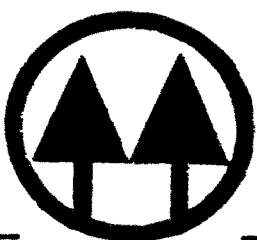


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## Huck Finn Stars At Greenbelt Theatre

"Huckleberry Finn" will be sponsored at the Greenbelt theater next Tuesday, December 27, by the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School. Starting at 2:30 p.m., the movie bill of fare will also include a "Tom and Jerry" cartoon. Tickets are on sale at both elementary schools, and can be bought at the box office Tuesday. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Jenny Klein, 4012.

### Warning!

All residents of Prince Georges County are warned against contributing to a spurious "boys club Christmas fund." Several complaints have been received that boys are canvassing sections of the county.

The Boys' Club is not sponsoring any drives while the Community Chest Drive is in progress, according to C. Gerard Buscher, vice president of the Boys' Clubs.

## Greenbelters on the Move

According to Walter A. Simon, community manager, move-outs during 1949 were practically the same as for 1948. In 1949 more people moved after June 30 than for the same period in 1948. Reasons for moving have changed: in 1948 people transferred, mostly for job reasons; in 1949 more people are moving because of purchasing their own homes.

The waiting list is as long as ever, since it still takes over a year for a family to move to the head of the list after applying for a house in Greenbelt.

## Rescue Squad Has Busy Month

As a result of circulars seeking funds from residents, the Greenbelt Rescue Squad has collected \$429.60. Additional funds are expected from a canvass conducted by the squad members, aided by several local citizens.

The squad responded to the following calls in December. December 5, treated a youngster injured playing football at Braden field. December 6, transported a maternity case to Leland Memorial Hospital, and took a woman to Prince Georges Hospital. December 7, took a resident from Gardenway to Prince Georges Hospital. Took a patient from Crescent road to Cheeverly Hospital for treatment for head injuries received in a fall down stairs. December 11, took a maternity patient to Sibley Hospital in Washington, D. C. Same day, treated a patient who fell and broke his back in the vicinity of the Gun Club; took him to Leland Memorial. December 19, took a Parkway resident to Leland Memorial.

Because of the increased number of calls which the squad is answering every month, the crew will interview people interested in joining the squad, at a meeting in the fireman's room under the firehouse, on January 4 at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in doing a public service of this kind is invited to attend. If enough new members are obtained in this way, a first-aid course sponsored by the American Red Cross will be offered. This will include both the standard and advanced courses which all the present members have taken.

The rescue squad has received a contract from the Winchester Amusement Co., which presented last year's carnival at the center, for another to be held here from May 8 to 13, 1950.

## The Message Of The Star

It is the season of Christmas. The feeling of expectancy is already filling our lives. Our thinking goes back across the centuries of time, which remind us of man's momentous achievements and discoveries and of his tragic mistakes, to a place called Bethlehem, to a hillside cave, near an Inn that was overly crowded. Here we find the shrine of all shrines, a manger. No place in human society is more humble than this.

A birth has occurred in these supposedly lowly surroundings. This is a mountainous country and out on the hillside shepherds are keeping careful watch over their precious flocks, their livelihood. The Scripture tells us that angels appeared to these men and told them of the birth of a Savior, of whom many had prophesied. It was a star that guided these men to the manger shrine, the first cradle of the Saviour whom they named Jesus.

Our hearts are stirred by the very thought of this event, in spite of the fact that we live some 2000 years from that day.

God on that first Christmas was fulfilling a definite prophecy. Just as he spoke through the angels to the shepherds on the hillside, He is speaking to us too as we approach and observe this holiest of days. The message of this Bethlehem Star must be the most important thing in our life, if we are to have peace in the individual heart and in our world.

What is this message? The Christian has the faith to believe that when God sent his light into the world in Christ on that Holy night long ago, the day of the Lord came for all time.

What does it mean to us in this modern world, in Greenbelt? It means that Jesus who lay as a babe in a manger in Bethlehem is now standing at the door of every heart. He is there that God may tell each person His plans for his life.

The world is not at peace because there are still men's hearts behind locked doors—The Message of the Star. God is at work to make our world a vastly different place in which to live as He seeks to convert the individual person. Thus the individual becomes the most important thing in our universe.

We know of God as we understand Jesus through a personal experience. It must be something more than mere hearsay. It must come as it came to the young man who went reluctantly one night to a church service. During the reading of a scripture interpretation he felt his heart strangely warmed. John Wesley had a personal experience; so must each of us. All life and thought must radiate from such an experience. Without such an experience all things that we think or spend our life for will but end in emptiness and confusion. No creed, ritual, order of service, or philosophy takes the place of such an understanding of God.

With such an experience we will think and act as the Master did. We will know that sensuous desire, or lust for power, or exaltation of self can be the barrier that separates man from his God that he knows through Jesus.

The message of the star of Christmas—It was the celestial finger that pointed out the place of the greatest event in human history, the birth of God's son. It was the opening of an opportunity for every person to receive a power in his or her life, that will make it possible for us to live successfully as a Christian no matter what or where our sphere of influence may be. It will give us the faith to look upon death itself as an incident in the Christian's life, the Christ-like life.

Could there be a more joyous message or celebration than observing the birthday of the one who can give us so much? This is the message of the Star.

*"In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,  
The Christ is born anew from day to day;  
The life that knoweth Him shall abide apart  
And keep eternal Christmas in the Heart."*

Russell B. Reed, Minister of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church.

## Put the Red Feather On Your Christmas List

Christmas is one day when giving counts. But after Christmas there are 364 days when your gift through the Community Chest will carry the spirit of Christmas sharing.

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Smith H. Furdum  
Campaign Chairman  
See COUPON, Page 3

## Parents Attend Brownies' Party

Brownie troop No. 42 under the leadership of Mrs. Phil Crofford and Mrs. Bernard Feig had a Christmas party on Monday, December 19, for the fathers and mothers and Brownies of that troop. New Brownies and committee members were invited by Mrs. N. E. Norden, the guest of honor who is commissioner of Girl Scouts of Prince Georges County. Committee members invited Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Fontaine and Mrs. Woodman. Phil Crofford presented a movie, and parents received gifts made by the Brownies.

Mrs. Crofford expressed her thanks to all those who helped make the party a success.

### Closed For Holidays

The community building will be closed to all activities December 24, 25, 26, and 31, and January 1 and 2.

## Christmas Spirit Arrives With Sirens

Greenbelt entered into the Christmas spirit with the arrival of Santa Claus last Friday night. After driving around town on a fire engine complete with siren, Santa helped Mayor Harrington light the city Christmas tree in the center.

Last week colored lights were strung up outlining the center, and Christmas records will be played over the public address system in the center from 5 to 9:30 during the holiday week. These lights were put up by Harvey Wharton, electrician for GCS, with the help of city employees.

The City of Greenbelt, through the Recreation Department, planned several programs for the enjoyment of the children. A pageant was presented at the North End school last Friday, under the direction of Mrs. Lyman Woodman. Yesterday afternoon, the dramatic group, under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Linson, presented two plays, "In the Great Walled Country" and "What, No Santa Claus?" at the movie theater. On Saturday evening, teen-agers will go around the city singing Christmas carols, and from 7 to 8 the glee club will sing carols in the center. Following this Santa Claus will be present and give candy canes to all the children.

The Center school presented a play on Wednesday morning. It was called Christmas in Greenbelt in which all the children of the school participated.

## Tommy Gives Bone, Helps Friend Walk

By Margaret Winegarden

Christmas is the time for gifts and giving, but there aren't many of us with as much Christmas spirit as Tommy Millett, of 1-B Laurel Hill road.

Right now, though, Tommy is not at home. He has been in Emergency Hospital for over seven weeks, where he has been busy giving 9 or 10 inches of shin bone to a friend who needed it.

What makes Tommy's gift so unusual, though, as many Greenbelters may know, is that Tommy has been blind since he was seven, as a result of cataracts. Gloria Moore, of Hamilton street in northwest Washington, needed the bone to help her walk, and Tommy is a good friend. He entered Emergency Hospital for what everyone thought would be two weeks; but he is spending his eighth week there.

Tommy has never let his handicap get him down, reports his mother, Mrs. Clara Millett. As a pianist, he has given entertainment to Greenbelters for some time. He plays the clarinet, too—and collects and smokes pipes. Until August, he assembled commutators for radios for the Weather Bureau, as an employee of the Washington Institute of Technology.

Tommy, who is 23, fair-skinned and has brown curly hair, has two brothers, Eddy and Bobby. His mother is head of the voucher unit of the State Department.

The Milletts want Tommy home for Christmas, and Tommy is anxious to get home. But in any case, he would be very glad for company.

## Library Closes for Holidays

The Greenbelt public library will be closed from 9 p.m., December 23 until 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 3. Readers are advised to consult the back of their books for the date the books are due, as no books can be returned while the library is closed. Most books have been checked out for the Christmas vacation. See LIBRARY, Page 3

## Council OKs Budget With No Changes

Greenbelt's 1950 budget of \$225,683.72 was passed Monday night at a regular city council meeting, without any substantial alteration from the provisions originally proposed, and with no discussion.

Council members met in a special session on Friday, December 16, to complete their discussions of controversial or complicated items. Several citizens, including members of the rescue squad, attended.

Councilman Steve Comings commented on The Cooperator's statement that he protested "against the present practice of providing municipal funds for gym classes for the public elementary schools while not providing the same facilities for the Catholic parochial schools." His remarks were not in the nature of a protest, he said Monday, but were made so that the question could be settled before the budget was decided upon, rather than having it raised later.

## Workman Injured When Excavation Caves In

Roykin Young, a workman employed on the construction job near the statue in Greenbelt's Center, was injured about 10:30 a.m. on December 14 when part of the excavation caved in on him. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital by the Bladensburg rescue squad.

The Greenbelt rescue squad was not available at that hour because the men were at work. However, they will be available in the future at any hour, as they now have permission to take time off from work.

## Angus B. MacGregor

By Aimee Slye

Angus B. MacGregor, landscape engineer for Greenbelt, died suddenly of pneumonia Tuesday morning as he was being taken by ambulance to the hospital. Mr. MacGregor, known and loved by everyone in Greenbelt, had been at work Monday making his usual inspection of the community in his familiar station wagon, and was preparing for work Tuesday morning when he was stricken.

He was associated with the development of Greenbelt from the very earliest days, and was responsible for all of the landscaping which has made the city a show place. He insisted upon saving as many of the lovely old trees as possible and used his skill and knowledge to enhance and preserve the natural beauty of the project.

Native of Scotland

Mr. MacGregor, who was 67 years old, was born January 17, 1882, in Blairgurie, Perthshire, Scotland. He married Miss Anne Blake-Hales of Sussex, England, in 1911. They lived in England until 1914, when they came to the United States at the request of J. P. Morgan so Mr. MacGregor could landscape his estate. They lived on Long Island, N. Y., for many years where Mr. MacGregor worked for owners of several large estates, and moved to Maryland in 1931 when he went to work at the Beltsville Research Center.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Mt. Rainier, and was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge of Antiquity, No. 11, New York City. He had lived at 1-A Woodlandway in Greenbelt for the last two years.

Mr. MacGregor is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie B. MacGregor; his three children, Mrs. George C. Daffin, James C. MacGregor, Mrs. Stephen A. Miller, and five grandchildren, all of Greenbelt.

Funeral services were held today, with burial in Masonic Knoll, Ft. See MacGREGOR, Page 2



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The Luncheonette will be open Dec. 26 from 12 to 6  
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Service Station . . . . . Dec. 25 - closed all day  
 Dec. 26 - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tobacco Store . . . . . Dec. 25 - 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Dec. 26 - 12 noon - 6 p.m.

Theatre . . . . . Dec. 25 - continuous from 4:30  
 Dec. 26 - shows at 7 & 9

The Co-op Bus will not be in service on Dec. 25 or 26

The Pantry will be open behind the Supermarket from  
 9 to 1 on Dec. 25 and from 9 to 6 on Dec. 26

**GREENBELT Consumer Services, INC.**

**Bobcats Abound At Cubpack Party**

At the investiture meeting of Cub Pack 229 held last Tuesday evening in the social room of the community building, the following boys were made Bobcats: Brent G. Barker, Harold Benden, Milton Benden, Joel S. Birdseye, Ronald Feller, James N. Krouse, Barry R. Mandell, Michael Meredith, Robert Oring, David Reuben, Richard Ringel, Julian H. Stutz, Jerry Van Camp, David Allen, David Bridge, William A. Damborg, J. Michael Dean, Robert H. Edmunds III, Roger Evans, Carl E. Fleisher, Larry Freer, David Goldfaden, Jack Herman, Larry Hughes, Robert W. Kelly, Richard E. Kessner, Hal Lieberman, John Moroney, Bruce L. Nale, Nevil F. Phelps, H. Edward Raduazo, Lawrence J. Rosenkrantz, Les Rosenthal, William S. Sandilands, Gary Santora, Stanley Stapura, Jr., Henry Trattler, Steven A. Tretter.

The following boys reregistered in the pack: Curtis F. Barker II, Bobby Holmes, David McDonald, John D. Murray, Michael Brickman, James Matheny, Daniel J. Cusick, Stanley R. Edwards, James Van Camp, Kenneth J. Dean, Dannie Hanlon, Frederick A. Slaugh, Lewis E. Smith.

The Wolf badge and pin were presented to Daniel J. Cusick and the Bear badge and pin were presented to James Van Camp. Favors and refreshments were served after the initiation.

A Christmas party followed the investiture at which all the boys were presented with a gift. Charles Mandell, Cubmaster of Pack 229, C. J. Van Camp and Henry Raduazo were in charge of arrangements for the party.

**NCJW To Hold Card, Mah Jong Party**

The board of directors of the Greenbelt section of the National Council of Jewish Women met Wednesday, December 21, at the home of Mrs. Mae Haut.

A card and mah jong party will be held on January 18 in the social room under the sponsorship of the NCJW overseas committee. Proceeds will buy food and clothing for two young students in Paris. Prizes will be given and refreshments will be served. The public is invited. The Contemporary Jewish Affairs Committee announced that the Sunday school of the Jewish Community Center will receive ten plastic records as a Chanukah gift, and the public library will receive the book entitled "The American Jew in Sports." Mrs. Kay Ehrlich, the treasurer, announced a membership tea for members on February 25.

**LIBRARY—from page 1**

In January the library will streamline its method of checking out books, to eliminate some of the clerical detail.

**LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS**

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Aprons	1.29
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<b>For Father —</b>	
Botany Wool Scarf	1.98
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<b>For Brother —</b>	
Imported Wool Sox	.89
Cowboy Hat	1.98
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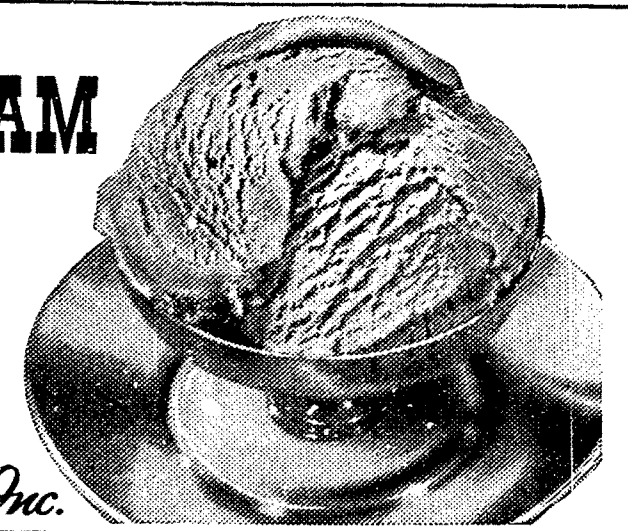
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 Top each glass with a sprinkling of nutmeg.

# FOX TALES

By Sam Fox

**Schedule for Holidays:** Starting Friday the 23rd through Friday the 30th the gym will be open at the following hours for the children: 9 a.m. to 10:30 - Boys, Jr. and Senior High; 10:30 to 12 - Girls, Jr. and Senior High; 1 to 3 - Elementary Boys; 3 to 5 - Elementary Girls.

The Drop Inn will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day during the holidays Tuesday through Friday. Free play on Braden Field for all types of games at all times. Recreation Department will furnish equipment for outdoor play.

**Music Pageant at North End:** Congratulations to the Music Department at the North End school for doing a wonderful job in the music pageant. Also many thanks to the teachers and children for making it a great success. The performance was given twice to a full house and there were very many favorable comments.

**Santa Claus arrived in Greenbelt Friday night.** We wish to thank the high school glee club for their part in the celebration. Thanks to the Fire Department and to everyone's favorite, Santa Claus.

**Recreation Dramatic Club:** Under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen Linson two plays were put on in the theater for the children and parents of Greenbelt. It was an excellent performance enjoyed by all. Mrs. Finlay led the group in community singing and Santa Claus gave candy canes to all children.

**Square Dancing at Drop Inn:** You can still join the square dance group

# WCFM Features Local Talent

Greenbelters and their co-op have played a prominent part in the recent "Co-ops at Work" series broadcast over station WCFM each Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, Greenbelt Consumer Services sponsors a program built around CARE. Last Tuesday, December 20, the Greenbelt Community Church Choir was heard in a program of Christmas music. The December 13 program also featured the Community Church choir.

"Co-ops at Work" is a 15-minute radio program produced by the Potomac Cooperative Federation and sponsored by the various local cooperatives, who pay for time on the air. Talent for the programs has been drawn from able cooperators in the Washington area, from the Middle West, Belgium, Scotland, and Canada. Subject matter has included local cooperative events, interviews, music, and the F.A.O. worldwide conference.

"Co-ops at Work" will start the new year with a new kind of program designed to attract the non-co-op member. Stories of co-op achievement, such as "The Story of Toad Lane," will be presented with folk music from the country where the story originates.

at Drop Inn, held every other Monday night. Come down and have a lot of fun.

The Recreation Department wishes all the citizens of Greenbelt a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**"Here's how to avoid the rush of Long Distance Christmas calls"**

"So many folks want to call across the miles at Christmas that we can't take care of them all at once - even though thousands of us will be on the job during the Holidays.

"A lot of new circuits have been added. Every switchboard will be in service. But it just isn't possible to stretch the service enough to handle the flood of calls that

comes on this one day of the year. There are sure to be delays.

"Here's a friendly tip, however. If you telephone your faraway friends and relatives before Christmas Eve or after Christmas Day, I can give you faster service."

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