



Greenbelt Fire Loss For 1941--\$000; Panagoulis Praised

Praising Director of Public Safety George J. Panagoulis for the excellent record of his Department, Town Manager Roy S. Braden revealed at Monday's Council meeting that Greenbelt did not suffer any loss from home fires during 1941. Mr. Braden further stated, "Greenbelt's losses from home fires during the last 4½ years total less than \$100 on property valued at approximately \$5,000,000." The firefighters responded to 34 calls during the last year, but only 2 were to house fires, he added.

No Crime Problem

In reporting on the work of the Police Department, Mr. Panagoulis stated, "The figures show rather conclusively that we have no crime problem in Greenbelt."

Although 189 arrests were made during the year, only 1.5 per cent were for criminal offenses, 92 per cent for minor traffic violations, and the other 6.5 per cent for minor non-traffic violations. The town's share of nearly \$700 paid out for town fines and costs was \$308.

Defense Stamps Offered As Prize In Essay Contest

By JOSEPH VELLA

Next to buying Defense Bonds and stamps, the most patriotic to do is to win them in the worthy way announced by the Catholic Daughters of America through Prince Georges' Court Number 1340. There is nothing to buy, no box tops to cut out, and no labels to send in; it's only necessary to string 500 good words together in the next two weeks to win either prize of \$3.00 or \$5.00 in Defense Stamps. This handsome rate of one cent per word (as much as most professional authors are paid) will be awarded the essay which best explains the contestant's views on the theme "Why I Like Good Literature." But remember—it must be written; essays carried around in peoples' heads will be disqualified by the judges, since neatness of manuscript is one of the judging points.

The contest is open to school children (both public and private) of Prince Georges County; essays are limited to 500 words and all essays must be postmarked not later than Monday, April 27, 1942. Prizes will be offered for essays in two classes: Class One, those essays submitted by High School students; and Class Two, essays turned in by students from Fifth Grade to High School.

This is what to shoot at. All essays will be considered as to English, which makes it easy; general composition, which makes it some job; originality, this might be fun; and neatness of manuscript—which means you've got to put it on paper to win. But not in pencil, please, for that would disqualify the entry. Contestants are asked by the sponsors of the contest to keep in mind that the object of the essay is to help make Prince Georges County the finest State from the standpoint of clean, wholesome books and magazines offered for sale at our book stands.

Essays must be plainly signed with the name of the contestant; school, grade and age of contestant must appear in the upper righthand corner of each page. Mail your essay to Mrs. Luis Granados, 5504-54th Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland, who is representing the Americanization Committee, Court Prince Georges, Number 1340, Catholic Daughters of America. It's as easy as that—you trade an ordinary 3 cents postal stamp and your thoughts on why you like good literature for a handsome batch of hard-working Defense Stamps.

Council May Vote Pool Restriction To Greenbelters

Limited admission to the swimming pool will be considered by the Town Council when it meets Monday, April 27. The proposal under discussion would permit only Greenbelters and their guests to use the facilities. Present plans call for May 30, as the opening date.

If this is done, he added, a slight increase may be necessary in the charge to local residents, as the pool's expenses have formerly been carried mostly by outside users, Roy Braden, Town Manager, advised the Cooperator.

No yearly passes will be issued this year for use of the swimming pool, Mr. Braden said, since chemicals can be purchased only for a month at a time, and there is a possibility that the pool will only be open one month. Monthly passes will probably be issued, said Mr. Braden, in addition to the regular ticket strips.

Yesterday saw the end of the winter's indoor recreational program in Greenbelt and the beginning of a summer outdoor program, including tennis courts, softball practice, and plans for opening the swimming pool. The tennis courts were opened last week-end, according to Mr. Braden, and the softball and baseball fields are being prepared now for spring practice. At present all ball practice is being conducted elsewhere.

Measles On Decline, Health Dept. Reports

"The contagious diseases have gradually begun to decline in March, and fewer cases of measles and chicken-pox are now appearing. More cases can be anticipated in subsequent months, but on a very diminished scale," the local Department of Public Health reported this week to the Town Council.

The report, submitted by Dr. Joseph M. Silagy, shows 140 cases of measles in Greenbelt since the beginning of the school year last September.

During the month of March the sanitation division of the Greenbelt Department of Public Works collected and disposed of approximately 135 tons of garbage and rubbish.

1½ Tons Scrap, Week's Total; Defense Units Need Volunteers

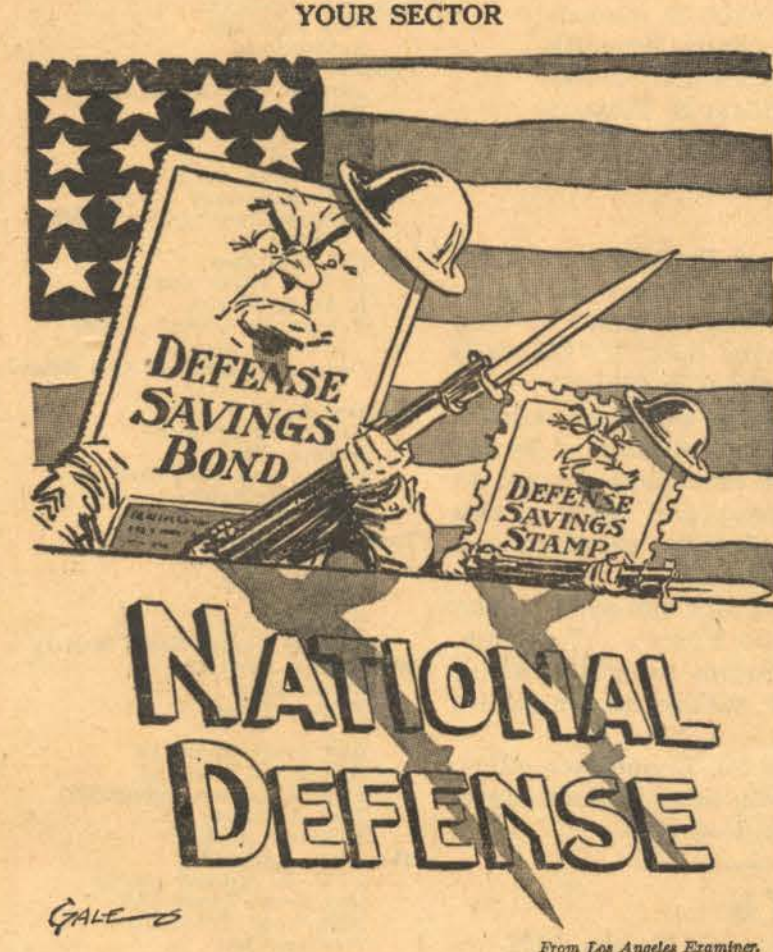
By PHIL WEXLER

Approximately one and a half tons of paper and metal were gathered by a temporary crew who worked from five to eight Monday evening under Salvage Committee Chief Arthur Gawthrop. Mr. Gawthrop expressed his appreciation of his crew's work and offered a special note of thanks to the neighborhood children who unsparingly helped gather materials for the collection crew. "The residents cooperated wonderfully," he stated.

Suggestion: Please tie or weigh down all papers and metals so that they will be easier to collect. Place all bundles in driveway near 6:30 p. m. on Monday (don't place them out in the morning as they are bound to scatter or be taken by someone besides Greenbelt's Salvage Committee).

Plans are being formulated for successive clean-up drives and volunteers are requested to contact Mr. Gawthrop so that a list of persons willing and able to aid in salvage collections may be drawn up.

Blood Bank Unit: Mrs. Margaret Miller, announces a house-to-house canvass campaign to start Monday morning, April 20, wherein all women will be asked to volunteer their services for the Blood Bank. Transportation will be fur-



Red Cross Gives \$100 To National War Fund 350 Victory Gardens Under Way Tomorrow

Receipts from the Red Cross Dance Saturday, April 11, raised Greenbelt's contribution to the National War Fund to over \$100, the largest contribution to date in Prince Georges County. Dancing to the tune of Joe Baldwin's Orchestra from 10:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m. interspersed with quizzes and refreshments, the evening proved an outstanding social success.

Mrs. Joseph Rogers is to be thanked for directing Greenbelt's part in this nation-wide drive for war relief funds. The school contributed \$10, the remainder of the \$100 came from the jeans of the Saturday night merrymakers. Refreshments netted \$18 and the cloak room \$10.

Quiz program winner was Miss Marjorie Welch, and Ray Trumbell was seen walking away with the door prize—a juicy ham.

Mrs. Rogers wishes to thank all individuals and organizations who contributed in this drive.

Victory vegetables are on the way! Delayed by snow and rain, the ground for Greenbelt's amateur farmers has been at last prepared. Monday, April 13, the land had been plowed; Tuesday it was fertilized. The staking and assigning of the lots will be done not later than Saturday, April 18.

It is hoped that Greenbelt's farmers and farmerettes have their tools and seeds ready so that actual planting may be begun over the week-end.

Town Manager Roy S. Braden announced that 315 requests had been received at the latest report and that a total of 350 was expected.

He said it was gratifying to note that there is an increase of 100 gardeners over the total of any other year.

Additional good news is the recovery of Angus McGreggor, the head gardener, who has been ill. He is expected back on the job next week.

Woman's Club To Aid USO Dance at Laurel

Greenbelt's Women's Club decided at its annual business meeting April 9, to furnish hostesses for the U. S. O. Dance April 18, at Laurel, Maryland. Girls over 17 years of age are eligible as dancing partners of the service men. Those contributing cakes for the event are asked to take them to Mrs. Hartford Downs or Mrs. Leon Benefiel.

The last meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Guy Andrus, 11-R Ridge Road, had as co-hostesses Mrs. George Panagoulis and Mrs. Turner. Other subjects under discussion included President Roosevelt's designation of May as "Cancer Control Month." It was stressed that a contribution of \$1.00 is enough to make the contributor a member of the field army of cancer control, to which all funds go. A movie, "Choose to Live," dealing with this subject, will be shown at the Greenbelt Theatre April 14 and 15.

ARP Personnel Needed

Due to vacancies created by residents who have left town in recent weeks George Panagoulis announces the beginning of a new class for auxiliary policemen and firemen. All interested should contact Mr. Panagoulis at the local Fire House.

Phone Network Will Replace Air-Raid Stations

Greenbelt will not have air-raid stations, Town Manager Braden announced at Monday's Town Council meeting. The air-raid wardens have decided that strategically located telephones in call boxes, housed in garages, will be sufficient to meet emergency needs, Mr. Braden said.

These phones will be on a separate circuit from the regular telephone system, and will operate when ordinary power facilities fail. This system of air-raid communications will cost the town \$31.50 per month.

Mr. Braden informed the Council that although no purchase of fire hose and a pump for the auxiliary water supply had been made it was expected that they would be secured within a short time when prices on these articles had been received.

Tax Collections Lag

Town Treasurer, J. W. Rabbitt, Jr., in issuing the financial report disclosed that collections of garbage assessments were definitely behind the last year's tax income when personal property taxes were levied. Mr. Rabbitt also reported an available surplus of \$2,994.54 as of December 31, 1941. Total expenditures and encumbrances for the year were \$94,045.40, with the Hospital and the Department of Public Safety deriving the greatest expenditures for personal services.

A new ordinance regulating the use of the Greenbelt Cemetery and setting the prices for burial plots was presented to the Council for first reading. Prices would range from \$20 to \$75. The proposed regulation would prohibit erection of tombstones or markers above the ground level.

Total Blackout Is Total Success

With the sounding of the alert at 9:59 p. m. Tuesday, the people of Greenbelt tried out their first total blackout.

The auxiliaries went to their posts and efficiently swung into action when the red signal was given.

There were no stragglers and the blackout was complete until the all-clear at 10:51.

A. R. P. Chief George Panagoulis expressed appreciation at the 100 per cent cooperation shown by everyone. However, he voiced the suggestion that lights need not be turned off at the one long blast of the horn, which is merely an alert signal and not a raid warning. A blast of the horn is also sounded to call the auxiliary firemen to their stations. Lights must be turned off only at the series of short blasts of the sirens.

Biographies Prove Popular at Library

Biographies lead the list of non-fiction books read by Greenbelters during the month of March according to Librarian Rebba Harris, with books on Literature running a close second. The third most popular type of reading matter issued was social sciences with the surprising fact that of the 71 books read, 34 were called for by juveniles or only 3 less than by adults. The number of fiction books withdrawn by Greenbelters, Mrs. Harris reported, was 2,136 out of a total of 2603 books of all kinds.

John Belton Joins Police

Effective as of April 1 John Belton is appointed to the position of regular police officer for Greenbelt. He has been serving as a special officer.

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Question Box

Every new resident and some of the old ones have questions about Greenbelt. "How can I get to Indian Springs?" "How are our electricity bills figured?" "Who is the mayor?" "Are there fish in the lake?" "Where is Woodland Way?" "How do I join the Gun Club?"

The booklet issued to newcomers by the Town Administration, leaflets from the co-ops, the Calendar of Events in the Cooperator and other media have been devised to help all of us orient ourselves quickly and easily in this community. Sometimes, however, specific questions pop up and remain unanswered.

Beginning next week the Cooperator proposes to run a question box—a sort of "I Want to Know . . ." column. We will attempt to answer all questions submitted which relate to Greenbelt, seeking proper authorities for replies which we cannot manage ourselves.

Mail or bring your questions to the Cooperator office, room 202 over the drug store, or drop them in the Cooperator box behind the west door of the drug store.

Things Look Better For Us

It's probably just a coincidence but it's the kind we like. During the last two weeks eight new residents joined the Cooperator staff. Several of these even have previous newspaper experience. After a long hard winter, spring is indeed here. We feel a lot better on discovering that some of our neighbors are willing to give us a hand in making this the kind of a community paper we want and you will like.

With support like this we will do our best to push this up above the high school level and keep it there.

You, too, can help even though you are not on the staff. Let us know the tips you have on possible news stories. Greenbelt is fast becoming a big town, and a handful of amateur reporters cannot give complete coverage in the few spare hours available after working all day. Did your neighbors have a baby? Is the bus service better—or worse? Are new shrubs being planted in your neighborhood? Have you been appointed to a local committee? What does your youngster report on happenings at school? Was there an accident near your house? Did you hear of new construction for Greenbelt? These things are news. Your neighbors want to read the complete details about them.

Help us with any suggestions you may have. See in the Cooperator office over the drug store Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings, mail us your helpful ideas or drop them in the Cooperator box behind the west door of the drug store.

Our Low Fire Loss

"No fire loss for Greenbelt homes in 1941" was the report of the Department of Public Safety to the Town Council Monday night. This record makes us feel proud, happy, and secure. Added to previous years this gives an impressive picture of the safety values to be obtained by careful community planning, fireproof safeguards in construction, and adequate protection by fire-fighting equipment.

In 4½ years our town has suffered less than \$100 damage on property valued at approximately five million dollars.

Explanation

Inasmuch as there seemed to have been a little confusion concerning the Black-Out Signals as evidenced by the number of lights going out on the alert and coming on again with the real air raid signal some sort of explanation is indicated. The alert signal is one long blast on the FIRE WHISTLE. This serves to announce the receipt of a "yellow" signal or means that hostile planes have been sighted. A "Alert" can last for hours and only means that you should PREPARE to take shelter, turn out the lights, etc. if the air raid warning, short blasts on the SIREN, are sounded. It also means that members of the Defense Corps are to assume their positions and be prepared for any eventuality. You may continue your normal life during the duration of an alert. The period of an alert will be

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 17		
Band Practice	6:30 p. m.	Auditorium
Feeder Band Practice	6:30	Hobby Room
Stringed Orchestra	7:00	Room 123
Fire Auxiliary	7:30	Fire House
First Aid Class	8:00	Room 225
Community Church Choir	8:00	3-D Ridge
Hebrew Congregation	8:00	Music Room
Saturday, April 18		
Fire Auxiliary	2:00 p. m.	Fire House
Confessions	7:30	27-A Ridge
Sunday, April 19		
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
Hebrew Congregation Sunday School	11:00	Elementary School
Fire Auxiliary	2:00 p. m.	Fire House
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, April 20		
Girl Scout Troop 26	7:00 p. m.	Room 223
Sewing Class	7:30	Home Ec. Room
Typing and Shorthand	7:30	High School
Home Mechanics	7:30	High School
First Aid	8:00	Room 225
Tuesday, April 21		
First Aid Class	7:30 p. m.	3-H Ridge
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
Catholic Choir	8:15	Music Room
L. D. S. Ladies Relief Society	8:30	Home Ec. Room
Wednesday, April 22		
Brownies	3:30 p. m.	Music Room
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement
Girl Scout Troop 15	7:30	2-G Eastway
Girl Scout Troop 18	7:30	Room 223
First Aid Class (advanced)	7:30	Room 225
Fire Auxiliary	8:00	Fire House
Midweek Meeting	8:00	Music Room
Thursday, April 23		
L. D. S. Primary Group	4:00 p. m.	Music Room
Boy Scout Troop 202	7:00	Hobby Room
Girl Scout Troop 17	7:30	Room 123
Pottery Class	7:30	21 Parkway basement

*Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation

The Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation was formed in March 1939. Rabbi Leon Ellsberg was the first religious leader of the Congregation. He was an able leader, doing much to bring about close coordination between the different religious groups of Greenbelt through interfaith meetings. Rabbi Ellsberg left the Congregation, after serving more than a year, to accept a post with a large Washington Synagogue. Rabbi Samuel Silver, director of the Hillel Foundation at Maryland University, now serves as religious leader of the Congregation.

Services of worship are held each Friday evening at 9 p. m. in the music room of the Community Building. These are conducted by Rabbi Silver twice monthly, and on alternate weeks by members of the Congregation. Discussions and other interesting programs follow services.

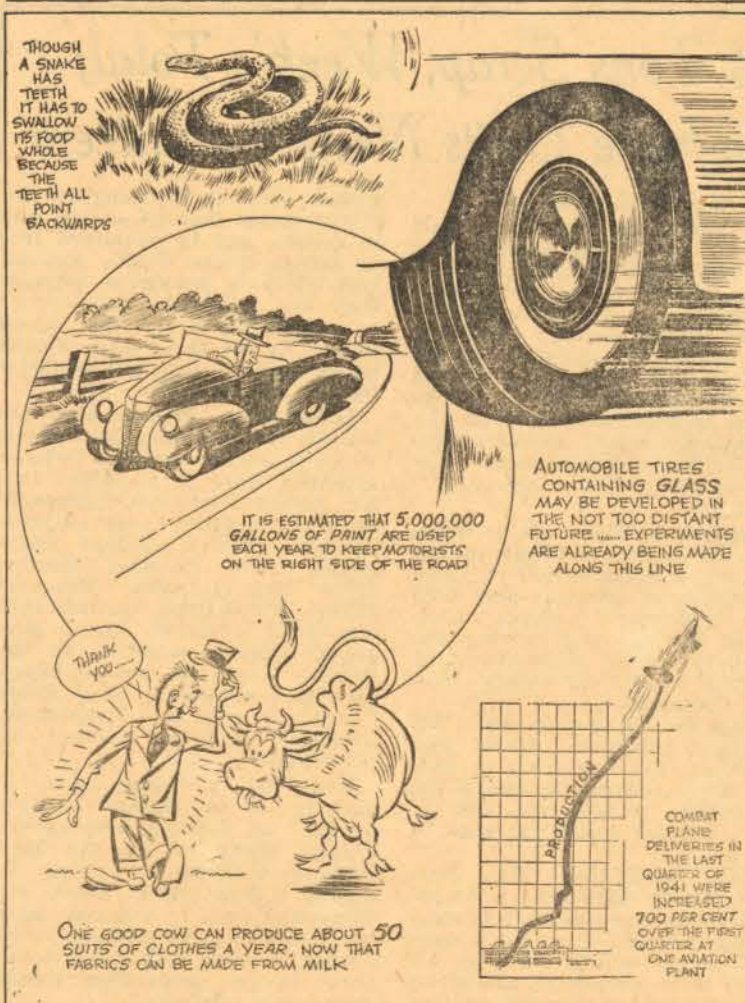
The Congregation conducts a Sunday School, with classes each Sunday morning at 11 a. m. at the Community Building. The school is under personal supervision of Rabbi Silver, assisted by three teachers. A varied age group, ranging from 4 to 15 years of age, is represented, and sufficient classes are held to suit the needs of all.

There are two organizations within the Congregation: The Ladies Auxiliary, which, in addition to other activities, is responsible for the Sunday School, and plans and conducts the social functions of the Congregation.

The Men's Group plans and conducts athletic and recreational programs for the men of the Congregation.

ended by the same signal as the end of a raidwarning, that is, one long blast on the SIREN.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS



To the Editor---

One Citizen Replies

To the Editor:

I wish to challenge the statements made in last week's editorial "Watch Out Greenbelt" in the Cooperator. There may be a few Greenbelters that are smug and complacent, that number is definitely few compared to the ones that are thrilled with pleasure and pride at the privilege of living in this quiet peaceful community. The friendliness and quiet among the beautiful trees, makes it a desirable place to call home.

About the meetings, many have to work now that had evenings off and could attend meetings when they were first started, many have such long hours that they need the time for rest if at home. But the meetings are getting to be such long drawn out affairs that they cease to be a pleasure but mostly a bore. You go at 8 p. m. when they are scheduled to begin you may find a half dozen there about 8:25. They suggest perhaps they should start, and then the crowd starts to sift in, being sure they have missed nothing by being late. They may give you a paper with the report from last meeting all typed out, nevertheless you must sit there for an hour or so till they read the report to you, and you have spent an hour listening to someone read what you could read in less than half the time, and they seem to see how long they can prolong the meeting, not how peppy and interesting they can be made. There is too much discussion and too little action, then when everything you think has been settled, someone stands up and says well we cannot vote anyway, there are not enough here for a quorum. You go home feeling you have wasted a perfectly good evening. It seems from my point of observation the only thing in this town you can depend on starting on time is the picture show. I think many are doing the same thing—staying home till they can be speeded up some and have more pep.

—Mrs. Smith.

Horn-blowing

To the Editor:

I wonder just why the persons going to work at 7 A. M. think everyone is up because they are and sit in their cars and blow their horns. They should be told many of the men out here work till after midnight and must get their sleep from 2 A. M. to 9 A. M. Just how much would they yell, if those men would start blowing their horns at 1 A. M. when they come home at night?

—Reader

Cooking Hint

To the Editor:

With all the lovely pine trees we had to see cut down, let us suggest that we buy some old restaurant stoves, so we can burn wood the next time we are out of electricity and not have to eat cold meals all day or warm coffee over a candle. I heard it suggested they buy oil stoves to cook on. We have the wood, let us use that, we might reach a time when we would not have oil here. We will have cords of wood.

—18-C Parkway

A People's Army

I have just read your editorial "A People's Army" which meets with my complete approval.

At the present time I am engaged in organizing reserve militia companies, designated as Minute Men by Gov. O'Connor, in the five Southern Maryland counties. The American Legion Post of Greenbelt has been designated as the local organization to develop the reserve militia. To date I have not heard that much has been accomplished. Harry A. Bates of 13-F Ridge Road and Tom Freeman know all about the type of company we wish to develop and I think have been doing something.

There should be at least one reserve militia company in Greenbelt. The cooperation of the Cooperator will be greatly appreciated in this movement.

—S. H. Harvey, Chairman,
Organization Committee
Reserve Militia
(So. Md. District)

There are more than 100 Indian co-operatives in the U. S. providing marketing facilities for live-stock, fish, wild rice, maple syrup, blueberries, and handicraft work.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

We poured more than \$200 into the coffers of the Red Cross war fund last Saturday night by dancing to the melodies of a good orchestra and satisfying our appetites on hot dogs and soft drinks. This method seems the best for raising badly needed money, rather like the sugar-coated pill. It does get results, and is pleasant at the same time.

Mrs. Winfield McCamy, town clerk, is taking a much-deserved month's leave of absence. I never knew a woman to work harder than "Mrs. Mac."—We're glad to hear that Angus MacGregor is better. He's home now, and informed Mr. Braden Monday via phone that he'd probably be back on the job next week, helping the gardening program to get under way.

Mrs. Morton Smith and her son, Yates, are leaving tomorrow for their former home in Indiana. Yates just this week returned to work after a bout with the flu and a congested lung. The Smiths live at 18-C Parkway.—Miss Alice Hitchcock, who teaches one of our kindergarten classes, has returned from New York City.—Mrs. Harriet Wentworth is really to be envied. She and her brother left Thursday for six weeks in Florida. Mrs. Etta Bryan, on the other hand, has gone to Maine for two months. We'll be envying her before very long.—Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, of 16-D Parkway, have gone to Nebraska for a visit and vacation with their parents and friends.—Last night, Mrs. Betty Brosmer was happily surprised by her next-door neighbor, Mrs. Jean Davenport, with a shower for the expected addition to the Brosmer family. Betty and Jean are two of Greenbelt's oldest residents. Their families have lived here side by side for nearly five years.—Ann Hull's little girl, "Debbie," became three years old last Friday. She left Tuesday for the home of her grandparents in East Orange, N. J. Which reminds, the Hulls will be one of the families to leave when Farm Credit is transferred.

Mr. Ellerin, the drug store pharmacist, said Monday that several people have come in and paid their bills since it was announced that Emergency Fund had closed. However, he said, gratifying as this response is, it will have to be greater to reopen the fund.

Our garden editor (who ran the chart some issues ago warning that killing frosts in this locality extended through April 15) planted some tomato plants Sunday, April 12. Come Monday morning, they were deadheads. The frost got them.

A very close picture of the war was brought home to one of our neighbors when his brother reached Greenbelt Tuesday with a harrowing tale of being torpedoed at sea. Ernest Hight, 18-E Crescent Road, welcomed his brother, Otha, to Greenbelt after the tanker on which he shipped as merchant marine was torpedoed by the Germans and sunk. Otha was uninjured, even after four hours in the open sea, with oil blazing on the surface, and no clothes but the ones he had been sleeping in. He and the captain of the tanker shared a life belt, and were picked up together. Otha, true to the American spirit, is anxious for another crack at "those Nazis."

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator, April 11 and April 18, 1942)

The Hospital Auxiliary opened the spring dance season with a 14-piece orchestra playing for the evening of April 19.—Clayton McCarl, Jack Kahler, and Marilyn Eshbaugh played the lead in "Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn" presented by the Greenbelt Elementary School.—Garden plots were allotted.—Patricia Bell was elected president of the Gumdrops Co-op.—Dr. Berenberg announced a new series of pre-natal classes as part of the local public health program.—Greenbelt Better Buyers began a study program for the selection of Best Buys in the local drug store.—Awards for outstanding civic work were considered by the Citizens Association.—Leaders of local cooperatives were hosts to newcomers at a party.—The Nursery School announced an enrollment of 31.

HighSchoolChatter

By LOUISE BURKE

Well! here I am back again, for the second time.

Hope you all enjoyed yourselves at the dance last Saturday. I wasn't in town for it, consequently it only by hearsay that I know everyone had a good time. Next Saturday night there is going to be a U. S. O. dance sponsored by the Greenbelt Women's Club. It is to be held in Laurel. Any Greenbelt girls wishing to attend must be down at the Center at 7:30 P. M. for transportation. Two hundred soldiers will be there, so don't let your Women's Club down, come on and go!

At present, the date for the Junior-Senior prom is set for the last week in May, most likely May 28. Of course the prom has been one of the main topics of discussion at Junior and Senior class meetings. It wasn't until lately though, that some definite action toward making it a success was taken. The Junior class has organized and committees for decoration and refreshment were chosen. These committees have held several meetings and have all prom plans well in hand.

The much awaited identification tags finally arrived last Tuesday. Just about everyone is a marked man, which is a good thing in this case. That is as long as we don't have to make the same use of these tags as those unfortunates over in Europe.

Three of the senior girls have recently taken positions in the Government as junior typists. They are: Janet Neff, Mary Lowe, and Helen Zoellner, who are in the Navy Department. Lorraine Mullen also expects to take a position, but in the Treasury Department. These girls will, most likely, graduate with their class, the condition being that they pass the prescribed exams. The school lost to Chicago this week, Shirley Cushing, one of the best liked and most industrious persons in their midst.

Evidence that school isn't made too serious these days was displayed in one of Miss Nudo's favorite classes 'tother day. It so happened that this class was discussing life insurance. When the class was questioned about why rates vary with the individual the quick retort was, "Some men are larger than others and need a larger casket."

If you had been down around school lately, here are some of the things you would have been unable to overlook: Just about everyone spending their leisure time by engaging in one of the sports offered behind the school, volleyball, horseshoes, badminton, and others. One thing that occurred around these courts was quite a blow to one of our young gentlemen. It seems Kenny Lyles and Jimmy McLane were transporting large sacks of lime over to the courts on their heads. Kenny arrived safely but en route for the courts Jimmy's bag sprang a leak and he was heard to say, "Oh, oh! Everything happens to me. Now I'll have to wash my hair." You would also have seen preparations for the Senior Play in full progress. Scripts have been held and members of the cast and other committees have been decided upon. The play, "Growing Pains" by Aurania Rouveral, is a three act comedy of adolescent life. The air of the director, Miss Violet Younger, and all those connected with this play is to excel, if possible, the dramatic efforts in "What A Life", held earlier this year.

A representative from Towson State Teacher's College described his school to the Seniors by means of a movie.

Community Church

Next Sunday at the Community Church at 11 o'clock the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston will preach from the text "Be of Good Cheer, I have Overcome the World." These are the words of Jesus as found in the 16th chapter of John, verse 16. The theme of this discourse will be "Christianity's World Challenge."

Sunday evening at 7:30 the officers and teachers of the Church School will hold their regular monthly meeting at the church office, 8-B Parkway. All officers and teachers are expected to be present.

On Wednesday at 8 p. m. the mid-week service will be held for those who cannot attend the Sunday morning service and others who desire two services a week. This week in addition to the regular mid-week meeting, a reception will be held for the new com-

Timely Facts for Consumers

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SUGAR TIPS

Sugar-thrift rules just issued by the consumer division of the OPA include:

"Serve cooked fruits hot to enjoy their fullest flavor and sweetness."

"Save syrup from canned fruits to sweeten other fruit, pudding, sauces or beverages."

"A pinch of salt increases the sweetening power of sugar in cooked food."

"Be sure all sugar is completely dissolved."

RABBITS FOR MEAT

One way to reduce the meat bill is to raise rabbits. If you live in a city, investigate city ordinances before you start.

SAVE FATS

Fats are needed to make munitions. Here are some tips for saving fats. And if you save more than you can use, you can return the excess, while still fresh to your store and get about 5 cents a pound.

1. Save and use any fat you trim from roasts, steaks, poultry and chops. They can be melted in a double boiler, strained, and used as cooking fat, or they can be used for flavoring soups or vegetables, or for frying.

2. Save your meat drippings, bacon grease and bacon rinds. They can be used to flavor other foods or clarified to use in cooking. Keep in cool place.

3. The scraps of butter, lard, or margarine that cling to their wrapping papers make the greasy paper usable for greasing pans.

4. When you open a can of salmon or tuna fish or sardines or

any other fish, don't throw the oil away. It's energizing like all food fats, and contains valuable vitamins. Serve it with the fish.

5. Cut down butter waste by cutting pats small enough so that no trace of butter is left on the rim of your plate. Don't try to spread butter when cold; warm it.

6. When measuring fat in a recipe, be exact. For example, if the recipe calls for ¼ cup fat, fill measuring cup ½ full of cold water, then add fat until cup is ¾ full. Pour out water and the fat remaining is the exact amount you need.

PRICES

The Bur. of Labor Statistics' daily index of 28 basic commodities rose 0.3% during the week of April 3 to a new high, which is nearly 24% above one year ago. Continued advances in prices of livestock were largely responsible.

Prices of 20 out of the 28 commodities are under government regulation. Prices of these 20 commodities have risen 60% over the August 1939 level, while prices of uncontrolled commodities have risen 80%.

Hebrew Congregation

Hebrew congregation services will be held tonight at 9:00 p. m., in the music room of the Elementary School.

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, April 14, at the home of Mrs. Trattler, 1-H Southway. Nominations for the new officers were submitted at this meeting.

Anyone desiring information concerning the Sunday School or the Congregation may contact President Bernard Trattler.

Children Aid Sale Of Defense Stamps

KATHRYN M. WOOD

School children of group 3 are sponsoring a Defense Stamp Booth selling 10, 25, and 50 cent stamps and to date have sold (and bought) the impressive total of about \$134.25 in stamps, one \$25 and one \$50 bond in cash. The drive was started by the children of Mrs. Genevieve Gerri's room. The booth is open at recess and noon at the end of the hall on the second floor of Greenbelt Elementary School. It is also open after school for the convenience of group 4.

Mrs. Catherine T. Reed is back at her desk after an extended leave of absence for defense work among the schools of Prince Georges County.

There have been two weddings recently among the school staff—Miss Betty Straining is now Mrs. Carrol Rathell, and Miss Doris Dungan is now Mrs. Fritz Armstrong. Both plan to continue their school work to the end of the term. School will close this year on June 9, ten days earlier than usual because of earlier and more intensive summer school college courses for the teachers.

The Parent Teachers Association will meet April 27, having for its topic "Excursions—Another Learning Device." This will follow as the third topic planned for this year's P. T. A. work, the two previous ones having been Library and Visual Aid, fitting into the general theme "Expanding Resources: a Shared Responsibility." A feature of the evening will be a round table panel discussion by groups of children led by Mrs. Rathell.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Girls spring coat, size 10-12 excellent condition, price \$1.50. Call Greenbelt 5321.

FOR SALE—Living room, bedroom, dinette, kitchen furnishings—maple. 18-B Crescent.

FOR SALE—1937 Ford '85 business coupe; clean inside and out; motor good; fair tires. \$150. D. Messner, 21-B Parkway.

WANTED—Lawn mower, hedge clipper, hose, and other garden tools. 19-M Ridge Road.

ALTERATIONS neatly done. Mrs. Paul Featherby, 19-A Ridge Road.

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Pajamas

You can get a good pair of pajamas for about \$1.50, CU discovered in tests of 42 brands. But if you don't shop carefully, you can pay as much as \$2.50 for a poor one. Most of the garments CU tested were well cut and well made, but big differences showed up in the quality of the material. The pajamas were tested for strength, resistance to rubbing, thread count and weight of the material. Complete test results are given in the April issue of CU Reports.

Broadcloth is usually stronger than percale, CU finds. Solid colors will be a better choice than stripes this year, because some dyes will be apt to run and fade.

Among the Best Buys were: Mr. Trent (\$2.50); Wilson Faultless Nobelt (\$2.25); BVD (\$2); Sears Cat. No. 2020 (\$1.40 plus postage).

Labor in the Pajama Industry Working conditions in the pajama industry parallel closely those reported last month in this column for the shirt industry. Workers under union contract get substantially higher wages, paid vacations and protection against arbitrary discharge from their jobs.

The following pajamas tested by CU are union-made, under contract with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO: BVD, Gentry, Jayson, Macy's, Manhattan, Sears Cat. No. 2020, Wilson. Horton and Van Heusen pajamas are union-made under contract with the United Garment Workers, AFL.

First Aid Kits

Consumers Union examined 20 first aid kits, and found none meeting Red Cross specifications. There are some fairly good kits on the market, but on the whole you can get a better outfit and save money, by buying your own case and filling it in accordance with Red Cross recommendations. The minimum kit, for auto or hiking use, should contain the following:

1-inch adhesive compresses, such as Band-Aids.
Sterile Gauze Squares, about 3 inches square.
Sterile Gauze Square, about 1 yard.
Triangular muslin bandages, 36 inches on the straight sides.
Tannic Acid Jelly for small burns.
2% Iodine.
First Aid Instruction Book. A good booklet, "Until the Doctor Comes" can be ordered for 10c from the Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C. Even better is the Red Cross Complete First Aid Manual at 60c.

This entire kit, including the case, can be assembled for \$1-\$1.50. The closest comparable kit is Bauer & Black's Autokit No. 40, at \$1.90. This does not have triangular bandages but does have other useful items in addition to those named above.

A more complete home kit would cost \$4-\$4.50 to assemble. See the Red Cross Manual, or your local Red Cross, for a list of ingredients.

Flashlight Batteries

Don't rush to the store for a new flashlight, cautions CU's weekly Bread & Butter bulletin. Look around the house first for the old one you put away when the battery failed or the bulb burned out. With a little fixing, that flashlight may be as good as new.

Don't overbuy on batteries either, advises Bread & Butter. It may be a good idea to have one spare set. But batteries lose power when they stand around, so stocking up would be a waste of money and materials. For the same reason, buy only dated batteries, and look for a date about one year ahead.

The following brands are good buys, according to preliminary test results on dated batteries: Ward's Supreme Quality (2 for 15c at Ward stores); Sears' Powermaster Armor-Clad (10c at Sears Stores); Ward's Leak-Proof (10c); Ray-O-Vac Leak-Proof (10c); Burgess Uni-Col No. 2 (10c).

Local Bands To Merge

In view of the longer working hours and defense activities, the Parent's Board of the Greenbelt Community Band hereafter will meet quarterly. The children in the feeder band are to be tested soon and combined with the Community Band is expected within the next two or three months according to Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer.

Sugar Rationing Called Improvement Over Quota System

By JOHN CARSON

Consumer cooperatives were assured again this week by the Office of Price Administration that they would be dealt with justly in any rationing program approved by OPA. Consumer Cooperatives also were invited by OPA to help make rationing effective and to help prevent abuses of regulations.

Despite all the rumors to the contrary—and another one comes to hand as this is written—the rationing program is going to be enforced, according to OPA. Registration for merchants or distributors of sugar will be held on April 27 and 28, and registration of individual consumers will be held on May 4, 5, 6, and 7. The actual rationing will get under way as soon as the registration is completed and the rationing books are issued.

Cooperative wholesalers and retailers which have not been able to get sugar under the quota system enforced by the War Production Board, should have no difficulty in getting a supply of sugar sufficient to meet the demands under the rationing program for 30 days. If refiners or other suppliers refuse to supply sugar, cooperatives should report the facts immediately. As the hour of rationing comes nearer, refiners might well be asked now to provide sugar stocks.

The Cooperative League of the USA has worked and struggled with OPM and WPB and OPA to relieve some of the burdens put upon cooperatives by the quota and rationing programs. At least one cooperative organization could get no sugar, and others, whose memberships had grown rapidly during the last year, were bound by the quota system which froze supplies to a consumer demand of more than a year ago.

"Under rationing, will cooperatives be granted a supply of sugar sufficient to meet the demands made on them by their consumer members?" The League asked several months ago and both WPB and OPA officials quickly said they would.

"But we want to be certain about this situation," The League representative continued. "They must have these supplies in advance of the date of the rationing program so that when rationing coupons or books are presented by consumers, the cooperatives will have a supply of sugar available. Otherwise, the cooperative could never establish a right to a supply of sugar."

The WPB official referred the problem and the question to OPA officials and OPA officials said that any rationing program would certainly provide for stocks of sugar to meet any legal demand. But this week, when uncertainty developed again over rationing and the stories of internal warfare between WPB and OPA were told again. The League representatives conferred with OPA officials. Leon Henderson, administrator, was not in Washington but his assistants in charge of the rationing educational program, spoke for him. Other officials who may have to administer rationing of gasoline likewise assured The League that cooperatives would be treated just as any other distributor was treated.

Consumers must register and they must present their coupon books under the rationing program, if they want sugar. Cooperative store managers are urged by OPA to warn their members that sugar will not be delivered to them unless the coupon books are presented and regardless of any promise of future presentation of coupons.

"We want to avoid the difficulties they had in England over what some refer to as the 'black market'," said one of the OPA officials. "Storekeepers were disposed to listen to any excuse the customer might have for not having his coupon book with him. They granted 'credit', told the customer to bring his book along the next time. They got into all kinds of difficulties until they made it a law, and one not to be slighted in any way, to have coupon books or get no sugar. Now we want your cooperative storekeepers to make it emphatic that coupon books must be gotten an must be presented if sugar is wanted."

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Civil Service News

The United States Civil Service Commission announces five new examinations for war service appointments, as shown below.

Junior Professional Assistant, \$2,000 a year. Positions exist in Washington, D. C. and throughout the United States. No optional fields of study are specified, but eligibles are particularly desired in the fields of public administration, business analysis, economics, home economics, library science, and mathematics through calculus. Applicants must either have completed a 4-year college course or be enrolled in their last semester of study. Applications must be filed not later than April 27, 1942. A written general test will be given. There are no age limits.

Student Nurse, for appointment to the School of Nursing at St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C. Applications must be filed not later than May 13, 1942. Graduation for an accredited high

school is required, though senior students may apply. Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years, and will be given a written general test. Appointees will receive \$288 a year and quarters, subsistence, laundry and medical attention.

Architect, \$2,000 to \$3,200 a year. Optional fields in which persons are needed are design, specifications, and estimating. Completion of a 4-year college course in architecture or architectural engineering is required for the lower grade. For the other grades appropriate architectural or engineering education or experience, part of which was in one of the options, is necessary. No written test will be given. There are no age limits. Applications will be rated as received until further notice.

Junior Calculating Machine Operator, \$1,440 a year. Applicants must be over 18 and will be required to take a practical test to be performed on a calculating machine. Applications must be filed not later than May 26, 1942.

Junior Stenographer, \$1,440 a year, and Junior Typist, \$1,260 a year. Applicants will now be rated on a general test as well as the required practical test in typing, and dictation, which will be given only to stenographers and at the rate of 96 words a minute. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday, but there is no maximum age limit. Applications will be accepted until the needs of the service have been met.

Public Health Nurse Goes on Vacation

Mrs. Irma Face, Greenbelt's public health nurse, left April 8 for a leave of absence which will extend through June 15. During her vacation Mrs. Frances P. Stouffer will serve the Department of Public Health. Mrs. Stouffer is not on the accredited list of public

Nursery Reports Progress

The Nursery School, after reorganization by the Parents Board, is "on a much sounder basis," it was reported this week by Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, director of the adult education program.

In order to reduce expenses, the registration is limited to 15 children with the two groups combined in one section. Mrs. Ruth Leber-gott is the supervisor.

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health nurses of the State of Maryland, but Town Manager Roy S. Braden points out that it was found impossible to get a replacement at this time who could comply with local regulations set forth by town ordinance.

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