



An Open Letter To The GCS Board of Directors

(Editorial)

You have been elected by the membership of our Cooperative to represent us on the Board. We know that you are aware of the grave responsibility thus incurred, and we appreciate what that means. We know, as you must also know, what personal sacrifices are involved—the headaches, the heartache, the hard decisions, the broken friendships, the many sleepless nights. You will be criticised, chastised, sworn at, and snubbed. You will be scorned, laughed at, cried at, and jeered. This is the way with all such thankless jobs.

Nevertheless, we hope you will not be discouraged or dissuaded from the motives which prompted you to accept this responsibility. We believe your motives reflect a sincere and earnest desire to make our cooperative better, both for us as stockholders and for us as consumers. We applaud these objectives and we pray you will never lose sight of them through the difficult days ahead.

Perhaps a few words from us now will forestall some bitterness later. If you should be criticised in these pages, please remember, it is a criticism of love. We are as firmly committed to Cooperatives and Cooperative principles as you, and we have a great pride in GCS, despite some of its faults. If we do not see eye to eye on certain issues, it is our prerogative, our duty, to make our respective positions clear, just as it is your duty to consider our point of view. If we believe your actions are contrary to the wishes of the membership, we will criticise, and we ask you to accept our criticism in the constructive spirit in which it is meant.

You see, we believe that your first and greatest responsibility is to the membership, and that your decisions should reflect the opinions of those members.

To that end, we believe it is of paramount importance that See OPEN LETTER page 2

DOLLARS & SENSE

By Morris J. Solomon
DRY SKIM MILK AT
HALF PRICE

Now that Greenbelters are beginning to use skim milk in quantity, it is time they were let in on a little secret. The wholesale price of dry skim milk (in a 50-lb bag) is 17½ cents—half the regular retail price (35c) set by Borden's and followed by GCS. In a 250-lb. package the price is about 16½ cents. Clearly, here is an opportunity for GCS management to render a service to the community. They can pay off on the promise of consumer cooperation; namely, to promote CONSUMER WELFARE as an end in itself. In line with this spirit I suggest:

1 - GCS put up dry skim milk in a 5- or 10-lb. bag, suitably wrapped at a price that reflects a relatively low markup, such as exists on staples as flour or sugar. Of course there would be a packaging cost to cover.

2 - Promote skim milk as a source of milk for drinking purposes. If GCS can promote Weston Cookies, Wines, and What Not, how about promoting something that will enable a family to save the price of five week's groceries? It wouldn't hurt to pass out sample cups of chilled reconstituted skim milk in the store. Here is a project for the education committee. If properly mixed, the fine taste of the product would amaze many people. For the larger user of dry skim milk who is willing to take the trouble, there are two relatively inexpensive sources of dry skim milk open to him:

Source 1 - Land O' Lakes Creameries, 458 11 St. S.W., Washington, sells a 50-lb. bag at 17½ cents a pound. The bag has to be picked up at a warehouse in Washington. A 50-lb. bag shared by two families who use it for drinking can be quite manageable. In any case do not plan to hold it for more than 8 weeks.

Source 2 - ESCA, 331 11th St. S.W., Washington (vicinity of Dept. of Agriculture Building). This is a government employees cooperative that sells dry skim milk in a 5-lb. bag at 22 cents a pound. Since it is sold in an ordinary paper bag, one has to be sure to transfer it to an airtight container as soon as he gets it home.

At 22 cents a pound, skim milk is about 4½ cents a quart. Add and See DOLLARS & SENSE page 4

JCC Sunday School Has Purim Carnival

The holiday of Purim (the Feast of Lots) will be celebrated by a Purim Carnival, sponsored by the J.C.C. Sunday School, on Sunday afternoon, March 18, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Center School Auditorium.

The program will include an original play written by Dana Perelzweiz, and presented by the pupils of the fifth grade. Decorations were all made by the Sunday School pupils. The J.C.C. Jrs. will supervise the game booths, and the J.C.C. Dehs will have a gift booth of handmade items. Refreshments will include the traditional "Hamantasch", and prizes and greggers will add to the festivities.

The highlight of the affair will be a Costume Parade by the children, and everyone is welcome.

Knew You Were Coming, Drop-Inn Bakes A Cake

The Drop-Inn is sponsoring a bake sale to take place on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in front of the Greenbelt theater.

Home-made cakes, cookies and candies will be on display. Proceeds of the sale will go toward the purchase of much-needed equipment for the Drop-Inn.

The members have organized the event and will take charge.

Woman's Club Observes Guest Night March 16

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will observe the club's traditional guest night March 29 at 8:15 p.m. The theme of the night will be that of the Gay Nineties and members and guests are urged to come dressed in apparel of that period.

Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, chairman in charge of arrangements, announces there will be a Variety Show, followed by square dancing.

Save Good Used Clothing For Thrift Shop Drive

Used clothing and household furnishings in good condition are urgently needed by the Prince Georges County Thrift Shop for distribution to needy families in this area, according to Mrs. James Flynn, president of the Greenbelt Ladies of Charity.

150 DONORS TO MAKE LOCAL BLOOD QUOTA

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Greenbelt next Thursday, March 22. Blood donors can call Mrs. Charles Redd, 5661, for an appointment or donate blood without appointment. A qualified nurse and doctor will be in attendance at the Center School for blood donors. 150 donors are needed to fill Greenbelt's quota. (See editorial.)

All Boys' Club Night Set For March 17

By E. Don Bullian

An elaborate entertainment program has been planned for All Boys' Club Night at the Center school this Saturday, March 17. Besides three basketball games, the Majorettes, the Tumblers and Lydalu Palmer's singers and the Greenbelt Band will provide a fast-moving procession of entertainment and athletics.

The Greenbelt Band, conducted by Dana M. Garrett, will open the show at 7 p.m. Their evening's repertoire will include such popular numbers as "Music, Music, Music", "I Don't Care If The Sun Don't Shine", and "Mexican Hat Dance".

Three basketball games have been scheduled with the Bladensburg Boys Club's Midgets, Juniors and Seniors. Keen rivalry exists between the two clubs and should produce fast active games that will definitely be worth watching.

The Tumblers, through the courtesy of the Recreation Department, will display their new routines have been added by Ronda Bibler, who has been working hard with them since Ora Donoghue's resignation.

The Majorettes have revised and improved some of their routines under the guidance of Mrs. Neibich. Lydalu Palmer's singers have been given numerous assignments throughout the evening, beginning with Joan Mandell singing the Star Spangled Banner accompanied by the Greenbelt Band. Other Palmer singers, to be accompanied by Mrs. William Moore, will include Barbara Taylor with two popular numbers; Ray Krug and Jack Darling, duet, "Sparrow in the Tree Top", and a solo by Jack Krug, "Beyond the Reef"; Bill Dotson, "Thinking of You" and "Tennessee Waltz".

Rescue Squad Collects Out-Dated License Tags

The Greenbelt Rescue Squad is collecting license plates that are out-dated. Motorists about to dispose of their old license plates are asked to call Greenbelt 2011 to have their plates picked up, or to bring them to the police station.

Tobacco Store Selling "District Line" Book

The "District Line" book is now on sale at the Greenbelt tobacco store for 25 cents, proceeds of all sales to benefit the Children's Hospital fund. The book is a collection of humorous items appearing in the popular "District Line" column conducted by Bill Gold in the Washington Post.

Two Greenbelters are included in the book; Isadore Parker, with two cartoons and A. C. Long with a humorous quip. Other residents have contributed to Bill Gold's column frequently and he has quoted the Cooperator columns.

The tobacco store manager reports that the "District Line" book is being sold out quickly. Because of its popularity the book is rapidly being sold out all over Washington and another printing will be made this week.

GCS Board Elects Officers And Discusses Plans For Coming Year

The new board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumers Services met for the first time last Friday evening in GCS offices above the drug store. The following officers were elected: Walter Bierwagen, President and Bob Mitchell, as Vice-President by unanimous vote; Calmen Winegarden, Treasurer and Opie Stage, Secretary.

The Board recommended many aspects of GCS's operations for study during the coming year. Those broad subjects to be considered were listed as: membership education; organization of the Ta-

County Chest Annual Meeting March 19

Twenty-one persons have been nominated for election as members of the Board of Directors of the Community Chest & Planning Council of Prince Georges County. The election will take place at the annual meeting of the organization to be held March 19 at the Community Service Building in Mt. Rainier, Md. Any person contributing to the recent Red Feather Campaign is considered a member of the Chest and entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

In addition to the election, the annual meeting will hear reports on various phases of the operation of the Community Chest & Planning Council.

Harold LeRoy Highest In Local Rifle Match

Two Greenbelt Gun Club No. 1 rifle team beat the University of Maryland rifle team 1133 to 1127 last Thursday. High scorer was Harold Leroy of Greenbelt.

Monday night the No. 2 Greenbelt team lost to the 933 gun club, 1068 to 1078. Two more matches will be played before the end of the season. Participating with the No. 2 team are several teenagers; Chris Buckingham, 15, placed second on the Greenbelt Gun Club.

JCC To Vote On ByLaws

The Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt will hold a special membership meeting to consider proposed revisions to the bylaws this Saturday, March 17, at 8:30 p.m. in the social room of the community building.

Boys Club Activities

By Lee

Basketball scores since last report are as follows: Thursday, March 1, the Seniors defeated Berwyn 41 to 31. Hi scorers were Gerstel 10, Dove 8. Saturday, March 3, our Juniors defeated Riverdale 37 to 31. Hi scorer Cockill with 17 points. Thursday, March 8, University Park defeated our Seniors 22 to 23. Hi scorer for University Park was Vaughn with 19 points; for Greenbelt Frady with 8. Friday, March 9 Takoma Park defeated our Seniors 39 to 25. Hi scorer for Takoma Park was Showell with 22 points; for Greenbelt Frady with 8. Saturday, March 10 Takoma Park defeated our Juniors 46 to 40. Hi scorer were J. Strippling 16 and Bill Moore 12. Also Saturday our Midgets defeated Takoma Park 76 to 18. Hi scorer were Schoeb with 17 and Mike Strippling with 14.

The boys didn't fare so well during the past week. Our Midgets were the only team remaining undefeated in the first half of the Basketball season in County play. The second half is underway now and we are hoping for much better results during the last half.

koma Park store in relation to Greenbelt; review of personnel policy, practices and wage scale in view of the possible wage freeze and manpower shortage; expansion in Greenbelt with the thought of reviewing present services, improvement recommendations and the accomplishment of such recommendations; and promotion, largely in the province of Takoma Park.

In the general manager's report, Sam Ashelman stated "we are in the midst of a price squeeze, with more and more items going up and margins declining." GCS is paying 12c more for veal and lamb and 4c more on beef. Many items in the warehouse are now being sold below cost.

Ashelman told the board that a long term loan of \$175,000 with Farm Bureau had been approved, but the contracts for the new drug-variety store have not been drawn up. The Board will see the contracts and terms of lease before they are signed. Majority of the equipment for the new food store is in and most of it is paid for. Work on the fountain in the Greenbelt drug store is underway, but no definite date for completion has been given.

Because there's been difficulty finding the right person for the other part-time job of promotion in Greenbelt, Martin Bickford recommended to the general manager that he "advertise the position so as to get competition" and in that way he would "broaden his base of operations." If such a job could not be filled locally, it was Mr. Bickford's recommendation that it be advertised in Washington newspapers.

Ben Rosenzweig gave a report on his attendance at the New York Conference for the planning of the ECI summer institute and went on record as recommending that GCS underwrite the summer session for \$100, as it did last year. This year's Institute will be held at Wellesley, August 5 to 15. The question of how many delegates to send came up, but was not discussed. It was suggested that in the event a large delegation of store employees be sent, there should be one person responsible for the delegation's attendance at various lectures or sessions of particular value and interest to Greenbelt's operations.

Each board member present, as well as visitors, stated their interests relative to the various committees they would be interested in serving upon. Committee and chairmen will be elected at the next Board meeting on Friday, March 16.

Green Appointed New Band Manager

Austin Green of the Greenbelt police force has accepted the appointment as manager of the Greenbelt Community Band following the resignation of Edward Halley, who has served for the past two years.

Mrs. Kathryn Neibich has again accepted the position of assistant manager in charge of the Majorettes.

All Band and Majorette engagements will be made with Mr. Green or Mrs. Neibich.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

Friday, March 16, the Drop-Inn will have its annual St. Patrick's Day dance for all members of the Drop-Inn. There will be music and refreshments. After the school show, all are invited to come down to the dance. It will begin at 8:30 p.m. and last until 11:30 p.m.

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you make every effort to keep the membership fully informed on all issues and problems which you may encounter, before you make your final decisions. Only in this way can you reflect opinions, which are considered and intelligent. We believe that in some instances the previous board neglected this phase of your responsibilities, and that it has resulted in ill feeling which could have been avoided. We hope that you will not make the same mistake, and that you will allocate more time and energy to this vital part of your job.

In closing, we wish you the best of luck on a difficult job, and we trust that you will accept our comments in the true spirit of cooperation in which they are given.

There Is No Substitute

The need for blood during this period of emergency is as great as ever before. Local citizens can help fill a portion of this need by giving their blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile comes to Greenbelt March 22.

Donating blood is one of the few really personal contributions anyone can make to a worthy cause. Besides the patriotic motive, and the civic gesture, the act of contributing this life-giving fluid is an intimate form of humanitarianism. It is a kind of glory.

Blood is needed now. The war in Korea, the hospitals in the local area, and the civil defense program must all be supplied with blood. There is no substitute. Blood is a vital necessity . . . needed even before any of the "wonder" drugs can perform their function.

We are aware of the importance of blood plasma in medical treatment. We have seen movies, posters, radio and television programs explaining in dramatic terms how blood is used. When the Bloodmobile visits Greenbelt, it will be our opportunity to share in this marvelous enterprise. When you extend your arm in the act of donating blood you will receive in return the satisfaction of knowing that somewhere, someone will get a new chance for life. You are offering your hand in symbolic fashion to help a fellow human. Don't let this rare opportunity slip by.

Notes and Notices

Sarah Gelberg 8511

Roy S. Braden, former manager of Greenbelt now with the Atomic Energy Commission, is recovering from a serious illness. He became ill while on a field trip in the state of Washington. Braden now resides in Arlington.

Paul Hawk, former Greenbelter now living in Paris, is scheduled to go on a lecture tour to London and Sweden by plane and will be accompanied by his wife. Hawk is with the E. C. A. Mrs. Hawk is a member of the American's Women's Group of Paris which holds a luncheon-meeting once a month with a guest speaker attending. Recent speakers have been Madame Plevin, Cornelia Otis Skinner, and Perle Mesta.

Carriemae Nelligar, 73-F Ridge, celebrated her tenth birthday, Thursday, March 1, with a party for twenty friends.

Mark Harris Greenwald, Jr., 26-C Ridge, enjoyed his thirteenth birthday on March 13 with a family party. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwald, celebrated their fourteenth wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 11, with friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel, 60-B Crescent, entertained at a birthday buffet supper Saturday evening, March 3, for Mrs. Ed Fitch, a former resident of Greenbelt. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freeman of Greenbelt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark of Virginia, and Mr. Fitch and two sons, Charles and Harry. LeGrand Benefiel was in West Chester, Pennsylvania for the weekend visiting a friend, Mr. Kenauer. They had been band buddies in the U. S. Germany area during the war.

On Washington's Birthday, Mrs. Ed Fitch gave a birthday dinner honoring Mr. Benefiel and Mrs. H. M. Goode, 23-P Ridge, whose son, H. M. Goode, of the Marine Reserve, recently left for active duty. Jane Maureen Brooks, four and one-half years, 12-A Hillside, had her tonsils removed at Leland Memorial Hospital on Monday, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brooks, 21-F Parkway, announce the birth of their first child, Deborah Lynn, at Sibley Hospital on Saturday, February 24, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. Mr. and Mrs. William Hagan, former residents of Greenbelt now living in Cleveland, Ohio, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kosisky, 2-E Laurel Hill.

Dr. and Mrs. James W. McCarl, 9 Forestway, gave a dinner Saturday evening, March 3, for Rev. Robert L. Kincheloe and his wife. Rev. Kincheloe, first minister of the Greenbelt Community Church, is now serving with the Council of Churches in South Bend, Indiana. Another guest was Mrs. Catherine Reed, former principal of the Center school who is now supervisor of elementary education in Prince Georges County.

Bobby Greene, age 6, was a brave wonderful boy when he had his tonsils out at Episcopal Hospital on March 7.

Elmer J. Ferguson, 21-D Parkway, was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree by the University of Wisconsin as the first semester of the State University's 1950-51 school year came to a close recently.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
 Greenbelt 5911
 Saturday: Confessions, 3 to 5:30 p.m. for children, 7 to 9:30 for adults.
 Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for all children of the parish. This Sunday is Palm Sunday: the schedule of Holy Week Services is elsewhere in the Cooperator.

Thursday, March 15: Special choir practice for Holy Week music, this evening at 8:15, at 2-C Laurel Hill.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
 Rev. Charles R. Strausburg, Pastor
 Telephone: 4987

Thursday, March 15 - The choir will rehearse in the Church, beginning at 9 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

Sunday, March 18 - Sunday School at 8:45 and 9:45 a.m., with class for each age group. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Special music by the choir. Sermon, THE TRIUMPHANT PROCESSION, by Rev. Strausburg.

Monday, March 19 - Methodist Men will meet in the home of Mr. C. R. Newlin, 62-F Ridge Road, at 8:30 p.m. All of the men of our Church are invited.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor
 Phone WA9field 0942

Thursday, March 15 - Choir meets for rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Holien, 2-F Plateau, 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 - Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 9:45 a.m. Regular Church services, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 20 - Junior Confirmation Class meets at the Roberts' home, 37-B Ridge at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21 - Lydia Guild meets at the home of Mrs. Clarence Berg, 20-H Hillside, 8 p.m.

Drop-Inn Parents Meet For 'Auld Lang Syne'

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Kurth, co-chairmen of the proposed Parents' Guild for the Drop-Inn, have called a meeting of Drop-Inn members parents for Monday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in the Drop-Inn. The meeting will acquaint the parents with each other and the functions of the Advisory Board and the proposed Parents' Guild. Following the get-acquainted period, refreshments will be served. All parents of Drop-Inn members and their friends are urged to attend.

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers:
 Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.
 Eric T. Braund
 Church phone 7931

Thursday, March 15 - 7 p.m., St. Cecelia Choir; 8 p.m., Cloister Choir; 8:15 p.m., Church Women's Discussion Group.

Friday, March 16 - 8:30 p.m., Philathea Class meeting at Mrs. Denson's, 13-C Hillside.

Sunday, March 18, Palm Sunday - 8:45 and 11 a.m., Church Worship. Reception of members and baptism at both Services; confirmation of new members at 11 a.m. service only. Mr. Braund will preach at both services, and palms will be distributed. Church school at 8:45 and 11 a.m. for nursery, beginners and primary groups; at 9:50 a.m. for junior, junior high, high school and adult classes. 8 p.m., Meeting of Board of Deacons.

Wednesday, March 21 - 7:30 p.m., Lenten service. 8:15 p.m., Senior Choir Rehearsal.

Holy Thursday, March 22 - 8 p.m., The Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, March 23 - The Three-Hour Service, 12 to 3 p.m. Complete announcement next week.

HEBREW SERVICES

Morris A. Sandhaus, Rabbi
 Greenbelt 4493
 Friday, March 16 - Services will be held in the social room of the Center school at 8:30 p.m. Candle-lighting - 5:39 p.m. Portion of the Week - "Va'Yikrah". Sermon topic - "Remember the Amalekites".

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EASTER SCHEDULE 1951

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EVENING DEVOTIONS
 WED. - THUR. - FRIDAY OF HOLY WEEK, All at 8.

HOLY THURSDAY
 Communion at 6:30-7:00 and at the 8:30 Mass sung by our school children. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day and night. (Sign up now for your hour.)

GOOD FRIDAY
 Morning Service with Veneration of the Cross at 8:30. The 3 Hours' of Silence & Prayer from 12 to 3 in honor of Christ's Agony on the Cross. Stations for all at 2. Veneration of Cross at 2:30 and 8 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY
BLESSING OF the New Fire, Easter Candle and Water, at 7.
 Litany of Saints at 8. High Mass at 8:30 with Holy Communion during the Mass. Easter Water for home afterwards.

CONFESSIONS
 Wednesday, 4 to 5. 7 to 8. And after Services.
 Friday at 3. And after Services in evening.
 Saturday, 3 to 5:30. 7:30 to 9:30. Priest-Visitor on Holy Saturday to assist Pastor.

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TIRE PRICES ARE HIGH

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However, we suggest a way of saving dollars and stretching mileage on your tires.

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This is just another Co-op effort to help you keep the cost of living down.

CO-OP SERVICE STATION

Co-op Commentary

The grocery-bag shortage continues to be one of the problems of supermarket operation. Large paper bags are in very short supply and now cost more than twice what they did last June.

Patrons are asked to save and return bags to the supermarket for re-use. This will help to stretch our supply.

To encourage the younger members of your family to bring the bags in, free balloons or bubble gum is being offered in the supermarket for each 3 large bags returned.

Save your bags for the kids, and help conserve scarce material.

Want unbleached flour for home baking? The supermarket has G.L.F. unbleached flour containing 2 percent wheat germ.

Incidentally, Mr. Smith points out that variations in the color of Smith's P.V.M. bread don't mean any difference in formula. Smith's bakery buys unbleached flour made of northern wheat by the carload. Northern wheat has lower moisture content, bakes better, keeps better. Unbleached flour gradually bleaches on standing.

Since he mentions it, we are reminded of grandpa's custom of buying a barrel of sugar and a barrel of flour at the advent of winter. The flour was ground at the local mill and no chemical bleaching was done. Grandma always said the last flour out of the barrel baked the whitest bread.

Have you heard about turkey fryers? The small type of Beltsville white turkey make a 2½ to 3 pound fowl cut-up ready for frying. They are something new and have been described on the radio this past week. The Rockingham Cooperative is packing these turkey fryers.

Dan Livingston, our meat buyer, has arranged to have them on sale in the supermarket by this weekend. This is a new idea for Sunday dinner.

In his statement at the annual meeting last week, Board candidate Martin Bickford outlined four points for our cooperative stores:

1. Community interest in the cooperative.
2. Price equality with area stores.
3. Quality and value equality or advantage over area stores.
4. Promotion of the cooperative way of doing business.

These are important points. Mr. Bickford stressed that membership participation is vital to assure achievement of each of these points. A cooperative is a community undertaking. In Greenbelt, there is an opportunity and a need for every member to participate more actively in this community enterprise.

It is GCS policy to absorb costs wherever possible, although this means at the present time we are in the middle of a "squeeze" situation—between rising cost of supplies and the price freeze—and normal margins cannot be maintained. But it is the cooperative's policy to resist price advances as long as it is possible to do so.

Fox Tales

By Sam Fox

Little League Baseball: For every home run hit over the fence the player will receive a case of Pepsi Cola. The fence will be put up in the near future; and it will be 200 feet long and 4 feet high. At the end of the season the leading hitter will be rewarded with a trophy. Opening date will be June 27. This is a **FIRST** for Greenbelt.

Drop-Inn: The Drop-Inn now has the new Bat-Bak games and the boys and girls like them very much. It is a game on which you play handball on a table with Ping Pong racquets and balls. The Drop-Inn is the first Youth Center to have them available for the boys and girls. **WE HOPE TO HAVE THE BEST AND THE FIRST AT ALL TIMES.**

Softball Team: All who are interested in playing on the Greenbelt Team call the Recreation Dept., 2726. Practice will start the first week in April.

Biddy Basketball: Something new will be added this summer for 8 to 11 year old boys in basketball. For this age we will erect a basketball court to fit their physical stamina and needs. It will be a 6 team league. All equipment will be smaller; court 30x30, ball smaller, basket 8½ feet high etc. With the reduction in size of all equipment, the game will be more fun for the children of this age. Coaches will be seniors in High School. This is another **FIRST** for Greenbelt. Boys See **FOX TALES** page 4

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can register at Recreation Dept. **Movies For The Summer:** Twice a month a MOVIE will be shown on Braden Field free to all. It will be shown on the wall of the handball court. It will be a feature and a sports reel. Teaching of sports by movies. Another **FIRST** in Greenbelt.

Orchestra Recital: Once a month the orchestra will play in the circle in front of the Center School, with chairs around the drive area. The recitals will be on Sundays. Another **FIRST**.

Summer Program: The summer program is now being completed and will be published in the near future with many new activities and a more diversified program than the city has ever had in its history.

Annual Easter Hunt: Don't forget the fun you will have on MONDAY, MARCH 26. There will be prizes for all winners from the kindergarten to adults. Look for the big story next week. The activities will start on Sunday for adults and on Monday for children. Egg hunt, egg rolling contest, egg spoon race and prizes for all winners. All invited.

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Letters To The Editor

SLOT MACHINES

I note from the press that efforts are being made to legalize slot machines in Prince George's County, and a recently published letter in the name of the Prince George's County Small Businessmen's Committee leads us to believe that enactment of the law will hit the jackpot from the standpoint of our tax burdens. The propaganda circulated in 1949 endorsing a similar bill tells us that the County would realize \$250,000. per year from these machines, while the present estimate, which cannot be justified, is \$632,753—more than double. Apparently the machines now to be legalized will be considerably more doped up than those contemplated two years ago. If a complete list of all members of this sponsoring group were published, giving the true names of the proprietors, the nature of the business conducted and its address, it would be a real public service. It would also be of interest if the public were informed of the complete cost of the last slot machine campaign, including actual cash expenditures as well as any gratuities that may have been passed around, in accordance with the requirements of The Corrupt Practices Act of Maryland.

Whether the proposed legislation is to limit such machines to use by Veterans, Charitable, Fraternal, Religious, Fire Department, Civil or Educational Organizations, it is nothing more than a clever device to enable the gambling racketeers to get a toe hold upon the lush area of the County. When Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's are cited, it should be borne in mind that none of those counties have their territories bordering the District of Columbia which is regarded as one of the outstanding cities of our country in gambling, racketeering and other lawless activities. It is my belief that enactment of the proposed law would extend the beckoning finger to Washington's underworld, including such gentry as the big time racketeers, thugs, street walkers, hopheads and the rest of the dregs of human stew. I for one am very much opposed to my tax burden being lightened by any such outfit.

I feel that a large measure of the success of the Republican party in the election last November is because of its pledge to drive the gamblers and crooks from the County and to inaugurate police reforms. My observation is that an excellent start has been made, but the sanction of our delegates of this proposed bill will be a deliberate slap in the face, not only to the loyal Republicans in the County, but also to the many thousands of Democrats who joined in the Republican success and without whose aid it could never have been realized. There is little doubt that the representative people of the County are more interested in clean County than in the increase in its revenue by any such device as is proposed by this law. We all know that the slot machine racket is closely tied in with the Nationwide criminal gangs who will be the real beneficiaries of the law. We also know that any revenue derived by the County from these machines will be peanuts in comparison with the "take", and in this respect it might be interesting if the public could be acquainted with the average amounts taken in by such machines and the manner and percentages in which the revenue is divided. It would also be interesting if the public were furnished with testimonials of those who have enriched themselves by playing these machines.

I find myself in agreement with one statement in the published letter, to the effect that we should besiege our Legislators in Annapolis. Those in sympathy with the views here expressed can be of no help if they don't do something about it.

DWIGHT B. GALT.

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