



Spring Dance Season Opens; April 19 Set For Sway Date

The Hospital Auxiliary expects a large crowd to attend its dance to be given Saturday, April 19. It will be the first dance of the spring season and the first to be given in Greenbelt in two months, since that of February 22.

Jack Maggio and his 14-piece orchestra will play for the occasion, but it is with regret that Byron Reshon, in charge of orchestra selection, announces that Ruth McCullough, scheduled as soloist with the orchestra, will be unable to appear. However, another soloist will be selected and announced next week.

The various committees are working hard toward the success of this dance. Their enthusiasm, cooperation and effort warrant a big turn-out. Decorations are being made in line with spring and its pastel colors, and the committee on favors has a pleasant surprise for the ladies who attend. So join the crowd thronging to the auditorium on Saturday night, April 19, from 10 to 1. Tickets are 50¢ in advance and 60¢ at the door and may be obtained from the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Reshon, Mrs. Fan Schein, Mrs. Doris Seybold, Mrs. V. Hierwagen, Mrs. Paul Featherby, Mrs. Arthur Krause, Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney, Mrs. J.W. McCarl, Mrs. Patsy Woodman, Mrs. Helen Chasanow, Mrs. Cherie Harey, Mrs. Carrie Hall, Miss Claire Still, Miss Elsie Yuretich, Mrs. Ebba Stewart, Mrs. Marcia Kinsley, Mrs. Harvey Vincent, Mrs. Edward Walther, Mrs. Alice Pittman and Mrs. Emma Ritchie.

Vacations For Refugee Kids Considered By G.C.A.

That the generosity of Greenbelt citizens who last summer provided two week vacations for refugee children has not been forgotten is evidenced by the following letter which has been received by the Greenbelt Citizens Association.

"Greenbelt Citizen Association:

Last year when your secretary wrote us making the wonderful offer to take some refugee children to visit your community he referred me to you, and that is why I am writing you now.

As you will note by the letterhead, we are now set up to take care of these matters here and I wonder if you are considering a repetition of last year's gracious hospitality. If you are, I would be happy to facilitate any plans that you might have.

The project which was so successful under the auspices of Greenbelt and under your direction

rection was an outstanding feature of the summer program last year and was a tremendous addition to our efforts in placing children.

May I look forward to hearing from you?

Sincerely yours,

Chairman Ethel H. Wise."

Summer Placement for Refugee Children

Those Greenbeltians who would like to investigate the idea of providing vacation for refugee children are requested by the Citizens Association to communicate with Mrs. A. Chasanow, phone—Greenbelt 4202.

POT ROAST GOES TO POT

At 10:30 Sunday morning Thomas Ricker, discovering smoke rolling out of the windows at 8 H Parkway put in a hasty call to the fire department, which arrived on the scene too late to make a daring rescue of a pot roast which was burning merrily on the stove. Our brave lads rushed in manfully to do their duty, dumped the roast forthright into the sink, threw open the windows and departed leaving a bit of a surprise for the cook when she returned from a pleasant drive with her dinner guests. It is to be presumed that at least one Greenbelt resident was grateful for the drug store's new policy of keeping certain food stuffs in stock for weekend emergencies.

—\$100 —\$100

Our good friend Joseph Thiehoff hit the jack-pot. His idea, as reported in the Cooperator last week won him \$100.00 week before last and the public liked his idea so well that they voted his the best so he is the proud recipient of an additional \$100.00, a grand total of \$200.00

TOM SAWYER RETURNS IN SCHOOL PLAY



TOM SAWYER
As Portrayed By
CLAYTON McCARL

Citizens Adopt Constitution; Consider Citizen Awards

A new constitution and by-laws for the Greenbelt Citizens Association were unanimously adopted at the regular monthly meeting of that organization Monday night in the Auditorium. Only one provision, that setting a quorum of 30, drew any argument during the discussion. The constitution and the by-laws were adopted as printed in last week's Cooperator with no change.

The resignation of George Bauer as vice-president of the Association was read. Nomination and election of a new vice-president will be held at the May meeting.

Displayed for the first time was a new green and white banner of the Association which will be displayed at all meetings and functions of the Association in the future.

Citizenship awards for residents who have rendered unusual service to the town were discussed and the idea was referred to a special committee for consideration.

The question of caring for refugee children this summer on a plan similar to that used last year was also given to a special committee for a future report.

Other matters considered by the small attendance included the possibility of securing a group insurance plan through the Association, and a investigation of summer library service adequacy.

Mayor Arthur Gawthrop spoke briefly on implications of defense housing for Greenbelt.

Monsignor Ligutti, secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference states:

"Cooperative self-help and the proper use of land are the only way to solve the mess we are going to be in when the war is over. Tremendous suffering, particularly for the poor, is in store for America when the war is over. Regardless of who wins the war, we face economic tragedy, and must prepare for it."

Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn will come to life before your very eyes in a play to be presented April 17 and 18th by Greenbelt Elementary School in the auditorium for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers Association. Gene Thomas, dynamic young director of stage and radio, who has won the hearts of all the children and teachers working with him, will be the director.

For several weeks now the young people of groups 3 and 4 have centered their thoughts and work around this exciting play which will give many of them who are familiar with the creative type of dramatics their first taste of formal drama. Costumes have been designed to fit the nineteenth century background of Mark Twain's famous small-town classic, with its familiar fence white-washing and sore toe incident.

Several lovely songs composed by Gene Thomas for the children in the story will be a feature of the play. Mrs. Mildred Parker, who has directed the children in previous dramatics, will be "Aunt Polly" and Gene Thomas will portray the Professor.

Don't forget the dates: April 17 at 8 P.M. and April 18 at 3 P.M. The admission price will be 25¢. Re-live this exciting and humorous story with your children.

GIRL JUMPS, LANDS IN HOSPITAL

Miss Charlotte Bryant, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bryant, 9 M Ridge Road, met with a sad accident while playing at the underpass near the School last Monday afternoon. Apparently Charlotte and some other children had been amusing themselves by jumping from the top of the underpass to the bank beside it. Charlotte, according to her young companions had fallen from the top to the concrete walk under the pass. Mr. Shansey, an employee of the Greenbelt Drugstore, picked up the injured child and drove her to the Health Association offices where it was ascertained that she was suffering from an extensive laceration of the forehead and numerous bruises. The Doctor, who attended the child, hospitalized her temporarily for observation.

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WE APOLOGIZE

In last week's Cooperator we carried a story concerning some dogs that were disposed of by the Police Department. We were in error in the manner and so forth of the whole situation. It seems as though we have done the Police an injustice in the matter. We hasten to try and correct this injustice.

The dead pups carried to school by the children were found by them before the police were notified of the situation. The mother dog only was subdued by the use of chloroform so that she could be removed from the tree in which she had taken refuge. She was in such bad condition that it was impossible to save her life therefore she was removed from business center and shot. The three live pups found by the police were not chloroformed but were drowned and properly disposed of.

We hope this explanation of the situation clears the matter to the satisfaction of all concerned and rights the injustice of which we were guilty.

MEMBERSHIP LIST TO BE REVISED

All members of the Garden Club whose annual dues have not been paid by April 17 will be dropped from the Club rolls. These dues are very small and have been considered desirable more as a token of interest in the Club than for their actual monetary value. They have been owing since March 1, and it is felt that the next quarterly meeting date of April 17 should be the final date for payment.

The Garden Club feels that it has made the mistake in the past of building a large membership rather than a particularly interested one, and also that the morale of the Club has suffered from the large number of "paper members" as against the small number of active members.

It is the desire of the Board of Directors of the Garden Club that all interested members be present at the quarterly meeting, 8:15 P.M., April 17, in Music Room of the Elementary School, and help plan the activities of the Club for the coming season. And at the risk of seeming impolite, it urges those members who have merely contributed to a "worthy cause" and have let their usefulness stop there, to consider themselves as no longer members. In other words, the Garden Club needs and wants your interest and cooperation if you are desirous of giving such, and suggests that you withhold your dues, otherwise.

Nursery School Opening Delayed

Due to an unavoidable delay in preparing the space and in building some of the equipment for Greenbelt's Cooperative Nursery School, the opening date has been set for Tuesday, April 15, instead of April 7, as stated in last week's Cooperator. This delay is being made chiefly to keep the registered children from being disappointed upon their arrival, at seeing only a partially equipped school, since, according to Mrs. Wagner and the children's parents, the kiddies are entering nursery school with great expectations of all that has been promised them.

Letters were sent on April 4 by the Nursery School Committee to all parents of registered children, notifying them of the change in date.

A nursery school meeting was held for fathers and mothers of registered children Tuesday evening, April 8, at 8:30, in the Home Economics room of the Elementary School, at which time officers were elected and committees organized to help in the work of the school. More details will appear in the next issue.

Gun Club Ready For Bang Season

In preparation for the new season of outdoor shooting, the Gun Club held its first spring meeting on Thursday evening, April 4, and laid the groundwork for a new series of matches. The first match is to be between the local shooters and the Beltsville Aggies of the Agriculture Department, on Sunday, May 11.

The following roster of volunteer officers has been created, the men to serve on the corresponding dates:

L. Woodman.....	Apr. 5....	May 11
H. Bates.....	Apr. 6....	May 17
E. Roggs.....	Apr. 12....	May 18
H. Hesse.....	Apr. 13....	May 24
D. Kern.....	Apr. 19....	May 25
D. Kling.....	Apr. 20....	June 1
D. Monfort.....	Apr. 26....	May 31
B. Rosenzweig.....	Apr. 27....	June 8
F. Penn.....	May 3....	June 7

By local ordinance, no shooting is permitted unless a range officer is present, under penalty of the law.

High School Faculty Reveals Grading Methods

On April 1st, the faculty of the High School and Mr. Sliker presented a very interesting account of the various factors which are considered in making up a student's grade.

Miss Smith and Mr. Becker told how failure to complete a special project in Home Economics or Industrial Arts might result in failure of the course, in cases where the project is of sufficient importance. Mrs. Marshall described how the same thing might be true in the case of book reports, note books, term papers and other academic projects.

Mr. Zebley then described the effect of attendance and deportment on the grade and pointed out that the student who is absent a lot or whose behavior is consistently bad cannot expect to make as good a grade as the student who has been working steadily throughout the marking period.

Mr. Henes gave the faculty's answer to the question "How can a student pass a final examination and still fail the course?—or vice versa?" He showed that the test is only a small part of the semester's work, and it is sometimes possible for the student who has done little or no work to "cram" enough information to "get by". Also the hardworking student might for some reason fail a test, when his class and homework have been completely satisfactory.

Mr. Bringle described the semester test and its purposes. Miss Poffenberger, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Sliker explained the techniques of testing, including true-false, matching, review, multiple-choice, and completion-type questions.

Miss Archer closed this part of the meeting by describing how the teacher finally makes out the grade by taking all of these factors into consideration.

These talks helped the parents understand that each teacher tries to know as much as he possibly can about the student so that his marks will be just and fair.

Following the discussion there was a business meeting during which a nominating committee was elected. Members are Mrs. Provost and Mr. Porter of Greenbelt, Mrs. Brown of the High School faculty, and Mrs. Anzulovic and Mr. Rille of Berwyn. They will present a slate of officers at the next meeting on May 6th, and it is hoped that many parents will be there.

Folk Dancers Rehearse For Festival

On Saturday evening April 26, the Greenbelt Folk Dancers will participate in the annual Folk Festival presented by the Prince Georges County Federation of Homemakers Clubs, which will be held at the Marlboro High School, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Featuring the songs and dances of the past century, the Folk Festival colorfully portrays the rhythmic heritage of our past. Mrs. Howard Custer, Mr. and Mrs. Cleff Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Uhrig have been practicing for some time upon a number which they believe to be extremely representative of the type of dancing to be featured during the evening. It consists of a medley of quadrilles so arranged as to present the most spectacular of the figures now executed at the regular Saturday evening Square Dance.

The dancers will be in period costume, the women wearing full skirted gingham dresses and the men in blue pants, plaid shirts and red bandana neckties.

CANDY CRUNCHERS MAKE DEBUT

At its first regular meeting of the year held last week at the school, the Gum Drop Coop members elected its Board of Directors. The following were elected: President, Patricia Bell; Vice-president, John Teel; Treasurer, Harold Hammersla; Secretary, Louise Steinly; and four directors, Clyde Evans, Walter Steinle; Harry Benefiel, and Bobby Hall.

The Board's first action was to appoint Marylin Westfall as business manager, and to set up two committees; a buying committee consisting of Shirley Mitchell and Bill Coliver, and a store arrangement committee consisting of Janet Truhella, Sam Downs, and Richard Colter.

A temporary membership committee which had been appointed previously will continue serving for the time being. The committee consists of Marylin Westfall, Dale Downs, Patricia Loftus, Vione Neblett, and Clayton McCarl.

Due to the intervening Easter Holidays, the store will not start operations until the 16th of April.

CO-OP GETS MEAT EXPERT

Leroy W. Browning last week assumed managership of the meat department of the Food Store. Mr. Browning has had 20 years' experience as a meat man, working in a number of the Washington markets during that time.

He is married and has two children. Mr. Browning owns his own home in the District.

John Gronski, of Freeland, Pennsylvania, was also recently employed to replace Kenneth Jernberg in the vegetable department. He has had wide experience and was well known as a produce man in his home town.

Mr. Jernberg is in New York taking a course on co-operative store management offered by the Council for Cooperative Business Training. He will be away until the end of May.

County Lacks Staff To Fight Diphtheria Menace

On Wednesday morning, March 19, a six year old child in the first grade of the Mt. Ranier elementary school died of diphtheria. She was taken ill the previous Friday morning and was returned home after having exposed the children in the first grade of her school and the seventy other children who rode in the same school bus. These children were scattered through three schools, the Mt. Ranier high and elementary schools and the Brentwood elementary school, before it was discovered that they had been exposed to diphtheria. The County Health Department immediately requested that all these children be segregated at home and have throat cultures taken before being admitted to school.

This is not the first time that diphtheria has visited the Mt. Ranier School. Last fall there were sixteen cases in this neighborhood. The County Health Department gave all children in the first and second grades the Schick test. Of the 95 so tested 53 reacted positively and were given toxoid immunization with the consent of their parents. Ten children were absent. The little girl who died Wednesday was at home in quarantine with whooping cough at that time.

Diphtheria menaces the entire county. Each year that passes without a systematic immunization program increases the potential danger until epidemics become not only possible but probable. In 1935 a test of 90 schools in the county showed that an immunization program conducted by the County Health Department had succeeded in making 57.4% of the children immune to diphtheria. Since then there has been no systematic program and the proportion of protected children has been declining. Of 214 children Schick-tested in the College Park school in 1940, only 106 had been immunized. Similar testing in the white schools from Beltsville to Mt. Ranier reveals the fact that considerably less than half of the children in this highly enlightened suburban area have been immunized. The proportion of protected children in the southern and other rural areas of the county is undoubtedly much smaller.

The program of the Health Department calls for the Schick-testing of all first and second grade children and giving toxoid (with the consent of the parents) to all who need this protection. Actually, the department has not enough nurses and doctors to carry out this program, even in the white schools. Negro Health Week, which comes in April, is the only time the Department is able to attempt to give any of these protective services to the negro school children.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

Civil service examinations for the positions described below have been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission. Applications will be accepted at the Commission's Washington office not later than the closing dates specified. The salaries are subject to a 3½ percent retirement deduction.

Architect, with salaries ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,600 a year. There are three optional branches in which persons may qualify: Design, specifications, or estimating. The duties of the positions are based upon these divisions of work. To qualify as junior architect at \$2,000 a year, applicants must have completed a 4-year architectural college course in either architecture or architectural engineering. For the other positions, completion of a 4-year college course in architecture or engineering as well as appropriate professional architectural experience in the optional subject is required. The closing date is May 7, 1941.

Engineer, with salaries ranging from \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year. This is a new examination for engineering except chemical, metallurgical, marine, and naval architecture. These fields are covered by other examinations. Engineers are particularly needed in the following specialized fields: Aeronautical, agricultural, construction, heating and ventilating, mechanical, ordnance, radio, safety, sanitary, structural, and welding. Appropriate college education and broad engineering experience are required. The maximum age limit is 60 years. Applications will be rated as received until June 30, 1942. Persons who have received eligible ratings in previous engineer examinations need not file a new application.

Further information regarding the examinations may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners at the post office or custom house in any city which has a post office of the first or second-class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

BAND TO PERFORM FOR P.T.A.

The regular monthly meeting of the P.T.A., which was scheduled for the last Monday in April (the 28th), has been changed to the last Friday in April, (the 25th) due to the fact the Greenbelts band will make its first public appearance for the P.T.A. on the 28th. Mr. Garrett intends to deviate from the usual concert procedure by first demonstrating to the P.T.A. his methods used in perfecting the skill of each instrumental group, their sight reading, etc., thus working toward the perfect harmony of the band as a whole, after which the concert itself will begin. The program will appear in next week's paper.

Community Health

S.R. Berenberg, M.D., Director
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt:

Looking through some magazines this afternoon, I noticed how attractive the advertisements for summer camps looked and how the magazines - to a man - advocated sending your child to camp if it could be at all arranged. One even called attention to a particular camp, which "measured its success by its endeavor to find out the thing which your child liked best to do, and allowed him to do that thing".

Pretty nice, isn't it? Everybody knows that the things one likes best to do are the things in which he excels. But it ought not to take a summer course in an expensive summer camp to do that, ought it? Who knows best what a child likes to do - his mother who has seen him daily since birth, or a camp counselor who sees him one, two or three months a year? Why do we have to feel that, in order to bring out the best in a child, we have to rely on an outsider?

Summer camps are fine, but what's the matter with trying out their technique at home? Why not let the girl who loves babies help some other mother take care of hers an hour a day? And the girl who loves to cook - why not give her the responsibility of making dinner one evening a week? Even the boy who is happiest with a knife in his hands and who is the bane of the housekeeper's existence - hire him out to your next door neighbor as a bean pole cutter or a sharpener of tomato stakes, and give him a starter in the Credit Union. Those children who adore to paw through old clippings, scissors in hand, make wonderful scrapbook compilers, and whose recipes and garden notes don't need compiling?

Those parents who set aside an hour for swimming, an hour for resting, an hour for working in the garden, or an hour for this and an hour for that, and stick to such a routine, terrify me a little. They probably make excellent citizens and are full of sterling worth, but I bet they are overwhelming to live with!

Take a leaf out of the summer camp catalog, and really plan your summer along reasoning lines. You will probably get along better with the kids during the long vacation and they'll probably brag about you when the gang reconvenes in the school yard next September.

--Peggie A.

WOMEN'S CLUB ELECTS.

Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel was elected President of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt at the home of Mrs. T. G. Freeman, April 3. Other officers elected were Mrs. Wm. Murdock, 1st vice-President; Mrs. John Perkins, 2nd vice-President; Mrs. S.H. Downs, Secretary; Mrs. C.E. Pritch, Treasurer; Mrs. R.S. Braden, Director; Mrs. E.R. Gross, Ass't. Director.

Dr. A.S. Thurston, professor of floriculture at the University of Maryland, was the guest speaker and slides of garden pictures supplemented his interesting talk on flowers. The flowering crabapple tree was selected as the club flower.

A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. R. Littleton. The regular May meeting will be the annual luncheon, held at Mrs. K's Tea House, Silver Spring, Maryland.

DR. WARE TO SPEAK TO CONSUMER GROUP.

Dr. Caroline Ware of the National Defense Advisory Commission will speak on "National Defense for the Consumer" at an open meeting at the University of Maryland next Wednesday night. The District of Columbia Cooperative League will also present a puppet show entitled, "Glamour Girl Wakes Up". This meeting is being given to the public by the Consumer Study Group of the College Park Branch of the American Association of University Women. It will be held in the Maryland Room of the Home Economics Building, at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 16. The public is cordially invited.

PRENATAL CLASSES BEGAN TUESDAY.

The Department of Public Health announces the beginning of its next series of prenatal classes. These will be held each Tuesday afternoon at two, at the home economics room of the elementary school beginning Tuesday April 8. These classes will be conducted for ten weeks by Mrs. I. Pace, public health nurse, Dr. Berenberg and guest speakers.

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BETTER BUYERS LIST BEST BUYS

Under the leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Cooper and the group leaders, the Better Buyers are entering a program of studying products sold by the Greenbelt Pharmacy to determine the "best buys." Several meetings were held last week and six items were so selected.

Albert Ellerin, Greenbelt Consumer Services pharmacist, is cooperating with the Better Buyers groups by supplying them with technical information. The ladies study every brand available here of the products they choose.

In studying the various products, the Better Buyers use all the literature they are able to obtain. They use Consumers Union Reports, the Consumers Guide, Government Bulletins, and any other material available.

After making their decision as to which of the brands studied is the best buy, they ask Mr. Ellerin's permission to place a best buy label on each package or bottle identifying it as such. A facsimile of the label appears below.



All the best buy selections made last week are U. S. P. products. The United States Pharmacopoeia (or U.S.P.) is a book containing the standards below which the quality of drugs, and compounds containing these drugs, cannot fall. It is one of the two books recognized by the Federal Government as the standard for drugs. The other is the National Formulary (or N.F.) which contains standards for drug preparations.

The best buy selection for any product may be revised from time to time, if and when the pharmacy obtains brands other than those now handled, it was pointed out by Mrs. Cooper. The ladies will study these new brands to determine whether the best buy label should be transferred to one of them.

The products chosen by the Better Buyers may be identified on the shelves of the drug store by the label which appears above. The six products selected last week as best buys are as follows:

Product	Quantity	Price
U.S.P. Milk of Magnesia Tablets	100 Tablets	29 Cents
U.S.P. Boric Acid Powder	1 Pound	30 Cents
U.S.P. Boric Acid Powder	1/4 Pound	15 Cents
U.S.P. Bicarbonate of Soda	1 Pound	12 Cents
U.S.P. Epsom Salts	1 Pound	12 Cents
U.S.P. Mineral Oil	1 Quart	69 Cents
U.S.P. Milk of Magnesia	1 Pint	27 Cents

OUR NEIGHBORS

By Patty Beebe

Hello Greenbelt:

Congratulations this week to Paul S. Roller of Berwyn Heights who has just been elected to the Academy of Science. He is working with Maryland University's Bureau of Mines in the Physical Chemistry Dept. Mrs. Roller is well known as a leader in the Milk Buying Club and as head of the Education Committee. Their son David shares the spot-light too because he had his tonsils removed in the Greenbelt Hospital this week as did another out-of-towner, little Dorothy Joyel of College Park. Both are fine.

"Baching" forlornly over the week-end are Maurice Wienerman of 50-F Crescent, Jack Schaeffer of 54-C Crescent and Ralph Hoffman 16-F Crescent. Their better halves are Eastering in New York. *** Back from New York are Manny and Helen Gerst of 18-B Crescent. They spent a soppy but swell week-end visiting relatives. *** The Ben Perlzweigs after the recent five week trip to Miami and Key West, Florida are just beginning to get used to sweaters 'n things after those weeks of next to nothin' in the South.

There'll be big doings at the Arness home at 3-H Ridge this week for Peggy A's Mom is here from Norfolk, Va. for her first visit to Greenbelt and husband Al arrives for the R. E. A. Conference from North Dakota. I'll be in on that conference too 'cause it brings in my Mom and Dad from Minnesota. That and the fact that their territory has been made East Coast from Maine to North Carolina has me in a rosy dither.

We are glad to hear that little Jerry Bryant's injuries sustained in the fall from the underpass bridge are less serious than was first supposed. In this connection Mrs. Bryant hopes that Jerry's accident while painful to Jerry may serve the good purpose of restraining other children from taking chances on the underpasses. Ill with a bad cold for the past week has been Mrs. Dwaine Walther of 35-L Ridge. *** Mrs. Algie Grace of 1-A Parkway is up after a confining illness for which her many friends are thankful. *** Those of you who knew Mrs. Ben Ketcham formerly of Greenbelt will be sorry to hear that she is very seriously ill in Emergency Hospital in Washington. Too ill to undergo diagnosis she has had several blood transfusions. We hope for better news soon.

Aside to a Doc. Didn't you know Doctor the reason you didn't get a measles pamphlet in your grocery bag was because they had all been given out? Besides I'll bet you'd know what to do if you got 'em.

The danger that results from neglecting to use the knowledge that science has discovered to check diseases is illustrated most unhappily in the high incidence of diphtheria in England and Canada. In England there is no compulsory immunization law and the spread of diphtheria in the last few months is so great that there have been repercussions even in Parliament. A recent report (N.Y. Times, Sunday Mar. 23rd.) of the struggle of a group of American doctors sent from Harvard to Halifax to deal with the epidemics which were ravaging the city, is heart breaking. Not even war can be held a valid excuse for the presence of diphtheria as an isolated case or in epidemic form. Science has made it unnecessary that there should ever be another case of diphtheria. The report referred to blames the present "hell-hole of infection" upon the policies of a previous health officer who had not "believed in" routine immunizations. But the basic carelessness seems more widespread than the fault of one backward health officer for neither the Army or Navy had practiced immunization. Perhaps it takes such scandalous events to jar people into protecting their families, communities and nation and into demanding access to the full benefits of scientific knowledge.

Let us not cast stones at our neighbors but learn from their errors. In 1940 there were 153 cases of diphtheria in our own state, 27 cases (much too high a proportion) in our own county of Prince George. There have been two cases in Prince Georges since New Year's and one of the victims died. There is no need for this illness. This patient need not have died. The knowledge of the proximity of this horrible disease which no longer has any excuse for existence, should spur every family which has not yet taken advantage of the free immunization of their own Public Health Department, to bring their unprotected children to the weekly clinics. The clinics are held at 9 A.M. every Tuesday morning in the Home Economic Room of the Elementary School. Keep diphtheria out of Greenbelt!

GREENBELT'S NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Beale of 22-C Parkway announce the birth of a daughter, March 19 in the Greenbelt Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle Hughes are the proud parents of a son, born April 6, in the Greenbelt Hospital.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Douglas on April 9, in the Greenbelt Hospital.

Peggy Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wharton, was born in the Greenbelt Hospital, March 27.

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Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

MEDITATIONS

The Easter Message

Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins has intelligently and beautifully given us the following comment, taken from the 24th chapter of Luke: "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?"

"Lent began with ashes, it should end with burning hearts, a new and ardent faith, hope beyond eclipse, love reborn and inextinguishable loyalties. For why? Because in Easter Morning's light we know 'No work begun shall ever pause for death'; because we know that for the brave and believing there is a Divine and Saving Comrade on every shadowed road."

"Therefore we dare to plan nobly, love abundantly and while we wait God's instant men call years, meet every duty with quietness and confidence. Two thousand years ago a dozen men with burning hearts set out to win and save the world. They matched their burning hearts against alien orders, unconquerable in their ardor. The banner over them was love, their victories cost no ashes of ruin, their devotion blessed the vanquished with fullness of life. We, too, with burning hearts must keep what they did win."

"O Life that seems so long ago
And yet is ever new,
The fellowship of love with Thee
Through all the years is true.
O Master over death and time,
Reveal thyself we pray
And as before amongst Thine own
So dwell with us today." Amen.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Easter Events

Lenten Communion Service - Thursday, April 10, 8:00 - Social Room.

Church School Easter Program - 9:30 "The Easter Message in Song."

The Easter Worship Service, 11:00 A.M. Special Music.

The Vesper Hour of Music is scheduled for Sunday afternoon April 20, at 4:30. Come and bring your friends. The community is cordially invited.

Meeting outside of Greenbelt - Three Hour Good Friday Service to be held in the First Methodist Church of Hyattsville, 12:00 - 3:00. This special service is sponsored and conducted by the Prince Georges County Ministerial Association. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Invitations have been sent out by the Greenbelt Cooperatives to Greenbelt newcomers for a coming out party to be held in the social room of the school Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M.

An interesting program has been planned with Fred Wilde scheduled to act as master of ceremonies. And besides that refreshments will be served—free.



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