



TOWN LEADERS WEIGH PROPOSED BILL

One of the most significant questions facing the American people today is the problem of conscription.

The recently introduced Burke-Wadsworth act providing for registration and compulsory military training of a large segment of the population is being swiftly pushed through Congressional hearings and is scheduled for early action. Already much argument both for and against the bill has developed. The rapidity with which this important legislation is being rushed through Congress is alarming.

The need for adequate national defense cannot be questioned. However, any legislation which departs so widely from the traditional American policy of anti-militarism and anti-peace-time conscription, should be very carefully considered before it is enacted.

Every single family in the United States will be personally and most vitally affected. It is therefore imperative that, in accordance with the democratic principles of our form of government, the vast masses of the people carefully examine all the social, economic and political implications of the bill and decide whether or not they desire it to be a law of the land. Their decision then, to be effective, should be made known to their representatives in Congress whose function it is to translate the will of the majority into action.

It is in the hope of stimulating interest and comment on this all-important legislation that the Cooperator has sought the views of several Greenbelt citizens, which appear in this issue.

Symposium Editorial

WALTER R. VOLCKHAUSEN, G C S

I do not believe that compulsory military conscription should be undertaken until voluntary conscription, under the same terms of remuneration and period of service, has failed to produce the necessary enrollment. The effect of compulsory conscription in disrupting industries as well as careers should not be overlooked, for maintaining the efficient functioning of all industries is one of the major premises of a defense program.

If, however, voluntary conscription does fail, or has failed, then in the face of the present international situation compulsory conscription is necessary. Conscientious objectors should, however, be permitted to enroll in such fields as the ambulance service.

The fact that the present situation is grave enough to justify consideration of the need for compulsory military conscription of some of our citizens is ample justification for Mrs. Roosevelt's contention that every citizen should enlist at once in the non-military defense program--by taking active steps to assist in blotting out social injustices in our country. For, to the unemployed, to the ill-housed, to the tenant farmer, to those suffering under racial discrimination - to the many underprivileged in our country our democracy may be a meaningless or even odious institution. Yet fundamental to the effective defense of our democracy, against internal or external depredation, is a universal belief among our citizens that the democratic way is our way and is worthy of our devotion and our lives.

A.N. GAWTHROP - TOWN COUNCILMAN

No measure can be too severe or drastic which is necessary to the defense of our precious country, one of the last strongholds of liberty and democracy. So it follows that the test of the conscription bill is whether it is necessary temporarily to mobilize and train our man power.

Practically without a dissenting voice we have agreed that it is necessary to build up our armaments to meet the definite threat to our place in the world constituted by Hitler's, Mussolini's, and Stalin's control of continental Europe and parts of Africa, Asia and South America, and Japan's dictatorial control of Asia. We may soon be a lone sheep in a world of democracy-hating wolves. Our only hope is to transform ourselves into a super-wolf that can stand off the pack.

The armaments we have voted and are already building and paying for are a step in the right direction, but must be accompanied by trained man power to use them, if necessary. I do not believe the proper kinds of men in large enough quantities can be voluntarily enlisted in peace time, and in peace time we should train and get ready.

Therefore, the conscription seems necessary to me (although my age is between 21 and 31), but it should travel with conscription of capital, outlawing of strikes on defense projects, and safeguarding of the economic existence of the conscriptee's family.

THOMAS RICKER, TOWN COUNCILMAN.

With war flaring on every continent of the world except the Americas, I feel we can only hope to escape involvement or future invasion by building a superior force manned by trained men that even a conqueror of Europe would hesitate to face.

We know machinery plays the dominating part in modern warfare. Training men to operate machines not only takes time, it also requires definite individual characteristics. We know that many who desire to fly must be rejected because of lack of dexterity or ability to suffer high altitudes and numerous other requirements. To a lesser degree this applies to all machines when the highest efficiency is not only desirable but imperative to the security of our country. We should not expect our government to spend billions on machines and then train men to operate them by a hit or miss method. If defense is imperative and I think most of us agree that it is, then we should not only have the best machines, but also the best men to operate them.

My observation of many of those who oppose the conscription bill now before Congress (even though they maintain that voluntary enlistments would take care of the matter) unfortunately are those who are abetting the aims of the dictators who hope to render our defense system helpless and thereby make way for a foothold in the continent for their particularism.

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Education Committee Hears Forum Plans

The Education Committee of the Citizens Association met with the officers of the principal organizations in Greenbelt on Monday evening, August 5, to discuss the advisability of a forum in the near future on the question of conscription. Among the groups represented were the American Legion, the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion, Greenbelt Consumer Services, the Town Council, the Health Association, and the Executive Committee of the Citizens Association.

After considerable discussion the group decided that the question of conscription was important enough to justify a forum for that purpose, and a program committee was selected to make the necessary arrangements. The committee announced that it would attempt to obtain leaders of Congress representing opposite points of view, and that a suitable date would be arranged as soon as possible.

Motions were adopted to the effect that no resolutions committee be appointed, and that it be recommended to the forum that no resolutions be accepted by the chairman. A further motion requiring all publicity to indicate the numbers pro and con in the event of a motion or resolution was also passed.

Following adjournment of the Education Committee meeting, the arrangements committee met to make plans for the forum.

IT'S A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

TO CHANGE HER MIND

Last Sunday night approximately seventy-five people from Greenbelt, Berwyn and Bladensburg searched the Greenbelt Lake and vicinity for four hours in a vain attempt to find a "little gal who wasn't there."

It all happened as a result of a quarrel between a lass of seventeen and her nineteen-year old boy friend, who had been spending the evening in a parked car at the lake. The young lady is purported to have threatened to drown herself when the boy refused to marry her (leap year notwithstanding). The gentleman decided to call her bluff and drove off. A few minutes later he suffered a change of heart however, and returned to find no trace of the young lady beyond a paper bag containing some of her personal belongings lying on the dock. Enlisting the aid of another young couple who were also "parked" nearby, he searched the edge of the lake fruitlessly. The three young people drove into Greenbelt and reported the situation to Officer Attick. Eventually quite a crowd of would-be rescuers collected at the lake, including Wallace Mabee, Roy Braden, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, the Berwyn Fire Department Truck, the Greenbelt life guards, and the Bladensburg Ambulance and Rescue Squad. The men thoroughly combed the entire scene for hours, until the Washington police informed of the situation by Town Manager Braden succeeded in locating the girl in her home in Washington.

The girl had slipped away while the boy was driving into Greenbelt for aid, and had been taken to the street car line by a couple returning to Greenbelt from Washington. It is hoped that the elusive youngster had not realized what would be the result of her thoughtless actions.



COOP EDITOR FETED AT STAFF PARTY

Lillian Schwartz, retiring editor of the Cooperator, was tendered a surprise party by the newspaper staff on Thursday, August 1, in the home of Lyman and Betsy Woodman.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. Schwartz of a dummy copy of the Cooperator, written as the staff would like to write it. This was autographed by everyone present.

Following a game of charades, the guests participated in several contests and then more games. The evening concluded with the serving of refreshments.

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SHOOT IF YOU MUST.....

Recent happenings may tend to create the impression that the Cooperator rejects items with which its editor may disagree. We assure our readers that such is not the case. Occasionally we do miss a story of importance, but that's generally due to the fact that we can't afford to pay our reporters and cannot, therefore, expect them to spend seven hours a day unearthing the news.

We also admit we have been guilty of rejecting letters to the editor, but only because they failed to comply with the rules of this paper; (1) that all letters must be signed, and (2) that they must not contain more than approximately 250 words. The reason for the first rule is obvious. As for the second, the limited size of the paper makes it necessary. We consider it to be in accord with democratic principles to print five letters of 100 words each rather than one letter of 500 words. We further believe that after the first 250 words one starts repeating himself.

We are fully aware of the fact that even editors make mistakes, and also realize that some of our friends seek an excuse for jumping on us with both feet. Such is our lot. So, if we ever do anything you don't like, you can start firing—if you promise to limit yourself to 250 shots apiece and let us know who is doing the shooting.

ED WALTHER, TOWN COUNCILMAN

I am in favor of defending democracy in America against dictatorship by all possible means, even by conscription, should that prove necessary. However, I am opposed to the present conscription bill for several reasons. First it is hysterical and all out of proportion to our true needs, as the opposition, particularly by men like former Secretary of War Woodring, has proved. Second, it is unfair to those who are called. They are to be paid only a few dollars a month, and have no guarantee that their job will be waiting when they return. Society owes them provision for security in return for the sacrifice it asks of them.

Third, it is undemocratic. It forces men to give a year of their lives. It even forces them to die if necessary, but it makes no provision of equal severity for capital. In fact, Congress has just recently repealed all limits on excess profits, and the government is guaranteeing industry a fat profit on all war orders. If we are in such a national crisis, a genuinely democratic government would force industry to serve without profit, just as it forces men. Industrialists who refuse would go to jail like any other draft dodger.

Finally, it is unrealistic, because it ignores something as important as men and machines — morale. Men fight best if they have something to fight for. A Congress that gives the "go sign" to profiteering in war industries while forcing men to enter the army is not likely to realize that the best defense of America is a continuation of social progress, so that people will feel that they have a stake in the country worth protecting.

In this hour of crisis it is up to the people of America to elect in November a Congress that stands for genuine defense of true Americanism, instead of the bogus product the present Congress is trying to pass off on us.

RUTH TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN

"We are all agreed that our country should be adequately prepared for defense. Just what measures are necessary to accomplish this, it seems to me, are highly technical questions which I am not qualified to decide.

We can all agree, too, that it is the duty of every citizen to be ready to render the service in national defense. It does seem that the broadest base of registration for defense will insure better selection and effect the greatest national unity."

GEORGE WARNER, MAYOR

Being fully cognizant of the fact that, during these days when pledges of nations turn out to be worthless, it is imperative that all necessary precautions be taken to defend our country against all enemies, it is still my frank opinion that military conscription such as that envisioned by the Burke-Wadsworth Bill, is premature.

The current belief that Germany, Japan, or any other world power, could successfully invade the United States over thousands of miles of ocean, even if there were proof of an intention to do so, is so utterly fantastic as to approach the ridiculous.

No less an authority than Harry Woodring, our Secretary of War until recently replaced by Henry Stimson, has gone on record as opposed to conscription, at least for the present. He believes, and he should be in a better position to know the needs of the army than any living man, that adequate manpower can be obtained by voluntary enlistments.

It can also be said that the much advertised gravity of the present "emergency" has not, as yet sufficiently impressed some of our larger business interests to scare them into being patriotic. Right now, they are demanding, before expanding their plants for the manufacture of materials under the defense program, that they be allowed, for tax purposes, to write off all expansions to their permanent plant over a period of from three to five years. Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of United States Steel has been quoted as saying "We are asked to increase our facilities for armor plate for which orders will run for the next three to five years. If we have to amortize over 20 years, our profits during the order period would be unusually large. For that reason we have delayed buying equipment needed for the heavy armor plate program until the tax amortization question is settled."

Oddly enough, these same large business interests are the very ones who are "whooping it up" for conscription, defense programs, aid to Great Britain, orders and more orders, — but no taxes; conscription of man power but no conscription of wealth. Blood may yet flow in order that profits may flow, and the saddest thing about the whole sad mess is the fact that hungry men, seeing in the scheme a return to jobs denied them for years, add their voices to the general cry for action.

Unless we are cautious, the building of military establishments bids fair to become the country's largest industry. The whole history of Europe during recent years is living proof that once a nation dedicates itself to military pursuits, conscription and regimentation, the death knell of democracy is sounded. The adjustment of our economy after the first World War, from that of a nation geared to war to one engaged in pursuits of peace, plunged us into the abyss of the greatest depression in world history.

Many informed persons fear, and rightly so, that Uncle Sam may yet develop "totalitarianism" from the introduction of some of its germs in a vain attempt to vaccinate against that dread disease. Certainly, if we do emerge from the next readjustment with a vestige of our democracy left, we shall have performed the miracle of history.

It is, of course, true that if the Axis Powers succeed in their threats to crush England, they are likely to command the avenues of foreign trade, substituting their "barter" system for the present one. Then they will attempt to systematically close to us one avenue of trade after another until our exports are effectively choked off. Tremendous pressure will be exerted on our South and Central American neighbor nations to draw them out of our sphere of influence into that of the dictator nations. Then we would have to either adopt a course of economic self sufficiency, calling for a new type of socialized economy, or else resort to war to drive the "trade pirates" from the seas. If we choose war, our so-called "Defense Program" will be a mighty handy thing to have around, in case "eventualities" develop as they are likely to when the export going gets tough. Certainly, after we have mortgaged our futures and those of our children and our children's children, to build up the strongest army and navy in the world, we would be "punks" indeed to sit idly by and see our best markets go to limbo.

Let us, by all means, do whatever is necessary to defend our country against all of its potential enemies, but let's do it the intelligent way. Let us build up an economy which will render impotent the apostles of totalitarianism by making it possible that all who would work for a living be given the chance. Let us go slow in adopting the methods of "Hitlerism". Let us fight for democracy by building a democracy that all within our vast country will be convinced is worth fighting for, in order that we may effectively turn to flight the "fifth columnist", the agitator, and the saboteur. Then let us make a determined effort to build up good will with our Latin neighbors to the south so that we can convince them that it is to their advantage to work with us rather than to court the favor of the aggressor nations. We are daily moving closer to the brink and action must be rapidly accelerated if we are to wipe out the memory of abuses visited for years on South and Central America through exploitation by our business interests. If we succeed we will save our trade, save our country, save our democracy, and save our money. To this end we should direct our immediate efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew M. Fontaine, 37-C Ridge Road, announce the birth of a daughter Thursday, August 1, at 12:25 A.M., in the Greenbelt Hospital.

Public Relations Committee Makes Statement

The following is a quotation of a release by the Public Relations Committee of the Citizens Association relative to a circular recently distributed, by private means, to the citizens of Greenbelt. The committee, in the interest of the community's various organizations, contacted the Greenbelt Cooperator, Greenbelt Consumer Services and the Milk Buying Club to obtain such pertinent statements for publication as these organizations might wish to make:

"The former editor of the Cooperator, Mrs. Isaac Schwartz, states that the policy of the paper has been to refuse publication of letters to the Editor which are submitted without signature or which exceed a limit of approximately 250 words. Announcements to this effect have been printed in the paper. Prior to the current incident, the editorial staff of the Cooperator has refused publication to two other letters because of length, and to four others because of lack of signatures. One letter, slightly over 250 words, but within an approximation of that number and less than 300, was printed because of the extreme public interest in the facts which it contained.

"With specific reference to the July 20 letter (printed on the attached sheet) the editor wrote the following note to Mr. Carroll on July 22:

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I regret very much that I have to return your letter to the editor of July 20, 1940. Since it is the policy of the paper to publish letters of approximately 250 words, it is impossible to include this letter, which has approximately 600 words therein. I regret very much that you found it impossible to cut this letter down, since you have some excellent points in it.

Very truly yours,

Lillian Schwartz, Editor.

"On July 20, the editor had, by telephone, notified Mr. Carroll that in view of the general public interest in the subject matter the letter would be given further consideration if the writer would cut its length to approximately 250 to 300 words and re-submit it.

"As the Cooperator is distributed free of charge to all Greenbelt residences it is felt that it owes no greater responsibility to the local citizens than the fairness and impartiality with which it has handled items considered of most interest to the community.

"Walter R. Volckhausen, president of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, comments, in connection with the attached sheet:

"The Greenbelt Consumer Service board of directors (with respect to the film, "Birth of a Nation", the cancellation of which, incidentally, was announced in the Cooperator, June 13) took action in what it thought to be the interest of the community. The G.C.S. quarterly meeting will be held on August 7 and the board will be glad to accept instruction from its members to the contrary."

"Mrs. Carnie Harper, chairman of the Milk Buying Club, said, in regard to Mr. Carroll's comments:

"The committee of the Milk Buying Club, after careful consideration, acted in what it believed to be the best interest of the club members. Mr. Carroll's printed letter represents the first knowledge the club or its committee has had of his feelings in the matter. The committee will be glad to discuss any of the points mentioned in Mr. Carroll's letter of July 20 with club members, individually or in meeting, if they wish to call one for that purpose."

MRS. ANN MC NAMARA, PRES.
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

I believe the United States should adopt compulsory military training — immediately.

It should be adopted now, while we have time to give it thorough attention. Modern warfare demands too vast numbers of men, too great an amount of money, and moves too fast to wait for volunteers. If war comes, man power will be drafted. If compulsory military training has not been in effect, there will again be confusion, loss of time, loss of life and loss of wealth. Months of delay, as in the World War #1, will be inevitable. If defeat does not arrive for us before we are fully prepared, victory will mean such a cost, in life and in dollars, as to stagger the imagination.

The effects of compulsory military training will place every American youth of military age on the same level. It is the only Democratic way to adequately assure an unlimited and effective National Defense.

Voluntary enlistments do not represent a cross section of our American men. There is no reason why the defense of this great nation should rest upon the shoulders of a few patriotic men. Each and every man who calls himself an American should be willing to protect the freedom and integrity of this nation regardless of his race, color, creed or financial standing. We will always have the so-called conscientious objectors — slackers, they were called in the last war — and the only way to overcome this is by a compulsory military training act.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have been advocating compulsory military training for the past 18 years and the time has now come for concerted action on the part of every American to see that this nation, which is second to none, has a National Defense program, which is second to none, and compulsory military training is the only intelligent answer.

LIBRARY CORNER

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
 - 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 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

The Mothers Club recently presented the library with the following books:

"The Patriot", Buck; "Kristin Lavransdatter", Undset; "Ordeal", Shute; "Black April", Peterkin; and "Inside Europe", Gunther.

The library report for July shows a circulation for non-fiction books of 363 and for fiction, 927 making a total circulation of 1290.

Receipts for the month amounted to \$18.17.

G. H. A. Grievance Group Meets

The Grievance Committee of the Greenbelt Health Association, established recently by the Board of Directors, held its first meeting Saturday night, August 3, in the home of the chairman, Edward Weitsman (3-D Gardenway, Gr. 3146). Other members of the committee are Mrs. Lillian Feldman (16-E Parkway, Gr. 4421) and J. Harry Murphy (43-D Ridge Road, Gr. 5582).

Methods of procedure and policies to govern the work of the committee were discussed. Non-members as well as members of the Association may take, or telephone, any complaint concerning the Health Association to any member of the committee. All such complaints will be held confidential, and will be handled by the committee, or by the committee in consultation with the Board of Directors, according to the seriousness of the complaint.

LEGION INSTALLS OFFICERS

Last Thursday evening at their Legion Home, the Greenbelt Post of the American Legion installed the following officers to serve for the ensuing year:

James W. McCarl, Commander; Thomas R. Freeman, First Vice-Commander; Orrin McGoldrick, Second Vice-Commander; Marvin D. Jones, Adjutant; David Steinle, Finance Officer; George W. Bryant, Service Officer; A. E. Tavener, Post Historian; Elmer Allion, Chaplain; N. S. Torbert, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Earl Mathers, James J. Sommers, and Charles W. Lowe, Color Bearers.

Department Vice Commander William Rollins of the Southern Maryland District conducted the installation ceremonies.

Mayor George A. Warner congratulated the Legion on their selection of officers and wished them success in their program for the coming year. Calling attention to the particular responsibility of the Legion in seeing that our democratic institutions are maintained during these crucial times, he expressed himself as "confident that the Greenbelt Legion would not be found wanting in guarding these principles."

Visiting Legionnaires, who addressed the meeting were National Vice Commander James B. Fitzgerald, Department Adjutant Jack Tribby, Henry French, Post Commander of Post #7, Annapolis, and George White, Commander, Post #7.

Commander McCarl, upon assuming his chair, stated that, with the help of his comrades, he would do everything within his power to make the year 1940-1 a banner year for the Greenbelt Legion, during which he hoped to attain the goal of a 100% membership.

Receiving his emblem as Post Commander of the local Post, George W. O'Brien pledged full support to the newly elected officers.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem after which refreshments were served by the Auxiliary.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below. Applications must be on file in the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing date mentioned in each case.

Junior graduate nurse, \$1,620 a year, U.S. Public Health Service. Federal Security, and Veterans Administration. Applications will be rated as received until further notice.

Senior medical officer, \$4,600 a year; medical officer, \$3,800 a year; various optional branches. Veterans Administration, Civil Aeronautics Authority and Indian Service. Applications will be rated as received until further notice.

Pathologist (medical), \$3,800 a year; veterinarian (research), \$3,800 a year; Chemical Warfare Service, War Department, Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Closing date for receipt of applications is September 9, 1940.

Ornithologist, \$3,800 a year, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior. Closing date is September 3.

Full information as to the requirements for the examinations may be obtained from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.



Lil Schwartz, retiring editor of the Cooperator, explains the set-up to Dorothea Ford, who will edit the paper for the month of August.

REFUGEES VISIT WASHINGTON AND VICINITY

Last Thursday, August 1, the refugee guests, accompanied by their "mothers for the day", Mrs. J. W. McCarl and Mrs. S. L. Perchick, made a grand tour of Washington and its historic environs. Among the places they visited were Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Capitol Building. The children expressed great enthusiasm over their trip.

Three of the children added to the entertainment at the Red Cross Benefit on August 2. Ruth Herzberg gave two readings. Walter Kulka played the Blue Danube Waltz as a piano solo and accompanied Ingeborg Thalhofer, who sang two German songs.

The rest of the week was spent according to the children's individual tastes. They enjoyed swimming and the many other recreational facilities which Greenbelt offers.

On August 6 the children reluctantly left their Greenbelt foster-parents to return to New York. Many of the young guests expressed a desire to remain in Greenbelt for the rest of the summer.



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This week I nominate Lil Schwartz for Greenbelt's Hall of Outstanding Citizens. Few have worked harder for the public good.

Her labors on the Cooperator have been herculean and it is for these that she has been chiefly noted. During the greater part of her Greenbelt residence, (and she was one of the first residents, she has spent most of her weekends and most of her Monday nights typing copy for the paper. Willingly, with rare good humor, she always came through with the work well done and on schedule - with or without assistance, which could seldom be depended upon; and with or without pay, which was never more than nominal.

Recently, as Assistant-Editor and Editor, although she admittedly lacked experience and even aptitude and although she was sorely-pressed by the lack of enough reporters with the requisite nose for news, she accepted a responsibility no one else would take, has led excellently a staff of unpaid, overworked, far-from-docile journalists, and has turned out a highly creditable sheet each week.

She also served a term as President of the Journalistic Club, several terms as Secretary of the Club and has been active on the Welfare Committee of the Citizens Association. She has actively supported the Cooperatives and her Congregation. She is noted for gay parties and the serving of excellent refreshments, and for a genial husband.

Although her health is not of the best and she badly needs the rest she is now planning to take, we hardly need fear that her absence from the first lines of Greenbelt community endeavor will be protracted. Her interest, her enthusiasm, her devotion to the community is too great to allow her to keep out of the thick of things for long.

—Howard C. Custer.

RESIDENTS RETURN FROM SUMMER COURSES

Greenbelt residents who attended the Eastern Co-operative League Summer Institute at Amherst, Mass., last week were Kenneth Jernberg and Thomas Jeffries of the Food Store staff, Mrs. Carl Jernberg, Mrs. Doris Seybold, Mrs. Henry Brautigam, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Thomas. They attended several of the eight courses offered as well as conference meetings conducted by outstanding leaders in the cooperative movement. The Greenbelt organization was cited frequently as a particularly fine example of a cooperative enterprise. Recreational facilities afforded by the Conference were enjoyed by all.

GARDENERS TAKE NOTE

The authorities at the Animal Disease Station at Beltsville have reported to Mr. Mabee that Greenbelt gardeners have been taking fertilizer from the farms there for use in the Greenbelt gardens. They wish these people to be warned that all the animals on the farms have been inoculated with disease organisms, many of them of a highly virulent nature; and persons using any of the infectious excreta may themselves become infected.

CONSUMER CONFERENCE DISCUSSES DEFENSE

A conference with representatives of consumers and other interested groups of national scope was called in Washington, D. C. last week by Miss Harriet Elliott, consumer representative on the National Defense Council.

At the request of Consumer Distribution Corporation, W. R. Volkhausen, President of Greenbelt Consumer Services represented his organization. The conference discussed the question of possible contributions of consumers and consumer organizations to the defense program. Also considered were safeguards to consumers in the speculative period usually accompanying times of world disorder, and the relation of the defense program to consumer problem and social progress.

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Bob Hope in
"GHOST BREAKERS"

Irene Dunne in
"MY FAVORITE WIFE"

James Stewart, Margaret Sullavan
in "MORTAL STORM"

Jack Benny in
"BUCK BENNY RIDES AGAIN"

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The Subject of the July contest of the Greenbelt Camera Club was "Hands". The above study won first prize for W. Earl Thomas.

TOWN FAIR CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

The interest in the Town Fair is increasing rapidly. However, the space allotment is limited and all persons participating are urged to see their committees to make arrangements for their exhibits. The chairmen of the various committees met Wednesday, August 7, at the Administration Office to make a report on the progress of the Greenbelt Town Fair.

The Chairmen of the Committees for the second annual Greenbelt Town Fair are as follows:

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. E. R. Henderson
Mrs. Ernest Boggs
Mr. L. M. Sanders
Mrs. Samuel Maryn

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Mrs. Robert C. Porter

DECORATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Maynard

SPACE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. C. R. Van Leuven
(Mr. Don Wagstaff, acting Committeeman.)

EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

Mrs. S. Hartford Downs

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thomas Freeman

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Charles E. Welsh

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The most extreme example is the refusal of the child to eat practically all food, or to eat unless he occupies a certain place, or unless he is watched over by a particular parent, i.e., "Jimmie only eats when his Daddy is at home", etc. A parent may have to display an acrobatic stunt or a full length drama to coax the food off the plate. Milder examples are provided by the child who will eat only a small amount at a time or who will take very tiny bites and dawdle over his meals.

These examples are different expressions of the same condition. The child feels himself the center of interest within the family and takes advantage of the situation. Meal time is the most convenient time to exercise his powers. The family is assembled in one place and his actions will be noticed. As long as the family pays attention to his behavior, expresses concern and allows itself to be maneuvered into the role of entertainer, the child will continue his bad habits. Neither threats or cajolery will effect a change in the child's habits because these methods betray extreme concern with the child's doings and tempt him to continue his contrary ways. —To be continued—

VISITORS ATTEND AUXILIARY INSTALLATION

At the installation of new Legion officers of Greenbelt Post 136, August 1, the following American Legion Auxiliary officers were present on their annual visit to Greenbelt: Mrs. Mary Shallenberger, Department President; Mrs. Elsie Horn, Department Membership Chairman; Mrs. Bessie Mercer, National Executive Committeewoman; Mrs. Mary E. Shields, Vice President, Southern Maryland District.

The Legion Auxiliary conducts its sewing meetings for the Red Cross Refugee Relief daily from 1:30 to 4:00 P. M. in the Home Economics room at the Elementary school. Anyone interested in this work is invited to join.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The Greenbelt Health Association recently added a new piece of equipment to the Health Association offices. A suction pressure pump and other instruments used in the treatment of certain diseases of the nose and throat have been purchased.

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Calendar Of Events

Thursday, August 8		
Red Cross Sewing	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Friday, August 9		
Red Cross Sewing	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Band	7:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Saturday, August 10		
Gun Club	2:30-5:30 P.M.	Range
Shoe Craft	7:00-9:00 P.M.	10 Pkway Bsmt.
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27A Ridge Road
Square Dance	8:30 P.M.	Jr. Recreation
Sunday, August 11		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Mass	8:30 A.M.	Theater
L.D.S. Men's Study Class	8:30 A.M.	Music Room
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Economics
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
L.D.S. Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Social Room
Gun Club	1:00-4:00 P.M.	Range
Baseball Game	2:30 P.M.	New Ball Field
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg
L.D.S.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Monday, August 12		
Red Cross Sewing	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Sunday School Orch.	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Shoe Craft	7:00-9:00 P.M.	10 Pkway Bsmt.
Tuesday, August 13		
Red Cross Sewing	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Housing Committee	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 222
Wednesday, August 14		
Red Cross Sewing	1:30-4:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Citizens Assoc. Exec. Comm.	8:00 P.M.	Room 225
Shoe Craft	7:00-9:00 P.M.	10 Pkway Bsmt.

COMMUNITY RIFLE MATCH AUGUST 18.

The Greenbelt Gun Club is sponsoring a .22 calibre rifle match to be held on Sunday, August 18, open to all Greenbelt residents. This will be over simple 20-shot course at 50-yard distance. Four different medals will be awarded to place winners, and because of the special arrangement of awards, even the average and beginner-marksmen, and the ladies too, will have equal opportunity to win medals.

Harry Bates and Lyman Woodman, who will not compete, but will act as scorers, will present a separate award to the match winner—this award to be open to challenge each week under conditions to be announced later. One medal will go to the high score among the women shooters providing two or more women compete. Club officers expect three of the four women members of the organization to participate and several non-member ladies have indicated interest in the match.

The course will consist of 3 sighting shots, 10 shots at the standing position, and 10 shots at any other position the competitor wishes to fire. Time for the 23 shots is 25 minutes.

Competitors will be permitted to use their own, or the Gun Club rifles (which will be sighted in properly by the club officers before the match). No telescopic sights permitted.

Targets will be furnished free and ammunition will be available at club price.

The entrance fee has been set at 25 cents per person. Registration may be made commencing tonight, August 8, at 8-A Parkway, 2-B Ridge Road, 7-A Ridge Road, and 13-F Ridge Road, day or night (up to 9:00 P.M.) until 10:00 A.M. on the day of the match. The range officer on duty at the range on Saturdays and Sundays is permitted to accept registration also. All registration ceases at Noon, August 18, at the range. The match commences at 11:00 A.M., August 18, on the Greenbelt target range near the disposal plant.

The Gun Club wishes to emphasize that the awarding of medals has been so arranged that even the very inexperienced shot has ample opportunity to win a medal.

PLANE CRASH AT SCHROM'S AIRPORT

On Tuesday, July 30, a young pilot was killed and his passenger narrowly escaped death in an accident at Schrom's Airport. James A. Master, the pilot, of Springfield, Ohio, jumped from the cockpit of his grounded plane only to meet death when a high tension wire, loosened by the crash, fell across his legs. The passenger, Victor Kile, who resides in Washington, D.C., suffered from shock and a small laceration of the right thigh.

According to Mr. Kile, he and Masters had set out in the newly purchased plane in search of the Capitol Airport. They were attempting to land here to get their bearings when the plane struck a tree at the edge of the field and nosed into the ground. Mr. Kile stated that because Mr. Masters could not locate the wind sock at the airport he was unable to judge the favorable landing conditions.

Mr. Masters, who was 22 years old, is survived by his wife, Gayl Master, to whom he had been married six months.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below:

Senior stenographer, \$1,620 a year; junior stenographer, \$1,440 a year; junior typist, \$1,260 a year; for appointment in Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission's Washington office not later than August 15, 1940.

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