, and Bill Nebeltt unanimously elected vice-president. Lou Little, Columbia coach, accepts bid as guest speaker for the first annual Greenbelt Athletic Club dinner. Joliet, winner of the first half, defeated Carnegie, winner of the second, 30 to 24, in the final game of the basketball league.

In March, the G.A.C. started a Ping Pong League and a Volleyball League, and the Rep Quintet scored their 14th victory over the Calvary M.E. Team. The new Boys Club selected their Board Of Directors to complete the organization and several college coaches and pro football players accepted bids to the G.A.C. dinner. The Reps entered the Post A.A.U. basketball tournament and were knocked out of the running by the Interior Department five 43 to 35, but accounted for their 17th victory a few nights later over the I.C.C. team. The Beavers took a commanding lead in the Bowling League and the Athletic Club's banquet plans neared completion. "J" Block teams took the lead in both the Ping Pong and Volleyball Leagues and the Rep Quintet closed its season against F.B.I. with another loss. The record for 1938-39 season was 21 games won and 11 lost. Not bad for the first season.

The outstanding sports event of April was the first annual Greenbelt Athletic Club Banquet on April 10, an outstanding success, and host to Lou Little, Dutch Bergman, Frank Dobson, Senator Saccor, Jack Espey, and others. Greenbelt High School establishes enviable record, completing second basketball season with 14 victories in 16 games. The Beavers took the Bowling League championship, and the cup, by a wide margin, and an announcement was made that the tennis courts, now under construction, would soon be open. Sansone, of the Eagles, won the first annual Bowling Sweepstakes with a three game set of 390, and plans were under way for the formation of the Athletic Club's Softball League.

## VALET SHOP

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# OUR TOWN: The Story of Greenbelt Lake



Photo by George Fair

By Anne Hull

Converting 23 acres of swamp into the Greenbelt Lake was the first job tackled back in the beginnings of our community, in 1935. It was a project that took 200 men a year to complete, at a total cost to the Government of about \$75,000.

As told by Harvey Vincent the tale takes on a Paul Bunyan flavor. The swamp was the most heavily wooded spot on the place, he says, with trees averaging 100 feet in height and 30 inches in diameter. These were pulled out by the roots "as easily as you would a tooth" by an ingenious machine mounted on back of a Fordson tractor. The stump piles mounted up as high as houses, and burned two months or more. Some of the logs were used in construction work; the rest were turned over to the county relief board.

When the last of the brush was removed the clay basin had to be drained of swamp water by a series of ditches arranged in a herringbone pattern, which resembled a denuded Christmas tree, in Mr. Vincent's drawing.

The next step in the creation of the lake was the building of a 22 foot dam at the west end of the basin. First a concrete core wall was constructed, with a six foot base extending into the future lake bed to prevent seepage. The outer walls were formed by alternate foot-deep layers of sand, gravel, and clay from the shores and lake bottom. The clay outer facing was veneered with stone where the dam was to protrude above the surface, as a precaution against wave erosion. Strange to say, billows of respectable strength and size are kicked up during local storms. A ten foot water pipe and an 18 inch cast iron sewer pipe were run through the top of the dam, in case of future building back of the old Boyle house, now the new American Legion headquarters.

After the dam was completed it took the lake a year to fill up, although it is fed by two streams and innumerable springs along the banks, besides rain and melting snow. Some storm and wash water is also emptied into the lake, which is one reason why swimming in the lake was banned. Overflow empties into Paint Branch, and is carried from there into the Anacostia River. As the lake grew it took on a shape roughly like a molar tooth, with the dam as the "grinding surface", and the two coves at the western end corresponding to roots.

Before the pool was built swimming in the lake was permitted in areas which were chlorinated and tested daily for bacteria count, in view of the slight pollution noted above. Despite these precautions there was at one time an epidemic of sore throats which were blamed on the lake. It was very difficult to supervise swimming in the lake, too; a Beltsville boy drowned the summer of June, 1938. Besides these factors, the bottom was very muddy, and there was no good place to construct a beach, nor any way of doing so.

On November 11, 1936, President Roosevelt dumped into the lake the first dipperful of fish from the first of the tubs upon tubs of them furnished by the Bureau of Fisheries. There were 30 adult, large-mouthed bass, 12 to 13 inches long; 60 six inch large-mouthed bass; 1700 three inch sunfish; 200

three inch catfish; 250 three inch crappie and 600 three inch yellow perch; besides thousands of "fingerlings", a small feed fish. Last June the Fisheries Bureau experts, judging by the extent of nest building and so on, gave their opinion that the lake might safely and advisedly be fished. On the basis of their recommendations the town management drew up an ordinance to permit fishing. This provided for the issuing of permits by the town, for a small fee, to citizens wishing to fish. The extent of the catch was restricted. When the ordinance was put before the Town Council several local fishermen appeared to plead the fishing not be permitted for one or two more years, and the ordinance was withdrawn.

Several varieties of wild duck have been permanently pinioned to the lake by clipping their wings, among them are canvas backs, mallards, scaups, and wood ducks. The Fisheries Bureau experts have said that for the safety of the fish population their number should not exceed 25 or 30.

In season the lake is very popular with picnickers, as there are boating facilities, fireplaces with tables and benches overlooking the water, and an open cabin which may be used for dancing. When the lake is frozen it has proved a fine place for skating, with illumination afforded at night by rows of headlights of cars parked along the bank.

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