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Local Catholics Will Erect Own Church Building

To replace the moving-picture theatre as a house of worship for Greenbelt Catholics, a new church will be built by the Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, of which Greenbelt Catholics are a part, it was announced by Reverend Leo J. Fealy last Tuesday evening at the Shrove's Tuesday party held at the Elementary School.

Of simple architecture, the new church will be located on a site near the athletic field, granted the church by the town, according to Guy Moore, president of the Holy Name Society. Mr. Moore stressed the growing need of a Catholic church in Greenbelt, calling attention to the fact that several local families go to Mass in other communities, if unable to attend the one that is held here. With a regular church, he added, several Masses instead of one can be held each Sunday, giving everyone a chance to attend. With the large increase in population due to the Defense homes, he said, the need is doubled. The new Church will be large enough to accommodate the maximum expected increase.

The estimated cost of the church building will be \$20,000. Approximately half of this, according to Mr. Moore, will be contributed by members of the Holy Name Society, the balance to be covered by various sources. The fund-raising campaign will not start until after Easter, leaving the ensuing time to the laying of a groundwork for future plans.

The entertainment program of the Shrove's Tuesday party consisted of a "Truth or Consequences" quiz game, and the mystical operations of a magician. Refreshments were served.

First Aid Classes Complete 2 Courses

In conjunction with the Civilian Defense program, local first-aid instructors completed two advanced courses Friday, February 13. Three standard classes, in varying degrees of completion, are still running, and another advanced course is to start about March 1, according to Miss Doris Dungan, one of the advanced instructors, who also teaches a standard class. The other advanced class was taught by Dr. Carolyn Silberman.

Nine students from Miss Dungan's class, and several from Dr. Silberman's, are now taking the instructors' course, given by the National Red Cross at Hyattsville. An intensive course, the instructors' classes meet five nights a week for three hours each night, completing the course in one week. The advanced course, according to Miss Dungan, takes 10 hours; the standard, 20. She added that all first-aid classes deal with practical problems, with special emphasis on bomb injuries.

Income Exodus Memo Is Being Prepared

A collection of memoranda from Greenbelt organizations affected by next month's exodus of families over the F. S. A. income limit is being prepared by A. P. Lovejoy. The statements are factual in content and will be submitted to Farm Security officials in a last-minute effort to have a modification of income limitations for residents.

Braden Buys First Rally Ticket



Mary Jane McCarl is pictured selling Community Manager Braden the first Defense Rally ticket while Mayor Morrison, Safety Director Panagoulis and Defense Corps Commander Rysticken await their turn at the tickets.

Band Will Exhibit New Garb at Rally

At their weekly rehearsal last Friday evening, the members of the Greenbelt Community Band donned their new uniforms for the first time and gave a special preview for the benefit of their parents, the Town Council, and officials of the Administration office. The general public will be afforded an opportunity to see the band in their new uniforms tomorrow night at the Defense Rally concert.

The 48 uniforms are made of wool whipcord material in the town colors.

Uniforms for the boys include a green military cap with white trim, white shirt, black tie, green coat with a white belt, green trousers with a white stripe down the side, white socks and black shoes. The girls' uniforms are the same as those of the boys except for green skirts with a white stripe instead of the trousers, and white anklets instead of socks.

Miss Defense of '42 Contest Gets Hot

Joan McNamara was barely leading Helen Kaighn at press time in the closely contested race for the "Miss Defense, 1942" title. Helen Zoellner was running third in the field of 12 candidates.

Voting will continue in the drug store until 8 o'clock tomorrow night, and then will be carried on in the Auditorium at the Defense Rally until 11:45 p. m. Results of the voting will be posted at frequent intervals during the course of tomorrow night's events, with the winner announced at midnight.

This contest, sponsored by the Greenbelt Athletic Club to raise money for the Defense fund, has brought in nearly \$60 already, with much more expected tomorrow as the race draws near the close.

Standings of Greenbelt's favorite daughters as of Wednesday night were:

Joan McNamara (Cooperator)1473
Helen Kaighn (American Legion)1420
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Rysticken Asks 2 Town Ordinances

Two ordinances were suggested to Town Council by Arthur L. Rysticken, one stating Greenbelt's recognition of the existence of a state of emergency, the other making blackout and air-raid restrictions into laws, providing authority to the proper persons to see that such provisions are carried out, and if not, providing legal punishment for the violation of same. The latter ordinance would allow police to break into any home in order to put out lights in time of blackout or air-raid, to stop vehicles and force the drivers to put out lights, and to make arrests if necessary.

Foremost on the agenda at the regular meeting of the Civilian Defense Council Tuesday evening were plans for the Defense Rally tomorrow night. No report was available as to the number of tickets sold, but the belief was expressed that, since a government pay-day came this week, sales could be expected to increase. Aside from the actual proceeds from the sale of tickets, other sources of funds for Civilian Defense were reported, namely: the sale of this issue of the Cooperator; the popularity contest; and the sale of salvaged newspapers.

The police department reported that their force has completed first aid courses and is now delving into jui-jitsu methods of combat. New classes are now being formed to train auxiliary police and firemen, it was also reported.

Mrs. Roosevelt Will Address Rally Tomorrow Night in Auditorium; \$1000 Sought For Defense Needs

Star attraction at Greenbelt's first Defense Rally, Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is expected to draw Greenbelt's greatest turnout tomorrow night in the auditorium, in an event designed to raise \$1,000 for local defense requirements. Sponsors of the meeting are confident that this goal will be easily surpassed as Greenbelt's citizens respond to the appeal for funds to equip five first-aid stations and supply needed materials for the town's auxiliary police and firemen.

Prof. Scharffenberg, Rally Speaker, Saw Jap Atrocities

Prof. W. A. Scharffenberg, noted lecturer who will appear on the platform at the Defense Rally has a background that should make him an authority on his subject, "The War In The Pacific."

Professor Scharffenberg, is a noted Oriental linguist, being the first foreigner to complete the prescribed course of study in Chinese as outlined by the University of Nanking. He is the former Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Shanghai, and has recently returned from 22 years in the Far East. He was in Mukden when the Japanese took over Manchuria. When the Exclusion act was passed, Professor Scharffenberg was in Japan and got a personal reaction to the anti-American movement that was created at that time.

His 22 years in the Orient gave him an opportunity to gather first hand information on the economic, social and political conditions in the Orient. He has travelled extensively through China, Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Mongolia, French Indo-China, Siam, Straits Settlements, Borneo, Dutch East Indies and the Philippines.

From this extensive background, it is apparent that Professor Scharffenberg is well fitted to enlighten Greenbelt tomorrow night on what Japan means by her New Order in the Far East, what Japan wants, the course of recent events, and the whys and wherefores of her action against the United States.

35 Measles Cases Dr. Eisner Reports; Cautions Parents

An outbreak of measles has resulted in the illness and confinement of 35 Greenbelt children, according to Dr. William Eisner, the majority of the cases being first-grade pupils.

Describing the cases so far as being "moderately severe," Dr. Eisner said they were common at this time of year, and cautioned parents to keep children with colds at home, and away from other children, to prevent the disease from spreading further.

Mrs. Charlotte Wagner, nursery school instructor, has been added to the permanent teaching staff at the elementary school to conduct a class from group two.

Talk on Far East

Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, described by his sponsors as an authority on the Far East, will enlighten the audience on Japanese ambitions in the present war, in a talk on "The Battle of the Pacific."

Mrs. Roosevelt, appearing towards the end of the program, will discuss civilian defense and is expected to at least partially answer the critics of her recent activities in the Office of Civilian Defense.

The seriousness of the evening will be offset by dancing to music by Joe Baldwin's Orchestra. Band music, with a group of patriotic songs, is programmed under the directorship of Paul J. Garrett.

Weeks of Preparation

In the background of tomorrow night's Rally, are weeks of preparation by Greenbelt's various defense groups. The event will hardly be a starter for Greenbelt in the field of defense activities, it was stressed by active participants in the Rally, who point to the comparatively advanced stage of the town's preparedness.

Regular air-raid drills by the local precautionary organizations, together with the perpetual state of vigilance maintained by air-raid spotters atop the drug store, are evidences that tomorrow's fund-raising affair is a supplement to a well-organized and smoothly-working defense set-up.

According to Director of Public Safety George Panagoulis, there are at present 25 auxiliary policemen, 20 firemen, 250 first-aid students, 80 air-raid wardens, and 16 motor corps members, actively engaged in Greenbelt defense work. An order for arm bands has been placed with O. C. D., for emergency air-raid duty.

No Funds Available

The fact was pointed out that in spite of an expanded defense program Greenbelt groups have been operating with no funds whatever. All supplies in use by air-raid precautionary groups are regular police and fire equipment. There is no first-aid equipment on hand in Greenbelt at the present time. A minimum of \$200 is needed immediately to provide basic supplies for five first-aid stations. Because of an erroneous impression caused by the announcement that the Town Council has encumbered \$1500 for defense purposes, the Defense Council has asked the Cooperator to explain that none of this money is now available, but has been earmarked for possible future use.

Arthur L. Rysticken, commander of the Greenbelt Citizens Defense Corps, will report on Greenbelt Civilian Defense at tomorrow night's meeting. The Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston, minister of Greenbelt's Community Church, will deliver the invocation, and Reverend Leo J. Fealy the benediction at the close of the Rally.

Expected to provide entertainment relief is the contest for "Miss Defense, 1942", the winner of which will be announced at the stroke of midnight. Participation in the contest has been

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Must We Do This Again?

Time and time again, we have called upon the people of Greenbelt to cooperate in putting over various ideas and drives. We have never yet achieved 100 per cent cooperation nor have we ever in the past expected that everyone would agree wholeheartedly to the ideas set forth. We have plugged at various cooperatives, organizations, and groups, with the thought in mind that, since we are a nation and community of individualists, not every person would or could believe in the ideals set forth.

We have been, in the past few weeks, plugging a cause that to any fair-minded American holds no room for dissension or non-belief, namely, the Civilian Defense program for Greenbelt.

With the disasters of Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, and Singapore so very fresh in our minds, anything we can add to the emergency of the cause would be merely idle phrases. In view of this, it is beyond comprehension that any person or persons in Greenbelt would refuse to support their own protection in the form of our defense corps. But the fact remains that in the early part of this week, the ticket sales report for the Defense Rally were very discouraging.

We are writing this on the basis of that report, with the hope that, in the final analysis, we will have to eat these words. But, if all indications are not completely erroneous, we are faced with a disgraceful situation.

Do you, Mr. and Mrs. Greenbelt, realize that the attitude evidenced in the sale of these Defense Rally tickets has been and is a major cause of the set-backs of the United Nations cause? Complacency and smugness are the greatest tools that Hitler and his stooges can possibly use and they are doing everything to foster that among the nations they are trying to enslave. Throughout the recent reverses in the Far East, the thought that we cannot lose or "It Can't Happen Here" has been more important than the strengthening of the defenses. That very same thought in Greenbelt will be the cause of the loss of many a life and home in the bombing raids that should be expected.

Your dollar will do more than anything outside of your personal activities in preventing serious loss and will do more than anything to save your life and your home. Your dollar will buy the end to smugness and complacency in Greenbelt. Your dollar is the symbol of the spirit of the American people to defend, whatever the cost may be, our precious heritage of life and liberty. Buy your ticket now and be safe in the knowledge that you have done at least part of your duty to yourself and to your community.

Waste Collection Tomorrow

The salvage crew will again collect newspapers and magazines, scrap iron and other metals tomorrow. Last Saturday marked the first collection, and many residents notified us that they had been missed.

The salvage collectors have asked that all newspapers and magazines be tied in bundles, and placed at the edge of the street or driveway nearest your home, for this second pick-up.

Here is a chance to clean out that attic or closet, and at the same time help yourself win the war.

Milking Time Once More

Increases in the price of milk are becoming a habit for the Washington area. The dairy interests are at it again, and hearings were being held by the Department of Agriculture to see if the price of milk can be raised another cent per quart for local consumers.

Needless to point out again, another boost in price will probably reduce consumption of this health-building food at a time when proper nutrition is being urged throughout the land.

To the several Greenbelt housewives who took the floor as witnesses in protest of the price increase threat last week—our gratitude. It is good to know that someone is in there fighting while the rest of us sit at home and bemoan rising prices.

Calendar of Events

Friday, February 20

Band	6:30 p. m.	Auditorium
Feeder Band	6:30	Hobby Room
String Orchestra	7:00	Room 123
Fire Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
Spanish Class	7:30	Room 222
Community Church Choir	8:00	11-F Ridge
Hebrew Congregation	8:30	Music Room
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Membership Party	9:30	Music Room

Saturday, February 21

Fire Auxiliary	2:00 p. m.	Fire House
Confessions	7:30	27-A Ridge
Defense Rally	8:00	Auditorium

Sunday, February 22

Catholic Sunday School	8:30 a. m.	Theater
Catholic Mass	9:00	Theater
Community Church Sunday School	9:30	Elementary School
Community Church Service	11:00	Auditorium
L. D. S. Sunday School	11:00	Home Ec. Room
Police Auxiliary	2:00 p. m.	Pistol Range
L. D. S. Priesthood	6:30	Home Ec. Room
L. D. S. Service	7:00	Home Ec. Room
Community Church Young People's Group	7:00	Elementary School
Community Church High School Group	8:00	18-C Parkway

Monday, February 23

Girl Scout Troop 26	7:00 p. m.	Room 223
Sewing Class	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Typewriting & Shorthand Class	7:30	High School
Home Mechanics	7:30	High School
Police Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
Fire Auxiliary	7:45	Fire House
Motor Corps	7:45	Fire House
Catholic Choir	8:00	Music Room
*P.T.A.	8:00	Auditorium
Council	8:00	Council Room

Tuesday, February 24

Pottery Class	7:30 p. m.	21 Parkway basement
L. D. S. Ladies Relief Society	8:15	Home Ec. Room

Wednesday, February 25

First Aid Class	2:00 p. m.	Music Room
Brownies	3:30	Music Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
Police Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
Girl Scout Troop 15	7:30	2-G Eastway
Girl Scout Troop 18	7:30	Room 223
First Aid Class	7:45	Room 225
Midweek Meeting	8:00	Music Room

Thursday, February 26

L. D. S. Primary Group	4:00 p. m.	Music Room
Boy Scout Troop 202	7:00	Hobby Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
Girl Scout Troop 17	7:30	Room 123
First Aid Class	7:45	Music Room
Cooperator Staff Meeting	8:00	Cooperator Office

*Parent-Teachers Association

No organization in Greenbelt has for its theme a more vital one than that adopted by the Parent-Teachers Association, namely, "Expanding Resources—A Shared Responsibility". Your P.T.A. sponsors a dual program in its current work; first, regular monthly meetings through which are worked out methods of expanding resources by means of library, visual aid and excursions; and secondly, interpretation of the work accomplished at the culmination of units through especially called home room meetings.

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month and the meeting February 23 is to demonstrate the educational use of school motion picture projection, with Robert Howey assisting. A movie made during last year's work at school will be shown.

Greenbelt Parent-Teachers Association was organized shortly after the opening of the Elementary School in 1937 and now has about 150 members. Qualification for membership is simply a love of children and an interest in their welfare. One does not need to be either a parent or a teacher. A single membership costs but 25 cents for the school year, part of which goes to promote national P.T.A. work and part of which is kept in Greenbelt for school expenses.

Two of the most important subjects under discussion at present are a higher wage scale for teachers and the adoption of the "6-3-3" plan. This is the elementary school of six years, supplemented by a three year junior high and three year senior high school set-up.

A Tribute

To The Editor:

Since Paul Zimmerman has been transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada, it is fitting that tribute be paid to him for his contribution to Greenbelt. An individualist and a real sportsman, his generosity and unselfishness were a bright spot in the town. Paul took more pleasure in the natural beauty of the surrounding country and spent more time outdoors than anyone we know.

He was a mainstay of the Gun Club and the best all-round shot in Greenbelt. He not only liked to shoot on any occasion, against any odds, but could also be depended upon to put in the hardest day's work with a pick and shovel when the range needed it. We wish him luck in his new job and good hunting.

—The Greenbelt Gun Club

Hi, Neighbor!

We have seven new neighbors this week who moved in before February 11. Welcome to Greenbelt! You might like to know that the Defense Rally tomorrow night is for your protection, too; so you can prepare for your future protection, and enjoy yourself at the same time, all for \$1. Hi, Neighbor!

Nathan J. Snapp, 40-D Crescent
 Wendy Anderson, 14-C Crescent
 H. Clayton Ayler, 50-B Crescent
 James W. Brining, 9-1 Southway
 John S. Leonhard, 9-R Southway
 Victor M. Frankfather, 7-K Southway

J. B. Powell, 18-K Ridge

GOOD-BYE, GOOD LUCK

To the four families who left us before February 11, we really mean it when we say Good-bye and Good-luck!
 Gaile M. Parent, 22-A Parkway
 Oscar C. Lightner, 39-E Ridge
 Frank S. Harris, 56-J Crescent
 Terrell C. Cone, 6-G Hillside

Community Church

"Remember Jesus" will be the theme of the Reverend Wilmer Pierce Johnston's sermon to be preached at the Greenbelt Community Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism and of Infant Dedication will be observed at the morning service. This being a community church each family will decide for itself which they wish. Please notify the pastor if you desire either.

The church school will meet at the regular time, 9:30 a. m., in the Community building. The young peoples Societies will meet at their regular time, 7:00 p. m., in their regular rooms, in the community building.

The Choir will meet today at eight o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Griggs, 2 F Ridge Road.

Wednesday at 8 o'clock there will be the regular Mid-week prayer meeting for those who cannot attend the Sunday Morning worship: for those who wish to be prepared to teach the international Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday; and for those who love a mid-week meeting. This Wednesday the new Protestant families who live at 14 and 16 Ridge Road are invited as the special guest of the Church and a short reception will follow the regular meeting. The members of the Finance Committee and their wives are to be the special hosts and hostesses. All members and friends of the church are invited to these meetings.

PTA Round Table On 'Report Cards'

A motion picture will be shown for the Greenbelt Parent-Teachers Association Monday, February 23, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium to point up a discussion on "Educational Use of School Projectors." The film is one made last year by Aaron Chinitz.

Mrs. Catherine T. Reed will explain how the defense program affects elementary school children. One feature of the evening will be a round table discussion led by Mrs. Lewis P. Ditman on the subject of report cards. The audience will participate in this.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the P.T. A. it was voted to sponsor the minstrel show and dance to be given by the Parent-Teachers Federation of Prince Georges County, in an effort to secure higher salaries for teachers. This will be given in the auditorium of Bladensburg High School Friday, February 27, at 8 p. m. Dancing will be from 10 until 12 o'clock and the admission is to be 50 cents per person, tax included. Tickets may be secured from Mrs. Evelyn Lung, newly appointed chairman of the ways and means committee, living at 7-F Crescent Road.

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of February 14, 1941.)

Greenbelt gets defense workers homes—Milk Club launches membership drive—"Cholly" Bradley elected president—Athletic Club held its annual banquet—Hebrew Congregation and Community Church held inter-faith meeting, Rabbi Samuel Silver presiding—Lindsey Thomas resigns G. C. S. Board.

New Babies

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell A. Peterson, a daughter, Karen Elise, on December 10, 1941. The Petersons reside at 6-C Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goldstein announce the birth of a 6½ pound baby girl Shellie Ann, born in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman are the proud parents of a 6½ pound baby girl, arlene, born in Washington.

Mrs. Roosevelt

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heated and the outcome at press time is still in doubt with competition for first place see-sawing hourly.

Prices for tickets are \$1 per couple and 10 cents for children accompanied by adults, and are available in the drug store.

*This Edition is being sold for
five cents--all proceeds will go
to the local defense fund.*

OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Do you have your Rally ticket yet? If you haven't, save your money and buy it at the door tomorrow night. They're selling them there, too. I can hardly wait to see and hear Mrs. Roosevelt. I hope she's as wonderful as everyone tells me she is. Then, too, I'm rather anxious about the outcome of the popularity contest. So far (that is, as of Tuesday night) our candidate, Joan McNamara, is ahead. Joan's a swell girl and evidently we're not the only ones who think so! Of course, the dance will be fun. I hear that Joe Baldwin's orchestra—a six-piece affair—is very good. Several Greenbelters have told me of dancing to their music. Perhaps the spot of the program that will appeal most to the intellect will be the address by Professor Scharffenberg, on "The War in the Pacific." He ought to know about it, he's an expert on the Far East.

Say, ladies, don't you have an hour or two a week that you'd be willing to give to the Civilian Defense preparations? Spotters are very badly needed for the daytime, and since the men are all working at that time, it's up to us to help.

A very likeable lass, Miss Emma Bagwell of Mount Rainier, is the new beauty operator in the local get-pretty shop. She's been there since February 2.—Former mayor Henry H. Maurer was in town this week. As you probably know, Mr. Maurer has been living in Chicago for about a year, since he took a position with Civil Aeronautics. His job calls for quite a bit of travelling, we understand.—You'll be glad to know that Mrs. S. H. Downs is much better. She was very sick for a while. The time and energy she was giving to Civilian Defense activities might have had a lot to do with her illness. At any rate, we hope she'll take it easy now.—Mr. George Trieman, who was 30 years old Sunday, was given a party by Mrs. Samuel L. Perchick at her home, 2-D Westway. Mr. Trieman lives at 7-F Ridge Road.—Correction: This column recently inquired about the possibility of the discovery of red hair in a Ford Coach. The owner of the car in question called me and said it's a 1935 Graham coach, not a Ford. It's still red hair though!

School friends of Lester Sanders, Jr. who suffered a broken thigh in December will be glad to know that he will be out of the cast later this month.

For what we hope is the final time—what well-known local editor whose name begins with F has not yet thrown that "house-warming" as is a house-warming?
See you all at the Rally!

Lost and Found Collection Offered

A new collection of articles lost and found again are awaiting identification at the Administration office. Those listed below will be held for several days to be claimed by owners before being turned over for welfare purposes.

- 1 blue felt hat, size 6 3/4, boy's
- 1 blue wool plaid scarf
- 1 brown and yellow checked scarf (crocheted)
- 1 green knitted scarf
- 1 rust silk scarf
- 1 red plaid umbrella (child's)
- 1 child's tan straw bonnet
- 1 blue felt tam
- 1 red and white wool stocking cap
- 2 brown leather helmets
- 1 brown corduroy helmet
- 1 child's red flannel cape
- 1 pair silk stockings
- 1 brown 3-button galosh, size 8 1/2
- odd leather purse
- 3 tie clasps
- 1 rhinestone pin
- 1 rabbit's hair "beanie"—blue
- 1 white pillow case
- 3 pairs ladies' black cotton gloves
- 1 pair brown leather gloves
- 1 pair white wool socks
- 1 brown and green elastic belt
- 1 pair men's tan pigskin gloves
- 1 pair black leather gloves
- 1 pair brown cotton gloves
- 1 pair children's green wool mittens (figured)
- 1 pair children's green wool mittens
- 1 pair children's brown leather mittens
- odd gloves and mittens
- 1 brown and red baseball cap
- 1 child's knitted cap, brown (Scotch)
- 1 green snow suit belt

HighSchoolChatter

By JOAN McNAMARA

Hi there!

Not that I'm being unpatriotic in the least, but, really, this daylight saving racket is beginning to get me down.—We start for school while the moon's still out. How unromantic! But there's always that extra hour after school, so what have we got to lose?

Well, guess what? Both of our basketball teams beat Mt. Rainier High last Friday night. Let's hope the boys keep up that solid playing for the rest of the season, and as for the girls—well—they're just perfect!

One of our latest clubs at the school, the Charm club, held its first meeting last Wednesday and elected officers as follows: President—Rosalie Poston; Vice President—Jane Jones; Secretary—Helen Zoellner, and also a program committee consisting of such well-known students as Janet Neff, Shirley Cushing, Helen Zoellner, Lorraine Mullen, and Mary Lowe. For the remainder of the period, we discussed the various things that are included in a charm club. At the present, we are trying to get a beautician to speak before the class as soon as possible.

Two new students were welcomed to our humble abode last week. Robert Swales and Tom Buchanan, both of Beltsville. (See, I told you our school was expanding.)

Don't Say I Told You, But..... Nope! Not a blessed thing in the line of dirt for this week—believe it or not. It just doesn't seem like Greenbelt without the gossip, does it? But miracles DO happen y'know. (And unless I miss my guess, there will be plenty of cat-talk next week.)

So I guess this is where I came in, so we'll leave you now and especially you grown-ups so as you can struggle through your income taxes in a short time. (Those of you who do put up a struggle, you'll know what kind of a life some of us lead during our math classes.)

So long 'til next week!

New G.C.S. Policy Limits Patronage To Shareholders

The policy of requiring a person to invest \$10 for the purchase of a voting share in Greenbelt Consumer Services before he is eligible for a patronage return does not apply to the 1941 patronage return, it was reiterated by a spokesman for the cooperative last week.

The membership, at its annual meeting early this month, overwhelmingly voted to amend the by-laws to provide for such a cash investment upon the unanimous recommendation of its board of directors. Under the new plan a non-member patron who has not purchased a share by December 31, 1942 will have one full year in which to invest the money and receive credit for any patronage refund due him.

Also adopted by the membership was a policy, likewise recommended by the board, requiring a minimum share holding of \$30 per account below which cash may not be withdrawn except in circumstances which the board deems adequate.

Board members have pointed out to the membership that the cooperative must strengthen its financial structure. Retirement of the debt to Consumer Distribution Corporation and providing goods and services for an expanded population are some of the reasons advanced by directors for additional capital.

Because some persons who are contemplating moving as a result of decentralization plans of the Government and are or will be credited with less than \$10 for patronage refunds are confused about these requirements, the cooperative issued the above explanation of the situation.

"Putting cash into G.C.S. is an investment, returnable to the investor, but efforts are being made to protect the investment of the entire membership," one director stated for the paper this week.

"You would be amazed at some of the reasons given to the board for requesting withdrawal," stated one of the directors at the annual meeting. Many shares, obtained solely from patronage refund credits, have been withdrawn upon the slightest pretext, thereby reducing the capital stock of the cooperative.

Timely Facts for Consumers

Intelligent Consumption Makes for Better, Happier Living.

News of the home front

"We of the home front are in for an increasingly drastic rationing program, in which sugar is just a starter," said "Victory," governmental publication, last week.

"We can look forward to a time when a new radio may be as hard to come by as a new tire.

"We know that shortages are going to affect the styling of our clothes as well as our diets."

The Price Control act, plus rationing, will keep prices in check, predicted the paper. But farm price provisions written into the act may lead to some increase in the cost of foods.

The tin can will go thru this war chiefly as a container for vegetables and meat products. Tin cans for baking powder, beer, biscuits, candy, cereals, flour, chocolate and cocoa, coffee, dogfood, spices, petroleum products and tobacco have been sharply limited. (In 1941, beer cans consumed 1,600 tons of tin, dogfood and 820 tons.)

"There'll be enough sugar thru-out 1942 to supply basic dietary needs," stated Victory. To stop hoarding and make sure that everyone gets his share of sugar, plans are now being made to ration it at the rate of 3/4 pounds per person per week (the British ration is 1/2 pound per person per week).

"There will probably be adequate supplies of most of the commoner spices," the U. S. has 2 years' supply of pepper in warehouses. Our own mustard crop will more than meet 1942 needs. Mexico and the West Indies can give us some vanilla.

Ho. Hum. Scantier skirts

Women's styles will change to conserve cloth. Chances are we are in for a period of slim silhouettes and short skirts. Girdles and corsets will still be available, but redesigned to save rubber.

The coat and suit industry plans to blend used and reworked wool, together with cotton and rayon,

with virgin wool. Choice of colors may be somewhat limited.

Many clothing workers will be diverted into war production.

All in all, you'd better take good care of the clothes you have and the new ones you buy.

To knit or not to knit

As regards knitting for the soldier boys, the War Production Board states that it doesn't want "a broad wave of knitting that will consume millions of pounds of wool needed for more essential purposes." But it does want women to knit sweaters when commanding officers have asked for such requests are made thru the Red Cross, so consult your local Red Cross on the knitting question. Remember, Uncle Sam clothes his soldiers well and warmly.

Nickel, brass and copper will be saved by cutting our 50 percent of the non-essential electric lamps. This includes Christmas tree lamps, advertising and display lamps.

How to use less sugar

In order to conserve sugar, the U. S. Bureau of Home Economics makes these practical suggestions:

Try less sugar in your coffee and tea. Many people now prefer these beverages without any sugar. In any case, stir up well the sugar you use in coffee and tea. Sugar doesn't sweeten your drink if you leave it unstirred at the bottom of the cup.

Make fewer desserts that require sweetening with sugar. Fresh fruit salad is one dessert that has plenty of natural sugar.

Dried fruits such as raisins, dates, figs, prunes, peaches, apricots, and others are rich in sugar and should be eaten with breakfast cereal, in desserts and in place of candy, to save sugar.

Fresh fruits are rich in sugar content and should be used extensively.

The candy, ice cream, chewing gum, and soda you have during the day all contain sugar. If you use much of them, the sweetening in them gives you energy.

Balancing the Budget

By BERTHA MARYN SOUPS

There have been several request for a "BORTSCH" recipe. Like soups in general bortsch has variations and varieties. The two large variations are hot bortsch and cold bortsch. Hot bortsch is really a vegetable soup and is quite easy to make. The best kind of meat to use for hot bortsch is breast of beef and the accompanying bone. (Most of the fat should be trimmed off.)

- 1 1/2 to 2 lbs of beef
- 1 small cabbage
- 1 can of grade "C" tomatoes
- two or three beets (not absolutely necessary)
- juice of 1 or 2 lemons or some citric acid
- 1 tablespoon of sugar (or enough to taste)
- 1 onion

Cook meat in about two quarts of water with beets cut into cubes, and one onion for an hour and a half. Shred and wash cabbage and place into soup. Put in can of tomatoes, and lemon juice or citric acid and sugar. Cook another 45 minutes. Not only is the soup good but the meat cooked this way is delicious served with horseradish sauce.

Cold Bortsch

This bortsch is really at its best on a hot summer day served ice cold.

- two bunches of beets
- two lemons (juice)
- one large onion.
- enough sugar to taste.

Peel and grate beets and onion, cook in two quarts of water, for approximately 1 hour. Add lemon juice, salt and sugar, and cook another 20 minutes. Chill thoroughly and serve with sour cream.

A variation of cold bortsch can be made by using spinach instead of beets.

A correction: last week's column carried a recipe of "quick soup" which omitted a very important item. The list of ingredients should read: 2 or 3 tablespoons of rice, celery, onion, carrot and one can of tomatoes.

Stamps To Pay For Co-op Radio Program

The fund-raising campaign being sponsored by the Eastern Cooperative League for the "National Cooperative Radio Program," an idea that is becoming very popular, according to statements made by the league, is being conducted for a three month period, January through March.

Stamps are the principal instrument for raising the \$50,000 needed for the radio program. These stamps are sold in sheets of 100 at \$1, or a penny a stamp. People who cannot purchase 100 stamps may contribute smaller amounts.

The sheets are perforated so that the stamps may be easily separated and used on letters or for other purposes.

No one is being "high pressured" into purchasing the stamps, it was made clear. They are being sold locally by Greenbelt Consumer Services. More than \$8 worth were purchased at the recent annual meeting of G. C. S.

Now it's the Summer Straight-Neck Squash, instead of the summer crookneck squash. After many years of breeding, scientists of the Department of Agriculture have succeeded in straightening the neck of the crookneck squash. The squash still retains its flavor, but its shape is now described as "like a stretched out egg."

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Intrigue Threatens Voorhis-Wagner Bill

By JOHN CARSON

Political intrigue threatens the Voorhis-Wagner Bill to create a post-war economic commission. Only a determined and unrelenting demand from consumers and from the "public" will save the resolution and the proposal to do a non-political and sound post-war economic planning job from failure.

Congressman Robert Ramspeck, chairman of a subcommittee of the House Committee on Labor, this week got the Voorhis resolution favorably reported by his subcommittee. Enthusiasm developed. Only a favorable report from the entire Labor Committee was then needed to get the issue into the House.

Suddenly, Congressman James M. Barnes of Illinois bobbed up with a resolution to create a House Committee which would attempt to study the post-war problems. And just as "suddenly" the Democratic leaders of the House began to manifest great interest in the Barnes resolution. It was "off" this sudden interest that the foul smell of political intrigue arose. There is reason and fact to substantiate and support the belief today that the Democratic House leadership, either through ignorance or because of some questionable design is determined to have the Barnes resolution adopted and thus sidetrack interest in the other proposals.

The Ramspeck report sustained everything that had been contended by The Cooperative League and all other public groups which had supported the Voorhis-Wagner proposal. Ramspeck urged the creation of a Commission of three Senators, three Congressmen and three representatives of executive departments along with three "from organizations of consumers, at least two of whom shall be from associations of consumer co-operatives", and three from organizations of farmers, labor, business, banks, church organizations and from educational associations. He also proposed that each of these groups should submit three nominations to the President for each appointment to be made.

Ramspeck heard all the testimony on this proposal. He did not begin his inquiry with any prejudice. In fact, at the outset of the hearing he was disposed to feel the commission proposed by Voorhis would be too cumbersome and that the "public" representation was not needed. But Ramspeck saw, quickly, the sound reasoning behind the Voorhis proposal and that, as The Cooperative League had contended, "public" representation was needed to inspire public support and public interest and public confidence. Then he became one of the most ardent advocates of the Voorhis proposal.

Early in the consideration of the Voorhis-Wagner proposal, some job-holders in the National Resources Planning Board, an agency in the executive department of the government, carried on subversive activities against the resolution. They were frank in their expressions of doubt about the future power of the legislative branch of government and rather determined to grasp power for themselves and their Board, and their jobs. But their activities diminished finally and their opposition was hushed and opportunity was offered for free and fair consideration of the Voorhis-Wagner plan.

Why Congressman Barnes and the House Democratic leaders stepped into this situation is a question still. Post war planning has become a much discussed subject in many places in Washington recently and particularly in executive departments. Suspicion that some of these department job-holders were still active in a sabotage campaign against the Voorhis-Wagner proposal and that that would explain the interest in the Barnes resolution was not borne out. On the contrary, some of the supporters of the Barnes resolution are emphatic in their opposition to the "executive departments of the government". But whatever may be the motives behind the Barnes resolution, the fact is that sound post-war planning is threatened now by political intrigue.

It is reported that potato rations in one section of Belgium were not distributed for an entire month. Exorbitant black market prices also prevail there, with even cats bringing 40 francs apiece.

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Prices Memo

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In the past year the index has risen nearly 38%.

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