



FULMER LEAVES GREENBELT on LOAN to F. W. A.

12-PIECE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY AT DANCE

The 12 piece Negro orchestra, hired for the Citizens Association New Year's Eve dance, promises a new high in Greenbelt entertainment according to the dance committee which is rushing to completion its plans for the year-end event.

Up to \$150 has been authorized by the Association in order to assure the best possible dance and entertainment for Greenbelt's New Year celebration. James Pinckney, committee chairman, announces that unusual decorations are being prepared for the dance in addition to the customary noise makers and other items required for the night of December 31.

Dancing will be from 10 until 2 o'clock in the Auditorium to the music of Bill Hester's Harlem Bluebirds. This orchestra boasts long engagements at outstanding dance spots in New York City and Atlantic City.

Advance sales of tickets are priced at 50 cents each; 60 cents will be charged at the door. Tickets may be obtained from any of the following Greenbelt residents:

Dr. James McCarl, 7-D Crescent Road; James L. Pinckney, 1-B Crescent Road; Bernard Jones, 1-D Westway; James Smith, 4-H Southway; Charles Bradley, 19-H Ridge Road; Harry A. Stewart, 19-L Ridge Road; George F. Bauer, 1-J Gardenway; John McWilliams, 3-C Eastway; Mrs. Harry Hesse, 6-J Hillside Road; and David R. Steinle, 56-H Crescent Road.

Greenbelt Players Choose Cast

Director Joseph Muller announces for the Greenbelt Players that Marcia Kinsley will play the feminine lead in "Boy Meets Girl", to be produced the latter part of January. The male lead is still to be selected. Supporting roles have gone to Sid Weinstein, who plays the part of a producer, Joe Maynard and Nat Schein, who will be the two-man playwright team, Dorothea Ford, assuming the character of the producer's secretary, and Rosalie Poston, Greenbelt High School miss, who will be "Peggy, a manicurist". High School instructor Sid Henes, Frank Leach, and a newcomer to town by the name of Williams will also appear in the cast.

There are still parts to be given out, as well as various assignments in scenery making, publicity, and so on. The Players welcome those with any sort of theatrical "itch" to the Arts and Crafts room at 8:30 Wednesday evenings.

Elections Committee Completed

The elections committee for the Greenbelt Health Association is now completed by the appointment of Mrs. Letkemann as the third member. The committee now consists of Walter R. Volckhausen, chairman, 6-K Hillside Road, Phone 2751, Edward Walther, 35-L Ridge Road, phone 3222, and Mrs. Letkemann of 2-D Woodland Way.

There will be three vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Leslie Atkins, Hugh Bone, and Peggy Zorach.

Nominations for the office of director must be made in writing and signed by two members of the Health Association and presented to any one of the elections committee.

All nominations must be in the hands of the committee by December 25 in order to fulfill the provisions of the by-laws.

BAND to HAVE CELEBRATION

The Greenbelt Band, celebrating the first half year of its musical existence, is making plans for a party.

The band will meet at its regular time, 7 P. M. Friday, Dec. 13, in the auditorium of the elementary school, and after a concert for the parents and invited guests of the members the party will be held.

Among the invited guests are those who served on the original committee which organized the band. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braden, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Maybee, Dr. and Mrs. Alpher, Mrs. and Mrs. Leslie Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Reed, Miss Garritts, Miss Phoffenberger, and Mr. Slyker, president of the local High School.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson is chairman of the committee planning the party.

Spend New Year's eve right here in Greenbelt, at the Citizen's Association dance.

BAUER DECLINES PRESIDENCY

Rolfe Sauls' written resignation as president of the Citizens Association placed Vice President George Bauer in that key position last week. As the Cooperator goes to press Mr. Bauer has called a meeting of the executive board for Wednesday night, December 12, to determine what steps should be taken next. In an interview with a cooperator reporter Mr. Bauer said that he had no desire to hold the job of president, himself, and that he hoped the executive board of the Citizens Association would find some method of replacing Mr. Saul. A new election might be necessary, he said.

In reviewing the by-laws of the Citizen's Association the Cooperator discovered the following provisions pertinent to the selection of a new president after the resignation of the person duly elected to that position.

1. (III g) The duties of the Vice President shall be in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the president, to exercise the powers and to perform all the duties of that office.

2. (III e) Vacancies in any of the offices due to death, resignation, or other inability to serve shall be filled by a vote of the executive committee the person thus chosen to hold office for the unexpired term.

3. (IV a) The five officers of the Association, together with the chairman of the standing committees, shall compose the executive committee.

TOWN COUNCIL - and the BUDGET

Town Council passed Greenbelt's budget once more last Monday evening, and conquered it. Before the budget was considered, the following subjects were discussed: 1-Tabling of the ordinance for licensing of retailers in Greenbelt. 2-Discussion deferred on suggestion of the Health Association that medical care be received by town employees under the same plan that now covers G.C.S. employees. 3-Reports of the various departments; highlights as follows:

Adult Education - 200 students in November.

Recreation - 15 women in a "weight normalizing class."

Public Works - Surface cracks in the roads repaired, toboggan slide fixed, garbage disposal per family of 3.7 - cost roughly \$1.

The main business of the evening was the budget. It was published in the Cooperator several weeks ago in its original form. Major changes made last night were the following:

Public Works Improvements: Up \$20,160 to \$27,480.

Public Health: Down \$1,575 to \$19,730.

Education: Up \$100 to \$7,820.

Recreation: Down \$100 to \$5,985.

Contingency: Up \$900 to \$1,900.

(The change in the public works figure primarily relates to utilities for new housing. The contingency figure now provides for raises for town employees at the discretion of the Town Council and the Manager.)

Funds from special assessment bonds: \$10,080 (Covers about half the cost of installing utilities for proposed new building. The owners to provide the other half.)

Change in Valuation Basis for Tax Payments on Personal Property: \$2,0689 to \$2,3574 (This presumably will cover the other half of the increased expenditures by roughly \$9,000.)

Dr. Silagy to Review Hans Zinsser's Last Book

Dr. Joseph Silagy will review "As I Remember Him" by Hans Zinsser at the next meeting of the Book Club to be held Tuesday, December 17, in Room 200 of the Elementary School building.

AN AGREEABLE FELLOW

Lord Charles Beresford tells in his memoirs the story of an old Irish gamekeeper, who always agreed with everything that was said to him.

Meeting the old man one day when the wind was blowing a gale, Lord Charles said to him: "It's a fine, calm day today."

"You may well say that, Lord Charles," replied the gamekeeper with hearty acquiescence, "but what little wind there is is terrible strong."



O. KLINE FULMER

Roy S. Braden, Community Manager, announces that Mr. O. Kline Fulmer, Assistant Manager, has been loaned to the Public Buildings Division of the Federal Works Administration. This division has been allotted a substantial appropriation for housing and their program is rapidly getting under way.

Mr. Clark Forman, Housing Coordinator of the organization, has asked for the loan of Mr. Fulmer's services and the request has been granted. His work will consist of studying projects from a standpoint of planning in relation to management.

The urgency of the program necessitated Mr. Fulmer's leaving his duties at Greenbelt at once and he started work on the new project Monday, December 9, 1940.

Mr. Wallace Mabee will take over the work of Mr. Fulmer's office here and a reallocation of duties of several other persons will be necessary to balance the management program at Greenbelt.

FOLK DANCERS SELECT NEW LEADERS

The Greenbelt Community Folk Dancers met on Saturday, November 30, to choose officers and committee chairmen. The following people were elected: Stanley R. Ostler, president; Mrs. Carrie Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Livingston, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Tretter, publicity committee chairman; and Howard Custer, program committee chairman. Mrs. Hall will head the finance and purchasing committee as well.

The next two dances will be held in the Social Room on December 14 and January 4 from 8:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. A guest book is now kept and anyone who attends three dances out of five will be notified of business meetings. A recent change has been the admission charge of ten cents for women and fifteen for men to cover charges for the use of the room, but the policy of not meeting on Citizens Association or other big dance nights remains the same.

GREENBELT GETS PRAISE

Especial praise was given last week to the Community Chest division to which Greenbelt belongs by campaign secretary Mildred Alexander. While Prince Georges returns fell short some \$4,000 of this year's \$15,000 quota, the Berwyn district, which had one of the largest individual quotas, went over the top with a subscription of 135 percent. Roy S. Braden captained the Greenbelt team.

See the old year out at the Citizens Association dance.

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Guess What— Movies

Again sticking our nose into the operation of the theatre in an effort to show that the local disposal plant is the logical place for most of the entertainment shown here recently, we have, during the past week gone through 13 months of Parents Magazine which is used herewith as the basis of rating pictures shown here since October 15th. Briefly, Parents Magazine rates pictures as follows: ratings are broken down into three age groups; A-adults-Y-youth from 10 to 16, and C-children, under 10; within these groups, pictures are rated by number, 1 being excellent, 2 good, 3 fair, 4 good of type etc. Thus we find the following facts.

Of 47 pictures shown, 12 were too old to be rated within the past 13 months, of which 5 could be classed as revivals of good pictures of recent years.

For adults, 5 pictures were excellent, the rest average, for youth, 3 were excellent, the rest fair plus. It is in the children's group that the worst situation exists. Only 1 picture was rated as excellent, 12 average, and fifty per cent, 23 to be exact, were rated as unsuitable for children.

As far as the time element is concerned only 9 pictures were reviewed in the current issue of Parents Magazine, which rates pictures as far back as September. Some were found in the Nov. issue of 1939. In short the average age of our entertainment is well over six months. This seems a little long, even for Greenbelt, but our chief objection has been and is on quality rather than newness.

So much for that. Anyone who would care to analyze these conclusions will find the data in the office. Up until now, our criticism has been destructive and the situation still needs remedying. Next week in conclusion we will offer (gratis) our suggestions for better movies. Onward and upward with the arts!

School Reorganizations

Most encouraging news is the plan announced for reorganizing Prince Georges County schools. Maryland is near the bottom of the list of state school systems. Few states pay their teachers less, have lower teaching requirements, offer poorer plants. We have always felt that the 11 years of public education offered in Maryland failed to fit in properly with the 12 year courses of other states. There was no justification for having one less year of education than the other states—we were just too poor to afford it.

The proposed re-vamping would seem to add that extra year with a minimum of expense. There is satisfying wisdom in calling for a 6-3-3-arrangement. Reducing the present seven years of grade school to six will relieve over-crowding for some time to come. Making existing high schools into junior highs gives these buildings and faculties only three instead of four years to handle, so that overcrowding is reduced there. This leaves the top three years of regular high school to be cared for with four new super-high schools.

Attendance at each of these high schools will be larger than at each of the present high schools. So long as the new buildings are constructed to accommodate the total number of students who will attend there will be no crowding here, and the increased enrollment per school will allow a larger variety of subjects than is now possible with the numerous small high schools.

Free public schools provide the foundation for our democratic government. We must have that foundation just as strong as we can afford. Greenbelt joins neighboring communities in urging that this project for improving our schools be pushed to completion in the shortest feasible period of time.

Thanklessness of Public Office

There are two schools of thought on Mr. Sauls' resignation as president of the Citizens Association. The first are those who say "Well, I don't blame him. Anyway, it's his own personal business whether he serves or not." The second group believe that any man running for election to a responsible position has the obligation of studying the job, its responsibilities, its unpleasant aspects, the work involved before he accepts the mandate of the group. These persons feel that holding public office is a serious business, not to be lightly approached or easily discarded at the first sign of trouble or worry.

We do know that Mr. Sauls' peace of mind was sorely tried in his two weeks of office. We do believe that anyone in his position has a right to be provoked at irritating obstacles which beset the course of his presidency. We do want to repeat what has been said before in these columns—that no one aspiring to community leadership in any of its aspects should expect any thanks for his work, or appreciation for his efforts. The only satisfaction from holding office, if the position is well-held, will be a satisfaction of having carried to completion a term of hard work in the best manner possible—the inner glow of pride that comes to a man who knows that he has served his fellow a little bit.

It is time for us to think about these two schools of thought on public office. Our future attitude, as a people, on this subject may well determine the destiny of our democracy.

The Little Black Car

Black has always been considered an ominous color in every civilized country, which might well be the reason why the Greenbelt police car was repainted. It's about time different tactics were used on the drivers who slowed down as soon as they saw the police car and speeded up again as soon as it was out of sight. We'd even suggest an invisible paint if one were available, as this business of nabbing speeders and reckless drivers should never have developed into a catch-as-catch-can game in the first place.

In this connection, we're fully in accord with Director of Public Safety Mabee's belief that the change in color may help to bring about a change in the attitude of those who have violated the traffic laws heretofore.

We hope he catches everyone who steps on the gas a little harder than he should. It might help to cut down on taxes as well as the death rate.

Elsewhere on this page we've commented editorially on the movie situation. Like any other, it has its pros and cons. We would like to point this out, however:

Look through your home-town or favorite newspaper or any other you can think of, and try to find any criticism of its biggest advertiser.

We're not boasting—we're merely pointing with pride to the fact that we always reserve the right to speak frankly and truthfully.

Sans Jail

Baden, a town of 2000 in Pennsylvania made the New York Times last week with the story that it had been without a jail for 15 years. Far be it from us to argue with the New York Times about what constitutes news, but we just can't see anything unusual about this fact at all. We know of many towns with 2000 people which do not have jails.

Here in Greenbelt we have a population of 3300, nearly twice that of Baden, and we have no jail. Nor do we foresee any need for one in the years to come. Police Chief Mabee's records show an unusually low criminal and delinquency rate for a town of this size. We like this record and we hope it continues—and we venture to suggest that if more areas were provided with better housing that they too could get along without jails.

Letters to Editor

To the editor:

In last week's letter in regard to the Cooperator's labor policy I find that I unwittingly hurt the feelings of the mother of one of the paper carriers by saying "in order to provide a paper-carrying job for a better typesetter who was tired of working for nothing in the office." I was using Manager Rosenzweig's words when I said he was "tired of working for nothing". I did not ask the boy involved how he felt about the situation or why he was given the paper carrying job.

I hope the editor will give me space for my sincere apologies. Since at no time did I name the boy involved I trust no damage has been done. If his mother still feels that insult was intended I am truly sorry. I still believe the labor policy of the paper needs investigation, but I should know better by this time than to go tilting at windmills.

—Donald H. Cooper

To the editor of the Cooperator:

Unfortunately we sometimes forget that although Greenbelt Consumer Services is a corporation—an impersonal organization, it is operated by a very loyal and hard-working group of employees, who have done and are doing a mighty fine job of making Greenbelt Consumer Services serve us the way we want it to.

We sometimes forget, too, that our employees may take considerable pride in their work, and that unsound criticism may not be a fair reward for the effort they have given.

In particular I believe that recent editorials in the Greenbelt Cooperator cast an entirely unjustified reflection upon the work of our theatre manager, at a time when that manager is trying in our interest, to meet problems much more difficult even than trying to enlighten a Cooperator editor.

I believe that if the editor had, before attacking the programs presented by the theater, consulted our theater manager with regard to those programs (as I understand he has since,) he would have found a very reasonable explanation for the absence of "name" pictures from our theater during a recent period. He would have found that this condition resulted from circumstances over which G.C.S. and the theater manager had no control, and, as a self-styled Don Quixote, the editor might have found windmills more deserving of his attack.

We believe that under the circumstances our manager is to be congratulated on the fact that while the films shown here recently have not been outstanding, they have been entertaining—our audiences have attested to the latter after seeing the films.

We believe that if our billing is compared with the list of films shown during a comparable period in competing theaters, it will be evident that we have selected the best pictures available to us, and have avoided the objectionable films which are so prevalent.

With regard to Greenbelt Cooperator policies, I should like to suggest that the editors consider the policy of the Greendale newspaper, which is (or was) to present editorials criticizing local organizations to the organization in question in advance of publication, so that the organization may submit its answer, and the paper reflect both sides of the issue—a procedure justified in part by the fact that the paper appears only weekly.

Walter N. Volckhausen

Editor's note: We will submit the paper for prior approval at the same time we are asked about movies before booking.

To the editor:

No one could object to the editor's observation that for a considerable period our local theatre showed few heralded films, but I believe the editor might have done a little investigating before concluding, gratuitously, that therein lies the real failure of the present set-up—"the theatre is being run for a profit instead of for Greenbelt." Had he done so I am sure he would have found the theatre is still following its policy of showing all the better pictures: that the delay in showing some of these was due to circumstances beyond local control (as circumstances often are in the movie industry); and that showing these pictures late, as we shall, will result in less rather than more "profit" for the theatre.

We believe that if the editor would be guided by his interest in fostering Greenbelt organizations, rather than by a desire to play a modern Don Quixote, he might find less unsavory explanations for the unfortunate situations which are bound to arise now and then in operating a large and diversified business.

As to whether the theatre should be operated as a medium for education or entertainment, the question seems purely academic. We show all the good pictures; the patron can decide for himself whether he wants to be educated or entertained.

Personally I have spent several of my evenings just lately in our theatre, watching the show and listening to comments. On leaving the theatre Saturday evening I overheard a man remark that he had just enjoyed the best war picture he had ever seen. It was just his opinion of course based on actually seeing the picture and I believe more indicative of what our patrons like that what might be called the (canned sophistication) of our editor.

Sincerely

Carrie O. Harper

To the editor:

I hope you do not mind if the tables are turned and the public criticizes the Cooperator. As one of the public, may I suggest that the Cooperator concentrate on putting out a newspaper of neater appearance containing NEWS in words and phrases more carefully chosen and worthy of adults than has been the case of late.

The two latest issues of the Cooperator are elegant examples of carelessness and poor journalism.

It is hoped that this communication will be taken as sincerely intended constructive criticism. I do not set myself up as anything like an authority on the subject, but some things are just plain obvious. I believe we all want a good Cooperator.

Frankly

Lyman L. Woodman

Dance to a 12-piece orchestra New Year's eve for \$1.

LETTERS TO SANTA



MEET THE BAND



Dear Santa Claus:

We live at 6-E Ridge Road. My brother, sister, and I are hoping you will come to see us. Bring us anything that you can.

Thanks
Bobby Brittingham

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a wagon, electric train, suits, books, cars, and gloves.

Love
Clifford Lung.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl six years old. My name is Dolores Campbell.

Will you please bring me these things for Christmas. A table and chairs, a blackboard, a lone ranger gun, a ball and a top, a suitcase of clothes colors and book, dishes and a doll buggy, a doll house and a Panda, and a pair of skates.

I will be a good girl and go to bed early. A little piano--with some songs.

Your little girl
Dolores
6-H Crescent Road

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bird house to take to school. Anything else you want to bring me. Take care of yourself.

Gerald Brittingham

Dear Santa Claus:

Happy Christmas!

I want a doll and I want a doll house. And I want some dishes. And I want a bake set. And I want a typewriter. And I want a baby dress. And I want a ring. And I want a perfume holder for Mother. And I want a pair of socks.

Katherine Ann Loftus
11-V Ridge Road

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 4 years old, and I would like you to bring me a few things for my Christmas; I would like to have a sled; cowboy suit and candy and nuts.

I also have a baby brother who is just a year old. He would like some toys too. He would like to have a bicycle, and little toys. Hoping you can bring them to us. We will have cookies for you when you bring our toys. And we go to bed early and are trying to be good little boys.

Please take care of all the poor little boys and girls so they will have a nice Christmas like we will.

Thanking you again.

Two little boys
Ronnie and Eddie Abrahams

This week I nominate for a place in the Hall of Outstanding Greenbelt citizens jovial Fred A. DeJager.

Probably no one else in town so radiates good fellowship; few demonstrate so much good citizenship.

From the first he has been a veritable pillar of the Community Church, having served as chairman of the Finance Committee, Church school teacher, and Church usher. His genial welcome makes those who enter the portals of the Church feel at home at once and earns for him the unofficial title of Church-greeter. He is one of the most dependable workers in the Church.

He has also been President of the Greenbelt bowling league. He bowls regularly an exuberant 100. And gets a whale of a lot of fun out of doing it. He's very popular with his fellow bowlers.

He is always ready to lend a hand in putting over such things as Church bazaars, even to the extent of letting Rolfe Sauls push him (not once but twice) backwards onto the rim of a tub full of water, for the edification of the youngsters, grown-ups and otherwise, who come to said Bazaars.

Besides doing all this, and getting a reasonable amount of sleep and holding down a good job at the General Accounting office, and without neglecting his family too much, he also takes night school courses, in which he also distinguishes himself.

There is no question about his being a smart, as well as a jovial chap. As an example of this, in the story told about the fishing trip on the bay he took with the Church's Finance Committee last July. To "keep himself warm" he tied one of those bulky, corklined, lifesaving coats around his almost-tubby body. The sight of his ruddy face, Dutch accent and all, puffing a huge cigar above that barrel of a coat gave his fellow fishermen a big laugh--until a heavy wind shipped the waves up and rocked their boat badly. Then no one laughed much and Fred DeJager enjoyed at least a certain superiority of position. Of course, now that they are back on solid ground the rest still kid him about his "warm" coat.

The Greenbelt Homeowners Cooperative justified its existence and earned our great gratitude when it made it possible for Greenbelt to retain as reasonably permanent residents citizens like Mr. DeJager. And it is good to know that Mr. DeJager has, in fact, taken advantage of the opportunity.

DANCE

The gentleman in the black suit had no doubt about it. "This" he told Mr. Jones forcefully, "is the best little band that we've ever had here." And before Mr. Jones could say that the Citizens Association was pleased to know that, the gentleman said so again. And if the other Greenbelters at the dance had been in the hall then, they probably would have agreed.

When the Cooperator stepped on the scene, the band was in one of those frenzied bands have these days. But most of those present were dancing in civilized fashion or socialably talking about the budget, the movies and (we hope) the Cooperator. And up till about 11:30, it was just that: people enjoying themselves, and not worrying too much about whether they knew the very latest dance steps or the correct jig for a shag. But this all broke when the gentleman in the black suit and other able cooperators began to teach their version of La Conga. With the band going quite mad, and cheers from the onlookers, a combination sanke dance, Virginia reel and Conga strung the length of the floor and looped around until curfew tolled.

Perhaps the Cooperator failed to give a fair idea of how good this dance was going to be. Perhaps we can't even do well enough by the dance planned for New Year's Eve. But we're willing to bet a plugged nickel that the dance will be sold out by Christmas. Nine out of the last ten people we have met have told us about la Conga. And the tenth tried to sell us a ticket. We're going to call out the reserves New Year's Eve.

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THE COOPERATOR



THE MARCH OF FASCISM

(continued from last week)

It was not because the Western European nations were strong, but because they were weak, that fascism came so readily and rapidly. It has never come in a strong state except by fighting its way in with overwhelming arms. It came because no way to achieve democratic control over national life had been worked out and accepted by the people or their representatives. They did not realize until too late that a do-nothing state could not survive major crises in production and consumption and income.

These people were not very different from ourselves. Those of you who have met the co-operators of Italy, Germany and Austria know this. What happened to them as individuals might happen to us.

Let us look briefly at various groups, churchmen, labor unemployed, farmers, small and large businessmen. It was a shock to me as a descendent of many generations of Protestant clergymen to realize how wholeheartedly the official bodies of the Protestant Church in Germany and later in Austria welcomed and vigorously aided in the election of Hitler. The Protestant churches were caught up in hundreds of years of common action with the state. They had blessed the flag so long that whoever seemed to be carrying the old flag won their blessing, and Hitler was claiming to be more nationalistic than the government. They had not seen that the claim of the church to an independent existence was one of the deepest issues of the world today. They let their fear of communism carry them toward semi-communism along a patriotic road. They have contributed many martyrs since then. The Catholic groups in Germany fought far better. There they were a minority group.

In Italy there were few Protestants, but many free-thinkers, and they contributed heavily to Mussolini's funds for his march on Rome. Their leaders were later deported, and several died of torture. In Italy the Catholics were organized politically, and they, like the Protestant clergy in Germany, let themselves be scared by the communist threat which Mussolini himself admitted had not existed after 1919, three years before he took power. But they could not bring themselves, until the very last, to share the responsibility of government with even the moderate "Socialists" who would be called liberals here. They refused the lesser evil, which they had been trained to recognize, and, incidentally to that refusal, helped the Italian nation accept the greater evil. By the time they were willing to work with the liberals it was too late, by a short six months for the breach to be healed. They too have their exiles and martyrs.

In Austria churchmen supported the Dollfuss and Schuschnigg regimes which were authoritarian, but failed to secure a popular base of support because they were not able to give the people either work or pride.

Here were great institutions caught in a rapidly changing world and a bankruptcy of industrial civilization, which clung a few crucial years too long to their belief that the happy 19th century could be reestablished, and have since had to reconcile themselves, with humiliation, to harsh masters and measures from which they are no longer able to help free themselves.

The labor groups, like ours, were divided, and like the political states, were discovering that the democratic process in their unions was one thing when all men and women reacted to the same methods of peaceful persuasion, and quite another when a small group taking orders from outside the system and acting as a unit, was engaged in power politics, and committed to a policy that everything had to be made worse before anything could become better. That doctrine, then held by the Communists of Italy and Germany, is in opposition to every humanitarian instinct to improve the lot of one's family and fellowmen. It led to the Communists voting first with Mussolini and then with Hitler against the other groups. They helped kill off, both in unions and in the political state, those movements which would have made the state more than an empire in a game where the old rules no longer produced unity or prosperity or progress.

The vote did not protect the unions, for the time came when votes were not cast or counted, but weighed. Social insurance and the equivalents of our labor boards did not protect them, for there was, in Germany, no money to pay the insurance, and there were no jobs. And strikes did not help them, for there were millions of unemployed fighting to take their places. They were well equipped to fight everything except a depression, and that, it turned out, was their enemy. For that fight they were completely unprepared. They fought, as labor men and as members of parties, the Fascists in street fights. They defended, in Italy, their own towns when they were invaded by marauding Fascist gangs. But they were fighting against a blitzkrieg run trucks in the 20th century by the Middle Age warfare of home defense without attack.

Here, too, were institutions caught in crisis situations unable to patch up minor differences of belief, minor quarrels for power, and to that extent partly responsible for the loss of all their future democratic possibilities and for the uncontrolled non-democratic foreign policy of their nations since that day. Many of them will die from foreign bul-

lets for their failure to see eight years and twenty years ago that it is possible for men to accentuate their differences instead of their similarities to the point of self-strangulation. Their constant quarrels, long continued, weakened them so that they progressively became less important in the national life.

The unemployed, not much larger proportionately in number in Germany than we have had here, soon discovered that unionism in itself did not mean jobs to them. They discovered that civil liberties were not food, and could not be used as a substitute for food. They discovered that the liberal state was not proposing to take over control of industry and make work, and nothing else the liberal state did seem important to them. They began to disassociate themselves from it and from the union which supported it to the end. They split fairly evenly between the two anti-democratic parties, the Nazis and the Communists.

Among these unemployed were professional men, who were accustomed to status, to community respect. Their joblessness and the lost of place resulted in a bitter and effective resentment. They became the story elements, and many of them were unhindered by any doctrine of humanitarianism. They saw the state, industry, the church, the schools, everything as a "racket," and decided that the racket was going to be their racket.

Before the present defense boom began, it was estimated that another severe depression would put half of the people of our nation of relief since so many of them had used up all their resources during the long years of semi-depression since 1929. The half would include sufficient professional and middle class elements to burn the nation up.

Their farmers were not unlike ours, the perhaps a little less subject to be tractorized out or blown out or flooded out. We have a fourth of our people getting a tenth of our income and striving, by co-operatives and other means, to make that tenth go as far as they can. In Italy the cooperatives in the countryside were among the first regular objectives of Fascist raids. Like ours, their farmers lacked capital, and paid heavily for the privilege of using it. Like ours they thought they had won their war when they secured high tariffs on food products, and like ours were slow to find out that their enemy was elsewhere, in the depression in the industrialized centers.

In Italy the government had during the war promised every faithful soldier some land of his own, the means of production. Unlike the action our own government took in 1862 in the Homestead Act, when it tore down a barrier to work to free the people, the Italian post-war governments were not willing to carry on a battle against the vested land interests and disappointed the veterans. They got no land. The liberal state seemed a fraud, as it did again when it came home from Versailles relatively empty handed, often all the promises to the people of great expansion, and after the suffering of the war. Yet here, too, there was antagonism to the cities, much as we have in our country, unwillingness to see that the policy of increasing production and consumption was a common one.

The businessmen varied in their support. Export industries were afraid of an autarchic economic policy. The armaments industries generally supported the Fascists. But here again few recognized that a crisis situation was at hand, that a revolution of sorts was underway. Most of the businessmen seemed to think they were simply buying protection from a strong new political party as they had bought it in the past from the older ones. They were scared by moderate reforms, unable or unwilling to see that if their system was to live they would have to sacrifice a little bit of their independence and prerogative to make it live. So they fell into a system where they no longer have any important say about when or how or for what price their factories work, or what they produce, or how they get their materials, or anything else. History has rarely seen such a rapid transition, by volition, from mastery to serfdom.

So great was the hate for business that the last session of the Free German Reichstag 70% of the elected representatives had a more or less strong anti-capitalistic bias, for businessmen had helped the collapse of the liberal state, and in that process people had suffered badly. The people attacked the liberal state first and then cheered as the Nazis took control of the industries.

Here were huge miscalculations of self-interest and a national interest by major groups. None of them saw in time that the disintegration of economic system had produced a crisis psychology, where the one thing people wanted was action, where the one thing they hated was inaction, where the desire to find a purpose for their lost lives led men to new leaders who promised it in return for the surrender of a liberty which had become only a scrap of paper.

It is depressing to study the folly and brutality of our fellow-men. No responsible man today should dare do that and stop there—in this country. In all continental Europe they dare do nothing but stop there.

The illusions, the divisions, the scares these people had, we have too, in more or less degree, depending partly on the newspapers we read. But we have other things as well which can give us strength. We have the gift of the experience of Western Europe to draw upon for the building of our social defenses. We have some amount of time before another major depression settles upon us or before we experience post-war disintegration. We do not

all have unlimited time, however. If the conclusion of the European war makes it impossible for the cotton South to export its major crop, we may expect a relief and social problem concentrated in one area at first and then spreading out which will make the national relief problem of 1932 look small. But we have schools which are still free, churches still free, newspapers which are as free as their ownership allows, and have as yet some diversity of ownership, free association in unions, in co-operatives, to some extent in political parties. More, we have men and women trained to prefer independence of mind and action to regimentation. We have been inoculated by experience against the pretensions of bureaucracy in municipal, state or federal governments, and we carry a tradition of revolt against overbearing power and control of our lives in which we do not participate. All these are elements of strength.

You as co-operators have been engaged, with great success, in attempting to secure for the individual greater participation in his economic life than he had before. You have at the same time experienced the dynamics of community service, the ennobling touch men feel when they have a purpose, when they know that they are serving their community or nation better than it has been served. You have trained many men and women in democratic ways.

You have found that that endeavor has forced you to extend your activities further and further; for example, from gas stations to refineries, to oil wells and pipe lines. And you have to spread out into the field of education and discussion in order to consolidate your other gains. For success, you have had to reach across state boundaries, across divisions of industry. You know little can be done for the public welfare by isolation in small units.

We will all agree, I believe, that no free institution can remain free by itself. The free church or the free union or the free co-operative or school, is not free if the other supporting institutions are not free as well. Liberty is an interdependent arrangement.

Today we live in a world where most liberties are being drained of their rich content by insecurity. As Justice Holmes put it, "The necessitous man is not free." The significant decisions of men's lives, whether they work or not, are, for the most part beyond their control. They do not participate in the significant decisions as they did in the early days of the nation's development when democracy as an ideal was being hammered out. So, they feel that political participation is not important to them.

The great nations of the world, one by one, are being faced with the problem of whether they can survive unless they coordinate national production to national needs. They find they have to do it in war time to stay alive, as England is finding, or failing to do so, they go under, as France did. But they have to move away from the empire state to the administrative state. So far they have, except in wartime, gone Fascist and gone Communist. There is another alternative; they can move toward such coordination, such increase of production and consumption thru democratic means. New mechanism will have to be added to the present so as to secure popular participation. The communities and the country will have to contribute greater leadership. The elected Congress will probably have to share more responsibility than it now does.

The alternative, short, is that the national state, which is now the only institution of usable strength and scope, will become again the liberating state which it was in 1862 when with Lincoln's signature, it opened up the means of production to men who were caught in a life with out opportunity. It will have to operate in new circumstances, in a highly industrialized, mechanized and concentrated nation. The equal lent of opening up the land in 1862 is opening up the factories today.

The task can be done democratically if we all realized that it must be done, in the first place, and that unless it is done democratically, it will be done autocratically, without popular participation.

The time has come to recognize and realize this alternative to a weak state and also to autocracy. We need to have a strong state for defense. But we can have a strong state which is also a democratic state in the truest sense of the word, and a liberating state. We do not need to give up our civil liberties, our rights to band together and work for progress under such a state. We can have both democracy and a strong state. We wish to see no standard bearing such miserable interrogatory as "What is all this talk of freedom worth?" nor these other words of delusion and folly "A strong people first and democracy afterwards," but everywhere, spread all over in characters of living light, that other sentiment dear to every lover of freedom in the nation "A strong people and democracy," now and forever, one and inseparable.

—Cooperative Builder..

All those who desire information on farmers' mutual fire and windstorm insurance may secure copies of the bulletins listed below, upon request addressed to the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C., while the supply available for distribution lasts: Circular E 15—Insuring Through Your Farmers' Mutual, Bulletin No. 21—Farmers' Mutual Windstorm Insurance Companies, and Bulletin No. 23—Problems and Trends in Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance.



Meditations

by Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the Greenbelt Community Church

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED

How people of many different worship habits could actually worship in our Community Church? The question has been asked the writer many times.

Recently, I found an article entitled, "Religious Ceremonial Is To Express, Not To Impress," in which it quotes the *Church Times*, a London publication of the highest Anglo-Catholic opinion in the Anglican Church, as follows:

"Worship is a work of God which of its own nature touches the depth of human feeling. Ceremonial may assist in giving it outward expression, but unless the reality itself is understood, surpliced ceremonial is apt to prove more of a spiritual smoke screen than a cloud of glory."

The editorial comments in this manner: "Here the writer is probing to the underlying reality beneath the surface characteristics of worship—which may be either elaborate ritual, or Quaker silence and simplicity, or anything between. He is saying that the essence of worship is the soul's sincere desire for God and that 'work of God' which reaches the heart of man. If candles, vestments and genuflections are used to impress the congregation, they tend to become 'a spiritual smoke-screen'. If they are used to express the deep sincerity of a worshipping congregation, they may be a 'cloud of glory'. So also may be the simplest and most unstudied procedure of the non-ritualistic churches. An understanding of this will promote the sense of fellowship among those whose habits of worship and forms of expression differ widely. Worshipping hearts need be no more divided by the use or non-use of ritualistic forms than by the fact that one prays in English and another in French."

If you have followed this technical discussion thus far, there is one other point to be made. There are four religious faiths here in Greenbelt. The Catholics meet at 9:00 A.M. Sunday in the Theatre for Mass. The Hebrew Congregation meets on Friday evening at 9:30 P.M. in the Music Room. The Latter Day Saints worship at 8:00 P.M. Sunday evening. And the Protestant Community Church convenes at 11:00 A.M. Sunday morning. Here are four illustrations of the variety of ceremonial observance. (Incidentally, the community at large is cordially invited to any of these services at any time.) No one of them is any more valid or efficacious than the other. The worth of each is determined by the sincerity of heart of those who constitute the congregation. Permit me to underline by repetition a statement above quoted: "An understanding of this will promote the sense of fellowship among those whose habits of worship and forms of expression differ widely."

Catholic, Jew, Mormon and Protestant, let us build upon it, not criticize each other for it.



A YEAR AGO

Congressman Dies took a crack at the National Consumers Federation and discovered it was discrediting advertising of standard American products. Included too were such organizations as the Consumers Union and the League for Women Shoppers. He thought the communists were mixed up in the picture somewhere.

Mr. Zegus, Order Librarian of the University of Maryland, in an address before the Greenbelt Book Club, warned against reading trashy literature. "Such books", he said, "do nothing toward keeping our minds plastic", necessary of course at all times.

In an article titled "Santa Goes Sensible" educators warned, among other things, that "toys should be safe and free from lead, and there should be no loosely hung wheels that will call for tracheotomy or rib resection to dislodge". We have not, as yet, looked into this situation for this year.

News that the group has reorganized and begun rehearsals for "Boy Meets Girl" fills us with community pride,—we knew the town was large enough for a good amateur theatrical group, and we intend to show more support than we did last year.

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Community Health

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The citizens of Greenbelt should be very interested in the conclusions reached in a recent study of the effect of housing upon health. Ten factors were decided upon as absolute essentials of a healthful home environment.

- A pure and sufficient water supply.
- A safe milk and food supply.
- Sanitary refuse and sewage disposal.
- Sufficient ventilation, heat and light.
- Space enough for ordinary family demands.
- Absence of excessive dampness.
- Screening against flies and mosquitoes.
- Protection against other insects and rodents.
- Protection against fire hazards and other accident risks.
- Adequate play space and sunshine for children.

In addition the report states that an environment must not be judged healthful because it negatively meets these requirements but that the emphasis should be placed upon comfort, decency, convenience and the stimulation of a joyous attitude toward the daily routine.

It is not enough to compare these requirements and sit back smugly, thankful that we live where such conditions are community wide. The advantages that are ours should stimulate us to protect and preserve them. These standards should challenge us to achieve and maintain health conditions far above those in any other community in our country. In Greenbelt we can achieve the healthy body, that vital necessity for a sane mind which can face the problems of modern life serenely and intelligently.

During the month of November, eleven warnings were issued by the Police Department for parking, non-observance of stop signs and other non-traffic violations.

Three arrests were made during the month for violations of the State speed law. In each case the motorist forfeited collateral of \$3.50 by failing to appear in court for trial.

Eleven complaints were received, investigated and accorded proper action by the department.

On November 8th, the Fire Department responded to a call for assistance in fighting a woods' fire on the Hoover tract located three miles from Greenbelt.

In order to allow the young lady, (Bertha Fisher) who attends the office, to enjoy her Christmas holiday, the Credit Union Office will NOT be open on December 24, 25, and 26. It will be open for business on December 27 at 2 P.M.

On November 20th, at 8:30 P.M., Officer Attick answered a fire call and extinguished a fire in the motor of a parked automobile near 9 Parkway Road.

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MRS. GREENBELT

Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt

"The Christmas bells are ringing
And holly wreaths are bright,
The silver stars are shining
And songs ring through the night."

Christmas again! And what memories will this one leave with me?

Christmas once meant to me standing beside my grandmother at the door of the big house and hearing the colored people on the place smilingly say "Christmas gift, Miss Kate. And you, too, Miss Katie," and my grandmother's gentle voice as she talked with them. She spoke to them about what Christmas ought to mean to us all and she gave them gifts, and Christmas was happy for me.

Christmas has meant to me, too, living close to Camp Lee in Virginia and going to the Hostess House with my mother for the Christmas party for the boys who were learning to be soldiers, and hearing "Tramp Tramp, Tramp, The boys are Marching" sung along with "Silent Night, Holy Night". A happy Christmas, with a note of sadness. How many of those men sang either song on another Christmas?

Christmas has meant to me, too, standing alongside an operating table while a youngster gasped out his life while a heart-broken surgeon - his uncle - tried to repair the ravages of a gunshot wound full in the face. A sad, sad Christmas night; that one.

I remember, again, the first Christmas we were married and my new husband gave me a fox fur and I thought no Christmas could be happier than that one.

And then, when our baby Ruth was a four month-old, and we took her visiting; so proud we were of our young daughter who returned smile for smile and obligingly went to sleep on anybody's davenport.

As they came along, these youngsters, Christmas again became the season of rustling tissue paper and hanging stockings; of getting up at dawn; of games and toys. And with a house full now, we are looking forward to the best Christmas we've ever had.

God grant that there may be no sadness to cast a shadow over the glad birthday of Our Lord.

--Peggie Arness

Housewives Are Contest Winners

Three Greenbelt women residents of D block have recently won washing machines in the weekly contests sponsored by a nationally advertised soap company. The lucky contestants are:

Mrs. Curtiss Barker of 1-H Gardenway
Mrs. John Messner of 33-K Ridge Road
Mrs. Walter Moran of 33-J Ridge Road

The ladies are the graduates of the same correspondence school course in the technique of contest competition, and feel their \$20 investment has well repaid them.

L.L. Blair Speaks At Tree

The Mother's Club has invited L. Livingston Blair to speak at the lighting of the Greenbelt Christmas tree on December 18 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Livingston is the assistant Director of the Jr. American Red Cross. The children of the lower grades will sing Christmas Carols, including Silent Night, Hark the Herald Angels sing, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, and Luther's Cradle song with a cornet solo and echo.

Reverend Kincheloe will pronounce benediction and Mayor Warner will be the official greeter of the occasion.

Salt o' the Earth

Well people, news is scarce, painfully so. May--be I just don't get around, but I do know that;

Mrs. Carneal, 1-B Northway, was confined to her home last week with a badly twisted ankle. We understand that now she is able to hobble-around quite nicely.

The "youngest set" isn't recuperating so rapidly, however. If you see some wistful little faces gazing longingly out the window at you, look closely and you're sure to see "Measles" or "Chickenpox" shouting at you from the door.

We have it from good authority that "Bill Prater is heading for a wedding. His own--January first. "Blessings on thee little man."

Event!!! Last Sunday and Monday, practically a brand new movie, "Boom Town"!!! No advance in price either!

Blessed Event!! Ethel and Sam Morganstein. Plug! For our local pharmacist. Ask him for a sample of his specially blended hand lotion. He'll mix it for you with your perfume.

Dorothy Salter.

Hospital Auxiliary Holds Bake Sale

This Tuesday will see a Christmas bake sale at the Food Store for the benefit of our hospital. Some of the town's best cooks will contribute their wares for sale.

A New York physician states that a young child's appetite naturally slumps when growth rate decreases in the second and third year.



PARENTS' MAGAZINE RATES MOVIES

Out of 47 pictures shown at our theatre since October 15, 35 were found listed in Parents' Magazine according to suitability for child patronage. If we follow its rating, we find that only one of these pictures was listed as "Excellent" for children; two were given a "Good" rating; one was rated "Fair"; two were listed as "Good of Type"; two were characterized as "Possible"; four were classified as "Too Tense" and twenty-three were rated as "Unsuitable".

Does this give you pause? Listen: Out of this twenty-three, six were shown over the week-end to audiences composed principally of children. Four other week-end pictures were given no rating for the past year in Parents' Magazine, so we cannot call a spade a digging implement on these, but "Her Jungle Love" and "Jesse James" were two of these four. What conclusions can we, as parents, draw as to their worth to our children?

Mrs. Ethel Lehman Honored

Mrs. Ethel Lehman was given a surprise birthday party by the children and mothers of 5-Ridge Road at the home of Mrs. Clara Henneberger last Sunday evening.

The children sang "Happy Birthday" as they entered carrying the gift of a housecoat and slippers to their beloved "Granny".

Cake, candy and ice cream were supplied by the mothers.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henneberger, Mrs. Glasgow, Miss Brindley, Mr. James Lehman, Mary Jo and George Henneberger, Mrs. Helen Adams, Carol and Peter Adams, Mrs. Ethel Henshaw, Dorothy Henshaw, Mrs. Claude Wood, Betty Jean Wood, Mrs. Ethel Whaley, J.J. and Marguerite Whaley, Mrs. Ella Lopez, June and Janice Lopez and Mrs. Perry Asher. Mrs. Gen Johnson and Jane Johnson were unable to attend.

Tie a String To Scarlet Fever

Little Charles Dowrick, aged five, has scarlet fever. He is in his own room upstairs, while in the next room his dad is also sick. Sonny's calls for mother - coming every five minutes or so, as the way of energetic boys who have to stay in bed - were disturbing to his dad. Not only that, but they awakened the baby. Poor mother had her hands full with looking after her ill boy without having to placate dad and the baby every time Charles wanted a drink of water, and so she put ingenuity to work. A bell would be out because it would have the same effect as a call. Thumping on the floor with a stick wouldn't work, either. What to do?

Finally a system was worked out and it has been so successful and so quiet that Mrs. Dowrick wishes to hand it on to you mothers who have a sick youngster on your hands.

Mrs. Dowrick tied a string to the foot of her boy's bed, drawing it across the bed where Charles can reach it without getting up. This string passes under the bedroom door, down the stairway, across the living room and over the hinge of the living room closet door. On this end of the string have been fastened two cookie cutters. When Charles wants to attract his mother's attention, he pulls on the string; the pull comes along until it yanks the cookie cutters against the hinge of the closet door. Upon hearing the rattle, mother pulls her end of the string, thus signifying to her boy that his call has been heard and that mother is on her way.

Clever? We think so.

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RECIPES

by-- Peggy Bargas

Now that our cookies are all finished or nearly so, I wonder how many of you ladies (and gentlemen) have tried making your own Christmas candies? Oh, yes you'd be surprised at the menfolks who revel in showing up friend wife in the kitchen. Don't give him your finest organdy apron though for he will of course have as much candy on it as in the pan, but that is half the fun; and don't forget the youngsters. Making candy is a roman holiday to most youngsters. I will include recipes for some candies that even Jack and Jill will find easy and fun to follow, and that glow of pride in their handiwork will be as sweet to Grandma as the finished product is to Jack and Jill.

Christmas Cocoa

1/2 cup cocoa	5/8 cup condensed milk
1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar	1 tblsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts	1/8 tsp. salt

Mix cocoa, sugar, salt, add condensed (not evaporated) milk and vanilla. Add nuts and mix thoroughly. Shape into small balls by rolling in the palms of the hands. Roll balls in coconut, chopped nuts or equal parts of confectioners sugar and cocoa.

Molasses Popcorn Balls

1 cup molasses	3 tblsp. butter
1 cup corn syrup	1/2 tsp. salt
1 tblsp. vinegar	3 qts. popped corn

Mix molasses, syrup and vinegar in large saucepan and cook to brittle stage, about 270 degrees, if you have a candy thermometer. If you have no thermometer test by dropping a little of the mixture in cold water, if it becomes brittle when dropped in a little cold water it has cooked sufficiently, stir constantly during end of cooking to prevent burning. Add butter and salt, pour gradually over popped corn. Mix thoroughly and as soon as cool enough to handle, shape into balls and wrap in wax paper or cellophane.

Glace Fruits and Nuts

2 cups sugar	2/3 cup light corn sirup
1 cup water	

Small fruit or sections of larger fruits or sections of larger fruits or whole nut-meats.

Make a sirup of the sugar, water and corn sirup. Boil, without stirring, to the hard crack stage (300 degrees F.) Remove the saucepan from the fire and put it into an outer pan of boiling water to keep the sirup from hardening. Drop in the well-drained fruit or the nutmeats, a few at a time. Skim out and place on heavy wax paper to dry.

Sirup for Candied Fruits

2 cups sugar	1/3 cup light corn sirup
1 cup water	

Boil together until the sirup spins a thread when dropped from the spoon (234 degrees F.)

Candied orange, lemon or grapefruit peel are the most popular fruits candied at this time of the year, and this is the method one follows to prepare them using the above sirup.

Cut the peel into halves or quarters. Let them stand over night in salted water (1 tablespoon salt to 1 quart water). Drain and wash thoroughly. Simmer in clear water, changing the water several times until it has no bitter taste. When the peel is tender, drain, cut in strips or add whole to the sirup and simmer until it is transparent. Drain, roll in granulated sugar, and allow peel to dry well before packing.

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HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

Services will begin at 9:00 o'clock, Friday evening, in the music room of the Elementary school building. The choir will assist in the services.

With the approach of the historic "Chanukah" festival, the Sunday School students have been preparing a dramatization telling of this most pleasant, and happy occasion, to be presented at the ushering in of this traditional festival season. The showing of this drama will be announced at a future date.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The Church and Church school are planning a great program for the Sunday before Christmas. The morning worship will feature a musical theme, and in the afternoon a special candle-light pageant, THE MESSAGE OF THE CAROLS, will be given at 5:00 P.M. Those who attended last year's presentation of "WHY THE CHIMES RANG" will be equally impressed with this year's offering. Plan to attend Church on Sunday December 22nd.

There has been an excellent response to the call for Goodwill Industries donations. Please get your call in to Mr. Kincheloe by Friday, December 13.

Important rehearsals of the Men's Glee Club this Sunday evening on the stage from 7:30-8:00, and on Wednesday at 8:00 in the Music Room.

AMERICAN LEGION

On Saturday, November 30, the Greenbelt Post of the American Legion held their first Bingo Party at their post home. There was a good gathering of the local people present and a grand time was had by all. Among those acquiring prizes were Mr. Martone, Mr. Childs, Mrs. McGuckin, Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Steinle, Mr. Jeffries, Mrs. McGoldrick and many others.

The post is planning another Bingo party to be held in their home on Saturday night, December 14, everyone is cordially invited to attend. There will be a larger variety of prizes to select from at this time and we promise all a bigger and better party than was offered the last time.

In a small Western beer-joint about 20 brawny punchers were passing the time of day when suddenly a notorious badman came ranting in, pistols blazing right and left, and shouted to the crowd, "All of you dirty skunks clear out of here."

The rush for exits raised a cloud of dust, and when it cleared only one wizened little man was left. The badman turned upon him and, waving his smoking pistol, asked, "Well?"

"Golly, the place was sure full of 'em, wa't it," the little man said.

"Only the good are really happy," says a New York columnist.

Maybe, maybe, but the other guys seems to have a lot of fun, too.

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, Dec. 12		
Cub Den	8 P.M.	Hobby Rm.
Boy Scouts	8 P.M.	Social Rm.
Athletic Assn.	8 P.M.	Auditorium
Friday, Dec. 13		
Hebrew Cong.	9 P.M.	Music Rm.
Band	8 P.M.	Auditorium
Young Peoples Rec.	8 P.M.	Social Rm.
Band Party		Home. Eco.
Saturday, Dec. 14		
Shoe Craft	7-9 P.M.	10 Pkwy. Bsm't.
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27 A Ridge Rd.
Square Dance	8 P.M.	Social Rm.
Sunday, Dec. 15		
Sunday School ASMC	8:30 A.M.	Theater
L.D.S. Men's Study	8:30 A.M.	Music Rm.
Com. Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Com. Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Eco.
Com. Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
L.D.S. Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Social Rm.
Hebrew Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Music Rm.
Young Peo. Society	6:45 P.M.	Com. Bldg.
Monday, Dec. 16		
Sunday School Orch.	8:00 P.M.	Music Rm.
Girl Scouts #26	8:00 P.M.	Rm. 123
High School Dance	8:00 P.M.	Social Rm.
Cubs	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Rm.
H. S. Basketball	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Tuesday, Dec. 17		
Book Club	8:00 P.M.	Rm. 200
L.D.S. Org.	8:00 P.M.	Music Rm.
Radio Club	8:00 P.M.	Rm. 223
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Catholic	8:00 P.M.	Home Eco.
Wednesday, Dec. 18		
Men's Glee Club	8:00 P.M.	Music Rm.
Jr. Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Rm.
Sea Scouts	8:00 P.M.	Rm. 222
Girl Scouts #17	8:00 P.M.	Rm. 223
Players Group	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Rm.
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Shoe Craft	7-9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy. RD
Church Party	8:00 P.M.	Social Rm.
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Rm. 223

The office boy entered the editor's office and said: "There's a tramp outside who says he hasn't had anything to eat for six days."
"Bring him in," said the editor. "If we can find out how he does it we can run this paper a while longer."

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