



Death Of A Co-op?

Dear Editor;

I attended the Greenbelt Consumer Services board meeting last Friday in place of our regular reporter, Doris Mednick, who was unable to be there. The meeting, scheduled for 8 o'clock, didn't get started until 8:20. I had hardly settled down to taking notes, when I was politely asked to leave the room, while the board went into "executive session" about a personal matter.

The session was supposed to last fifteen minutes. After cooling my heels out in the corridor for a half-hour, I wondered how long this bull session was going to last, and if Emily Post would approve a member's ejection from a board meeting. Later, I accepted a "coke", while assorted cherry milk shakes, cokes and coffee went inside the meeting room.

While outside I picked up a folder distributed by the Cooperative League of USA and read it thoroughly. The significance of its contents didn't seem apparent at the time but I will quote from it later.

When I was finally re-admitted to the meeting, Bob Volkhausen (why was he permitted to stay?) was making an impassioned appeal for an enlightened membership. He cited poor attendance at meetings, difficulty in getting members to run for office, and general misunderstanding of cooperative principles, as symptoms of an unenlightened membership. He said that GCS would continue "as long as we have an enlightened management, with these conditions . . . but there can be a profound danger without an educated membership."

I was able to gather that Bob was making a pitch for the hiring of a full-time promotional and educational employee, who would work with new residents, the general membership, and employee groups.

"Social, economic, educational problems are better understood through the cooperative's sponsorship and promotion of neighborhood study groups, forums and community displays" . . . Cooperative League folder.)

Since I entered in the middle of this discussion I inquired whether the board was still in executive session. The board members seemed puzzled. I asked, "Had the executive portion of this session formally ended, and if it had why was I called back, belatedly, in the middle of an open discussion?"

It was explained to me that the "secret" part had been discussed, and it had occurred to the board that I could hear what followed.

Eventually the board voted against hiring a part-time employee for that job, but did vote to "approve the principle." General Manager Sam Ashelman will present a list of promotional and educational programs in the order of their priority to the board for consideration later. During the discussion a motion was approved by a vote of 1-0! This even amazed the board members themselves, who wondered whether such a vote was legal. Volkhausen said it was OK, but I'm sure he felt that some of the education program he had advocated should be directed towards the board.

The meeting became more interesting following the general manager's report. After disclosing that there was a "squeeze" on prices due to the latest OPS rulings; that the Oriole bus line may take over the GCS Greenbelt bus; that the luncheonette will be closed for alterations; Ashelman discussed the Farm Bureau loan for \$175,000 for the new Takoma Park stores, and the lease for the drug-variety store.

Cal Winegarden questioned certain clauses in the commitment. He called attention to the clauses which forbid changing the general manager without Farm Bureau's approval, forbid borrowing over \$25,000 from members, forbid borrowing over \$70,000 for short-term loans, and forbid the reserves from falling below \$75,000. (The penalty for all this is that the note would fall due immediately!) Winegarden felt that the clauses were "unconventional" and "overly restrictive in view of our generally sound position."

Ashelman stated that the clauses were indeed "conventional" and were designed to protect the loaning agency. Winegarden had "great reservations about subjecting ourselves to these conditions because (1) it gave an excessive amount of control to the creditor, (3) endangered further expansion without permission, (3) board requests on any of these items may be denied." He added further that he realized that they are protecting their interests, but that we should maintain control of ours.

"Cooperatives are community enterprises organized, financed and controlled by local people to provide themselves with needed goods and services at fair prices." . . . Cooperative League folder)

Marty Bickford emphasized the point that the board had committed themselves to the membership that further expansion would not endanger or jeopardize any needed services in Greenbelt.

The controversial clauses in the loan contract should not be feared, Ashelman replied. He explained that they (Farm Bureau) would not hinder GCS operations, and would not usurp the authority of the board to any great degree. "Farm Bureau is just as interested in our survival and good operations as we are", he stated. He added that Farm Bureau wanted to insure his life for \$50,000 to insure a degree of protection for its loan, but Sam convinced them that it would be unnecessary!

That's the kind of job I want. When my boss wants to fire me, let him get permission from a guy he owes \$175,000! Nice work if you can get it. . . .

Ellie Ritchie stated that she was not satisfied with the interest rate or the restrictive clauses, and wondered whether other loan sources had been approached. She felt that a better deal could have been made. Ashelman assured her that the other agencies had been sent brochures and that Farm Bureau's offer was accepted as the best. Besides, he added, it is wise for GCS to be indebted to an

85 Donors Set Record For Bloodmobile Here

The Red Cross Bloodmobile rang up its best day's record in Greenbelt since the war March 22, when 85 persons gave blood for use in the armed forces and hospitals in the area. Donors were from Berwyn, Berwyn Heights, Beltsville, College Park, Hyattsville, University Park and Washington, as well as from Greenbelt. Thirty-three of them were repeaters.

Volunteer workers serving at the Center were from the Red Cross Chapter House in Hyattsville and from the Hyattsville Canteen and Motor Corps. Recruitment of donors was headed by Mrs. Charles Redd of Greenbelt assisted by Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, Charles T. MacDonald, Officer Buddy Attick, Frank Comploier, Mrs. Russell Brown, Mrs. Robert Davenport, Mrs. Frank Galvin, Oscar and Marshall Zoellner, Edgar Weber, William Schoeb, and James Beck. Schools at the area cooperated by sending home notices of the coming of the Bloodmobile to Greenbelt.

BAND NEEDS RIDES TO SHRINE PARADE

The Greenbelt Community Band has been invited to attend the Shrine Circus Parade in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, April 7. The Band asks the help of any willing citizens who can do so to arrange for transportation and report at the Center School on Saturday, at 10 a.m. to band manager Austin R. Green.

Next Year's Kindergarten Crop to Register April 20

Registration for children who will attend kindergarten in September will be held on Friday, April 20, announces Charles T. McDonald, city manager.

This registration is for both schools.

The regular public health clinic days following registration will be especially devoted to inoculating children for kindergarten.

WAITING LIST OPEN FOR CO-OP NURSERY

The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School announces that it can now receive names of children who will attend the nursery school in September.

Three- and four-year old children are eligible to attend.

According to Mrs. Gladys Chasnoff, secretary, the number of children who may be accepted is limited and preference will be given to those whose names appear first on the waiting list.

organization considered "friendly" to cooperatives.

Five board members then voted to accept the terms of the loan commitment. Ellie Ritchie voted against it, and Winegarden abstained from voting.

"Co-ops make it possible for local people to have ownership and control in business." . . . Cooperative League folder)

A few moments later they voted to accept the terms of the lease for the new store.

Incidentally, the management hopes to hire a guy Sam met in New York to run the Takoma Park operation. He used to run a five-and-dime store.

"Cooperatives develop leaders in the community by encouraging more people to assume responsibility. People from the local community are employed in cooperatives." . . . Cooperative League folder)

By this time it was midnight. I had missed my weekly meeting of the "Bean-bag" club on television. I decided to go home and hold an "executive session" with a bottle of beer. It is not often you witness the death of a cooperative. And such a healthy looking specimen, too.

Isadore Parker.

Lastner Reports On PSC Hearings, Canning Censures Capitol Transit

Greenbelt's city council heard Councilman Frank Lastner report Monday night on the Public Service Commission hearings on Capital Transit's discontinuance of public transportation in Greenbelt. Lastner and City Manager Charles McDonald were the only officials representing the affected area present at the hearings.

"I was perplexed and upset the way PSC handled the hearings," Lastner stated, adding he thought they had "pre-determined" the issue. Lastner declared it was a Court of Appeals decision which left no alternative that allowed Capital Transit to drop the lines. (The Court of Appeals ruled that no public utility can be forced to continue any operation at a loss.)

"M. Vincent" Shown April 8 By St-Hugh's

"Monsieur Vincent", a distinguished French film, winner of three European awards for excellence in 1948, will be shown Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m., and Sunday evening at 8, at St. Hugh's auditorium.

There will be no admission charge, although a voluntary offering will be accepted. All Greenbelters are welcome.

Proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ladies of Charity of the parish for the use of the needy.

"The Ladies of Charity", founded in France in 1617 by St. Vincent de Paul, has grown into an international organization. Its object is personal sanctification, spiritual inspiration and guidance for those in need, and the alleviation of all forms of human misery.

The St. Vincent de Paul society, an organization for men, was founded in 1833 in Paris by Frederic Ozanam. Its objectives are the same as those of "The Ladies of Charity".

Troop 229 Sparks Spring Clean-up

Boy Scouts of Troop 229 have joined the city public works department in the spring leaf-collecting campaign, according to Charles T. McDonald, city manager. The scouts have elected to join in this campaign as one of the troop's community service projects.

Each resident will be asked to cooperate in a special spring clean-up. On the following two Saturdays, the city's new vacuum leaf collector will tour the city and gather up the leaves and clippings, weather permitting.

McDonald stressed the fact that an exception is being made on these days to the regulation prohibiting placing leaves and debris in certain places.

"Every angle and possibility of retaining service was certainly attempted," Lastner stated. Testifying before the commission, Lastner presented various plans that would make a profitable service feasible to Capital Transit. The transit company's displeasure at losing the federal subsidy for public transportation to Greenbelt was cited by Lastner as the main reason for the long history of higher rates and poorer service.

Councilman Thomas Canning declared that Capital Transit's action was a "flagrant disregard for the people of the community!" Lastner stated that Greenbelt was very fortunate to have the Oriole Bus Line provide service in the meantime. It was disclosed that McDonald had cooperated with Oriole Lines in laying out a route for the continued service.

Now What?

Citizens present at the meeting suggested that PHA enter the transportation problems that the Office of Defense Transportation be notified of the problem; and that the Cooperator take a survey of commuters' willingness to support an express bus to and from downtown Washington.

(Just prior to the meeting Governor McKeldin had signed a bill permitting the PSC to demand that Capital Transit supply bus service for another 90 days. At present Oriole Bus lines are operating the service on a 15-day emergency permit.)

The council passed for first reading a resolution accepting the dedication of the city roads from the federal government. Ralph Powers, city solicitor, will approve the formal papers before council takes any further action.

A treasurer's report was approved after recommendation by Councilman Steve Comings. McDonald suggested that city employees be paid every two weeks instead of twice a month as is the practice at present. The suggestion met with council's approval.

No Light From PHA

A plan to provide street lights from the lake park to Parkway was stymied when Walter Simon, community manager for PHA, informed the council that PHA would not "participate" in such a plan. The installation of lights was suggested by Lastner at several past council meetings. He expressed concern over the safety of families returning from the lake in the summer evenings. McDonald was instructed to continue investigating the possibilities of lighting the roadway.

Basketball Finals Coming This Weekend

By E. DonBullian

The Greenbelt Invitational Basketball Tournament is rolling into its final stages with the elimination of all the weaker teams. Friday night, April 6, will bring together the four teams that have not been weeded out during the preliminaries. The first game will begin at 7:30 p.m., while the second game will start at 8:45 p.m. Winners of these games will battle for the championship on Sunday April 8 at 4 p.m. Friday's losers will play each other in a consolation game at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. This game is to decide third place in the tournament.

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Report from the Committee on Banking and Currency to accompany S.349 a bill to assist the provision of housing and community facilities and services required in connection with the National Defense. (Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951)

Liquidation of Greentowns - About 2 years ago, this committee favorably reported a bill which was enacted into law on May 19, 1949 (Public Law 65 of the 81st Cong.) providing for the sale to qualified veterans' groups of the Greentown projects owned by the Government and located at Cincinnati, Ohio, Milwaukee, Wis., and Greenbelt, Md. The effect of this "Greentown" legislation was to permit a negotiated sale, with a first preference to qualified veterans' groups, on the basis of a partial cash payment with the balance secured by a mortgage, instead of the previous requirement of an all cash return under the successive, earlier appropriation acts directing the Agency to dispose of the projects.

While the Greentown Act thus gave a new authority for negotiated sales to preferred veterans' groups, it did not change the congressional mandate to liquidate these projects promptly, which was acknowledged by the Commissioner of the Public Housing Administration in testifying on the Greentown bill. (Cf. Liquidation items in appropriation acts of 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1950, and corresponding hearings and committee reports.)

The intent of Congress and of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in enacting Public Law 65 was that the Agency continue under its mandate to proceed expeditiously to the disposition of these properties. It was recognized that it was sound public policy, in addition, to have these projects pass out of Government ownership and into the ownership and operation by veterans' groups organized on a nonprofit basis.

Pursuant to these statutory authorizations and directions, the Greenhills project, near Cincinnati, Ohio, was sold to a preferred purchaser under Public Law 65 on December 6, 1949.

The committee was surprised to learn during the hearings on S.349, however, that by administrative decision the Housing and Home Finance Agency has discontinued further negotiations for the sale of the other two projects at this time. From its subsequent report to the committee, the Agency evidently takes the position that disposal of these projects should be suspended until there are further determinations as to whether their continued Government ownership is necessary in view of defense or dispersal considerations.

Your committee does not subscribe to the view that continued Government ownership of the housing and community facilities involved is necessary to meet defense and dispersal needs. We are also advised that interagency discussions under the guidance of representatives of the Defense Production Administration have reached the same conclusion, namely, that reasonable adjustments may be made in the terms of these sales to protect any possible future needs of defense workers or of dispersing Government agencies.

The bill we are reporting on construction of new housing and community facilities for defense purposes recognizes that most of this program will be undertaken without Government ownership, but with private housing ownership, subject to conditions limiting the acceptance of occupants to persons in defense activities. The committee sees no reason why the Greentown projects cannot, consistently with these procedures to protect defense workers, pass from Government ownership to private ownership in accordance with the policy laid down by Congress in Public Law 65, by making the sale subject to reasonable conditions for the acceptance, as new occupants (during periods of defense emergencies), of workers in essential defense and Government activities only.

Similarly, any vacant land required for possible future use for defense purposes, Government buildings, or related facilities can be excluded from the sale, without denying veterans' groups the privilege of buying the balance of these housing projects. Your committee believes that there could be included in such sales, however, a small part of the vacant land on which the veterans' groups plan to build additional housing for larger families. This additional housing construction by the groups who become the new owners should in fact be encouraged as it would add to the housing available in the areas to meet defense or dispersal needs.

The defense and dispersal needs, which the Agency quite properly desires to take into consideration, can thus be met without longer deferring these sales, and your committee points out that there has been no reversal by Congress of the clear mandate and authorization for such sales in the cited legislation.

Representatives of the Veterans' groups in these projects have advised this committee that they are still eager to purchase their homes. Your committee, accordingly, is of the strong opinion that the suspension of disposal negotiations for these projects should be revoked and that the Agency should make every possible effort expeditiously to sell them to veterans' groups as contemplated by Public Law 65 of the Eighty-first Congress.

National Sunday School Week

The week of April 9 to 15 is National Non-Sectarian Sunday School Week.

For the past generation the United States has been under the shadow and effects of world wars. We have had depressions and false prosperity caused by war. We have been so busy with material matters that many of us have forgotten the simpler things that make life really worth-while.

How many families dress up on Sunday morning and go to church and Sunday School as was the custom in less strenuous days? Children are losing something by being out of touch with some religious activity. Going to Sunday School gives a child an intangible character foundation to tie to in later life.

Six years ago a group of public spirited citizens of all faiths established in the United States a National Non-Sectarian Sunday School Week.

It is asking little of parents to devote an hour or so each week to see that their children have an opportunity to attend some Sunday School. An important time to begin is now.

Notes and Notices

Sarah Gelberg, 8511

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nuzzo and their two sons, Bobbie and A. J., 12-G Ridge, returned from a week's visit in Jersey City, where they were guests of Mr. Nuzzo's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wacks, 10-E Southway, announce the arrival of their second child, Gerald Lewis, on Saturday, March 24, at Doctors Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 7 ozs. They have another son, Rocky. Mr. Wack's mother is here from Staten Island, N. Y.

Susan Wexler, six and one-half, 55-D Ridge, had her tonsils removed Tuesday morning, March 27. When her mother came to visit her that evening, Susan was dressed and ready to go home, much to her mother's surprise and delight.

Martin Greenbaum, five, 23-A Ridge, also underwent a tonsillectomy at Leland Memorial Hospital, on Friday, March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Reinhardt and daughter Jewel, 5-M Gardenway, returned home after a ten-day stay in New York visiting Mr. Reinhardt's father. While in N. Y., they met some former Greenbelters who wish to be remembered to their many friends here: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wild and their three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Feig and their two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vogel and children, 10-H Southway, are back home after visiting their families in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon G. Benefiel and son LeGrand, 60-B Crescent, arrived home after a two-week trip to Sarasota, Fla. to see Mr. Benefiel's mother, Mrs. Jeanette Benefiel and his brother, Joel. Before coming home, they also visited Key West and Miami.

Larry Hutchinson, five months, and his brother Daniel, four, 6 Woodlandway, have recently recovered from a siege of the chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Neff, formerly of Greenbelt, now living in Cheverly, announce the birth of their first child, Linda Christine, at Leland Memorial Hospital, on Friday, March 16, weighing 6 lbs. 15½ ozs.

Women Voters Air UN-Bill of Rights

Next Sunday, April 8, 1951, between 5 and 6 p.m., over station WGAY, the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County will sponsor a re-broadcast of "Document A777". Based on the roll-call in the United Nations General Assembly at the unanimous adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the dramatization was produced by Norman Corwin and Allan Sloane.

The County League sponsored this program for the first time on March 19, when over 1000 school children in the county listened to it during school hours. A prize was offered by the League at that time to the school having the greatest number of listeners. Fairmont Heights School won this prize, a United Nations album.

The League suggests that teachers ask their students to listen to this program next Sunday and report back to their classes on its significance.

APPRECIATION

We have successfully completed the 1951 Red Cross Drive for funds in Greenbelt and I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the twelve chairmen and their workers for the splendid cooperation and effort that helped put us "over the top".

I also wish to thank our City Manager, Charles McDonald, for his able assistance in blocking out the Town and his help in assigning these areas to the Chairmen; Mrs. Orville Slye, for writing the publicity which has appeared in the Cooperator throughout the Drive; all the organizations who sent in gifts; the business and professional people the school teachers, and all the individuals who contributed the gifts which make up our total of \$903.30.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been associated with you all in this 1951 Red Cross Drive.

Mrs. Charles Orleans, Chairman
1951 Red Cross Drive

COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Ministers:

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

Thursday, April 5 - 8 p.m., Landscape Committee at Earl Thomas' home, 60-E Crescent. 8 p.m., Sunday School teachers meet, Church Study. 8:15 p.m. p.m., Church Women's Discussion group meets at 4 Forestway.

Saturday, April 7 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., All men and boys invited to a "Clean-Up Bee". Coffee and sandwiches for workers at noon, by the Afternoon Guild members.

Sunday, April 8 - 8:45 and 11 a.m., Church Worship. Music by the St. Cecilia choir and the Senior Chancel Choir. Sermon: "What Does Christianity Mean to You Now?" Church School at 8:45, 9:50 and 11 a.m. 5 p.m., High School Fellowship leaves for Rock Springs Youth Rally. 6 p.m., Angelus Hour and Chimes. 8 p.m., Board of Deacons elect officers, Church Study.

Monday, April 9 - 8:15 p.m., Evening Guild meets, Church Study.

Pictures of Dedication Day Services and Charter members are on display at the Church Study.

Reverend and Mrs. Edward H. Bonsall of Community Church express sincere appreciation to members of the Greenbelt Rescue Squad who responded so promptly and helpfully in his emergency need. Mr. Bonsall is convalescing at the Prince Georges Hospital.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edwin E. Pieplow, Pastor
Phone Warfield 0942

Thursday, April 5 - Choir meets for rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Holien, 2-F Plateau Place, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 6 - Lydia Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Lyman Henderson, 4706 40th Avenue, University Park, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 8 - Sunday School and Adult Bible class, 9:45 a.m. Regular church services, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 10 - Confirmation class meets at the Roberts' home, 37-B Ridge Road, at 4 p.m.

Anniversary Dinner at Center school cafeteria, 6:30 p.m. Be sure and get your reservations in.

HEBREW SERVICES

Morris A. Sandhaus, Rabbi
Greenbelt 4493

Friday, April 6 - Services will be held in the Social room of the Center School at 8:30 p.m. Services this week will honor the New Moon of Nisan in observance of the Passover. Candlelighting time - 6:15 p.m. Portion of the Week - "Saz-Ria". Reading from the Prophets - Ezekiel 45. Sermon topic - Introduction to Freedom.

Saturday, April 7 - Special Sabbath observance will be held at 9 a.m. in the Social room of the Center School in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Richard Stanley Rosenzweig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenzweig. Richard is a brother of Martin Rosenzweig, who was the first to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in Greenbelt.

The Sermon Topic by Rabbi Sandhaus will be - Tenets of Judaism. The Bar Mitzvah Bochor will also address the congregation. Kiddush will be served immediately following the services. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

Masses - 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday for members of the Holy Name Society at the 7:30 Mass. Nursery conducted during the 11 a.m. Mass, for small children, so that their parents may attend Mass.

Wednesday - Novena services, 8 p.m.

Baptisms - Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should call Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 8 - Sessions of the Sunday School, 8:45 and 9:30 a.m. Worship and sermon, 11 a.m. Pastor's subject, "The Power of a Great Passion". Members and friends are cordially urged to attend these services.

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you plan to register your child for kindergarten starting September, 1951, you are requested to register that child at the school he or she will attend on Friday, April 20, 1951. (Surnames beginning with letters A to K, inclusive, should register between the hours of 9:00 and 12:30 and L to Z between 12:30 and 4:00 P.M.)

The age requirement is that a child must have reached his or her fifth birthday during the calendar year 1951. (Before Jan. 1, 1952).

Birth certificate and physician's certificate of smallpox vaccination and diphtheria inoculation, must be presented at the time of registration.

Parents are expected to accompany children for registration.

Application blanks are available at the City Office, 103 Centerway, or at either the North End or the Center School

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WANTED - Greenbelt resident as afternoon housekeeper 2:30-7:30 (through dinner), or 2:30-5:30. 5 or 6 days per week. Phone 4321 after 7 p.m.

FOR SALE: used crib and mattress. \$15.00. Call 2444.

FOR SALE - 1940 Ford, 4 pass. coupe. Good paint and motor. \$200. Call 7851. 8-Q Plateau Place.

FOR SALE - Storkline crib with Kantwet Innerspring mattress, very good condition. \$15. Also bathinette, replace material top, \$2. Call 8077.

SALE - 8-room brick house, Beltsville, priced to sell. 9 acres joining Maryland University. Hard road. Fontaine 3086.

FOR SALE - 1949 Deluxe Chevrolet Club Coupe. Ice green. One owner. No scratches or dents. \$1295 or best offer. Gr. 2103.

HELP WANTED: promotion assistant, part or full time to work with membership and new resident groups. Speaking ability essential. Mrs. Taylor, Greenbelt Consumer Services. Gr. 2231.

GCS Board Elects Committee Heads

At Friday night's meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services' board of directors, the board members elected chairmen and made assignments to standing committees.

The executive committee will consist of Walter Bierwagen, chairman of the board; Robert Mitchell, vice-president, and Eleanor Ritchie. Martin Bickford heads the education committee, and Henry Walter the membership committee.

Milton Kramer, the board's Takoma Park member, will be chairman of the promotion committee. The wage incentive plan committee set up last year will be headed by Bickford, Opie Stage and Cal Winegarden.

George Davidsen was re-elected to represent GCS on the board of directors of the Potomac Cooperative Federation.

The board voted to send at least one representative of GCS to the annual meeting of Eastern Cooperatives, Inc., in New York the last weekend of April. This will be the last annual meeting of the ECI organization before the new area-control system goes into effect this year.

Rev. Braund Resigns Mt. Alto Chaplain

Rev. Eric T. Braund announced his resignation as a part-time chaplain at Mt. Alto Veteran's Hospital, effective on Tuesday of this week. He had served in this capacity since October, 1948.

Mr. Braund, pastor of Community Church, resigned from this important work because of increased parish duties and the illness of his associate, Rev. Edward Bon-sall. His work at the hospital will be carried on temporarily by Rev. Milton B. Crist, pastor of the Potomac Heights Community Church.

Greenbelt Tops Quota In Red Cross Drive

The 1951 American Red Cross drive for funds in Greenbelt went over the top, with a total of \$903.30 collected in the Community. The chairman for the drive in Greenbelt, Mrs. Charles A. Orleans, was honored at the weekly report luncheon for the Washington area last Friday when she was seated at the speaker's table and introduced to the area representative of the Red Cross. Greenbelt was the second area in Prince Georges County to make its quota, \$825.00, University Park the first and Berwyn the third. The County as a whole has made 74.93% of its total. For those areas where it is necessary the drive will be extended to the middle of April.

CORRECTION

This week's copy of GCS Flyer advertises Shellac at \$1.69 per gal. Correct price is \$1.69 per qt. Greenbelt Consumer Services

Co-op Commentary

Sales of the PVM bread in the past three weeks have increased over 300 percent. We are now selling around 1250 loaves per week. Members can do their friends a real service by telling them about the extra nutritive qualities of this bread. The formula was developed by a Cornell University nutrition expert and is being distributed primarily through cooperatives and is being used in the school lunch programs in New York, New England, and Baltimore. The Food and Drug Administration have gotten themselves into a controversy because they claimed it was too good to be called bread!

It has been suggested in this paper that GCS should sell a five-pound bag of dry skim milk. We have taken this matter up with the packaging department of the cooperative wholesale in New York, and they advise against it on the grounds that unless the powder is kept cool and dry it is apt to cake and deteriorate.

We have investigated the cost with suppliers and find that Land O'Lakes can supply a 4 1/2 pound can of dry skim milk at \$8.10 for six cans. This comes to 31c a pound wholesale, which makes the Co-op package at 35c a best buy (3c less than Star-Lac). For members, however, who care to purchase the 50-pound bag as suggested in the paper, GCS will be glad to pick it up at the wholesale for a 25c pick-up charge, and the powder will cost 19 1/2c per pound. Buyers are cautioned, however, to keep it cool and dry.

GCS Controller Robert Morrow represented us this week at a Grand Jury hearing on the indictment of a person charged with passing bad checks in Greenbelt.

The Whiz-Mix Food Blender now on sale at the variety store at \$19.95 is an excellent value. Besides its many other uses, it can be used to make fresh baby food. We now have available the new Squeezomatic Spray Mop as advertised on TV, at \$3.95. We also are stocking the new fluorescent shades of men's socks !! made by Fruit of the Loom.

The English Co-op bicycles with three-speed gears are still being sold for \$49.50.

We expect that the remodeled drug-lunch counter will be opened for business sometime next week.

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Drezner-Bogan

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bogan, 3-E Research, wish to announce the marriage of their son, Arnold, to Leila J. Drezner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Drezner, of Albany, N.Y. The wedding and reception took place on Sunday, April 1, at Albany. The bride was attended by Miss Eleanor Bogan, the bridegroom's sister.

Arnold is a graduate mechanical engineer of Maryland University. During World War 2, he served as a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Force. At present, he is employed at Naval Ordnance Laboratory. The bride is a graduate of N. Y. State College for Teachers. Prior to her marriage, she was teaching commercial subjects at Ellenville High School, Ellenville, N. Y.

Upon return from their honeymoon, the newlyweds are taking up housekeeping in Washington, D. C.

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Ramirez to Speak At Men's Breakfast

Pedro Ramirez, Consul of the Philippine Republic to the United States, will be guest speaker at the annual Holy Communion breakfast of the Greenbelt Holy Name Society, to be held next Sunday, April 8, at 9 a.m. at the Varsity Grill in College Park, following the Mass at 7:30. All Greenbelt men are welcome, with a special invitation extended to fathers to bring their sons.

Other guests will be Clarkson Gemmel, president of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Union, and John J. Buckley, president of the Prince Georges section of the Holy Name Society. Philip McGonagle will be toastmaster.

Reservations may be made by calling Thomas Holland, president of the local unit at Greenbelt 3906

Boys Club Midget Baseball

Greenbelt Boys Club Midget Baseball will commence this Saturday, April 7, with the first practice at 1:00 p.m. at Braden Field.

All positions on the teams are open. All boys between the ages of 9 and 13 inclusive, who are interested in trying out for the teams, should be there. Thirteen-year olds must have reached their 13th birthday on or after January 1, 1951, to be eligible.

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Boys Club Cagers Win County Title

The Greenbelt Boys' Club gained considerable prestige in county basketball circles last week when their 115-pound entry won the Prince Georges County Boys Tournament, downing Green Meadows Boys' Club by the comfortable margin of 44-26. The tournament was sponsored by the County Recreation Department together with the Y.M.C.A. and the Prince Georges County Boys Club. All games were played at the Maryland University Armory.

Winning club members who will receive individual trophies from the County Recreation Department are Buddy Attick, Tony Baker, Mike Cockill, Fred Comings, Bill Brommer, Stuart Knott, Jim Stripling, and Charley Thompson.

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Boy's Club Activities

By Lee

The basketball season is practically finished. The Seniors and Juniors had a fair season and are looking forward to a better one next winter.

The Midgets won the Easter Section playoff defeating University Park 32 to 10. The Midgets will play the winner of the Wester Section, either Bladensburg or Cheverly, for the County Championship.

The Boxing-Basketball Banquet is coming up April 25 at the Community Church. Tickets will be distributed to the boys Saturday, April 7. Please obtain your tickets from the boys as there will be none sold at the door.

The boxing team is enjoying one of the most successful seasons it has ever had in the Washington Junior Golden Gloves Tournament. The Greenbelt team entered ten boxers as part of the Prince George's County group. To date these boys have boxed 24 bouts, winning 18 while losing but 6 contests. Five boys advanced to the semi-finals and four are now finalists.

The final bouts will be fought at the Washington Boys Club, 17th & Mass. Ave., S.E. The novice class will be held on Thursday, April 5, and the open class on Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Local NCJW Plans Rummage Sale, Seder

The Greenbelt section, National Council of Jewish Women, will hold its annual rummage sale of clothes and household articles on Thursday, April 12, in front of the theatre. In case of rain, the sale will be postponed until the following day. Mrs. Rae William, chairman of the sale, will pick up contributions. Call Greenbelt 2068.

The Section is also planning a Seder and Supper for its members and their families for Saturday evening, April 21, the second night of Passover.

Scout Pack Meets, Gives Out Awards

At the regular monthly meeting of Cub Scout Pack 229 last Wednesday, Pack Committee Chairman Robert E. Phelps presented the new Cubmaster, Arthur Greene.

W. Howard Hunt, neighborhood scouting commissioner, presented a charter to the pack; committeemen's cards to Mr. Feller, Phelps, Stepan, and Trattler; and den mother's cards to Mrs. Atherholt, Bronstein, Chellman, Krouse, Phelps, Pollack, Raduazo and Stepan.

Assistant Cubmaster Stanley Stepan welcomed William Evers, Robert O'Meara, Barry Kaye, Jeffrey Gerhoff, Melvin Herman and Van Powers into the Pack as new Bobcats.

Den 10 presented a skit showing that although the languages in countries where scouting flourishes may differ, the activities are the same.

At the conclusion of the meeting service stars were presented to Den chiefs Al Castaldi, Howard Chasnow, Marshall Gerstel, and Alex McGuire.

The following awards were presented: David Flynn, Lion badge and gold and silver arrow for lion; Stephen Tretter, Lion badge; Henry Chellman and Edward Moody, Bear badge; Larry Hughes, Robert Oring and Lawrence Rosenkrantz, gold arrow for bear; James Krouse, silver arrow for Bear. Richard Ringel received the gold and silver arrows for bear; and Stephen Wetter the Bear badge, one gold and three silver arrows for Bear. Charles Benson, Gary Bronstein and Robert Wetter each received the wolf badge; Robert Dolgoff the gold arrow for wolf and Lloyd Castle the gold and silver arrows for wolf.



DOLLARS & SENSE

By Morris J. Solomon

What Price Policy For A Co-op?

Way back in 1844 the price policy for Co-ops was set by the Rochdale Weavers. It was to sell at the prevailing market price. Such a policy today is meaningless and dangerous. As any smart shopper knows, the identical product is sold at very different prices in different stores. There is not one prevailing market price, but many. Following the Rochdale price policy, which price will the Co-op charge? With a stated policy that is vague, with an objective of "earnings", the Co-op Manager too often plays it safe. He sets prices at the high or medium side. What happens has become a classic pattern in city Co-ops on the Eastern seaboard. Co-ops learn to operate expensively, charge medium to high prices, and very often end up with losses. This has happened to many if not most Co-ops on the Eastern seaboard.

A very damaging result of the traditional Co-op price policy has been an ostrich-like attitude toward prices of competitors. If a competitor sells an item at a low price, that's to draw customers in: "Why sell at a loss?" Any low price can be called a loss-leader if the margin on that item is less than the average margin necessary to break even. This view doesn't take into consideration the fact that in many lines you have to sell items which in themselves are "giveaway buys". Some such buys are so customary, that it is considered foolhardy for a store not to offer them. Evaporated milk is an outstanding example of a customary "giveaway buy". As a matter of fact the unusual "giveaway buy" is a very effective way of assuring large volume and profitable operations. Two food stores can have about the same price level. Let one store feature a few "giveaway buys", and the housewife is sure that one is "cheaper".

The constant search for "giveaway buys" will yield an alert management many opportunities for good deals. "What can I do for my customers?" is a question which any management should constantly be asking itself.

Proposed Price Policy For Co-ops

Co-ops should try to achieve the following goals: 1. To sell at the lowest prevailing market price or lower; 2. To meet as many of the "giveaway buys" of competitors as possible, and in addition to offer their own "giveaway buys"; 3. To meet the above 2 goals and at least cover all costs including interest on capital.

The above is a tall order, but it is only by straining to achieve those three goals that Co-ops can hope to serve their members best and grow. To sell at the lowest prevailing market price requires alertness and efficiency with no room for complacency. A Co-op can be satisfied that it is achieving that only by selling at prices somewhat lower than any one competitor, since there is a margin of doubt which can be overcome only by a little extra thrown in.

Pay For Employees

Under some circumstances a Co-op might not be able to meet a competitor's prices because it chooses to pay its employees more than competitors. Cooperators usually like to think of Co-ops as ideal employers.

Next Week - A Partial Answer

To The \$64.00 Question

What about the GCS price policy? To what extent does GCS try to achieve the 3 goals I listed? I shall not pretend to give a complete answer. I have neither the resources nor the time to give such an answer. However, there are areas of GCS operation where the facts are so overwhelmingly in one direction that a quick judgment is practicable.

Girl Scouts Attend Scout Fund Rally

Fifteen Girl Scouts from Greenbelt and several leaders attended the Juliette Lowe rally held Sunday at the Bladensburg high school. Representatives from the Prince Georges Council participated in the presentation of the year's Juliette Lowe funds, made up of pennies contributed by individual scouts,

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