



## Greenbelt at the Crossroads



"Don't forget the extra cans for the UNRRA collection, Mom!"

### Dance Draws Crowd

Approximately 350 persons are reported to have attended the Victory Dance sponsored last Saturday night by the American Veterans Committee, Citizens Association, and Truman Riddle Navy Wives.

### Mathers New Asst. Mgr. Of Foodstore

GCS General Manager Sam Ashelman has announced the return to GCS employment of another veteran, with the re-employment of James Mathers as assistant manager of the Food Store. Mr. Mathers' re-appointment, with an increase in salary, fills a position left vacant since Tom Okazaki was promoted from assistant to manager of the store.

## Secretary Ickes Lauds Former Resident Upon Release of Aleut Dictionary

With the release of a book entitled "The Aleut Language," the Department of the Interior announced Monday that the work of "three exceptional scholars" over a period of nearly 125 years had at last broken down the language barrier existing between us and some 3000 American citizens living on the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska. The scholars to whom Secretary Ickes pays tribute are Ivan Veniaminov, a Russian orthodox priest who lived in Alaska in the early 1800's, Irish linguist Richard Henry Geoghegan, and Miss Fredericka I. Martin of New York, who is better known to Greenbelters as "Freddy" Berenberg.

Freddy's interest in the Aleut languages began when her husband, Dr. Sam, was appointed medical officer for the Pribilof Islands, part of the Aleutian group. Mrs. Berenberg was referred to Mr. Geoghegan by Arctic explorer Stefansson when she wrote to ask where she might find an Aleut handbook to help her in contacts with the natives. Dr. Stefansson replied that there was no such book in existence, but gave her the name of Geoghegan, then an old man living in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Father Geoghegan, who had moved to Alaska in 1902 as an officer of the U. S. District court, was one of the world's most learned philologists, with an encyclopedic knowledge of more than 200 languages and dialects. While attempting to trace a connection between the Aleut tongue and certain languages of Asia, he came across the works of Veniaminov, who had compiled a Russian-Aleut grammar and dictionary. Geoghegan translated Veniaminov's works from Russian into English, besides assembling a mass of original source material. This research would have been lost upon Geoghegan's death at 77 if it had not been for the friendship which grew up between him and Freddy in the course of a voluminous correspondence about the Aleut language.

### Citizens Will Hold Housing Meeting

The Greenbelt Citizens Association is starting off the new year by bringing Paul T. Kratzmeier, inventor of a radical new method of home-building, to speak before a special meeting next Monday night in the Social Room of the Elementary School. Kratzmeier, president of the Efficiency Engineering Co. calls his method the Neoteric Process. It is based on the principle of using prefabricated steel sheets, equipped with a special interlocking joint, by means of which houses can be assembled in a short time with little expense. He estimates that the cost of home-building would be cut to one-fifth its present size by this method. Models, drawings and motion pictures will be used to illustrate the process in action.

Geoghegan was so impressed by Mrs. Berenberg's interest and grasp of the subject that he bequeathed to her all his source material. Freddy has another publication, "The Hunting of the Silver Fleece," scheduled to come out in March, dealing with the early history of the sealing industry. Friends of the Berenbergs remember when Sam, Freddy and Toby-ann came back to 4 Woodland Way loaded with whale vertebrae and Eskimo curios from St. Paul's. Dr. Sam left here to become chief of the child care section of New York City's Public Health Department.

## Extend Deadline For Refund Slips

In view of the generally unfavorable circumstances attending distribution of its instruction sheets, GCS's board of directors decided at last Friday night's board meeting to extend the deadline date for return of patronage dividend slips from January 19 to January 31. Poor distribution of the "Cooperator" during Christmas week, when instruction sheets were simultaneously distributed, resulted in failure of many Greenbelters to receive the sheets, so that it was deemed wiser to postpone the deadline.

Other instructions remain as previously announced.

### GCS Bus Will Run Earlier And Later

An extension in evening service and a "stepped-up" service on Saturday to coincide with a new Capital Transit schedule are among several changes announced in the GCS bus schedule, by General Manager Sam Ashelman. The changes, effective Monday the 21st, are results of recent observations by GCS management in an effort to provide the most efficient and desirable type of schedule for the town.

Every morning (except Sunday), a bus will leave the center at 6:15 a. m., to connect with the 6:30 Capital Transit bus. The second GCS bus will leave as before at 6:30 a. m. The remainder of the schedule remains unchanged, except that evening service will be extended so that the last bus will leave the center at 10:30 each night.

On Saturday, the first two buses will leave as on other days at 6:15 and 6:30 a. m. Thereafter, buses will leave all day at 20 minute intervals, until 7:30 p. m., when service will go on a half-hour schedule until the last bus at 10:30 p. m.

In order that Greenbelters may know about when to meet the bus on its route, the number of minutes required by the bus to go from the Center to each of the following major stops is shown below.

Southway and Ridge, 4 minutes; Eastway and Ridge, 6; Northway and Ridge, 7; Plateau and Ridge, 8; Laurel Hill and Ridge, 9; Research and Ridge, 10 minutes.

### AVC Loses Secretary

The American Veterans Committee will hold its next regular meeting in the Social Room on Tuesday, January 22, at 8:30 p. m. William J. Harmelin, secretary, has resigned from the local chapter to take a job in New Jersey. He has been replaced by Max Salzman, whose treasurer's books are being taken over by Frank La-Macchia.

The Chapter regrets the loss of Mr. Harmelin's services, and wishes him good fortune in his civilian occupation.

### Polio Drive Aims At Goal Of \$1000

The infantile paralysis relief drive under the leadership of Jack Fruchtman, theater manager, and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, welfare chairman of the Woman's Club is under way in Greenbelt. Over \$800 was collected in Greenbelt last year, and a goal of \$1000 has been set for this year's drive.

Attractive new-type containers, to receive donations, have been received by the chairmen and placed in the stores, administrative offices and schools. The drive will be especially stressed here between the dates of January 24 and 30 with a special display being set up in the food store at which women's organizations will be in attendance on January 24, 25 and 26.

## Council Suggests Renaming Town If Sold; Snubs Resident Control

In the course of a discussion on possible tenant-ownership of Greenbelt during last Monday night's town council meeting, Councilman Allen D. Morrison suggested that the municipality be sold to returned servicemen and re-named "Veteran, Maryland." A plan developed by the Housing Committee of the Citizens Association under the chairmanship of Thomas Ritchie envisions the possibility of Greenbelters taking over their homes from the government under a mutual ownership set-up, which was cold-shouldered Monday night by Councilman John Cain with the remark that he didn't feel 8,000 people could run a town intelligently and that the job should be left to a few experts.

To draw up a feasible plan of procedure the Housing Committee has stated that it needs information on the costs of operating Greenbelt. FPHA has said, however, that it will not release such figures except to "an official municipal committee." The Council has so far demurred at holding an election for such a committee because it does not feel there is any possibility of Greenbelt's being sold. It agreed last Monday, however, to give the matter further study and to consider it at the next Council meeting.

Besides Mr. Ritchie the Citizens Association was also represented by David Granahan, president.

Mr. Morrison reported on a visit to the recent exhibit near the University of Maryland of surplus government housing converted to peacetime uses. To be disposed of February 9, the buildings include a school which the town may try to purchase to use for a recreation building. It would be placed on a basement foundation, probably near the swimming pool, and used for dancing, bowling, and other indoor sports. Lockers and shower rooms would also be included in the layout.

As a member of the Victory Day Committee Mr. Morrison mentioned a Welcome Home Celebration to be held for the town's veterans, possibly on the Fourth of July.

## Who'll Be Trusted With The \$53,000?

The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be held next Tuesday, January 22, at 8:30 p. m. at the office of the Credit Union over the drug store.

Secretary F. H. Meriam stated that he would like to see the office filled to overflowing. Among the items to be taken care of at this meeting are election of four Directors, two Credit Committee members and three members of the Supervisory Committee. Mr. Meriam mentioned also that while only fifteen members constitute a quorum, it is highly desirable that more attend. The people elected at this meeting will be entrusted with the lending, investing, and safeguarding of savings of more than \$53,000.

Another item on the agenda is the dividend to be paid for 1945. While at the date of this interview computations have not been completed, Mr. Meriam said that he anticipated that the Credit Union would be able to pay at least a 2% dividend, and perhaps a 2.4% dividend as was paid last year.

The Board of Directors is meeting tonight and will determine its recommendation to the membership relative to the rate of dividend to be paid.

### Got A GCS Gripe?

Greenbelters who have a complaint or grievance in connection with GCS are urged to present their troubles to George Eshbaugh, 33-M Ridge Road, Greenbelt 4576, who is chairman of the Grievance Committee of GCS. Switchboard operators and other people have been receiving complaints which should go to Mr. Eshbaugh.

Complaints may also be left in a box in the Tobacco store, as before.

## What Goes On

Jan. 11-25—UNRRA canned food drive  
Jan. 18.—Legion Auxiliary bingo  
Jan. 19—PTA Telephone Bridge  
Jan. 21—Citizens Association Meeting; Child Care Meeting  
Jan. 22—Credit Union Annual Meeting  
Jan. 24-30—Mile of Dimes  
Jan. 26—GCS Dance  
Jan. 26—Athletic Club Benefit Dance  
Jan. 28—Elementary PTA Meeting  
Jan. 30—Health Association Meeting; Clothing Matinee

## Discuss Keeping Of Center Monday

On Monday, January 21 at 8:30 p. m. an open meeting will be held at the Child Care Center, 14-F Parkway, to which all interested Greenbelters are invited for a discussion of plans for continuing the center after February 28, the date on which Federal funds for the maintenance of the centers will no longer be available.

At a meeting of parents Wednesday night to talk over the possibilities, it was made apparent that the center can only be continued if the fee charged for each child is increased, such increase to be based on actual operating costs. It was estimated that it would be approximately \$10 per child. Further suggestion was made that the services of the center be no longer limited to working mothers, and that the nursery school and school-age canteen be consolidated.

## GHA Annual Meet Coming January 30

The Greenbelt Health Association will hold its annual membership meeting on Wednesday, January 30, at the Center School Auditorium at 8:15 p. m. at which time five vacancies on the Board are to be filled.

Three Board positions are open due to the expiration of the term of office of Herbert Hertz, Henry Walker and Morton Chwalow. Mrs. Wells Harrington and Merton Trast resigned because of the press of other duties, leaving two other vacancies on the board.

### Clothing Matinee

Theater Manager Jack Fruchtman announces that Wednesday, January 30, has been set as the date for the clothing matinee in the Greenbelt Theater. Scheduled for 3:30 in the afternoon, the plan provides that any Greenbelt bringing an article of clothing for shipment to Europe will be admitted free. The local elementary schools have promised to cooperate by releasing their students early.

The movie "Thunderhead," a story concerned with the son of "Flicka," is the tentative selection for the performance.



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## OUR NEIGHBORS

The Phillip Morrell family, Mr. and Mrs. and four children, will leave Sunday for their new home in Sunflower, Kansas. Mr. Morrell will attend school in Kansas City while working for TWA; his studies will be in the field of electrical engineering. The Executive Board of the Woman's Club held a farewell party for Mrs. Morrell Thursday night, at which time she was presented with a gift in appreciation of the services she has rendered during her membership in the club.

The Herman Ramrasses of 4-F Gardenway entertained for former resident Bertha Bochner last Saturday. All of Bertha's many friends in Greenbelt trooped in and out of the house during the afternoon, reminiscing about the "good old days." Mrs. Bochner is recreational director at the Veteran's Hospital in Dwight, Illinois.

The William Harmelins of 3-J Plateau Place are leaving Greenbelt for New Jersey, via Mexico. Sgt. Harmelin is now Mr. Harmelin. The Harmelins were guests of honor at farewell parties given by the Mike Salzmanns and Bill Nicholases this week.

Former residents Lt. and Mrs. Abe Dury are moving back the 17th. They will live at 54-B Crescent Road.

Ed Timmons, 16-J Ridge Road, is now out of the Navy. Laura tells us he got back for New Year's and that they intend to stay in Greenbelt, where they've maintained residence since April 1938. Ed was in the Pacific thirteen months as a MM 1/c.

Helen Green of the Administration business office was given a shower at Mary Jane Kinzer's home last Friday evening in honor of her approaching wedding to Dr. Aubrey Richardson, to be held in College Park on February 16. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Kinzer were Mesdames Helen Foley, Dorothy Stewartson, Ethel Moore, and Alma Heinly.

SK 2/c Bill Ford of 39-J Ridge Road is expected home today. Bill participated in two west Borneo invasions, and also served in Okinawa, the Philippines, and China.

Recently retired CPO Herman J. Schwan has left 2-Q Plateau Place for the west coast and eventually Shanghai, China, where he'll hold a position with the State Department.

Mrs. Anna Rosenthal of 24-C Crescent Road recently held open house in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Aaron Michelson, 46-H Ridge Road, who gave birth to her third child and second son, Bruce Kenneth, on December 11.

Connie Whipp, new foodstore checker at the Center, started work here last Thursday week.

## Methodists Meet Sunday Evening

The Methodists will hold their regular Sunday evening meeting at 7:45 p. m. in the Home Economics Room of the Elementary School. The mid-week prayer service will be held Thursday, January 24, at 8 p. m. at the home of Kermit D. Watson, 16-K Ridge Road.

Don't forget the Adult Bible Class will also meet at the Watson home, 16-K Ridge Road, Sunday, January 20, at 11 a. m.

## Class To Conduct Semi-Weekly Sew

The adult education classes are proceeding according to the Spring schedule printed in last week's Cooperator. Mrs. Kinzer wishes to point out that the sewing classes at the high school are meeting both Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

## Lutheran Church

"The Spotlight on Nathanael," will be the sermon topic for this Sunday's sermon to be delivered by Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow in the Home Economics Room of the Center School at 12:30 p. m., January 20.

Sunday school and adult Bible class start promptly at 11:45 a. m. Five separate classes are taught, from beginners to seniors, while the adults' class is in charge of Miss Olinda Roettger. Come with your child to Sunday School. A special Sunday school teachers meeting will be held Thursday, January 24 at the Mt. Rainier Church, and all Greenbelt teachers are urged to attend.

The adult confirmation class will meet at 35-L Ridge Road, Saturday afternoon at 4 p. m.

## Community Church

At the Community Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the community auditorium the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston will preach on "The Vultures That Steal Heaven Out Of Soul." Music will be furnished by a choir under the direction of Thomas B. Ritchie, accompanied by Mrs. Hester Neff at the organ. New members are needed for the choir for a program running from Advent until Easter. Mrs. Myron Zabriske will be in the vestibule to receive the children whose parents desire to leave them while they worship in the main auditorium.

Parents wishing their children to receive religious instruction are invited to send them to the Church School which meets at 9:30 a. m. Sunday. The four adult Bible classes. The Men's Bible class will be taught Sunday morning by James T. Gobbel, community manager. All men of the community are invited to attend this class, and the class meeting and banquet to be held in the Home Economics Room of the elementary school on Monday, January 21, at 6:30 p. m.

All Protestant people in Greenbelt are cordially invited to attend the Community Church which is the official representative in Greenbelt of your church if your church belongs to the Washington Federation of Churches.

## 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 8 p. m.

## Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints

Meetings next Sunday will be at the usual time.

Priesthood—9:30 a. m.  
Sunday School—10:30 a. m.  
Sacrament—7:00 p. m.

Relief Society meetings are held Wednesday evenings at 8:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Ruby Mike-sell, 9-F Southway. Primary meetings are on Thursdays at 4:00 p. m. at 9-J Southway.

At Sacrament meetings next Sunday, January 20, J. Willard Marriot will be the speaker.

## Valentine Dance

Mrs. Miles Bonnar, chairman of the Valentine Dance to be given February 9 by the Woman's Club announces the following committee chairmen: Mrs. Henry Brautigan, decorations; Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell, cloakroom; and Mrs. Cyril Turner, refreshments.

## Three Residents Injured In Crash

An automobile accident early Saturday morning in front of the Starlight Inn, Berwyn, sent three Greenbelters to the hospital with serious injuries. Mrs. Marie Nance of 8-A Hillside Road suffered a fractured jaw, while her husband and Pvt. Edward Davenport, 33-C Ridge Road, both sustained fractures of the skull when the car in which they were riding, owned and driven by Lawrence Brosmer of 33-B Ridge Road, collided head on with an automobile driven by Robert W. Little of 1211 Delafield Place, N. W. The collision occurred after Mr. Brosmer had backed out on the highway and was swerving around into the right hand lane. Both drivers have been charged with reckless driving, with a hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, in the Hyattsville Police Court.

The three Greenbelt couples, the Brosmers, Nances and Davenports, said they were celebrating Pvt. Davenport's being home on furlough, beginning with bowling and finishing up at the Starlight. At the time of the collision the three men were in the front seat, Mr. Brosmer escaping serious injury because, it is thought, the driving wheel snapped under the impact and flew off to one side. Brosmer asserted he blinked his lights when he saw the other car approaching, in hopes Mr. Little would swerve. The latter said he saw nothing.

Pvt. Davenport's fractured skull is now being treated at Walter Reed, where he was transferred after diagnosis at the Leland Memorial. Last to be moved from Mr. Brosmer's car to an ambulance was Mr. Nance, who did not recover consciousness until Sunday noon. Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Brosmer in the back seat escaped with comparatively minor injuries, but the condition of Mrs. Nance's jaw necessitated stitching the whole roof and side of her mouth. A specialist was scheduled to set it on Wednesday. The total extent of her injuries, including a possible broken wrist bone, cannot be determined until swelling subsides.

Two of the Nances' three children have been taken home by their grandmother while the oldest is commuting from a neighbor's home to the Holy Redeemer School in Berwyn. Mrs. Davenport and her five children have left town to stay with her family till the shock of the experience has worn off.

## Hawkins Hopes For More Ice Cream

Greenbelt hasn't changed much—"except for a lot of new faces," according to fountain manager Hugh Hawkins, former navy boat-swain who has returned to Greenbelt and GCS employment. "The Greenbelt kids have grown up and the houses need paint," he adds—otherwise he finds it pretty much the same town.

His personal "readjustment problem" is mainly one of getting used to the climate. On Entiwetok Island, in the Marshalls, he explains, the thermometer usually stood between 90 and 100 degrees. Mr. Hawkins also spent three months in Guam and became quite at home in Honolulu. "Nice shopping center in Pearl Harbor," he comments.

A GCS employee from June, 1940, until December 1943, when the Navy interrupted his career, Mr. Hawkins states that at present he hopes to speed-up service, with other plans left for realization until materials and supplies are more readily available. The sugar shortage may still be blamed for ice cream and coke shortages, but he feels quite certain that old and young Greenbelters will soon enjoy more ice cream.

## PTA Has Telephone Bridge Tomorrow

A telephone bridge will be held by the parents of the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA on Saturday evening, January 19. Any parent may hold a bridge by contacting friends and neighbors via the telephone. The admission is 25c per person and proceeds will go to the PTA. Prizes will be given for high and low scores. At the conclusion of the game, between 10 and 10:30 p. m., Mrs. Wm. Ruppert, at 4377, Mrs. Archie Foggatt at 2423, or Mrs. Clifford Woodward at 6426 can be reached for prize information.

## TO THE EDITOR Frank Gratitude

I officiated for the Board of Directors of GCS at the inauguration of the Greenbelt "Loop" Bus Service. Credit was given to all individuals and especially to the Transportation Committee of the Citizens Association in being largely responsible for the installation of the bus service. In this respect, George L. Frank, as a member of the Transportation Committee, was highly instrumental in the formulation of the present bus plans. It was unfortunate that although the Citizens Association was invited to the ceremony, no representative was present. If a representative had been present, he would have been included in the celebration, pictures, etc. In this respect, I say: a pat on the back for the Citizens Association and cigars for the Board of Directors of GCS.

—WILLIAM NICHOLAS

Editor, Greenbelt Cooperator:

So many of us find fault so frequently with Greenbelt that I feel it only fair to mention at least one thing considerably more than satisfactory. I am referring to the speed, efficiency and courtesy of the maintenance service here. At no time have I had to wait more than a few hours after calling the administration before the arrival of the maintenance men, and anyone who has had experience with a private landlord knows what this can mean.

However, the manner in which heat is provided to many of us on Plateau Place leaves much to be desired. Some units are overheated; others, like our own, are often without heat; in both cases, heat is irregular.

—MRS. C. R. WINEGARDEN  
6-Z-5 Plateau Place

## Traffic Terrors

Pedestrians seem to have the right of way in Greenbelt, which is only fair, of course, because of the plethora of children and the paucity of sidewalks. On the other hand, some of them choose to ignore the proximity of cars, and it is difficult and dangerous to try to drive along the streets, particularly on weekends, when people are walking six and seven abreast. At night, too, some of them take risks in walking in the middle of the road, and in suddenly bolting across in the middle of the block, especially in the sections of the town which are poorly illuminated. Also, many of the children show lack of training and knowledge of traffic rules. The other morning I was horrified to see a youngster run directly in the path of my car—since I was cruising at 10 miles an hour, I was able to stop within a foot of him. Had I been going the maximum of 25 miles per hour—well, I don't even want to think of what might have happened—I'm a parent myself. Both adults and children seem to disregard moving cars, and walk in front or in back of them freely. It is to the credit of careful drivers in Greenbelt, I believe, that

## Menu Planners Meet

The cafeteria committee of the Elementary School PTA met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Donna Romer, chairman. Mrs. Alton Bowman, Mrs. Robert Richerson, Mrs. Robert McCauley, Mrs. Alfred Sansone, Mrs. Carl Chesley, Mrs. Albert Attick and Mrs. Wells Harrington attended the meeting and helped plan menus for the next period. Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Sansone are now paid workers and help to keep the cafeterias run more smoothly.

## Athletic Club Has Dance Sat. Night

On Saturday night, January 19, the Athletic Club is giving a benefit dance for one of its needy members. Come and enjoy yourself at the Clubhouse, 10 to 1, with an orchestra furnishing the music. Refreshments will be served as usual. Admission is a \$1.00 donation for this needy member.

more accidents have not occurred. It is only fair that the drivers be overly cautious, but I do think it also fair that the pedestrian take a little of the responsibility.

I also think that the appearances of the courtyards in front of the defense homes would improve vastly if (1) the garbage removal men would be a little more careful in transferring waste to the trucks and thus avoid strewing orange peels, bones, cigarette butts, and other remnants all over the court (in our court we have to run out and pick up the stuff before the toddlers get at it), (2) the powers-that-be would either give our steps and porches a fresh coat of grey paint, or else give us the paint and let us do the job, (3) people would refrain from hanging out washing over Saturday night and Sunday. We're proud of our community, and want to keep it clean and well-kept.

—GREENBELT HOUSEWIFE



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## Landscapers Hail Anderson's Return

The Greenbelt Landscaping department announces that one of its former members, Pfc. John D. Anderson, now in the Army, was recently awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action." Pfc. Anderson, whose family lives here, was assistant to Mr. MacGregor for a number of years before joining the Army on July 2, 1943, and the department hopes that he will be back with them as soon as he is discharged from the Army hospital where he is recovering from disabilities incurred in the South Pacific.

The Citation accompanying the Silver Star reads as follows: "For gallantry in action on Luzon, January 31, 1945. Pfc. Anderson, accompanied by an assistant gunner, exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire in order to place three rockets into a Japanese emplacement. His bold action silenced the hostile pillbox and greatly facilitated the continued advance by his company. Six dead Japanese, three heavy machine guns, three rifles, and an ample supply of ammunition were found in the destroyed emplacement."

## Teaching Staffs Change Make-Up

Mrs. Rowena Whittaker, principal of the north-end school, announces that Mrs. William Harmelin is leaving the teaching staff and that her place will be filled by Miss Ruby Collier. Mrs. Harmelin will be missed not only by her pupils but by the whole school, which enjoyed the posters with which she and her art students helped to publicize school and PTA events.

Miss Collier, who taught at the center school four years ago, will be in charge of music instruction. She has just returned from New York, where she has lived for the past few years. Her last teaching position was at the Wildercroft School in Cast River, Md.

At the Center School Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt announces that Miss Kathleen Dempsey of Cheverly and Minnesota will take the place of Mrs. Butler, who leaves the Upper Intermediate Group to teach at the Beltsville School.

## PLAY BALL

By LES SANDERS

Not so many years ago when our morale was high and everyone was full of ambition, there was a man who worked with and for a program without being here to see it finally receive recognition.

This story begins on an evening at the Mens' Gym when one of our citizens, well versed in the art of self defense, began an added feature of instructing men in how to defend themselves. The group was small but the ideas in the mind of the instructor were far in the future for developing the same training for our sons.

Time went by and this man tried to encourage our town to promote boxing instruction in its recreation program; however, his case did not go far but did stick in the ears of a few of our influential citizens. When our Town Fair came in 1941, one of the features of the entertainment was the boxing show that was witnessed by an overflow crowd. This was a great step forward for this idea, even though the talent was imported in order to have the show.

Then came our war and men left, as did this little man who was still heart and soul for this training of our sons. An organization stepped into the picture here with an interesting and appealing program for our boys; this was the Prince Georges County Police Boys Club. Then came another of our residents who was a believer in this training for our youth and associated himself with the P. G. C. P. C. He took many Greenbelt boys to that club where they got proper instruction in the art of boxing. Some of the boys developed and after a thorough training program were entered in amateur competitive boxing events. Last year three of these lads brought home the bacon by winning the Junior Golden Gloves Championship for their weight. These boys might have been your son. Do you know any of them?

They were Jack Martone, Jr., Bob Sillman and Jim Townsend.

Something had been realized by our citizens who had foresight in this program. Let's keep the ball rolling and start this type of a program right here in Greenbelt. We have the facilities of a fine gym, and money could be raised by either our Council, Legion or Athletic Club. We could have all-Greenbelt representation in the boxing ring at the Fair this year and show those men, Lt. Comdr. Jack Martone and Kenneth Maschauer, that we are behind their ideas and hope to keep this fine program alive.

## Rummys Still Tops In Men's Bowling

The opening of the second half of the Mens' Bowling League on Tuesday, January 8 found the Rummys still on top after taking two games from Hall & Co. fighting Commandos with one good game by Flynn of 123. The Legionnaires kept close pace to remain one behind in second place by winning two from the Piddlers, while the Eagles lost ground when their star bowlers, Sansone and Johnson, had an off night and dropped two games to the Pickups but still held onto third place. The Defenders slipped into fourth place when the Aces could not muster a team and forfeited all three games.

Other results showed the Redskins drop two to the Seahawks even with Sutton's 128 game, also the Emannon picked up two games from the Southeast Glass when Phil Taylor shot the two best games of the evening, 137 and 129. The Spoilers lost two games to the Greenhorns when Manager Jim Gobbel broke a 100 and wound up with a 103 game coupled with Chief Panagoulis' game of 112. Our Co-op came up with two victories when Manager Sam Ashelman tipped the maples for a 123 game to down the Scorpions.

## Sisterhood Holds Bridge Party Tues.

A benefit card party, with bridge and mah-jongh will be sponsored by B'nai B'rith women of Greenbelt for the benefit of the Hebrew Sunday School on Tuesday evening, January 22, at the Athletic Club, beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Three door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. All Greenbelters are cordially invited. Admission will be 75c.

## Heating Dept. Has Balancing Trouble

Last week's warm weather freed the heating department from mechanical problems for a few days, and enabled engineers and specialists to test the orifices, or heat controls, which are being installed in Greenbelt homes. These orifices are designed to distribute heat evenly throughout each home, and also to distribute it proportionately throughout the houses as a whole. It will be quite some time before all the orifices are installed, since each house has to be balanced in relation to its size, the number of windows, and the distance from the nearest boiler-room.

It is hoped, says Town Manager James Gobbel, that the orifices will alleviate the former situation, wherein homes near the boiler rooms had too much heat, and those half a mile or so away did not have enough for comfort, and also the problem of having too much heat at one time of day, and none at another. He adds that the heating department is working as speedily as possible to install all of the orifices, and the specialists are checking, testing and retesting the system to perfect it and bring it out of the experimental stages. In the meantime, Mr. Gobbel asks those residents whose radiators are installed, not to remove the orifices, since this throws the system off for the whole unit, and work must begin again from scratch.

Mr. Gobbel was happy to announce that 21,000 gallons of oil were delivered to Greenbelt last week, thus assuring plenty of heat to the homes supplied by oil furnaces. The combination of the truck strike and slippery roads had slowed down previous delivery.

The cold spell took its toll among the furnace firemen. John Randolph, foreman of firemen, has been bedridden two weeks with a back injury sustained from a fall on the icy streets. Thomas J. Faulconer and Joe Cipriano have also been seriously ill and out for over a week.

## PTA Board Meets

The executive board of the elementary school PTA will meet next Monday, January 21, at the center school at 8 p. m.

## Hyattsville Beats Local Boys, Gals

Hyattsville showed two very fine teams last Friday and upset Greenbelt hopes in both games of a double bill at Hyattsville gym.

Greenbelt Grizzettes were outplayed by the Hyattsville girls who displayed an excellent attack with good coaching. The individual honors went to Dolores Wolfe with 9 of her team's 11 points while their opponents ran up 41 points.

The Grizzlies came out with an excellent showing in the second game, even though they lost. After a very slow start in the first half, the boys turned on the heat in the second period and gave the Hyattsville lads a close shave, dropping the decision by a 33-30 score. Our outstanding stars in this game were Teddy Fox with 16 points, Sumner Craig with 6 points and Bob Fisher with 4 points.

There's never a dull moment in these games, so give the kids your support by coming out to see both Greenbelt teams meet Bladensburg at Greenbelt tonight. This is your first chance to see these teams at home.

## Kids Shot Jan. 23

The children of the north-end school will sit for their pictures January 23 between 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the school. The Rasbach Photo Service will take individual pictures of the pupils which they can buy for 6c each. The school will also get a picture of each child for its files.

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## French Family Writes Greenbelters Of Need For Food And Clothing

The following excerpts taken from letters written by a French family in Marseilles underline the importance of UNRRA drives for food and clothing. Local families who received the letters applied to the Friends World Committee, 2080 Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, for the name of a needy family and have been sending food and clothing regularly to these unfortunate people.

"We have spent some terrible years suffering from hunger, cold, and misery. Fearing for the life of our children we have had to hide ourselves nearly two years in the mountains so that our boys might escape deportation to Germany. Now, we are rather discouraged, we are discouraged, we are encountering all sorts of difficulties in order to be able to live decently; life is terribly expensive and we lack everything since for five years we have not been able to buy anything in the way of clothing, linens, wool, or material . . .

"Happily it has been possible for us to procure potatoes which permits us to make soups for we are finding some vegetables to buy, but meat is very rare and we remain sometimes fifteen days without touching any. For five years we have been without cheese, butter, preserves, chocolate and we have not touched a drop of milk, which we lack enormously; we do not know what to give our boys to eat at five o'clock and I assure you that it is painful to feel that they are always hungry! By misfortune there are no fruits in France this year, and the raisins which you have sent us were welcome (we had not seen any others since the war).

"Dear friends, since you ask us what are our immediate needs I would say that we are without stockings and shoes and that if you could send us some men's shirts even used that would render us an immense service, for our boys no longer have any to wear and it is impossible for us at this moment to buy any.

"... Thank you, dear friend, for having thought of us; we are still living so wretchedly that all these good things coming from America have been very precious to us; tea and milk are foods for which we have lost the taste a long time since. We were thinking that after the war things would straighten out but everything is so expensive that we are not able to buy anything. Here is an example. Our son Marcel, 20 years old, who is an instructor of physical education, no longer having an overcoat had to have a jacket made from an old turned (inside-out) topcoat. For the making of this jacket the tailor asked him to pay 2,000 francs although that is half a month's wages.

"We no longer have any material for, not having been able to buy anything for five years, we have utilized drapes, curtains, bedspreads, etc. to make clothes; we no longer have any woolsens for wool cannot be found. We suffer above all from our children's having to continue to live so wretchedly at the age when it would be natural to be carefree . . .

"We were interested in the news which you gave us of your activities; if the system of co-op existed in France, perhaps the economic life would be better organized and one might combat the terrible black market.

"... We have been lucky our home was not demolished for they fought in our district, but it was looted in our absence and they took many precious things from us, but our children remain to us and that is the main thing . . ."

### Kids Enjoy Piano

The children of the north-end school held a singing assembly Monday afternoon led by Ruby Collier and accompanied by their "new" piano. The piano was recently purchased by the PTA with the proceeds of a White Elephant Sale held last fall at the center and north-end schools.

The children attended an assembly Tuesday to consider all the improvements which greeted them when they returned to school after the Christmas holiday and to plan ways to keep the school in its present shining condition.

## Town Groups Back Drive For Food

The canned food collection for UNRRA continues through this coming Friday, with the containers all over town mounting upwards. Greenbelt has been divided into 22 areas to which chairman Kay Clark is assigning organizations and individuals for the volunteer canvassing work which is expected to bring in a harvest of 8000 tins, or approximately one for every individual in town. Collections are being held at both elementary schools while even the three and four year olds in the cooperative nursery school are bringing in contributions.

The current collection received a flying start when the local Friends group donated the 300 cans collected by them in the food-stores since the end of the Catholic drive.

Among other organizations co-operating in the collection are the Legion Auxiliary, Catholic Sodality, Community Church Guild, Housewives Club, Navy Wives, Laurel Hill Discussion Group, 11-13 Club, High School PTA, Woman's Club, and the Hebrew Congregation.

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## Meet Members At Dance Jan. 26

Final plans for the GCS dance to be held at the Center School Auditorium January 26 are being completed, according to GCS Membership Chairman Bill Nicholas. Merton Trast is arranging the dance program so that ballroom dancing will be interspersed with ice-breakers to help new and old members get acquainted. Bingo has been organized to include all kinds of surprise prizes such as Co-op food items, theater tickets, etc. The charge will be nominal. Tickets will be sold by Co-op members until Saturday, January 26. Tickets are also on sale at the tobacco store and at the cashier's window in the GCS office.

Besides fifty new residents to be invited as guests, will be the ten oldest GCS employees.

Each sub-committee is so organized that few members of the committees will have more than an hour to spend at their jobs. Positions are open on the Welcoming Committee, Bingo Committee, and Decoration Committee. Volunteers for these vacancies may participate by calling Mrs. Taylor at 2231 or Mr. Nicholas at 3314.

## Patrol At Party For Mrs. Harmelin

The School Boys Patrol of the North End School was entertained at a party Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Harmelin, who was faculty advisor of the patrol until her resignation as teacher at the North End School last Friday.

Those present at the party were Captain of the Patrol, Richard Stevenson, Lt. Donald Hahn, Harvey Goldstein, Tom Sulzbach, Jerry Hawkins, Donald Grable, Thomas Bowen, Kenneth Carney, Kenneth Miller, Raymond Dubois, Allen Carneal, Dick Duter, Lee Duter, Michael Juliano, Freddie Sansone, and Robert Kosisky. The boys presented Mrs. Harmelin with a farewell gift.

## Women's Club Hears VD Control Talk

The Welfare Department of the Woman's Club, Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, chairman, will hold a meeting Thursday afternoon, January 24 at the home of Mrs. Daniel Branch, 45-B Ridge Road. Dr. Leon S. Saler, U. S. Public Health Department will speak on "Venereal Disease Control in the Community," discussing the problem from the viewpoint of the state and the community. Dr. John Byers, Prince Georges County Health Officer, will discuss the problem from the standpoint of the county and the community. Motion pictures will be shown.

Co-hostess will be Mrs. Henley M. Goode, Mrs. Carson M. Howell and Mrs. Paul Hawk.

Mrs. Fugitt urges that parents use especial care in checking their children for sore throats, sniffles, and rash during this time when so many contagious diseases are prevalent. Many parents are allowing their children to return to school too soon after having the flu, and many have suffered relapses.

## Veterans Rejoin Fire Department

Several veterans are being welcomed back to the auxiliaries of the fire department, announces Officer Belton, and the weekly fire drills will be resumed next Thursday night at 8 p. m. Among the returnees are Richard Bates, Army Air Corps; Bart Finn, Navy; and Army veterans Bud Grey, Weiner Steidle, and Richard Day, who is here on a 30-day furlough and will return home soon. All firemen are asked to report for the drills.

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