



Vet's Housing Group Gives Survey Report

The Maryland Veterans' Housing Commission was directed by the Maryland State Legislature to make a housing survey of Veterans' housing needs in the State. More than 100,000 questionnaires were distributed to veterans of World War II in 14 counties of the State. In the other counties the figures were obtained from information gathered from local housing authorities and other reliable sources.

The survey discloses the following facts:

23,512 veterans of World War II are dissatisfied with their present housing conditions. Of this number 22% are living doubled up.

Of those dissatisfied 76% are tenants; 14% live with relatives; 6% own their home; 2% are buying their home; and, 2% are boarding.

15,674 wish to buy or build, and 7,837 wish to rent. Of those desiring to rent, 75% refer a house and 25% prefer an apartment. The survey shows the average veteran is able to pay \$40 to \$50 rent per month for a house and \$30 to \$40 rent per month for an apartment.

Of those interested in purchase 20% could afford no down payment, 19% could afford \$500 and 28% could afford \$1000 as down payment.

The average number of rooms required per house was 5.

The average number of rooms required per apartment was 3.5.

The average veteran family contained 3.5 people.

Of those dissatisfied, approximately 33% stated that lack of GI financing was the major obstacle preventing them from purchasing a house. Reasons for being dissatisfied, besides living doubled-up, included accommodations too small, faulty construction, home in need of repairs, no conveniences, undesirable living conditions, and poor location. Other reasons were: unable to find rental accommodations they could afford; family separated due to housing difficulties; and, restrictions on children.

Three percent, or 705 veterans stated that they owned their lot but found it impossible to build at this time due to the high cost of construction.

Average annual income of the veteran reporting was \$2500. One-fourth of the veterans reported incomes below \$2000, while one-fourth reported annual incomes above \$3000.

A Bureau of the Census survey showed that 35% of World War II veterans suffer inadequate housing conditions. The Commission is of the opinion that, because of the large number of homes constructed during the 2-year period since this Census survey, the percentage is materially less. The figure that appears to represent the inadequately housed World War II veterans is 18%. Since there are 117,560 World War II veterans in Baltimore City alone, this means that 21,160 are in need of more adequate housing conditions.

At the present time there may be adequate housing available in homes selling for more than \$12000, but this does not meet the need of the average veteran since the survey discloses that he is only able to purchase a home in the \$8000 to \$10000 price range, or less.

FIRST XMAS PARTY IN '49

Brownie Troop 109 will hold a Show and Tell party on January 10 at 3:45 p.m. The members of the troop will bring Christmas gifts and exchange them. For further information call Mrs. J. W. Homan, Greenbelt 7901.

1948 In Greenbelt Was Marked By Cooperative Action (Mostly)?

By Carolyn R. Miller

As 1948 draws to a close, Greenbelt pauses to look back over a year of constructive achievement, cooperative effort, and good citizenship. Who our new landlord will be, and when, remain unanswered questions. The rents have not been raised as yet and Greenbelters are hopeful that their massed protests may be effective. The church site negotiations are approaching a favorable conclusion.

Lack of wise leadership for our young people continues to be the darkest blot on the record, with the Halloween incidents bringing this failure to the attention of all.

Greenbelt can be proud, however, of the program developed at the Drop-Inn by the town recreation department for the junior high youngsters.

The continuing service of the Greenbelt Health Association in spite of several close calls may be chalked up on the credit side, as well as the diligent work by Greenbelt Mutual Home Ownership Corporation officials and lawyers, much of it still unpublicized, in their continuous effort to buy the town for the residents.

We welcomed in 1948 Charles T. McDonald as town manager, and the Community Chorus and the Prince Georges Symphony Orchestra as worthy contributors on the cultural side.

Greatest Tangible Achievement

After a year of "planning, delays and negotiations," as Greenbelt Consumer Services' general manager Sam Ashelman referred to 1947, ground was broken for the new supermarket in January. The excavation was finished in March, concrete poured for the walls in May, and the building completed the end of September. Friends from the county, Washington, and distant points converged on Greenbelt the night of November 9 for the gala opening. An estimated 9,000 turned out to view the new store and receive the hospitality of the consumer-owned business.

Earnings of the cooperative for the first nine months of 1948 were \$29,887.16. A patronage dividend of one per cent was voted in February on the basis of 1947 earnings of \$24,596.41.

Cooperative Effort

Two shining examples of effective "working-together" were the committee of church leaders organized to purchase building sites, and the town-wide group action to fight the proposed rent increase.

After many months of endeavor on the part of individual churches to buy land from Public Housing Administration, representatives from each congregation formed a committee in October to deal as a unit with PHA, with Reverend Eric T. Braund as chairman and the town manager as executive secretary. With town council approval of the selected sites and their united backing, the committee got action from PHA. Bids for the selected sites were asked by PHA in December, and each church bid for the site previously decided upon. As yet the bids have not been accepted or refused, but the united action of the groups cleared the way for a favorable solution.

Biggest news of the year was the proposed rent increase. In February PHA admitted that studies were being made to raise the rents. In July PHA "was unable to deny plans" to raise rents. In August the town council, invited to meet with PHA on the subject, learned that the purpose of the meeting was not a consultation but an announcement of the proposed schedule. The "Cormack Plan" was released to readers in the August 26 Cooperator

and the next week the Cooperator announced a protest rally. With the backing of every important town organization, the rally was held September 10, the people heard the story and contributed funds to wage a campaign. Mayor Thomas J. Canning was appointed head of a representative committee, and all possible sources of influence were deluged with messages from individual residents and resolutions from organizations. The result is still not known, but the delay in decision is in the residents' favor. Effective group action may prove to be the deciding factor in the result.

Good Citizenship

Evidence of good citizenship may be cited in every town endeavor, but most unanimous agreement on individual performance would be credited to Councilwoman Betty Harrington. From all sides comes recognition of her integrity. At council meetings her pertinent questions indicate her insistence on knowing all about a situation before making a decision. Her study of town business between meetings is apparent this past year. During the Gobbel-Panagoulis hearings, the study of the town charter, the question of boundary changes, the acquisition of the community building, the employment of a town manager, and numerous other problems her service has been of immeasurable worth to Greenbelt.

Biggest Question Mark

Rumors and predictions as to the date of the sale of Greenbelt and the probable purchaser made the front page regularly during the last year, but residents know little more now than a year ago. In January PHA said they were formulating plans for the sale and would confer with the town council at the proper time. PHA people met with representatives of GMHOC and the council in February and said the same thing. March brought the view of PHA that they would have to sell on competitive bid, and the council backed GMHOC as the most desirable purchaser. The latest word from PHA (before the national election in November) was that the town would be sold by the middle of 1949.

Indications of considerable effective behind-the-scenes activity on the part of GMHOC have encouraged Greenbelters to believe that everything possible is being done to protect their interests.

Darkest Blot

Halloween vandalism and an example of racial persecution called attention again to the hardest problem Greenbelt has to solve. One possible solution has been offered through the Boys' Club where respect for other's property is stressed. In reports to the council, during recent months, Mr. McDonald has indicated that the department of public safety is continually working on effective solutions to juvenile problems. Programs at the Drop Inn, youth center operated by the town recreation department, are becoming increasingly popular. Public support of organizations offering healthful and enjoyable activities to our young people has grown during 1948.

Greatest Relief

The conclusion in March of the public hearings against former town manager James T. Gobbel and Police Chief George Panagoulis brought a sigh of relief almost audible from the top of Crescent Road to the far reaches of Laurel Hill. While many deplored the lack of clear-cut decision, with both majority and minority reports presented on several counts, at least it was over and Greenbelt and its

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Community Building Gets Its Face Lifted

The Greenbelt Community Building has been closed this week for repair work on the plaster in nearly all rooms of the building, according to Town Manager Charles T. McDonald. PHA officials who maintain the building for the town let the contract to patch the plaster during the Christmas vacation, and hope to begin a long-range painting program with the painting of the home economics room and library. Additional painting there is planned during the Easter vacation, according to PHA Manager Charles M. Cormack, who added that the GCS offices have already been painted. A contract has been let for painting the remainder of that building, with the exception of the theater, for which bids are being taken. The building housing the variety store will also be painted following its remodeling by GCS.

Town crews have prepared the ground next to the tennis courts at the Center for skating, according to Mr. McDonald. The ground must be frozen to a required depth before it can be flooded for freezing.

NOTICE!!

The Greenbelt Public library will remain closed until January 3, 1949.

If Your Baby Sitter Doesn't Show Up

The Youth Center will hold a New Year's Eve dance at the Drop-Inn tomorrow night from 9 to 12. There will be dancing to the top bands of the nation, with a door prize and novelty dances.

Admission is 50c per couple with couples only admitted. A large group is looked for to start the New Year's youth center program off with a bang.

The Jr. High members are doing a good job of collecting patrons for their Juke Box patron list. Those who have not turned in their books are asked to try to sell them by next Monday and bring in all returns by then. As soon as all records are complete, the patron list will be drawn up and framed for the special hanging ceremony at the Youth Center.

Tighe Wood's Office Reports On Rent Increase

Fate of Greenbelt's threatened rent raise will probably be decided within two weeks—according to Herber E. Bergquist, the Housing Expediter's Director of Procedure and Review.

Two committees, one appointed by the Housing Expediter, the other by Public Housing Administration, have for several weeks been studying PHA's application filed last August.

Want To Go Skating? Watch For The Green

"When the green flag flies over the swimming pool, get out your ice-skates and c'mon down to the new skating rink" is the cheery invitation from the town recreation department.

With some cold weather this week, the area next to the tennis courts will be flooded and ready for skaters. There is no charge and all Sam Fox, director, asks of the public is not to use the rink when the flag is not flying, and of the children not to throw stones in the freezing water, or on the ice, for that matter.

The rink measures thirty-five by sixty-two yards and eight to ten inches of water is frozen to make the skating surface. Future plans call for installation of lighting and putting the fence back where it was. There will be a supervisor at the rink at all times when skating is permitted, but no skating at night until the lights are ready.

So watch for the green flag!

Dance Classes To Start Next Monday Night

The Arthur Murray dance classes being sponsored by the Recreation Department will begin next Monday at 7 p.m. for the teen-agers and at 8 p.m. for the adults in the Center School auditorium.

More people are needed for both classes in order for the low admission rate to continue. Those already paid-up and signed are encouraged to interest others before next Monday so that the classes can be held as planned.

Attention!

MR. GREENBELT

We know what you'll wear to the Cooperator dance: the same suit with which you grace your car-pool five mornings a week.

Even in your blue serge, however, you'll have a good time. You won't be able to resist Vernon Brown's music—and who'd want to resist Jo Mettee? Wait'll you hear her sing!

And unless you're a local VIP, you'll enjoy the intermission stuff, too. With a new atomic gadget which sees into the future, the first Greenbelt town council meeting of 1949 will be tuned in. Greenbelt personages in attendance at the meeting say the strangest things!

Those responsible for that particular bit of nonsense will remain unidentified. Think they want Cormack after them with an axe? Or to get on Chief Panagoulis' blacklist?

And if you are a local VIP—we refuse to apologize for our utter irreverence for your exalted positions. As the mute owl says, "We can't seem to give a hoot!"

MRS. GREENBELT

What are you going to wear to the Cooperator dance?

Have you used this height-of-the-season event as a peg on which to hang the perennial feminine complaint, "I haven't a single evening dress that's fit to wear!" When your husband said "No! We absolutely can not afford a new dress for you! It's impractical! How often would you wear it? No!!" what kind did you buy? Simple and sweet, to soothe your husband? Or black, sophisticated, and cut way down to here, to give the stag liners their kicks?

Maybe you're not going to wear a floor-sweeper at all. An informal poll taken among ticket-buyers indicates that long dresses have about a 53-47 edge.

No matter what you wear, you will refer to it always as "the dress I wore to the Cooperator dance," because you will never forget the fun you had dancing out the old year of 1948 to the music of Vernon Brown and his lovely vocalist, Jo Mettee.

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To The Editor: Town Employees Hold Big Christmas Party

WITNESSES WANTED

To the Editor:

I am interested in contacting any witnesses to the accident between a car and a root beer truck which happened on December 24 about 11:15 a.m. It occurred at Greenbelt Road and Rhode Island Avenue by the street car tracks. Passengers in the car were my wife and two children. Could any witnesses to the accident please call me at Tower 6550?

John E. McCall

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Friday, January 31—Confessions, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day—Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Circumcision. Two masses will be held, one starting at 8 a.m. and the second at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Hour will be observed in the chapel from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Sunday, January 2—This Sunday is Fidelity Sunday. Masses will be held at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the theatre.

J C C SERVICES

Services will not be held for this Friday night only, and will continue as usual on January 7.

Sunday School classes will not be held this Sunday, January 2 but will be resumed on January 9.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

F. Richard Stuart, Branch Pres. Gr. 3776

Sunday School will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the social room of the Center school. Priesthood Meeting will follow Sunday School at 11:45 a.m.

Sacrament Service at 6:30 p.m. will be held under the direction of the Genealogical Committee.

The Annual Branch Conference will be held on January 16, 1949 and all members should plan to attend both sessions of the conference.

Greenbelt Town employees celebrated the Christmas holidays with a gala Christmas party on Thursday, December 23, according to Town Manager Charles T. McDonald. Highlights of the affair were a turkey dinner, and individual gifts for each of the guests. General chairman of the party was Sam Fox, while Police Chief George Panagoulis and the Department of Public Safety planned the dinner. Mrs. Winfield McCamy was in charge of the gifts, Mrs. Reba Harris, Mrs. Frances Stouffer and Mrs. Eileen Labukas were responsible for the decorations and Mrs. Mabel Kandler handled the finances.

Members of the Town Council were guests of the town at the party.

Sodality Of Our Lady To Meet On Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Sodality of Our Lady will be held in the social room of the Center school on Wednesday, January 5, at 8:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

RIDES 'N' RIDERS

These notices are run free of charge for anyone needing or offering a ride.

Ride Wanted: To Vicinity of 7th and F Sts., N.W. Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Greenbelt 7957.

Ride Wanted: To vicinity of 17th and Pa. Ave., N.W. Working hours 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Greenbelt 6347.

Riders Wanted: Have room for four passengers to Agriculture Building. Working hours 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Greenbelt 4902.

Riders Wanted: Have room for two riders to the Navy Annex, Arlington, Va. Working hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Leave Greenbelt 6:45 a.m. Call REpublic 7400, Extension 71400 or Mr. LeMay, 10-P Southway.

Riders Wanted: Room for four passengers to vicinity of downtown department stores. Hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Greenbelt 7591.

The Police Blotter

The Police Dep't has apprehended the five young men that abducted and injured two soldiers last week. Acting on a tip from one of the soldiers, Officer Nuzzo and Chief Panagoulis succeeded in tracking down and arresting the culprits. Army and civil authorities have been notified and future action to be taken will be determined by them. All five are reported to be Greenbelt residents.

A lost wallet was the clue that solved the mystery of the illegal entries of the high school and athletic club, as reported in the Cooperator last week. The wallet was found near a window to the school and contained the name and address of a Baltimore boy. Baltimore police were notified to investigate, and after the young man was taken into custody, he confessed to the crimes. He named the two other boys that accompanied him and all were apprehended. All three boys had escaped from St. Mary's Industrial home, stolen an automobile and the school and athletic club entries were just two incidents in their brief spell of freedom. Varsity letters of the initial "G" which were taken from the school were found in their possession and were used as evidence to send the boys back to the Industrial home. Juvenile authorities handled the case, and one of the boys was a former Greenbelt resident. Officer Buddy Attick was responsible for the alert work responsible for the solution of the illegal entries.

The Police Department provided ambulance service in four instances this past week. One case was of suspected illness, where a center school pupil was taken for medical attention; in another case, Larry Newman, 9, of 3-D Crescent, cut his leg severely while using his sled and seven stitches were required to close the wound. Kenneth Hedding, 11-C Parkway, was cutting the rope from around some Christmas trees at the Center, when his hand was jostled by a youngster and he slashed his leg. In the fourth incident, a woman resident was taken to a hospital because of illness.

There were seven complaints of disorderly children on the police blotter this week. The complaints consisted of: setting off fireworks (2), peeping in windows, throwing rocks at windows, disorderly behavior in the drug store and malicious mischief on Beltsville property.

One sled, one wagon, one bike, and one bag of groceries were reported stolen, but all were eventually recovered. There were four complaints of illegal parking, by residents, one complaint of a prowler, one of a suspicious man and another of a man on a roof. The latter turned out to be someone installing a television aerial. Only one child was reported lost, last week.

A clear indication of the kind of load Santa Claus carried last Christmas is the number of licenses issued for bicycles two days later. The last tally showed there were thirty!

Anthony Dubusky, 26-E Ridge Rod, was the latest victim of the "hub-cap thief." . . . After swerving to avoid a woman walking on the road, Mr. Wm. Dobbin, 6-K Hillside, was forced into a ditch on the Greenbelt Rd., near the Legion Home. He was unhurt but a tow truck was required to get him out of the rut.

The Police car suffered a dented fender, this past week, when an unidentified motorist backed into the car while it was parked near the police station.

THE LONG VIEW

By A. C. Long

There's an old saying "If the shoe fits, wear it." Many of my friends and neighbors will see themselves the object of this column and probably try the shoe on for size. Well, all I can say is I hope it pinches for I am writing about people who believe they are good American citizens but never practice any of the elements of good citizenship. These types are quite common here in Greenbelt so we might all get well shod with shoes that fit.



A. C. Long

For grading yourself, see scoring scale below; here are a few of the types I have in mind.

The proud parent of a 6-year old who, now that Johnnie is entering school for the first time, is all concerned about the educational set up in Maryland. He has never paid his state income tax before nor been at all concerned over teachers salaries and qualifications. For the life of him he can't understand why the school system isn't the best in the land for his child—expecting it to have been supported no doubt by neighbors who have paid their taxes while he reneged on his.

The man who doesn't believe in the Community Chest but is quick to point out their failures to take care of people in distress. Usually he doesn't believe in the Red Cross, the March of Dimes, contributing to the Church or any other program or agency which might nick him for a donation. He quite often defends himself with the statement, "that should be tax supported"—but oddly enough, he's the same bird who gypped the state on his taxes.

The local voter who was led like a lamb to vote for a certain slate without any knowledge of the candidates and now doesn't pay any attention to what the elected officials do in office. Later he will holler his head off about poor local government and then vote blindly with a "group" for another "slate." Sometimes he doesn't vote at all which is probably more sensible than voting blindly with the herd.

The veteran who continually expresses disgust with his local organization as a "beer drinking—dues paying post," but he neither joins nor attends meetings to help make the post a real worthwhile enterprise. Every veteran owes it to himself and the town to belong to a veterans organization and to work to make it a real asset to the community.

The Co-op member who freely admits that "prices are higher, service poorer and management bad" but absolves himself from all responsibility by pointing out, "I shop mostly out of town and I have only \$10 invested anyhow. Besides don't you think Co-ops are good things, generally speaking I mean, and shouldn't we support this one even though it doesn't work out so well? Yes, I know it's tough on people who don't have a car and even inconvenient for those that do—but I don't want to get mixed up in it, going to meetings and such."

The neighbor who is stone deaf and stark blind when her little darling damages property or commits mayhem on other kids, usually smaller; but is instantly out and up in arms if her darling comes crying or if the family car is touched by other childish vandal hands.

The neighbor whose yard is the worst looking one in the court; who breeds all the unwelcome little

strangers who crawl over to visit you; who gets into Greenbelt through "tenant selection"—they must be selected because there aren't that many undesirables among that average number of renters.

The untidy person who litters up the center and the picnic grounds with trash and encourages their little "chip off the old block" to do likewise by damaging the woods and destroying all the natural scenic beauty.

The person who just lives here in majestic isolation; engages in no activity and shows no interest in the town whatsoever.

The town bureaucrats, big and little, who ignore all our little problems and exploit our big ones; who believe Greenbelt is their feudal fief, planned and developed to provide them with a job and a title.

Here is the scoring sheet to help you identify yourself.

If no shoe fits, you're a "bare footed liar."

If only one shoe fits, you're almost perfect but probably fudging a little.

If two shoes fit, you're an average Greenbelter.

If more than two shoes fit, that's too many.

If all the shoes fit, you're an insect (centipede) and ought to get out of Greenbelt.

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Center School Auditorium

Our Neighbors

By DOROTHY McGEE PHONE 5677

It was a truly Merry Christmas for the wife and two small children of Charles Wexler, 55-D Ridge when he arrived home the day before Christmas from Mt. Alto Hospital, where he had been a patient since Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Judge and their daughter, Mary Ann returned to their home at 2-B Gardenway on Sunday from a week's visit in Scranton, Pa. with Mrs. Judge's parents.

Mrs. William Rajala, 55-E Ridge is enjoying the company of her sister, Mrs. Lillian Guglielmotto with her small daughter, Rowena of Ironwood, Michigan. They will be here until after the New Year.

Mrs. Belle Bowman of Saginaw, Michigan was here for several days with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowman, to join her brand-new granddaughter, Barbara in her first celebration of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wacks and son of 10-G Southway spent last weekend in New York City.

The first meeting of the new year of the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club will be held Tuesday, January 4 at the home of Mrs. Clifford L. Leatherbury, 3-Q Research. There will be election of new officers for the coming year. All wives of enlisted Navy men are invited; wives of Naval Reserve men are eligible for membership and are also invited.

Mrs. Charles Cookson with her daughter, Miss Dorothy Cookson of 23-N Ridge are expected home tomorrow from nearby McLean. They have been looking after the

Hollinger household while Mrs. Cookson's daughter, Mrs. William Hollinger, has been in Georgetown Hospital with her new son, born December 23. The Hollingers have two other children.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrod East had as their house guests for a week at Christmas-time his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. East of Denver, Colo. Visitors now at the East home are Mrs. East's mother and sister, Mrs. Dora Parsons and Mrs. Marian Robinson of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Spector, 2-Q Southway had as their guest last weekend, her mother, Mrs. Pauline Singer of New York City. Visiting them also was Mr. Spector's father, Jack Spector of New York who stayed the weekend at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ratzkin, 10-R Southway.

Miss Peggy O'Leary who used to live on Northway years ago came from the District to do some visiting around town with former friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Robertson are expected back this weekend from a visit to upstate New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simon, 38-D Crescent, welcomed a daughter born December 21 at the Leland Memorial Hospital. She is named Linda Claire, and is their first child. Mrs. Lillian Rachum of New York is visiting her daughter and new granddaughter; "Grandpa" is expected here shortly.

I hope you all have a good time at the Cooperator's New Year's Eve dance. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Women Voter's League Hears School Report

At a meeting in Hyattsville on December 22, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County, representatives of civic groups and PTA's from all over the county discussed the school problem with delegates to the legislature, state Senator Harold Sothoron and County Commissioners Harry MacNamee, committee chairman, Norman Collins and Leonard Dyer, Judge John Beall and delegates to the House Raymond T. Burch, Lerby Pumphrey, George MacLeish and William McGrath, Dr. N. B. Steward, and Perry Wilkinson, chairman of the delegates at the meeting.

Film strips of county education clearly demonstrated a phenomenal population growth, the present school capacity, and salient needs, both present and future. There are, at present, 1100 children on double shift, and next fall 6000 are expected to be on double shift, including Greenbelt High School. Most critical need is for more school buildings. \$10,000,000 is required to cover immediate needs and probably \$25,000,000 over a longer period. The present cost of education in the county is \$141 a year per pupil. Part of that cost is provided by the county and slightly more than one-half by the state.

After discussion, the meeting moved to recommend four points to the delegates and county commissioners. 1. To triple or quadruple the state incentive fund, given by the state to counties meeting certain minimum requirements. 2. State grants-in-aid if necessary to reach \$10,000,000 minimum. Five counties in Maryland have educational systems badly hit by growth in population, namely Prince Georges, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Harford, and Baltimore. 3. Further bond issue by county if

necessary. 4. No change in state taxes until educational problem is licked.

Individual letters to delegates and County Commissioners urging such a program would be valuable in keeping the problem in the forefront until it is solved.

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CINEMATTERS

I. J. Parker

At the end of the year, it is the custom of critics to cover their past work, review their successes and failures, and sort of mutter "out loud in their beer about them. So putting a head on mine, here I go. . . .

Looking back I count fifteen movies that I wrote about, and a good many of them have cropped up on the "best ten" of the year in other columns this past week. Picking the best of the lot is not too difficult for me, since I found "Treasure of the Sierra Madre" almost



unforgettable. Walter Huston and Humphrey Bogart seemed to sense the honesty and artistic integrity that Director John Huston was striving for in this film, so their performances were sincere and vigorous. The plot was unhackneyed, the photography realistic.

Coming in a close second is a movie that never arrived at the post in Greenbelt. "Another Part of the Forest" was an impressive movie to be remembered for some fine professional performances by Frederic March and wife Florence Eldridge. It was probably because the people portrayed in the movie were so nasty and distasteful that the popularity of this film never reached any great heights.

And speaking of nasty people, reminds me of "Rope," another film yet to reach Greenbelt. But remembering it is not a "two-year old" yet, we understand. "Rope," as I recall, is a Technicolor film, directed by Alfred Hitchcock and noted for the use of a mobile camera. This lens followed the characters around the single setting of a young man's apartment, a novel and exciting pictorial device that added a new dimension of motion picture making. The plot was milked for all the suspense it contained (another Hitchcock trademark) and the film marked the beginning of an acting career for Jimmy Stewart, I hope. . . .

Last year was also the year of such movies as "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," "Life With Father," "I Remember Mama," "Emperor Waltz," "The Big Clock," and "Gentlemen's Agreement." This last movie annoyed me a great deal, since I expected and hoped it would have been a great movie. But the elapse of time, and another beer, has done its damage to the memory of "Gentlemen's Agreement." The plot was flimsy, the characters wooden, and the message somewhat distorted. But there were good intentions and it may win an Academy Award on this basis, according to recent reports.

All I can remember about "The Street With No Name" is that I kept calling Richard Widmark, Robert, in my review of the movie. And in a review of an article on Billie Burke, I said she was born in 1855! I'm certainly glad the circulation of the Cooperator is limited to this town.

This column was responsible for an art contest for grade school children, in the past year. It proved mildly successful and a dozen kids got tickets to the movies for their labors.

Most explosive column of the year was my review of the exhibit of painting by Ben Abramowitz at the Barnet-Aden Gallery in Washington. After a burst of indignation by various Abramowitz boosters, and an indignant reply by this critic, things calmed down. But it seemed like everyone was waiting for another art review in order to get back in the battle. One thing I've learned about the whole episode is that all it takes is an art review to stir things up a little. Incidentally, the painting called "Debris" about which I said, ". . . Abramowitz achieves real dramatic force. . . ." was chosen as one of the elite accepted by the Corcoran jury in their latest well-publicized exhibit.

That about covers this past year. I suppose now it is time to make a few resolutions for the coming year. Now, let me see. . . .

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council could proceed to constructive work on town problems.

Greatest Cause for Rejoicing

Along with the hot weather came the fear of polio, and not until fall did parental anxiety wane. The record was clear, with only one suspected, but never verified, case reported.

Continuance of the Greenbelt Health Association, in the face of a recommendation to dissolve presented by the board of directors in April, assured many families of low-cost medical care during 1948. Faced with the situation of insufficient membership to support three doctors, and insufficient service with two, the old board gave up direction of GHA's activities and new leadership took over. Final solution of the Association's problems is still lacking. Service continues, and the board is hopeful of getting GHA on a better footing in 1949.

We Welcomed in 1948

After James T. Gobbel resigned as town manager as of July 19, Charles T. McDonald was appointed to fill the position on July 22. Formerly employed by PHA as maintenance engineer here and as community manager of Greenhills, Ohio, Mr. McDonald came to the job with valuable experience behind him. To date he has proved to be an able administrator with a sincere desire to put Greenbelt into the "model town" category in every respect.

We welcomed also to the Greenbelt scene Father Victor J. Dowgiallo, appointed by the archbishop in April to St. Hugh's Catholic Church. A newcomer in the town government was Samuel F. Fox, recreation director, employed in February, and in PHA, maintenance engineer David Kane who replaced Mr. McDonald the first of May.

Organizations formed in 1948 whose contributions have already been mentioned are the Chorus, the Orchestra and the Boys' Club. A National Guard unit was formed and an armory site chosen.

Other News Highlights

Formation of a separate Parent-Teachers Association for the North End School made the news in May. Other news highlights included Capital Transit Company's fare increase in April and their service cut in August. The Fourth of July was joyously, if expensively celebrated, and in September National Commander Jimmy O'Neil visited Greenbelt as guest of the local American Legion Post. The Cooperator expanded to an eight-page paper in May, but has returned to six- or four-page issues, depending upon such variables as amount of news, size of staff, and finances. Cooperator Editor Sally Meredith resigned October 14 and was succeeded by Ed Meredith.

Lack of space, not lack of appreciation, preclude further mention of many newsworthy and commendable activities of Greenbelt organizations during 1948.

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