

Journalistic Club Approves New Finance Plan

A revised financial plan for the Cooperator was endorsed at a meeting of the Journalistic Club January 16, after reports and recommendations had been given by the editor and the business manager.

The new program, based on a budget worked up by the treasurer and a study of revenue for the last year, becomes effective retroactively to January 1.

Nominations for officers of the Club and the paper were opened at the meeting and will be open again at the February meeting when elections will take place.

Newsreel production was explained by Aaron Chinitz, who recently showed his first edition before a meeting of the Maryland Democrats. Mr. Chinitz explained that he wanted to have the newsreel coordinated with the Cooperator so that the two would supplement each other and not compete in any way. A committee consisting of Mr. Chinitz, Peter Carroll, Norman Marti and Howard Custer was appointed to supervise the project and make arrangements for showing in the Greenbelt Theater.

WHAT'S YOUR TEMPERATURE?

Harry W. Rhodes, superintendent of the Disposal Plant, reports some interesting figures on the variety of local temperatures. These figures taken last Friday night are: six degrees in Block A; three degrees in the Business Center; three degrees in Block F and zero at the Garbage Disposal Plant. This variation is considered to be due to the varying altitudes of the different areas.

At a meeting of the Prince Georges County Hospital Association held in the Bladensburg Firehouse, January 22, officers were elected for the permanent organization whose purpose is the establishment of a large county hospital.

Dr. Samuel Berenberg was elected to the board of directors.

Winning Photograph



SEA SCOUT ORGANIZING STARTS WITH DANCE

The first social event of those interested in forming a sea scout patrol here was an informal dance held Friday night, January 19. Chaperons for the evening were the new scout master, James Birtle, and Mrs. Birtle, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Porter.

Thomas Wins First Camera Club Contest

W. Earl Thomas won the first Camera Club contest of this year with the picture reproduced on this page. The first award was made Tuesday evening, January 16.

"The results of this first contest were highly successful" said President Levi Pittman. Mr. Pittman continued, "Such a response proves our contention that the members of the Club want and will take advantage of these opportunities to display their work." It was further declared that due to this success, the Club will continue the monthly shows indefinitely. In addition to the prizewinners being published in the Cooperator, merchandise prizes will be given. The top four winners will be submitted to the Washington Camera Council's traveling shows. These shows will be judged and shown by all the clubs in and about Washington. From these traveling shows there will be chosen four prints each month to submit to the Continental Print Competition of the Photographic Society of America, with which the Greenbelt Club is affiliated, making these prints eligible for regional and national prizes. All in all these monthly shows not only give the local worker an opportunity for local recognition but will also put him in line for national acclaim.

The top four winners to be submitted to the Washington Show will be displayed each month for a time before submission in the Greenbelt Library. They will be on display during library hours.

Until further notice the Camera Club will meet in the school house Room 222 on the usual nights.

Greenbelt Gets County Health Aid

Greenbelt will receive aid from the Prince Georges County health officer Dr. R. H. Riley, director of the Maryland Health Department, announced last week. Until recently, Dr. Riley explained, there had been some doubt among state and county officials as to whether Greenbelt was entitled to this help.

A recent ruling by the state attorney general which held that the Federal Government had relinquished jurisdiction over Greenbelt residents served to clarify the health department's position, Dr. Riley pointed out.

Under the direction of Dr. Charles E. Gill, newly appointed county health officer, Greenbelt will receive biologicals such as serums and vaccines from the state Health Department, as well as the other types of assistance afforded other county towns, Dr. Riley said. He stated that because of the previous uncertainty over Greenbelt's status the department had been "afraid" to furnish the serums and vaccines.

NINE FIREMEN EARN DIPLOMAS AND DINNER

Nine diplomas were awarded to Greenbelt's fire fighters last week at a banquet which celebrated the completion of an unusual course of study in fireman's training.

A short time ago Charles Ernest Walker, local assistant fire chief, registered with the University of Maryland for "Fireman's Training", an extension course given by the engineering department of the school. This was in addition to his studies of life saving, standard and advanced first aid.

This course taken by Mr. Walker made such a deep impression on him that he decided to share its benefits with fellow workers at Greenbelt, and organized the fireman's course. All available local material plus his university lessons were utilized in this unusual venture and notice was sent around that all who desired to participate were welcome.

A considerable number of Greenbelt maintenance men signed up at once. Although the classes were conducted on a purely voluntary basis, attendance was excellent week after week.

Greenbelt equipment, hose, nozzles, reels, water pressures,—all received attention from practical and theoretical end. Test calls were made with the truck and equipment to various sections of town, and the fire fighting angle of the location analyzed. Buildings and rooms in the Shopping Center were given the same treatment before the course closed.

Finally, nine successful students and a teacher, with their wives and invited guests, gathered at a gala banquet arranged by a committee headed by Officer George Panagoulis to celebrate. A roast turkey graced the table together with favors made to resemble fire fighting equipment.

The nine graduate students of Mr. Walker's course were Harry W. Rhodes, George J. Panagoulis, Orvia C. Kramer, Noble V. Anderson, Henry Meyer, R. L. Brittingham, Hollie L. Watts, J. G. Oldham, and Harvey A. Wharton.

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Our Town: High School

By Anne Hull

Most of us living in Greenbelt have no opportunity of meeting and exchanging ideas with our neighbors of Branchville, Beltsville, Berwyn, or College Park. One place where this sense of isolation is being converted into cooperation is the Greenbelt High School, 50 per cent of those students come from surrounding towns. There are about 210 in the entire student body.

One of the remarkable features of the High School is the amount of volunteer work performed by the students. Different groups of Home Economics students volunteer to prepare the menus offered in the cafeteria at lunch time, and to clear up afterwards. Commercial course students offer their services in the office; those interested in library work assist the librarian, Mrs. Polly Brown. The boys studying Industrial Arts under Chester Wurl build most of the cafeteria equipment, and have fashioned benches for the school grounds, to cite only two of their contributions.

The school offers three courses; the academic, for those who plan to continue their studies after graduation; the commercial, for those planning to enter business; and the general, which with the proper selection of electives, can prepare students for trades apprenticeships, nurses' schools, laboratory assistanceships, and general vocations.

There are ten instructors representing at least eight states. Roland Sliker, the principal, teaches geometry, besides performing his other duties. Mrs. Polly Brown, librarian, also teaches world history and economics. Miss Louise Archer is the mathematics teacher. Mrs. Christine Boughton gives most of the English courses. Sidney Henes teaches economic geography, civics, American history, and English. Miss Elizabeth Poffenberger instructs music, Latin, French, and English. Frederick Zebley gives the commercial course, and Chester Wurl the industrial arts course. Paul Bregle teaches physics, biology, and chemistry. Miss Ellen Smith, home economics. Mrs. Brown, Mr. Henes, Mr. Zebley, and Mr. Wurl all live in Greenbelt.

While the school is of modern design, with excellent equipment, and seemingly spacious, it occupies only half the area planned for its blueprints,

and lacks both a gymnasium and an auditorium. At present assembly periods are conducted in three shifts, in the Music Room, to accommodate the entire student body. The elementary school gymnasium is used for basketball practice by the girl's and boys' teams after school hours. In spite of this unsatisfactory arrangement, the boys' basketball team, known as the "Greenbelt Grizzlies", last year won all 21 games they played. There is no suitable outdoor recreation field near the High School, either. An old gravel pit served the boys practicing soccer last fall.

Such handicaps have not interfered with other activities. There are seven clubs at present, the Spanish Club, the Hobby Club, the Glee Club, the Commercial Club, the Dramatic Club, the Journalistic Club, and a Symphony Group, which meets the last school period every Friday under the supervision of Mr. Sliker and Miss Poffenberger to play records. The school owns a set of "Star" records which were paid for from school funds. These are raised from the proceeds of the cafeteria, candy store, school games, and dances. A fund of \$50 was recently raised for the library, which was matched by \$50 from the County Board. All the money for office supplies is raised by the school. Spanish is not offered in the school curriculum, and the Spanish Club was formed by those who wished to learn it.

The Commercial Club studies the social side of business, such as office etiquette. One of the most interesting projects of the Commercial Class is the school bank, open every Tuesday. It is planning to cooperate with the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The Dramatic Club puts on plays for assembly periods, while the Glee Club contributes music. This group also sings at graduation exercises. The Journalistic Club puts out a monthly, the "Pioneer". Making model airplanes seems to be the principal occupation of the Hobby Club.

Regular student government has not been established, but Mr. Sliker has appointed an advisory council to meet with him from time to time for discussion of school problems. The council is made up

of representatives from each room, including members from each class, seniors and juniors predominating.

Greenbelt High School is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education, and will recommend any student having an average of B or better in 60 per cent of his academic courses for college; two went into nurses' training; of the rest all but two are working. This year's class of 31 is over 5 times the size of the first graduating class. Mr. Sliker reports that an alumni organization is forming.

One student interviewed was of the opinion that Greenbelt High School's chief merits are its small size, which results in special attention to the individual students, the youth of its teachers, resulting in more rapid understanding and sympathy than is sometimes the case, and the modern equipment. The home economics and industrial arts rooms, especially impress a visitor. The reporter would add to the list the large percentage of outside students and the varied backgrounds of the teachers, which is a deterrent to the provincialism often found in small town high schools.

IT WAS A BAD DAY FOR THE IRISH

'Twas a sad day for Erin when three of her gallant sons ventured forth upon the frozen wastes of Greenbelt Lake last Saturday. Within the space of a few hours, an O'Dell, a Connelly, and a Murphy were aided off the ice, suffering from lacerations and contusions about the head.

At this writing, Mr. O'Dell is confined in the Greenbelt Municipal Hospital, being treated for a cerebral concussion. All three casualties were from Washington, but strangers to each other.

Nearly 40 patrons of Howard Custer's folk dancing get-togethers helped him celebrate his birthday in the Recreation Room back of the Firehouse last Saturday night. The folk dancing is being held every week, free to all interested.

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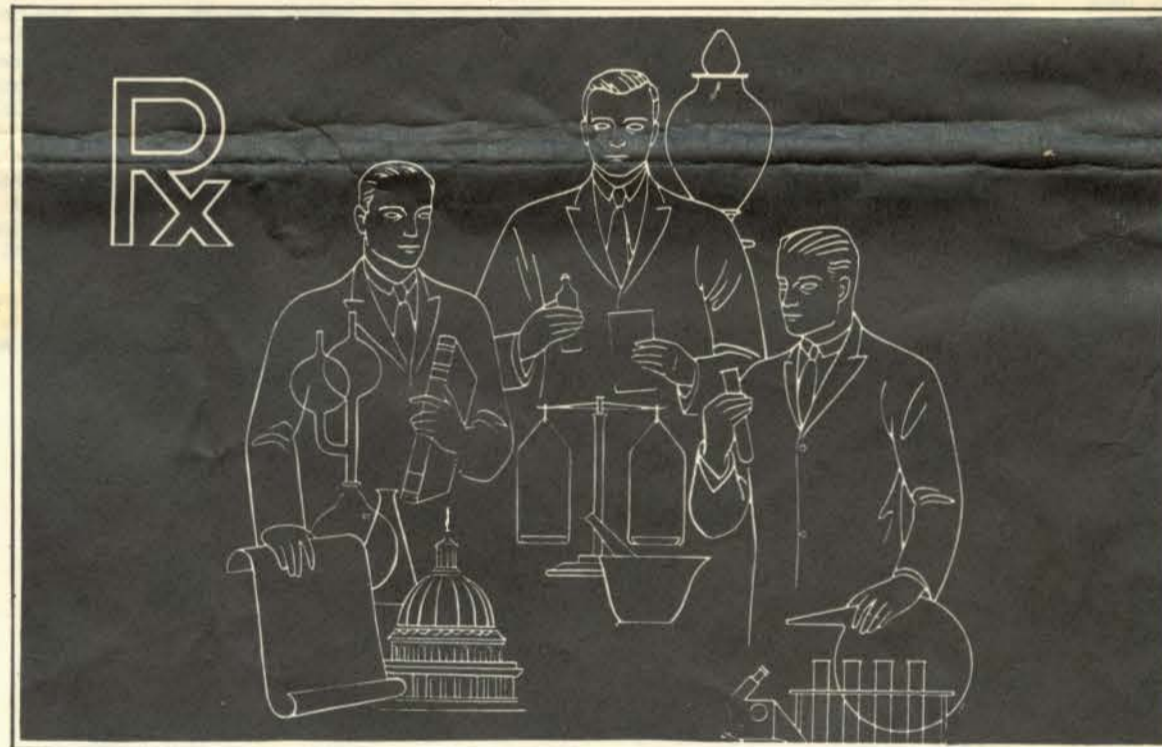
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