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Schools Will Open September Tenth As New Pupils Are Registering

School will open on Monday, September 10, at 9 a.m. Children living north of Eastway will attend the North End school, while those living south of Eastway will attend the Center school. To enter the first grade, children must be six years old prior to January 1, 1946.

Western Union Has

New Phone Number

The Western Union agency for Greenbelt has been relo-

cated. Its new site is 1-D Woodland Way, and the new phone number is 4841. Mrs. Thelma Newton will take tele-

grams and other business from

Bryan Plans Means

Of Auditing Group

Three members of the interim

auditing committee appointed at

the unofficial quorum-less meeting

of Greenbelt Consumer Services on

August 22 may become official

members of the committee, it was

learned this week, if Allan A.

Bryan's proposal for legalizing the committee is adopted.

A new committee was due for

election at the May membership

meeting which also lacked a quor-

um, and with no legal action possible at either the May or August meeting, President Dayton W. Hull

appointed the four candidates for

the committee to serve until the adjourned meeting, called for Sep-

Mr. Bryan suggested to the in-

terim committee that inasmuch as

Max H. Salzman, chairman of the

continuing committee, had resigned, the remaining two members

might appoint one of the interim

committee to fill the vacancy.

William A. Moore is ready to re-

sign and his place would be filled also from the interim committee.

If Steve Comings decides to with-

draw a third member would be ap-

pointed, and a new and legal com-

mittee could function, according to Mr. Bryan's plan.

It is understood that Mr. Com-

ings stands ready to contest any

findings of the interim committee

as not in accordance with the by-

laws and therefore of no binding

At the August meeting, howev-

er, sentiment was strong that the

President's action would be ap-

proved by the membership in September.

Council Hopefuls

To Meet Sept. 10

Greenbelt's record number of

candidates for election to the Town Council will present their

qualifications to interested citizens

at the next meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens Association, to be

held at 8:15 p. m., September 10,

in the auditorium of the Elementary School. Long one of the town's best-attended meetings, this

gathering will give each candidate

an opportunity to state his ideas

value to the organization.

tember 26.

To Legalize Setup

8 a. m. to 8 p. m. daily.

All new pupils will register in the auditoriums of their respective schools on Monday, September 10, from 9 to 11 a. m. A parent must accompany the pupil. The following should be brought along: birth certificate, vaccination certificate, certifications of immunization, and transfer and report cords.

Pupils of the North End school will report to rooms assigned to the groups. Pupils of the Center school will report to the rooms which they occupied last year with the exception of the children who attended kindergarten last year, who should report to the Home Economics room at 9 a. m. School will remain in session for the following hours: Group One, 9 a. m. to 12 noon; Group Two, 9 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.; Groups Three and Four, 9 a. m. to 3:15 p. m. Lunch hour will be from 12 noon to 1 p.

Children entering kindergarten this year must register on Mon-day, September 10, and Tuesday, September 11, at the North End School for kindergarteners living north of Eastway, and at rooms 121 and 123 in the Center school for kindergarteners living south of Eastway. The schedule, referring to the first letter of the last name,

will be as follows:
A to E on Monday, September 10, 9 to 12 a. m.

F to L on Monday, September 10, 1 to 3 p. m. M to R on Tuesday, September

11, 9 to 12 a. m.

S to Z on Tuesday, September 11, 1 to 3 p. m.

All kindergarten classes will begin on Wednesday, September 12.
While school does not start till
Monday, the teaching staff will
report Wednesday through Friday of the previous week to get things ready for the opening session. There will be 18 regular teachers and 4 kindergarten teachers this

The Center school's enrollment is expected to reach 450, while the North End school will have about 330 children attending. Kindergarten enrollment will be approximately 200.

All children enrolled in the Day Care Center will attend the Center

Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt and Mrs. Rowena Whittaker, principals of the two schools, hope to follow the same program as last year with the addition of more outdoor work for the North End School. The multi-purpose room at the new school will be used for physical education classes. As yet there are no playground facilities for the North End School, but a lot in back of the building will be used for outdoor play.

Bus Owners Meet With G. C. S. Mgr. On Sharing Plan

Appointment of a committee of the Catholic School Bus Association Wednesday to meet with Sam Ashelman, GCS manager, may result in a cooperative arrangement whereby both the school and GCS will share use of the new bus on which delivery is promised the middle of September.

Mr. Ashelman is hopeful that the Association will approve his offer to share expenses of driver and depreciation in order that the long-looked-for loop bus for Greenmay begin operation soon.

School needs would require use of the bus from eight to nine a. m. and from three to four p. m. Under the plan for joint operation, the remainder of the day could be devoted to a regular hourly schedule for jitney service around town and to the center.

Citizens Elect 7 **To Study Mutual Housing for Town**

The future of Greenbelt was the subject of the Citizens Association meeting held Monday night in the elementary school auditorium. Greenbelt was described as a town either to be owned by possibly speculative real estate interests, owned cooperatively, or owned by a mutual housing association, by John Carson, Washington repre-sentative of the Cooperative League, USA, and an authority on subject of mutual housing

According to Carson, the town of Greenbelt could be owned by the present or future residents at probably no greater payments than their present rent, through mutual housing. Two towns adopted this plan, he said, to insure their former government-owned communities from falling into the hands of

speculative real estate interests. The essence of the plan is the purchase of the town from the government by the citizens, through a loan issued to them by the government to the amount of eighty to a hundred per cent of the appraised value of the property. The payments on the loan are then made on a monthly basis, instead of rent, and the residents acquires an equity in the dwelling unit as

Following Mr. Carson's talk, a lively question and answer period concerning some of the details by which the plan operates.

A permanent committee of the

Association was formed to study mutual housing or any other form of housing plan by which Green-belt could be maintained on the level at least of its present efficiency and coordination. The problem of disposal of Greenbelt was spoken of as an acute one, because of the war housing section which, under the provisions of the Lanham Act, must be sold by the government within two years after the war. It has been suggested that when this is done, old Greenbelt will probably be included.
The members of the committee
were therefore instructed to report
back to the Citizens Association within two months. The seven members elected were Cyrilla O'Connor, Sherrod East, Donald H.
Cooper, W. R. Volckhausen, Thomas B. Ritchie, Ruth Taylor, and
Merton Trast. Mr. Ritchie was appointed temporary chairman to serve until an election can be held.

Youth Club Meets Monday to Plan **Drive for Funds**

The newly-organized Greenbelt Youth Club will hold a meeting next Monday night at 8:30 p. m. at the Drop Inn to discuss the club's fund-raising campaign. The planning committee of the Drop Inn, the board of chairmen of the Youth Club, Eileen Mudd of the Recreation Department, and several interested parents have been invited to attend. Town Manager James Gobbel has also been invited to express his opinions. All teen-agers and parents who feel that they have something worthwhile to add to the group discussion on recreation in Greenbelt among the younger crowd are

asked to put in an appearance.

The Greenbelt Youth Club is made up of high school seniors and alumni, and any outsiders between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one. Until a mass meeting can be held, Horace Lupton has been appointed acting chairman. As soon as they can find a place to hold dances, the club members intend to incorporate the group and give a series of dances, pro-ceeds to go to the building of a youth canteen.

With Concert, Water Show Tonight

Fourth Annual Town Fair Under Way

Pool Shifts Hours

Swimming pool hours have been changed, without notice, to 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. each day, several mothers and children were disappointed to learn early this week.

3 More File Bids For Town Election

Three more candidates have filed petitions for nomination to the town council this week, Donald Cooper, Jesse E. Smith, and Walter Volckhausen. This brings the total number of petitions filed to nine. The other six that filed previously are David Granahan, Sherrod East, Wells Harrington, Allen D. Morrison, Ruth Taylor, and John Cain.

Town Clerk Bertha Bonham announced that on September 1, the closing date of registration for council election, her office will be open from 2 to 5 p. m. to accept last-minute registrees. Three hundred and fifteen citizens have registered so far, and the office holds four hundred carry-over registrants. Mrs. Bonham calls especial attention to a list posted in the local post office of people who had registered for elections of 1941 and 1943 but did not vote. Those names have all been withdrawn, and it will be necessary that those residents register again to be eligible to vote in the coming election.

New Vets' Group **Elects Officers** At First Meeting

pre-charter organizational meeting of the Greenbelt American Veterans Committee was held Tuesday evening at the elementary school. An acting committee was elected, consisting of Sgt. William Nicholas, chairman; Sgt. William Harmelin, secretary; and Max Salzman, Sp (P) 1/c, treasurer. The meeting was attended by soldiers, sailors, merchant marine, and discharged servicemen, many of whom have had overseas and combat experience.

The keynote of the first meeting was sounded by one of the seas veterans, who stated: "What is needed now is a veterans' and service men's organization of men and women, alert to the problems which face the veterans of this war, and the country as a whole, through the aims and principles of the American Veterans Com-

The program includes: adequate financial, medical, vocational and educational assistance for every veteran; a job for every veteran, under a system of private enterprise in which business, labor, agriculture and government work together to provide full employ-ment and full production for the nation; thorough social and economic security; free speech, press, worship, assembly, and ballot; disarmament of Germany and Japan and the elimination of the power of their militarist classes; active participation of the United States in the United Nations organization to stop any threat of aggression and to promote social and economic measures which will remove the causes of war; establishment of an international veterans council for the furtherance of world peace and justice among the peoples of all nations.

The next meeting of the local chapter of the American Veterans Committee will be held at the elementary school at 2000 on Tuesday, September 4.

Tonight's outstanding features of Greenbelt's Annual Town Fair are the Community Band Concert and water pageant at the swimming pool, the stage show in the Auditorium, and the boxing exhibition at the handball court by the Prince Georges County Police Boys

Topping Saturday's entertainment there will be the U.S. Coast Guard Attack Dog Show on Braden Field at 7 p. m., and professional wrestling later in the eve-

Eli Radinsky, director of enter-tainment for the Fair, expressed himself as well-satisfied with the cooperation from residents and visitors who are presenting the three days of fun for the commu-Many other events supplement the principal attractions.

Free movies in the social room of the school Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock is sure to be a hit with the children-no one else will be admitted.

A program of each day's events will be sold at the doors of the Auditorium, one of two items not free. A refreshment stand in the home economics room will be the other money-raising feature of the Fair. Everything else is free.

The awarding of prizes for the numerous contests will take place Saturday evening. Some of these awards will be broadcast over the WWDC program, and others (there are likely to be close to 300) will be announced in between entertainment features. Cash prizes as well as ribbons and cards are available this year by virtue of donations from local residents and from the Maryland State Fair Board fund. Paul Dunbar, Planning Committee member, was able to secure \$250 from this organization for prizes of local prize-winners in baking, needlecraft, gardening, and other skills.

Topping other prizes will be the annual Athletic Club award—\$10 in cash this year—for the best exhibit of the Fair. With 36 separate displays in the 1945 Fair, keen competition may be expected for too honors. top honors.

Following the three days of exhibits, contests, and entertainment a statement of income and expenses will be published in the Cooperator by Treasurer E. Don-Bullian. Any residue will go into a fund for future town fairs.

A drugstore window devoted to Town Fair publicity is carrying last-minute announcements on new developments and any changes of schedule. All residents are asked by the Planning Committee to watch the window or ask any questions they may have at Booth No. 1 in the Auditorium.

G. C. S. Presents Low-Price Loaf

Co-op label bread at 8 cents a loaf will go on sale at the food store any day now, following arrangements made by Rochdale Cooperative with a Washington

White, wheat and cracked wheat bread will be available, all baked with enriched flour and made in accordance with Department of Agriculture recommendations as to shortening, sugar and milk con-

Over a year ago Rochdale Co-operative appointed a committee additional products secure which could be made to specification and sold under the co-op label. James Dunaway, Rochdale mana-ger, told the Cooperator. They located a baker in Washington who was ready to expand his basiness and approached Greenbelt Consumer Services as another outlet. Delivery was delayed until the present time, due to difficulty in getting the wrappers printed.

and qualifications. In addition, a period will be set aside for the direct questioning from the floor. The election will be held on September 18. **Methodists Hold**

Midweek Meeting The regular Methodist midweek meeting will be held at the home of George A. Edmunds, 27-A Ridge Road, at 8 p. m. on Thursday evening, September 6. Everyone interested in this work is cordially

invited to attend. Regular Sunday evening services will begin Sunday, September 9, at 8 p. m. in the Home Economics room of the elementary school.

GREENBELT COOPERATOR Boy Scouts Seek

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Public Opinion Matters

Public opinion is one of the greatest forces in presentday society. The interest of the public in general is responsible for more social and economic reforms than any one thing, and in itself constitutes the reason for having freedom of speech and press and assembly.

Some time ago in Greenbelt, the pressure of public feeling caused a revision in a rule against using clotheslines in yards, which had caused much inconvenience to housewives doing their own laundry. Public opinion even more recently has brought about presidential action on behalf of the children's day care centers, which were about to be junked as being at the end of their wartime usefulness, and may now be given a new lease on life by Congress. The FPHA decision not to push the establishment of a liquor store was, of course, a direct result of the town referendum. Soon, we hope, indignation over the condition of the public drinkingfountain in the town center may result in the installation of a modern and sanitary device, to replace the ordinary faucets which nearly require children to put their mouths to the opening to get any water from them. It seems rather silly to be worried over possible contagion from a chlorinated swimming pool, when such a dangerous and accessible source of infection exists right in the middle of town.

Public opinion, however, to be effectual, must be informed. Whether it be on the best possible choice for council candidate, or on the benefits of mutual housing as compared with other plans, the public deserves to get the facts. It is a healthy sign that the citizens will be offered two opportunities in the next two months to see and hear for themselves the proponents of these two questions, at meetings called for their information by the Citizens Association. It remains to be seen, in the latter case, whether just one more committee has been formed or whether the community will be even more indebted to the Association for taking action

TO THE EDITOR

when action is necessary.

We who have signed this statement are candidates for the Greenbelt Town Council, running as individuals, but with common agreement on certain objectives which we believe should guide the Council.

The objectives which we list here we believe to be important to the welfare of Greenbelt and its residents, and we agree to strive for their attainment. We hope that other candidates will endorse these or advance other aims, so that Greenbelt citizens may know what to expect of the individuals for whom they vote.

1. We believe that it is essential that the Town Council assume a position of leadership in the com-munity. Whether the Council becomes a strong, community-mind-ed and community-directed body may well determine the fate of our town.

Recent newspaper headlines on prospective disposition of Greenbelt-erroneous as to time but not as to the fact that the Government plans to sell Greenbelt-suggest that private real estate interests will take over the community. Such interests took over many Government-built housing projects after the first World War, bought them for a song, sold the homes to individuals at speculative profits, and moved out. Community interest and community controls vanished and the projects degenerated. A strong Town Council must lead the fight against this threat to Greenbelt.

There is an alternative: Federal Public Housing Authority has recently released several housing projects to mutual ownership groups formed of citizens of the projects. This can be done in Greenbelt, but it will be done only if we citizens, and particularly our Council, display the interest and leadership necessary to justify local control.

We must not let Greenbelt fall into the hands of persons who will consider it only as a financial venture, persons who will relegate the essential business, recreational, and educational needs of the community to secondary consideration. (For example, the citizens have definitely indicated that they do not consider a liquor store as essential business in Greenbelt.)

Pending solution of the problem of ultimate ownership and operation of Greenbelt housing facilities, our Town Council must exercise intelligently its full powers and responsibilities under the Town Charter (an authority granted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, not by the Federal Public Housing Authority). The Council must support and guide the Town Manager in his difficult dual role of municipal administrator (employed by the Council) and Project Manager for the FPHA.

2. We believe that to assume a position of leadership the Council must initiate and support actions promoting the welfare of the community and its residents. Greenbelt is more than a housing project designed for profitable operation: it is a community of citizens. The Council, representing those citizens, must be awake to their It must assume leadership in such projects as:

a. Support of a program of public improvements. Greenbelt needs more sidewalk and road improvement in the North End. The playgrounds and picnic areas require improvement. Benches are needed so that weary mothers may rest on the long trek home from the stores. We do not believe that these are matters for the landlord alone to determine. They are community needs and as such should receive the attention of the community's elected representa-

b. Aid in securing transportation facilities within Greenbelt. Within a few months GCS has accomplished more than the Town Council has done in years, but even this effort is hampered by an un-cooperative attitude on the part of the present Town Council.

Provision of recreational facilities. An active Council would have seen that a recreation room for teen-age boys and girls was provided long before action was

More Sponsors

At a meeting of Boy Scout Troop 202's staff and sponsoring committee last week it was de-cided to ask fathers of the Scouts to volunteer for service on next year's committee.

Although the American Legion post sponsors the troop only a few of its members have worked with the Boy Scouts and these few have been on the committee year after year. It was generally agreed at the joint meeting that new men were needed to round out next year's sponsoring committee. John C. Gale is committee chair-

Cooperation is a means by which all the people can get into business, and this is something new and good in the world.

compelled by a situation which was a disgrace to the community. But even the present space is inadequate, and more suitable space, equipment, and supervision must be provided.

d. Cooperation with community projects. The Council should take an active part in assuring that the local cooperatives serve Greenbelt better. The kind of cooperation almost any city government af-fords local business would go far towards achieving this. The Council should find a way for tenants in old Greenbelt to continue to live in the community when their rents exceed the limits set for their homes; cooperation with the local home-building group is one step the Council should take. Action should be taken to assist local gardeners, to promote such events as the Town Fair, and to cooperate with other projects beneficial to the community.

e. Encouraging approved industries to locate near Greenbelt, to provide an additional source of permanent residents for the com-munity. Relocation of many residents of the defense homes, and a gradual exodus of war agency personnel from the Washington area may well leave Greenbelt with an excess of desirable homes.

f. Forwarding Greenbelt's interests and carrying out its responsibility in county and state affairs. County and state regulations in regard to schools, health, police protection, and in many other fields affect the welfare of Green-belt residents. The Council should see that Greenbelt's opinion is expressed in consideration of such regulations.

g. Promotion of Greenbelt's interest in the Baltimore-Washington super-highway. This highway be constructed so close to Greenbelt's residential and business area will vitally affect the future of the town.

h. Preparing to meet on our own initiative problems of post-war readjustment. Inflation to some extent, unemployment, and many other similar problems will undoubtedly be felt in varying degrees by every community in the It will not always be possible, even if it were desirable, for Greenbelt to "let the Federal Government worry" about its local

i. Reflection of the public interest and the community viewpoint. To insure fuller participation in Council affairs the Council should publish agenda of meetings in advance, maintain close contact with all town organizations, and form standing and special committees concerned with town affairs. Such committees should be composed of Council members and other citi-

These are but a few of the many objectives which an active, community - conscious Council should seek to achieve. We believe that a Council which meets these problems effectively will win wholehearted community support. With such support will come the unity and common purpose which alone will make possible the at-tainment of the full potentialities of this "town of tomorrow" in which we are glad to have the opportunity to live and work.

RUTH TAYLOR DAVID GRANAHAN WELLS HARRINGTON WALTER VOLCKHAUSEN SHERROD EAST

(Editor's note: This statement is published in place of the usual letters submitted separately by council candidates. tor will print statements by any candidate-provided, of course. that they are of reasonable length. After all, with twenty-odd people in the running-!)

To Co-op Camp

Combining summer sports with discussion groups, a number of Greenbelters spent vacations at Camp Keewadin on the Chesapeake last week.

Sponsored by the Potomac Cooperative Federation and attended by cooperators in the Washington area, this year's session has as its theme "How To Make Coopera-tives a Mass Movement."

The week was known as leadership week. Thomas Taylor, of the Scottish Cooperative Wholesale, who spoke in Greenbelt recently, has conducted a discussion group at Keewadin. Other speakers have been Carl Taylor, rural soci-Other speakers ologist of the Department of Agriculture, and John Daniels, author.

Campers from Greenbelt include the Gail Harpers and the Frank Harpers, the Sam Ashelmans, the Merton Trasts, Elsa Jorgenson and child, Bob Volckhausen, Charlotte Schubert and two sons, and the Samuel Maryns. From the staff of GCS, Tom Okazaki, Dan Livingston and Red Faulconer made brief visits to the Camp.

Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints

Summer Schedule of Meetings

Sunday Social Room—Elementary School Sacrament Services-11:45 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Week-day Meetings *Primary—2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 4:30 p. m. *Priesthood meeting-Wednesday

at 8:30 p. m. *Relief Society-2nd Tuesday of

each month, 8:15 p. m.
*For information regarding place
of meetings call Greenbelt 5338 or

Hebrew Congregation

The last "at-home" service will take place tonight at the home of Lou Wexler, 32-J Ridge Road. In order to permit participation in the Fair, services will start earlier than usual-8:00 p. m.

The Hebrew Congregation takes pleasure in announcing the holding of High Holiday Services; Rosh Hashana

Friday night, September 7-8:30 p. m., Social Room; Saturday September 8—9:30 a. m., Socia Room; Sunday, September 9—9:3 a. m., Music Room.

Candle-lighting time is 7 p. r. Friday, September 7. The Adl prayer books will be used. Further details for Yom Kipp will be given next week.

Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt Theatre; 7:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. at Berwyn. Confessions: Saturday from 7:30

p. m. on at 10-B Parkway in Greenbelt; Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m., and from 7:30

p. m. on. Novena Devotions: at Berwyn every Wednesday evening at

Community Church

The Reverend Wilmer Pierce Johnston has returned from his vacation and will be in the pulpit at the Community Church Sunday morning. Things are starting off for the fall with an early autumn communion service and reception of members. Among those to be received into the church Sunday morning are Captain Thomas Berry and his wife, Gladys, of 34-G Ridge Road; Paul L. Scott and his wife, Mary, of 11-G Hillside; Rob-L. Richardson and his Mildred, of 53-K Ridge Road; Walter R. Chandler and his wife, Juanita, of 8-G Laurel Hill Road.

The Deacons are hereby notified to be present on Sunday. Arleigh Westerbeck, director of music, has left, but Mrs. Daniel Neff, chairman of the music committee, is scurrying around with two or three prospects in mind. If you know of anyone, please let her know. Mrs. Katie Barili will be in the vestibule at 10:45 o'clock to receive all children whose parents wish to leave them while they worship in the main auditorium. The Community Church extends a cordial invitation to all Christian people of Greenbelt. If your church is a member of the Washington Federation of Churches, this church represents your church in Greenbelt.

Sunday evening at eight o'clock there will be a meeting of the Church Governing Board at the Pastor's study, 8-B Parkway, to plan for a financial campaign to raise money for the building fund.

On Tuesday, September 4 at eight o'clock there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee at the Pastor's study.

The Community Church Guild

will meet on Wednesday, September 5 at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Phillips Taylor, 13-R Ridge



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Greenbelt Consumer Services

OUR **NEIGHBORS**

Hi friends, have a good time at the own Fair.

We're very sorry to report that Jerry Cowell has been in the hos-pital again. This time he was injured when the wheel of his bike came off while he was riding. We hope he's out and around again

Kay Key spent a swell week visiting with her friend Helen Cline. Helen used to live in Greenbelt but now lives on the Beltsville Reseach Farm with her parents the Arthur Clines. Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Key.

Present visitors to Greenbelt are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith who are here to see their daughter and son-in-law the Max Rubins.

Pete Boggs has just returned from a vacation in West Virginia with his grandparents.

Mr. Sidney Gross of Cleveland, Ohio spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Calman Winegarden of 6Z-5 Plateau Place. Washing-ton's sights were thoroughly explored by Mr. Gross.

Mrs. Jackson Riedesel of the 6 court of Plateau Place and her five-week-old daughter Jacqueline recently left by plane for the family home in Fargo, N. D. Captain Riedesel has been transferred to Camp Adair, Oregon.

Mrs. Gertrude Decker, 6-Q Plateau Place, and her son Francis, who is a Specialist first class in the Navy, are leaving this week for Binghamton, New York City and Vermont.

Frank and Betts Watson are planning to leave Greenbelt for Coral Gables, near Miami, Florida, as soon as they can find a place

Mrs. Robert Gray, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Harry Hazell, newly-elected vice president, attended the 3-day meeting of the Legion Convention, held in Baltimore last week.

That's thirty for tonight folks.

Bowl With Your Neighbors

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Football Practice Starts Sept. 4th

The Greenbelt Packers will start football practice Tuesday evening, September 4, at Braden Field, Coach C. J. Van Camp announced. All candidates will report at 6:15 with football shoes and light equipment. Each boy will be required, as usual, to have a doctor's o.k. and a parental permission slip.

The Packers, last year's runnersup, are gunning for the League Championship this year. They lost only one game last year, to the champion Georgetown club. Most of the famous line will be back, and the boys are heavier and more experienced. Ward, Fickes, Sipes, Herr, Lupton, H. M. Goode, passcatching Sam Rhine, Klippert, Hughes, Webster, Flynn, Pete Cookson, and Winstead are expected back. The last two were named on the all-conference eleven. Cookson's return is somewhat doubtful as he expects to attend Maryland University.

In the backfield, "Powerhouse Burp" Cookson may be back, while Bob Fickes, last years's speed mer-chant, is expected to fill Don Wolfe's spot at fullback. passes, kicks, and is an elusive passes, kicks, and is an elusive broken-field runner. Ted Fox, bas-ketball star and former Packer center, intends to exhibit his speed at halfback. Mahlon Eshbaugh, Packer general, will be back at quarter if his studies at Maryland U. permit. Pete Austin may also be back at halfback. Fred Ayd-lett. Buddy Belton, Clayton Mclett, Buddy Belton, Clayton Mc-Carl, and Al Holiday of last year's team are out for backfield posi-tions, as are Boadus and Walker (formerly with Berwyn) and Cragin and Scott of the Knights of the Cross team. All boys, experienced or not, and interested in football should come out for the first practice. About forty players are expected to report.

Carl Oliver, former Stroudsburg College star, will coach the back-field, while popular Dick Coulter and Kenny Maschauer (if conditions permit) will put the line through its workouts.

The Town Recreation Department, under Vince Holochwost, will issue helmets, jerseys, and shoulder pads, but as the supply is limited all boys owning equipment are requested to bring their own. Coach Van Camp states that "some of the boys are now getting into shape by running. A tough schedule is ahead of us, and competition for positions on the team will be

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Diamond Dust

The final week of county league play was written into the records Sunday with twelve games-except that ties exist in both sections of the loop's second half chase. Playoff will take place this Sunday but we cannot announce where or who as the meeting determining such things was to have been Thursday evening, two days after we went to press . . . Your Shamrocks won both of their games Sunday; they beat Mt Rainier 8 to 1 and edged Prince Georges A. C. 4 to 2. Snug Harbor blasted the Mounties by 13 to 0 and then gave Riverdale a 17-1 thumping. Mary-land Park kept pace by whacking the hapless Riverdale Reds by 15 to 0 and nosing out Prince Georges A. C. by 3-2 to round out Section A's schedule. Over in Section B, Bill Cecil's Hyattsville nine thrashed Cheverly by 15 to 5 and then suffered one of the season's most stunning upsets when they bowed to the Bamby Bakers by 12 to 2! Bamby's Breadboys also won from the Mt. Rainier Recs by 14 to 2. Shady Oak shaded the Mount Recs, 7-6 but lost another upset game to Scaggsville, 5-4. Scaggsville bowed to Cheverly, 7-3. That is a brief recount of a busy baseball day... Ernie Boggs struck out eleven men over at Snug Harbor as he won his fifth game of the season . . . He still hasn't smacked out that one twobagger he needs to break his tie with Micky McDonald for all-time doubles production . . Bill Eick upped his batting average to .461 as he got 4 for 7 in the two games . . . Bill Zerwick dropped a bit from .474 to .455 but "Wackie William" is still his team's most prolific run boy. He stole 4 bases in the Mountie game. Carroll Scrivener held Bill to just one bingle in 5 tries . . . Some of the bingle in 5 tries . . . Some of the Shamrocks' 13 hits in the Mt. Rainier game were wind-blown,

luck-annointed affairs . . . Not so, that efficient double of Elmer Raba's in the first tilt, nor his triple in the nightcap . . . Green-belt's catching was of the highest quality. Joe Todd did a great job in the opener nad Micky Tarrant

easily matcher his efforts in the closer . . . The Prince Georges Athletics are not outdone in the catching department. Coach Mutt Moreland's sixteen year old son did a bang-up tour of duty behind the He flagged Bill Zerwick on a theft attempt and handled Scrivener's curve assortment in the approved manner ... Boggs pitched three straight singles to the Athletics in the eighth inning and nearly escaped. Scrivener bunted foul on third strike and he fanned the next man but Raba picked up a roller and threw poor-

ly to first for the 2 run damage. Shamrock Hits and Pitches

The Shamrocks have won fifteen out of sixteen games thus far this season, and the figures below offer some light on a truly fine Greenbelt baseball team.

An amazin pitching records shows all four of the most used hurlers to have allawed just 5 runs apiece! earned runs against the 'Rock

pitchers all season. Bill "Wackie" Zerwick is enjoy-ing his greatest year. He is hitting a .455 pace that includes 30 hits and 26 runs and 16 runs driver in. The sure-handed, strongarmed centerfielder has hit 3 doubles and 2 triples and has

stolen 21 bases. G AB R H Pct PLAYER Norm Raber 4 14 Chick Miller Bill Moore 5 14 .467 12 12 .461 Bill Eick Bill Zerwick 15 66 Pete Scalise* 9 36 36 23 11 V. Holochwost 9 11 9 Ray Glasgow Elmer Raba Jack Burt 9 37 6 13 10 41 12 14 John Coakley 9 Newman Bobby Alf Ernie Boggs 13 16 Jim Breed* .313 30 5 9 .300 38 13 10 .263 M. Tarrant Joe Shahady 12 Don Wolfe* Joe Todd .154 Bill Rapp

Ed Oliver* RBI-Boggs, Zerwick 16; Coakley, 15; Scalise, 14; Tarrant, 10; Holochwost, Shahady, Moore, 9; Glasgow, 7; Eick, Raba, 5; Todd,

Shamrocks Win Traveling Double-Bill With Ray Glasgow and Ernie Boggs; Tie For Section Lead as Regular Play Ends Vince Holochwost's Greenbelt Shamrocks snapped out of their onegame losing streak with a couple of neat victories in a travelling doubleheader last Sunday. They made an agreement with Mt. Bainier in

header last Sunday. They made an agreement with Mt. Rainier in which a five-run lead at the seventh inning meant the ball game and then obligingly awaited the seventh inning to go on a 7-run spree to cop the game, 8-1, for big Ray Glasgow at Braden Field. Then the Big Green traipsed on over to Snug Harbor and, with Ernie Boggs hurling sharp ball, tripped Bill James' Prince Georges A. C. by 4 to 2. The pair of wins enabled the Shamrocks to maintain their triple tie with Snug Harbor and Maryland Park for their section lead as the regular playing season comes to a finish.

A meeting of the county league officials Thursday evening will determine teams and places for the play-offs to come. Fans may call the recreation office, 6966, for information. Players will be notified by

manager Holochwost.

Elmer Raba Sets Off Big 7-run 7th Inning To Beat Mounts, 8-1

Ray "Razor" Glasgow held George Buckholtz's Mt. Rainier nine at bay long enough for his team to "come alive" in the seventh and last inning of the Shamrock-Mountie game, started at Braden Field at 1 o'clock Sunday.

The 'Rocks threw away many scoring chances as the game rocked along 1-1 until the seventh inning. Burly Elmer Raba drove home the first two runs of that frame with a terrific double to left-center to touch off a spree of all kind of Shamrock hits and "near-misses" that finally chased home seven runs. Bill Eick led all hitting in this tilt with 3 safeties in 4 attempts.

Glasgow got back in winning form with this well-thrown pitch-

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Greenbelt	AB	R	H	PO	A
Zerwick, cf	4	1	2	3	0
Boggs, 1f	3	2	1	1-	0
Raba, 3b	3	1	2	1	3
Coakley, ss	4	1	2	2	1
Moore, 1b	4	1	2	6	0
Eick, 2b	4	1	3	4	3
Burt, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Shahady, rf	1	1	0	2	0
Todd, c	3	0	0	2	-1
Glasgow, p	4	0	1	0	2
Totals:	31	8	13.	21	10
Mt. Rainier	AB	R	H	PO	A
Fisher, cf	3	0	0	1	0
Whelan, 3b	3	0	1	2	3
Gaegler, 2b	3	0	0	2	1
Loomis, ss	3	1	1	2	3
Puddley, 1b	-3	0	1	9	3
Miles, c	3	0	1	4	1
Clift, If	3	0	0	1	1
Stirges rf	3	0	0	0	0

Totals: 26 1 5 21 14 Score by innings:

Friesen, p

*Agreed before game that team having a 5 run lead at the end of the seventh inning would be the winner.

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1 0

Summary: Errors—Raba 2, Burt, Whelan 2, Clift. Runs bat-ted in—Raba 2, Coakley 2, Moore, Burt Glasgow, Miles. Two base hits—Raba, Loomis. Stolen bases —Zerwick 4, Boggs, Raba, Eick, Todd. Double plays—Coakley to Eick to Moore, Whelan to Puddley to Miles. Left on bases-Shamrocks 9, Mt. Rainier 4. Bases on balls-off Friesen 6. Struck outby Glasgow 8, Friesen 2. Hit by pitched ball—By Friesen (Todd). Scorer—Lynn Buck. Umpire—Sherman Johnson (D. C. Umpires' Assn.) Time of game-1:35.

Two base hits-Boggs, 8; Coakley, Moore, 4; Zerwick, Scalise, Newman, 3; Holochwost, Glasgow, Burt, 2; Raber, Raba, Eick, Alf, Shahady, Wolfe, Breed, 1.

Three base hits-Zerwick, Raba, Three base hits—Zerwick, Rund, Boggs, Miller, Glasgow, Burt, akley. Home run—Raba, 1. Zerwick, 21. "Nuff Coakley. Stolen bases-Zerwick, 21.

PITCHING RECORDS Boggs 45 5 36 30 9 5 0 Breed* 5 12 38 12 4 0 28 Holly 29 5 21 23 2 2 0 Glasgow 42 5 30 22 7 4 1 8 0 0 0 Coakley *Away in Service.

Urges Opera House

I do feel that the Town's citizens, their Citizens Organizations, the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Women's Club, and other organizations might well go on record for the really useful memorial that an Opera House would be.

Bill Moore's Doubles Turn Tide in 4-2 Win Over Prince Geo. A.C.

Ernie Boggs and Carroll "Buck" Scriviner were the hurling rivats in the Shamrock-Athletics tilt at Snug Harbor and for 4% innings the 3,129 fans were treated to a scoreless duel. At that point manager Holochwost inserted pinchhitter Bill Moore for Jack Burt. Moore lofted a double into the woods in leftfield and tallied a moment later on a single by Micky

Another Moore double surrounded by Newman and Boggs singles got home two more runs in the: seventh before Ernie got into 2: run trouble in the eighth after the Shams wasted an Elmer Raba triple in the upper half of the in-

The Greenies scored an insurance run in the ninth for the ball-

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game.					
Greenbelt	AB	R	H	PO	A
Zerwick, cf	5	0	1	1	0
Shahady, If	4	0	0	2	0
Raba, 3b	4	0	1	3	1
Coakley, ss	4	0	0	0	2
Newman, 1b, r.	f 4	1	1	5	0
Eick, 2b	3	1	1	1	1
Burt, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Moore, 1b	3	2	2	6	0
Tarrant, c	3	0	1	12	0
Boggs, p	3	0	1	0	5
1 3 5 0 1 4 F	1		- 1		-
Totals:	34	4	8	27	11
Pr. Geo. A. C.	AB	R	H	PO	A
Estes, 3b	4	0	0	1	1
Anderson, ss	4	. 0	0	0.	7
Fleming, 2b	3	0	1	1	3
G. Moreland, 2		0	0	0	0
Miller, rf	4	10	0	0	.0
Sullivan, 1b	4	0	1	19	0
Stallings, 1f	2	0	1	0	0
Baldwin, lf	2	1	1	0	0
Haas, cf	2	0	0	3	- 0
Ameling, cf	1	1	1	- 0	0
L. Moreland, c		0	1	3	1
Scrivener, p	3	0	0	0	5

2 6 27 17 Totals: 33 Score by innings: SHAMROCKS 000 010 201-4

000 000 020-2 ATHLETICS Summary: Errors—Raba, Estes, Anderson. Runs batted in—Moore, Tarrant, Boggs 2, Anderson. Two base hits—Moore 2, Sullivan. Three base hit—Raba. Sacrifice Three base hit—Raba. Sacrifice hits—Eick, Tarrant. Stolen bases Eick. Double play-Diddlebock to Muckenfuss to Von Der Ahe. Left on bases—Shamrocks 7, Athletics 4. Base on balls-off Scrivener 1. Etruck out-by Boggs 11, Scrivener 3. Scorer—Jim Wolfe. Umpire—Red Petit (D. C. Umpires' Assn.) Time of game-1:45.

Last Concert Will Take Place Sunday

"The Golden Dragon" Overture by K. L. King was one of the high spots of last Sunday's concert by the Community Band. The solo spot was filled by Dick Palmer, who played "The Southern Cross" by Herbert Clarke, arranged es-pecially for the Band by Dick, with the assistance of LeGrand Benefiel. The ever-popular "Wedding of the Winds" Waltz and the marches "Washington Post" and "Conclave" were also on the pro-

Next Sunday's program will be the last in the summer series of twelve concerts. The time is 5:45 p. m. and the place is in front of the Elementary School. The program will be a resume of the most popular numbers played this summer, and will include the "Carnival of Venice," for trumpet solo; "The Iron Count" Overture by K. L. King; "Simplicity," a serenade for band by Dorothy Lee; "The Whistler and His Dog," and Hu-moresque."

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Rec. Show Parades Jr. Skill, Talent

It was children's day in the community auditorium last Thursday when the boys and girls in the Arts and Crafts classes put on display their articles made during the summer session and the Baby Playgrounds exhibited samples of their work along with a talent show. The doors were opened in the afternoon at 2 and again in the evening at 7, and approximate-ly 800 parents and friends stopped by to admire the attractivated. by to admire the attractively decorated exhibits and to see the tots' talent show.

The program, offered both in the afternoon and again in the evening, opened with a tumbling skit followed by individual numbers by Jeann Ann McCracken, Buddy Attick, Lavon Bordenet, and Joyce Pendleton. The younger boys and girls dancing class gave their interpretation of several gave their interpretation of several musical numbers, and then the very little ones presented a nur-sery skit complete with Humpty sery skit complete with Humpty Dumpty, the king and his horse; Little Jack Horner and his pie; Mary and her little lamb and several others. The program closed with a military dril by the girls interpretative dancing class and a solo, "School Days," by Ray Zimmet showing the real significance of the closing of the Baby Playgrounds and the summer program offered by the Recreation Department.

Blue and red ribbons with gold lettering were awarded first and second place for the various classes of articles in the Arth and Crafts exhibit. The awards, based on neatness, originality and ability, were given the following people: looper rugs, Mary Allen and Marie Ann Riebe; looper hat and purse, Katharine Loftus; looper pot holder, Ray Zimmet, Marilyn Bierwagen; framed picture, Mar-shall Gerstel, Marie Ann Riebe and Charles Barlow; cork lunch mats, Marilyn Bierwagen, Virginia Boyer; best basket, Jeanne Kasko, Boyer; best basket, Jeanne Kasko, Rhoda Mitteldorf; paper flowers, Shirley Morrison, Betty Davis; best stuffed animal, Rhoda Mittel-dorf, Charles Barlow; yarn dog, Jimmy Klinenberg, Marilyn Bier-wagen; bead necklace, Mary Lloyd, Virginia Boyer; plastic bracelet, Jeanne Cartier, Barbara Glenden-ing; best article from shells Kathing; best article from shells, Katherine Loftus, Jeanne Cartier; best article made by splatter painting, Martin Loftus, Dorothy Dawson; yarn luncheon sets, Virginia Boyer and Gara Watson.

In addition to the awards for the arts and crafts articles, blue ribbons were given Rosemary Dunn for the most successful playground of the summer, and

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RIDE WANTED—to suburban W. Teacher urgently needs ride to Silver Spring. Leave Greenbelt 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Emily Holloway, 6-F Parkway. Gr. 2571.

REGISTER TOMORROW - for Town Council elections. Last day. See Mrs. Bonham in rental office.

ATTENTION PARKWAY-School-bound mother needs watcher for year-old boy 4:30 to 8:30 p. m. beginning middle of September. Prefer someone nearby but can take home. Monthly salary. Call 3131 or see Eleanor Ritchie, 2-B Parkway.

RIDE WANTED—to vicinity of 10th and Constitution Ave. Hours 8:30 to 5:15. Call Greenbelt 2317.

Marie Ann Riebe for making and exhibiting the most articles in Arts and Crafts. Charles Powell was awarded a first for the best playground exhibit and second went to Marlene Goldstein and Margaret



Well, here it is neighbors. Come and get it. Yesterday's program was just a starter. We'll see you at our Town Fair tonight and to-

Former Town Manager Roy Braden has expressed his deep dis-appointment at not being able to attend this year's Fair. He was attend this year's Fair. He was here and helped in the first three.

In cooperation with the Fair's schedule, the Athletic Clubhous is observing special hours these three days. We are informed that it will remain closed during Fair hours, but will open immediately thereafter each night.

The last round-up of patrons who helped pay for the festivities this year include Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fruchtman, Mr. and Mrs. David Granahan, the Garden Club, and Theodore and Ruth Taylor. The last two came in after the programs had gone to the printer, so they are not listed with the other patrons. Nevertheless, we are grateful to them for swelling the "kitty" beyond our original beyond our original expectations.

In connection with the boxing exhibition by the Prince Georges County Police Boys Club at the handball court tonight, Greenbelters will have an opportunity to make contributions for the fine work being carried along in our neighboring communities.

The honor position of opening each afternoon of the Fair at 4 o'clock was given to Mrs. D. J. Neff who plays a half-hour concert on the organ which the Community Church is loaning for the oc-

So many people and organiza-tions have gone out of their way to make the Fair a success that it is hard to single out a few for special commendation, but the people who prepared the P-TA booth have asked that we mention John T. Rowley and Angus MacGregor of the Town Maintenance Depart-ment for their help.

Other groups that come to mind at the moment are Greenbelt Consumer Services for loan of mimeograph equipment and supplies, their truck, their office, and many other courtesies, and the Athletic

Bring those baked goods down to the Auditorium between 3 and 4 o'clock puleez—the time stated. on the entry blank does not work out so well.

The worst is yet to come-everything must be cleared out of the Auditorium Saturday night so that church services can be held Sunday.

Town Fair "fact of the week": The Planning Committee and the 50 or 60 other Greenbelters who have put this Fair across are all worn out-but there will be a Fifth Annual Town Fair next year.

Navy Wives Club **Installs Officers**

On August 28 in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Williams the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club installed officers for the coming year. Mrs. Daryl Bailey, National Treas-urer was Installing Officer and in an impressive candle-light ceremony the following took their pledge of office: Mesdames Velma Tarrant, President; Kay O'Neal, Vice-President; Julia Dawson, Secretary; Esther Misenkelter, Treasurer; Carrie Trinko, Chaplain; Alyce Williams, Parliamentarian; and Helen Fisk, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Club presented Mrs. Edith

Reid with a past-President pin in recognition of her loyal services. The ceremony was followed by a social hour.

Friday, August 31, 1945

GREENBELTERS IN SERVICE
By MRS. CARL DAY
THE ARMY

Welcome home boys! Our boys are coming back slowly, one by one, and two arrived home last week-end. Pfc. Bobby Sommers (Paratrooper) was with the 13th Airbourne Division. Bob says he didn't get to see his brother Jim, who is stationed in Czechoslovakia —and playing baseball. Bob toured Germany, France and Belgium. Pfc. Ray Ward, attached to a

signal corps outfit, was stationed in Belgium most of his time overseas. Ray's year in the Army sure added on some weight. He looks heavier and taller. Ray, can you still jitterbug like you did in the

good old days?

We hear Pfc. Sammy Rolfe is on leave and has been having the time of his life down in Monte Carlo and the Riviera. Remember the old song, "How You Going To Keep Them Down on the Farm, After They've Seen Paree?"

Pfc. Joe Rogers, attached to a Medical Unit ouside of Paris, and Bill Towsend, attached to Camp Boston, 12 miles outside Paris, had a reunion a month or so ago. It's the first time on record that two Greenbelters have ever had an opportunity of seeing each other over in the European Theatre of Operations. Joe says Bill looks fine and has put on a lot of weight since his recent illness. His mother is quite proud of a beautifully cro-cheted luncheon cloth Joe sent her

Pvt. James Ourand is taking his basic Infantry training down at Camp Gordon, Ga. Jimmie expects to get home in September.

His uncle, Lt. Joe Morris, a former Greenbelter, is to undergo another operation at Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs.

George Nielsen, 2-K Gardenway has arrived at Fort Ord, Calif., ready for overseas occupation duty. HI NAVY!

Bill Blew finally reached the

Bethesda Navy Hospital. He also reached home after his long trip back from the Pacific. Greenbelt sure looked good to Bill.

If it isn't too late, may we send our thanks and gratitude to all the boys in the Pacific for the swell job they have done. No matter how tiresome and menial each job was, each effort united into a whole was victory for us. We hope it isn't going to be long befor you can be back home and marching down Pennsylvania Avenue in the "big parade"

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