



Five Hundred Protest FPHA Rent Raise

Protest Group Seeks Meeting With Officials

By Phil Wexler

At last Monday night's Citizens Association meeting a Greenbelt Rent Increase Committee was appointed to take care of the residents before the proper authorities to seek a more satisfactory solution to the rental problem. Last Tuesday night the committee met at the home of Abraham Chasnow, 11-T Ridge rd., to discuss a plan of action. Martin Miller, 17-A Ridge rd. was elected chairman of the committee and it was decided that he would act as spokesman for the committee on all information released to the newspapers.

A night letter was sent to the Director of the Federal Public Housing Authority requesting an appointment for an interview to be held sometime early next week. At this meeting the Committee will present the grievances of the local residents pertaining to the new graded rent program going into effect on June 1st.

Mr. Miller stated: "The citizens are circulating a petition protesting the anticipated rental increase and all families are urged to sign it so that the petition can be presented to the FPHA officials as proof that the Greenbelt residents are dissatisfied with the new program. It will also serve as proof that this Committee appointed by the citizens really have the sincere backing of the residents in presenting this protest."

The Committee will seek a postponement of the effective date of the new graded rent program so that a satisfactory solution to this community problem can be worked out in conjunction with FPHA officials. Various data has been presented and accumulated by the Committee to justify the dissatisfaction created by the new program and will be presented to the proper authorities.

Chairman Miller stated that the Committee will issue its full report to the citizens of Greenbelt immediately following the discussion with the FPHA officials. "It is to be hoped", Mr. Miller declared, "that a solution will be arrived at at this meeting with FPHA that will be fair and equitable for the residents".

Enrollment Sought For New Canteen Course

A Red Cross canteen course for women who have completed the preliminary course in nutrition, is being prepared by Mrs. Josephine McGuire, instructor, it was announced this week.

The course is to instruct women in serving at Red Cross canteens, Mrs. McGuire explained. A prerequisite for the course is that candidates have completed the course in nutrition. In view of the fact that two nutrition courses have been held, it is anticipated that a sufficient number of students as well as others who may be qualified for the canteen course.

Those wishing to enroll are requested to phone Mrs. McGuire at Greenbelt 2581 before Monday.

P.-T. A. Election

There will be a meeting of the elementary school P.T.A. on next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Recreation directors will be present to explain the summer program. Election of officers will be held.

New G. H. A. Nurse

Miss Margaret Singleton has been employed as the nurse for the Greenbelt Health Association. She took over her duties Wednesday.

A directors meeting, previously postponed, will be held Monday evening, it was announced.

Where We Stand

The Cooperator is not opposed to the principle of basing rents upon the ability of the tenant families to pay. We have little sympathy, though, for those—whose improved fortunes are due at least in part to Greenbelt—who can find nothing more constructive to do than to rationalize the Government's continuing to subsidize their rent at the expense of low-income workers who need the assistance Greenbelt offers in maintaining a decent minimum standard of living.

However, we recognize the validity and constructiveness of certain of the objections advanced by opponents of the housing authority's plan.

One is that allowances should be made for the number of children in a family. Children are always regarded as assets by any government, and the expenses incidental to raising a family are recognized and allowed for by the Government for income tax purposes. It would seem legitimate, therefore, to make similar allowances in computing family rentals. The principle of including total family income in applying the rental formula we believe to be fair.

Another valid objection is to the use of the 20 percent factor in the determining of the optimum rental. In these days of inflationary food costs the amount of food taken from the low-income family is proportionately—in terms of adequate nutrition—much greater than that taken from the upper-bracket families. The scale should be graduated much more steeply, and should be correlated to "real income" rather than dollar income in order to have its effect fall with more nearly proportionate weight in terms of cost in standard of living.

Finally we deplore the fact that the authorities have abandoned the original plan to keep Greenbelt a low-income community. For income groups above \$3900, the \$65 limit represents a progressively lower cost of rent, which permits these relatively fortunate families to remain here at the expense of (1) low-income families in Greenbelt, who pay a proportionately higher rent, and (2) of low income groups outside of Greenbelt who are prevented from moving here and sharing the life of this community.

School Students Dedicate 6 Jeeps And Motorcycle

The students of the Greenbelt schools had caught the spirit needed for winning the war according to Staff Sergeant Earl Burson in speaking last Wednesday at the dedication of six jeeps which were given to the army. In a special drive the students accumulated enough money in war bonds and stamps to buy six jeeps and one motorcycle. These were officially presented to the Army in a ceremony outside the elementary school by John Dirschel representing the elementary school and Joe Cashman representing the high school.

"Kitty Jeep" was sponsored by Group I, "Greenbelt Eagle" by Group II, "Hitler's Headache", by Group III, and "G for Greenbelt" by Group IV. The high school students sponsored "Greenbelt" (Continued on Page 3)

Hula Dancers Big Attraction At May Festival

And now we know who is the most ardent hula audience in town. It's composed of two little girls, twins about three years old, and their older brother. But not much older—about five years—would be about right for him. And they were so fascinated by the hula as danced by nine Greenbelt schoolgirls that they simply walked out of the audience and stood solemnly—jaws ajar—in front of the dancers throughout their number. Three little heads went from side to side, following the swaying grass skirts, and when the dance was over, three youngsters stood, hopefully awaiting an encore. But Mamma came and back they went—after a brief moment's glory—to become part of the unsung audience. As the jivers have it, they were solid (Continued on Page 3)

Questions and Answers on the Proposed Rent Raises

Here are some of the more comprehensive inquiries fired at the Administration during the recent record breaking Citizens Association meeting. These questions represent fairly accurately a wide variety of the problems inherent in the FPHA rent raise for a majority of Greenbelt residents, the answers to them are a matter for personnel evaluation.

Question: If Greenbelt was built as it was because private housing cost too much, why compare it with private housing now and make it subscribe to the same standard.

Answer: People in private housing have a hard time of it

now, too. There are two alternatives as a solution to the situation: either force those over the income to move, or grade the rents.

Question: Why must those whose incomes are below or equal to the original income restrictions pay more rent in order to allow those whose incomes are over the maximum restrictions to stay in Greenbelt?

Answer: "We had to start somewhere."

Question: Why is the service-man's income included in the overall computation?

Answer: It is really part of the income. In cases of a drafted head of the family, rent will be

Citizens Ask Reconsideration Of Schedule Effective June 1

Dayton W. Hull

An aroused and determined Citizens Association trumpeted defiance last Monday evening to the rent increases scheduled to become effective June 1 and appointed a committee to carry its protest to the national office of the Federal Public Housing Administration.

Chlorine Waves Roll at the Old Swimming Hole

It's time to haul out the swimming togs and ye old beach umbrella, sun tan oil and ye sun glasses, for the pool will be open, according to all present indications, at noon on May 30th, this year of 1943.

Admission charges will be the same as were in force last year—to wit: ten adult tickets for \$2.00 plus tax; ten children's tickets for \$.75 plus tax; and individual admission \$.35 plus tax. The pool will be open daily from 9-1 p. m. and 2-9 p. m. and Sunday from 12 to 9.

Anyone holding a Senior Red Cross Life Saving Certificate may apply for a job as lifeguard at the pool. Three full-time guards are needed for daily eight-hour duty, and two part-time guards are already on the staff. Qualified and interested persons should contact Ben Goldfaden, recreation director.

Maryland U. To Present Religious Play Sunday

The University of Maryland's "Footlight Club" will present a religious play, "The Heroine of Ava" under the sponsorship of the Community Church, Sunday evening at 8:15.

The play will comprise ten musical numbers. The singing lead will be taken by a member of the Civic Opera Company of Baltimore, and musical accompaniment will be furnished by the University of Maryland Concert Orchestra, according to Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston. "The Community Church considers itself very fortunate in being able to sponsor this musical and dramatic presentation," he said.

Admission will be free, and a silver offering will be taken.

Girl Scouts To Collect For Goodwill Industries

Greenbelt's Intermediate Girl Scout troops will start Sunday, May 24, to cooperate with the Goodwill Industries by calling on all residents for old clothes and shoes to be collected by the Goodwill. The drive will last five days and all clothes collected will be reconditioned by the 100 crippled workers employed by the Goodwill Industries.

Over 500 Greenbelters listened restlessly to Mr. Roy S. Braden, Community, speak for one hour and ten minutes on the history of the rent question and the reasons for the increase, then heard Citizens William Hennessey, self-styled "champion of the cause of the Boston taxpayer", lash at the town management for indifference to the financial problems of Greenbelters.

Declaring that Mr. Braden, Mr. Rysticken, and Mrs. Kinzer were "hampering the war effort by encouraging the rise in rents", Orotor Hennessey urged those present to refuse to pay the new rents. The thundering applause which followed his brief speech set the pattern for the rest of the meeting.

Mr. Martin Miller took the floor to point out that living costs were rising, that the President had issued his famous "hold the line" order, and that rent increases at this time would contribute to inflation.

Mr. Arthur Rysticken, Assistant Community Manager, attempted to answer questions and rebut the arguments advanced by speaker after speaker. He and Mr. Braden called attention to the fact that the average income of Greenbelt residents had increased from \$1594. in 1939 to \$2962 in 1943, and that the average rental was only advancing from \$31.50 to \$44. This meant, according to Mr. Rysticken that whereas formerly rents took 24 per cent of the community income, rents even under the new schedule only took 17 per cent of the income. It was explained that 20 per cent of the average person's income goes for rent, and that Greenbelters were still better off than persons who were not enjoying the benefits of subsidized housing.

Furthermore, as Mr. Rysticken explained, persons outside Greenbelt also had to meet increases in living costs, but regardless of income they were paying ceiling rents. Under the new Greenbelt rent schedule only those with the highest incomes, approximately 35 per cent of the residents, would have to pay ceiling rents. Persons with lower incomes will pay on a graded scale so that those with the smallest incomes will have no increase in rent at all.

The Committee on Rent Increases, appointed by the Chairman, Mr. Joseph Comproni, was directed in a motion introduced by Mr. Abe Chasnow to "ask reconsideration of the change in rentals and adjust them on a more equitable basis which will include recognition of size of family, minor children, increased costs of living, and other factors." Committee members were Messrs. Miller, Hennessey, Chasnow, Griffin, Morrison, and Mrs. Unelli.

The rent question has been a Greenbelt discussion topic ever since the first resident arrived. To gain admittance each resident has had to show that his income did not exceed certain maxima: \$1650 for a married couple; \$1800 for a couple with one child; \$2000 for a couple with two children, and so on. A 25 per cent increase in income was allowed before a resident was asked to move. In 1940 a Citizens Association Committee visited Dr. Will Alexander, Administrator of Farm Security Administration, and asked that persons over the income limits be allowed to remain by building their own houses or by paying increased rents. It was agreed then to place (Continued on Page 4)

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To The Point

May 18, 1943

To the Editors:

For quite some time the administration has been holding out the promise of a green summer to those defense homes as yet bereft of lawn. We really believe that efforts have been made to procure this grass. We fear, however, that these efforts have been to little avail. At least no tangible evidence has as yet met our dust rimmed eyes. To hasten, if possible, the sodding or seeding of our landscape, we tender this suggestion:

The tenants who are so inclined, could sod and seed the lawns themselves. The sod and seed could be furnished by the Administration. A minimum of expert supervision on the part of official landscapers would assure success of the work. As an inducement to the tenants, a reimbursement of the labor cost thus avoided by the Administration could be made to the working tenants in the form of credit against their rent.

In this manner another bond of cooperation between the tenants and the Administration could be forged. The tenants would really appreciate the grass so justly earned by the sweat of their brow if they really thought their cooperation was appreciated. On the other hand, the Administration could show itself to be truly interested in the welfare of the inhabitants of our fair community by offering tangible encouragement in the form of rent credits to the full amount saved. Naturally, many wrinkles would have to be ironed out of this idea before its successful implementation would be assured.

However, we feel that it has some merit and are quite anxious to see if it can be put into effect in the near future.

How now—what think ye?

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Note: We believe this to be a really worthwhile suggestion, and hope that the Administration will give it serious consideration. A project such as this would be entirely in harmony with the war effort, in that it would not contribute to the already acute manpower shortage.—The Editors).

Figures Don't Lie, But---

The skeleton in the statistician's closet most frequently turns out to be Mr. Average Man with his Average Income. He is the last ditch in any defense of figures, and an amazing pliable interpretation can be applied to his activities.

It is well to remember that he is a myth, more easily exploded than most.

When the figures start flying and you find that according to documentary evidence you are really paying less rent under the new schedule (according to your income) than you were under the old, remember that, if twelve families earn \$1,000 a year each and one family earns \$8,000 a year, the average income for the group will be statistically accounted for at \$1,538.46 a year.—B. S.

Blow, Blow, Ye Wintry Winds

So you had a meeting. And quite a meeting, too, I'd say. Public opinion at its most vocal. Frankly, I'm disappointed in you, townspeople mine. Local public opinion I'm all for, but not when it goes off on a tangent and becomes personal. It's too bad when people who have been handed a nasty job by their higher-ups have to take it on the chin by a lot of folks who feel they have been "done."

Make no mistake about it. I am sympathetic with your grievance. We're going to have a lot less of this world's goods, probably including some food, if the rental raise goes through. I'm glad to sign a petition, when and if one comes my way, and I'll do anything else I can to restore peace and harmony and a payable rent, but I'm John Brown if I don't think a lot of you snowballed yourselves into a frenzy and said things you didn't mean.

Anyway, I hope you didn't mean everything you said, I'd like to think that you really are an objective group, like you used to be, and that you just got excited. Dignity is a useful weapon and likely to carry more strength than anger. Calm down, my friendlies, let's fight a rent raise and not the people who have to administer it or lose their jobs.

A Charming Sight

If you missed the Young People's Dance last Saturday night, you missed a charming sight. Those youngsters in formal dress were positively heartwarming, and the fun they had was something to see. It did me good to sit on the sidelines and watch. All the other dances we've been to have belonged to us oldsters and if any kids came, they sat and watched us have fun. This time the shoe was on the other foot. The dance was theirs. They were the top dogs. And we sat and watched and loved it. Next dance June 12. Better ask the girls early, boys.

What's wrong with the P.T.A.? Or is anything? And if not, why don't they have a better attendance? If you think the program is too formal—and I understand some do—come to the meeting Monday night and say so, offer another suggestion or just toss a question out for the people to mull over. Mrs. Reed will be there, particularly to discuss the promotion system in this school. Some parents have felt that unless a child left the sixth grade for the seventh or the fourth for the fifth he was showing signs of taking after Uncle Hiram and ought to be drowned, whereas it works differently in the Greenbelt school. Mrs. Reed is glad to explain the system to you parents and hopes that a number of you will be on hand to discuss it with her Monday night. Doris Dungan Armstrong and Ben Goldfaden will also be on hand to tell you about the summer recreational program, both children's activities and the adult program. Monday night, in the auditorium, 8:00 o'clock.

Canteen Workers Needed

Anybody interested in Red Cross Canteen work? Call Mrs. Josephine McQuire, 2581, before Monday.

Anybody interested in Red Cross First Aid, standard course? Room 225, Peggie Arness, instructor. Last call, however; any comers after this Friday, don't come. No credits can be given for the course for any beginners after this Friday. Room 225: 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

Won't be long now before we'll all be shoving each other off the springboard. Pool opens Memorial Day, and from the temperature of the past two or three days, it can't come too soon to suit me. Gangway! Don't crowd the board.

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of
May 29, 1942)

The Town Council adopted a resolution authorizing Town Manager Braden to forbid the extension of Greenbelt services to those defense homes not yet occupied, until sums in lieu of taxes have been received from the Federal Works agency—Lt. George E. Hodsdon, former general manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, was given a testimonial dinner by the board of directors of the cooperative. In an effort to offset Capital Transit's claim for lowering the standard of the transportation service to Greenbelters, Arthur L. Rysticken prepared a questionnaire to determine the effect the proposed change in service would have on Greenbelt—Dr. Silagy lost arbitration decision to former directors; C. Stewart Dowrick resigned as president

Five Years Ago

(From the Cooperator of
May 18, 1938)

A special air mail service direct from Greenbelt will feature Air Mail day here; mail will leave the Schrom Airport for Baltimore and points north at 9:45 a. m.—The contest for a town flag and seal closed May 14—Greenbelt Citizens Association was scheduled to sponsor a dance this Saturday—Sulo Laakso, manager of the Greenbelt Food Store was co-operating with the Food Store Committee of the COC in bringing to Greenbelt representatives of the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale, Inc., who will participate in a get-acquainted party to be held at the School.

of the Greenbelt Health Association—The swimming Pool was scheduled to open tomorrow.



"YOU DON'T SUPPOSE THESE ONIONS KNOW THEY'RE
IN A VICTORY GARDEN?"

Community Church

"The Art of Listening" will be the theme of the sermon to be preached Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock by the Reverend Wilmer Pierce Johnson at the Community Church. Please inquire for the nursery if you have small children.

At 9:30 a. m. the Church School will meet. At this time, a new class, a couples class, will make its debut. This class will be taught by Mr. L. E. Gishweller. The new president of this class is Mrs. Donald Wilcox. A monthly social meeting will be held in addition to the regular morning session.

Every Sunday evening at 7:30, in the Home Economics Room, there will be a Junior Church meeting. All juniors of the Community Church are urged to attend, and it is hoped that as many parents as can will be present.

To Hang or Not To Hang?

To the Editors:

After reading the editorial on the regulations restriction clothes and clotheslines, I'd like to add my bit. No doubt you've had various expressions, but I feel this is "one for the book."

I am the mother of three-month-old triplets. Due to wartime conditions, we are unable to secure competent domestic help or buy any such item as a washing machine. I do all the work myself, as we are far away from home and there are no relations to lend a helping hand. My day begins at 5 and ends at 11, and any mother can tell you there is little time for rest even with one baby, so I can't really be accused of wasting time.

Yet—the management "insists" that I do no laundry on Sunday. When Monday is a rainy day and it often is—and sometimes it rains on both Saturday and Monday—I not only am thrown off the schedule so necessary to babies, but my work seems doubled.

I have appealed for some consideration of this problem but not only do I get an unconditional "No," no constructive suggestions have been forthcoming. It's just like knocking my head against a stone wall.

Don't misunderstand me—I'm not complaining about the long hours or the hard work—I, with a husband in the Service, realize that all of us are working longer and harder. But there are those of Greenbelt who don't seem to realize that war is here, too, and although a woman's job of home-making is considerably less glamorous than that of those in uniform, it's just as important. Not only is there a war to be won, but there's a generation to be built! And I can't say I think mothers in Greenbelt are getting much help.

Now I'll descend from my "soap box" speech making. I'm hoping that something can be done about this situation. Let the authorities follow my footsteps for a day, especially on Monday, and I'm quite willing to bet there's be some action. I'm sure that other mothers in Greenbelt, especially with two or three tiny children, will back me up on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Fred Meredith
4-N Laurel Hill Road
Greenbelt, Maryland

P. S. Perhaps we could engage Mr. John L. Lewis to organize our children in a union which would have as its platform "no dirty diapers on Sunday." That's as logical as any other suggestions I've received!

B'nai B'rith Officers To Be Installed Soon

The Greenbelt Women's Chapter of B'nai B'rith will hold their installation of officers on Saturday night, May 22, in the Social room of the Elementary School at 8:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Maurice Bisgyer, president of the Women's Grand Lodge, District No. 5, will present the charter to the Greenbelt chapter.

War Training Courses

Another series of tuition-free war training courses has been announced by Dean S. S. Steinberg of the College of Engineering, University of Maryland.

Registration will be held on May 25 at 7 p. m. in Room 131, the Engineering Building at College Park.

Old Line Spanks Shamrocks by 12-4 At Byrd Stadium

College Park, May 15—Maryland University's youthful nine romped all over an under-manned Greenbelt Shamrock club here today by a score of 12 to 4.

Big, long-legged Danny Boothe was the hitting and running star of the Old Line offense. "Speed-boy" collected three hits in four times at bat against Eddie Shinn and stole four bases leading up to the pair of tallies he chalked up.

Dicky Day's Debut

Lefty Crist was hurling perfect ball until little Dicky Day, playing his first game for the Shamrocks, nicked him for a stinger to open the fifth frame. The Big Green awoke for a spell in the sixth session and grabbed all their runs to chase Master Crist.

No Glue

Inability to hold runners on their bases cost Ed Shinn whatever chance he had of making a ball game of it. Norman Enzor's inexperience behind the bat was a big help to the Old Liners as well. The eight errors committed by the Green add up to 17 in two of the three games they have played to date.

The battery boys from Greenbelt tried to make up by slugging in two runs apiece but were not sufficient to make up for the rest of the squad's batting anemia.

Greenbelt	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Zerwick, cf	5	0	0	2	0	0
Davis, 2b	2	1	1	2	4	1
Boggs, ss	4	0	1	2	1	1
Moore, 1b	4	1	0	12	2	0
Machowsky, 3b	4	1	0	2	3	1
Enzor, c	4	0	1	2	0	3
Glasgow, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Day, rf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Snyder, rf	2	0	0	0	0	1
Shinn, p	3	0	1	0	3	1

Totals: 33 4 6 24 13 8

Maryland U.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hudak, 3b	4	1	1	0	2	1
Sunier, 3b	0	1	0	1	0	0
Kinsman, 2b	4	2	2	2	2	1
McDonald, ss	4	1	1	3	2	0
Evans, lf	5	1	2	4	1	0
Boothe, cf, p	4	2	3	1	2	0
Nardo, rf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Webster, 1b	4	0	1	10	0	0
Brenner, c	4	1	0	5	0	0
Crist, p	2	1	2	0	4	1
Reynolds, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0

Totals: 35 12 27 13 3

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Runs batted in—Kinsman, (2), McDonald, Webster, Booth (4), Enzor (2), Shinn (2). Double plays—Crist to Kinsman to Webster, Davis to Boggs, Machowsky to Moore to Machowsky. Stolen bases—Sunier (2), Kinsman (2), McDonald (2), Boothe (4), Nardo, Webster, Reynolds (4), Machowsky, Enzor. Struck out—by Crist 2, by Boothe 2, by Shinn 2. First base on balls—off Shinn 5, off Crist 5, off Boothe 3. Scorer—D. Fitzhugh. Umpire—Dick Williams. Time of game 2 hrs. and 15 min.

Service Flag Dedication To Feature Memorial Day

The dedication of two service flags will feature this year's local Memorial Day services, according to an announcement by Leon Benefiel, who is representing the American Legion on the arrangements committee.

One flag will honor all local men in the services. The other will honor former Greenbelt Band members.

The program, details for which are not yet completed, will probably also include an Advancement of Colors ceremony, a short address by Community Manager, Roy S. Braden, the introduction of local mothers of service men and a concert by the Greenbelt Band. The concert will include three selections by local composers.

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Irish Face Stiff Schedule with Marines, Gunners

Greenbelt's wilting Shamrocks are expected to perk up this weekend. They have a couple of games staring them in the face that have the boys all raring to go. They take their only scheduled trip Saturday when they go to Quantico, Virginia to play the Marines. Sunday they will entertain the 89th Coast Artillery team at Braden Field a 2 o'clock.

The boys practiced hard for these games on Tuesday evening and were to have worked out again yesterday evening. The Green pitching staff will be full again for these games with the return of big Jim Breed from an extensive business trip. Manager Goldfaden will, in all likelihood reserve the hefty Texan for relief roles this week unless he shows better than Ernie Boggs, Ray Glasgow and Ed Shinn.

The Shamrocks have played the world-known Quantico Marines every year for their three full seasons, a total of five games, and feel quite honored that the Leathernecks request their return this season.

Last year's game was a thriller for seven innings, 2 to 2 at that point, when Jim Breed was hit on his left elbow by a pitched ball and had to retire from the game. Lanny Birch, who relieved Breed, promptly tossed away the ball game by 5 to 2.

Ben Goldfaden wants all his baseball players to be in the Center at noon tomorrow, ready for the trip.

First Junior Dance Proves Popular

Approximately 160 young people attended the first of a series of Junior Dances to be held during the summer last Saturday night in the auditorium of the elementary school. Formal dress was in order, and the High School Orchestra played for the dancing. Acting as junior hostesses were Barbara Runyon and Nancy Nagel.

Since it is necessary to pay \$2.00 for the use of the auditorium for each of these dances, the different organizations in town are being asked to subscribe \$2.00 a month to this recreational project, according to Mrs. Rolfe Sauls, senior hostess. Any surplus will be donated to the orchestra to buy additional music.

Any Greenbelt youths from the 5th grade through high school age are invited to attend these dances which are part of the summer recreational program of the Community Church. The next one is set for June 12, while the following dances are scheduled for July 10 and August 14. There is no admission charge.

Swedish Co-Ops Aid In Breaking Black Markets

Two of America's ace correspondents wired from Stockholm to their home newspaper syndicates this week the news that the Swedish co-operatives have helped control the threat of black markets and that the reserves built up by the co-ops have helped Sweden during the crisis.

Raymond Clapper, in a syndicated story May 7, reported, "There is some black market activity, but co-operatives are so widespread that marketing is all pretty much under control."

Marquis Childs, author of "Sweden, the Middle Way" is revisiting Sweden and doing a series of articles on Sweden in the crisis. Childs reports that nearly half of Sweden's 6,500,000 people are affiliated with consumer co-operatives and that almost without exception Swedish farmers belong to marketing co-operatives. "This is a big reason," he concludes, "why almost no black market exists."

Childs also reports that in 1939 the Swedish co-ops bought twelve million dollars worth of strategic materials on the world market which helped all of Sweden through the crisis. The irony of the situation, he points out, was that under the wartime laws, the co-ops had to share their reserves with private retailers and that nearly one-half of the co-op supply of coffee, for example, was turned over to private merchants.



The county league softy opener last Saturday night set a precedent. The first ball was thrown out a couple city blocks away from the game site. The honorary chucking was done at the elementary school for the benefit of the photogs.

Bull John Koneczewski, strapping first-sacker of the **Heurich Brewers**, is all ready to play professional ball for Scranton in the New York-Penn League as soon as the present term at **George Washington University** is over. "Konnie" was a team mate to **Johnny Picco** and **Pete Labukas**, former local recreation employees, when the latter pair were in school.

Both **Ben Goldfaden** and **Ernie Boggs** had their consecutive game streaks broken last week. **Ben** missed his first **Rep** softball game when **Greenbelt** played **Mt. Rainier** Saturday. The big recreation director had played every game for four full seasons. **Ernie** has played every game of the **Shamrocks'** three full seasons and missed Sunday against the **Brewers** after playing in the first three games this year.

Andy Farkas certainly ran wrong when he had the new **ERCO** shirts numbered. His young fans would be quick to remember the familiar "44" of **Redskin** days in place of his current chronologically correct "15."

We felt quite smug over the manner in which young **Julius Andrus** conducted himself in center field against **Chris Heurich's** ball club Sunday. **Julie** gathered in 6 fly balls, at least 4 of which could not have been touched by any other sandlot outfielder we've seen, except perhaps, **Pepco Barry**. **Barry** played the same pasture opposite **Julie** Sunday and had but one chance to distinguish himself. The **Pepper** is an ex-pro with plenty speed and "savvy" left in the old boy.

Local High School Grads May Ask For Scholarship

Residents of Prince Georges County who are secondary school graduates and those who will graduate next June are eligible to apply for scholarships through a competitive examination by writing G. Gardner Shugart, assistant superintendent, the Upper Marlboro Office of the Board of Education, not later than May 19th. Applicants will be notified of the time and place of the examination.

The scholarships available are a male scholarship at Washington College and male and female scholarships to Western Maryland College.

United Nations' Relief Committee To Form

Plans for the formation of a United Nations War Relief Committee will be mapped out at a meeting this coming Tuesday evening. Representatives from every organization in Greenbelt have been invited. It is hoped that the group will coordinate war relief activities within Greenbelt. An experienced member of the British War Relief agency will be present to discuss the general problems of starting such a group. The meeting will begin at 8:30 p. m. in Room 210 of the Elementary School.

Co-Ops' 100th Birthday Celebration Planned

Preliminary plans for the celebration of the first hundred years of Co-operation will be referred back to the people, the Centennial Committee of The Co-operative League decided at a meeting May 8 and 9. A very rough outline of activities for a year long Centennial Campaign in 1944 were worked out in draft form. These are scheduled for discussion by regional co-operative officials and members of thousands of local co-ops thruout the country before they take final shape. One basic aim of the campaign will be the creation of a Centennial Committee in every co-operative to help plan and carry out the centennial campaign.

Coast Guard Wallops Erco 16-5 and Mt. Rainier Nips Reps 1 to 0 As County Softball Loop Opens

The Prince Georges County Softball League got under way last Saturday evening bathed in the glow of Braden Field's flood lights. All four of the league's teams took part in the opening night festivities before a large crowd.

Ceremonies

Preceding the games was a big rally at the elementary school amid enthusiastic music supplied by the town's band. Pictures were taken by Washington newspaper photographers and pleasantries were exchanged by dignitaries of the four teams. Mr. Carroll, Treasurer of the Engineer and Research Corporation threw out the first ball (in the gym) and the crowd trooped on down to the illuminated battle grounds for the ball games.

Lt. Jack Allen's Captain of the Port ten proved more than a match for ex-Redskin **Andy Farkas'** **Erco** Flyers, whipping the latter by 16 to 5. Two of Farkas' fingers failed to foil the flailing Coast Guardsmen.

Extra Bases

Prokop with 3 hits, Baktis and Precob with two hits apiece were the leading hitters. Precob hit a double and triple while Baktis, scheduled for the Pittsburgh Pirates before joining the Coast Guard smacked a home run.

Copeland and Dorff collected two hits apiece for the Riverdale defense workers.

Calming Down

The Greenbelt-Mt. Rainier battle was a welcome relief from the error-fested first game. **Curt Barker** and **Tom Dobyns** hooked up in a keen hurling duel with the latter emerging victorious by the smallest possible margin.

The Mounts' lonesome tally came in the sixth inning on an error, two walks and an infield out.

Ray Taylor got two nice bingles for the Reps and Barker got the other hit. L. Miller and Remington got Mt. Rainier's two hits.

C. O. T. P.	AB	R	H
Precobb, 2b	3	2	2
Stuhlfaut, rf	2	1	0
Koserowski, ss	3	0	1
Towers, lf	5	1	1
Baktis, 3b	4	2	2
Green, p	3	3	0
Colton, 1b	3	1	0
Procop, cf	4	2	3
Stevens, c	3	1	1
Borowicz, sf	4	1	1
Rossi, ss, rf	4	2	1

Totals: 38 16 12

Erco	AB	R	H
Rathell, c	4	0	0
Bailey, 1b	3	0	0
Copeland, ss	3	1	2
Jennison, sf	2	1	1
Dorff, cf	3	1	2
Longnecker, p, 3b	2	1	0
Wolf, 2b	3	0	0
Barnes, lf	3	0	0
Boyd, rf, p	3	0	0

Totals: 29 5 6

Struck out—by Boyd 2, by Green 1. First base on balls—off Boyd 2, off Longnecker 3, off Green 2. Losing pitcher—Boyd. Umpires—Machowsky and Eshbaugh.

Greenbelt	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Krasnor, ss	2	0	0	1	0	0
Marack, lf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Taylor, 2b	3	0	2	3	0	0
Moore, 1b	3	0	0	7	1	0
Barker, p	3	0	1	1	4	0
Bauer, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Leyden, 3b	2	0	0	0	2	0
Trumble, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Egli, sf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bowman, c	2	0	0	6	0	0

Totals: 24 0 3 18 7 1

Mt. Rainier	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
L. Miller, sf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Frey, 1b	2	0	0	11	0	0
Finn, ss	2	0	0	0	3	0
Remington, 3b	2	0	1	2	1	0
F. Miller, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
R. Frey, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wynn, c	2	0	0	5	0	0
Moxley, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Bauman, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. Rodriguez, rf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Dobyns, p	2	0	0	0	4	0

Totals: 20 1 2 21 8 0

Struck out—by Barker 6, by Dobyns 5. First base on balls—off Barker 4, off Dobyns 1. Umpires—Machowsky and Eshbaugh.

SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Gremelin and "Flippin' Flora". Captain Lewis Marcy of Fort Meade accepted the jeeps for the army.

The Greenbelt Band played led by their old band leader Private Herman Meyers who appeared unexpectedly for the occasion. The high school girls' glee club sang "America on the March".

Heurichs Defeat Shamrocks Last Sunday by 6-4

The Heurich Brewers invaded Braden Field last Sunday and struck the Shamrocks dumb with a 6-4 victory at Ray Glasgow's expense. Downs, Heurich hurler, is deaf and dumb but he spoke with authority when it came to quelling several local scoring threats.

"Pepco" Barry, Bill Simonds, "Huck" Stahl and Downes got two hits apiece to lead the successful Brewer attack on Glasgow. Stahl's pair were doubles. Barry and Jerry Zanelotti got the other two baggers for Heurich.

Barney Secretarski, with a double and two singles, was most successful against the "eloquent dummy". Battery mates, Joe Todd and Ray Glasgow, slugged out two bingles apiece in the eleven tit attack on Downes.

The Shamrock's best throwing arm got its first chance to play when Art Sawyer relieved John Machowsky in the fifth inning. Art made a pair of nice plays when he feinted Huck Stahl back to third on successive taps his way before winging his men out at first base.

Navy Julius Andrus, making his first start with the locals this year, covered literally acres of ground in pulling down his half dozen fly balls.

Pepco Barry made a swell play at Joe Todd's expense when he came tearing in in the seventh to take Joe's looper and make it a double play by tossing to second before Norman Enzor could get back.

Shamrocks	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Secretarski, ss	5	0	3	1	1	0
Davis, 2b	3	1	0	2	3	0
Andrus, cf	5	0	0	6	0	0
Moore, 1b	3	1	1	9	0	0
Machowsky, 3b	3	0	1	0	2	0
Sawyer, 3b	2	0	0	2	2	0
Enzor, lf, rf	4	0	1	1	1	0
Barker, lf	2	1	1	2	0	0
Shinn, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Todd, c	4	1	2	4	0	0
Glasgow, p	4	0	2	0	3	0

Totals: 36 4 11 27 11 0

Brewers	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Barry, cf	3	2	2	2	1	0
Zanelotti, 3b	4	1	1	3	2	1
Simonds, 2b	5	1	2	3	3	1
Koneczewski, 1b	4	1	0	10	1	1
Valenti, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Aquilino, c	4	0	1	7	0	1
Freschi, rf	5	0	0	1	0	0
Bennie, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stahl, ss	4	1	2	1	2	2
Downes, p	3	1	2	0	5	0

Totals: 36 6 11 27 14 6

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Runs batted in—Todd, Secretarski, Moore, Zanelotti, Simonds (2), Aquilino, Stahl, Downes. Two base hits—Secretarski, Barry, Zanelotti, Stahl (2). Sacrifices—Barry, Aquilino, Shinn. Double plays—Machowsky to Davis to Moore, Barry to Simonds to Koneczewski. Struck out—by Glasgow (3), by Downes (6). First base on balls—off Glasgow (4), off Downes (4). Hit by pitched balls—by Glasgow (Koneczewski, Valenti). Stolen bases—Secretarski, Glasgow, Simonds, Aquilino. Scorer—Dan Wolfe. Umpire—Al Bowman. Time of game—2 hours.

HULA DANCES

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sent, simply of out this world.

As good as the hula dancers were, they were only part of an excellent program presented by the Greenbelt Elementary School in its May Festival, complete with king, queen, court and may pole. Dances ranging from the barn dance type to a toe solo showed skill and practice, while of special interest were the Allied Nations folk dances.

The annual May Festival was directed this year by Miss Hendricks, music and dancing teacher for the school, and represented weeks of practice by the pupils. A crowd of at least 750 Greenbelters attended, overflowing the chairs into the lawn.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Here I am now, trying to be Sally Meredith! Sally is unable to be present this week as her young son isn't well. So, here goes . . .

Mrs. Gretchen Stoutmeyer left Tuesday for Des Moines, Iowa with Joanna and David to visit her family. After several weeks there they will visit Mr. Stoutmeyer's family in Chatsworth, Illinois. Mr. Stoutmeyer will join them there.

Mrs. Howard Alder, a former Greenbelt resident and employee of the drug store, is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold L. Maw, of Woodland Way, together with her seven months' old son, Craig. Mrs. Alder's marriage was the culmination of a Greenbelt romance, for though both she and her husband are from Salt Lake City, they met here. Mrs. Alder will be here until the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Hull, with "Debbie" and "Chip" will leave Tuesday to spend a week in New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, visiting family and friends.

Friends of Martha Hanes of 12-M Parkway will be glad to hear that she is recuperating nicely and has returned from Garfield Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan and son, Billy, of 22-A Hillside, visited in New York last week-end.

"Jeff" Jeffries, Lana, Bud, Jimmy and Nancy are now living on the Glendale Road, just off the Baltimore Pike. They moved from Hillside Road last week. Jeff will continue to act in the capacity of assistant to the General Manager of G.C.S.

Jack Fruchtman's little daughter, Kay Ellen, had her first birthday on Mothers' Day. Also celebrating his first birthday last week was Dr. Morris' little son.

Mrs. Gordon Finley left last Friday to see her mother in Nebraska.

That takes care of our civilians for the week. Now, to go to the Armed Forces.

Private "AC" Worley, Greenbelt, arrived at the Finance Replacement Training Center recently to begin basic training in finance. He is the husband of Mrs. Martha Worley, Parkway, Greenbelt, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Worley, Boring, Oregon. Prior to his induction he was a budget analyst, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Edwin C. Wells, stationed at Pearl Harbor, has been sending his wife and daughter wonderful presents of grass skirts, shell necklaces, leis, slippers and handsome straw pocketbooks. He plans to look up two other Greenbelters also there, Helmuth Bentien and Fred Van Fleet. Mr. Van Fleet and Wells used to do aeroplane spotting here last summer.

Jack Gale, stationed at New River, North Carolina, in aerial photography interpretation, called his mother yesterday to congratulate her for her birthday. Was she surprised and pleased!

That about completes the news in at present. I'm sure you all will be as pleased to have Sally back as we will be.

Citizens Ask

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a moratorium on rents for present residents while they built their own homes through the Greenbelt Homeowners Cooperative. In November 1941 an order to vacate by March, 1942 was issued to all excess income families not members of the Cooperative. This order was never enforced, nor were the Homeowners ever able to build their houses, for by 1942 the war had skyrocketed building costs and war-workers had occupied the houses to which Greenbelters were to move.

New Babies

Calling all parents! Mrs. Bertha Bonham, Town Clerk, and your reporter are wondering what's become of Greenbelt's new babies. Are you folks letting down on the job? From the looks of things, we don't think so; so let's have all the dope.

There's a town ordinance which imposes a fine on those parents who do not submit a form, giving certain information pertaining to the birth of any child. This form may be obtained from Mrs. Bonham at the Administration Office.

This week's announcements are: Merle Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas Cox, Jr., 15-B Parkway Road, was born way back in March at the Garfield Hospital, Washington.

Transportation Exchange

RIDE WANTED

Rides wanted by three passengers to Temporary X Building, E. Capitol and 19th Streets. Hours, 7:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. S. Bogan, 3-E Research Road. Phone 3096.

PASSENGERS WANTED

Two riders to the Civil Service Commission Building at 7th and F Streets. Hours 8:45 to 5:15. Norma Blackett, 20-F Crescent Road. Phone 5066.

Drivers wanted for car pool. Parking provided. Leave Greenbelt 7:15 to 7:30 a. m.; leave Washington 4:45 to 5:15 p. m. We will adapt our hours to yours. Vicinity of 10th and 12th on Constitution Avenue. Call or see A. Leech, 21-D Ridge Road, Greenbelt 4452.

RIDE WANTED—To 14th and Constitution Avenue or nearby. Hours 8:45 to 5:30. Sidney Hennes, 6 S Ridge Road, phone 3278.

Hebrew Congregation

The Hebrew Congregation announced that it is sponsoring the formation of a series of study and discussion groups centering the following fields of interest:

1. Music Appreciation.
2. Modern developments in Palestine.
3. Photography.
4. Stargazing.
5. General science.
6. Jewish history.

Further details may be obtained following the regular weekly services to be held this evening at 8:30 in the Social Room of the Elementary School.

Attention was also invited to the fact that the congregation is sponsoring Sunday School classes at beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. These classes are held between 11 and 12 Sunday mornings in the Elementary School.

Classified

Raise Tropical Fish for Business and Pleasure; 18, 21, and 69 gallon aquariums for sale very reasonable. Call 4841 after 7 evenings, or look them over at 2-D Woodland Way, same time.

Make a raid on your pocket-book so that we can raid the Axis. Get your War Bonds now.

Episcopal Services

Sunday morning, at 11:15 o'clock, morning prayer and sermon at St. John's Church, Beltsville. To go by bus, transfer at the junction of the Beltsville car line and the new road.

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