



CO-OP--1949

(By Cooperative News Service)

Chicago - There have been better years for U. S. co-ops than Old Man 1949. But taken all in all, the old boy wasn't a bad one with which to bow out the half-century. There was plenty of life in him.

Co-op businesses, like most others, were hit hard in 1949 by the shift from a seller's to a buyer's market. But mostly their patrons continued to do plenty of business with them. In some lines, notably in the farm supply field, they did more than ever before. Lots of people who had never thought about cooperatives began to see how they might truly be a "middle way" in an economy beset by ever-increasing monopoly control, and by ever-encroaching government.

Enemies Routed

Co-ops in some lines moved further back into the areas of big margins of savings—the production field. And the enemies of co-ops—who happen to be also the enemies of just about everything the people really want in America—were pretty well smoked out in '49.

Let's take a quick look back at some of the highlights of the co-op year that ends next week:

An economic conference staged by the Cooperative League in the nation's capital brought together spokesmen for 10 leading farm, labor, co-op, and government groups. It probed into the roots of failure by our economy to meet the peoples' basic needs in six major fields.

Congressional inquiry and reports filed with Congress exposed the National Tax Equality Association as a racketeering fund-raising front for big business, financed largely by major utility, oil, grain, and other interests. NTEA flooded the nation with anti-co-op "bogus bucks" and ran into a Secret Service crackdown. An NTEA leaflet aimed at farmers' investment in co-ops boomeranged. A U. S. Senator charged the leaflet had been based on a misuse of his personal mail and that in connection with the campaign an NTEA official had offered him a \$10,000 campaign bribe.

Efforts by reactionary interests to smear cooperatives in connection with the appointment of John Carson, Cooperative League employee, to the Federal Trade Commission, fizzled. Carson was confirmed by a comfortable majority.

A boon for farmers tired of fussing with the spluttering handrank wall telephone came with passage of the rural telephone act. Co-ops and others may now apply for REA loans to extend and improve rural phone service.

Rural electric co-ops connected their 3,000,000th consumer.

Housing loans from Uncle Sam for co-ops failed of passage. But Senators touring Scandinavia's housing co-ops liked what they saw. And middle income housing is high on Congress' calendar for the coming session.

Unions and co-ops started to get behind the Council for Cooperative Development. Union-backed co-op stores in Michigan and elsewhere broke out of the formative period. New urban co-op development was slow, but gaining ground.

Major mutual insurance companies with the co-op viewpoint topped their respective classes in percentage of volume gained.

The American Medical Association set up a rule of thumb for county and state medical societies to follow in recognizing local voluntary co-op health groups. Societies were slow to follow, even fought back. But voluntary group medicine gained in members and volume.

Credit unions gained in members and membership: reached toward the 5,000,000 member mark.

The United Nations took several long looks at co-ops as aids to back-

Meredith New Editor As Parker Resigns

Associate editor Sally Meredith replaced Isodore Parker as editor of *The Cooperator* when the latter resigned that position last week.

Parker assumed the editorship in June 1949 on the resignation of Ed Meredith, after serving four years in various capacities on the paper, and will remain as a staff member.

Mrs. Meredith began work on *The Cooperator* staff in early 1941, and resigned as associate editor when she moved from Greenbelt in September 1942. She returned as news editor in the summer of 1946, and was editor from September 1947 to November 1948.



The late Angus MacGregor, Greenbelt's landscape artist, whose death last week shocked the community.

Mrs. Gobel Sees New Secretary Installed

Mrs. E. Leland Love, president of the Greenbelt Woman's Club, received an invitation from Governor and Mrs. Lane for the installation of Miss Vivian V. Simpson as Secretary of State December 15th and for the reception held in her honor following the installation. Mrs. Love was unable to attend and the club was represented by Mrs. James Gobel, club director.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be held January 12th, 8:15 p.m., in the social room of the community building. Speaker will be Miss Lucille Lewis, Washington nursery school supervisor, whose topic will be "The Place of the Nursery School in Education." Hostesses will be Mesdames Glenn E. Kitchin, Bertha Bonham, Stanley R. Edwards, Ada Markley, and Daniel J. Neff.

Trash Collections Delayed By Holiday

Because of the New Year's Day holiday regular Monday and Tuesday trash collections will be on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. City Manager Charles T. McDonald asks residents not to put trash by the streets on Monday, since it will not be picked up until Tuesday and it may be scattered by wind or children.

ward areas. Its Food and Agriculture Organization recommended sweeping government action to aid growth of co-ops in teeming Asia.

U. S. co-ops considered setting up an investment trust; got their first department store into the black; set up a new co-op radio station and forged radio links with many labor stations; some of them assured themselves a basic source of phosphate for fertilizer for years to come.

In Kansas City thousands of delegates to CCA's annual meeting ignored the regional's small 1949 savings in contrast with '48's spectacular net savings; backed CCA to the hilt, and pledged to make it vastly larger.

It was a good year, all in all. But even with 10 million Americans in co-ops, millions more looked on them as outlanders, or just didn't care. Unmindful of constitutional barriers and years of failure, enemies of co-ops still pulled wires to tax patronage dividends. Co-ops still did only about 2% of the nation's business.

So there's a big job to do in the rest of the century. A big job for everyone.

GCS Entertains Employees At Party

The Greenbelt Consumer Services Board of Directors entertained about 100 at a Christmas party Monday evening, December 26, in the office above the drug store. The program consisted of dancing, carol singing accompanied by accordionist Peggy Salvan, refreshments, and door prizes. Nancy Hennessy won the FM radio door prize.

All previous sales records for a single week were broken Christmas week by Greenbelt Consumer Services. Total sales were \$63,500, compared to \$53,700 the same week last year. The supermarket was highest with \$36,100, and the new variety-department store was next with \$12,270.

Socks Selling

The woolen socks imported from an English Cooperative Wholesale are selling very well in Greenbelt. Of the original shipment of 100 dozen, some of the sizes and colors are completely sold out. GCS and the Filene stores are negotiating with the English Cooperative Wholesale to handle fine quality English bicycles.

Deadline For Receipts Set For January 14

In order to obtain a Greenbelt Consumer Services patronage refund, residents must turn in their cash register receipts on or before 5 p.m. January 14, 1950. Receipts should be arranged in bundles of 25 with the total amount of purchases shown on each bundle, and all bundles securely enclosed in a paper bag. Residents who do not own a share of stock in GCS may turn in their sales slips, and their patronage refund will apply toward the purchase of their first share of stock.

The amount of patronage refunds each year is determined by the by-laws from the amount of net margin. From the net margin 20% is deducted for reserves, 5% interest is paid on capital stock, federal and state income taxes are paid, and the amount remaining is allocated to patronage refunds. To compute the percentage of refund this amount is divided by the total amount of purchases shown on the sales slips turned in. The patronage refund will be paid about March 10.

New Year's Resolutions

Doris Asbell Mednick

Each year after Xmas, I wrack my brain
To find all the things from which to refrain.
The list grows so long,
It proves quite a strain.
On January 3 I'll be doing 'em again.

Highlights Of '49: Council Election, Rent Increase, Churches Acquire Land

By June Ringel

At the close of 1949, in reviewing the news stories in *The Cooperator* of the past year, the highlights were the rental increase, the purchase of land by church groups, and the comparatively unexciting council election.

The weekly headlines in review follow.

JANUARY—Council raises salary ceilings of town employees. PHA accepts bids of five Greenbelt Church Groups for Building Sites Bill, S-351, which would authorize the PHA to sell the resettlement projects of Greenbelt, Greendale and Green Hills to veteran cooperative groups without regard to provisions of the law requiring competitive bidding or public advertising, was introduced into the Senate by Senator Herbert E. O'Connor of Maryland and Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin. School Superintendent to Meet High School PTA Discuss double shift.

FEBRUARY—Council accepts \$8,000 Budget Cut. Council Drops Censorship of Books Plans. Council Approves Charter Changes. GCS 1949 Refunds Top Chain Margins.

MARCH—GMHOC to Hold Annual meeting. Council attends Senate hearings on disposal of "Greentowns." Senator Douglas assures Greenbelters local purchasers will be eligible.

APRIL—No trace of Capital Transit franchise can be found in ordinance books. Half PHA rent hike O.K.'d for July 1; graded rent; upped utilities allowed. Tenants can seek decrease in rents, Greenbelt residents are told by official of Office of Housing Expediter. Largest families get most breaks in adjustments from raised rents.

MAY—Center site O.K.'d for carnival. Cormack sets terms—town agrees. Bill to sell Green Towns passes Congress. Greendale will be guinea pig. Council discusses monthly reports, questions *Cooperator* police news. 92% of voters decide in referendum against keeping pets. Five local veterans form new housing corporation.

JUNE—GMHOC to meet - Veterans housing group elects board members. Council tables pinball action - acts to unify housing groups. "Show Cause for increase" - court tells Cormack. Three-day 4th of July weekend planned. Cormack asks transfer of rent case to Federal Court - Claims immunity.

JULY—3-day Fourth draws throngs. Citizens Association elects Bowman president. . . Hears Redd advise 'wait' policy. PHA pulls fast one in Greendale.

AUGUST—Legion plans housing committee to explore disposition of city. Greenbelt may be sold in 90 days according to Egau of PHA. . . Purchase must be responsible. Braund heads Legion Committee for PHA-Greenbelt Liaison. 'Not out to Buy' Kenestrick, Legion Head says. Legion Committee for Information only. Coming Council campaign shows letdown from 1947 commotion. High School quonset huts readied for school opening Sept. 12. Recreation Department presents Water Follies review.

SEPTEMBER—Last Council's history reviewed for record. Brief backgrounds of Council candidates. Women Voters take over tradition of pre-election candidate forum. Interest mounts in final week as voters await Monday's forum meeting. Betty Harrington reelected, incumbents - Four runners-up in runoff election. Voters return three in light balloting. Run-off elects Comings and Wolfe.

OCTOBER—City Council unanimously elects Mrs. Harrington first woman mayor. Traffic accident in north end shocks city - First in ten years. Fox plans Hallowe'en Mardi Gras; tells Council of two-day celebration. Two-day Hallowe'en celebration offers fun for all in Greenbelt - Is publicized in all Washington papers. *Cooperator* staff elects new board - discusses name change.

NOVEMBER—Hallowe'en festivities attract crowds. Police, rain, lessen Hallowe'en pranks. Council authorizes new city solicitor. Eisner no longer public health director. Council studies utility proposal. Greenbelt Housing reaches Snafu as Housing Authority plan fizzles. '50 Tax rate 10c over '49. Public Council hearing set for December 12.

DECEMBER—Council bones up on assessments expenses for debate on budget. *Cooperator* staff members vote to change name.

Will the long anticipated sale of Greenbelt actually occur during the first month(s) of 1950???

Read *The Cooperator* for this and other Greenbelt news stories!

Happy New Year From PHA

Walter A. Simon, PHA community manager, told *The Cooperator* this week that many residents took advantage of the opportunity to cut Christmas trees from prescribed areas near the community. The federal manager also expressed on behalf of the local PHA employees the wish for a happy New Year to the residents of Greenbelt.

Homemakers Meet; To Discuss "Tricks"

A meeting of the Greenbelt Homemakers Club will be held on Wednesday, January 4, at 8 p.m., in the social room of the community building. Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend.

Miss Ethel Regan, Home Demonstration Agent for this area, will speak on "Live as Well as You Look." Members will be asked to give a brief statement on "A trick I used in bringing my home up to date."

Mrs. Charles Orleans, president, announced that the food collected in the Mother Hubbard Cupboard which was on display in the food store, has been turned over to Mrs. Frances Stouffer, public health nurse, to be distributed to needy families in Greenbelt.

Council Meeting Postponed

The regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 2, has been postponed because of the holidays to Monday, January 9 at 8 p.m., according to an announcement by City Manager Charles T. McDonald this week.

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A Tree Grows In Greenbelt

The suggestion in the letter from Mrs. Slye is a natural. We were in sympathy with the idea of a permanent Christmas tree when the late Angus MacGregor first brought it up a year ago, and we were sorry to see no action taken when the Woman's Club presented the idea officially.

We hope that MacGregor's Tree will become a permanent fixture in 1950.

Birth Of A City

The year 1950 will no doubt see Greenbelt finally emerge from its role of federal protegee to that of a real city. As D (for disposal) Date draws nearer, confusion grows greater.

Exactly when and how Public Housing Administration will dispose of Greenbelt still seems to be anyone's guess. Weeding out conjecture is difficult, but the few facts that do exist point to the first quarter of 1950 as the time, and sale to an organization composed of residents, such as the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, the manner.

But within those broad limitations, conflicting and unverifiable reports predict sale as early as January and as late as March; and the manner of disposal ranges, in the reports from the grapevine, from sale of the entire community as a unit, to sale of units as small as those composed of all houses attached to a furnace. The latter possibility seems, at this point, to be out of the question. But who knows what further personnel changes will occur in PHA before a final decision is reached?

Biggest question of all surrounds the undeveloped land. With so many people seeing the long green in Greenbelt, confusing the leaves on the trees with dollar bills, we can see a tremendous land-rush swooping on the community when D-Day arrives. Can PHA ignore such demand and allow the GVHC to buy large portions of the desirable undeveloped land on the same basis that Public Law 60 provides for the houses? We hope that it can, because only in this way can we see any hope for the eventual replacement of the beauty-marring war homes.

If a slice is allowed to go to GVHC, what will happen to the rest of the pie? Fortunately, the city council has on hand, ready for immediate action, a zoning plan that will eliminate most of the horrors that are usually foisted on a community in a period of sudden widespread development. We are also lucky that the churches have already acquired lots for church buildings.

The interests of the community call for conflicting programs. The larger the extent of the development, the wider the tax base and therefore the more advantages a community can offer its citizens from tax funds, at a low tax rate. On the other hand, however, the more extensive the development, the more likelihood of slums and their attendant evils, unless watchdog attention is paid to the manner of development.

We hope that the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation will hold its promised membership meeting soon, and report to its members the progress made in arriving at the answers to these and the multitude of other questions that are of such vital importance to Greenbelt.

If Wishes Were Horses

In the year 1950, in Greenbelt, we wish:

To the city council: luck in their efforts to secure utilities from Public Housing Administration.

To Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation: ditto with respect to houses.

To the American Legion housing information committee: information.

To the rescue squad: a lot of appreciation (financial, that is) for the splendid work they're doing. (This can be shared with the volunteer fire department, fellas.)

To city and PHA employees: a little more consideration and appreciation from all of us for the jobs you do to keep us comfortable.

To everyone: a very happy New Year!

Our Neighbors

Naomi Lynn, 6 lbs., 7 oz., was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Parker, 45-J Ridge, at Prince Georges Hospital.

Friends and former neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Crane, recently moved from Plateau Place to their own home in Wheaton, will be interested to learn that the Cranes became the parents of a daughter, born December 20 at Leland Memorial Hospital. They have a son, Gary.

Mrs. Don Kling, 1-A Ridge Road, spent the weekend with her sister in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mimura and their two small sons of 4-H Hillside, returned Sunday from several days of visiting with old friends in Wallingford, Pa.

A pleasant Christmas present for Mrs. Arthur Greene of 3-K Eastway was the unexpected visit of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fresco of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Schwaid, accompanying Mrs. Greene's parents on their drive down from New York, were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Unger of Parkway Road.

From Delta, Colorado, comes word of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Mott and their two children, formerly of Woodlandway. The Motts have bought a place, which from the description could, in true western fashion, be termed a ranch. They have a cow, chickens, pasture land, a stream for fishing, and even a guest house nestling beside the stream.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ritchie and their two sons of 37-J Ridge Road returned home yesterday from Connecticut, having spent Christmas with Mr. Ritchie's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schofield, 2-S Gardenway and their daughter, Linda, are spending the entire Christmas vacation at the home of her parents in Beaufort, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Juliano and family wish to thank all who have been so kind to him and prayed for his recovery. He has been in Leland Memorial Hospital for five weeks. The family wish all a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perelzweig, 6-F Hillside, and their daughters, Judith and Dana, spent Christmas week with relatives in New York City.

Jimmy Brenon and his mother left by plane Tuesday night for a short stay in Warm Springs, Ga.

Holiday house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Russ, 2-E Eastway, were her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Mulman with small daughter, Alexis, and her brother, Bob Levine, of New York.

Miss Mary Helen Russell drove down from New York to share Christmas with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Miller, 9-J Ridge. Her niece, Janet Miller, accompanied her on the return trip for an exchange visit of several days in New York. Janet will come back alone by train on Friday, a seasoned traveler.

Del and Millie Mesner of Central City, Nebraska, who said goodbye to their many friends here in Greenbelt just over a year ago, sent them a Christmas greeting in the form of a printed, full-page newsletter, crammed full of news. In it the Mesners described a whole year's activities on their large farm, an anticipated Christmas spent with their respective families, and their tenth wedding anniversary on December 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buell, 52-A Crescent Road, returned Tuesday night from a Christmas visit with her parents in Waynesboro, Va.

Mrs. Peter Winter, remembered with love by many of our former nursery school youngsters as Dorothy Broadbent, is now in Madison, Wisconsin, teaching in nursery school. Her husband is doing graduate work in the university there.

Ray Brautigam, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Brautigam, is recuperating nicely from an emergency appendectomy performed Christmas night at Leland Memorial Hospital.

To the Editor

THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Angus MacGregor

VERY FITTING

About a year ago, at the request of Angus B. MacGregor, the Woman's Club asked the Council and the Federal Office to have a permanent Christmas tree planted in the community. So far this has not been done. It has occurred to many that it would be very fitting to make plans now to have such a tree ready to be dedicated next Christmas as a memorial to Mr. MacGregor. The Woman's Club is already planning to present the plan to the Council. Council meets again on January 9 and it may be that other organizations might like to pay tribute to the memory of "Mr. Mac" by writing to the council and endorsing this plan.

Sincerely,
Aimee Slye.

ST. HUGH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
Greenbelt 5911

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Holy Communion Sunday for Our Lady of Fatima Sodality at the 7:30 Mass. Daily Mass: 7 a.m., in the parish hall for the balance of this week, in the chapel at 58-A Crescent after January 1.

Novena Services: 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, in the chapel.

Baptisms: 1 p.m. on Sunday, in the chapel.

Confessions: 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, for the children, 7 to 9:30 for adults, in the chapel.

HEBREW SERVICES

Morris Sandhaus, Rabbi
Greenbelt 3593

Friday, December 30 - Regular candlelighting at 4:45 p.m.; services this week only will be held at the home of Rabbi Sandhaus at 4-H Crescent. Sermon will be "Prelude to Withdrawal."

Post-Christmas greetings at the center—"Did you have a nice Christmas?" and "Was Santa good to you and yours?" It would seem that most everyone had a fine Christmas and now we'd like to wish that a very good New Year will bring each and every one of you all your heart's desires—and may the spirit of the good Saint Nick linger with you through the year.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Russell B. Reed, Minister
Phone Shepherd 0035

Sunday, January 1 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. There is a class for each group. Morning worship, 11 a.m.; sermon, "Bearing the Light."

Tuesday, January 3 - The Methodist men will bowl at College Park at 7 p.m.

Friday, January 4 - Adult choir rehearsal at the church at 7 p.m. Our thinking for the month of January will be centered around the theme of "Our Faith in the Bible."

The Minister wishes to thank The Cooperator for its splendid cooperation and all the people of Greenbelt who have cooperated wholeheartedly in many ways. He wishes for all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers

Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.
Phone: 8241
Rev. Eric T. Braund
Phone: 5001

Thursday, December 29 - 7:30 p.m., Junior Department holiday party, social room, Center school.

Sunday, January 1, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, North End and Center school. 10 a.m., Men's Bible class. 10:55 a.m., Church Nursery, arts and crafts room. 11 a.m., Church Worship; New Year's Holy Communion.

Tuesday, January 3 - 1:30 p.m., Afternoon Guild at the home of Mrs. James S. Beck, 8-M Southway.

Wednesday, January 4 - 8 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

There will be no Pilgrim Fellowship meetings until Sunday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow, Minister
Phone WA. 0942

Saturday, December 31 - Holy Communion will be celebrated at the New Year's Eve service, Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Mt. Rainier Church. This is the only service in the whole parish on New Year's Eve.

Sunday, January 1 - Sunday school for all at 11:30 a.m. Adult Bible class, 12 noon. Church service, 12:40 p.m.

Police Ask Owners To Pick Up Bikes

The police department reports that it has many bicycles and tricycles that were recovered after being lost or stolen. Since they do not have license plates, they cannot be traced to their owners. The police request that local residents come and identify any of these items. They have been accumulating for several months.



Holiday Store Hours

DRUG STORE — Jan. 1, closed all day
Jan. 2, 12 noon - 6 p.m.

The LUNCHEONETTE will be open on Jan. 2 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. for the sale of prepackaged ice cream

SERVICE STATION — Jan. 1, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Jan. 2, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

TOBACCO STORE — Jan. 1, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Jan. 2, 12 noon - 6 p.m.

THEATRE — Jan. 1, continuous from 1 p.m.
Jan. 2, shows at 7 and 9

CO-OP BUS — Jan. 1, regular Sunday Schedule
Jan. 2, will not be in service

ALL OTHER STORES & SERVICES CLOSED BOTH DAYS

THE PANTRY WILL BE OPEN BEHIND THE SUPERMARKET ON JAN. 1—9 A.M. TO 1:30, JAN. 2—9 TO 6 P.M.

GREENBELT Consumer Services, Inc.

Drop-Inn Dance Welcomes 1950; Christmas Dance Termed Success

By Ora Donoghue

New Year's Eve at the Drop-Inn will find the senior and junior groups welcoming in the new year with a joint dance. Junior and senior high students will be admitted, and guests will have to be escorted by members of the above two groups. The officers of the two groups have completed plans for the dance, and they and their committees will decorate the youth center Saturday in preparation for the evening affair.

The junior officers are to be commended on the successful Christmas dance given last Friday at the teenage center. Decorations were centered around a large Christmas tree encircled by pines. Dancing was enjoyed by all present, and the music was supplied by Mike Littleton's orchestra. Two large snowball candles were awarded as door prizes to Jean Miller and Margot Kennedy who were the lucky ticket holders.

Helpers As Guests

Guests of the teenagers on this night were several persons who have

served in an advisory capacity, and others who have worked with and for the boys and girls in the last year. The guests were presented gifts from the members of the Drop-Inn in appreciation for the assistance given them during the year. Guests included: E. M. Sines, H. Hawkins, O. Zoellner, Mrs. C. Roehling, Mrs. R. Brittingham, Mrs. H. Walters, Mrs. Bev. Fonda, J. Wolfe, J. Teel, Mrs. A. Slye, and E. C. Deitzel.

Girls Entertain

After the presentation of gifts, Peggy Salvan played several selections on her accordion, and was followed by Nancy Snyder and Janet McEwen who did a tap dance, dressed in short dance costumes of green and white gingham.

Refreshments were served, and included candy canes, and Christmas cookies made by several of the teen-age girls. The spotlight was again focused on the orchestra, and the rest of the evening was devoted to dancing.

Let's Talk Co-op

By Ben Rosenzweig

Our Motto "More light, less heat" Quotes - "The missing element of democracy is now upon the scene in the form of the Consumer Cooperative movement. . . . In considering any great democratic movement, however, we must always remember that its success and effectiveness are in direct proportion to the people's grasp of the democratic idea . . . an educational program emphasizes that membership in any democratic society . . . entails the personal responsibility of each individual member . . ."

—Bertram Fowler - "The Co-operative Challenge."
Membership sparks - Off the platform, members came up with ideas at the recent GCS meeting.

1. A "variable" refund rate: 1½% up to \$500; 1¾% up to \$750; 2% up to \$1000 purchases. . .
2. Reduce the Pantry to 2 days a week; reduce prices to super-market level; use the Pantry as a welcome wagon around the county. Carry an "information man" on board. . .
3. Send the Bulletin of the Potomac Co-op Federation to all members in Greenbelt. . .
4. Increase the sale of green label (low price) merchandise for buyers on a close budget. (Who isn't?)

They all do it - U. S. Senators Sparkman, Frear, Bricker, Flanders, and Cain are in Europe to study Co-op housing. Their staff assistant will be Carl Frye, of Peoples Development Corp., an Ohio Farm Bureau subsidiary. . .

Smart, too - Hardly a month after mention in this column, the Co-operative League reports work by Co-operative Finance Association to form an investment trust for orderly investment in coops nationally. Indiana Farm Bureau uses credit unions for savings and loans. The lesson for successful co-ops—invest in your own businesses. . .

Gallup Poll - The Gallup poll in the November 18 Post slowed down to a trot. Dr. Gallup asked patrons of A & P whether they knew of the case of the U. S. (From window-ads?). Those who said they did were asked whom they favored. A greater number who knew all the facts from the ads in A & P windows were for A & P. . .

Buy Co-op — Invest Co-op

Contributors Corner

This week's winner of our jackpot of prizes gets her son's teeth into her effort, and joins the exclusive "set" of Contributors winners. For her efforts she receives a dozen cokes from Veterans Liquors, courtesy of Mr. Plackos; two tickets to the Greenbelt Theater, courtesy of Greenbelt Consumer Services; and a beautiful handkerchief from Gloria Fashions in Hyattsville.

"Our boy, Martin, like all children of his youthful years, developed 2 loose front teeth.

With some assistance from his father they were removed and Martin put them under his pillow that evening.

The next morning after he had dressed, we found both teeth neatly aligned on the medicine cabinet shelf, both gleaming white.

Upon questioning him, Martin proudly replied that he had brushed those teeth just the same as those in his mouth. He was going to take good care of all his teeth."

Mrs. R. Berkofsky
25-B Ridge Road



"Too Little to Live On"

That's what some folks say when they learn the small monthly income Social Security will pay them at age 65. Maybe so. That is one way of looking at it.

But I say also "It's too big to throw away!" Social Security is a mighty good foundation on which to build for retirement years. A little extra insurance, planned now, will build a roof over that foundation for you and your family—give you a livable income at age 65.

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Instructors Course Open To First Aiders

Fred C. Knauer, Chairman of Safety Services for Prince George's County Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today that there is to be an Instructor's course for First Aiders at the local chapter house during the week of January 16. Commencing at 8 p.m., the course will run every night during the week and will be taught by William Bailey from Red Cross National Headquarters.

To be eligible to enter the class, it is necessary to hold an advanced First Aid certificate. The class is limited in number. Mr. Knauer advises early registration as this course is the first one held in over two years. Many members of the local rescue squads and fire and police departments are now registering.

To enter the class, telephone Mr. Knauer either at TOWER 5872 or the Red Cross office, WARfield 4400.

City Employees Celebrate Christmas

City employees held their annual Christmas party last Thursday night in the firemen's quarters under the police station. There were 58 people present including City Manager Charles T. McDonald and council members. A turkey dinner was prepared and served by the members of the Department of Public Safety, using the facilities of the GCS lunch counter. Each guest received a novelty gift symbolizing one of his well-known characteristics. Mr. McDonald also received a Benrus wrist watch as a Christmas gift from the city employees.

Co-op Radio Expands

(By Cooperative News Service) Washington, D. C.—The Cooperative Broadcasting Association here announced this week that two major additions will be made to its programming in 1950. Radio station WCFM in Washington, together with 5 other labor and liberal stations around the country, will carry a regular program, 5 times a week, sponsored by the Kaiser-Frazer Automobile Co. The program will begin January 2.

The stations also will carry a regularly sponsored program by the American Federation of Labor, 5 times a week.

The current capital drive for WCFM, under chairmanship of Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, has brought in substantial new capital. It is already a long way on the road toward the capital goal set by the committee, Wallace Campbell, Association president, said.

Along Our Street

with Aunt Penny



I stopped at the drug store for a few minutes this morning and while I was there an anxious-looking young man came running in and asked for the telephone. When he saw that someone was using it, he explained that there'd been an accident up the street and that he wanted to call an ambulance. The man who was on the telephone quickly gave up the line and the young man put through his call.

This situation made me realize how vital the telephone is in times of emergency, and how important it is for us to think of others when we use the telephone.

That's especially true on party lines. A good party-line neighbor gives up the line when it's needed in an emergency, just as he'd expect others to do for him. At times like this, a little thoughtfulness goes a long way.

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