



## Fate of Hospital To Be Decided In Questionnaire

After three hours of heated controversy the Town Council voted Monday night to send the people of Greenbelt a questionnaire on whether or not the Greenbelt Hospital should be kept open by direct taxation if further negotiations with the Farm Security Administration fail.

The Council explained that they were still making attempts to negotiate with the Farm Security Administration, which also acts as the contact agency between the Town Council and the Federal Works Agency even though they had been notified that the hospital budget had not been approved. (Editor's note: The Council had not been notified up to meeting time as to the official decision on the rest of the budget.)

**Fund Transfer Out**  
It was explained that through legal technicalities it is practically impossible to transfer funds allocated to other departments to the hospital.

Sherrod East, Dr. Joseph Silagy, Mrs. Helen Long, Ed Walther, and several others asked that the hospital be kept open even if direct taxation is found to be necessary. They pointed out that the hospital is necessary for the health and welfare of the people of Greenbelt, because of the distance to Washington hospitals in time of an emergency, and the fact that Washington hospitals are already overcrowded. They further stated that the hospital is an integral part of the local defense setup, and that no public hospital of its size can be expected to be completely self-sustaining.

Several opposed to the taxation method of obtaining funds argued that while the tax (approximately \$12 a year) seems nominal on the surface it would work a hardship on many of the families in Greenbelt especially with the rising living costs. It was brought up that the local hospital had only been filled to 35 per cent of its capacity in 1941 and that if a 10-bed hospital is not expected to pay for itself the tax would set a dangerous precedent.

Prior to the discussion on the hospital problem the reports for the month of December of the local departments were presented to the council.

## "Taint Legal"... Council Replies To Salary Protest

In response to a resolution requesting the advisability of an ordinance to repeal an ordinance in regards to an increase in salary to councilmen as passed by the previous council, the Town Council made public Monday night a letter received from Ralph W. Powers, the town solicitor. The letter states that section 4 of the charter provides:

"No ordinance fixing or changing the salary of councilmen shall become effective during the current term of office of councilmen enacting such ordinance."

The letter further states, "It is a sound principle of law that what is prohibited from being done directly by legislation is, also, prohibited from being done indirectly."

In other words even though the present council passes a resolution to repeal the ordinance raising the salary of councilmen it would not take effect during their term nor is there any legal way that the money can be returned to the town funds.

### Know Your Air-Raid Signals

Five Short Blasts Repeated At Intervals.....Air Raid Signal—15 in All.  
Three Long Blasts.....All Clear.

## County Group Takes Medical Precautions

Dr. Byers, chairman of Prince Georges Medical Service Committee, reported Monday afternoon to the Public Health Lay Council the plans of his committee for taking care of the public safety and welfare in case of enemy attacks. He said the committee were taking notes of the lessons learned from Pearl Harbor, among which were the value of having medical supplies ready in different places, a large store of bandages prepared, a well stocked blood bank, and many civilians trained in first aid. Every town, he said, is helping to equip its own first aid post. These are being located in school buildings, halls, churches, and fire-houses.

Ten casualty stations will offer emergency hospital facilities in different parts of the county. Citizens are listing equipment which they will donate in emergencies, cots, mattresses, bedding, station wagons, cars, etc. High school manual training classes are making stretchers. The \$5000 given to the committee by the County Commissioners will be used for medical and surgical supplies and equipment which will be packed in cartons ready to load onto trucks and rushed where needed. Blood donors are needed, also volunteers for making bandages and surveying communities for equipment.

### Toxoid Treatment Compulsory

Miss Frances Buck, supervisor of nursing for the County Health Department, reported that regulations have been passed by the State Health Department and signed by the County Commissioners which require all children to have the toxoid treatments before entering school. From now on the school children will be protected from diphtheria as well as smallpox. A child welfare clinic, which may be extended to include pregnant mothers, is being developed in the Aquasco district. Miss Alexander, director of the Social Service League, is setting up a committee in the Marlboro district where clothing of all kinds will be received, renovated, and passed on to needy families. It is hoped that a loan closet may also be included in this unit.

## Gay Blades Cavort As Lake Freezes

Cold weather does bring some comfort, at least, to those residents and their friends who like ice skating. Approximately 2,000 people were present at the lake last Sunday to participate in the bone-breaking or otherwise healthful sport of skating on frozen water. The police force had been on duty all day long and torch flares were lit toward evening for the convenience of the skaters.

The ice held and there were no accidents worth reporting even though some folks still cannot sit down without groaning. Johnny Belton was in charge at the lake and had everything ready: first-aid equipment, a nice blazing fire to warm cold feet, hands, etc. All friends and residents are welcomed to join the fun this coming Sunday, if there is no sudden shift from the vernal equinox into the summer solstice.

### Wardens Give Advice

### In Door to Door Canvass

Block Wardens will visit the residents in their area this week in order to obtain all information necessary relating to the proper protection of all citizens of Greenbelt in time of an air-raid. They will also advise each family of their designated shelter. More wardens and assistants are needed and all volunteers are requested to get in touch with their Block Warden. A list of all Block Wardens was printed in last week's Cooperator and anyone desiring information will contact George Panagoulis at the fire house. All residents are requested to cooperate wholeheartedly with the air-raid wardens so that the information obtained will be accurate and ready for statistical compilation in the very near future.

## New Bus Service Begins on Sunday

The new transportation system provided by the Capital Transit Company, which will be inaugurated Sunday, January 18, offers a 20-hour schedule to Greenbelt commuters. The first bus leaves Greenbelt at 5:30 a. m., with a bus every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour, except during rush hours; the last bus will leave Greenbelt at 1:30 a. m. Intervals between buses during rush hours — 6:30 to 8:30 a. m. and 4 to 7 p. m.—will be 20 minutes. On the return trip, the first bus will leave Mt. Rainier at 5 a. m., the last at 1 a. m. Complete schedules may be obtained at the Administrative Office.

Commuting time from Greenbelt to Mt. Rainier will be 26 minutes; from Mt. Rainier to 14th and G Streets, N. W., 31 minutes. Fares will remain the same, Cash fares are eight cents per zone, (of which there are three between Greenbelt and the District line at Mt. Rainier), and 10 cents within Washington. Maryland zone tickets may be purchased at the price of 30 cents for four, or \$1 for 20; tokens may be purchased in the District, six for 50 cents. Weekly passes will cost \$2.

## Civil Air Patrol Asks For Local Volunteers

Fritz Schrom, of nearby Schrom's Airport, has been appointed squadron commander at his field by the Civil Air Patrol, an organization formed to relieve military ships of duties that civilian fliers might perform. Arthur Hyde was appointed wing commander, with authority covering the entire State of Maryland.

The Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer organization, offers the opportunity for patriotic service to any one interested in aeronautics. Help is needed in every branch of the patrol, including administration, intelligence, personnel, clerical and others, none of which require a pilot's license. For limited flight duty, volunteers with student licenses are needed. Also needed, for solo flying, are pilots with private licenses. Seven instructors—enough for the local field—have already been secured by Mr. Schrom. Volunteers may contact Squadron Commander Schrom at the airport.

## \$1,000 Goal of Defense Rally To Be Held February 14

### G.C.S. Board to Seek Members Approval Of Withdrawal Limit

The board of directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services has acted to clarify the policy of limiting share withdrawals for which it will seek membership approval next month. The word "account" as used in the proposal has been clearly defined.

In the meeting notice and information recently mailed to all members of the cooperative it was stated that approval would be sought for the following general policy: "Requiring a minimum share holding of \$30 per account below which cash may not be withdrawn except in those cases where the member moves from Greenbelt."

At its meeting last week the board considered the questions that might arise as a result of the word "account" and approved the following clarification: "For the purposes of this policy the holding of husband, wife and minor children shall be considered as representing one account."

It was stated that the reason for adopting this policy is to stabilize the share capital and to provide the potential capital necessary to operate the stores.

A number of share withdrawals have been made recently by members who wished to use the money to pay for such things as Christmas expense. This reduction of share capital is injurious to the cooperative, it was stated.

## G.H.A. Row Goes To Arbitration

Arbitration hearings on the long-standing Health Association controversy were held last night under the direction of the American Arbitration Association, and the case of Dr. Joseph Silagy and that of the board of directors which was ousted last August were presented.

Arbitrators for the arguments are Dr. Dean A. Clark of the U. S. Public Health Service, for a majority of the directors: Dr. Samuel Charles Bukantz of Walter Reed Hospital, for Dr. Silagy, and Attorney Stanley I. Posner, appointed by the Arbitration Association.

The groundwork for a Civilian Defense Rally, to be held February 14, was laid Wednesday evening at a meeting of the Defense Rally committee, whose goal is \$1000, the amount that it has been estimated will be needed to defend Greenbelt in war emergencies.

On the bill of entertainment will be a concert by the Greenbelt Community Band, under the direction of S. Hartford Downs; a discussion, "The Orient," by Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, formerly Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Shanghai, whose volunteer services were secured by the Women's Club; a dance, under the auspices of the Citizens' Association; and a popularity contest, the winner to be named "Miss Civilian Defense." Nominees for the title, to be selected by local organizations, will be elected on the number of ballots purchased in their names.

A Finance Committee, to control funds until the date of the Rally, at which time they will be turned over to the Defense Council's Finance Committee, was appointed. Chairman of the Rally Finance Committee, David R. Steidle, of the Credit Union, will have as assistants Mrs. William Rogers, of the Women's Club, and Guy Moore.

Each family, with the purchase of a \$1 ticket, which admits a couple, may also purchase a 10 cent ticket for each child. Children will not be admitted unless accompanied by adults, or unless they have adult tickets.

Allocation of duties was determined, with the Athletic Club in charge of the Popularity Contest; the Legion Auxilliary, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Gun Club in charge of decorations; the "Cooperator" handling publicity; Boy and Girl Scouts (eight of each) to act as ushers; the Mormon Church to be asked to control the check room; the Home Makers Club and the Mothers Club, under the supervision of Robert Howie, Elementary School Engineer, to take charge of the concession, and the Auxilliary Police to act as guards and maintain order. The American Legion volunteered their services to take charge of Rally tickets.

The total needs of the Defense Council have not as yet been fully determined. However, Dr. Joseph Silagy was quoted as saying that five first-aid stations, the minimum required for Greenbelt's safety, approximately \$200 would be needed to equip them with medical supplies. It was also mentioned that the air-raid wardens, spotters, and auxiliaries are in need of protection against cold weather, as well as arm bands or other identification. Another vital need, according to Mrs. Rogers, is a canteen. She pointed out that, even if no casualties are suffered from bombings, if Greenbelt's power were eliminated, some source of heat for food would be necessary. Her suggestion as to the location of a canteen was the basement of one of the stores.

## School Lacks Space For New Enrollments

Lacking space, teachers, and furnishings, the Elementary School is unable at present to accommodate more than a small percentage of the expected enrollment from the new defense homes. Until one of the three obstacles—furnishings—was eliminated in part by Nicholas Orem, superintendent of schools for Prince Georges County, only 25 new children had been accepted. Mr. Orem has offered to furnish desks to the Elementary School from county stock. When furniture previously ordered is received by the Elementary School it will be turned over to Mr. Orem for use in the county.

According to Mr. Rysticken there will be school facilities for the remainder of the first 152 residents who are expected next month.



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## The Missing Link

We are in the midst of a World War of fantastical proportions. This nation is launched on an effort to stem a torrent which threatens to engulf all civilization, is engaged in an armament effort of gigantic proportions.

To foster this effort, no pains, no care, no expense has been spared to insure that no hitch will prevent carrying to the fullest extent all our plans of defense and retaliation upon the common enemy.

To expedite all effort private enterprise has been offered profit incentives running into billions. The industrial workers have been offered every aid and assistance by the government to carry out to the letter every device on the statute books to guarantee an adequate return for the superhuman effort required of them to complete the program.

Only one group of people has been overlooked. The small but valiant army which implements the plans of our military strategists, plans the means for expediting production, operates the thousand channels which integrate our effort has been completely lost sight of. We mean, of course, the swelling legion of government clerks which is the backbone, the very spine of the defense effort. Though the midnight oil burns until it pales before the dawn; though minds and bodies are driven until the strain cracks both; though the mighty efforts of this doughty legion accomplish miracles undreamed of, and never before achieved; of this loyal, unswerving guard, no heed is taken.

In the welter of achievement their sacrifice goes unheeded, their effort remains unsung. For extra hours of effort, their reward is countless additional hours of effort unnoted. For days piled on days of payless overtime are piled the Ossa and Pelion of still more overtime. On months of unpaid effort are laid the months of underpaid effort. Though every means to cajole the reluctant enterpriser and wheedle the reluctant laborer are employed, for these weary there is only coercion and threats, a sorry rejoinder for unstinting devotion to duty.

For how long can this nerve center be manned well and ably when even the crass industrialist now regards his hirelings well, even if by dint of governmental 'suasion. For we can bruise and lacerate the main nerve trunk through which throb the living and intergrating pulses of our national effort for only just so long, before a shortsighted group of bureaucrats will learn the sad lessons of working a willing horse to death.

The remedies will be simple. There must be a general spread of the extra time needed for accomplishing our aims. Our staffs must be increased to give each worker the needed rest for maximum efficiency. And for all extra effort, the small monetary regard which can be offered must be linked with the extra effort required, sensibly and equitably distributed.

## Calendar of Events

Friday, January 16

Band Practice  
Feeder Band Practice  
Hebrew Congregation  
First Aid  
Fire Auxiliary  
Spanish Class

Saturday, January 17

Fire Auxiliary

Sunday, January 18

Catholic Sunday School  
Catholic Mass  
Community Church Sunday School  
Community Church Service  
L. D. S. Church Service  
L. D. S. Sunday School  
Conference  
Community Church Young People's Group  
Community Church High School Group

Monday, January 19

First Aid  
Police Auxiliary  
Sewing Class  
Typing and Shorthand  
Home Mechanics  
Nursery School Parents' Board  
Defense Council  
\*Greenbelt Federal Credit Union annual meeting

Tuesday, January 20

Book Club  
L. D. S. Ladies' Aid

Wednesday, January 21

Mothers Club  
First Aid  
Police Auxiliary  
First Aid  
Camera Club

Thursday, January 22

L. D. S. Primary Group  
Pottery Class  
First Aid

6:30 P. M. Auditorium  
6:30 P. M. Hobby Room  
7:00 P. M. Music Room  
7:00 P. M. Room 225  
7:30 P. M. Fire House  
7:30 P. M. Room 222

3:00 P. M. Fire House

8:30 A. M. Theater  
9:00 A. M. Theater

10:00 A. M. Elementary School  
11:00 A. M. Auditorium  
11:00 A. M. Home Ec. Room

7:30 P. M. Home Ec. Room

7:00 P. M. Elementary School

8:00 P. M. 18-C Parkway

7:00 P. M. Room 123  
7:30 P. M. Fire House  
7:30 P. M. Home Ec. Room  
7:30 P. M. High School  
7:30 P. M. High School  
8:00 P. M. Council Room  
8:00 P. M. Fire House

8:00 P. M. Auditorium

8:00 P. M. Library  
8:15 P. M. Home Ec. Room

1:30 P. M. 11-F Ridge Road  
2:00 P. M. Music Room  
7:30 P. M. Fire House  
7:45 P. M. Music Room  
8:00 P. M. 3-A Parkway

4:00 P. M. Music Room  
7:30 P. M. Room 222  
7:45 P. M. Music Room

### CREDIT UNION

\*There being no banking facilities provided for Greenbelt, a group of pioneer families put their heads together and decided to organize a credit union. The organizational meeting was held on December 22, 1937, and officers were elected for one month only. At the first annual meeting, held on January 19, 1938, all of these officers were re-elected. At the close of the first year, there was a share balance of \$5,900 and a loan balance of \$5,200, with total assets amounting to \$6,175. There is now a share balance of \$32,950 and a loan balance of \$25,500. Total assets amount to approximately \$35,000.

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Credit Union which will be held in the school auditorium Monday, January 19, 1942, at 8:00 P. M., will mark the end of four years work. By all standards, success has crowned the efforts of those pioneer families who sought to give Greenbelt adequate banking facilities.

The meeting will be open to all residents of Greenbelt and any resident may take part in any discussion during the evening. Only members in good standing, however, will be allowed to vote. A member, to be in good standing, must have only fully paid \$5.00 share. This is an excellent opportunity for new residents to become acquainted with the purposes and personnel of their Credit Union.

I might add, too, that the Credit Union has been the stork's right hand man in Greenbelt. The Credit Committee, which has its regular meeting night, is often available in emergencies, and many a Greenbelt baby has been born with a loan application clenched in his front teeth—almost!

### Harmonious Pair

Printed flat mohair harmonizes well with mahogany for an informal setting. Mohair is excellent as an upholstery fabric as it is durable, washable and not likely to fade.

## Classified Ads

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED—My Federal investigation for subversive activities has been brought to a close, and I have been informed by letter that nothing was found that could be considered as supporting the charge. If the budding politician who turned in my name has the guts to come around I will be glad to show him the letter, with the hope that if and when the time comes he can show me the same.—Donald H. Cooper.**

**WANTED—boys to deliver the Cooperator. Contact Mr. Wendland, circulation manager, at the Cooperator office.**

**MAILING LIST problems are easily solved by bringing them to the Cooperator. Call 3131 or 5363 for rates for your organization's mailing list.**

## To the Editor---

### Office Hours

To the Editor:

In reference to a letter appearing in last week's Cooperator, objecting to the change in office hour schedule at the Health Association, may we again remind the people of Greenbelt of the reason for the new arrangement. As stated in a previous issue of the Cooperator, the new ruling is not peculiar to this community and has been made only in the interest of our defense program. In accordance with the request of the Defense Board of the metropolitan district, the Prince Georges County and the District of Columbia Medical Societies unanimously ruled that no physician in the Washington area should hold office hours after 6 P. M. The effects of this ruling, among others, are that it leaves the doctors available for the maintenance of the Emergency Medical Program, instructing evening classes in First Aid, etc., and it eliminates the confusion which results from holding office hours simultaneously with an air raid alarm.

It may be pointed out that since the onset of the war, the total number of office hours at the association has been increased, rather than decreased. In spite of the restrictions imposed by the present emergency, we are sure that you will be able to make a satisfactory appointment by calling the Health Association offices. Appointments may be made for the Saturday afternoon hours by patients who can not see the doctor at any other time. A complete schedule will be distributed in the near future.

—C. Stewart Dowrick, Chairman,  
Board of Directors,  
Greenbelt Health Association

### For Hospital Tax

To the Editor:

I have the staff and the existence of the hospital to thank for the fact that my child is alive and healthy today, 11 months after being on the brink of death. Some day, others in this town may have to call upon these same facilities to save one of their own. I am for any proposed tax for the continuance of the institution, if such tax is proved necessary.

—Thomas C. Mellory.

A recent issue of Consumers Union's "Bread and Butter" cites one example of what is going on. Some nylon stockings are being made with rayon tops and feet, which are not very satisfactory because the rayon is less durable than nylon.

### Gold Plantation Pays

For 50 years Miss May Mills had made her "gold plantation" in North Carolina pay.



Have Long Ears

**Do NOT  
DISCUSS MILITARY MATTERS**

ONE SMALL LEAK  
MAY  
SINK THE SHIP

**BE DISCREET**

## Community Church

"The Seven Rules for Christian Giving" will be the theme of the sermon to be preached next Sunday by the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston at 11 a.m. in the Community Building.

Sunday will be observed as "The Every Member Canvass" Sunday. After a special sermon by the pastor on "Christian Stewardship" those who are to make the canvass will come forward and receive a special benediction from the pastor and then go out by twos to receive the pledges of those interested in the Community Church.

Rev. Johnston states, "Since every one living in Greenbelt receives benefits from the churches of Greenbelt, it is sincerely hoped that all will make some contribution to the church of their choice."

The church school will meet at 9:30. Classes are provided for all who attend. The young peoples societies will meet at 7 and the junior high school group will meet at the home of Mrs. Horton Smith, 18-C Parkway.

On Wednesday at 8 the mid-week meeting will be held in the music room of the Community Building. All are invited to these meetings held each Wednesday.

## Coming Clean! . . . by Squier





## OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

If, as they say, the first two years of married life are the hardest, then the rest of my life should be one of marital bliss, since yesterday was our second wedding anniversary.

The local Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Thomas McNamara, 3-C Crescent Road last Thursday, January 8. The ladies of the auxiliary are planning to convert the first of their semi-monthly meetings into card parties each month.

I'll bet Ruth Weitsman was surprised Wednesday evening at the farewell party given her by the Hebrew Ladies Auxiliary. There were so many people expected that the party was held in the basement at 46 Crescent Road. We'll be sorry to see Ed and Ruth Weitsman leave, and I know you join me in wishing them the best of luck.

Greenbelt was visited by some very distinguished persons recently. William Zorach, the noted sculptor, was here with Mrs. Zorach, Sunday, visiting their son and daughter-in-law, the Tessie Zorachs, last Sunday. In town Tuesday were Walter Kroening and Lawrence Tucker, Town Managers of Greendale, Wis. and Greenhills, N. J., respectively. The purpose of their visit was to confer with Greenbelt officials. Messrs. Braden, Rysticken and Rabbitt, on policies affecting the three communities.

We're still feeling reverberations of a certain New Year's Eve party that was held in "A" Block. Reports continue about the "good time had by all" up there on Ridge Road.

That is all until next week.

## High School Chatter

By JOAN McNAMARA

Good evening, everybody—Wasn't the school play wonderful? I hope none of you missed seeing it because if you did, you'll have to wait a long time before you see a play just as well directed, well cast, and as definitely successful. The proceeds from the play will go into the Dramatic Club treasury.

All the students that were seen anxiously awaiting the school bus on Monday morning were very disappointed when they were informed that there wouldn't be any school for that day because of heating trouble. So one-half hour later, with downcast faces, they trudged wearily down to the local lake for a bit of ice skating for a few monotonous hours. (Gosh!—Why does it only happen now and then?)

DON'T SAY I TOLD YOU—BUT—

Dick Palmer—what do YOU think parachute silk looks like?—We wonder who's going to hook Joe Cashman first—Kitty Reed or Theo Trehwella—Every one in the sophomore class is getting awfully romantic for the middle of January—even Bart Finn and Jocelyn Sneed—we hear that Ashby Flynn took too much advantage of the holiday Monday.—There's something stirring in the air concerning two seniors, but if another senior, Louise finds out, we doubt if she'll like it—A lot has been going around about a certain well-known couple reversing their present standing with a second well-known twosome—

Goodbye, now, but before I go, I wonder if "Halo Jim" Bobbitt found the thief that swiped the sign off his car the other night.

Co-operatives go out of business much less frequently than private businesses, according to the report, "Farmers' Marketing and Purchasing Co-operatives, 1861-1939," just published by Farm Credit Administration.

Going back to 1875, the report shows that of the 26,192 co-operative associations known to have existed since that year, 14,893 have ceased to operate. But this record is much better than private business shows.

Discontinuances of co-ops reached a peak in the 15-year period of 1921-1936, and since have grown less.

## Converted Into Pipe

The Small Pigeon river in North Carolina has been diverted into a pipe and carried eight miles through the mountains to fall 861 feet to power turbines.

## School News And Highlights

By KATHRYN M. WOOD

The enrollment of Greenbelt Elementary School has increased sufficiently to permit taking on a new teacher, but there has been no permanent appointment as yet, according to Mrs. Mildred Parker, acting principal.

This year's curriculum has its basis in the social studies program. Beginning with the primary classes group one and group two are studying foods, with a stove as the main project. These children are learning by studying food handling as they observe it in active daily use in their own homes. In school they are discussing the principles, of buying, selling and preservation of food. Group three is taking up the subject of housing and group four is working on technology in the sense of acquiring new manual skills and how it has influenced the development of cities through new inventions, manufacturing processes, and improvement of transportation. Some very significant art work is emerging from this study.

The next meeting of Greenbelt's Parent-Teacher Association will be held Monday, January 26, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium. All parents are urged to be present, especially those newly arrived in Greenbelt. A movie will be shown at this meeting demonstrating the place of visual education in the modern school system.

The meeting will include the timely discussion of how and what to tell small children in regard to imminent war hazards and how parents can aid their children by remaining calm.

Please try to attend this meeting.

## Spanish Students Invited to Classes

More members are needed to bring the Spanish class to the required enrollment, it was announced by Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer last Monday. According to Mrs. Kinzer, beginners in this study may join the class, which has been meeting since September, provided they are willing to give extra study of the course.

The adult education program at present is as follows:

Spanish—Friday (tonight)—Elementary School—Room 222—Dr. Carl Scharf, instructor; Pottery—Thursday—Elementary School—Room 222—Monte L. Taler; Sewing—Monday—Elementary School—home economics room—Mrs. Claudine Morgan; typing and shorthand—Monday—high school—typing room—G. A. Sieverts, home mechanics—Monday—high school—shop room—Earl Becker.

All classes begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Tomorrow Is Deadline For Patronage Slips

A reminder that 1941 patronage slips will not be accepted after the deadline has been issued by Greenbelt Consumer Services. Saturday, January 17, at 6 p.m., is that deadline.

Patrons who have not submitted their slips by that time will not participate in whatever patronage return is declared at the annual meeting next month, it was stated.

Non-members must submit their applications for membership as well as their slips by tomorrow evening in order to share in the patronage return.

Members of the cooperative still have two weeks in which to submit nominations for the board of directors. Nomination forms have been provided, but additional copies may be obtained at the G. C. S. office.

## 18 in String Orchestra

Greenbelt's potential stringed orchestra under the direction of Henri Sokolov now has approximately 18 members, including beginners and advanced students.

Meeting each Friday at the Elementary School, the orchestra, composed solely of violins, is divided into two separate classes. Beginners meet at 7:30 p.m., advanced students at 8:30. An audience of the students' parents, witness the progress being made, and to help spur them on to their ultimate goal, which is a stringed orchestra, complete with instruments from the regular Greenbelt banks.

## Timely Facts for Consumers

Intelligent Consumption Makes for Better, Happier Living.

### GASOLINE

The Consumer Division of the Office of Price Administration last week branded as exaggerated and misleading the recently circulated contention that reduction of the octane rating of regular gasoline from 75 to 70 would reduce gasoline mileage by as much as 10 per cent.

Engineering consultants of the division termed particularly absurd the statements that such an octane reduction would for the country as a whole increase gasoline consumption by 5 per cent.

### Wasteful Practice

The estimates of the industry that a reduction of regular gasoline from 75 to 70 would cost \$250,000,000, should be turned around, engineers of the Consumer Division report. Motorists are now wasting millions of dollars every year in burning higher-grade gasolines than are required by their cars.

They point out that octane ratings for most regular gasolines were increased from 70 to 75 within only the last 3 years. Only a few of the latest models require a gasoline with an octane rating as high as 75.

In a very few cases a simple and inexpensive change in ignition timing would be required to eliminate objectionable knocking on octane 70 fuel. If this adjustment is correctly made, the resulting loss of power and economy would be too small to be detected by the drivers of these cars.

Most cars will operate as efficiently on fuels with a 75 octane

rating as they do on higher fuels. Many late model cars can operate without undesirable knocking on gasolines with an octane rating as low as 65.

Third-grade gasolines with an octane rating as low as 60 are quite satisfactory for older cars, and for several of the latest models.

Gasoline with an octane rating higher than needed by the car will not give added power or improve car performance in any respect, engineers state.

### Needed for Army

Our tanks and military planes will require large quantities of gasoline with high octane ratings. This means that there will be a heavy war demand for high-grade gasoline and the tetraethyl lead used to increase octane, or anti-knock quality, in gasoline.

In addition two materials, chlorine and lead, used in the manufacture of tetraethyl lead are scarce, being in wide demand for essential military and other defense uses.

Motorists may help relieve the pressure on tetraethyl supplies by avoiding the use of gasoline with octane ratings higher than necessary, the Consumer Division points out.

A slight amount of "pinging" on rapid acceleration or under heavy loads on hills is not harmful to a car, division engineers comment. In fact, auto mechanics often listen for a slight pinging to indicate that the spark is adjusted to give maximum gas mileage.

### RULES TO MAKE TIRES LAST

Inaugurating a Nation-wide rubber conservation campaign, the Office of Production Management called upon the country's 27 million car owners to observe 10 rules to make tires last longer.

1. Have worn tires retreaded. Cost of retreading tires is usually about half that of a new tire, and will give you about 80 per cent as much wear.

2. Cut out high speeds—Your tires will last twice as long at 40 miles per hour as at 60 miles per hour.

3. Inflate tires weekly to recommended levels—Never let pressure fall more than 3 pounds below recommended minimums.

4. Don't stop short or make jack rabbit starts—Every time you ignore this rule you burn up the tread.

5. Avoid striking curbs, road holes, rocks, etc.—This can result in broken cords or blowouts. Drive slowly and carefully over paved roads.

6. Check wheel alignment twice a year—Misalignment causes scuffing and uneven wear. A tire a half inch out of line will be dragged sideways 87 feet every mile.

7. Repair all cuts, leaks, breaks promptly—Delay may cause damage that can't be repaired. Breaks and cuts should be vulcanized whenever possible; blowout patches should only be temporary.

8. Change wheel positions every 5,000 miles.

9. Always get the tire made to fit the rim of your car.

10. Don't speed around curves.

### Camera Fans Hold Meeting

The Greenbelt Camera Club will hold its first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, January 22, at 62-A Crescent Road. A big surprise program is in store for all camera fans, and any one interested in photography as a hobby is urged to attend. Details of club activities may be had by calling 5547.

### Unique Tropical Belt

Oranges and lemon trees are being planted on Baldhead, North Carolina's unique tropical belt.

## Balancing the Budget

B. MARYN

Last week this column carried a list of low and medium cuts of beef and their uses as outlined by the Consumers Guide of the Department of Agriculture. Lamb and veal also have low and medium cost cuts which consumers can use to advantage. As in the case of beef, FOOD VALUE is not sacrificed when these cheaper cuts are used.

### VEAL

**Low-cost cuts:** Use  
Heel—Fricassee, pot roast, ground meat  
Neck—Fricassee, stew  
Breast—Fricassee, stew, stuffed roast  
Fore Shank—Soup, Fricassee, ground meat  
**Medium-Cost Cuts:**  
Shank—Soup, fricassee, ground meat  
Rump—Pot Roast  
Rack—Braised chops, roast  
Chuck—Pot roast, fricassee, stew

### LAMB

**Low-Cost Cuts:** Use  
Neck—Stew, soup  
Shank—Stew, ground meat  
Breast—Stew, stuffed roast  
Flank—Stew, ground-meat  
**Medium-Cost Cuts:**  
Leg—Roast  
Square chuck—Roast, stew, chops

Other edible, low cost, nourishing parts of both veal and lamb are. Heart, kidney, liver, tongue, brains and sweetbreads, which can be turned into tasty, wholesome dishes.

Another important item for Consumer to remember in shopping for meat, is that there are GRADES of meat. Beef grading in the United States is voluntary and is done at the packing plant by government graders at the request and expense of the packing house. The expense involved is approximately 5 or 6 cents a carcass so that graded meat should not cost more than ungraded. Meat is graded into these classes: Prime, choice, good, commercial and utility.

### HOW IS MEAT GRADED?

The type of cattle, the amount of fat, (which is called marbling) that is intermingled throughout the lean, the texture, grain and color are some of the factors which determine the grade of meat.

Grades of meat like cuts should be bought according to the purse and use. If you can splurge and it is chops or steak—prime, choice or good are the grades to buy. For stews, pot roasts, boiling, ground beef and wherever economy is necessary buy commercial and utility grades.

In summarizing the problem of choosing and buying meat it is well to remember the following:

1. In using low cost cuts you don't sacrifice food value.
2. Inexpensive cuts can be made tender and tasty if you learn the right cooking rules and then have the culinary patience to stick to them.
3. Cook meat according to cut. Buy the cut you can afford and cook it accordingly. Remember the tenderness of the meat determines how it should be cooked and tenderness depends on grade and cut.
4. Roasting in too hot an oven will cook your meat faster but the number of servings are reduced because of unnecessary shrinkage. Longer cooking in a lower temperature will give you better tasting meat and more of it.
5. Use long, slow cooking with liquid added for stews, swiss steak, pot roast, fricassee, etc.
6. Don't waste any part of the meat. Use bone for soups; render the fat and use for frying, pastry, etc.

## New Babies

Fae Elaine Lauth, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. George V. Lauth, 2-M Eastway, was born in Washington, D. C., on January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Johnson, 1-C Parkway, are the proud parents of a daughter, Karen Ann, born in Washington on December 27.

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## Food Store Reaches All Time Sales High

The food store has established another all-time high for weekly sales, exceeding its goal of \$5,000. Total sales for last week amounted to \$5,024.80, it was announced by Greenbelt Consumer Services.

This exceeds by about \$200 the previous record set during the week ending December 27. The advent of new families in the community is among the factors that are contributing to increased food sales.

The average sale per customer was nearly \$1, which is considered very good in view of the number of patrons who purchase one small item at a time.

## Feeder Band to Train Children Musicians

Beginning Friday, January 16, and every Friday night thereafter the Feeder Band will hold its weekly rehearsals in the hobby room of the Elementary School, from 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.

At the present time there are 53 members in the band. There are still instruments available and any parents in Greenbelt desiring to have their children learn to play a musical instrument are asked to contact S. Hartford Downs, president of the Parents Board, Kenton Terry, director of the band or Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer.

Band officers expressed the wish that the residents moving into the new homes in Greenbelt as well as those now living here will take advantage of the opportunity to have their children learn to play a musical instrument.

## Nazi Preparations Provide Lessons Club Women Told

Thorough training and long range planning are two important factors we have learned from Germany, Mrs. J. Blair Buck, vice president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs told members of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt recently. Mrs. Buck, stressing the fact that Germany has been building its army since 1862, said, "It is most necessary for us to make our morale strong and have complete unity. Our efforts should begin in the home, with co-operation and unselfishness emphasized strongly, then expand from that starting point."

"Where can I serve best and most efficiently?" was the question under discussion. Mrs. Buck told the club, "Americans must learn to inconvenience themselves; they must be neighborly, must work together and bring the underprivileged up before war strikes here." "Before statements are made," she added, "we should mobilize our facts and our tongues, and not spread untruths. The sale of defense bonds and stamps must be encouraged: it is up to every one to budget his income, as that, too, helps build morale."

Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, president, detailed the plans suggested for the Patriotic Rally to be held February 14, for the civilian defense expenses of our own community. Mrs. Roy Braden stressed the importance of the departmental meeting to be held this Thursday, featuring the address by Mrs. A. C. Watkins on "The Spiritual Values of the Home."

## WHAT PRICE SACRIFICE

Congressman Harry Sauthoff of Wisconsin proposes that a ceiling be put on salaries, so that no person receives more than the President of the United States.

Well, even in war-time \$75,000 a year should enable a family to live in a reasonable degree of comfort, without too much sacrifice.

Sauthoff points out that some newspaper executives whose papers are the loudest and most bitter in their attacks on wages of workers and incomes of farmers often are paid \$100,000 a year and upward. Included in this category are Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard papers, Moe Anenberg who runs his Philadelphia paper from his jail cell where he is serving three years for defrauding the Government of \$10,000,000 for income tax evasion, a couple of editorial writers on the reactionary Chicago Tribune and, of course, William Randolph Hearst.

## "What a Life" Packs 'em In

"What A Life," the play presented by Greenbelt High School in the Elementary School Auditorium last Monday and Tuesday evenings, drew a record attendance of local and out-of-town spectators.

In the principal roles as Henry Neubreck and Barbara Pearson, convincing portrayals were given by Troy Todd and Rosalie Poston, with James Bobbitt receiving special recognition for his role as "Mr. Nelson." The entire cast, under the expert direction of Miss Violet Younger, was above the amateurish standard usually perceived in high school plays.

—S. M.

## Want to Go South?

The Civil Service Commission this week issued a special release stating that it was accepting applications from stenographers, typists, and other clerical employees desiring employment with the Patent Office when it transfers to Richmond.

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## Civil Service Exams

The Civil Service Commission announces several examinations this week:

Galley Designer; Kitchen Layout Specialist, \$3,200 to \$4,600. A 4-year college course leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering or architecture must be shown, except for the substitution of experience. In addition, experience in designing galleys on large ships, or kitchens and cafeterias for large institutions, is required. Closing date—March 2, 1942.

Two examinations are for the Agricultural Marketing Service; closing date—February 16, 1942. Both are open conditionally to senior students who will complete the college work mentioned prior to July 1, 1942:

Agricultural Marketing Specialist, \$2,600 a year for the Assistant grade; \$2,000 for the Junior. Experience is required in the grading and marketing of fruits and vegetables, except—for the Junior grade—the experience must have in the option chosen. College agricultural courses may be substituted for a part, or—in the Junior grade—all, of this experience.

Junior Supervisor of Grain Inspection, \$2,000 a year. Experience in grading grain in car-lot or greater quantities is required, except for the substitution of certain college work.

Deputy United States Marshal,

\$1,800 a year, Department of Justice. Applicants must have had such experience as that of a Federal, State or municipal police officer, county sheriff, or full-time constable, or must have completed certain courses in law, or college courses. Closing date—February 16, 1942.

Printer's Assistant, 66 cents an hour, for employment in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C. Applicants must not have passed their 35th birthday. Closing date—January 26, 1942.

The next three examinations close on February 5, 1942 and require the completion of an apprenticeship or equivalent experience in the trade, and all are for appointment in Washington, D. C.:

Plate Printer (established piece rates), Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Printer-Proofreader, \$1.32 an hour, Government Printing Office. Experience in reading book, magazine, or daily newspaper proof, is required.

Plumber; Steamfitter, \$1,680 a year.

The next four examinations replace similar 1941 examinations. Applications may be filed until further notice, but qualified persons are urged to apply at once.

Research Chemist, \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year; Associate and Assistant Analytical Chemist, \$3,200 and \$2,600 a year; in any specialized branch of chemistry.

Pharmacologist; Toxicologist, \$2,600 to \$4,600 a year.

Meteorologist (Any specialized branch), \$2,600 to \$5,600 a year.

Technologist (Any specialized branch), \$2,000 to \$5,600 a year.

The Commission's Junior Stenographer and Typist examinations have been amended to permit persons rated ineligible to apply again after only 30 days from the date of previously filing application.

## Prices

Following Japan's attack on the U. S., commodity prices rose sharply. From December 5 to 12 the Bureau of Labor Statistics' daily index of 28 basic commodities rose 2.2 per cent to a new high, 160.2 per cent of the August, 1939, average. The upward movement was led by an increase of 4.4 per cent in basic food prices, which are now more than 57 per cent higher than a year ago. Industrial commodity prices were comparatively steady, thanks to Government regulation. In the week of December 12 to 19, there was a slight reaction and prices dropped by 1 per cent.

Charles George Palmer, 93, a veteran of the British imperial army and the last survivor of the Indian mutiny and the siege of Lucknow in 1857, died recently in Duncan, B. C.

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