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#### Altar Guild To Serve Refreshments At Dance

Greenbelters will have the opportunity to celebrate New Year's Eve in style next Friday night, when the Cooperator presents its first town-wide dance in the Center school auditorium. Dancing from nine to one will be to the music of Vernon Brown's orchestra. Refreshments will be available in the social room downstairs, offered by the altar guild of the Community Church under the direction of Stanley Edwards. Dress will be semiformal, and hats (included in the price of admission) will add a festive note. Tickets may be obtained from staff members, or at the door.

#### Men's Warm Clothing Is Needed Overseas

Mrs. Winfield McCamy, whose garage at 7 Woodland Way is Greenbelt's collection center Church World Service, told the Cooperator this week that there is a special need overseas for used clothing for men. Warm garments are so scarce that clothing contributed for women is being remade into men's wear.

Residents having any usable clothing, for men, women or children, may take it to the garage on Woodlandway to be collected by CWS and taken to the center at New Windsor, Maryland, for shipment overseas. Contributions of shoes, soap, and reclaimed fats for soapmaking may also be left at the

#### NCJW Head Elected To National Committee

The Greenbelt Section of the National Council of Jewish Women held its first regular business meeting of this season on Decemger 8. Mrs. Edith Nicholas, president of the Greenbelt section, has been elected to the National Committee on Section Service. Mrs. Nicholas spoke about the work of this group.

The next meeting of the Section to be held on January 12 will feature a skit on legislation. Mrs. Olya Margolin of the Washington, D. C. Section will be guest speaker.
Songs Featured

The Section's Birthday Party for members and their husbands featured a series of songs by Mrs. Ethel Gerring, with Mrs. Bea Wexler

#### Chanukah Begins On December 26

Chanukah, the "Festival of Lights," which is celebrated by people of the Jewish faith, starts at sundown December 26.

The eight-day fetival symbolizes the stand of the Jewish people, under Judas Maccabaeus, for their religous freedom. It celebrates their victory over the Grees in 165 B.C. when they had been ordered to give up their religion and worship the idols in the temples. Following their successful uprising, the Jews in their ceremony of cleansing the temple in Jerusalem, found only a small flask of pure oil, enough for one day. As a result of a miracle, this light lasted for eight days.

During the Chanukah festival, gifts are given to the children and Two candles are lit on the first night of the holiday, one as a torch and the other symbolizing the first day of the feast. An additional candle is lit every night until eight lights are burning.

A Chanukah party for children will be given in the Center School auditorium this Sunday from 2:30

Each child will bring a small wrapped gift to be exchanged among the children. The afternoon program will include planned entertainment, and refreshments served by the Sunday School PTA.

#### **Cubs Take Toys** To Bill Herson

Did you listen to Bill Herson's radio program this morning and hear about the toys which the Cub Scouts of Pack 202 took to his Doll House? The boys collected \$142.90 with which they bought the toys; they and the toys were taken to Washington before school in a National Guard truck with a police

as accompanist; a parody written by Mrs. Adelaide Weidberg on a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta performed by William Nicholas, Thomas Dolgoff, Herbert Hertz and Milton William, A novelty number was sung by Jack Ratzkin. Harry Fleisher led the group in a "community sing."

#### Tell yuh what

How do you usually spend New Year's Eve? Do you battle traffic into Washington to a hot spotdrop a week's food budget in a few hours? Probably not. Most Greenbelters have discovered that being isolated from such "advantages" as mobbed dance floors and over-priced entertainment is really a blessing. For one thing, they've learned how much fun can be had in an evening with friends.

From this knowledge has come the Greenbelt pattern for New Year's Eve. Several couples get together, each supplying food and drink specialties. While they congregate at nine or thereabouts, the party doesn't really get going full-swing until midnight, when the old year is sped on its way.

Then, after an hour or so of exuberant merry-making, the food is spread, followed by steaming cups of coffee and philosophical discussion. These last couple of hours are the ones usually remembered with the greatest fondness. What profound solutions to the ills of Greenbelt and the world are

brought out over coffee! This year, Greenbelters will have a new topic of conversation for the coffee hour. They're going to the Cooperator's New Year's Eve dance from nine 'til one. Women who've been yearning to wear their long dress won't miss the opportunity—plus the chance to see what the other gals are wearing. And no one would want to miss the excitement of dancing to such delicious music as Vernon Brown's orchestra puts out-or whistle-bait Jo Mettee, songstress. And then there's the kidding (gentle and otherwise) that local big-wigs are going to get during intermission from the Cooperator's dramatic (?) section.

Why not bring your party along too?

— Advertisement —

#### School Kids Will Pay Higher Transit Fares

Reduced rate school fares on the Maryland lines of the Capital Transit Company will be eliminated on December 27, 1948.

Reduced rate school fares of 3c per zone, upon presentation of a student's identification card, were instituted last June after the Maryland Public Service Commission granted a rate increase to Capital Transit placing all of the transit company's Maryland lines on a uniform 5c cash mile-and-a-half zone basis. The transit company took the matter to the Circuit Court and later to the Court of Appeals when the Circuit Court upheld the Public Service Commission.

The Court of Appeals ruled in the Company's favor on December 16, stating that the reduced school fares were discriminatory, and directed the lower court to restrain the Commission from enforcing the reduced school rate on and after December 27.

## Christmas 1948

Eric T. Braund Pastor, Greenbelt Community Church

Laughter and tears-brightness and dark-hope and fear! This is the mixture of our time as it was in the days of "Herod the King." And now as then, those who are truly wise will look beyond the darkness for the star and follow on to kneel at the manger shrine.

But for many the star is dimmed by the shadow of fear, hunger, cold. Experts tell us that in world population terms, fifty percent are undernourished. The Iron Curtain is a "Herod" to thousands of God's Children. Atomic fission forms an ominous cloud over Christmas candles. The Star over China is Red. Millions this month see, not stars, but darkness where dwells no hope.

Today the immortal poetry of Phillips Brooks represents the silent longing of a thousand cities. Bethlehem represents London-Berlin-Nanking-Washington- it represent Greenbelt!

Yet in thy dark steets shineth The Everlasting Light The Hopes and fears of all the years Are met in Thee tonight."

Christmas revives the gospel of "Good News." ". . . Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Sayiour, who is Christ the Lord." This is the light that shined in the darkness, "... and the darkness has never put it out!"

We can bomb out a city, but not an idea. This is true even of Communism, but let God be thanked, it is also true of Christmas. The desire for peace and good will on earth, central to Christmas, is deepseated and insistent. It has, in the providence of God, survived the purges and bombing of Hitlers and Herods. Some things cannot be shaken! The Star, the faith, the Lord of Christmas, we rejoice is an eternal brightness. And so we say with the ancient prophet: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: (even) they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined"!

With this spirit, this mood, this faith-in the air, in our hearts-we have reason to be gay! Let the light shine in hearts-let the leaping brightness of a thousand hearths stoutly defy the cold and the dark. Let gifts be given, let hospitality be extended, without stint to friend and stranger, with boundless

goodwill! And may a thousand telegrams from far off cities gladden the hearts of as many families with the cheeriest message, the brightest five words in any language:

"I'll be home for Christmas!"

#### Horses Add \$'s To Town Funds

Greenbelt's share of Maryland's race track receipts reduced by \$5,-800 the 1949 budget adopted at the town council meeting Monday night. The tax rate, based on real estate valuation, fell proportionately from the prelimnary figure released December 13 at the budget

Total budget requirements for next year afount to \$216,108, the tax rate per \$100 valuation will be \$3.27, and the request for payment in lieu of taxes from Public Housing Administration, \$189,678.

Salary Increases

Salary increases introduced for first reading covered the positions of town manager, recreation director and librarian. If passed at the next regular meeting, the town manager's salary will be established at \$6,500 (plus the \$330-a-year pay raise granted other employees in July) with annual increases of \$125 to a maximum of \$7,000; the recreation director's salary will be increased from \$3,950 to \$4,500; the librarian's from \$3,375 to \$4,000.

Positions of custodian and janitor for the community building were proposed for addition to the town's job classifications with a salary of \$2,420 to \$3,045 for custodian and \$1,770 to \$2,145 for janitor. Final approval of positions and rates is subject to action at the next meeting.

Phone Service

In view of the increased rates proposed by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, Town Manager Charles T. McDonald was requested by the council to confer with the local manager of the company and point out several ways in which service could be improved. Cited for particular emphasis were waiting for the operator, interruption of calls through the operator, waiting in connection with incoming calls through the operator, and the increasing mixups with calls to Bowie.

Mr. McDonald reported on sessions of the convention of the American Municipal Association held in Washington December 12

Building Problems

Problems of scheduling community building rooms were explained by the town manager, after

### Church Site Bids Opened on Monday

Bids on church building sites in Greenbelt were opened Monday and transmitted by Charles Cormack, PHA manager, to Public Housing Administration officials for action. The bids, offered by the five churches, were as follows: St. Hugh's Catholic Church, \$4500 for a 3.3 acre lot located on Crescent Road adjoining the Athletic Club; the Community Church, \$4500 for 2.6 acres at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads; Lutheran Church, \$3,000 for 3.1 acres on 20 and 24 Ridge Road; the Methodist Church, \$1,800 for 2.9 acres located at 40 Ridge Road; the Jewish Community Center, \$1,000 for .8 of an acre located at the corner of Westway and Ridge Roads.

Each church bid on the property in which it had previously expressed an interest and while the bids were low, according to the appraised value of the land, it is anticipated that they will be given favorable consideration. Commissioner John Egan will review the bids when he returns to his office after the holidays, according to 1

a resident criticized a situation last Friday when band practice held a crowd of basketball enthusiasts in the hall awaiting entrance to the auditorium. The council expressed confidence in Mr. McDonald's handling of such situations, and suggested a "give-and-take" attitude between groups using the building. Of particular concern to the council was the time of basketball games which at present keeps young people of junior-high age up until after eleven on Friday nights.

The public health department report disclosed one case of paratyphoid in Greenbelt. Mrs. Betty Harrington proposed adding immunization for this illness to the present schedule of the health of-

Progress at the Drop-Inn was noted in the recreation report, and department personnel commended.

Following discussion of the public safety report, Mr. McDonald said that police department records of constant offenders among young people have been transmitted to the PHA office for filing, with the families' tenancy records.



Now let's see—who's been good and who's been bad.

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#### MOVIE PROBLEM

To the Editor:

Some time ago we were treated with the spectacle of some irate parents appearing before the Mayor and Council in protest over the removal of a couple of the boys from the Center by the police.

It made me mad at the time and I have gotten madder each time I go to the movies in Greenbelt. Not made because those boys were taken home but because more of them are not taken home every night.

I can understand the little children who flood the first few rows of the theater, talking and running around. They do not know any better and should not be there anyhow, alone, to see pictures they don't understand. I cannot understand the group of boys, nearly men, who seem to have reserved the front, left side of the movie house for themselves. They have no regard for the rights and privileges of the other patrons, talk out loud, yell and otherwise make themselves entirely obnoxious. They are undoubtedly impressed with their own great importance as high school seniors. The greatest marvel is that the theater management seems to ignore the whole matter and makes no effort to have a quiet peaceful house. Either the management is entirely disinterested as to what happens or they are physicalafraid of what might happen. Whichever it is, they should be either replaced or get busy and break up this loud, annoying gang that spoils every show. If the management can't break it up let the Mayor and Council detail a policeman in the theater every night. They can handle it.

A Disgusted Movie Goer

#### Couples Club To Meet

The Couple's Club of Community Church will meet at the Edmund Getzin's home on New Year's Eve and then attend the Cooperator New Year's Dance.

#### To Seranade Town

The Junior High Fellowship of Community Church will meet at Joanne Taylor's Thursday night at 8. They will then carol at various courts in town and return to Joanne's for refreshments.

### **Brownie Troops Keep** Up A Full Schedule

During a meeting at the home of Mrs. Seymore Levine Brownies of Troop 35 met Sister Libiana of Los Angeles, California. She gave an account of her work with Girl Scouts. On December 23 the troop will have a Christmas party at which they will exchange small gifts. Mrs. John Massey and Mrs. Lloyd Moore will assist Mrs. Le-

"In As Much"

Troop 49 will present a Christmas play titled "In As Much" at the Drop-Inn at 7 p.m. on December All the Brownies will take part in the play. Following the play a party will be held for the Brownies and their families.

Brownie Troop 109 will not hold their regular meetings on December 27 or January 3. Meetings will be resumed on January 10 at the regular time.

Troop 116 Holds Party

A mother, daughter and father party was held in the social room of the Center School last Thursday evening by Brownie troop 116. Barbara Clinedinst, Sandra Dallow, Peggy Grant. Glenda Haber, Berdine Hollaway. Ellen Maguire and Phyllis Palmerton were invested into Brownie troop 116 by Mrs. Horace Kramer at a candlelight

After the investiture all the Brownies of troop 116 put on an entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Grant. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kirkham. Troop 116 will resume its

meetings January 4.

Brownie troop No. 42, under the leadership of Mrs. Phil Crofford, and assistant leader Mrs. Bernard Feig, held their Christmas party, December 18, for the Brownies of the troop and their mothers. New members were invested into the troop together with Mrs. V. Huggard, who was invested as committee chairman, by Mrs. Vera Weber, who was the guest of honor. The older members of the troop received their rosettes, for being in the troop for the past year. Mothers troop for the past year. received gifts the children have made and gifts were exchanged by the girls. After refreshments were served, the mothers were entertained by the children with a play call-ed "The Toyshop Christmas Par-ty," and Christmas carols.

#### COMMUNITY CHURCH **PROTESTANT**

Thursday, Dec. 23

7 p.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal. p.m., Junior Fellowship goes carolling.

Sunday, Dec. 26 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at North End and Center schools.

10:55 a.m., Church Nursery and Junior Church.

11 a.m., Church Worship with choral music by both choirs. Sermon by Gordon Shull of Yale University Divinity School. Mr. Shull is a graduate of Manchester Col-His parents are Church of the Brethren missionaries in Bombay, India.

#### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

3 Masses on Christmas Day; High Mass at Midnight. Low Mass at 8 and 9:30. 2 Masses on Sunday, December 26, 7:30 and 9:30. ALL MASSES IN THE THEATER. Confessions: Christmas Eve., December 24, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9:30 (by visiting priest). Visits to the Crib each day of the Christ-mas Season. ALL IN THE CHAP-EL, 58-A Crescent.

#### J C C SERVICES

Topic of Sermon: "Towards End

of Days"

Regular Friday night Services start at 8:30 in the social room of the Center School. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies Auxil-

Center School Sunday School Room 223, Grade 1, Mrs. Lach-

Room 224, Grade 2, Mrs. Horn. Room 225, Grade 3, Mrs. Neu-

#### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

F. Richard Stuart, Branch Pres. Gr. 3776

Sunday School: The Christmas program will be given at 10:30 in the social room of the Center

Sacrament Meeting: Will be held in the social room at 6:30 p.m. member of the Washington Stake High Council will be the speaker.

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday night, Choir Practice, 2-F Plateau Place.

Sunday, Dec. 26. 11:30 a.m., Sunday School, Center School; 12:30 p.m., Church Services Center School.

Tuesday, Dec. 28, Play by Young People at the Drop-Inn. The public is cordially invited.

#### To Give Christmas Play

The Young People of the Lutheran Church will present a Christmas play, "Inasmuch" next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The play, which is open to the public, will be held at the Youth Center.

#### Athletic Club To Hold A New Year's Party

The Greenbelt Athletic Club will hold a New Year's Eve party Friday, December 31 at 9 p.m. in the clubhouse. A nominal charge will be levied to defray the cost of some of the refreshments. Additional information about the evening's program may be obtained from any officer of the club.

At the recent annual election of officers of the Club E. DonBullian was elected president. Other officers elected were: Hugh Rowell, vice-president; George Bauer, secretary: George Berry, treasurer; and Frank Stachitas, custodian.



It could be a long cold winter.

#### Chords and Discords By William Mirabella

The concert of early ensemble music presented under the auspices of the Prince Georges County Symphony Orchestra and the PTA was very successful.

A vote of thanks is particularly due to David Burchuk, who is responsible for organizing and presenting this pro-

gram of fine music which the average person in this area has so rare an opportunity to hear. course, we doff our lids to the musicians who made it possible for us to hear this music of another day. They

Bill Mirabella are: violin, David Burchuk, Stuart Haywood, Ben Posner, Jim Baker; piano, Lee Mirabella, Hazel Stalberg, Marian Moore; violincello, Ann Braund, Harry Palmer; oboe, Boyd Cary; flute, Pat Brown. The performance throughout was spirited and struck a warm response in the

I believe that the slight doubt which existed prior to the performance about the wisdom of selecting music "which was over the

#### Boys Club Plans Banquet

Greenbelt Consumer Services will play host to the Greenbelt Boys' Club Monday night at a "Championship Football Banquet" in the Varsity Grill in College Park.

The team will receive a trophy from Smith Purdum, president of the board of directors of Prince Georges County Boys' Club, for winning the championship of the county football league. In addition, each member of the team will be awarded a gold football.

Officials of the local club will award three trophies for the best back, best lineman, and for outstanding sportsmanlike conduct.

heads of the listeners" was amply dispelled by the nearly full house and enthusiastic reception. Furthermore, there is talk already about putting on another show by local musicians.

In this vein, I should like to have the thinking of our readers. If you would like to have either monthly or weekly programs of this sort, write in and let me know. Also cover the kind of music you think should be programmed and what the charge for admission should be. By supporting this sort of activity we can remove our town from the ranks of the provinicial, put ourselves on the map, and maybe go so far as to import artists and ultimately have a Greenbelt Music Fes-

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By Dottie McGee, phone 5677

Police Departments in general are known for their abilty to take care of all kinds of crises. A crisis of a kind took place one morning in our town recently when an agitated housewife, at 7 a.m. called the local police to inquire if they were aware of the state of the hot water in her row. It seems that the hot water was very muddy and spitting like mad. Said the housewife, "It's murder washing in cold water, and I've no idea WHAT my husband will say when he wakes and finds he will have to shave in cold water!" The officer on duty asked, "How is the cold water?" "It's clean," came the answer. Then, in a patient, resigned voice that he must reserve for such cases, the policeman re-plied, "Look, honey, fill a pan full of cold water and heat it for him."

Mrs. Joe Long of 3-B Gardenway was the lucky winner of the Welch's Grapejuice Company's drawing sponsored by the Greenbelt Supermarket. She received as her prize from winning number 1469 a 21-jewel Bulova wristwatch.

Another drawing for a similar Bulova will be held on January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones of 6-B Parkway became happy first-time grandparents when their daughter Mrs. William A. Dove, the former Jane Jones gave birth to a son on December 13 at Leland Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Dove have named their first born William Howard.

John Jensen of Brooklyn, New York, is spending the holidays with

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Salzman, 56-B Crescent expect to leave tomorrow to spend the holidays with her mother in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loflin, 9-L Research are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on December 18 at Leland Memorial Hospital. They have two sons, Charles and John.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Holland, Jr. have as their house guest for the holidays, his mother, Mrs. Thomas A. Holland, Sr. of New York. They also expect as their visitors, her mother and aunt, Mrs. Julia Ramsay and Mrs. Marguerite Witters, both of New York City.

Mrs. Ruth Scheneman of Evansville, Indiana is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Behrens of 2-E Gardenway and family, for the Christmas Holidays.

Rev. Eric T. Braund, pastor of the Greenbelt Community Church, and his family will spend Christmas weekend at his home in Pennsylvania.

#### Bonham - Cowan

Virginia Bonham, daughter of Mrs. Robert T. Bonham, was married last Saturday afternoon in Lexington, Ky., to Robert H. Cowan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Cowan of Nashville, Tenn.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Robert W. Miles at the Mazwell Street Presbyterian Church.



AlumniBeatGHS60-34

Greenbelters saw many former Greenbelt High School basketball stars in action last Tuesday when the Alumni defeated the High School Five by a score of 60 to 34.

The Alumni used three complete teams in gaining its one sided triumph. The game was fairly close for three periods with the Grizzlies never behind by fore than 10 points. The Alumni bucketed 11 baskets for 22 points in the final quarter. Harry Benefiel led the scoring parade with 14 points. John Teel led the losers with 12 points.

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#### Greenbelt Team Loses First Game

The Greenbelt Recreation Department basketball team received its first setback of the season Saturday night at the hands of Jet Motors of Washington, losing 43-49. With Greenbelt leading 29-25 at half time an inspired Jet team lead by Cranford, who tallied 24 points outscored us to lead 39-33 at the three-quarter mark. Cleveland lead the locals with 10, Cookson following with 8.

On Friday, Greenbelt took on the strong American Legion team at Laurel and defeated them 50-41. Sunday night at Laurel the locals defeated Snyders Laundry 59-40 for their high point per game total. The locals were lead by Fox with 17 and Cleveland with 15 points.

In the first game of the double header in Greenbelt Saturday the Laurel Legion defeated NOL 5 -48. Tonight the Recreation Department team meets the strong McKee Pontiac team at 9 p.m. Jet Motors meets Laurel Legion at 8 p.m., this is preceeded by a girls' game at 7 p.m.

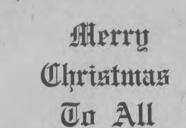
#### GHS Wins After Slow Start 35 - 29

The Greenbelt High School basketball team defeated St. John's De Matha of Hyattsville last Friday night in the Center School gym. The score was 35-29.

De Matha started fast and pulled away to a quick 4-0 lead. The local boys didn't overcome their stage fright until just before the end of the first quarter which ended in a low 4-4 tie. The Grizzlies got hot in the second period and put 13 points through the hoops while holding the visitors to 5. Greenbelt High Srhool maintained this lead almost to the end. Par Redd was high man for the victors with 12 points. Bill Roberts, John Teel, Charles Midkiff, Ronny Bierwagen, Paul Peltier and Horace Randolph all saw action and helped in the scoring. Duanay was high for De Matha with 15.

meets Laurel Legion at 8 p.m., this is preceded by a girls' game at 7 p.m.

Laurel High School.



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#### Santa Claus Pays Visit To Drop - Inn

Last Saturday night Santa Claus brought surprises and treats for all present, to the Drop-Inn.

Santa Claus complimented the officers on the fine job they were doing and presented them with a surprise gift, a big box of chocolates in appreciation. Gene Kellaher, president, aided by Santa Claus, presented silver footballs to the four All-Star members of the Jr. Boys'Club football team. Those honored were Conrad Roehling, Billy Turner, Billy May, and Sonny Dickerson.

The biggest treat was Santa's doll show. The dolls were so human that they even got bashful and Eileen Labukas had to pinch hit at the last minute as announcer for 3rd grade Tommy Leech. The other dolls performed on schedule and included such talented small fry as Lillian Castaldi, tumbler, Dorothy Dennard, tap dancer, Joe Mac Schubert, saxaphone player, and Paula Bibler, baton twirler.

The canteen will be closed all day tomorrow and Saturday but will open next week for the general membership, Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a dance, open to both Jr. and Senior high members, New Year's Eve from 9 to 12 with admission set at 50c per couple. Only couples will be admitted.

The other evenings this week and next week have been reserved for youth orbanization parties.

#### Majorettes Will Perform

The Greenbelt School of Major-ettes sponsored by the Majorettes' Mothers Club is rehearsing for a floor show to be presented at a dance in January for the annual March of Dimes drive.

Hours of practice for the school are on Saturdays, older group, 9 to 10:20 and younger group 10:30 to 12 noon.

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#### Gun Club Wins Again

The Gun Club's No. 1 team won its fourth straight victory last Monday night by defeating the U.S. Aggies' team 1392 to 1362. Harry Bates and son Dick led the team with scores of 280 each.

#### The Police Blotter

An item on the police blotter this week, called "assault." was the lead to an interesting episode that occurred last Sunday night. Two soldiers from Fort Meade were hitchhiking back to their camp, and were given a ride by five young men. Some of them were allegedly drunk. When the car turned into the Greenbelt Road instead of continuing on the Baltimore Blvd. the soldiers protested, but were forced to continue their ride, after being assured they were taking a "short cut." When the car turned into the Glenn Dale Road, one soldier, Pvt. Marcus Knopf, opened the door of the car and jumped. In the ensuing confusion, the other soldier, Pvt. Junius Stevens escaped from the car also. They were then chased into Greenbelt by the five occupants of the car. Noticing a house with lights on, the soldiers knocked on the door of Gordon Finley, 10 Southway, and asked for assistance. The police were called, but the five young men escaped. Pvt. Knopf required extensive medical attention before he and his companion were released to continue their trip back to camp.

Hits The Road (Scraper) One auto accident this week involved a truck driven by Allen W. Stonnell, 826 7th St. N.E. of Washington, colliding with a steam roll-

er and road scraper on Crescent Rd. Mr. Stonnel was given medical treatment by a local doctor. The accident occurred last Saturday. The police were requested to

find lost children on two occasions, and to dispose of two stray cats. Complaints about disorderly children continued this week, with two requests to warn sled riders; a result of the unusual weather.

A window was broken in an apartment on Crescent Rd., by a thrown apple. This is the second time this resident has been a victim of this misdemeanor in a

There were two complaints about teen-agers looking into windows. and one about writing on an apart-

ment wall.

Last Wednesday the Athletic Club House was entered illegally. Police called to investigate, discovered the transom broken, the door to the bar demolished and the marble slab broken on the cash register. The refrigerator door was also found open, but it was not stated whether any of the contents were disturbed.

The same day, it was reported that the High School was entered No other information about this complaint could be ascertained. Another complaint was an item called "fight" issuing from Legion House. According to reliable information, the police were called to break up a fight that had begun there, this past week. After breaking up the one quarrel, others began, and two officers were required to restore order. An examination of the police blotter disclosed that other emplaints of this nature have been received in the past three months.

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