



AUTO OWNERS MAY GET TAX RELIEF ORDINANCE

By Frank Loftus

The tax burden may be lifted from Greenbelt car owners in the future if the ordinance to that effect which was given its second reading and referred to Town Solicitor F. Marbury at the last meeting of the Town Council goes into effect.

When the bill was introduced for its first reading by its author, Councilman Thomas B. Ricker, it was pointed out that 65 per cent of the residents in Greenbelt are car owners and that they pay a large portion of the taxes. Supporters of the bill also emphasized that car owners already pay a huge amount of state and county taxes, besides their other personal property taxes, and the Greenbelt tax on cars, which are considered personal property.

Town Manager Roy S. Braden was opposed to the bill because he felt that the \$1400 received from car owners could not be made up if the taxes on car owners were abolished. "I am against the ordinance because the budget for the present year has already been adopted and this budget includes an estimate of the amount received from personal property tax, including automobiles." Some, however, felt that the gap that would be left in the budget by the \$1400 could be filled by other taxes. Councilman Ricker stated, "I don't see how anyone can be assessed any higher and compelled to pay any more taxes by the removal of the automobile from the personal property tax law." The new ordinance is identical to the personal property tax ordinance now in effect except that it does not provide for the assessment of automobiles as personal property.

Councilman Edward Walther was in favor of the measure and was optimistic that the \$2500 which the budget requires from personal property taxes could be collected without assessing the automobiles. "I appreciate the fact that 56 per cent of the personal property taxes of Greenbelt are collected from car owners, but I believe that if this burden is lifted from them, the 56 per cent (\$1400) can be raised by having all of the personal property in Greenbelt evaluated by an appraiser and taxes assessed accordingly."

Automobiles were not assessed at more than \$300 in any case last year, even though an individual may have estimated the value of his car to be more.

The ordinance was referred to the town manager with the request that he refer it to the town solicitor for his legal opinion on the matter. A committee composed of Councilmen Thomas B. Ricker, George N. Gawthrop, and Councilwoman Mary Ruth Taylor was appointed to follow up the reference of the bill to the solicitor, and obtain all possible information on the subject of taxation, the council's authority on the subject, its limitations concerning it, and any other information which might be of help to the council in deciding whether to pass the ordinance or not. This committee will communicate with Mr. Marbury.

The lease from the federal government for the swimming pool, lake, and recreation area was received and approved, being given to Mayor George Warner with the instructions to see about changing a few items. Rates for the swimming pool were also examined and these rates will be published later in the Cooperator. Action on the rates will be delayed until citizens have a chance to read them.

Mrs. Lucille Hemingway, secretary of the Greenbelt Garden Club presented a letter to the council, asking that the council appoint again this year a committee to study the "rules of the contest" and appropriate \$100 for prizes in the Garden Club contest.

An ordinance establishing a special "replacement fund" was introduced for first reading. This ordinance would establish a fund to replace equipment and tools used in Greenbelt.

All ordinances passed by the Town Council must have two readings, the second reading at the next regular meeting of the council following the first reading.

Leases of High-Salaried Residents Renewed to Sept. 30

Leases for those tenants over the income limits are being renewed for temporary periods, it was learned from the Town manager's office recently. Farm Security Administration will renew leases for such tenants only until September 30, when it is expected that a house building program will be under way and a new policy will have been established regarding income limitation.

Dayton W. Hull, chairman of the housing committee, reported not long ago that so far only a brief acknowledgment has been received of the lengthy letter to Farm Security which set forth basic questions raised by the committee.

It was learned that Major John O. Walker, director of the Resettlement Division, had left on a four weeks vacation, and that probably no answer would be received before his return.

"Work will proceed as soon as definite commitments are received from Farm Security Administration," says Mr. Hull.

SECOND AMATEUR NIGHT LIMITED TO 10

Because the first Amateur Night was so well received, the management of the Greenbelt Theater plans to hold a similar contest once a month. The second one will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 8:45 and applause of the audience will determine the winners of the \$10 in cash prizes.

To enable smoother handling of the program, entries will be limited to 10, it has been announced. Ted Bucolo, master of ceremonies at the Atlas Theater and other Washington entertainment centers, will handle the program.

The first Amateur Night, held in March, revealed considerable talent in Greenbelt and surrounding towns, it was stated. The contest was won by an elderly gentleman from Washington who sang "When Irish Eyes are Smiling". His name was Mike Kelly.

Second prize went to 3-year-old John Evers from Berwyn on a very close decision. His act was a song and dance. Alba Williams, 14, a hula dancer from Washington, received third prize. Though no Greenbelters finished in the money, Ruth Morgan, who gave a reading, was a close runner-up.

"Man and Mail" Will Have 5 Showings Here

"Man and Mail", the film recently released by the Post Office Department, will have five showings in Greenbelt next month, because of the efforts of Postmaster George W. Bryant. Final arrangements, made last week, include the following schedule: Thursday, May 2, 8 P.M. American Legion, Auxiliary, Scouts; Friday, May 3, 1 P.M. pupils of the Elementary School; Sunday, May 5, 1:45 P.M., the public, at the Theater; Monday, May 6, 7:30 P.M. Citizens' Association. A fifth showing, for the high school students, is also planned.

"The picture", according to Mr. Bryant, "has been highly acclaimed by all who have seen it as the best movie of its type yet produced. It shows the work of the postal service from its beginning up to the present time, and traces the career of postal clerk from his induction through various positions in the service, up to his achievement of great prominence, through honesty, ability, and hard work." Mr. Bryant promises a picture that is "chock-full of historical, human, and educational interests."

Business for last quarter showed an encouraging gain over the first quarter of 1939, Mr. Bryant reports. Total receipts were \$2,109.35, nearly \$500 more than for the earlier period. "From all indications," Mr. Bryant says, "the postal receipts for 1940 should show an increase of not less than \$2000, thus bringing the receipts for the year in the neighborhood of \$10,000."

NEW "PIONEER" STAFF CHOSEN

At a meeting last Monday, Miss Louise Avehoe, faculty advisor of the Journalism Club of Greenbelt High School, appointed Mary Provost editor-in-chief, and Mike Loftus managing editor, of the school newspaper for next year.

Miss Avehoe explained that she had spent some time deliberating the filling of these important positions, and felt that Mary Provost and Mike Loftus were the most capable and most responsible students in the next year's junior and senior classes that could be chosen.

Plans were also discussed for the organization of the balance of the staff, and of the newly chosen staff putting out the June edition of "The Pioneer".

Robert Mc Clary, editor of the popular and fast improving paper for the past two years, was present, and gave a short speech, in which he "threw the torch" to Mary. He stated, "I've had a lot of fun worrying over this thing for two years; I've learned a lot and wouldn't give anything for the experience I've had, and the memories I cherish; I expect big things from Mary and Mike and the rest of the staff."

Several students were especially invited to the meeting because of their known interest in the school paper, and their potential talents in that field of extra curricular activities. Billy Dodson, Mary Louise Lenieve, Allen Weller, Reveve Nielson, James Robbitt, Robert Bonham, Shirley Cushing, Melville Groves, Bette Andrus, Mary Jean McCarl, Joanne Provost, Verne Schwab, Nan Stevens, Billy Jones, and Marna Stalcup were among this group.

CAMERA CLUB TO PRESENT ITS THIRD ANNUAL SALON

The third annual salon of the Greenbelt Camera Club will be held in the Social Room Friday night-April 26. The exhibition will be shown only one night, and besides a general invitation to Greenbelters, the club has asked members of Washington Camera Clubs to attend.

Levi Pittman, president of the local organization, reports that this salon will show a definite trend toward better photography. Previous salons have served, he says, as a kind of "proving ground" for the members, and he promises an exhibit with a "keen sense of artistic and technical excellence".

About thirty prints will be shown as representations of the club members. Ribbon awards of first and second places and an honorable mention will be given in each of two classes—portrait and pictorial.

G. C. S. SALES FOR QUARTER SURPASS 1939

By R. S. Sowell

The stockholders of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., will hold a quarterly membership meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at 8:00 P.M. in the social room at the Greenbelt Elementary School.

The meeting will feature the report of the board of directors to the membership on the operation of Greenbelt Consumer Services during its first quarter as a cooperative. The membership will also have the opportunity to decide several important questions, including that of opening the new Variety Store.

It has been reported that sales for the first quarter of 1940 have run somewhat ahead of those for the first quarter of 1939. Whether there has been a corresponding increase in net earnings will be indicated in the report at the forthcoming meeting by the treasurer, Frederick L. Wilde. The net results of operations during each quarter of 1939 were as follows:

QUARTER	TOTAL SALES	NET SAVING
First quarter.....	\$81,208	\$1,013
Second quarter.....	87,083	2,146
Third quarter.....	88,460	1,613
Fourth quarter.....	89,392	1,086
Total for 1939:	\$346,143	\$5,858

In a resolution to be presented to the membership by Mrs. Carnie Harper, the board will recommend that the membership authorize spending up to \$3,500 to open the new Variety Store on or before September 1, 1940. Latest estimates indicate that it may be possible to keep the expenditure for opening the new store down to \$2,500, including \$1,500 for fixtures and \$1,000 for additional merchandise, but the recommendation provides for additional expenditures in the event of unforeseen circumstances or necessity of further increase in inventory.

The board will point out to the membership that a decision to open the new store will probably preclude the payment of a patronage return in cash at the end of the year, since cash payments of at least \$4,000 must be made during 1940 to the Consumer Distribution Corporation, and that the decision of the membership essentially will be whether it wishes to invest its potential cash patronage return for 1940 into the expansion of its business.

If the business is as successful as the Board anticipates, the total patronage return for 1940 will be increased, but the part of the return which will be made in cash will probably be decreased if not eliminated (with the part in credits toward stock correspondingly increased).

Opening of the new store in 1940 is predicated upon the assumption that Farm Security Administration will provide air-conditioning for the Drug Store, Barber Shop and Beauty Parlor, as the cooperative will probably not be in a position to finance both the air-conditioning and the opening of the new store this year, according to the directors. The board has indicated that it hopes to receive a statement from FSA with regard to the air-conditioning prior to the membership meeting.

Also considered at the meeting will be a board recommendation, to be presented by Howard Custer, that the price of hair cuts for adults be raised from 35 cents to 40 cents. The object of this increase would be to provide a greater return to the barbers, whose present wages, according to the board, are somewhat in excess of union requirements but are not sufficient to compensate for the absence of tips. The directors believe that the action would operate to the benefit of the members as well by reducing the turn-over in barbers.

Another matter for consideration of the members will be the proposal to amend the by-laws so that the Town of Greenbelt may become a member of the cooperative, and consequently share in the patronage returns issued to members. At present the sum of \$15.87 is tentatively credited to the Town of Greenbelt as a rebate on 1939 purchases from G.C.S. amounting to \$1,058.04.

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Don't be Greenbelt's first pedestrian fatality.
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Second Bowling Banquet Huge Success

Roy Braden, Honor Guest

By John Maffay

With Community Manager, Roy S. Braden, Mayor George A. Warner, and University Bowling Alley Manager Charles Gentile, honor guests, 84 members of the Greenbelt Duckpin Bowling League attended their second annual banquet last Saturday night, April 20, at the Lord Calvert Inn in College Park, Maryland.

At about 8 P.M. everyone sat down to partake of the dinner of roast beef, string beans, potatoes, salad, pie and coffee. After everybody had finished, President DeJager asked for attention, and was greeted with enthusiastic applause. Mr. DeJager then spoke for about two minutes, expressing his delight in being present, the honor it has been to serve as president to such a fine organization, and congratulated the committee for the swell job they did in arranging the affair.

President DeJager then introduced His Honor, the mayor, George A. Warner, one of Greenbelt's most prominent citizens, who expressed his pleasure and gratitude for the invitation, and was overjoyed with the excellent organization that the Bowling League has developed into during so short a time.

Community Manager, Roy S. Braden, was then introduced, and he gave a very interesting talk on sportsmanship, cooperation, spirit and the will to win, which he believes the League, as a whole possesses, and makes him mighty proud of this organization. He concluded his talk with the following verse.

You cannot gather every rose,
Nor every pleasure claim,
Nor bask in every breeze that blows,
Nor play in every game.
No millionaire could ever own,
The worlds supply of pearls,
And no man here has ever known,
All of the pretty girls.
So take what fun may come your way,
And envy not your brothers,
Enjoy your share of luck today,
And leave the rest for others.

Mr. Braden then distributed the prize money, first disposing of the team prizes, and then the individual prizes, which included the sweepstakes winners. The individual prizes were as follows:

- 1st - Temple - High average and high game
- 2nd - Bowman - 2nd high average and high set
- 3rd - Millbrook 3rd " " " " spares
- 4th - Araujo - 4th " " " " strikes
- 5th - Lastner - 5th " " " " strikes
- 6th - Blanchard - 6th " " " " strikes
- 7th - Boggs - Second high game
- 8th - MacDwen - " " " " set
- 9th - Cosby - " " " " spares
- 10th - Allen - High flat game

In the sweepstakes, about 65 members entered, and first prize was won by Lyons, of the Starlight #2 team for his high set. Second prize was taken by Allred, of the Scribes, for his second high set, and 3rd prize went to Millbrook of the Consumer Services, for his 3rd high set. Snyder, of the Eagles received fourth prize for his high game, while Stewart, of the American Legion, and Bell, Jr., of Starlight #2, respectively won fifth and sixth awards with their second and third high games.

Charles Gentile, proprietor of the University Bowling Alleys, then presented the trophy to Phil Taylor, captain of the winning Musketeers. Mr. Gentile thanked one and all for their cooperation in carrying out everything as planned, and appreciated the invitation to be present at the banquet.

Nominations and elections of the officers of the league for the next year were then in order, the concluding business of the evening. When the elections were over, and Lastner was the new president, Williams the new secretary-treasurer, and MacDwen official scorekeeper, everybody dashed to the nearest taps to fill up, and drink up. Plenty of beer, pretzels, and chips were consumed for the balance of the evening with card playing here and there, and everyone was glad they were members of the league.

Local Poppy Sale May 25

On Saturday, May 25, the annual poppy sale conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary will begin in Greenbelt, as well as in every other city and town in the United States.

The Greenbelt unit of the Auxiliary is particularly anxious to make the sale of poppies a successful one and all Greenbelters are urged to cooperate by buying their poppies this year in Greenbelt. The poppies which will be sold, are made by the Veterans at Ferry Point Hospital; and the proceeds from the sale will be used entirely by welfare work among Veterans and their families.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

The Holy Name meetings are no longer held at the school but are held every second and fourth Monday evening at the homes of the members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Bernard Jones 1-D Westway.

The devotions of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held every Wednesday at the Holy Redeemer Church in Bervyn at 8 P.M.

An interesting and well attended meeting of the Catholic Ladies Club was held at the home of Mrs. Charles T. Riley, 33-T Ridge Road on Thursday, April 18.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE-GROUP

"Probation after death" is the subject of the lesson-sermon Sunday at 8 P.M. in the music room of the Elementary School. All are cordially invited to attend.

The golden text is from Psalms 138:8. "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me; Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; forsake not the works of Thine own hands."

HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

Benjamin Rosenzweig will deliver a lay sermon Friday, April 26. Services will start at 9 P.M.

The educational committee is planning to inaugurate research into biblical history by the children of the Sunday School classes. It is believed that this study procedure will be thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The children have already completed their studies of the meaning and history of Passover and will be able to make an active part in the holiday festivities.

LATTER DAY SAINTS NEWS

Elder W. Cleon Skousen will be the speaker at the L. D. S. Sunday evening services April 28. The subject will be "A Modern Message From An Ancient Scripture". The Text will be taken from "The Book of Mormon". Elder Skousen is well known to many Greenbelt residents as he has spoken previously at the Hebrew Congregation as well as at other L.D.S. services. He also appeared in a leading role in the play presented last spring at the Greenbelt Theater by the Department of Justice.

The Ladies Relief Society meeting will be held May 1 at the home of Mrs. Ivaloo Rowett, 16-D Crescent Road.

The sermon delivered by Elder Dix Price on April 14 concerned the organization of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. He pointed out that from its inception the Church had made a definite appeal to young people. He stated that the average age of persons present at the organization meeting held at Fayette, New York, on April 6, 1830, was 27 years. Joseph Smith, founder, being less than 25 years of age and the oldest person present only 31 years old. He attributed this appeal to youth to the progressive doctrines taught by the Church.

A special musical program was sung by Mrs. Madge Thurber accompanied by Annis Kurdock.

School Annual Gets Name

The Greek word "Pylon" has been chosen as the name of the annual, which is now on sale at the Greenbelt High School.

In ancient times the word was applied to huge gateway pillars, the pillars sometimes being at the gateway of a temple. Now, the word also is applied to the tall black and white towers which mark air-races. With these two meanings in mind, the staff felt that the name would be symbolic in a double sense of a "gateway" and also as a symbol of the "goal", or "last lap" of the race, as is implied by the air markers.

GREENBELT SHOOTERS STAR IN WASHINGTON

On Thursday, April 17th, Harry Bates, Granville Larts, and Lyman Woodman, all of the Greenbelt Gun Club, were invited to shoot with members of the Navy Yard rifle team, in a match at the National Rifle Association range in Washington against a team of N.R.A. officials. The Navy side won with the total of 1058 over the N.R.A. score of 976.

Keep Wednesday night, May 1, open for Co-op quarterly meeting.

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Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

From the literary efforts of a certain Young People's group in a large Washington Church comes this provocative editorial:

"About what kinds of things are your thoughts? Saint Paul told his disciples to keep their thoughts on 'whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are gracious.'

"Probably few of us realize how much our thoughts determine the kind of person we become. To be a fine Christian, we must have fine Christian thoughts. All our words and actions originate in our mind. So often we blame our actions on the circumstances. We would be more nearly correct if we blamed our actions on our daily thoughts.

"Wildred Rhoads says in the book, 'The Self You Have to Live With,' 'Every resentment that is encouraged, every mood that is welcomed, every grudge, every animosity, every rebellion against life, every despondency, every smug conceit, every unjust self-estimate;—and on the other hand every self-mastery, every high fortitude, every facing of naked truth, every ringing faith, every lovely ideal, every splendid courage: every one makes either for the breaking down of the finer self or else for its building up.'

"From the same book comes the following quotation, 'Aspiration molds the soul in a better way than dislike. Appreciation is more creative than aversion. Thoughts of admiration and high desire, emotions that are courageous and inspiring— it is by these that we are made to grow into more abundant and truer life, a more harmonious inner state and a more stalwart personality.'

"What kind of person are you? What kind of person will you be? These questions can be answered by asking, what are your thoughts?"

Young People responsible for that kind of editorializing are certainly to be congratulated.

A Prayer for today: "We entreat Thee now of Thy grace to call us back from the ways of temptation and sin into that higher life which Thou dost breathe upon us, and which is manifested in Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us the self-knowledge, the humility, the repentance, the aspiration which draws us to the Cross of Christ, that worshipping there in lowliness, we may see the weakness of falsehood and the strength of truth, the exceeding sinfulness of selfishness, and the beauty of love and sacrifice....." John Hunter.

Announcement was made formerly that there would be no meeting of the Saturday evening folk dancing group this week because of the National Folk Festival, now being held in Washington. Plans are now changed, according to Jackson Sherman, one of the leaders of the group, and those who would rather dance than watch others do it may do so as usual, Saturday 9:30 P.M.

Charles L. Wright, 40-C Crescent Road, has been appointed to serve on the District police force.

Personal Advertisements

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CREDIT UNION ELIMINATING LOAN DELAYS

Plans to eliminate the tedious waiting sometimes involved in negotiating a loan from the Credit Union were announced last week by Frederick Wilde, president of the organization. Borrowers will make applications to the credit committee on Wednesday instead of Friday nights, beginning the first Wednesday in May, it was stated. According to the new program, funds will be disbursed by the treasurer on Friday afternoon and evening, two days after the credit committee has interviewed the borrower.

"Instead of waiting around our office on Friday night to see the committee and get the loan check, members will be able to make their applications on Wednesday—the day when no collections are going on—and come back on Friday to get the check which will be already filled out," stated President Wilde in pointing out the advantages of the new plan. Under present arrangements long queues of people have formed while the treasurer has struggled with the paper work incidental to making the loan. Beginning in May, however, according to the announcement, the officers of the Credit Union hope to have all the necessary papers prepared during the day so that all will be ready for the borrowing member to pick up his check.

The credit committee, it was emphasized, would no longer be in session on Friday nights. The hours on Wednesday will be from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Asked about the new daytime office hours, Mr. Wilde said that a large number of members had found it convenient to have their wives make the payments on their loan and share accounts during the afternoon hours, thus avoiding the Friday night rush. He pointed out also that those whose payments fall due on the fifteenth and on the last day of the month can make their payments the following afternoon without incurring any of the penalties of delinquency.

CO-OP BOX SCORES

GREENBELT HEALTH ASSOCIATION	
Members, April 1, 1939	175
Members, April 1, 1940	342
Individuals covered, April 1, 1940	1,087
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GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES, INC.	
Voting Shares Issued	\$3,570.00
Non-voting Shares Issued	590.00
Payments on Shares Received	2,213.55
Gross Sales, 1938	235,436.00
Gross Sales, 1939	346,142.00
Gross Sales, 1st quarter, 1939	78,139.07
Gross Sales, 1st quarter, 1940	85,206.76
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GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION		
	4/1/40	4/1/39
Loans Made	\$15,207.07	\$ 7,372.25
Shares owned by Members..	16,084.06	7,858.62
Number of Members	614	148
Net Profit	207.85	22.93

From Time magazine, April 22nd, page 70: "To the average man modern architecture.....modern city planning suggest depressing acres of window-pitted, slab-like walls, rooms like hospital wards, cubical stacks of identically planned apartments,housing developments that resemble mass-produced jails".

The long list of people on the waiting list for Greenbelt aren't afraid.

AMONG OUR ADVERTISERS

The growing number of policyholders in the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company continues to break records—but that's an effect. The real story behind the news concerns the multitudes of bewildering, serious or humorous claims in New York, settled promptly and fairly so as to relieve the distress of policyholders and make friends among outsiders.

Mr. A., manager of a large co-op, has a "beaten path" from home to office, and no time for "joy-riding", but he found himself faced with a suit growing out of an alleged accident in another part of town. Parties were willing to swear to Mr. A's car license, the damage they claimed he had done to another car and possibly bodily injury—until the co-op insurance attorney stepped in.

A policyholder ran into a new demonstrator car owned by a garage and damaged it pretty badly. The garage estimated repairs at \$150. The Co-op claim adjuster expertly pointed out that repairs should cost \$125. Garageman was impressed by the co-op's fair but firm methods, and decided to take out a policy.

There is a suit pending in an upstate city, which promises to be something of a mess. Our policyholder, Mr. B., had to stop quickly to avoid hitting a car which was crossing against traffic. The car behind Mr. B. likewise stopped, but the third car didn't stop, and telescoped the two cars ahead. The owner of the third car is bringing suit against Mr. B., claiming several thousand dollars worth of bodily injury.

Those are fairly common situations which might happen to anyone. No mention has been made of numerous theft claims or serious accidents.

The point is that cooperative policyholders rest easy, knowing that their interests are protected by one of the largest insurance companies in the United States, and a growing number of persons—including those who have had claim against the co-op—are coming in.

Womens Clubs Mark Anniversary

This week marks the 50th anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 2,000,000 members strong, inaugurated in 1889 by Jennie June Croly, a New York newspaperwoman who twenty years earlier was not permitted to attend a banquet for Author Charles Dickens, because she was a woman. Angered by this rebuff, and declaring that "women must organize" she formed the Sorasis Club which was the nucleus of the later federation.

Working through a Congressional committee representing approximately 7,000,000 women belonging to 20 national organizations, the Federation exerts great political pressure; the late Dr. Harvey D. Wiley credited the group with being more responsible than any other one organization for the passage of the initial Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906.

The Federation was one of the foremost organizations in the promotion of the child labor amendment, and its work through the states for ratification has never lagged. It was the first lay body to indorse openly the nationwide fight against syphilis. It has indorsed extension of civil service, promotion of public safety and the campaign against the use of marijuana.

Other bills supported by the federation ask revision of the tax program, calendar reform, uniform marriage and divorce laws and the right of women to contract for employment.

It also played a role in the fight against reorganization of the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis is president of the Greenbelt chapter.

The proposed town ordinance to exempt autos from Greenbelt taxes seems assured of passage, but it is only fair to warn those who do not own cars that the sum of \$14.00 must be raised by other taxes if autos are exempt. The only question to be answered is whether or not car owners now carry an unjust taxation burden in Greenbelt as against those who do not own cars.

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The membership will also consider a recommendation by the board of directors that the Greenbelt Consumer Services spend \$40 weekly for advertising space in the Greenbelt Cooperator. A majority report favoring the recommendation will be presented by Sherrod East and will purport to show that the existence of the Cooperator in its present form makes it unnecessary for G.C.S. to undertake at least \$8 great expense to put out its own publication, which would have all of the disadvantages of a company news organ; that cooperatives with the annual volume of business of G.C.S. spend for their news organs at least as much as the amount recommended; and that the newness of Greenbelt, and of cooperative ideas to Greenbelters, multiply the educational problem of the local cooperative, and multiply the significance of the Cooperator in helping meet that problem.


A minority report will be presented by Joseph Loftus, intending to show that the expense is not justified. This report will point out that advertising expenses for the cooperative during 1939 amounted to \$4,000, an amount double that of the patronage returns credited to patrons on purchases for last year. This expense was equal to two-thirds of the net savings reported by the business for 1939.

Of the \$4,000 paid out for advertising by the Greenbelt Consumer Services


Of the \$4,000 paid out for advertising by the Greenbelt Consumer Services in 1939, \$2,252.55 was paid to the Cooperator. Mr. Loftus will contend that the cooperative's expenses for advertising in the Cooperator should be reduced.

Entertainment features are being planned for the meeting by the education committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bertha Maryn. Included will probably be a movie short, dancing and refreshments.


On April 16 the Department of Public Health re-instituted its free immunization clinics. These clinics will be continued indefinitely every Tuesday morning, at 9 A.M. in the school.




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Running the G.C.A.

In the current squabble over who is bossing whom in the Greenbelt Citizens Association, we agree with Mr. Volckhausen that our concern is not "who is running the Association" but in "making the Association run". No personal criticism of President Bargas was implied by the editors in endorsing Custer's Last Stand two weeks ago. We know the problem which faces Mr. Bargas or any other president of the G.C.A., for we face it ourselves continually.

Every organization in this or any other town continually fights a discouraging battle for existence of its program. It should be obvious to Mr. Bargas that any criticism of the Association's condition will be directed to him as president. The leader of any group always takes the rap for its failings, though he may work his head off in his efforts for success.

Blame for the present lack of interest in the Citizens Association should not be piled in the lap of Mr. Bargas, but rather on those who never bother attending a meeting of this one organization which represents every family in Greenbelt. Our immediate problem is to reach those persons and show them the importance and the entertainment value of one night a month at G.C.A. meetings.

Personal attacks in the Cooperator or elsewhere do nothing to alleviate the Association's problems. What is needed is acceptance of suggestions for what they may be worth, and a continuation of unappreciated efforts to keep a valuable organization running.

Lost Spring

Maybe the weatherman will mix us up before you read this on Thursday, but as of Sunday, April 21, we have to agree with the Greenbelt High School paper—the Pioneer—"no spring".

With seeds rotting in the ground, autos stalled with water in the distributor heads, babies turning pale for lack of sunshine, and butterflies vainly trying to crawl back into their cocoons (or whatever they crawl out of every spring), we began to worry. Ever on the job when worries hit Greenbelt the Cooperator sent out two reporters to investigate.

Their stories were about as helpful as Cooperator attempts usually are in solving community problems.

First—no spring. They agreed on that—so does the rest of the town so there is no argument there, and the Cooperator scores again. Always the truth—we never print anything else.

Second—an early summer is on its way to make up for the lack of spring. There we go again—always first with the news.

It seems that spring headed north on regular schedule but the sudden revival of World War II, together with a sudden revival of a presidential campaign, both of which had been giving the appearance of "sitskriege", put her in a daze. In this condition she wandered around through the Southern States for a few days, but was last reported in complete collapse somewhere on Maryland's narrow roads. The curves made her dizzy, the hills weakened her, and then someone ran her off the road at a narrow stretch, which the state and county had forgotten to widen. All hope is gone.

About this early summer business—this has been verified by a reliable source "not WEather 1212", and we are authorized to state that within two months you will come home from work saying "— this — weather. I wish it would cool off or rain".

Watch and see. If we are wrong write us a letter. Some people write us letters anyway.

There seems to be little choice among candidates running for election in the coming primaries but it is important for every eligible Greenbelt to register next Tuesday at the Branchville Fire House.

This is necessary so that Greenbelt may show its political strength in case it is needed later—and there is little doubt that it will be needed.

If you lack transportation for Tuesday phone the Cooperator Saturday evening and we will endeavor to arrange for enough cars. Several autos have already been volunteered to aid this civic responsibility.

Letters to Editor

PUBLIC ATTACK AND PRIVATE APOLOGY

To the Editor:

A short time after I moved to Greenbelt I was visited by a Mr. Joseph E. Bargas who made several attempts and finally succeeded in arousing my interest in the community and sold me a share in the Greenbelt Consumer Services. Through his persistent efforts I became tremendously interested in the coop movement. For his labor he is repaid by a public attack. My resentment causes me to express that, which I feel sure, are the real sentiment of many of our most loyal "Cooperators".

This statement is not directed at any individual or group but is directed at what I consider the one outstanding fault of our civic leaders. That is, the policy of "public" attack and private apology in public meetings and in the press and then telling him privately that "you're sorry". This is psychology, in reverse, and can result in nothing but antagonism. There are some who contend it arouses the fighting spirit and produces results.

How, is this aroused "spirit" dispatched? Usually by private battles which result too often in bitterness and discontent among people who are supposed to be cooperative minded.

— F. R. Henderson

A REMINDER TO REGISTER

To the Editor:

I have been requested on almost a dozen occasions in the past two weeks to give either my position or the stand of the Maryland Democrats in the present conflict between Mr. Bruce and Senator Radcliffe for the senatorship of the State of Maryland.

It would be an easy matter for me to jump on either band wagon in the hope of getting a little patronage from the winner, but band wagons are not my specialty and I will not be, and I trust that the Maryland Democrats will see it that way, too.

This Bruce-Radcliffe fight is nothing but another party machine scramble for the spoils of office. The common people of Maryland have little to gain from the victory of either one.

Greenbelters, however, do have a big stake and a vital one, in the present political situation. It is more essential, now than ever before, that we Greenbelters register as Maryland Voters. For real issues most certainly are in the office, and Greenbelt will need a voice in the affairs of the state. A voice that can only be secured by Maryland votes, any kind of votes, but plenty of them.

Remember, that declaring your intention of becoming a Maryland voter last fall is not enough. Go to the Branchville Fire House on April 30, and register as a Maryland Voter. If you lack transportation, see me or call me.

— Walter J. Bierwagen

Peace Cross Floods --Again

Last week's flood at Peace Cross once again pointed the finger of shame at Maryland highways. Every year, without fail, spring rains send the Anasostia River over its banks and over 200 feet of highway at this point, one of the busiest intersections in Prince Georges County, forcing thousands of suburban commuters as well as tourists, truckers and other drivers to seek out inadequate detours.

Saturday's flood turned a 30-minute drive into a 2-hour torture for drivers and riders alike, as the narrow portion of Route One from Mt. Rainier to Hyattsville choked to a standstill. It costs more money to operate an auto in low gear with continual stops and starts, and last week's flood and traffic jam was the direct cause of at least five accidents.

Why isn't the short stretch of highway at Peace Cross, where Defense Highway enters Gladensburg Road, raised three feet?

Why isn't the Route One bottle-neck just outside the District widened to meet the traffic demand?

Maryland motorists, paying one of the highest state gasoline taxes in the country, have a right to demand something better than this. But believe us, brother, you're going to have to demand in a pretty loud voice if you intend to stir into action the present state legislature and the state highway commission.

S. 1620 and S. 3230

It is not enough to solve social problems for Greenbelt alone, and the Health Association is to be commended for recognizing this at its Tuesday Meeting.

With a municipal hospital, a cooperative medical association protecting nearly half the local families, and a model public health department, Greenbelt is probably the best equipped town of its size in the world, from a health standpoint.

This is not enough, however, for in 1,288, or over 40 per cent of the 3,074 counties of the United States, there are no general or special hospitals of any kind, and last year tens of millions of our people could not afford to purchase the medical care they needed.

The Health Association endorsed by resolution the Wagner Hospital Bill (S. 3230) and the Wagner National Health Bill (S. 1620) Tuesday night to push extension of adequate health facilities to the rest of the country. These two bills, if passed, will be no cure-alls, but they will make substantial progress in meeting the medical needs of our nation.

Your personal letter, addressed to your Congressman, will help these two measures through the legislative mill. First write for copies of S. 3230 and S. 1620. When you have read the bills, make it your responsibility to do personally what the G.H.A. has done as a group—support the two health bills with a letter to your senators.

Letters to Editor

TO MAKE THE G.C.A. RUN

To the Editor:

Indirectly, by way of Mr. Chasanow, I have heard that I am Mr. Custer's "close associate", referred to in a letter in last week's Cooperator.

I would like to state first that if I am entitled to that designation, I am proud of it.

It was claimed that Mr. Custer and associate were trying to run the Citizens Association. I think the correct statement would be they were trying to make the association run.

The actions which I have recommended to the GCA chairman, I have also recommended at GCA meetings—that meetings begin at eight (motion adopted), and that fliers be distributed before meetings stating the major business proposed (motion defeated by one vote).

The only regular GCA meeting in some months at which more than the new quorum was present was also the only recent meeting for which a flier was distributed—March meeting.

The GCA has \$50 in its treasury, and apparently has little to do with it but throw dances. Is the three dollar maximum cost of a flier unwarranted expense if it will make the Greenbelt Citizens Association more representative of Greenbelt?

The writer of the above-mentioned letter, having worked with Mr. Custer on important projects in Greenbelt, should know Mr. Custer well enough to realize that he does not act from personal bias, and that he is influenced only by common sense.

A good many Greenbelters—including the writer—have found that something more valuable than resentment can be derived from Mr. Custer's criticism.

—Walter R. Volckhausen

KEEP OUT PERSONALITIES

To the Editor:

May I refer Mr. Bargas, and anyone else who is interested in several suggestions which might prove valuable to the Citizens Association, to Volume 3, Number 14 (November 2, 1939) of Custer's Last Stand. This column appeared the week before Mr. Bargas was elected president of the Association.

I have never in any way tried to impose my will on Mr. Bargas or the Association. On the only important issue for which I have fought during Mr. Bargas' administration, I do not feel I was repudiated by the members, who decided with me that the proposal to let the presence of 25 members constitute a quorum for the transaction of Association business was not sound practice. It is true that the members chose a compromise figure of 75 instead of my proposed 50, or about 105. But, I think that that merely shows that neither I nor Mr. Bargas were imposing our wills on the members of the Association, which is as it should be. I certainly went away from that meeting with no feeling that I had been abused. I supported two other motions, neither of great fundamental importance. One was passed; the other defeated by one vote. A member voting against the latter measure immediately rose and asserted that it seemed to have merit, but that he didn't want to vote for it until it had been considered by the Public Relations Committee for study. Without objection, it was referred to the committee.

The point of this statement is to indicate, as objectively as I know how for the benefit of those who were not at the meeting and who do not know me, how lacking in care Mr. Bargas is in his analysis of my motives.

I only ask that Mr. Bargas and any others who read my column, test my statements on their own merits alone. No matter how good my motives are, if the statements are unsound, and vice-versa. The letters to the editor in answer to my charges would have been much more valuable if they had been devoted to the problems of the Association instead of to discredit me personally. We must keep personalities out of our differences of opinion; we must profit by our mutual criticism (as well as by our mutual praise) if we are ever to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves. Both brick bats and bouquets are essential elements of the democratic process.

— Howard C. Custer

CUSTER'S ATTACK

To the Editor:

Perhaps from one point of view the attack directed against the management of the Citizens Association is justified to some degree, and it is hoped that such real and unadulterated criticism will bring forth good results. I do not believe that any one will question Mr. Custer's direction of mind for it is evident that Mr. Custer is as sincere as he is brutally frank. Can it be that such severe animadversion is based upon the lack of attendance at our meetings and that the Executive Committee is responsible? If the Executive Committee is responsible then I have missed the piano part completely insofar as my conception of good citizenship is concerned.

As a member of the committee, and in defense of the committee as a whole, may I ask if we as a group of individuals are actually expected to drag the people from their homes into these meetings? I don't believe we are. Furthermore, unless we have the cooperation and real interest from a large majority of our citizenry, we can hardly expect our ship to keep its headway. One man alone or even several men cannot create our hopes, bring about realities and the visualization of better things to come without many citizens together with their actual participation into the life and active affairs of this community. Attacks or any reflection to the contrary would, in my opinion, serve the community much more advantageously and to a better end, expressed in terms of generalities rather than that of personalities.

—J. Cooper Smith

LIBRARY CORNER

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
 Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

SPRING—TRAVEL

Now that spring is here, officially at least, many of us find our thoughts turning to travel. The old wanderlust seems to get us all sooner or later. Many are fortunate enough to be able to wander here and there during the balmy spring and lovely summer months but many are not so lucky. All is not as bad as it seems, however, for there are so many good books that can satisfy our longings, and reading about the wonders of the world is next best to seeing them.

How about delving into some of the volumes listed below and then you and your friends can get together and discuss all the places that you might some day see even though you only read about them now?

Nixon, "Vagabond Voyaging"; Halliburton, "The Book of Marvels: the Occident"; Halliburton, "The Book of Marvels: the Orient"; Long, "Seven Seas on a Shoestring"; Waln, "Reaching for the Stars"; Lengyel, "The Danube"; Lindbergh, "North to the Orient"; Crow, "The Chinese Are Like That"; Thomas, "With Lawrence in Arabia"; Johnson, "Camera Trails in Africa"; Grenfell, "Romance in Labrador"; Chase, "Mexico"; Adamic, "My America, 1928-1938"; Thompson, "I Lost my English Accent"; Coffin, "Kennebec"; Carmer, "The Hudson"; Beaton, "New York"; Niles, "The James"; Matschat, "Suwannee"; Havighurst, "Upper Mississippi"; Burt, "Powder River"; Withington, "Hawaiian Tapestry"; Stefansson, "Unsolved Mysteries of the Arctic"; Byrd, "Alone"; Keith, "Land Below the Wind"; and the National Geographic and the Travel magazine.

These are only a few of the books on travel that you will find on the shelves in the library so why not come in and look them over and go travelling in fantasy if not in actuality?

— Reba S. Harris

THE POET'S CORNER

Who is that man we see around town,
 Whose self-importance is weighing him down?
 He's supporting the weight of the world on his back
 And thinks that, without him, civilization would crack.

There isn't an issue on which he will not
 Express an opinion, regardless of what.
 He flays and he slays, sans mercy or pity,
 And feels it his duty to run each committee.
 He instructs and directs every organization,
 When he isn't too busy with the rest of the nation.
 Of all the people in the community,
 He believes he, alone, may act with impunity.
 At meetings he goes into his long song and dance
 And never gives anyone present a chance.
 He must have absorbed all the courses at college;
 He even amazes himself with his knowledge.
 We grant there's no question of his sincerity;
 All we deplore is his temerity.
 And, though his antics cause many a smile,
 We wish that he'd take a back seat for a while.

— Chaz

WITH THE PLAYERS



The next meeting of the Greenbelt Players, April 30, is to be devoted principally to a discussion of "Blind Alley" presented last week. Also for consideration that night is the problem of the selection of the next (and last) play for the current season, and the dates on which it will be given. This meeting is to be held in the grade school around eightish P.M.

Incidentally, although no announcement is known, it appears from the "Blind Alley" play program that the local thespians have re-designated themselves "The Players of Greenbelt Community Theatre." Or is that merely a program effect?

Nominations for the Players election of May 14 are due to be made soon—perhaps at the April 30 gathering.

SPOTLIGHTS:

Ford Lyman of Greenbelt Players and the F.B.I. thespians as well, was in the production given by the latter unit recently in Washington which won the one-act play tournament held among groups in the District and vicinity last month.

Bill Kinsley officiates in Greenbelt Theatre as "relief man" to aid the progress of cinematography in your community.

The Dick Coopers appeared in the April color film of the Greenbelt News Reel last week.

WASHINGTON CALENDAR:

WJVS tournament play for April 27 at 4:00 P.M. is the Alexandria Little Theatre production of "Meridian 7-1212."

Lunt and Fontaine appear in Robert Sherwood's "There Shall Be No Night", this week at the National. —Lyman L. Woodman

CRITIQUE OF "BLIND ALLEY" (Tuesday Night Show)

This production given by the Greenbelt Players on April 16 and 17 was a substitute for the play, "Bury The Dead", which had been in rehearsal for some weeks before it was found necessary to shift to a story of smaller cast. Consequently, the Players did not get in sufficient rehearsal time to make "Blind Alley" a more nearly stellar play. With this in mind we approach criticism of the characters' performances with due cognizance of the difficulties under which they played.

THE CAST

Doris Shelby (professor's wife): Performance not entirely convincing. Did not sustain her feelings long enough. This especially as to concern over her child's safety. Screams ineffectual. Tended to assume Maizie's character when talking with the latter, instead of remaining upper-class. Should watch posture and not allow arms to "windmill" when sudden turns are made.

Fred Landis: Performance O.K., but should be careful of foot-shuffling and "windmilling."

Dr. Shelby (professor): Convincing. Voice occasionally a little too low.

Agnes: A mouse properly awed.

Teddy: Well done, youngster.

Nora: Gave her part the right atmosphere, but some lines seemed to lean more toward Sweden than Ireland. Perhaps a trifle too much splurge in taking the arms-akimbo attitude. Otherwise the personification of the skultery, as required.

Hal Wilson: Did well with the repetitious lines which were his. Especially good when he re-hung his half-sister.

Maizie Stoner: Could have been a little more convincing. A more complete study of her demise sequence would have helped, as she stumbled over, instead of kicked, the bucket.

Buck: O.K.

Nick: Should be careful not to burlesque the character assumed.

Officer Thorne: Were the lines read from the script?

THE SET

Good, but some furniture under foot. Arrangement of lights back of the flats cast undesirable shadows visible to audience of the person next waiting to enter room from the staircase.

MAKE-UP

Fine. All characters looked as harried as they should have, with only Nick having the appearance of actually wearing make-up.

DIRECTION

Got the story across O.K., but could have been more careful of incidentals, such as Maizie leaving her purse (containing gat) available to all persons; Fred standing up from the fight three times, waiting to get shot; retention of Mrs. Shelby's fright; and tone of police officer's call.

GENERAL

Prompting audible at rear of theatre, but not too distracting. Not the best production so far, but pretty well done for the length of time devoted to research and rehearsals. Most characters seemed to feel the story personally, which was good.



A YEAR AGO

(From the Cooperator, April 27, 1939)

It was announced that the formal opening of Greenbelt's new hospital would be May 1.....

Greenbelt Scouts, Cubs, and fathers packed the social room for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship at the second annual Father and Son Banquet.....

Subscribers to shares in the local cooperatives accelerated their pledge payments to such an extent that they were prepared to assume control of the stores the following fall.....

Make a date now for the G.C.A. dance May 4.



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It is with particular pleasure that I now nominate Carrie and Herbert Hall (Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr.) for Greenbelt's Hall of Outstanding Citizens. I know of no couple in town who sets such a consistent example of high spirits, good works, and civic consciousness.

Neither one of them go in for holding office in the town's organizations, but both of them are outstanding leaders, not only because of the excellent example they set by supporting a wide variety of civic enterprises, but more, particularly because of the infectious enthusiasm and good humor with which they support those enterprises; and because of the fact that they can be depended upon to come through with a first class performance, no matter what they undertake. They are good sportsmen in the complete sense of the term.

She enters cake and sewing contests; he is a regular bowler they can always be depended upon to be in the money in dancing contests; at costume dances, their costumes are always distinctive. Sometimes, they walk off with the prizes; many times they steal the show (his "Laughing Song" is famous already); they seem always to enjoy themselves. Certainly, they add much to the pleasure of those with whom they work and play.

She is to be credited with the doing of probably one-third of all the sewing done for the hospital by the Hospital Auxiliary, and she has been one of the most active members of the Welfare Committee of the Citizens' Association. She is often one of those who do the unnoticed, behind-the-scenes work of preparing and serving Church, Scout and other Community banquets.

They take their civic responsibilities seriously, supporting positively and effectively, both by their presence at meetings and by their volunteer service, such essential organizations as the Church, the Citizens' Association, the Better Buyers Club, and the cooperatives. They miss very few, if any Citizens' Association meetings, or dances.

Last Sunday, they celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. But they are to be congratulated for much more than the mere achievement of a notable milestone; they have achieved a manner of living that might well be emulated, if not copied by all of us.

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, April 25		
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Mothers Club	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Friday, April 26		
Basketball	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Co-op Party	8:00 P.M.	Economics Room
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, April 27		
Gun Club	2:30 - 5:00 P.M.	Range
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Parkway Bsmnt
Confession	7:30 P.M.	11-V Ridge Rd
Square Dance	9:30 P.M.	Jr. Recreation
Sunday, April 28		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
L.D.S. Men's Study Class	8:30 A.M.	Music Room
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Economics Room
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Music Room
L.D.S. Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Social Room
Gun Club	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Range
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg.
Community Evening Hour	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
L.D.S.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Monday, April 29		
Girl Scouts #17	3:30 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts #26	6:45 P.M.	Hobby Room
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy. Bsmnt.
P.T.A.	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Tuesday, April 30		
Bowling League	7:30 P.M.	College Park
Girl Scouts #18	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Welfare Committee	8:00 P.M.	Room 200
Vegetable Group	8:00 P.M.	7-E Crescent
Bible Class	8:00 P.M.	Room 225
Sunday School orchestra	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Wednesday, May 1		
Sunday School Choir	7:00 P.M.	Music Room
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy. Bsmnt.
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Men's Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Pre-School Mothers	8:00 P.M.	Room 226
Greenbelt Consumers Services, Inc.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room

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MILK CLUB MAKES HISTORY' SAYS MONTGOMERY

Mr. Donald E. Montgomery, Consumers Counsel, A.A. A., Department of Agriculture, speaking at a public meeting sponsored by the Consumers Study Group of the College Park Branch of the American Association of University Women, praised the efforts of this group and the Greenbelt community in forming the Milk Buying Club. He stated that it was the first clear cut case in the United States where consumers have organized for the purpose of collective bargaining and have been successful. He wished that it would be published more widely so it could be copied by other consumer groups.

Mr. Montgomery said that business is looking at the consumer movement respectfully for the first time but not yet in proper perspective. He quoted the reaction of trade magazines to the second National Consumers Education Conference held at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, April 1, 2 and 3 of this year. These articles point out that the consumer movement is a vital force, but that a common ground for business and the consumer has not been found. Lack of a definite program on the consumer's part may be a contributing factor in this situation. One magazine held the opinion that the interests of business and the consumer were identical. This is not true, according to Mr. Montgomery.

He also answered arguments of business against grade labels, saying in answer to business' charge that it is impossible to establish relative grades, that grades have already been set for many commodities, and work is being done to increase the number. Although the Carners Association coyly tells us that customers demand a great variety of can sizes, it is hard to believe, for example, that we need 22 different containers for tomato juice (as found in one Washington store in one day.) The manufacturers say that labeling will undermine faith in brand names. Mr. Montgomery maintains that brand names should signify a guarantee of definite standards, which at present they do not. Business claims that grade labels would spoil the sale of lower or medium grade goods. Mr. Montgomery points out that a large number of customers are in the grade C purchasing class and that grade labeling protects consumers from paying more than grade C prices on this grade goods.

Some businesses have set up attractive programs for consumers, hoping to gain the consumers confidence through "Womens Advisory Boards". Mr. Montgomery called these boards "love feasts" or "catch 'em and kid 'em" programs. One firm claims, in a trade journal, "The board makes good institutional copy". Mr. Montgomery said that this type of make-believe consumer organization is on the way out and some firms are really trying to get together with consumers. He stressed the advantages of free enterprise for consumers as well as for business, as consumers do not have real freedom of choice unless they are informed.

Dr. Faith Williams reported on the round table discussion of standard specifications for consumer products which she conducted at the Consumers Conference at Stephens College. In these talks it was brought out that over one-half of the families in this country have an average income of around \$1170 and that spending this money so that the maximum benefit is derived is a real problem. One way of helping these people is through adult consumer education. Her findings indicate that consumers want a grade label combined with an easily understood explanation of specifications. As a member of the Consumer-Retailers Council, she told of the cooperative efforts of this group to get standard terms and tests on products.

Mrs. Joseph Loftus was honor guest at a surprise stork shower given at the home of Mrs. Maye Horstman, 11-D Ridge Road, April 18. Mrs. Horstman was assisted by Mrs. Lucille Krause, Mrs. Emmet Griggs, and Mrs. C. R. Van Leuven. A baby's crib filled with gifts greeted the honor guest. Games were played and the guests enjoyed a beautifully appointed buffet supper.

Those invited included Miss Nadine Jones, Mrs. Mae Fitch, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Addeline Van Camp, Mrs. C. Jinn, Mrs. G. W. McCollum, Mrs. Peg Plackett, Mrs. Adele May, Mrs. Jane Andrus, Mrs. Rose Schwab, Mrs. Dorothy Gay, Mrs. Elton Stottlemeyer, Mrs. Guy Bowen, Mrs. A. E. Haas, Mrs. G. S. Fockler, Mrs. J. W. Pfeiffer, Mrs. James Sommers, Mrs. W. L. Dawsey, Mrs. C. R. Ourand, Mrs. J. A. Bertolina, Mrs. Kathryn Wood, Mrs. Paul Kasko, Mrs. Margaret Boland, mother of the honor guest, Mrs. J. Perkins, Mrs. J. L. Fitzmaurice, and Mrs. B. J. Bordenet.

"KEEP ON SAFE SIDE" IS TOPIC FOR MOTHERS

"Keep on the Safe Side" will be the topic to be discussed at the special meeting tonight of the Mothers Club at 8 o'clock in the social room of Greenbelt Elementary School.

Mrs. John Gowans of Manasquan, New Jersey, has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. S. C. Steelman of 6-L Ridge Road.

Better Buyers Briefs

Last Tuesday, the Better Buyers Group No. 13 meeting at the home of Mrs. P. H. Prendergast heard from Miss Smith and Miss Lovelace, interior decorators from Hecht's that sill length curtains were in the best taste for Greenbelt windows. Because of the proportion between the height of the window and that of the wall space beneath, floor length draperies are "cut in half" by the line of the window sill, said the ladies from Hecht's. They also gave their opinion that different sorts of meshes gave the best effect at Greenbelt windows. They showed the club some interesting new cotton rugs woven to simulate wool pile rugs.

Mr. Castner, buyer for Eastern Cooperative Wholesale, gave the group some interesting information on Co-op products and compared them to nationally advertised brands. Mr. Laakso also answered questions on our Food Store.

Miss Smith and Miss Lovelace expressed much interest in the anti-perspirant, prepared at cost by our pharmacist, two bottles of which were distributed to holders of two lucky number slips.

On the evening of April 17, Mrs. Marion Slaugh was hostess to 17 members of the Nifty Shoppers Club at her home at 20-F Crescent Road. The Club welcomed one new member and two visitors.

Mrs. Ruth Underwood gave an interesting talk on "The Washing Machine".

The next meeting will be held on the evening of May 1, at the home of Mrs. Ethel Whaley, 5-C Ridge Road. All members are urged to be present as election of officers for the coming year will be held at that meeting.

Mrs. Herbert Hall won first prize for the best costume and Mrs. J. L. Rogers took top honors for the prettiest lunch box at the Better Buyers masquerade box social last Thursday night. Boxes of Co-op label groceries were awarded as prizes.

As his contribution to consumer education, Albert A. Ellerin, Greenbelt pharmacist, has been arranging various exhibits in the drug store window. The present display deals with the timely subject of moth destroyers. Prices and ingredients are compared on a chart. For further advice on protection of woollens against moths, Mr. Ellerin advises consultation of Consumers Guide, Volume III, Number 7.



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DR. BENJAMIN SPEAKS TO PARENT-TEACHERS

By Kathryn Wood

That public opinion can be a powerful instrument in shaping the trend of educational methods was the keynote of the dramatic address given by Dr. Harold Benjamin, dean of the College of Education of the University of Maryland before the joint audience of the Parent-Teachers Association and the Mothers Club in the Auditorium of Greenbelt Elementary School, April 22.

"A democracy must learn that by spending its money in the right direction it can have all the money it needs for education", said Dr. Benjamin. "People have money enough for all the education they can use if it is rightly spent. It is not necessarily the amount spent, but the amount of thought that goes into that spending that determines education's force in building correct behavior attitudes. The teacher cannot bear the entire responsibility. It must come from the community".

Building up his theme by the use of a parable, Dr. Benjamin discussed the antagonisms between the newer methods in education and the ones previously found sound—the evolution of techniques. "Schooling began with informal incidental education in paleolithic days. The educated man then," Dr. Benjamin continued, "was the man who knew how to gauge what he personally and his community needed and how to supply it. The early man watched his own children engaged in activity purely for activity's sake. The idea was born of trying to develop this into activity that would help the community."

"He began to teach the first school subjects, namely, fish-grabbing with bare hands, how to club the small wild horses, and how to use fire to scare away sabre-toothed tigers. His children learned," Dr. Benjamin said, "by putting into practice what was found helpful. This method continued until changing conditions made necessary another system. Motivated by hunger his techniques evolved into the contrast between the so-called liberal and the practical."

Dr. Benjamin stated with no little humor "whenever the practical became useless it was transferred to the liberal". Progressive schools caught up the ideas discarded in an effort to make education of more value to life, since the function of education is to fit the individual for living. The large audience followed Dr. Benjamin's amusing anecdotes with keen interest.

A musical addition to the program was a group of two songs "Night" by Beethoven, and "Vesper Hymn", a Russian folk song, given by the glee club of Greenbelt High School.

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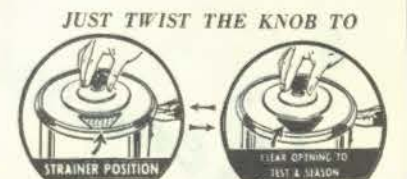
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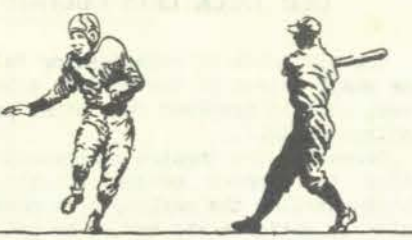
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WITH THE REPS

By John E. Murray

Rain is great stuff and we are in favor of it, but after all, enough is enough. It may make the lawns grow greener and more luxuriant, the flowers bloom prettier, the crops ripen faster, and the umbrella manufacturers happier, but it certainly raises the devil with the Reps softball schedule.

With the season already two weeks old their record of achievement reads something like this; three team try-outs, two hampered by cold and one called off by rain; two practise games, both washed out because of wet grounds; two league games, one the league opener, cancelled by rain. It is getting so we would almost welcome a literal realization of that old "it rained cats and dogs" fable. At least it would be a change.

None of the first round Metro League games are scheduled for the home grounds because of the condition of the diamond. Starting the second round May 25, the first local encounter will be June 1 against Carr Brothers-Boswell and for four successive weeks Greenbelt will be the home club. The first round schedule as released by Mike Sklar is as follows: The numbers 9 and 10 are the 2nd and Constitution Ave. diamonds in town. Mag. is Magruder Park in Pyattsville.

4/13	Carr-Boswell	vs	Maritime #9	2:30	(Rain)
4/20	I.R. Machines	vs	Irish W.V. #9	2:30	(Rain)
	Dr. Pepper	vs	Maritime #10	2:30	(Rain)
	Reps	vs	Carr-Bros. Mag.	3:00	(Rain)
4/27	Reps	vs	Irish W.V. #9	2:30	
	I.R. Machines	vs	Maritime #10	2:30	
	Dr. Pepper	vs	Carr Bros. Mag.	3:00	
5/4	Reps	vs	Maritime #9	2:30	
	I.R. Machines	vs	Dr Pepper #10	2:00	
	Irish W.V.	vs	Carr Bros. Mag.	3:00	
5/11	Reps	vs	Dr Pepper #9	2:30	
	Irish W.V.	vs	Maritime #10	2:30	
	I.R. Machines	vs	Carr Bros Mag.	3:00	
5/18	Reps	vs	I.R. Machine #9	2:30	
	Irish W.V.	vs	Dr. Pepper #10	2:30	
	Maritime	vs	Carr Bros Mag.	3:00	

At a pep meeting in the gym last Friday, manager and chief strategist Ben Goldfaden named his tentative roster for the season, and his probable lineup for the opening game (if it doesn't rain). Several new faces made an appearance this year, some of the old ones are missing. CATCHERS: Messner, Bowman. PITCHERS: Barker, Trumbule, Cockill. INFELDERS: Beale, Blanchard, Taylor, Goldfaden, Sanchez, Lastner. OUTFIELDERS: McDonald, Marack, Bauer, East, Peterson Klepser. There are one or two more names to be added to this list as soon as further trials and workouts can be arranged.

There is still no definite day set for the opening of the new diamond at the athletic field. Until this is obtained all plans for the inaugural are set aside. One of the seasons outstanding team has been contacted, and they will be on hand to help with the ceremonies, as will many dignitaries and persons of note from the surrounding countryside.

Official Softball Rules Changed

With the prospect of warm weather, thoughts of Greenbelt's sport fans turn toward softball. A few of the major changes approved as official by the "National Joint Rules Committee on Softball" and of interest to Greenbelt players are listed below:

- Rule 1. The pitching distance is changed from 40 to 43 feet.
- Rule 2. Also shows the change from 40 to 43 feet in the pitching distance and the change in the batter's box to 3x6 feet, the box extending 3 feet forward and 3 feet back from the center line of home plate.
- Rule 3. Section 3: Change in the wording of this section shows that the home plate is a five sided figure square on the front and sides instead of the old diamond shaped figure. Section 8: Changed to restrict the uniform of the pitcher only when playing under light uniform back of the pitcher.
- Rule 4. A note added to this rule makes it clear that no penalty affecting actual play can be imposed for the failure to report or announce a substitution.
- Rule 8. Change in the wording of (a) forces the pitcher to come to a full and complete stop for not less than one second after he takes position and before taking one hand off the ball at the start of the windup.
- Rule 9. Subdivision 10 is added making it an illegal pitch, or balk, if the pitcher takes a position on or near the rubber without the ball in his possession.
- Rule 20. Section 7: The new wording of this section makes the batsman out, automatically, when three strikes are called only when first base is occupied with less than two out. It is not necessary to catch the third strike. A new Section 8 makes the batsman out when he misses the third strike and the ball touches any part of his person.

Bowling League Champs



—Photo by Francis Foenight
Left to right standing are Fockler, Schulz, and MacEwen. Seated are Captain Taylor and Temple.

Reps Celebrate at Dinner

By John Ahaesy

Players, coach, and manager of the Reps 1939-40 basketball team were tendered a banquet by the Athletic Club, Thursday, April 18, 1940 at the Lord Calvert Inn at College Park, Md. After putting away a delicious steak dinner, the boys pushed back their chairs and discussed the highlights of the games during the past season.

"Don't tell me" Abrahams acted as Master of Ceremonies and called on each one present for a short talk. "Hands" Resnick, the coach, gave a very interesting talk on what he thought the boys should resolve to do the next season. He further suggested that a captain should be elected before the season started to avoid confusion. The boys decided to elect a captain that night. "Curt" Barker was elected on the first ballot. He attempted to withdraw due to the fact he expects to take the bar examination next December and felt he might not be able to give as much time to the job as was necessary. The boys refused to allow him to withdraw but decided to elect a co-captain who would assume charge in the absence of Barker. MacDonald will be co-captain.

With the business of basketball out of the way the boys broke up into various groups. Some gathered around the piano to test their lungs, while others played "Bridge". Later in the evening when the gathering thinned out most of the boys gathered in the kitchen for a "bull session". The refreshment committee decided they had more refreshments than possibly could be used up so decided to go to Greenbelt to gather up some friends to help them along. It was then that the "session" really settled down to serious business. "Needles" Lyons and "Knute Rockne" Messner kept things moving along when everything from "the sewer system of Russia" to sponsored athletic activities in Greenbelt was "discussed" by everyone present. "Silent" Blanchard broke up the gathering by stating "What sport addicts of Greenbelt need are more and bigger bull sessions."

RAIN STOPS GRIZZLIES

With ol' Jupe Pluvius holding the upper hand for the past two weeks, the Greenbelt High "Grizzlies" have been unable to play a single game on their schedule thus far. Here's hoping for better weather and that first victory.

Eighteen boys reported for practice in answer to Coach Holochwost's call, and are impatiently awaiting that opening game. They are Bill Sommers, B. Underwood, Lynn Buck, Bob Porter, Eddie Kaign, James Sommer, J. Andrus, R. Bell, J. Dameron, A. Freeman, W. Underwood, V. Schwab, H. Estes, R. Day, L. Clark, M. Alexander, R. Egli, and W. Alexander.

GRAPEFRUIT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

At the regular monthly meeting of the Athletic Club, the following rules governing the Grapefruit Softball League for 1940 were approved.

1. Games called at 6 P.M. and 7:55 P.M.
2. 15 minutes grace allowed for starting.
3. If appointed umpire is not present within 5 minutes, an umpire agreeable to both team captains shall be selected.
4. Umpires have full authority on the field.
5. Appeals for decisions shall be made only by the captains of teams.
6. All official softball rules are in effect except the following:
 - a. A team may consist of 8 men.
 - b. Captains may substitute at will.
 - c. Any team reporting to his team captain prior to game time shall be allowed to play three complete innings.
 - d. Game shall be 9 innings, if possible, otherwise first game shall end at 7:45, and second at 9:25 P.M.
 - e. Since this is only a conditioning league no official statistics will be kept.

Greenbelt Bowling League

FINAL INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

MUSKETEERS	G.	PINS	ST.	SP.	H.G.	H.S.	AVERAGE
Temple	90	10718	71	250	171	415	119-8
MacEwen	90	9495	37	174	134	380	105-45
Fockler	90	8765	24	137	120	325	97-35
Taylor	90	8625	28	117	122	331	95-75
Schulz	90	8594	25	126	135	320	95-44
CRESCENTS							
Lastner	81	8624	43	154	151	156	106-36
Dickhaut	83	8702	27	157	141	357	104-70
O'Flaherty	76	7703	32	120	138	331	101-27
Boggs	81	7729	28	120	153	352	99-10
Cain	77	7632	34	104	123	325	99-9
LIONS							
Meek	87	8985	34	165	138	356	103-24
DeJager	51	5188	20	87	134	337	101-37
Riley	90	8735	29	123	133	335	97-5
Brown	90	8652	21	127	124	332	96-12
Markfield	53	5074	7	71	123	323	95-39
Thompson	63	5792	13	67	119	314	91-59
STARLIGHT #2							
Bradley	79	7791	28	122	122	346	98-49
Williams	73	6990	19	97	125	331	95-55
Thomas	74	6990	24	79	121	319	94-34
Neblett	68	6088	15	77	111	292	89-36
McWilliams	45	3968	9	33	107	262	88-8
Green	45	3793	8	34	112	300	84-13
Lyons	52	4370	6	39	116	261	84-2
CONSUMER SERVICES							
Hillbrook	87	9423	25	206	142	359	108-27
Milasi	86	8582	22	137	130	345	99-68
Richie	87	8091	19	115	114	312	93-0
Kellams	60	5535	20	69	129	341	92-15
Jeffries	80	7263	19	83	129	330	90-62
Peckham	14	1114	3	12	95	259	79-8
BUCKEROOS							
Timmons	84	8676	40	117	135	351	103-14
Miner	51	4860	9	74	116	308	95-15
Sanchez	72	6850	16	96	127	315	95-10
Dunbar	73	6988	16	97	127	325	94-32
Martone	73	6860	21	95	140	361	93-71
Childs	71	6661	17	82	115	319	92-29
STARLIGHT #1							
Henshaw	84	8820	33	155	151	358	105-
Wolfe	11	1120	5	18	126	313	101-9
Bell, Jr.	88	8829	27	153	127	342	100-29
Bell, Sr.	84	8292	34	126	134	340	98-60
Lopez	77	7346	18	99	121	325	95-49
Horn	83	7727	18	96	123	308	93-8
Seybold	23	2032	3	23	108	279	88-8
EAGLES							
Dove	89	9001	38	145	140	335	101-12
Sansone	81	8167	30	129	133	335	100-67
Hitchcock	28	2744	5	44	126	308	98-
Tompkins	85	8198	19	115	128	328	96-38
Witcher	70	6550	18	79	144	354	93-40
Snyder	69	6423	13	84	120	325	93-6

(To be concluded next week)

Thumbnail Sketches of the Grizzlies

By Frank Loftus

Bill Alexander: Age, 18; Height, 5'6"; Weight, 138; Position, Pitcher.

Bill is interested in all forms of sport, but in particular, he prefers basketball, baseball, football soccer, and swimming. He played 3 years of basketball for Greenbelt High as a guard and as a forward and center, left-center, and end during 3 years on the varsity soccer team. This year he starts his third season with the varsity baseball team, as a pitcher.

Counting his grade school career, Bill has had 7 years of experience playing baseball, 4 years basketball, and 3 years of soccer.—a quiet, likable sort of a guy with a big smile; he's 100% GRIZZLY!

Julius Andrus: Age, 18; Height, 5'7"; Weight, 145; position, Outfield.

Julius Andrus is another Grizzly who takes his sports seriously. In his own words: "I eat, sleep, talk, and drink, sports". This is his third baseball season with the Grizzlies. He also played end and left halfback on the soccer team for two years, and guard and forward on the basketball team for one year. On the sandlots of Ellwood city, Pennsylvania, and in the Boys Club of North East Washington, he picked up about 6 years experience playing football. Add to this a touch of tumbling, weight-lifting, swimming, and 2 years of boxing in junior high school, and you have one of the swellest kids, and most athletic Grizzlies of Greenbelt High School.

Roy Bell: Age, 20; Height, 5'11 3/4; Position, Outfield.

Down from Warren, Pennsylvania came this lanky Grizzly. In his freshman year at Warren he played end on the football team, and center on the basketball team. In his sophomore year he starred in track, namely in the high jump. He let up in his junior year because of a weak heart which he claims had slipped down to where his kidney was. This drawback which saddened his game old spirit quite a bit still allowed him to come out for baseball, however, and he made the varsity, holding down sack No. 1. This year at G.H.S. he played forward on the basketball team and now his rambling figure can be seen covering part of the outfield for the Grizzlies.

His favorite sport, is duckpin bowling, which he pursues with great interest along with his father. He's not bad, either, chalking up 155 points in the Annual Bowling Sweepstakes.

Roy's a silent serious guy, who can still take and give a good joke. He graduates this year and seeing him pass out of the spotlight will be like losing your arm or seeing a little pup run over.

The greatest distance a golf ball has been driven was 445 yards, in August 1913, by A.E. Bliss, of Herne Bay, Kent, England.

STORE EMPLOYEES JOIN DIRECTORS FOR DINNER

Following an informal dinner last week, given for both directors and employees of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., the employees of that organization are performing their duties now with a better understanding of the relationship between themselves and board members.

The social, at which all nine directors and 26 employees were in attendance, was held Wednesday evening, April 17, at Beaver Dam Country Club, near Cheverly. Director Fred L. Wilde was master of ceremonies and the group was addressed by President Walter R. Volckhausen.

Mr. Volckhausen stressed the fact that both directors and employees are working together in an effort to make the cooperative a success. He pointed out that when a board member enters a store he is a patron just as anyone else and neither expects or desires special favors.

Explaining that there is a definite line of authority in the organization, Mr. Volckhausen told the employees that no director has the authority to give orders to them. The person to whom they are responsible is General Manager Sulo Laakso, he stated.

Mr. Wilde employed a unique method of introducing the diners. Everyone was called upon to answer questions about almost any subject, or to give the name of some other diner who had been pointed out. Failure to answer correctly meant a 5-cent contribution to the "kitty". \$1.05 was collected for wrong answers and was turned over to the educational fund.

Comments by board members and employees indicated that as a means of developing better understanding between employees and board members, the dinner had proved an outstanding success.

Those present were: Directors Walter Volckhausen, Sherrod East, Fred Wilde, Joe Still, Earl Swales, Joseph Loftus, Carrie Harper, Bertha Maryn, Howard Custer; General Manager Sulo Laakso, Office Manager George Hodsdon.

Vernon Iseli, Virginia Beck, Shelburn Midgette, Caroline Klippert; Paul Milasi, Russell Kellams, Robert Buchele, Lillian Schwartz, Edward Lloyd, Gertrude Brenon, Sylvan Oppenheimer, Comly Richie, Thomas Ricker, James Porter, William Spencer, Herbert Barberie, Procter Twichell, Grace McNabb, Jackson Sherman, Elsie Steinle, Martha Hanes, Thomas Jeffries, Dorothy Neff, Albert Ellerlin, and R. S. Sowell, reporter from the Cooperator on the stores.

Several employees were necessarily absent because of illness, other engagements or, as in the case of the Variety Store, performance of duties.

SIX GREENBELTERS LEARN NEW PLAY METHODS

Representing the local consumers' cooperative, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drautigan, Mrs. Bertha Maryn, Howard Custer, Thelma Blauw, and Evelyn Cooper attended the Eastern Cooperative League's two-day Cooperative Recreation Week-end in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, last Saturday and Sunday.

The purpose of the week-end get-together of cooperators in the Philadelphia area was to experiment with various kinds of recreation particularly adapted to cooperative groups, and to develop local leadership for such recreation.

Welcome to Greenbelt

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This youngster was caught in the act of a bit of rowdiness and promptly escorted from the theatre. When asked his name and address he promptly replied, "Alan Taylor, 4-F Ridge Road". The fatal postcard was sent.

All was quiet until Monday evening when Alan and parents appeared at the theatre. Alan had pleaded innocent so convincingly that his parents decided to check up.

Alan's innocence was confirmed by the theatre manager, who offered apologies and resolved that in the future he would check up on the identity of his ejected patrons and not just take their word for what their names are.

Reba Harris, librarian, reports that 27 persons are on the waiting list for Pierre Van Paassen's "Days of Our Years". An additional copy just purchased will help the unfortunates at the bottom of the list.

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