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Five Cents

GCS Starts Work
On New Building

Actual construction is beginning on the new Greenbelt Consumers Services store building, according to a release issued this week by Frank J. Lastner, president of the board of directors, and Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr., general manager. The building contractor is moving in this weekend and will proceed as rapidly as possible, even though the service station remodeling is not completed. Work on the service station will progress as fast as weather conditions permit.

The new store building will be substantially completed by July first. Because of present high construction costs, only the food market and the night store will definitely be carried to completion this year. This is considered the first phase of the building plan. The lower floor will be excavated, but bowling alleys, fountain and other refreshment facilities called for in the overall plan will probably not be installed at this time. Completion of the bowling alleys will depend on future conditions.

The building will extend from near the Center statue, into the parking lot running parallel with the length of theater building. It will stand on land leased last year by Greenbelt Consumer Services for a period of 42 years.

"In spite of high prevailing construction costs, the new building will be a very sound business venture for the people of Greenbelt," stated Mr. Ashelman. "The annual costs of the new building, including interest, depreciation, insurance, taxes and maintenance, will be almost the same as GCS paid last year to the government for rent of the overcrowded food store business located in the Center. We will have, however, a food market with more than twice as much selling area as at present, a much larger and more efficient back work room and storage space, and considerable undeveloped space for future use."

"The increased sales which are bound to result from the improved shopping facilities will lower the occupancy-percentage cost to the point where the operating position will be very favorable."

Co-ops To Hold
Annual Meeting

Cooperators from Washington, Maryland, and Virginia will have their annual get-together this Sunday, January 25, at the Silver Spring Armory. The affair starts at 3 p. m. with two speakers, Nelson Cruikshank of the American Federation of Labor and Kermit Eby of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Representatives from local labor groups have been invited to the meeting. Also featured will be highlights of cooperative development in this area during 1947. Leroy Halbert, president of the Potomac Cooperative Federation, has gathered facts showing changes in membership, investment and sales volume of cooperative groups.

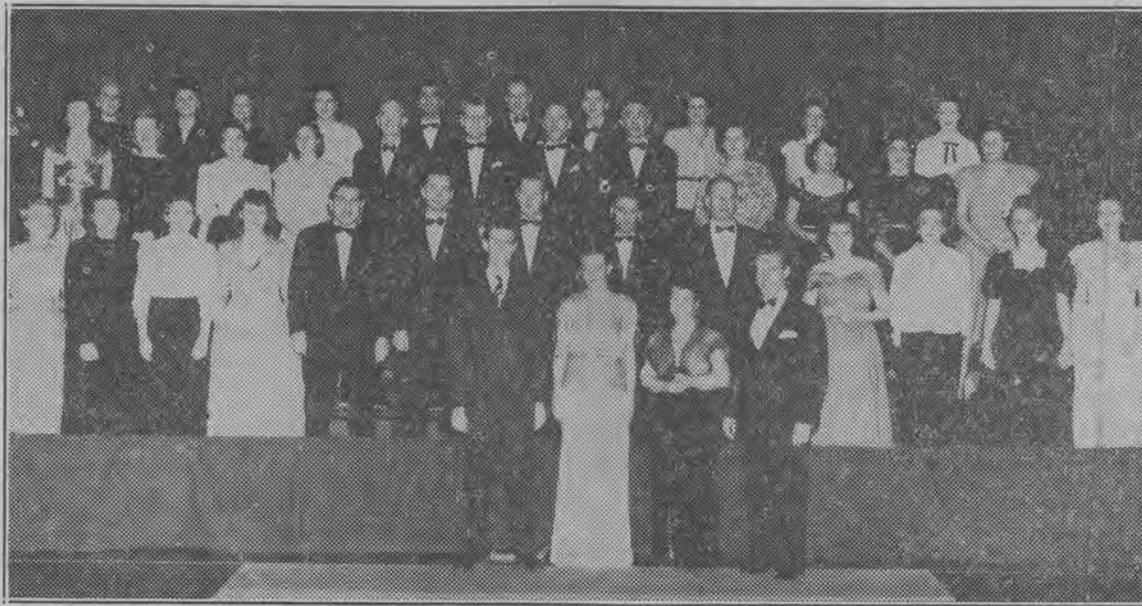
A buffet supper prepared by a committee headed by Rachel Garner will be served at 6 p. m. Ellen Linson will start off the square dancing and other recreation, later in the evening.

To reach the Silver Spring Armory, follow the East-West highway to Georgia Avenue then right on Georgia Avenue to Pershing Drive, which circles the Armory. Call Greenbelt 2231 or REpublic 1078 for reservations.

Reports Tampering
At Post Office

Complaints that mail boxes in the lobby of the Greenbelt Post Office are being tampered with and that mail is being removed from boxes have been received by Acting Postmaster James N. Wolfe. Postmaster Wolfe warns that a severe penalty can be imposed on anyone discovered tampering with the mail boxes. Loitering in the lobby of the post office is prohibited.

Chorus Makes Its Debut



By Greenbelt High School Photo Club

March Of Dimes
Program Starts

James T. Gobbel, town manager, announced that letters requesting contributions to Greenbelt's "March of Dimes" are being sent to all organizations in Greenbelt, in addition to the folders being mailed to all residents. Last Monday afternoon, Girl Scouts from Troop 16 and their leader helped prepare the folders for mailing.

Mr. Gobbel pointed out that all bills of Greenbelt residents stricken with polio are paid through the the Prince Georges Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Last year Greenbelt led all other towns in this county in contributions. Nevertheless, since August 1944 Prince Georges County has had to borrow \$57,000 from the Foundation to pay expenses of polio victims in this area. Greenbelt cases took about one-third of this amount. He further stated that more money was spent in this area during 1947 than was contributed, in spite of the fact that very few cases of polio were reported here last year.

Trailer To Be Shown

A trailer will be shown after the movie at the Greenbelt Theatre on Sunday and Monday, following which the Girl Scouts will make a collection for the March of Dimes.

All residents are urged to give as much as possible to the present drive, and particularly to make their contributions in Greenbelt. There is a box in the Post Office for the convenience of those who find it difficult to send their money in by mail.

Here Today
'Fore' Tomorrow!

Officer Charles H. Duncan has resigned from the Police Department as part-time officer to assume the duties of regular club "pro" at the Richmond Golf and Country Club. Officer Duncan is being replaced by Harold Buchmeyer, who will also be on duty at the switchboard from midnight to eight.

Grade School Kids
Hold Quiz Show
Tuesday Night

A radio quiz show was featured at the intermediate of the Center School last Friday. The children of Mrs. Mary Davis's room organized a radio quiz show originating from Station GCS. Creighton Turner as Quizmaster did a fine job in keeping the program moving. Sponsor of the program was Drawno (Onward spelled backwards) School Supply Company. The Drawno quartette, composed of Blakely Littleton, Jerriann Weber, Suzanne Alfred and Patricia Dunbar, sang the theme song to the tune of School Days.

Tomorrow Night
Is "Stunt Night"

The Greenbelt High School Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor its annual entertainment, "Stunt Night," tomorrow night in the center school auditorium, with "Buddy" Attick as master of ceremonies.

Organizations participating are: Women's Club of Berwyn, Women's Club of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Consumer Services, Drop Inn, Greenbelt Girl Scouts, and a surprise feature to be presented by the high school teachers, as well as presentations by individuals.

The Greenbelt Band will introduce the "Majorettes," an eight-girl feature.

There will be prizes and refreshments will be on sale.

Fortune telling by Dolorous Cantelus who "knows nothing, sees nothing, but tells all," will be an added attraction.

Tickets will be on sale by the high school students.

Because of a conflict in date with the Greenbelt-Hyattsville basketball game tonight, the FBI representative who was scheduled to speak at the Drop-Inn will appear later.

'Peeping Tom'
Complaints Flood
Police Department

Prowlers have been active recently in Greenbelt. Six complaints by Greenbelt residents have been received by the Police Department in the past two weeks. Town Manager James T. Gobbel stated that most complaints were about "peeping toms", but that some may be persons just looking for the correct address. He hopes that address numerals on doors will be repainted soon. The Police Department is keeping alert to apprehend bona-fide prowlers and is investigating all complaints thoroughly.

Penrod And Sam
Here Tomorrow A. M.

Penrod and Sam, the moving picture based on Booth Tarkington's well-known book, will be presented tomorrow morning, January 24, at 10 a. m. in the local theatre.

Posters prepared by pupils of the Center and North End schools have been on display in the center.

This picture was chosen by the Children's Matinee Advisory Committee, with the assistance of Paul Linson, manager of the Greenbelt Theatre, from the Children's Film Library of Hollywood. The Library provides films that test-runs show children to like best, which are also approved by a special board consisting of parents, child specialists, teachers, psychologists, and Hollywood producers.

Local Chorus
Has First Concert

The four-month-old Greenbelt Community Chorus made its public debut in concert last Monday night at the center school, before an audience which filled the auditorium all the way to the back doors. Conductor of the group was Dr. Harlan Randall of the University of Maryland music department, who contributed several duets with his wife to the evening's entertainment.

First on the program was a choral arrangement of Sibelius' "Finlandia," followed by "Sweet and Low" and "Thanks Be To God." Mrs. Gordon Finlay, who accompanied the chorus on the piano, took over as soloist with a Liszt etude, Debussy's "Clair de Lune," and a Chopin waltz.

The chorus resumed with two musical-comedy selections, Romberg's "Desert Song" and Friml's "Rose Marie." Between these came a medley of three songs, in which solo parts were taken by Mrs. Irving Oring, in the soprano section, and Samuel Gottesman, in the tenor section.

Following a group of tenor solos by John Way, Maryland University student, Dr. and Mrs. Randall performed their duets with some amusing by play, prefaced by a warning that they were all in fun. Accompanied by the chorus, they concluded the concert by singing the solo parts in "Will You Remember," from Romberg's "Maytime."

After lining up for photographs in their black ties and evening dresses, the performers gathered in the social room to revive themselves with coffee and cookies and plans for their next appearance. Mrs. Charles Cormack, membership chairman, repeated the group's invitation to all Greenbelt residents to join them in their weekly rehearsals, each Monday night in the home economics room of the center school.

Snow Held Cause
Of Two Accidents

A light snow and rain Tuesday night was the cause of two auto accidents. At 7:45 the automobile of Charles Jones, 12-D Ridge Road, collided with a car driven by Frank Gatlin of Branchville, near Southway and Glendale Roads. Mrs. Jones and her two-year-old child were injured slightly and were treated by Dr. Hans Wodak.

Fifteen minutes later autos driven by Lewis Johnson of 51-F Ridge Road and Frank Norton, Jr., of Rogers Heights, Maryland, collided on the Beltsville Road near Edmonston Road. Four-year-old Cary Miles, a passenger in the Johnson car suffered a badly-cut lip which required two stitches. He was also treated by Dr. Wodak.

Self-Assessment
To Keep Going
Voted By GHA

Despite a snowstorm, about 150 people attended the emergency meeting of the Greenbelt Health Association on Tuesday night, January 20, at the Center high school auditorium. The meeting was called to enable the membership to decide upon the future of GHA, since due to increased costs the association has been operating at a financial loss for the past few months.

Ruth Bowman, president of the board of directors, reviewed the history of GHA during the past year. She pointed out that with its present staff of three physicians the association can now handle the medical needs of more Greenbelt families than ever before. The present staff is a well balanced one, she explained, consisting of one general practitioner, one obstetrician, and one pediatrician, and is thus qualified to provide a more specialized medical care.

Treasurer Reports

Thomas Ritchie followed with the treasurer's report. He explained and illustrated in detail the financial difficulties of the organization.

After all questions had been answered the members discussed several possibilities for reestablishing GHA on a sound financial basis. Everyone felt that the benefits derived from the association are so great that some way must be found to keep it in operation.

Vote \$10 Assessment

Finally an almost unanimous vote was taken in favor of the following resolution:

1. Each member-family of the Greenbelt Health Association (excluding members who joined after Jan. 1, 1948) will be assessed the amount of \$10. Most of this money will be used to finance the deficit GHA has accrued.

2. Members will be credited with \$5 for each new family they recruit for the association.

The members present at the meeting felt that such an assessment was readily justified by the by the economic benefit they had derived as members in the association.

Panel Discussion
To Be Featured
At PTA Meeting

A joint meeting of the Greenbelt Elementary and High School Parent Teacher Associations will be held in the center school auditorium next Monday, January 26, at 8:15 p. m.

Dr. Charles N. Cofer, of the Psychology Department of Maryland University will be the moderator of a panel discussion on the "Problems of Growing Youth in Our Community." The speakers will be Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer of the PHA office; Miss Maxine Batie, a teacher at the center school; Mrs. Lucille Carpenter, guidance teacher of the Greenbelt High School; and Sergeant Albert S. Attick of the Department of Public Safety.

Mrs. Arthur Wetter, program chairman of the Elementary PTA, expressed the hope that all community leaders as well as parents will attend this meeting.

Introduction To:
The Seamier Side

Complaints have been received by the Police Department regarding mutilation of signs posted on the bulletin board in the tobacco store. Notes, ads, and announcements have been defaced with obscene messages by persons loitering in the portion of the tobacco store kept open after hours. The Police Department warns that charges of disorderly conduct can be pressed on those found responsible.

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Take A Good Look

Now that the Investigating Committee assigned to look into charges made against the Town Manager and the Director of Public Safety has completed its hearings and has retired to prepare its report, it seems appropriate to take a good look at what may have been accomplished by this process.

One of the most heartening achievements was the dignified and conscientious manner in which the committee, the plaintiffs, and the defendants conducted themselves. Aside from a few minor deviations, the entire procedure was carried out in an orderly manner, one which could well be recommended to certain committees of Congress. The delays in completing the hearings were regrettable, but understandable, in view of the limited time of all the participants. The granting of permission to the person presenting the charges to be represented by counsel would have made their job easier, and might have pointed up some of the issues more clearly, but the final results would have been the same.

A careful review of all the charges made, and the supporting and opposing testimony, leads the outside observer forcefully to the conclusion that the persons making the accusations failed to prove a single case of criminal or even serious dereliction on the part of either Mr. Gobbel or Mr. Panagoulis. On the other hand, some of the testimony from both sides did indicate clearly that there have been periods of minor negligence in the management of the public safety department, particularly with respect to the maintenance of equipment and the building up of employee loyalty and morale. Some testimony indicated that these conditions have since been corrected, but if they haven't, the manager and the chief have their immediate jobs cut out for them.

Another point which seemed to be supported by the evidence is that the Public Safety Director is not filled with an overwhelming zeal to provide outstanding performance on his job. This is not to say that he has not done a generally satisfactory job; merely that the evidence seems to show that he has not pushed himself beyond the routine performance for which he is paid.

No creditable evidence of the intimidation of town employees was presented, nor was it proved that the town manager had acted otherwise than in good faith in carrying out his job. Any lack of superior performance on the part of the public safety department, of course, ultimately reflects on the manager. It has been up to him in the past, and will continue to be up to him to follow through on the performance of that department, to see that adequate inspections are made, and to see that a smooth-functioning, responsive department is always available to the people of Greenbelt. We would recommend to him, if it has not already been done, a thorough review of the reporting and inspections procedures, not only in this department but in all parts of the town government.

As to the charges of lack of cooperation leveled at Gobbel by the former mayor, there is a point to be made which explains but does not support the Bauer stand. Gobbel is a professional public administrator, trained in the methods of efficient management of a city. His professional reputation demands that he operate the machinery of the town government in the most competent manner possible. His advancement within his own profession depends on this, and Greenbelt is only a starting point toward the big jobs in this field. Faced with a hostile council which he felt was not working for the best interests of the town, the manager seems to have been stubborn and less than smooth in his dealings with some of the council members. How much of a Dale Carnegie we are to require in our manager is an open question.

In our opinion the most significant revelation of the entire investigation was the way in which is revealed the incompetence of the previous town council, or at least of the more articulate members of the body. This statement is presented in a strictly non-political setting; the election is long since past, no one is running for office, and it is now necessary to look at the facts as they have been presented

Community Church Protestant

Saturday, January 24—
1:30 p. m.—Hi School Fellowship leaves for bowling party, from the drug store.

Sunday, January 25—
9:30 a. m.—Church School.

Thomas Berry, superintendent.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class. All men welcome.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery.

11 a. m.—Church Worship. All welcome.

Special announcement about "Meals for Millions." Third sermon in Rev. Braund's series on "Abundant Living" will deal with "The Power To See It Through." Choral music directed by Thomas Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ.

Tuesday, January 26—
6:45 p. m.—Delegates to the Christian School leave from drug store for Calvary Baptist. Main speaker, Dean Harold Bosley of Duke University.

Wednesday, January 27—
3:30 p. m.—Junior Choir. Mrs. John McClendon, director.

8 p. m.—Senior Choir. New members welcome.

Thursday, January 28—
8 p. m.—Building Committee meets, church office. Reports and election of officers.

Friday, January 29—
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Sunday—
11:30 a. m., Sunday School.

12:30 p. m., Services in the home economics room of the center school.

Monday—
8 p. m., The men of the Greenbelt congregation will meet at Trinity Lutheran School in Hyattsville to organize a Men's Club.

Tuesday—
8 p. m., Deeper Spiritual Life Conference at Mount Rainier.

Wednesday—
8 p. m., Deeper Spiritual Life Conference in Greenbelt in Room 223 of the center school.

Thursday—
8 p. m., Choir rehearsal at 6-Z-2 Plateau Place. New members are welcome to join.

Friday—
4 p. m., Junior confirmation classes at 43-D Ridge Road.

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GAC Basketball Squad Wins One - Loses One

The Greenbelt Athletic Club Basketball team lost a thriller to Naval Photographic Center at the Naval Air Station in Anacostia by a score of 52-46 Friday evening, after setting back Wehrle Plumbers at Roosevelt High on Tuesday night 48-43. The scheduled game at Hagerstown for January 17 was rescheduled by Hagerstown for a date later in February.

A benefit bingo and raffle sponsored by the basketball team will be held Friday evening, January 24, at the Club House. Many valuable prizes will be offered.

Men's Basketball Ends First Half Isoperimetrically?

The final games of the first half of the Men's Basketball League failed to produce a winner as the Climbers defeated the Youngsters to throw them into a tie with the Newly-Weds. The Youngsters and the Newly-Weds ended the first half with a 4 and 1 record. All three games were very rough and interrupted constantly by fouls.

In the opener, the previously undefeated Youngsters suffered their first loss by a 21-20 score to the Climbers who broke the zone defense used by their opponents. Mothershead and P. Cookson led the way to victory for the Climbers. The Newly-Weds also took advantage of the free throw line and defeated the Mixers 28-27. Gleasner scored 12 points to lead the victors. In the nightcap the Ironmen handed the Rock Busters their fifth straight defeat 34-22. Burt, Clay, and O'Connell all tallied 8 points for the winners.

Schedule for the first night of play in the second half of the Recreation Department League is as follows:

January 29: Youngsters vs. Mixers, Newly-Weds vs. Ironmen, Climbers vs. Rock Busters.

G.H.S. Grizzlies Drop 29-23 Game To Bladensburg

The Grizzlies of Greenbelt High lost a hard fought, rough basketball game to Bladensburg last Friday night. After leading for the first three quarters, the local lads could not stave off a late Bladensburg rally and went down to defeat 29-23. This was the Grizzlies second loss against one victory.

Drop Half-Time Lead

Led by George Bauer and Bill Goodall, Greenbelt jumped off to a quick lead which was increased to six points at the half. Bobo Hause, playing his usual steady game, contributed seven points to the losers cause. The first half gave every indication of turning the game into a rout. However, after the intermission, Greenbelt's offense fell apart and the boys couldn't find the hoop. The score would have been much worse but for Dick Trast's persistent control of the backboards for the Grizzlies.

Bladensburg was led by Foreman and Pruitt, who each counted eight points.

In the preliminary game, Greenbelt's girls team was also defeated 34-16.

Greenbelt National Guard Begins Operating

Three officers and eleven enlisted men were sworn into State and Federal National Guard Service by Col. David McIntosh in a ceremony held last Tuesday evening. Officers of the Greenbelt unit, Battery "A," are: 1st Lt. Edward Kaighn, battery commander; 1st Lt. Donald Rich, executive officer; and 2nd Lt. Eugene Ehrlich, assistant executive. Men accepted into the enlisted ranks include: Staff Sgt. Robert Howey, Sgt. George Domchick, Sgt. Arthur H. Baxter, Cpl. Aubrey G. Jones and Pvts. Norman Granims, Lee C. Ellis, Jerrald T. Cowell, William R. Baxter, Earl J. Meyers, Herbert E. Hazell, and Morgan M. Johnson.

Meets Tuesdays

The National Guard will meet each Tuesday evening, 8 to 10, at the Greenbelt elementary school. This Greenbelt unit promises to be the fastest-growing and strongest organization in the state of Maryland, according to Col. McIntosh. There are still many openings available, and all interested community members are urged to contact Lt. Kaighn, 4891.

Express Thanks

The members of the Guard expressed their thanks to the Guard Committee for their support and cooperation in facilitating the successful activation of the local battery. Special thanks were extended to Charles Cormack for his recruiting program; to Frank Riley for contacting General Reckord, thus getting the ball rolling; to Chairman Dr. James McCarl for his organizational facilitation; and to the Greenbelt American Legion for their cooperation and party for the local unit.

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to the people of the town by the former council members themselves; for it is they who urged this investigation initially, and it is they who have provided most of the information upon which our opinion must be based.

In the first place, it should be remembered that the town council hires and fires the town manager. If he or his organization is not functioning properly, it is the duty of the council to replace him. In the second place, all records and books of the town government are available to the council. A recalcitrant manager may make it a bit difficult to get at them, and might even make it necessary for the council to visit the town offices during office hours to see them. But any competent councilman within a few days could have obtained all the information necessary for an exact and complete picture of how the government was operating. In the third place, the actions challenged by the former councilmen or protested by former employees took place during the tenure of the previous council.

With all of these facts before us, it is difficult to see why the previous council did not act on its information or convictions. If these convictions were held by only a minority of the old council, they still could and should have called for an immediate inquiry rather than let the facts get cold and the circumstances clouded. But instead of doing anything, they waited until immediately prior to the town election before creating the crisis. Either this is incompetence or a most disreputable way of creating a political issue through which to attempt to ride into office. The citizens of Greenbelt can take their own choice of causes.

In meeting the situation which the old council thrust upon it, the new council has conducted itself commendably. It has taken the charges in good faith, as it should, and pushed through the investiga-

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tion in an unbiased manner. What action it will take on the committee's future report remains to be seen, but townspeople can feel assured that it will be a wise and balanced decision.

One specific recommendation seems to be called for, other than the gratuitous suggestion to the manager made above. The council should establish an informal committee of three disinterested citizens to advise the town manager of his personnel problems. One specific job of this committee should be to hold hearings on any employee grievance which reaches the stage of formal appeal, and to recommend action on it to the manager, with a copy of its recommendation to be forwarded to the council. The manager would not be bound by such recommendations and would lose none of his authority. It would provide, however, a means of keeping the council informed of trouble-spots in the town's management, and would give the manager an impartial check on his own actions and those of his division heads. Had such a committee existed during the last two years, nearly every problem arising during the current investigation could have been presented and acted on calmly, outside the political arena. Such a committee can serve as a safety valve in the future, as well as to prevent a basis for any real or fanciful charges of intimidation by the manager.

The new council has now completed six months of rigorous inservice training in city government. We are sure it will be the wiser for its enlightenment.—R. W. C.

Drop-Inn, Dancers

Those interested in the Drop-Inn ballroom dancing class will meet at the canteen on Tuesday, January 27, at 7 p. m. All teen-agers interested in joining the group are invited to attend.

Eye Examinations For Grade School

Children in the Center and North End schools will have their eyes examined next week by an eye-testing apparatus. Mrs. Leo L. Quinn, supervisor of health education for Prince Georges County, was instrumental in obtaining the use of the machine for the county schools, through the courtesy of the Lions Club.

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Cormack Asks That All Residents Help Save Fuel

The present critical shortage of fuel oil in this area has made it necessary for President Truman to issue instructions to all Government installations to effect a saving of at least 15 percent in fuel oil consumption, according to PHA manager Charles M. Cormack.

Commenting on the effect on Greenbelt of the President's order, he furnished the Cooperator with the following statement:

"In view of the present critical situation, and under the provisions of the President's order, it is necessary for the Management to take drastic steps to conserve fuel. The situation is similar to that existing during the war when rationing of fuel became necessary. Cooperation of all residents is earnestly solicited in solving this problem, and the following specific suggestions are made:

(1) Windows and doors should be kept closed to the maximum extent possible, and only essential and minimum ventilation provided.

(2) If it is desired to sleep in a cold room, the bedroom door should be kept closed to avoid chilling other rooms in the house and the radiator in the bedroom turned off.

(3) In the defense project, steam radiators should be turned off whenever possible, especially during the middle of the day when the house is comfortable, and upon leaving the house for a period of time, such as over a week-end. Sufficient heat will be supplied by the exposed piping to avoid freezing. Unused rooms can be kept closed and radiators turned off. In original Greenbelt, where overheating occurs, radiators may also be turned off. However, due to the more satisfactory control system, it is not necessary for residents to turn radiators on and off as much as in the defense project.

(4) The production of hot water requires large quantities of oil. Consequently, the avoidance of wasting of hot water is of vital importance in fuel conservation. Do not let the hot water run unnecessarily. Limit quantities used in taking baths, and mix cold water with the hot to provide only the quantity of water needed at the desired temperature. It is requested that residents report all leaking faucets, especially on the hot water lines, and all possible efforts will be made to correct such conditions.

"Instructions have issued to the maintenance engineer to set controls as nearly as possible to avoid maintaining average room temperatures in excess of 72° at any time. Every effort will be made to maintain temperatures in living rooms from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the 70-72° range. Heat will be reduced between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. to conserve fuel.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY MCGEE
Phone 5677

The bitter cold has brought some fine sport to the outdoor ice-skating enthusiasts. The lack of snow has been not so good for coasting, although the icy slopes have afforded the small boys with some very unconventional sliding on boards, flattened pasteboard boxes, or, in fact, anything at all that will slide. We're just about due for a heavy snow that so far has just been flirting with us.

Jimmy Brenon, who is now in Warm Springs, Georgia, is doing very well, according to his mother, Mrs. James Brenon. They are hoping that he will be able to come home for a visit in March. Mrs. Brenon has the highest praise for the Warm Springs Foundation and says that Jimmy is very happy there and receiving the best of care.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Russell of 14-J Laurel Hill Road announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Ann, on January 15 at Prince Georges Hospital. They have two other daughters.

A civilian once more, Jimmy McCarl, son of Dr. and Mrs. James McCarl, returned home from Japan a week ago Wednesday. In his eighteen months of service, Jimmy became a sergeant; he was stationed at Camp McGill in Nagai, Japan.

A stork shower was given for Mrs. Sidney Feldman of 2-H Plateau Place on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Isadore Parker, 45-J Ridge Road.

Vice Consul and Mrs. H. J. Schwan and their children of Shanghai, China, are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dietzel of 2-B Plateau Place. The Schwans have returned to Greenbelt for a visit after having spent two years in Shanghai. They are enjoying reunions with former neighbors and friends.

Newcomers in Greenbelt are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gerhoff and their children, Gwynn, Margo and Jeffrey who moved into 7-A Ridge Road a week ago Wednesday.

Joann Martin of 6-Q Plateau Place has been staying with her aunt and uncle in Riverdale in the absence of her parents. Her grandmother, Mrs. Voshell, who has been a member of the Martin household, injured her hip in a fall last Friday and was taken to the hospital.

Here is a reminder for those of

Child Care Center Plans Card-Bingo Parties Next Week

The Greenbelt Child Care Center Cooperative is planning a double feature next weekend—a card party Friday, January 30, and a bingo party Saturday, January 31, for the benefit of the Child Care Center. Both are to be held in the Child Care Center, at 14 Parkway.

Refreshments donated by the parents and a door prize are added attractions to the card party, planned by a committee headed by Mrs. Raymond Stice. She is assisted by Mrs. James K. O'Neill and Mrs. William Evers, prizes committee; Mrs. James Brennon, ticket committee; Mrs. James D. Morgan, refreshments committee; and Mrs. Don Romer. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The next evening a loud speaker system will enable guests to play bingo simultaneously in four rooms, from 8:30 till 11 p.m. This party is planned by a committee headed by Mrs. Gene McCarthy.

It is hoped that the receipts from these parties will enable the Child Care Center, a non-profit organization, to continue its worthwhile work.

the hospital. You who are interested in the fat collection for making soap to be sent abroad. The need is as urgent as ever. Cans of fat can be left with the following: Mrs. M. Trast of 19-K Ridge Road; Mrs. E. Braund, 2-A Crescent Road; Mrs. L. Bronstein, 16-E Ridge Road; Mrs. E. Peeler, 18-D Parkway; Mrs. H. Slaymaker, 2-C Research Road; Mrs. F. Birchard, 2-S Laurel Hill Road; Mrs. T. Ritchie, 37-J Ridge Road and Mrs. W. Mott, 7 Woodland Way. In about three weeks, the containers of fat will be collected from all these homes, so if you have any even partly filled cans, do bring them to the most convenient address.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam York of 19-J Ridge Road are enjoying a vacation in New York City.

Lou Gerstel writes us from Lake George, New York, where he has been recuperating from his last major operation. It's 33 below zero there; so, cheer up; it's cold everywhere except in Los Angeles.

A son was born on January 18 at Leland Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy of 3-M Parkway Road. The baby, named Cary Richard, weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. Mr. Murphy, who acts as the Cooperator's courier to and from the Prince Georges Post did not pass out cigars when he came down to tell us about it.

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