



## Manager Ashelman Takes Issue With Editor Who Calls Co-ops "Menace"

The Greenbelt co-op drugstore is a member in good standing of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, which publishes a trade journal, The Maryland Pharmacist. Drugstore Manager Si Pearson was surprised to read in the December issue of The Pharmacist:

"On several occasions during the past two years we have spoken to you through these columns relative to co-ops.

"... In calling your attention to this vastly growing MENACE, it was our thought to advise you that these co-ops are retail outlets.

"These Co-operative retail stores have invaded Maryland but as yet not to the extent they have reached in the mid-Western states. They operate without the payment

of taxes and their profits are not subject to an income tax. Moreover, they enjoy the privilege of borrowing money from the U. S. government.

"If this form of business (?) is permitted to continue where can our treasury obtain sufficient

ASHELMAN

funds to function? ... The question of the continuation of retail cooperatives will likely be something for our new Congress to consider.

"Know your representatives in Congress and make known your sentiments."

When General Manager Ashelman called Mr. Strasburger, editor of the publication, to point out that one of his organization's members was a co-op, he was assured that Mr. Strasburger did not mean GCS when he wrote his editorial, but was referring to "those co-ops started out in the Middle West by the Democrats."

A letter written to Mr. Strasburger by Mr. Ashelman suggested that there should be some statement in the future issue of the publication indicating that the Co-operative Drug Store which does exist in Maryland does pay all types of taxes "the same as any privately owned drug store."

Mr. Ashelman also pointed out that GCS pays both the Maryland and the Federal income tax, and that it is a Maryland corporation incorporated under the General Business Act.

As a small business, GCS enjoys the privilege of borrowing money from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the same as any other business would. Actually we have never borrowed any money from the U. S. Government.

## Child Strangles As Parent Dials The Wrong Number

Greenbelt 2011, the police station, is the phone number every resident should call in case of fire, theft, or accident; if first aid is required and a doctor is not available; or if an ambulance is needed.

Last Saturday night a five-year-old choked on an aspirin, and began to gasp for breath. The frantic parent dialed "operator" and asked for an ambulance. The operator, who is outside of Greenbelt, naturally contacted the fire control board in Hyattsville, which in turn called the Greenbelt Police Station.

In the excitement the parent either forgot to mention the street where the child lived or the operator didn't hear it.

The officer on duty, John Belton, had to check the name with the address in the directory before driving at top speed to the child's home. By this time the little girl's face was purple with strangulation.

Belton was able to bring up the aspirin by the simple expedient of sticking a finger down her throat.

If the parent had remembered to dial 2011 in the first place, the cruising police car might have arrived within a few minutes, at a time when minutes seem like hours, and first aid would have been administered at once.

## Drama Group Plans Workshop Program

Workshop plays were discussed and a month's program of events planned by Greenbelt's Little Theater Group at the last regular Friday night meeting. The first workshop play, "Affairs of Anatole" by Schnitzler, will be produced and directed by Nat Schein on Friday, January 10.

A speaker to be announced later will address the group on January 17, and on the following Friday, January 24, another workshop play will be produced and directed by Edith Nicholas. A party is scheduled for January 31 with Linda Solomon and Janet Parker as hostesses. Edith Nicholas, David Rollnick, Linda Solomon, Nat Schein and Roy Volberding will act as a regular program committee to set up activities for the month of March.

Everyone interested in any phase of theater work, acting, directing, producing, lighting, make-up, stage or costume designing is invited to attend. Meetings are held every Friday at the elementary school.

## '46 Ford Winner Announced Jan. 25

Chief George Panagoulis, chairman of the Youth Canteen's 1946 Ford raffle is planning an intensive drive from now until January 25, the night of the dance in the auditorium, where the lucky winner will be announced. The car is being delivered this weekend, and will be displayed in the Center.

A house to house canvass by the Drop-Inn members is now under way, with a prize to the member selling the most chances. The contest opened last Monday, with all sales from that date to January 25 counted.

The opening date of the canteen and the amount of equipment provided depends upon the profit derived from the raffle and contribution drive, and every effort is being made to make the sales go over the top. Approximately \$5,000 is needed to put the canteen in operating condition, including the installation of the heating system, plumbing and electrical work, sanding of floors, and general reinforcement of the building, as well as equipment.

Because of the heavy expenses still to be undergone, Greenbelt residents are urged to back the drive as much as possible.

## Burners Arriving In Defense Area

Defense area residents who have trouble keeping warm may take comfort from FPFA Manager Cormack's statement that they will be the first to enjoy the new oil burners that are now arriving at a steady pace.

Mr. Cormack explained that many stoker mechanisms are breaking down in the small boilers which heat these homes, and replacements are difficult to obtain. So difficult, Mr. Cormack added, that the oil burners will arrive before such parts could be secured. In the meantime, the defective boilers must be stoked by hand.

Conversion of the 5 court on Gardenway was completed last Friday, and the 24 court of Ridge early this week. Installation of the burners takes about two days at present, Mr. Cormack stated.

## Theater Manager Appointed By GCS

Paul Linson, the new manager of the Greenbelt theater, believes that Co-op patrons are in a better position to secure the type of films they want than the average movie-goer.

Mr. Linson took over his new job on January 1 and expressed the hope that he can give the people what they want.

This position is Mr. Linson's first experience in theater work. He has had many years' experience in the business field, his most recent position being that of sales manager for the Bell Offset Company of New York.

Mr. Linson stated that he contemplated no immediate changes in the management of the theater and that any changes he might make would be gradual.

Former manager Fruchtmann will continue booking the films until Mr. Linson has a chance to become acquainted with his job.

Mr. Linson is waiting for an apartment so that his wife, Ellen, can join him. Both Mr. and Mrs. Linson have been actively interested in cooperatives for some time.

Paul served as president of the Village Cooperative Society and Ellen has just resigned from her post as recreational director of the Co-operative League of the U. S. to come to Greenbelt. They have also participated in a cooperative dramatics group in New York.

## Children's Needs Take Precedence Over Pin Alley

The combined GCS-Health Association survey conducted last August showed that 77 per cent of those questioned spent at least three-fourths of their food money, milk purchases excepted, in Greenbelt. Most popular out-of-town grocery store, the Safeway, gets 62 per cent of the food money that leaves Greenbelt.

Children's shoes, children's clothing and a bowling alley, in that order, received most votes for desired GCS facilities. Additional Health Association services most desired were a children's specialist, hospitalization insurance and eye examinations. Hospitalization insurance already covers 59 per cent of those questioned.

Eighteen per cent of those questioned were Health Association members. Reluctance to change the family physician accounted for 46 per cent of non-members. Few complained of poor service or high dues, but 13 per cent said they knew too little about GHA, and 38 per cent gave other reasons including Army or Navy care and the lack of need for a doctor.

GHA doctors are used by five per cent regularly, 47 per cent occasionally and 48 per cent never. Of those who never use them, 26 per cent gave as a reason "former GHA member," which has been interpreted to mean that either they no longer believe in the philosophy or organization of GHA or do not care to call its physicians.

## Jeannette Brown Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown, 36-A Ridge Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeannette, to Dick Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bates, 13-F Ridge Road.

A graduate of Greenbelt High School, class of '42, Bates served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps.

Miss Brown is a junior at the local high school.

## Raffle For Hillel Postponed To 21st

The B'nai B'rith announces that the date for the drawing of its automobile raffle to raise funds for a Hillel House at George Washington University has been postponed until January 21.

## FPHA Plans Release Of Town Survey Showing Best Use Of Greenbelt Land

The long rumored and highly confidential Greenbelt "land use study" in preparation by FPFA for several months finally will be released by them at the town council meeting Monday night.

## New Year's Party Christens WCFM

At a christening party New Year's day, Potomac Cooperative Federation president Herbert Wood officiated at the formal naming of WCFM, Washington's new cooperative F-M station. The ceremony was the highlight of a christening reception given at the Grassland School at 41 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., in honor of the granting of the call letters by the Federal Communications Commission.

A demonstration of a sample FM set was given in which the audience heard an FM station in Winchester. Greenbelters Grace and Merton Trast and Ruth and Theodore Taylor reported the reception was very clear.

FM reception is limited to a 50-mile radius, but Mr. Trast stated that programs from the Winchester station came in more clearly than those from the local WINX-FM station.

The Tuesday, January 7 "News" devoted its radio column "Tuning In" to an interview with Helmut Kern, WCFM's young manager.

Mr. Kern describes the only other co-op radio station: VARA, in Holland. The Dutch enterprise is supported by monthly dues of 50c from each of its 80,000 members a practice Mr. Kern feels might serve as a pattern for its U. S. counterpart.

"Public opinion is strong enough to make newspapers behave themselves," the News quotes Kern as saying, "but the listener can't mold radio into a better shape because the industry answers mainly to its financiers—the advertisers."

## Housing Executive Postpones Talk

Kept in Virginia by the January 2 blizzard, Lee Johnson, executive vice-president of the National Housing Authority, was unable to address the Greenbelt Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. His talk has been postponed to the February meeting which the public is again invited to attend.

At the January meeting, Mrs. Estelle Dolgoff spoke on Senator Revercomb's (W. Va.) report on displaced persons, which opposed any favorable action being taken.

Since the U. S. played a leading part in establishing the International Refugee Assembly, and no favorable action will be taken by Congress unless demanded by the public, everyone was urged to write to President Truman requesting that a fair share of displaced persons be permitted to enter the U. S.

Contributions of small toys, games, crayons, puzzles, and colored papers are being received for the Section's Ship-A-Box Project to be sent to children in France, Belgium, and Italy.

Plans were discussed for an intercultural program during Brotherhood Week in February, and a membership party in March.

## Kids Hear Truman

Upper-grade students of both elementary schools listened Monday to the broadcast of President Truman's message to Congress. Radios were brought from home by the children for use in each classroom.

General discussion followed the speech, and written assignments were made in some classes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fugitt, principal of the Center School, said Monday's radio study was part of a program using the ether waves as a medium in familiarizing the students with history-in-the-making. Consideration is also being given, she added, to the use of radio in music appreciation classes.

Results of the closely guarded survey, made by nationally prominent city planner, Hale Walker, to determine the suitability of Greenbelt land for community purposes, will be submitted to the council for its consideration.

Mr. Walker, employed as a special consultant by FPFA, will indicate land in town suitable for residences, commercial development, recreational facilities and other purposes.

"The importance of this task cannot be overestimated," Mr. Gobel declared. Through the FPFA report the town will receive the benefit of a great deal of information which would be tedious and expensive for the town to gather.

Mr. Walker's study will be of great assistance to the council in its job of formulating zoning ordinances and building codes, Mr. Gobel added. These codes and ordinances will apply to all town development carried on by any agency other than the Federal Government.

Further study and extensive public hearings will be necessary before the actual formation of the codes and ordinances.

It will be a "big job," Mr. Gobel said, and a very important one in the town's future.

## Public Library Needs More Space

Town Librarian Reba Harris states that the library's most urgent need at the present time is a children's room. Additional reference reading space for adults is also highly desirable, according to Mrs. Harris. There are at present only three reading tables, one of which must be utilized whenever there is a children's display.

For its size, Greenbelt's library has the largest circulation in Maryland, Mrs. Harris said. While a separate building would be ideal, Miss Harris concedes that that is "just a dream." At present the library is housed in a small room in the east wing of the center school.

In addition to needing more space, the library is understaffed. Another full-time person is required to meet American Library Association standards.

Town Manager James T. Gobel agrees that additional library space would be desirable, but can see no possibility of it at present.

## Auxiliary Of AVC Meets Wednesday

The next regular meeting of the American Veterans Committee Women's Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday night, January 15, at 8:30 p. m., at the home of Minnie Goodman, 21-N Ridge Road.

There will be an election of officers and the program for the next few months will be discussed.

## What Goes On

Friday, January 10—GCS Board Meeting at 8 p. m. in office over drug store.  
Monday, January 13—Council meeting, 8 p. m. in Town office (Building next to Post Office). Jewish Community Center meets 8 p. m. in Room 201 at the Center School.  
Tuesday, January 14—High School PTA meets in high school auditorium.  
Wednesday, January 15—Rev. McCormick lectures at Holy Redeemer School in Berwyn at 8:30 p. m.

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## Invitation To A Newspaper

Every six months or thereabouts, the COOPERATOR calls to your attention the following facts:

We're a weekly newspaper, delivered free to your door, and manned by a staff of volunteer workers. The only people connected with the paper who get paid are the printer and the delivery boys—the rest of us do it for free. In return the staff members get a lot of fun, some sleepless nights, a bunch of complaints and usually, your cooperation. You can help by seeing to it that the publicity chairman of any organization of which you are a member gets notices of meetings, dances, etc. into the COOPERATOR office by the Monday night deadline; by calling our News Editor, Sally Meredith, 4328, with any "leads" you might have on a story; by calling Dotty McGee, who writes "Our Neighbors," 3667, with any neighborhood gossip that's printable; and by reporting to our Circulation Manager, Charlotte Walsh, 4631, when you don't receive the Co-operator on Friday night.

In addition, we'd like to remind you that we are always in need of additional reporters, typists, copy readers, make-up men, proof-readers, headline writers, feature writers and ad takers. Call the editor at 3314 or come down to the office any Monday or Tuesday night, and we'll be happy to show you how you can help. Only working staff members are eligible for membership in the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association which sets the policy for our paper.

Unless someone else's initials appear, the editor writes all these editorials, so any opinions you might have on them should be addressed to her. We welcome your opinions on anything—the paper, the editorials, the state of the Union, your neighbor's baby, or your party line—you write 'em; we'll print 'em.

## To The Editor

### Answers Housewife

To the Editor:

Recently it took a friend of mine from 6:50 p. m. until nearly 8 p. m. to get from Riverdale to Greenbelt via Capital Transit.

Cheverly has bus service from Bladensburg Road, Mt. Rainier, and Riverdale, yet we are dependent upon a trolley line so overloaded that the current frequently cuts out (one substation near Riverdale). Surely we, with over 8,000 people rate as good service as Cheverly. Capital Transit "moans the blues" in large advertisements about fares and costs, yet they go on extending bus lines like the arms of an octopus to every place but Greenbelt!

It doesn't seem to concern many people that Capital Transit is literally forcing a dirty deal down our throats. Does anyone bother to recall the time limit the present "trial period" was supposed to have? The few gripes that are voiced are not even going to the right people, your Council.

In the interests of better transportation, I hereby offer to take time off to show Capital Transit officials (at their convenience) that rush hour buses (or even certain selected ones) can be run to the "Pike" without disrupting their precious schedule as it is now set up. All I ask is an honest actual test rather than a citing of figures of some person who theorizes what should be, and not what actually is!

ROBERT H. WATSON,  
1-D Westway

## Election Jan. 16

Election of officers will be held at a meeting of the parents of the Hebrew Sunday School on January 16 at 8:30 p. m. at 2-L Gardenway.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE

Phone 3667

As far as we know, the distinction of being the first Greenbelt baby to be born in 1947 belongs to the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Stage, 57-Q Ridge Road. Terry Bowman Stage was born January 2.

Mrs. Betty Harrington, 4-C Plateau Place, had the pleasure of a visit during the holidays from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smith of Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Helen Salzman and her son, Gil, of 56-B Crescent Road, have returned after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Levy of Hackensack, New Jersey. Her husband joined them during the last part of their stay.

Mrs. William Andrusic, 2-K Laurel Hill Road, had as house guests for the holidays Miss Betty Gray of Hagerstown and Miss Mae Deeds of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bass, 5-B Parkway Road, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Madeline Amy, at Garfield Memorial Hospital January 3.

Keith and Jordan Murray, the juvenile leads in a road company of "Life With Father," which has been touring the United States and Canada since last summer, returned in time to spend Christmas in Greenbelt after the show closed in California. They are now attending the North End School.

Mrs. Thomas Holland, 56-D Crescent Road enjoying a holiday visit from her mother, Mrs. Julia Ramsay, and her aunt, Mrs. Marguerite Witters, both of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Greenwald, 26-C Ridge Road, are happy to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, Karen Isabel, at Sibley Hospital January 3.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Stripling, 14-D Laurel Hill Road, had visiting them during Christmas week Mrs. Stripling's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Branch McKinney of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Mesner 2-N Gardenway, had as house guests during the holidays Mr. Mesner's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mesner of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Causey and son, Will, returned Sunday to their home at 11-A Laurel Hill Road from a three weeks' visit with their relatives in South Carolina.

We are very happy to present our verbal orchid today to Mrs. Charles Tewell, of 4-P Laurel Hill Road. Mr. and Mrs. Tewell with three small children of their own, the eldest four years old, have still room in their hearts and home for two very young foster children, Mary Ellen, not quite three, and her little brother, Johnny, just eighteen months. Through Catholic Charities, Mrs. Tewell learned of the desperate need of temporary foster homes for children for whom no permanent place can be found. She has had the children since October and expects to care for them until the organization finds them a permanent home.

Thad Shannon 56-J Crescent Road, returned last week from a week's trip to Shannon, Miss. Far from enjoying warmth and sunshine there, he shivered through a freak sleet storm.

On the occasion of her birthday and wedding anniversary, both of which fall on January 6, Mrs. Evelyn Cooper received a transatlantic telephone call from her husband, Don, in Nuernberg, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stutz, 14-Z Ridge Road, announce the birth of a second son and third child at Leland Memorial Hospital. Robert Victor was born January 7 and weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lengel of 34-E Ridge Road spent the New Year's holiday with Mrs. Lengel's father in New Jersey. Their daughter, Mary, spent Christmas holidays at home with her folks.

News has come from New York of the serious condition of former resident Peggy Zorach's son, Peter, who developed peritonitis as the result of a ruptured appendix. In case any Greenbelters want to write the family, the Zorach's address is 15 Willow Place, Brooklyn 2, N. Y.

Another Antioch student has been added to the ranks of GCS employees. Miss Beatrice McKee started work at the Tobacco store Wednesday.



HARVEY WHARTON

## Space Lack Forces Shop Underground

With space at a premium and its existing stores already bursting at the seams, Greenbelt Consumer Services has been forced underground in its latest expansion move.

Harvey Wharton's repair service has set up shop temporarily in the theater dressing room, located below-stage in the basement. Old Greenbelters will remember Harvey as the maintenance electrician who for several years fixed their stoves and refrigerators.

"This place will do temporarily," he says, "but I need a larger place for storage and a place where I can do welding and use my larger pieces of equipment. I want to set up a shop where I can fix anything people bring me."

Welding is not permitted in his present location because of the fire hazard.

Quick to take advantage of the new service, Greenbelters have brought everything from an old hand-winding phonograph with a broken spring to tiny radios and vacuum cleaners. With each completed job goes an itemized bill listing each replacement, tube, or part.

Mr. Wharton hopes to give quicker service as soon as he can build up a stock of spare parts.

Prior to his coming to GCS Mr. Wharton spent a year as Bendix repairman for the whole of Montgomery County. He will continue to repair equipment in the GCS stores, a job he has been doing in his spare hours for some time.

## Hi PTA Meets 14th

The High School P-TA will meet Tuesday, January 14, in the high school auditorium to hear a faculty program directed by Principal John Speicher: "Building Responsible Citizens: Our School at Work."

Dr. C. A. Logan will give a report on his committee's investigation of how to obtain improvements and additions for the high school.

Wesley Darling, member of a county committee working on the raising of teachers' salaries, is also scheduled to report.

Refreshments will be served.

## Dr. Leo McCormick Speaks In Berwyn

The Rev. Doctor Leo McCormick, Ph.D., Superintendent of Catholic Arch Diocese of Baltimore and Washington will give a lecture Wednesday, January 15 at 8:30 p. m. in the Holy Redeemer School in Berwyn.

## ATTENTION:

- Baby Sitters -  
Register with Greenbelt Consumer Services for jobs

If there is a need for it we will help to get baby sitters and parents together by maintaining a register of sitters.

We urge young people who are interested to register with us now for jobs. Come to the G.C.S. office above the Drug Store.

There will be no charge to either the sitters or the parents. This will be a free community service.

**Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.**

## Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt theater; 7 a. m., 9 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 11:45 at Berwyn.

Confessions: Saturday from 7:30 to 9 p. m. at 10-B Parkway in Greenbelt. Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m. and from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Novena Devotions: at Berwyn every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

Choir practice will be held every Sunday morning immediately following the 9:30 mass.

## Community Church

Sunday, January 12

9:30 a. m.—Church School, Thomas Berry, Superintendent.

10:00 a. m.—Men's Bible Class, Rolfe Sauls, President.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery opens.

11:00 a. m.—Church Worship.

A cordial welcome to all. Choral music directed by Thomas Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ. The minister will review Frank Laubach's book: "Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World."

7:30 p. m.—Hi-School Fellowship meets at Jerry Cowell's, 39-M Ridge. Election of officers nominated at last meeting.

7:30 p. m.—College Age Club meets at George and Virginia Neumann's, 71-H Ridge. All high school graduates welcome.

8:00 p. m.—Board of Deacons meets, Church Office, 8-B Parkway.

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 p. m.—School of Christian Living and Action begins at Calvary Baptist Church. (This is a course lasting for six Tuesday evenings).

Wednesday, January 15

7:30 p. m.—Choir rehearsal, Center School.

Thursday, January 16

8:00 p. m.—Missionary meeting at the Waldo Mott home, 7 Woodland Way.

Friday, January 17

8:00 p. m.—Couple's Club meets at the James McKesson's, 8-H Southway.

8:00 p. m.—Philathea Class holds Installation of Officers at Mrs. Paul Reed's home, 53-M Ridge.

## Lutheran Church

Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow will conduct the church services beginning at 12:30 p. m. in the home economics room of the center school. Sunday school and adult Bible class starts promptly at 11:30 a. m. in the same room with separate classes for all ages.

Regular weekly choir rehearsal is held on Thursday evening at 8 at 2-F Plateau Place.

On Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock Rev. Pieplow holds his weekly confirmation class at 73-L Ridge Road.

The Lydia circle will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Clarence Berg, 20-H Hillside.

## Mowatt Memorial

### Methodist Church

Woodland Way and Forestway Road, Rev. C. J. Craig, pastor. Phone UN.1658. Sunday school opening assembly, 9:45 a. m. Classes, 10 a. m. Sunday school closing assembly, 10:40 a. m. Morning worship service, 11 a. m. Evening worship service, 8 p. m.

## Jewish Center

### Meets Monday

The regular membership meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held Monday, January 13 at 8 p. m. in Room 201 in the center school. All members are urged to attend.

## Hits And Misses

By POP BELL

The pins were flying high, wide and handsome on Tuesday last when the Greenbelt League resumed activities after a couple of weeks' layoff over the holidays. Judging from some of the scores, I am sure a few of the boys slipped down and had a little limbering up over the last weekend.

After looking over the standing of the teams this week, I am very much convinced that there will be several ties at the end of the season.

Oh yes, I noticed that several of the boys received bowling shoes for Christmas. Your reporter got a nice pair and I hope that everyone gets as much good out of theirs as I do mine.

Charley the Boss has asked me to remind the boys not to loft the ball. He says there are only a few who are bad and asks their cooperation.

### League Standings

January 1, 1947

Seahawks	30	15
Legion I	27	18
Redskins	27	18
Rummies	27	18
Spoilers	25	20
Aces	25	20
Pickups	25	20
Legion II	24	21
Commandos	24	21
S. E. Glass	23	22
Greenhorns	23	22
Eagles	22	23
Northenders	22	23
Comm. Church	22	23
Emanons	22	23
Burns	21	24
Defenders	21	24
Tigers	21	24
Raiders	19	26
Pioneers	19	26
Piddlers	19	26
Flyers	18	27
Co-op	17	28
Food Store	17	28

## County Wants R. I. Extension To Beltsville

The extension of Rhode Island ave. from Hyattsville to Beltsville and more authority for the County Commissioners in regard to road construction are the main features of a report of the special Roads Committee of the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce which the directors of that body adopted at their meeting Monday night. T. Raymond Burch, a member of the State Legislature, is chairman of the Roads Committee.

Calling the extension of Rhode Island ave., the most urgent road need in the Metropolitan Area, the report claimed that such a highway would relieve serious traffic congestion in Hyattsville, would provide a connecting link between various towns, and would be a stimulant to business in the county. It was urged that this project be included in the Metropolitan Area improvement bond issue for 1948 if other arrangements for its construction cannot be made.

The report favors giving the commissioners power to raise funds for the construction and improvement of all roads, side-walks, bridges and storm drains. It also recommends authorizing the commissioners to take over construction and maintenance of county roads from the State Roads Commission and giving the commission power to adopt ordinances providing for definite standards for street construction in new subdivisions.

## Two New Fire Boxes For Mt. Rainier

Karl A. Young, chief of the Mt. Rainier Volunteer Fire Dept., announces the installation of two fire alarm boxes in the business districts of Mt. Rainier. One is located at 34th and Rhode Island ave., near the Prince Georges Bank and Trust Co., and the other at the Kaywood Shopping Center, directly across the street from Whelan's Drug Store.

The boxes are of the usual design and are painted the customary fire department red.

### Clearance

Dresses, Blouses, Skirts  
20% to 50% Reductions

Anne Pollack

5 WOODLAND WAY  
3 p. m. to 9 p. m.

## Jay Carries Torch For Local Canary

He was found on a doorstep in the 6 court of Hillside Road, a pitiful naked waif. Today he is paying court to a lovely singer in the neighborhood. Every time she bursts into song he appears at her window, answering note for note. The tragedy, of which he is totally ignorant, is that his voice is as harsh as hers is lovely.

It's a good thing a bluejay doesn't have an inferiority complex.

"Would anyone like a jay?" the Shields family occasionally wonders. "Jay" is well-loved, but a dreadful nuisance, they concede.

"Jay's" canary friend belongs to Mrs. Robert Dove of 6-M Hillside.

Ten-year old Stapler Shields found the young jay in the yard last Spring before he had feathered out. Apparently he had fallen from his nest. Fed a diet of milk and baby cereals, he waxed fat in no time. To this day Mrs. Shields says one of his favorite dishes is milk. The other is butter, to which he helps himself by swooping down upon the butter dish when the family is gathered at the table.

Since Jay had no mom to give him flying lessons, his education was taken in hand by the Shields boys, Stapler and 9-year-old Lee, who took turns throwing him up in the air to make him extend his wings for balance and thus get the idea.

Jay was soon following the children down to the Center. Once he balked at returning home with his caretakers, just like some independent youngster you could name, and consequently got lost. On the following day one of Bill's fellow mail-carriers located the truant in a tree on Westway, looking sorry for himself. He was glad to hop back into his cage, Bill reports. "He knows his way around now," says the family. Wherever he wanders he's almost sure to show up at mealtimes.

Jay is a neighborhood liability when he perches on milady's clothesline and plucks out the clothespins one by one. Once he tore up a precious pair of nylons. Stunts like these do not render him universally popular.

In the house the Shields' put up with his capers as good-naturedly as they can. Jay loves to station himself on the faucets and take issue with whomever wishes to turn on the taps. (How's that for conserving utilities, Mr. Cormack?) He also thinks it great fun to fly away with the spool of thread from the sewing machine, or to thrust his beak into boxes of pins and buttons, scattering them to all four corners.

The family also took in two young flickers last spring, but found them not as intelligent as the jay. For instance, they didn't have enough sense to avoid the advances of the younger tots in the neighborhood, and one unwary woodpecker consequently got bashed in the head by a two-year-old's shovel.

Jay keeps his distance even with the young fry of the Shields household, four-year-old Faith and two-year-old Penny.

Nona Shields has seen Jay playing with others of his kind at the edge of the woods, and he was quite pally with a young robin last spring and summer. When squirrels come inside for the nuts Nona puts out for them, however, he flies upstairs in seeming panic, and he can't abide the sight of a dog.

One of Jay's favorite hangouts is a dressing table top that gives him a full length glimpse into the mirror. He doesn't offer to fight the image he sees, but cocks his head on one side and then the other as though studying his good points.

Does anyone want to buy a jay?

GCS ads in the Cooperator help 67% of Greenbelters select their purchases, according to a recent survey.

## Den 2 Cub Scouts Win Football Honor

The Cub Scouts of Hazel Floor's Den 2 won the championship football game of the season. Jimmy McCollum, line buckler, made a touchdown from his own 10 yard line by intercepting a pass.

Bobby Jamieson also a line buckler made a touchdown and Tommy Hawkins made a long run which helped the Razorbacks win the game. Stewey Knott made the final touchdown which ended the game of games for the season. The final score was: Razorbacks, 24; Buckeyes, 0.

## Prince Georges Pioneering In Hospital Clinics

The watchful eyes of the nation are on Prince Georges County, where an experiment in medical welfare is being tried out.

A program, proposed by the Prince Georges General Hospital to provide medical assistance to indigent and medically indigent persons in Prince Georges County, has been accepted by the State Board of Health and is now in operation for a trial period.

The free clinics at Prince Georges Hospital are one of the first and few hospital clinics to be authorized by a State Health Department, according to Dr. John M. Byers, county health officer.

Under the new arrangement the Health Department pays to the hospital a sum of one dollar for every visit of every patient to the clinics, which were established at Prince Georges Hospital in April 1946.

Formerly, the Welfare Board paid the physician's fee directly to the patients.

The present program is intended to offer aid to two groups of persons: the indigent, whose eligibility for medical care is known to the County Welfare Board, and a new group, the medically indigent, who are not receiving public assistance, but whose income is not sufficient to cover the catastrophe of sudden illness or hospitalization. Persons in this latter classification may make application to the County Health Department, where they are certified by a health officer or a medical social worker. Eligibility is determined from an income scale maintained by the Health Department.

Medical care, under the new set-up, includes not only routine examinations by physicians, it also provides drugs, dental and nursing care at home and in the physician's office.

Since there are no state-aided hospitals in Prince Georges County, patients requiring hospitalization are certified by the Public Welfare Board for care in such institutions elsewhere in the state.

Dr. A. Kirk Besley, superintendent of Prince Georges Hospital, stated that of the 771 persons treated at the clinics since April, eight have been admitted to the hospital for medical care, ten for surgery, nine for pediatric, twenty-six for obstetric and twenty-five for ear, nose and throat treatment.

The clinics, to which the physicians give their time and services gratuitously, are held at the hospital on Thursday and Friday afternoon each week. The schedule is as follows: Thursday, surgery, Dr. Louis M. Jimal; obstetrics, Dr. Francis Warren; Friday, medicine, Dr. Irvin Grassgreen; pediatrics, Dr. Thomas Christensen; ear, nose and throat, Dr. Harry Davies. The clinics are under the general direction of Dr. Leslie French.

## Bingo

Holy Redeemer  
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Saturday, Jan. 11  
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### NEW

## Variety Store Hours

OPEN  
10 a. m.—  
Monday through Friday  
9 a. m.—Saturday

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6 p. m.—  
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## The Turntable

By DEE FAIRCHILD  
Phone 4562

On one excuse or another the movies are bringing back a lot of old songs. It might be well to look over your stock of worn-thin records and decide which scratch-happy antiques need replacing. You can have a lot of fun shopping for these oldies. Over a span of years many musical combinations have cut their versions in wax, and selecting the best can highlight a shopping tour.

The shoe-string-record companies are proving that Victor and Columbia left untouched music many wanted. Witness Band Leaders' poll of ten top discs where seven are issued by the small fellows. Note too that three of said ten are revivals with fresh breath, "My Heart Belongs To Daddy," Artie Shaw; "Jalousie," Herbie Fields, and "Two Sleepy People," Bobby Doyle. More recent double talk set to music is "Bumble Boogie," Jack Fina, and "Hoodie Addle" by Ray McKinley.

Engineering and materials have improved but regardless of the label, inspect and play it before you buy it.

Bless Vaughn Monroe for being himself instead of being another would-be Crosby. Hora Staccato by Benny Goodman gets my blessing too. The King Cole Trio make their music sound intimate and volumed down low for your listening pleasure alone. Not so Bing. He makes me feel like an intruder in his bathroom as he hums, hams, and sings in spite of me. If some one doesn't gag him soon his growing informality will end in absolute slumber, but far be it from me to tell Crosby Inc. how to make money.

Long, lanky globe-trotting Stan Kenton has been preserved in album form, "Artistry in Rhythm."

Sometimes and sometimes too often classic music requires an odd number of sides instead of even, thereby creating a problem of what to do with the blank side. In some albums like my Brahms Fourth, Victor side-steps the problem and leaves the side blank. They did little better with Copland. After three electrifying sides of "El Salon Mexico" they looked deep in their library for something to surprise the purchaser, "The Song of the Volga Boatman" arranged by Stravinsky. Why not something Mexican or something Copland, Victor alone knows.

Columbia uses the eighth side of Grieg's Concerto In A Minor to better advantage. Walter Gieseking plays two short pieces by Grieg, "An Der Wiege," and "Serenade." They are more like an encore at a concert. In the opinion of many the blank side selections are often a shameless waste of wax. There are lots of repetitions of classics and the margin between the merits of the artists may be small, so consider too the extra side before you buy.

Do you know what consumer ownership means? Do you know the value of your cash register receipts? Do you know that the local co-op stock has always paid 5% dividend? Get the story from Merton Trast in the office over the drug store or call Greenbelt 2231.

## Housing Groups Form Association

CNS)—A regional association for cooperative housing groups was organized in Chicago November 10 under the name of North Central States Housing Association, and fifteen housing groups in the region have indicated their interest and support.

The agency will serve as consultant and information center to local groups on legal and technical problems. Plans call for purchasing building materials whenever possible through the regional cooperative wholesales and for membership in National Cooperative Mutual Housing Association.

## CLASSIFIED

RATES—for classified advertising: 3 cents per word, minimum 50 cents, payable in advance. Bring to basement of 8 Parkway Tuesday night. For information call 6821.

WASH'NG MACHINES & VACUUM CLEANERS—Sales and service. Pick-up and delivery. James T. Chenault, 4806 Edmonston Ave., Hyattsville, Md. WA.4662

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CLEARANCE — Dresses, Blouses, Skirts. 20% to 50% reductions. Anne Pollack, 5 Woodland Way. 3 p. m. to 9 p. m.

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## NOTICE

Deadline For Patronage Return

Receipts!

End of Business — Jan. 18

Receipts for 1946 must be in the G.C.S. office above the Drug Store before the office closes on Saturday, Jan. 18. We suggest you get them in now to avoid the rush.

Receipts are valuable for both  
members and non-members

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It's now time to register for the spring term of the adult education art classes, which often meet outdoors. There is also room for additional pupils in the classes currently meeting every Monday evening from 8 to 10 p. m. at the Center School. Applications will be taken this Monday at the Arts and Crafts room just before class time. Bring your pencils and brushes.

## The Homemaker

By JUNE WILBUR

The past year has been full of suggestions concerning the wonders of the future in textile and household goods. Some of the wonders of the test tube reached the market during 1946, some are promised for 1947.

For the floor we are promised plastic coverings soon. Also to appear are plastic coated paper twine rugs which can now go under the dining table. These floor coverings may be cleaned with a damp cloth. For decorative effects, colors are being embedded in the plastic coating. Therefore design possibilities are unlimited.

Already on the market are a few rayon rugs. These have been fairly good in color but need to be improved to withstand the sand and tramping feet of children. Wool has withstood wear for years, and met the test of service on floors of active households. Rugs of this material are still a better buy.

For window curtains we have seen paper drapes, plastic coated nets and knitted sheers. These have been in a variety of weights and textures. They have appeared in plain color, floral design or stripes and plaids. For the future we are promised flame- and water-resistant curtains, printed plastics and printed nylon drape materials.

Out for purchase are absorbent synthetic diapers, towels and gauze, all of the disposable family. We are promised unwoven fabrics in the future which will be adhesive bonded. Fresh out of the test tube, the latter have been tested and show superior quality to competitive woven goods in absorbency, softness, surface smoothness and draping. The crosswise strength is weak, however.

It would be good to say that 1946 had brought cotton sheets to our beds, but not enough of this rare goods appeared to warrant so rash a statement. We are promised, for 1947, however, sheets from paper (fine and soft they say) and from rayon.

1947 ought to be a good year, full of surprises for the home. Perhaps this year the machine will appear which will grind out new dishes before each meal and grind up the used ones afterwards.

## Baer Will Play At Youth Dance

The Youth Canteen announces that Morgan Baer's NBC orchestra and Jean Warner, soloist, will be on hand the night of January 25 to make its fund-raising dance a real success. Decorations are being planned by Rick Helgrin and Jack Fruchtman. Tickets are \$1.25 each including tax and will be sent to each parent in the hope of encouraging a larger crowd.

## Boys' Club Boxing Gets Underway

The Prince Georges County boys' club started training in boxing at the new armory of the University of Maryland last Tuesday, Jan. 7, according to Coach Kenneth Maschauer of Greenbelt. The club will train every night, Monday through Friday from 7-9 in the armory.

## Supermarket Chain Of Co-ops Opens

(CNS)—The first of the co-op chain of Chicago super-markets opened at 510 N. Clark Street on November 17. A crowd estimated at 1200 was on hand to witness the opening, and the 2,000 members of Chicago Consumers Co-operative greeted the event as the first step in city-wide cooperative organization.

Why keep your money in the bank at two per cent interest when it might be earning a five per cent dividend for you invested in GCS stock

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To reach every family in Greenbelt

## Insurance Plan Wins Supporters

By Tuesday night an insurance program for GCS employees needed only 35 signatures to go into effect. Fifty of GCS's 115 workers have okayed the plan.

Under the policy drawn up by Farm Bureau agent Anthony Madden, an employee can get hospitalization, surgical, life and accidental death insurance for about one-third of what it would cost him as an individual. Hospitalization and surgical coverage can be taken on dependents also.

The adoption of the health and life insurance program is the culmination of a year's work by the management committee and careful study by all parties concerned, and replaces the former practice of paying a Christmas bonus to employees.

At their December 27 meeting the GCS board moved to pay 50% of the cost for full time employees and 25% for half time employees. The estimated cost to the co-op is \$2400 a year as compared to \$2600, which was the amount of the 1945 Christmas bonus.

Management chairman Carnie Harper stated the committee believed the plan would offer employees more complete protection than is given by most businesses.

When truck drivers and coal miners strike for higher pay, that's a threat to society. When cattle ranchers hold back beef for higher prices, that's the American way. Are there any questions? (CNS.)



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## Relics Turn Up

The Cooperator wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Earl K. Newton of 1-D Woodland Way for their present of our first eight issues, and a copy of the Greenbelt town charter dated June, 1937.

These archaeological relics turned up during an attic-cleaning bee.

## Kinzer To Speak

Mothers of the Co-op Nursery School children are meeting at 8:15, Thursday evening at the home of Bea Bronstein of 16-E Ridge Road. Mary Jane Kinzer is to speak on, "What Greenbelt has to offer the pre-school child and his parents."

## Jersey Co-op Fights Tax Evasion Attack

(CNS)—Using statistics for co-op business over twice as high as the co-op's most ambitious estimates, the New Jersey Tax Equality Committee ran a Nov. 10 ad calling co-ops, mutuals and government businesses "tax-dodgers"; and immediately found themselves under attack from the local co-op, labor unions, Farmers Union, and other liberal groups.

The Trenton Cooperative Society displayed in its window cancelled checks for all taxes paid: income, withholding, excise, unemployment insurance, social security, personal property, corporation franchise, and milk license. They then followed up this move by letters to editor and to members of the committee, literature distribution, radio discussion, and an interview with the co-op store manager published in the same paper that had carried the N.J.T.E.C. ad—all making the point that "we pay every tax to which any other corporation in the city is liable."

The local UAW-CIO union held a protest meeting, and the Independent Citizens League is arranging a public debate on the issue.

## GREENBELT Theatre Program

**SATURDAY JAN. 11**  
Double Feature  
Gene Autry - Smiley Burnette  
**Springtime In The Rockies**  
Ted Donaldson - John Littel  
**The Return Of Rusty**  
Cont. 1.  
Last complete show 8:30

**SUN., MON. JAN. 12, 13**  
June Haver - Vivian Blaine  
Celeste Holm  
**Three Little Girls In Blue**  
(Technicolor)  
Sunday Feature at 1:17, 3:20, 5:23, 7:27, 9:32  
Monday 7:34 and 9:35

**TUES., WED. JAN. 14, 15**  
Double Horror Show  
Lon Chaney - Lionel Atwell  
**The House Of Dracula**  
Basil Rathbone - Nigel Bruce  
**Terror By Night**  
7:00 and 8:30

**THURS., FRI. JAN. 16, 17**  
Jane Russell - Louis Hayward  
**The Young Widow**  
7:00 and 9:00

**SATURDAY JAN. 18**  
Johnny Weissmuller  
Buster Crabbe  
**Swamp Fire**  
Cont. 1.  
Last complete show 9

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## Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

## NEW THEATER PRICES

— Effective next Sunday, Jan. 12 —

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services took action on December 27 to increase the admission prices in the theatre.

The only reason for the increase is to meet the increased cost of films, repairs, labor, and to replace worn out equipment. Admission prices will still be lower than in most other theatres in the area.

	Adults	Children under 12	Sat. Matinee Children under 16
New Admission Price	33c	20c	15c
Tax	7c	4c	3c
Total	40c	24c	18c

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