



PETITION ASKS F. S. A. TO REVISE INCOME LIMIT

50 ARGUE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM BEFORE COUNCIL

By Anne Hull

The discussion of full-time public health nurse service versus a full-time public health officer with part-time help was vociferously continued at the Town Council meeting Monday. A record-breaking crowd of 50 attended the session.

Mayor Maurer announced that the Council did not expect to come to a decision at the sitting, but that it would bear in mind points brought up by the citizens in acting on the town manager's recommendation. He said the Council planned to consult with public health experts as well, before a vote was taken. Mayor Maurer further requested that people confine their remarks to the question of policy rather than personalities.

Allen D. Morrison requested that Mrs. Garrett be given an opportunity to answer the "charges" brought against her at the last Council meeting. Mayor Maurer replied that Mrs. Garrett was not on trial and needed no vindication, but that she might, if she wished, have the floor for a limited time to clear up any questions about her work arising from the meeting. Councilman Gawthrop later remarked that Mrs. Garrett had set forth her point of view to each member of the Council before the meeting referred to by Mr. Morrison.

Mrs. Garrett explained the two types of nursing activity under public health set-ups, home visiting, or bedside nursing, and the supervisory type, stressing education. She said she had endeavored to carry out the latter type, and stated further that lack of written policies and standard procedures covering specific points had hampered her in fulfilling her duties.

Doubt was expressed by different citizens whether a part-time nurse working under a public health officer could take the place of one full-time public health nurse. One opinion given was that the matter should be decided by a vote from the citizens at large. The ability of "outsiders", however expert, to decide the best arrangement, was contested.

Counter opinions held that with the clerical aid provided by the budget a part-time public health nurse could accomplish as much as a full-time nurse under the present set-up. Mrs. Betsy Woodman suggested a vote of confidence in the wisdom and ability of the Council to arrive at the best decision for all concerned. There were expressions to the effect that the Council, fortified by advice from both the citizens and objective, well-qualified experts, would be better qualified to decide the issue than the citizens at large.

Mr. Harvey Vincent suggested that the discussion be postponed till Mr. Braden, who was ill at the time, could be present.

Mayor Maurer's concluding opinion was that the town manager had recommended a change in the public health set-up because of the lack of constructive policy-forming activity on the part of the department, because of lack of coordination, and because a greater number of townspeople were not benefitting.

George Warner and Mrs. Ruth Taylor were appointed to represent the Town Council on the Citizens Association committee presenting the memorandum to Dr. Will Alexander which protests the present rent-renewal policy.

CREDIT UNION TO COMBINE BUSINESS, PLEASURE WED.

Business and pleasure are to be combined on Wednesday, January 17, at the annual meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, scheduled for 8:00 P.M. in the social room of the Elementary School. After the business meeting, which will continue until about 9:30 P.M., there will be a social gathering at which members and their guests may dance and consume refreshments. There will be no charge made, the credit union pass book serving as an admission card.

During the business part of the evening, members of the Credit Union will hear reports from the directors, the treasurer, the credit committee, and the supervisory committee, and then have an opportunity to take up old and new business. The recommendation of the board of directors as to the dividend rate will be the next order of business and a vote will be taken. Nominations and elections conclude the business program. After the nominating committee has placed its selections before the members, nominations may be made from the floor, after which the members will vote their choices as to who shall serve for the coming year.

A large turnout is expected, and President Frederick A. Wilde, promises that the business meeting will progress with dispatch in order to leave plenty of time for the social part of the evening.

Every resident is invited to attend Journalistic Club meeting Tuesday, January 18.

The following is a copy of the memorandum adopted by the Citizens Association Monday night for presentation to Dr. Will Alexander, head of Farm Security Administration:

The Citizens Association of Greenbelt, Maryland respectfully draws your attention to the effects of policies of your Administration relative to income qualifications for continued tenancy in our community.

Taking at its face value the slogan "Greenbelt, a Planned Community," used so frequently in connection with this project, the citizens of this community have endeavored to implement the opportunities implied by the slogan. The creation of all the clubs, churches, the consumer co-operative, Credit Union, Health Association, Athletic Association, Parent Teacher body, and other democratic institutions is based on the assumption that Greenbelt is our home—an abiding place. All improvements to the real property undertaken by the tenants—the gardens, shrubs, flowers planted in the general benefit—are undertaken with the prospect of continued enjoyment of Greenbelt as a home place. More serious, additions to Greenbelt families are made on the indisputable assumption that Greenbelt is a good place to raise a family.

The education of our children is vitally affected by the permanence of our residence. For example, the Greenbelt School uses the progressive method of teaching, which is entirely different from that carried on in other public schools in Washington and the vicinity. Any change of school is hard on a child; a change from a progressive school to one using the standard system upsets the child's whole concept of learning. Furthermore, it is of far more value, educationally, to train a small group of children under the progressive method, which emphasizes reasoning and initiative, than to give a larger, shifting group of children only a smattering of this sort of training. This is only one way in which the present instability of tenure affects our children as well as ourselves.

Greenbelt folk have put down roots from which a democratic, cooperative community life is beginning to flower which already is an inspirational source to other American communities. We believe this fulfills the original philosophy that led to the construction of Greenbelt.

In this process of conscious building of the community spirit, the leaders of our group endeavors are confronted with a problem sufficiently severe to warrant our seeking your review and assistance. It is the problem of how to retain the help of those citizens desirable in the life of the community who are penalized by their success in their jobs outside. Inevitably, it is that man who gives most to his community, who has those qualifications which meet with reward in his job. It is that kind of man who gets the salary increase which makes him ineligible for continued tenancy in Greenbelt and eventually deprives our community of his leadership qualities. The present policy, as you know, is to permit an increase of 25% over the maximum income allowed for admittance. The choice of this percentage has in itself created an administrative problem inasmuch as the increase does not coincide with the Government salary schedules under which 80% of our people are paid. For instance, a four member family is admitted at a maximum income level of \$2,000. Under present policy, this family cannot exceed an income of \$2500 per annum. In eight cases out of ten, however, when promotions occur, they are for \$2300 or \$2600. The man with two children who receives a promotion to \$2600 is therefore ineligible to continue his residence here for a mere \$100 per annum; and is compelled to uproot himself, deprive the community of his services, and accept, in the net, a lower standard of living.

We are fully alive to the possibility of criticism in allowing the continued residence of such families, but we feel that such infrequent cases could be dealt with by the issuance of a new lease at a proportionately higher rental. We are also aware of the desirability of a policy which will allow continued inflow of less fortunately housed families into Greenbelt, but we feel that this point is amply cared for in the natural turnover due to Government and other transfers, which is something better than 20% per annum. A better solution of this problem is to build more houses at Greenbelt or permit citizens to do so.

We feel that in presenting these views, we have adopted a logical, desirable, and defensible attitude in the problem of whether Greenbelt is to be a Community or a transient housing scheme. It is deplorable, but it is a fact, that you will not discover one family in Greenbelt which has the feeling of security of tenure which is the essence of home life and of community life. Almost invariably the reason for this attitude is that some day the family will get a raise and have to move.

This is the bed of sand on which we are attempting to build a more closely integrated community life than that prevailing in most American towns. This is the insecure foothold from which we are trying to better our relations with surrounding communities and to establish our right to recognition

The question of permanency of Greenbelt residence under existing salary limitations was discussed at the Citizens Association meeting Monday. A special investigating committee appointed by President Joseph Bargas reported to those present a proposed memorandum for transmittal to the Farm Security Administration protesting the present stringency of salary limitation in regard to rent renewal. The memorandum was unanimously adopted and the steering committee, consisting of Dayton W. Hull, Walter R. Volckhausen, Donald H. Cooper, and Rev. Robert L. Kinche-loe, were empowered to present the memorandum to Dr. Will Alexander, administrator of Farm Security. The contents of the memorandum are reported elsewhere on this page. The steering committee was assisted in its work by Mrs. Lucile Cooper, Tessim Zorach, J. P. Loftus, Sherrod East, and Francis Lastner.

The Transportation Committee reported the participation of Greenbelt in a joint committee representing some twenty other citizens groups in Prince Georges County. This group has obtained the services of Attorney C. L. Aiello to advise and represent them, in formal actions before the Public Utility Commission. The group will work to rescind the recent order of the Commission permitting the Capital Transit Company to operate a shuttle service on the Maryland Route 82 trolley line between Beltsville and Mt. Rainier during non-rush hours. Formal motion to dismiss the order has been presented to the Utility Commission.

Other proposals for improved service in the County have been made by the Joint Committee, which, if accepted, would mean, for Greenbelt, direct transportation into Washington.

Personal signed statements describing incidents involving dangerous situations and poor service, including time, place, block and car numbers, as well as conductor's number, will be important evidence at the hearings which it is hoped will be held in a few weeks. Such statements should be sent to A. S. Arness, chairman of the Transportation Committee.

After a short discussion of the status of the local Scout troop in relation to the Association since the American Legion assumed sponsorship, it was pointed out that a quorum was not present to take further action for the evening and the meeting was adjourned.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN JAN. 15 FOR NIGHT SCHOOL

Spring term registration for the night school courses taught in the Elementary School will be held on January 15 to 24 in Mrs. Rose Alpher's office.

The courses will be the same that were taught during the past term. The new term is expected to begin in February.

The following is a schedule and explanation of the courses to be given:

COURSE	NIGHT	TIME	FEE	INSTRUCTOR
Typing I	Mon & Wed	7:30-9:30	\$1	Mr. Zebley
Typing II	Tues & Thur	7:30-9:30	\$1	Mr. Zebley
Shorthand I	Tues & Thur	7:30-9:30	\$1	Mrs. Filmer
Shorthand II	Mon & Wed	7:30-9:30	\$1	Mrs. Sheppard
Industrial Arts (Wood and Metal Craft)	Mon & Wed	7:30-9:30	\$1	Mr. Wurl
Mathematics	Mon & Wed	7:30-9:30	\$1	Mr. Sliker

GIVEN AT GREENBELT COMMUNITY BUILDING

COURSE	TIME	FEE	INSTRUCTOR
Public Speaking	Tues & Thur 8 - 10:00	\$1	Straussbaugh
Retail Selling	Thurs. 8 - 10:00	\$1	Bennett
Leather Craft	Thurs. 8 - 10:00	\$1	Wurl
Child Study	Tues. 8 - 10:00	\$1	Mendham
Problems of the Adolescent Child	Thurs. 8 - 10:00	\$1	not announced
Fam. Clothing	Mon & Thur 8 - 10:00	\$1	Bessemer
Foods (Cooking and Nutrition)	Wed. 8 - 10:00	\$1	Bessemer
House Furnishing	Tues. 8 - 10:00	\$1	Bessemer

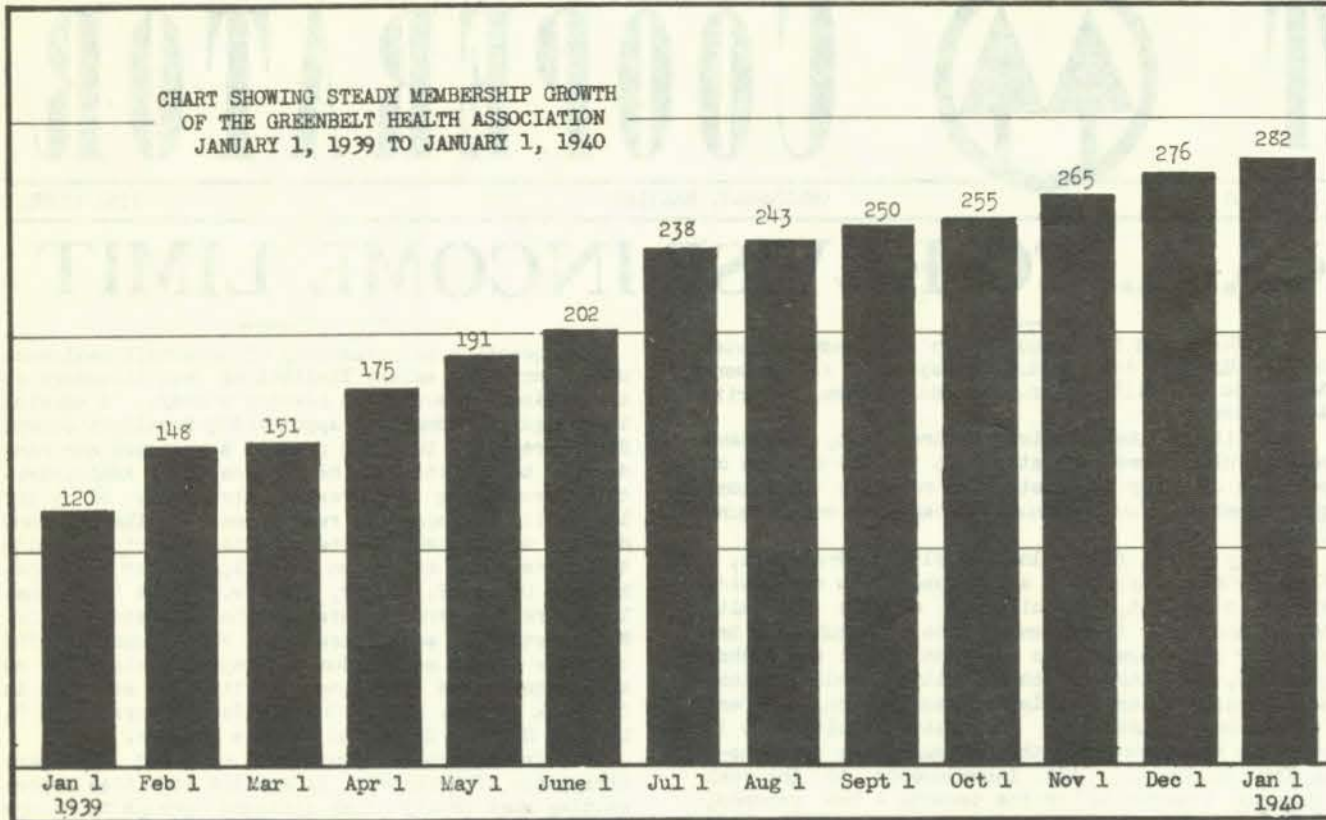
Four Arrested For Copper Theft

Four Laurel men were arrested last Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the theft of an undetermined amount of copper and brass scrap from the warehouse yards in Greenbelt. During routine check-ups by the Baltimore Detective Bureau of the Baltimore junk yards a suspicious amount of scrap was discovered. Further check-up revealed Herbert Boswell and Walter Hall, who work in Greenbelt, and William and Carlisle Swartz were found to have been bringing the copper and brass from Greenbelt to the Baltimore junk yards.

The amount of the theft previously reported is said to have been grossly exaggerated and the exact amount cannot yet be determined.

Herbert Boswell and Walter Hall are out on a \$2,000 bond. The case will be heard this Thursday at 10 A.M. in the Laurel County Court.

Health Association Charts 1939 Growth



FULMER OFFERS TIPS FOR BETTER HEATING

In answer to several queries received at the Greenbelt Administration Office relative to the heating of homes, Assistant Manager, O. K. Fulmer has released the following suggestions.

Shades should be drawn in the evening to prevent the heated air in the room from contact with the ice-cold glass. Experiments have shown that if the temperature of a room is 80 degrees and the air is permitted to touch the window, a person standing in the middle of the room will feel cold.

There are pumps which force the hot water into the radiators. These pumps are usually turned off from 12:30 to 4 A.M. and the hot water is circulated by gravity. The temperature at that time will fall to about 65 degrees. In order for the house to heat up quickly in the morning, it is necessary to take the following precautions:

Bedroom windows may be open until the two windows meet, about an inch and a half, the bedroom radiators turned off, and the bedroom door closed.

Mr. Fulmer advises everyone to hang thermometers on inside walls as an aid to the office in checking on heating complaints.

P. T. A. SPONSORS COURSE

The Adult Education Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association greeted parents of adolescent children at a special meeting held January 4 in the Community Building, with Mr. Paul Kelly, instructor in adolescent training, as guest speaker.

As a result of this meeting the P.-T.A. will sponsor a course in this subject beginning February 1. Bulletins giving full information will be delivered to each home.

MEMORANDUM TO F.S.A.

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by our county and our state. We earnestly feel that Greenbelt should be a community and not a procession of strangers lacking the impulse to "build and better," that springs from moderately secure tenure. Without this sense of security how can it reasonably be expected that a citizen will participate in cooperative, religious, and civic activity? We believe real spiritual values in our community to be threatened by the continuation of the present policy arbitrarily executed, values that we believe you would approve of and seek as we do to conserve.

May we therefore petition you to meet with us at such time and place as you may designate for a full discussion of this difficult problem? We feel that only in this way can a satisfactory compromise between the necessities of your Administration and the needs of the Greenbelt community be reached.

By direction of the Citizens Association.

The Special Committee on Community Life
Dayton W. Hull, Chairman
Rev. Robert L. Kincheloe
Walter R. Volckhausen
Donald H. Cooper

The committee's report was accompanied by the following letter:

"Dear Dr. Alexander:

"The enclosed memorandum refers to the subject of income limitations on continued residence in Greenbelt, Maryland. It was read and discussed at a meeting of the Citizens Association on January 8, 1940, and approved unanimously.

"We urge that we be permitted to discuss the problem with you personally within the next week. We would be delighted to have you meet with us at 46 B Crescent Road, the home of the committee chairman, on whatever evening is convenient for you, or if you prefer, we will be glad to come to your office during the day.

Respectfully yours,
Dayton W. Hull, Chairman
Special Committee on Community Life"

COOPERATIVES SHOW RECORD GROWTH IN 1939

By Wallace J. Campbell

The American consumer cooperative movement can list 1939 as its greatest year of progress. By the end of the year more than 2,000,000 consumers were members of cooperatives doing a total annual business estimated at \$600,000,000.

Among the accomplishments of the year are several important steps into production; the expansion of cooperative activities from farm to general household supplies; an increased support from labor and farm organizations; and a vicious nation-wide attack on the cooperative movement, giving evidence of the fact that private profit business is now taking the cooperative movement seriously.

Among the new factories and other production units now in operation or planned for the next few months are:

1. A \$750,000 petroleum refinery at Phillipsburg, Kansas.
2. A \$250,000 refinery at Regina, Saskatchewan.
3. An oil topping and cracking plant at Mt. Vernon, Indiana.
4. Flour mills at Auburn, Indiana, and Outlook, Saskatchewan.
5. Feed mills at Manheim, Pennsylvania, and Superior, Wisconsin.
6. Commercial fertilizer factories and mixing plants at Baltimore; Indianapolis; Alliance, Ohio; and Maunee, Ohio.

Cooperative distribution of groceries found its greatest growth in eastern cities when the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale, serving 200 cooperatives from Maine to Maryland, surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark for the first time. An unusual development in this field was the creation of a co-op chain of grocery stores in Southern Minnesota and Wisconsin which combine the efficiency of chain store operation with local ownership, democratic control, and distribution of savings to members. American grocery co-ops adopted a uniform CO-OP label and pioneered in government ABC grade labeling of commodities.

Distribution of farm supplies, a field in which co-ops are strongest, continued to grow. The Farm Credit Administration estimated co-op purchases at \$440,000,000, one eighth of all U.S. farm supply purchases.

Cooperative insurance companies handling fire, automobile and life insurance showed increases of from 18 to 27 per cent for the year. Cooperative credit unions continued to grow throughout the year, reporting 2,250,000 members and assets well over \$100,000,000.

Continuing its series of farm, labor and cooperative conferences, the Cooperative League arranged institutes at Racine and Akron during the year and planned similar institutes in Kansas City and California early in 1940. The AFL and CIO, at their annual conventions, renewed their endorsements of the cooperative movement as an effective means of meeting the increasing costs of living. And the National Farmers Union, American Farm Bureau Federation and National Grange conventions urged further expansion of cooperatives.

Reassuring evidence of the fact that cooperatives are an important part of American life has come in a concerted national attack by private profit insurance organizations. Insurance conventions in Boston, Oakland, Indianapolis, Little Rock, White Sulphur Springs, and other places passed resolutions condemning the consumer cooperative movement because it "aims to increase prices to producers" "to cut prices to consumers" and "establish economic democracy." In their rush to defend the profit move, the insurance companies have given the cooperatives more free publicity than they have had for years.

NEW MACHINE AID HEALTH TREATMENT

The Greenbelt Health Association made an important addition to its equipment last week with the acquisition of a short wave diathermy polithermy machine which is of great assistance in treating muscular, bone, rheumatic, and infectious diseases. The model which has arrived here is of the latest design and construction, and is the first to be used in this part of the country.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

Did you ever hear anyone—outside of the fellowship of a Church or Synagogue—inquire of the nature of the praying that goes on within such places? Many times have people wondered just what Jews and Christians pray about in their worship services. Some are curious to know of the content of these prayers. They are interested to learn whether such prayers still invoke the Deity to change the laws of nature in favor of a small group of believers. They would like to know to what extent magic has been eradicated from the praying of the religious—and superstition, too.

The following is a pastoral prayer by Edward Scribner Ames of Chicago in illustration of one type of praying to be heard in Christian churches.

"O God, whose years fail not, we the children of passing days left our hearts to Thee in wonder and love. Many of us have met together here in a blessed fellowship through a great part of our lives. We have found companionship in joy and sorrow. Divine love has been about us through the sympathy of our human hearts, and our minds have aspired in song and prayer and meditation to find the meaning and fullness of life lived at its best. Bonds of light and love have upheld us and strengthened us against the strain and tumult of ordinary days. Our children have grown up around us and many dear ones have passed from this life. The company of those who make the real church of which we are a part today includes the spirits of all who have shared our hopes and labors. The invisible dead yet live among us through their deeds and through the heritage of word and example they have left us. They rejoiced in anticipation, as we now rejoice in realization and in still greater aspiration.

"May our souls be responsive to the realities and to the mysteries of this ongoing life in the church. This life comes from afar, down through ages of faith and struggle; it gathers force as the cloud of witnesses increases. Thou has sent prophets, apostles, martyrs, heroes and humble saints, whose influence makes light to shine in earthly darkness, and enlarges the kingdom of heaven within us. Help us to cultivate with intelligence and use the good gifts we have received, and may we offer them with some increment of understanding and sacrifice and fidelity for those who come after us.

"Deepen the sense of fellowship with all, of every name and faith, who seek to build a society of peace and good will upon this earth. May our minds be enlightened by wisdom, our hands guided by skill, and our spirits enriched by love. All this we ask in the name of the Good Master of Life. Amen."

LATTER DAY SAINTS NEWS

Elder David King will be the speaker at the Sunday evening Latter Day Saints' service to be held in the social room at 8:00 P.M. He will speak on the subject "What the Mormons Believe". Elder King, who is the son of Senator William H. King of Utah, recently returned from doing missionary work in Great Britain and at present is a law student at George Washington University.

The mens' study class will be held at the home of Donald H. Wagstaff, 2-C Woodland Way at 8:30 Sunday morning.

The Ladies Relief Society will meet at 2-C Northway on Wednesday, January 17, at 8:00 P.M.

Anyone interested in attending any Latter Day Saint meeting is invited to do so.

BIBLE CLASS STARTED FOR CHILDREN

A children's interdenominational bible class meets every Tuesday afternoon 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. D. M. White, 17-C Ridge Road. Children from 5 to 8 years of age are included in the class.

The class is studying the Bible "step by step", starting in Genesis. Object lessons in color in a black flannel board are used and are reported to be very impressive and lasting.

Mothers are being urged to send their children. Visitors are welcome at all times to the class.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST ENDS JANUARY 21

The contest sponsored by the Men's Sunday school class ends one week from this coming Sunday. With the score nearly tied, the contest promises to be a hot one for the next two weeks, and the attendance will probably continue to pass old marks as it has on almost every Sunday during the contest. The attendance last Sunday was 83 as compared with 18 one year ago. The team points last Sunday were 670 for the Reds and 620 for the Blues; total points—Reds, 3,800, Blues, 3,830.

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GIRL SCOUTS COMPLETE BOOKBINDING PROJECT

Mrs. Wallace Mabee announced last week that her Girl Scouts in Greenbelt Troop 17 had completed a project in bookbinding. The girls followed the steps used in professional bookbinding, as they folded wrapping paper in signatures, or groups of pages, and sewed them with linen thread. Muslin strips were used for strengthening, and the cardboard covers were decorated with fancy cloth. These books were intended for the girls themselves, but on their own initiative they decided to present them to their mothers for Christmas to be used as cook books.

"The project was a success mainly because it taught the youngsters to appreciate the art of bookbinding, and therefore to take better care of books in the future", said Mrs. Mabee.

G. H. A. TO ELECT DIRECTORS FRIDAY NIGHT

The annual election meeting of the Greenbelt Health Association will be held in the social room of the Elementary School Friday, January 19. Important items scheduled for the agenda include the annual report of the treasurer and the election of four new directors. The elections will be the first order of business and punctuality is urged on those members who expect to exercise their franchise.

The four vacant positions of the seven in the board will be filled from among the following nominees: Edward Weitsman, Peggy Zorach, Arthur Plackett, Harry Murphy, Joe O'Leary, Jean Brown, and Eugene Henderson.

Greenhills, Ohio, is growing. On July 1, 1938 the population was 836; today the population is well over 2300.

State President Visiting Women's Club in February

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, President of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Henry Naylor, President of the Prince Georges County Federation, will be guests of honor at a meeting of the Women's Club of Greenbelt in February. Mrs. Leon Benefiel will be hostess to the group for a dessert luncheon.

Nineteen members were present at the first 1940 meeting of the local club last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis, president.

Mrs. May Fitch, secretary, has announced that applications for membership may be submitted in writing to any club members or directly to the president. "The local women's club operates under the constitution and by-laws of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs for the promotion of educational, civic, social and moral measures for individual and community efficiency," Mrs. Fitch stated.

Auxiliary Changes Installation Date

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a short business meeting on January 11 at the home of Mrs. Thomas F. McNamara, 3-C Crescent Road.

The meeting will be brief so that members wishing to attend the open meeting at Hyattsville will not be delayed long.

The date for installation of auxiliary officers has been advanced to January 25 at the Legion Home.

Several building units will be repainted as soon as cold weather lets up, according to O. Kline Fulmer. The cement water paint which is used on exteriors peels off if applied in cold, wet weather. The Cooperator erroneously reported that casein base paint was used on the outsides of buildings; it is confined to interiors.

Less than five per cent of the toys sold in America are imported from foreign countries.

Health Dues Cut for Singles And Childless Couples

The monthly dues schedule of the Health Association was revised at its special meeting on December 19. The schedule, as adopted, reduced dues for single people to \$1.00 and for childless couples to \$1.50 per month. The rate for a family of four remains the same (\$2.00), but the rate for families of five or more is raised slightly to \$2.25 per month. Monthly dues entitle members of the Association to "general practitioner care", annual physical check-ups, and greatly reduced rates on specialist care such as surgery and obstetrics.

The rate changes, according to officers of the Association, are designed to increase the number of single and couple members and at the same time bring the dues payments more in line, comparatively, with the amount of service required by the various groups. The Association has enrolled more than 30 per cent of Greenbelt's families with children and about 20 per cent of Greenbelt's couples.

On the basis of these changes in rates the Association plans an intensive membership drive this month.

William Stewart, business manager of the Association, says, "There is now no reason why every resident of Greenbelt should not belong to our health cooperative. We have an excellent medical staff and offer a well rounded medical service. Our members find that they have better medical care for less money than the average American family of comparable income. Two factors make costs low: first, dues are low, and second, the preventive aspects of our plan nip many potentially serious illnesses in the bud—before illness really becomes expensive."

The Health Association will have representatives with descriptive literature posted at various central places during the month.

Two Resign Play Group Offices

Mrs. Lucile Cooper and Sherrod East submitted resignations as officers of the Greenbelt Players at the meeting of the drama group January 3.

Mrs. Cooper has been serving as recording secretary, but will be leaving Greenbelt in the spring. Mr. East is giving up the position of treasurer due to pressure of work on the board of directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Services and a desire for free time for personal affairs. Neither resignation becomes effective until replacements have been found.

Sidney Weinstein was appointed as publicity director of the Players.

ICE SKATING ON LAKE INJURES THREE

Ice skating took its toll on the Greenbelt Lake last week when three residents of nearby Maryland communities were rendered hors de combat in two days.

William Hall of Hyattsville fractured a leg Friday, January 5. Mrs. Lillian Staubus of Bennings and Mrs. Grace Moser of Hyattsville suffered similar injuries Saturday. Mrs. Staubus is recuperating in the Greenbelt Hospital.



A YEAR AGO

(From the Cooperator of January 12, 1939)

Mr. Braden stated at the Citizens' Association meeting, "It is my aim to present this community with a baseball field that, when finished, will see Griffith Stadium prodded off the map!".....

The Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation will hold their first organization meeting January 15.....

The Better Buyers Club entertained Greenbelt in the school auditorium. Those who were present will remember Mrs. Meek and her "thipping thider", and Mrs. Freeman as Tillie Zilch, and perhaps a little about how to spot good hosiery and textiles.....

Mr. Custer actually made his "last stand" and discontinued the column in order to start a fad toward newsgathering.....

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Scene from Cooperative Organizational Meeting, Jan. 2, 1940

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Inadequate Transportation

Your Transportation Committee is participating together with some twenty other citizens groups in Prince Georges County, in the efforts of the county's "Joint Committee" to rescind the recent order of the Maryland Public Utility Commission permitting the Capital Transit Company to operate a shuttle service on the Maryland Route 82 trolley line between Beltsville and Mt. Ranier during non-rush hours.

What will this mean to you?

This action, if successful, will mean the restoration of through-car service between Beltsville and Mt. Ranier at all times. This is the first legal step in the fight for through service from Greenbelt into Washington and other substantial improvements throughout Prince Georges County.

What is being done?

The services of Attorney C. L. Aiello have been obtained by the Joint Committee to advise, and represent them, in formal actions.

Formal motion to dismiss the order permitting shuttle service has been presented to the Maryland Public Utility Commission.

The Joint Committee has also requested the Commission to consider their proposals for improved service in the county. These proposals have been previously approved by the Greenbelt Citizens Association and, if accepted by the Commission, would mean, for Greenbelt, direct transportation into Washington.

What can you do?

You can help win a decisive victory by reporting in writing all incidents of unsafe situations arising at the Mt. Rainier terminal or bad connections occurring either at Mt. Rainier or at Berwyn (there have also been a number of incidents of mislabeled cars).

Personal signed statements describing incidents involving dangerous situations or poor service including time, place, block and car numbers as well as conductor's number, will be important evidence at the hearings which it is hoped will be held within a few weeks.

Send all statements to A. S. Arness, chairman, Transportation Committee, or to the Citizens Association.

Greenbelt Citizens Association
January 8, 1940

Tax Cut

With taxes mounting everywhere the action of the Town Council in controlling the 1940 budget to the extent of actually reducing the tax rate for next year is really news. A careful examination reveals that the cuts which have been made in no way curb town services.

The protest against high taxes which has been rising at a steady pace along with the increased taxes themselves has generally shown a lack of thought and understanding. Few people want public services curbed—even those who protest high taxes. So long as we decide that we want better schools, health programs, protection, information, and the countless thousands of jobs which we believe should not be handled by private interests, we shall have to pay for them. As our society becomes more and more complex public services will probably tend to cover ever widening fields of activity, rather than less.

Economy measures can only be practical when based on cutting of administration costs. Our own administration saw fit to recommend no major increases in the new budget. This cooperation should go far to prevent in Greenbelt the kind of blind tax protest that is so prevalent in most communities.

Welcome to Greenbelt

The following is a list of new arrivals to Greenbelt. The Cooperator takes this opportunity to extend the hand of welcome to:

Sam Joffe 10-C Parkway
William H. Power 15-E Parkway
John J. Dean 7-E Parkway
Loring Benedict 10-E Parkway
Joseph L. Rogers 2-C Eastway

Town directories are still on sale at the Drug Store.

Shares Must Be Paid In Full
For Co-op Voting

An announcement of considerable importance to the subscribers of partially-paid voting stock in this community's new consumer cooperative was made yesterday by Walter R. Volckhausen and Howard C. Custer, members of the C.O.C. and directors-elect of the cooperative.

Each subscriber who has applied for a voting share in the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., must have at least one share of voting stock paid in full on or before January 23 in order to vote at the first annual meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 7. This is in accordance with the by-laws approved by the subscribers' meeting January 2. Payments may be made at the cooperative office over the Variety Store.



Q. The by-laws of Greenbelt Consumer Services allow husband and wife to hold shares of stock as co-owners. Are both co-owners considered to be members; and if they are, why are not both entitled to vote, in conformance with the co-op rule "one member, one vote"?

A. They both are entitled to vote—when they own two shares of such stock.

This provision is a compromise between corporation law and cooperative practice. Legally it is the share of stock that is voted. To guard cooperative principles our by-laws provide for the issuance of two kinds of stock, voting and non-voting, and limit each member to one share of the voting stock. However, to members, provision was made for the issuance of as many as two shares of voting stock to husbands and wives in co-ownership from (the inscription reads "Mr. John Doe or Mrs. Mary Doe). So long as they own only one share of such stock, co-owners may both be considered to be approved applicants, but only one of them at a time may be considered to be fully a member.

ooOoo

Q. Will the Greenbelt Credit Union pay me my share dividend in cash.

A. The share dividend is distributed to members through an entry in the pass book adding the amount of the dividend to the share balance. This entry will be made whenever the member presents his pass book at a regular meeting. The money can be withdrawn, of course, just as any other deposit may be withdrawn by a member entitled to do so.

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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.

Health and Incomes

Insurance statistics show that people earning \$2,000 and under live seven years less than people of higher incomes. Does the fact that the average yearly income in Greenbelt is much less than \$2,000 indicate that we are to be deprived of approximately seven years of our lives?

A few more interesting figures were shown in a report of the National Resources Committee, appointed by the President to study economic conditions on "Consumer Expenditures in the U.S." published in 1939. This report shows the following annual expenditure for medical care for the income groups indicated:

ANNUAL INCOME	COST OF MEDICAL CARE
under \$780	\$20.00 per year
\$780 to \$1450	\$41.00 per year
\$1450 to \$2000	\$68.00 per year

It is a known fact that the average family with an annual income of \$2,000 or less cannot afford the luxury of running to a doctor with anything that the layman may seem minor. Yet how much wiser it is to treat, fight, and survive an ordinary case of grippe, than to wait until pneumonia has developed before it is considered serious enough to warrant the expense of calling a physician. Only the doctor can tell whether a sore throat is just that or whether the dreaded streptococci are present. Only a doctor can tell whether Johnny's sore ear is something mother can treat or whether a mastoid infection is present. Unfortunately, in the average city, people with low incomes are at present forced to gamble with the health of themselves and their families because they cannot afford to call the doctor unless it seems absolutely necessary.

Such a condition, in which wealth seems to be the main factor in determining our health and our life span, does not have to exist. The Greenbelt Health Association gives all of us the opportunity, in spite of our low incomes, to gain back those seven years ordinarily enjoyed by those able to afford a doctor at any time. The Association, with its stress on preventive medicine, can help make Greenbelt one of the healthiest communities in the country. A common cold need not be allowed to develop into grippe, and then pneumonia. Minor ailments need not develop into major troubles. Greenbelt can be the model community not only as to our homes, our gardens, and our stores, but in the all important point—our health.

Letters to Editor

MISQUOTED

To the Editor:

In the January 4 issue of the Cooperator your article on the Council Meeting of December 27 quotes me as saying, "Social service work is as out of place as an animal rescue league would be." For the sake of the record I should like to state that no such statement was made by me. On the contrary, I am much impressed with the work of our local social service agencies, and would welcome extension of our present facilities in this important field.

S. R. Berenberg, M.D.

THE SOAP PARABLE

To the Editor:

An Ivory soap wrapper sat on a stone
Weary, foot sore, and lone
Finally he was joined by a brother
Then there came several others
By twos, threes and fours
They came to our door
Till one thousand seventy five
came alive

For which the Greenbelt Community Church
received a five.

After it reached its destination
At the Proctor and Gamble station.

Now, many, many, thanks to one and all
For helping roll our ball
You have done your best
To God you may leave the rest
We'll say a big prayer for you
And if you'll say a little one for me
The year of 1940 you shall see
Will better be for me and thee.

A Church Member

UNFAIR CRITICISM OF GREENBELT

To the Editor:

Most Greenbelt citizens have from time to time, I am sure, read in the various Washington newspapers articles that tend to satirize and ridicule our town. There is a gentle touch of sarcasm in each and every article I have read. The gentlemen who write them seem to be either grossly misinformed or else their irony affords them the utmost delectation. In several of the articles they have tried to place the citizens of Washington under the great misapprehension that we are struggling along out here under the strain of such rigid "rules and regulations" that it is practically an arduous task to live here.

It is about time someone enlightened these newspaper writers. I have lived in Greenbelt only a short period of time, (nine months to be exact) and I am deeply sincere when I say it is the most modern, most home-like, warmest, cleanest, and most pleasant place in which I or anyone of the millions in our circumstances have ever or could ever hope to live. In short, I am exceedingly thankful I can live here and am very proud to say I am a citizen of Greenbelt.

As for the very few "rules and regulations" (as they call them) we do have, I have yet to see one that does not work out for the benefit of the people and the preservation of the most beautiful little town in many states.

In the future the newspaper writers might aid the citizens of Washington by confining themselves to citing the very many useless and uncalled-for "rules and regulations" of that city.

Gilbert C. Heine

ANOTHER HOSPITAL BOOSTER

To the Editor:

Being one that has just come home from the Greenbelt Hospital, I'd like to express my thanks for the good care my baby son and I received. I'd also like to thank the doctors and nurses on the staff. They were so swell. One could never get better care in any other hospital. I feel that I'm one to judge. We are thankful for the hospital.

Mrs. Guy W. Bowen

NIGHT SCHOOL FACULTY HONORED BY TEA

A tea for the faculty of the Greenbelt Night School will be given Sunday, January 14 in the display house, 2-A Gardemway by the education committee of the Citizens Association. The time is from 4 to 6 P.M. and all students who attended night school classes are invited to attend.

Town Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RATE OF TAXATION ON REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1940.

ORDINANCE NO. XXXVI

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Greenbelt, Maryland, that the rate of taxation on real estate and personal property subject to taxation within the said Town of Greenbelt for the fiscal year beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 1940 shall be \$2.08 on each One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars of valuation. SECTION 11. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 1940.

Passed by the Council of the Town of Greenbelt, Maryland in special meeting, Monday, December 27, 1939.

Henry H. Maurer, mayor
Winfield McCamy, town clerk

LIBRARY CORNER

STATISTICS FOR 1939

Attendance	23,953
Circulation	21,537
Books to date	2,288
Fines	\$85.48
Replacement	.50

The following new books have been added to the library shelves:

Adams, "Incredible Era"; Alexander, "The Cruise of The Raider Wolf"; Ambler, "A Coffin for Dimitrios"; Asch, "The Nazarene"; Bridge, "Four Part Setting"; Bromfield, "It Takes All Kinds"; Canby, "Thoreau"; Crawford, "The Pressure Boys"; Deeping, "Folly Island"; Dodge, "Strange Gods"; Ellsberg, "Men Under The Sea"; Fowler, "Illusion In Java"; Gardner, "D. A. Draws A Circle"; Gassner, "20 Best Plays"; Gibbs, "The Silver Death"; Grey, "Western Union"; Griswold, "A Sea Island Lady"; Guedalla, "The Hundredth Year"; Hackett, "Queen Anne Boleyn"; Hansen, "O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories of 1939"; Harding, "Imperial Twilight"; Holden, "Believe The Heart"; Knittel, "Power for Sale"; Limpus, "Honest Cop"; McWilliams, "Factories In The Field"; Mann, "The Magic Mountain"; Maugham, "Christmas Holiday"; Mantle, "Best Plays of 1938-1939"; Milne, "Autobiography"; Morley, "Kitty Foyle"; Norris, "Lost Sunrise"; North, "Seven Against The Years"; Pinkerton, "Wilderness Wife"; Stevenson, "The Green Money"; Streit, "Union Now"; Tucker, "Miss Susie Slagle's"; Untermeyer, "Autobiography"; Vance, "Escape"; Walpole, "The Sea Tower"; Wells, "Fate Of Man"; Wolfe, "Look Homeward, Angel"; Yutang, "Moment In Peking".

— Reba S. Harris

BOOK CLUB WILL REVIEW "ESCAPE"

"Escape" by Ethel Vance will be the book reviewed and discussed at the next meeting of the Book Club, Wednesday, January 17. Reba S. Harris, librarian, will lead the program discussion.

The meeting will be held at 8 P.M. in Room 200 at the Elementary School. The meeting is open to all interested.

"THE POET'S CORNER"

(This begins a series of jingles by Abraham Chasanow, a Greenbelter who makes rhyming his avocation.)

What's that noise all over creation?
It's the Citizens' Association
Discussing pros and cons, and ways and means.
It's not just so much static;
We're being democratic
And permitting all the folks to vent their spleens.

Admitting lots of ruction
Still, we stop short of destruction;
We're a peaceful, law-abiding group of folks.
Though we hurl lots of invective,
We are merely being objective
And, afterward, consider them just jokes.

What, outside, may sound like screeches
Are extemporaneous speeches
Delivered, in some cases, through our hats.
Though most of what we've heard in
Meeting's silly, that's our burden;
The price we pay for being democrats.

— Chaz

HEALTH ASSOCIATION GETS LABORATORY HELP

An important addition was made to the services of the Greenbelt Health Association last week in the securing of Mrs. David K. Kadane as laboratory technician on a voluntary basis.

She was until recently the research assistant of Dr. Hans Zinsser, head of the bacteriology department of the Harvard Medical School, and later a research associate at the Bureau of Laboratories, New York City.

NEW BARBER EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

The management of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., apologizes for the inconvenience caused the patrons of the Barber Shop due to the vacancy on the barber staff.

Present plans and hopes call for an additional barber by the week-end, according to Sulo Laakso, general manager of G.C.S.

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.

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 ?.

Our Town: Toboggan Slide

By Anne Hull

When snow and ice are on the ground Greenbelt children take their sleds out for a good time. The hill at the north end of Crescent Road is the most popular sliding place as long as the snow holds. When the slippery surface wears thin here, the sleds turn to the toboggan slide at the rear of 3-Crescent Road and to other convenient slopes around town.

The track descending from 3 Crescent to the east end of the lake is 850 feet long, 10 to 20 feet side, and provides a thrilling 90 foot drop. Harvey Vincent estimates that a sled may attain a speed of 25 or 30 miles an hour before reaching the bottom. First in use before Thanksgiving, 1938, it follows a clearing originally made for the power line to the sewage disposal plant. A fence at the top prevents sledding enthusiasts from marring the lawns of the nearby residents. At the bottom the slide leads across a bridge built over one of the unnamed streams following into the east end of the lake.

Because of wear and tear on the topsoil during the sledding season the maintenance crew found it necessary to fill in gullies and smooth over eroded portions of the slide last summer.

The town management wishes to discourage sledding near underpasses and on roads which have not been blocked off for the purpose. Small boys fond of making "seat slides" are encouraged to keep away from the slopes at the sides of the underpasses, as these may have been especially graded for drainage purposes. Thorny shrubs serve to emphasize the point, in some cases.

In nine cases out of ten, however, one child plus one slope equals a slide. Come on, fellows, let's go! Where's your sled?

WITH THE PLAYERS



Question No. 1 with the Greenbelt Players is: "Will there be 7-day movies, or not?" Apparently this question will be cleared at the Co-op meeting on or about February 6. The Players in the meantime, are having a special committee meet with the administration officials to air their problems.

Until now the Players have rented the use of the local theater for both their rehearsals and plays. If 7-day movies comes in there will probably be an end to stage rehearsals and no opportunity to erect and review scenery prior to production date.

The official answer to the group may be: "What about your using the Auditorium?" Those who feel that the Auditorium is adequate for good stage work should be reminded that the Auditorium has notoriously poor acoustics; no dressing room accommodations; no effective stage lighting; and no place to make and store flats and equipment. Also, to date it has been a policy not to permit any group to charge admission to a meeting or entertainment held in the Auditorium. This would prevent Players from collecting enough money to pay royalties. And remember this—good plays bear sizable royalties!

While a number of errors were made in the construction of the Greenbelt Theater, from the stage production angle, at least a good lighting system was provided behind the curtains. The Greenbelt Theater is the logical place for our Players to work and in which to continue giving progressively more skillful productions.

The special committee will bring these matters before the proper persons soon. Group President Kinsley, Margaret Miller, and Nathan H. Schein compose the committee.

It has been suggested that in the future, at least one play-shop play be given each month, and that a distinct effort be made to make these "test laboratory" one-act plays as nearly complete as possible so that they will serve their purpose fully. Experience may be a good teacher, but the experience should be discussed at length in order that the lesson may be properly understood.

— Lyman L. Woodman

GREENBELT THEATRE

Thursday, Jan. 18 Revival - One Day

THE HURRICANE

with Dorothy Lemoor, Joe Holl, Mary Astor, C. Aubrey Smith, Thomas Mitchell, Raymond Massey. Story by Northhoff and Hall, authors "Mulligan on the Bounty". Directed by John Ford

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 & 20

A MAN...A GIRL and a thousand bolo knives

Samuel Goldwyn

GARY COOPER

THE REAL GLORY

DAVID NIVEN - ANDREA LEGG

A victim of German bullets!... See her astounding story!

ANNA NEAGLE

NURSE EDITH CAVELL

EDNA MAY OLIVER, GEORGE SANDERS, MAY ROBSON, ZASU PITTS

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 21 & 22



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I doubt that there is any community in the country whose citizens are more aware of their civic responsibilities, or more generous in their contributions of time and energy to civic programs, than are those of Greenbelt. Few cities could boast more major jobs done by citizens. Few citizens voluntarily tax themselves more (in time and energy) to bring about the growth of those institutions they deem essential to the community's welfare.

Here is a list of what I consider Greenbelt's major achievements of the past year. I have tried to pick those jobs that took the greatest vision, the most comprehensive planning, and the most unflagging and unselfish zeal on the part of their achievers. I ask that you do not hold me too closely to the order in which I list them. I have wanted to put the greatest first, but I am not too sure I have done so; I hope you will take the list merely as an indication of the measure of "good works" we have accomplished in the past year. Here is the list:

1. The re-creation of the Health Association and the expansion of its services.
2. The continuance of the Credit Union's major contribution to community welfare.
3. The organization of Greenbelt Consumer Services as a cooperative.
4. The week-in, week-out production of the ever-improving Cooperator.
5. The notable growth of the Church's importance in the community.
6. The work of the Welfare Committee of the Citizens Association.
7. The Athletic Club activities.
8. The Greenbelt Players productions.
9. The First Annual Town Fair.
10. The work of the Transportation Committee of the Citizen's Association.

— Howard C. Custer



Editor's Note: The picture of W. R. Volckhausen was inadvertently omitted from Howard Custer's write-up last week. Bob's picture is given here, and we have been reminded by several Greenbelters that Bob's activities are not confined to work in the cooperatives. He was editor of the Cooperator two years ago, and later as auditor he set up the books for the Journalistic Club.

At the present time Bob is teaching at the University of Maryland while he is working for his Ph. D. degree.

Shooters Annual Meeting Is Tuesday

The Greenbelt Gun Club annual meeting and election of officers is to be held at 7-A Ridge Road, 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 16. Several important items relative to the program of the group are to be voted on, and plans will be effected for a night course in marksmanship instruction.

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, January 11		
Pre-School Mothers Club	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Friday, January 12 G.		
G.C.S.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	G.C.S. OFFICE
Credit Union	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, January 13		
Gun Club	2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Basketball Game	7:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27-A Ridge Rd.
Square Dance	9:30 P.M.	Jr. Recreation
Sunday, January 14		
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 - 4:00 P.M.	Range
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg.
Evening Hour-Community Church	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Letter Day Saints	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Monday, January 15		
G.C.S.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	G.C.S. Office
Credit Union	6:30 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Tuesday, January 16		
Girl Scouts #17	3:15 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts #18	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Bowling League	7:30 P.M.	College Park
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
Gun Club	8:00 P.M.	7-A Ridge Road
JOURNALISTIC CLUB	8:00 P.M.	Cooperator Of.
Wednesday, January 17		
Junior Choir	7:00 P.M.	Music Room
Credit Union Meeting	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Bridge Club	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Ladies Relief Society	8:00 P.M.	2-G Northway
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Church Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Club Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 200



MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt

Last night I went to a birthday party and had such good things that I can't risk getting run down by an automobile or dying like a general—in my bed—before I have told you about them. Maybe they won't be news to lots of you, but there must be some folks in town who haven't eaten them and who have the same culinary treat coming to them that I got last night.

My hostess has kindly consented to give me the recipes to those items which particularly took my fancy and just because I like you I'm going to give them to you for your Greenbelt cookbook.

Don't stick them away and forget them. They're extremely tasty and the potato salad especially is a nice departure from the stereotyped.

Let me know when you pickle the beets. I'll be right over.

— Peggie Arness

RECIPES

CHOPPED LIVER

1-1/2 pounds beef liver 4 to 6 hard cooked eggs
4 onions salt to taste
chicken fat, rendered

Place liver in boiling, salted water and cook until finished, about half an hour if the liver is in one piece, 15 minutes if in slices. Cool. Remove the ligaments and skin. Put through food chopper, alternating with the onions and eggs. Season to taste, then add chicken fat generously. This serves six persons generously. Left over liver in this form is fine in sandwiches, and makes excellent canapés.

Chopped liver can be served cold on lettuce, but if you prefer, place in a casserole and heat. Then serve.

PICKLED BEETS

1 can Co-op sliced beets 3 tablespoons sugar
1/2 cup liquid from can 1/2 cup Co-op vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt few mixed whole spices
2 sliced onions if desired

Bring to a boil, vinegar and beet liquid, to which has been added sugar and salt. Arrange in a jar alternately the beet slices and sliced onions. Add the spices, then pour over the liquid. Add more sugar if you desire a sweeter preparation. Cover. Can be used the next day. Will keep indefinitely.

POTATO SALAD

2 cups diced potatoes 1 large carrot grated
3 stalks celery (leaves included) salt to taste
1 small onion grated

Mix the above with about 1/2 cup Co-op red label salad dressing which has been mixed with 1/4 cup Co-op vinegar and 2 tablespoons sugar. Place in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Dear Mrs. Arness:

Please bear in mind that I cook by instinct and these measurements may have to be juggled a little.

— Lillian Schwartz

Keeping Cooked Meat Fresh and Edible

"Keep cooked meat in the cold part of your refrigerator and do not let it remain unused for too long a period of time," is the warning of the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the AAA.

"It should be loosely covered with oiled paper to prevent its drying out," advises the Guide.

"Ground cooked meat should be used with extra promptness, since it is an easy victim of contamination. This is particularly important for ground meats used in salads and sandwiches which are not reheated after they are ground."

"The warning holds also for reheated ground meats such as those used for croquettes."

"The danger of contamination of ground meat becomes more acute if the meat is ground or chopped while warm and then allowed to stand without proper refrigeration."

This Is News - - - Poem Bites Man

The men, bless their hearts, are not to be out-done, even by the women. Or should I say, especially by the women? I wish you might all have seen his dewy-eyed, shy expression as he handed it to me. A real poet he looked, I can tell you, only lacking the Windsor tie and the flowing locks to be truly Byronesque. I am glad to publish his poem. I think it's good. I'm sorry he insists upon remaining anonymous, but since he does, I'll not tell his name. So it's safe, fellows, if you feel the urge to become poetic. Send me the brain children, and I promise never, never to tell. I don't even talk in my sleep!

Brattling, brawling, chuckling stream,
Swiftly swirling through my dream,
Shooting rock-tossed spray on high,
As though to taunt the smiling sky.
Your dimpling, crystal waters clear,
Bring your sandy depths so near,
That my drowsy, nodding head
Yawning slips into your bed.

— Beyar

Food Standards Committee Announces 3 Open Sessions

On January 26, 29, 31 important open sessions will be held by the Food Standards Committee during which time all interested parties are invited to submit recommendations for standards of identity for the following products:

Oleomargarine; canned fruit for salads, canned fruit cocktail; and whole wheat, raisin and milk breads.

The Food Standards Committee, composed of two men from the Food and Drug Administration and four state food officials, has been studying these items for some time endeavoring to ascertain what type of definition will be most useful in promoting honesty and fair dealing in the interest of the consumer.

These hearings are open not only to the public but are held in their interest and consumers should make it a point to attend them. In all three cases the consumers are urged to present their point of view, and in the case of bread particularly, the Committee would like to hear from those consumers who bake their own bread in the home.

The sessions will be held in Room 1039 of the South Building, Department of Agriculture at 10 A.M.

Pre-School Mothers Meet Tonight

A "Home Play Program" will be the subject discussed at the next meeting of the Pre-School Mother's Club to be held tonight at 8:00 P.M. in the Social Room of the Elementary School. Because of the holiday season the meeting date was advanced from January 3. A. Colletti and D. Wilson, kindergarten teachers, will lead the discussion. Following the discussion, candidates will be nominated for vice-president.

"BOY MEETS GIRL"

Miss Marie Diller, teacher in adolescent training, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Mother's Club Thursday, January 18 at 8 o'clock in the Social Room. Her topic will be "Boy Meets Girl." Students from our Greenbelt High School will furnish entertainment. Mothers of school-age children are cordially welcome.

Bulletins giving full information will be delivered in the near future.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

After nearly a month's vacation the Better Buyer leaders held a meeting in the home of Mrs. Carl Jernberg last Thursday.

Sulo Laakso, manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, was present to comment on menu suggestions and demonstrations exhibited by several Better Buyers just before the holiday in the grocery store. He suggested that members get together with the Food Store manager and plan a long range program so that the store can have an ample supply of the items suggested in the menus. "In the case of the tuna fish recipes the supply of fish in the store soon ran out," he said.

The committee in charge of planning these food and menu demonstrations consists of Madelyn Conklyn, Evelyn Cooper and Ruth Taylor. Exhibits are being planned for the near future. Recipes and menus will include unusual as well as economical recipes.

Round up Time on the Range

A good housekeeper's kitchen stove is as clean as the palm of her hand, or so I've heard. Sometimes mine gets a little ahead of me, but it really shouldn't. There isn't much excuse for an electric range not looking spic and span. Oil stoves, coal ranges maybe, but electric ranges are such clean little workers themselves that it seems a shame not to keep them shiny as a new car.

Consumers' Guide has a few items worth noting, it seems to me. You are probably doing these things already, but I am listing them, just in case—

"Plain soap and water are the best materials for keeping the enameled parts of the range clean. But be sure to wash the range when it is cold, not immediately after you have been cooking on it."

"A very mild abrasive, like whiting, can also be used on the enameled part of the range, while for the nickel trimmings whiting or a metal polish is best."

"If food has spilled on the cooking unit, simply wash off the spilled food after the stove has cooled."

When you want to take the stove apart for a more-than-skin-deep cleaning, be very sure to remove the switch from the little pocket in the wall. Mine is over the cabinet. Probably yours is, too. But the important thing is to remove it. The house current can give you a terrific jolt, even if you escape more serious effects.

Greenbelt's New Babies

The Charles E. Slaughts of 20-F Crescent Road are the proud parents of a baby boy, born January 3 at the Greenbelt Hospital.

Glen Harold Maw born December 15 at 2:53 A.M. is now home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Louis Maw, 3-D Parkway.

HOME ECONOMICS REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for home economics classes will be held tomorrow January 12, from 3 to 4 P.M. in the homemaking room at the Elementary School with Mrs. Mabel Bessemer present to answer any questions. Those unable to register Friday may do so later with Mrs. Rose Alpher during office hours.

New classes will begin Monday, January 15, at 8 P.M. in the homemaking room. A registration of 20 is necessary to form each class, making early registration essential.

The tentative schedule follows:

Family clothing - Mon. and Thurs. - 8:00-10:00 P.M.
Home decoration - Tues. - 8:00-10:00 P.M.
Family clothing - Wed. - 2:30- 4:30 P.M.
Foods - Wed. - 8:00-10:00 P.M.

All courses are planned to assist Greenbelt women with those homemaking problems for which they find the greatest need. The family clothing class will make garments for all members of the family. Adult garments can often be made over into attractive clothing for children.

The home decoration class will make slip covers and such other home furnishings as the women desire to make—curtains, drapes, table covers, bedspreads, pillows, and dressing table skirts. Some time will be given to planning attractive rooms.

The foods class will plan, cook and serve low cost meals.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

by B. Maryn

The proposed hearings to be held (notice of which appears elsewhere on this page) by the Food Standards Committee in order to establish definitions and standards of identity for oleomargarine, canned fruits for cocktail and bread are of great importance to the average consumer. The question of oleomargarine to low income groups is especially vital because it is used as a butter substitute.

Since in most cities the price of fluid milk is too high for the adequate consumption by low income groups thus cutting down that supply of butter fat and since it is these same families who are likely to use butter substitutes the question bears investigating.

It is interesting to note that the Federal Government does not permit the use of butter substitutes in its institutions. Soldiers in the United States Army are not served these products but its use is permitted in cooking. The same holds true for Veterans Hospitals.

WHAT IS MARGARINE?

IS IT AN ADEQUATE BUTTER SUBSTITUTE?

IS IT AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF VITAMIN A AND D WHICH IS CONTAINED IN BUTTER?

WHAT RELATION DOES THE COST OF MARGARINE BEAR TO THE CALORIC OR NUTRITIONAL VALUE OBTAINED?

WHAT STATE REGULATIONS IF ANY GOVERN THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF MARGARINE?

Blotters for Wax Drippings

If your children came home from the carol singing like mine did, nicely decorated down the front with "dripless" candle drippings, you might like to know how to get the wax off painlessly. My daughter's teacher came through with the information that all that was needed was an iron and a couple of blotters. Put one clean white blotter under the cloth, and one on top and press down with the hot iron. It works like a charm.

Of course, if you like to do things the hard way, the wax can be rubbed with cold lard or turpentine or kerosene oil, then washed out with warm soapsuds.

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WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT SHOWS EXPENDITURES

The Welfare Committee of the Citizens Association has just submitted to the Prince Georges County Social Service League a financial report covering the expenditure of \$200 placed at the disposal of the committee for the last fiscal year.

Compiled from the books of Bart Finn, treasurer, and from the financial records of Miss Helen Shuford, the expenditures were as follows:

Clothing	\$10.00
Food	41.00
Rent	40.00
Medicines, nursing, dental, housekeeping aid	95.00
Running expenses - (postage, telephone, etc.)	3.50
	<u>\$200.00</u>

The budget committee has provided the hospital with some permanent equipment. Budget committee members are: Mrs. H. C. Custer, Mrs. L. S. Dodson, Mrs. I. Schwartz, Rev. R. L. Kincheloe, and Mr. Bart Finn.

Mrs. Lois H. Fulmer, chairman of the Welfare Committee, in making the report, praised the treasurer's recording, balancing and supervision of expenditures. Mrs. Fulmer also stated that the policy of the committee is to insist that all financial aid to individual families must go through the hands of Miss Shuford. This assures privacy and expert guidance to those receiving aid.

The lay committees have been headed by Mrs. Custer, clothing, furniture, and toy exchange; Mr. Finn, employment; Mrs. Harry Fleisher, domestic employment; and Earl L. Mathers, emergency drug fund.

As a result of discussion at the December meeting, Mrs. Fulmer declared that the greatest need of the committee was to publicize the services that the committee performs for the citizens.

Active members of the committee in addition to those already mentioned are:

Mrs. L. G. Benefiel, Mrs. C. E. Fitch, Mrs. H. Hall, Sr.; Mrs. M. J. Nevius, Mrs. H. F. Wentworth, and Mrs. G. D. Berkalew.

ADMINISTRATION URGES CARE IN ELECTRICITY USE

Due to a loss of from \$500 to \$800 a month last year on electricity, the tenants of Greenbelt have been paying their electric bill on a pro rata basis according to a statement made by the town administration office. This is one of the reasons why bills have been higher this year than last. Check meters are put in various units, some consisting of as little as 6 houses, one of as many as 288 houses. Meters are read and then an average is taken, and rates are made according to the size of the house.

The office pointed out that electricity may be conserved in various ways. Lights for instance should be turned off when rooms are not in use. The great American pastime is leaving the radio on all day for a little sociable noise and consumes electricity equal to a 60 watt bulb left burning for the same amount of time.

A representative of Potomac Electric Power Company will be glad to show those interested how to practice greater economy in stove power consumption.

The administration office has signified its willingness to consult with any resident on this question.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE PRAISES GREENBELT

Miss Adalaide Jessup Pratt, executive secretary of the State of Maryland Library Association, has "never seen such participation" by a community in its library as she has observed in Greenbelt. In November there was a total attendance of 4,644, and the circulation of books was 2591. One third of adult reading was non-fictional.

Kellog Peckham who clerks in the Food Store here is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia at the Greenbelt Hospital.

CAMERA CLUB SPONSORS PRINT CONTEST

Merchandise prize will be the award incentive for the new series of monthly print contests sponsored by the Greenbelt Camera Club. The 16th of this month will mark the first of the series. Each month the club will assign a certain subject to be photographed by the members. The prints of these subjects will be submitted to the club judges and the best three prints selected will receive merchandise prizes through the courtesy of a downtown merchant. After the judging, the prints will be displayed in the lobby of the theater for view by the general public. It is the intention of the club to have photographs on display at all times and in as much as the monthly show will not provide enough new photographs for this purpose these shows will be supplemented by one man shows by the individual members.

The contests are open only to members of the club in good standing and anyone interested in exhibiting work is invited to contact the secretary, Mr. Wayne Roberts.

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Standard Bacon		1/2 lb. 9c
Long Horn Cheese		lb. 19c
Fresh Killed Chickens	frying and roasting	lb. 25c

Fruits & Vegetables

New Potatoes	2 lbs.	11c
Maine Potatoes	10 for	27c
Rome Beauty Apples	4 lbs.	15c
Florida Juice Oranges	20 for	19c

Groceries

Natural Apricots	Grade B (choice)	2 1/2 can	15c
Co-op Gelatin Desserts		3 for	13c
Co-op Spinach Grade A (fancy)		2 1/2 can	2 for 27c
Co-op Baked Beans	Pork and Sauce	28oz. can	2 for 25c
Co-op Brown Bread		1 lb. can	2 for 25c
Co-op Unbleached Flour	Blue Label	5 lb. sack	18c



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