



## GVHC Audit Committee Studies Basis For Monthly Charges

By Herbert Hertz, Chairman  
GVHC Auditing Committee

In view of the general interest in the question of the monthly charges established by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, the auditing committee made a study of the basis for these charges. This study has just been completed with the following results.

During the time that Greenbelt was owned by the Government, the Public Housing Administration each year prepared two budgets, one covering the so-called defense project and one covering the so-called permanent housing project. (At the end of each year a statement was prepared showing a comparison of the actual costs with the budgeted costs. Over a five-year period the actual and the budgeted costs were in close agreement.) The budgeted costs for the current fiscal year, adjusted downward to eliminate the estimated costs associated with that part of the project not purchased by GVHC, formed the basis for determining the overall cost of operation under mutual ownership. These costs were then broken down into unit charges for each type of unit.

### Management Cost

The management costs budgeted by PHA, consisting primarily of administrative salaries, salaries of certain other employees and general office expenses resulted in unit costs of \$3.51 per unit in the defense area and \$3.48 per unit for the permanent homes. To this amount there was added an amount to cover costs which the Government did not include in its budget, such as legal expenses, auditing fees, certain insurance such as workmen's compensation, certain taxes such as social security taxes, and other items. There was deducted an amount estimated to be applicable to the apartment units and the commercial center which GVHC did not purchase. The re-

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## Girl Scouts To Note "Thinking Day" Feb. 22

Girl Scout leaders and officers met in the Center school Monday evening for their regular bi-monthly meeting. Miss Sheila Knapp, Prince Georges County field director, was present.

Plans were made for the annual cookie sale to begin March 7. For the benefit of new leaders, Mrs. Adelaide Weidberg, chairman, emphasized that the cookie and calendar sale are the only fund-raising activities sponsored by the Girl Scouts. Five cents from each box of cookies remains in the troop which made the sale. This year an additional one cent a box will remain in the troop if all the money is turned in by that troop before April 1.

It was decided to hold a roller skating party for all Greenbelt Girl Scouts in March. Mrs. Weidberg will announce the date as soon as final arrangements can be made with the skating rink. Permission slips signed by a parent are required.

The Girl Scouts will celebrate International Thinking Day on February 22. A program will be presented at the Center school in which each troop will represent a foreign country. Each troop will present a ten-minute program of songs, dances or talks on the contribution to culture of the country it has chosen to portray. Group singing will complete the program.

## Chief Emphasizes Bike Regulations

Bicycle regulations were emphasized this week by George Panagoulis, director of public safety. To insure public safety, notice was given to all bicycle riders to park bicycles in the racks provided for that purpose. Bicycles must not be parked on the sidewalk or in front of any of the stores. Riding bicycles on the sidewalk, particularly in the Center, will cause suspension of the license and storage of the bicycle with the police department for a period of thirty days.

Anyone found riding bicycles after sundown without riding lights will be given a 30-day suspension of license.

### Notice

If your paper is not delivered by 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, call James O'Neill, circulation manager, GRanite 3-4657.

It is suggested that this notice be clipped and saved for future reference.

## City Discusses Tax, Electricity Issues

By I. J. Parker

The long-awaited dedication of properties to the city by Public Housing Administration will take place before February 15, city manager Charles McDonald announced this week. Items to be dedicated include sewers, water system, community building, swimming pool, sanitary fill, warehouses, lake recreation area, athletic field, underpasses, various courts and street extensions, and park and playground areas.

According to McDonald, it has not been decided whether the sewer lines from homes to the main line will be dedicated to the city. PHA seems inclined to favor including these lines in the sale to Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation. Negotiation on this problem is continuing between GVHC and the city manager.

The problem of paying taxes to the city is now being considered by the legal staff of GVHC. The city charter provides that the full year's payment must be made by September 1. GVHC and the city would prefer a month-by-month payment, rather than pay the three-months-after-September payment in advance. Since PHA included this item in recognition of the charter provision, negotiation between GVHC attorneys and PHA is now being undertaken.

There have been no new developments on the electric utility issue this week. The Public Service Commission has been notified that the city council is petitioning for an urban rate. PEPCO officials, now considering the matter in their legal department, are awaiting a report from their engineering department concerning facts and figures determining the cost of the operation of electric current distribution in Greenbelt. PEPCO officials are reported rather dismayed at the "premature" action of council on the rate petition, having hoped their decision about rates would be announced in time to make such a petition needless. However, there has been no assurance that they will not use a sub-

## New Deadline

Effective immediately, the normal deadline for submitting news items to the Cooperator is Monday at 3:30 p.m. preceding the date of publication. This deadline does not apply to news items of events occurring on Mondays or Tuesdays. Spot news of this type will be accepted Tuesday nights until 10:30 p.m. Material received after the Monday deadline will not appear until the following week.

The deadline for advertising remains unchanged.

## New Publishing Board Faces Housing Problem

The newly-elected board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association met January 26 at 2-E Westway, and immediately faced up to its most serious problem - housing. O. L. Mitchell, community manager for PHA, has requested that the Greenbelt Cooperator vacate its basement premises at 14 Parkway by February 14. Mitchell's letter stated that the eight apartments in that building now used by the Child Care Center will "revert back to the use of the agency on a tenant-occupancy basis", and that the "changeover will necessitate our regaining use of the basement facilities now occupied by you". The Board will direct efforts to find out what space can be made available to the Cooperator for what it can afford to pay.

Board members attending the meeting were Marian Hatton, Dorothy McGee, Eleanor Ritchie, and Miriam Solomon. Fifth board member, George Reeves, was out of town on a field trip. Ralph Miller and Keith Gamble of the staff were also present.

Ralph Miller was officially confirmed as editor, and Jennie Klein as business manager. The business manager also serves as treasurer and ex-officio member of the board.

Motions were passed, one to direct the business manager to apply for a second-class mailing privilege, another to investigate the possibilities of getting legal advertising carried in the paper.

The vote was unanimous against the idea to change the by-laws to allow advertisers and subscribers representation on the board.

At Editor Miller's suggestion, it was agreed to send free subscriptions to former editors who have moved and to certain educational organizations in the community.

In a final action George Reeves was elected president of the Association and Miriam Solomon secretary.

## "Newcomer" Party Includes Child Care

Special arrangements have been made to care for children of parents attending the Greenbelt Consumer Services "newcomer" dinner to be held in the social room of the Center school, it was announced this week by Townsend Scudder, publicity director of GCS. A comic film will be shown the youngsters while their parents enjoy a dinner that includes spaghetti and meat sauce, apple pie and coffee. Ice cream and milk will be provided for the children.

Group singing and games will follow the dinner, and the orchestra will furnish music for all types of dancing from the grand march to polkas and waltzes. The "new resident party" is sponsored to acquaint residents arriving in Greenbelt with community activities, civic organizations, GCS, and other cooperatives. Everyone who has moved into Greenbelt within the past six months is invited.

## GCS Board Calls Informal Meeting To Explore New Expansion Project

By Ellie Ritchie

An "informal" membership meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services has been called for next Wednesday night, February 4, at 8 p.m. in the social room of the center school. A new expansion project for cooperatives in the area has developed to the point where GCS board of directors needs the sense of the membership before proceeding further in the venture.

## Rent Protesters To Meet Tomorrow

A mass meeting will be held tomorrow night in the auditorium of the community building to form an organization to combat the recent rent raise, it was learned early this week.

It is expected that officers will be elected and plans made to take legal measures against the action by the Office of Rent Stabilization which authorized the increased rentals. Members of the group which is organizing the rent protest are confident that a basis exists for legal action and have decided to formally organize themselves in order to effectively fight the rent raise. At the preliminary meeting which was held last week it was disclosed that an attorney had already been retained to represent the protesters. (See editorial, page 2.)

## Adult Education

Registration for shorthand classes for the second semester adult education begins Tuesday and Thursday, February 3 and 5, at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in room 222 of the center school. Registration fee is \$2 for the semester. Carl Oliver is instructor for the beginners and advanced classes.

Because of poor attendance, there will be no adult woodshop classes held at the Greenbelt Junior High School for the remainder of this school year, it was announced by Ray M. Kipp, woodshop instructor.

## Local Co-ops Face Loss Of Quarters

Three local cooperatives will be homeless next month unless suitable free or low-cost space can be found. Notices to vacate the basement of 14 Parkway by February 14 were mailed by Public Housing Administration last week to the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School and the Greenbelt Cooperator.

The Greenbelt Child Care Center received its notice to move from the first and second floors over six weeks ago but was successful in gaining an extension to February 14. Seeking a buyer for the apartment buildings here, PHA decided to terminate its dollar-a-year agreement with the Center, which provides day care for children of working parents, and make the eight apartments available for tenants at the regular rentals.

Mrs. George Pluto, director of the Center, told the Cooperator that a proposal to rent four apartments at a lower than standard rate had been unacceptable to PHA.

The basement facilities have been rent-free to the nursery and the Cooperator, but with tenants in the apartments above, PHA claims they will need laundry and storage space.

Directors of the three co-ops are investigating every vacant building and appealing to Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, now the landlord for most of the town, for consideration of their problem.

Both the Child Care Center and the Nursery School have waiting lists of children whose families plan to move into Greenbelt and buy homes under the mutual plan.

A new supermarket site has become available in northwest Washington, and a plan worked out to take advantage of the opportunity by forming a new cooperative organization to operate such a store. Not an expansion of the Greenbelt business in the sense that the Takoma stores were, the new project would be a joint undertaking of GCS with the two Rochdale cooperatives of DC and Virginia.

In a series of meetings during the past week, the board of GCS met with the two Rochdale boards in joint session and in committees to work out the problems presented by the opposing viewpoints of the organizations involved.

Since the location is within the District of Columbia, the DC Rochdale organization would have been the natural one to assume the burden of opening a store in that area. However, the Rochdale organizations (which are actually a single organization like the Greenbelt-Takoma stores in origin, but were separated because of Virginia law requiring a cooperative operating in that state to incorporate under Virginia statutes) are now engaged in an expansion project of their own, a supermarket in Falls Church, Virginia.

The Greenbelt organization completed its project of expansion in the Takoma shopping center last year and is still, in the words of management, consolidating its position in that enterprise. Thus, the joint venture was agreed upon by both organizations as the logical method of sharing the financial investment and liability involved in still another co-op expansion project.

### Membership Control

Controversy at the joint meetings centered on the question of control of the new organization. The project envisages the enactment of a management contract with the Greenbelt organization, which would be responsible for the successful operation of the new store. Management, under the proposed plan, would report to a coordinating committee composed of representatives of GCS and the two Rochdales, at least for the first year of operation. After the membership in the area of the new store is built up through stock sales, an election of directors would take place, and control of the new corporation would pass to this board. (This is much the same manner of See EXPANSION, Page 2)

### What Goes On

Friday, January 30 - Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board meeting, 8:15 p.m., maintenance building.  
Monday, February 2 - GCS department store closed all day for inventory.  
Tuesday, February 3 - 7-10 p.m., registration adult sewing class. First class begins. Beginning sewing and tailoring included in course.  
Wednesday, February 4 - GCS meeting. Northwestern High School PTA meeting, 8 p.m.  
Friday, February 6 - Duplicate Bridge, arts and crafts room, Center School, 8:30 p.m. (Call 5702.)  
Friday, January 30 - Rent protest meeting, center school auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

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2. To serve the best interests of the cooperative movement.

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## Rent Protest Meeting

Tomorrow's meeting to organize residents protesting the rent increase is a proper step. For weeks, a shroud of secrecy has covered the activities of the protesters and has resulted in ill-feeling, lack of information, and general bewilderment. To protest any official action detrimental to a citizen's self-interest is a right which should never be denied. Public expression of these rights should cause no embarrassment nor engender severe antagonism. Debating public issues in a forum or hearing is in keeping with our democratic tradition.

Now that the preliminary hearing on the rent issue is over, the protesters are taking action to organize their protest and to determine what future course to follow. It is important to determine to everyone's satisfaction as accurately as possible whether the action of the Office of Rent Stabilization was legal and proper. Accusations have been made that Public Housing Administration and Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation have exerted improper influence on ORS. Implied also is a "loaded" presentation of facts and figures by PHA.

If the contemplated legal inquiry into the rent increase discloses any illegality or impropriety, we feel that GVHC members would not wish to be a party to such a deal.

There is some sentiment among residents that the rent protest is designed to upset the sale of Greenbelt to GVHC. We cannot approve of this motive, if true. GVHC is still the best solution, in our opinion, to our housing needs. But we are not so adamant as to deny rightful privileges of protest to non-GVHC residents. One thought the protesters might keep in mind is the strong possibility that rent control will not be continued after it expires on April 30. At that time, the entire rent issue will be a dead horse.

Whatever their motives are, we approve of the orderly, organized procedure the rent protesters are now undertaking. Whatever the outcome, we hope it will lead to better understanding and cooperation among Greenbelt citizens. There will be greater and more complicated problems to meet in the future, and neighbors working together for mutual good can accomplish more in a spirit of friendship. And without secrecy!

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developing cooperatives as that by which GCS was originally developed, when Consumer Distribution Corporation advanced the capital necessary during the initial period of operation.)

### Financing

Required investment from each party to the plan would be about \$15,000, which would be used to finance a stock sale and pay preliminary costs of setting up a new cooperative organization, with eventual ownership and control in the hands of its local members. The financing for the building itself is expected to be furnished by Farm Bureau Insurance Company, whose president, Murray Lincoln, has expressed great interest in expansion of cooperatives in the Washington area. The presidents and general managers of both the Rochdale and Greenbelt co-ops were in New York yesterday morning to discuss the new idea with Lincoln. Both boards have agreed to make every effort to change Farm Bureau's contract requirement that present management cannot be changed without its (FB's) consent. (This requirement was part of Greenbelt's mortgage contract with Farm Bureau for financing the Takoma stores.)

In contrast to the Takoma set-up, the financing for the store building would be furnished, not directly to the co-ops concerned, but to the realtor who will be landlord of the new building. The realtor too has been reported as insistent upon the Farm Bureau management-guarantee clause as a safeguard for the operation, to assure him of continuing return on his lease of the store building.

Under these circumstances, the problem of maintaining democratic membership control of the new op-

eration has been a vital issue in the negotiations between the two organizations. Members of both boards expressed strong feeling that the control should eventually remain in the hands of the membership, hence the decision to try to change the management-guarantee requirement.

### Pro and Con

Estimated volume of the new operation would be about \$2 million a year. Both organizations were in wholehearted agreement on the value of the addition of this volume to area grocery operations, with the resulting saving in costs. While investment of a sum amounting to \$15,000 represents a risk to Greenbelt, it is estimated by General Manager Sam Ashelman that the saving during one year on administrative costs by the addition of the new supermarket would offset any possible loss, if loss should occur. Since the plan calls for immediate opening of stock sales in the store area, however, it is unlikely that all of either organization's investment would actually be utilized.

The "withdrawal" plan at the end of the first year's operation would provide that the portion of the dual investment used in opening the store would be repaid from the first year's earnings, or as much of it as possible, and that control would revert to the local members as soon as possible. As this plan shows itself successful, it might be used as a pattern for Greenbelt withdrawal from the Takoma operation, leaving it a self-owned organization and freeing GCS funds for further area expansion of this type.

## BUY SAVINGS BONDS

## Greenbelt-Haven For Newlyweds

By Rae Algaze

Although there are no current statistical figures available, a recent survey reveals that there is a considerable number of newly married couples who reside in Greenbelt, and boast of at least one spouse who has been reared to adulthood in our town. Quite frequently it was found that both the bride and groom lived here as children, attended the same schools, dated each other, fell in love, and their romance culminated in marriage.

Separate dwellings, apart from their parents and in-laws, were secured, thus forming new families, complete with children. The general consensus of opinion among these newly formed family units is that what was good enough for their parents in the choice of housing, is good enough for them.

Many of these second generation Greenbelters also stayed on because of the many satisfying friendships they had formed. Another endearing fact is the town's proximity to the University of Maryland, and to other institutions of higher learning in Baltimore.

### Stepping Stone

Other couples, like so many of the oldtimers, are using Greenbelt as a stepping stone to a more elaborate residence in the distant future. It was also learned that some of the young husbands could not rent apartments or houses because they were not old enough to be veterans! Now, however, since the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation holds no restriction, a great number have bought homes, are moving back, and are eager to get into active community life again.

Undoubtedly, this article will recall to your minds that your next door neighbors are one such couple, or that there are one or two in your circle of acquaintances who established their own home after living in Greenbelt while single. Here are some of the families, representative of the above, chosen at random:

Lucille and Donnie Wolfe of 24-F Crescent. Wolfe is well known as Recreation Director in Greenbelt. He has lived here since he was ten years old. This young couple expect their first child in July.

Norma and Bob Anders of 35-C Ridge. Norma is the Greenbelter her family having been No. 40 of the original inhabitants. She met Bob, who then lived in Berwyn, in Greenbelt High School. At present they are married 9½ years and have three youngsters, ages 7½, 5 and 2½.

Lila and Arnold Bogan of 17-A Parkway. Arnold's family was one of the original occupants of New Greenbelt in the early 1940's. Lila hails from Albany, N. Y. The Bogans take great pride in their nine month old son, Ricky.

Robert and Lois Anne Fisher of 10-B Southway are two natives, who after their marriage, left Greenbelt and were gone six years. They were anxious to return, and are now settled here with their three youngsters ages 6, 2, and 5-month old baby.

Time will certainly bring about more of these neighborhood romances, and it may well be that your youngster will end up marrying that boy or girl next door!

## Cana Conference

A Cana Conference will be held in Holy Redeemer parish hall, Berwyn, on February 1 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Parishioners of St. Hugh's, Greenbelt, are invited to attend. There will be talks on concerns of marriage by expert marriage counselors.

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A - Full-time training in such a course would be at least 14 semester-hours or the equivalent.

Q - Are there any charges made for obtaining a GI home loan?

A - VA makes no charge for guaranteeing the loan. No commission or brokerage fees may be charged, either. The lender, however, may charge reasonable closing costs. He also may make a reasonable flat charge to cover the costs of originating the loan.

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. for children and in the evening from 7 to 9:30 for adults.

Sunday: Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery care for preschool children during the 11 o'clock Mass which is a high Mass sung by the St. Hugh's choir. This is Holy Communion Sunday for members of the Senior Sodality at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and for members of the Junior Sodality at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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

Wednesday: Novena Services followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m. Monthly meeting of the St. Hugh's Sodality after the Novena.

Thursday, February 5 - Confessions in preparation for the First Friday from 4 until 5 in the afternoon and after the Holy Hour which is from 8 until 9 p.m.

## MOWATT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Strausburg, Minister

Sunday, February 1 - Session of the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., under the leadership of Richard Hoffman. Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 11 a.m. Music by the Junior Choir. All Sunday services held at the North End School.

## HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

Services will be held in the social room of the Greenbelt Center School Friday evening at 8 p.m. Candlelighting time 5:02.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH PROTESTANT

Eric T. Braund, Minister

Sunday, February 1 - Church School as follows: 9 a.m., Primary and Nursery; 10, Juniors through Adults; Men's Bible Class; Fidelis Bible Class; 11, Kindergarten, Beginners, and Nursery. 9 and 11, Morning Worship, with sermon by Mr. Braund - "The Future of Greenbelt."

Monday, February 2 - 8 p.m., Board of Trustees meeting.

## My Daze

Little Ernie, of radio's WGAY-FM Storytime program, is our children's favorite to win the station's Dime Derby. We mailed our dimes to Little Ernie as an expression of friendship to him and his entourage of animals on that sparkling children's hour: Cluckles the hen, Bathsheba the cow, Sylvester the pig, the Hee-Haw bird, and the rest.

Rifling husbands' pockets at this time can be rewarding in the roundup of stray GCS cash register receipts to swell the year's collection to be turned in for refund. GCS's fiscal year has been moved ahead a month, so we can include January 1953 receipts as well.

Stock dividends and refunds are nice, but the main value of a cooperative enterprise (as GCS and GVHC) is that it is controlled by and operated for the best interests of the membership. A private owner, on the other hand, functions primarily for his own profit. Successful cooperation enriches community relationships, and is in all ways a goal well worth the effort spent in attaining it.

— DAISY.

## Goldfaden Leads In Policy Sales

Ben Goldfaden, long-time resident of Greenbelt, led the Washington office of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in life insurance sales last month, it was announced by Chester Jones, general agent.

Goldfaden came to Greenbelt in 1938. He was summer supervisor of the county recreation program, director of recreation in Greenbelt, and taught at the Bladensburg Junior High School. He is presently a member of the City Council.

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sult was a figure of \$4.00 per unit. It was felt that these costs were equally applicable to both projects and for that reason no attempt was made to separate the costs between the defense and the permanent projects.

**Heating Costs**

Heat and heating labor costs budgeted by PHA includes only the cost of fuel oil and the labor required to service the heating units. Oil consumption for an average year has been about two and a half million gallons. GVHC has entered into contracts with two firms to furnish oil at prices which are considered to be very reasonable, but are naturally higher than the prices which the Government had been paying. The cost of heating the units in the defense area was divided by the total number of square feet of heating space in the defense units. This unit cost was then multiplied by the number of square feet in each defense type unit to determine the monthly charge for that unit. The monthly charge for each type of unit in the permanent area was determined in a similar manner. In each case, an appropriate adjustment was made in the case of end units which require more heat.

**Maintenance**

The item of repairs was broken down in the PHA budgets into several categories, including cost of repairs and maintenance of structures, grounds, ranges and refrigerators. Total budgeted cost applicable to mutually-owned properties is approximately \$179,000. It is important to remember that many of these costs making up this total are not incurred annually, but represent a proportionate part of major items of maintenance generally incurred every two, three or five years. Thus, the monthly charges for this item do not reflect the costs that will be incurred in any one year, but rather the average costs that may be anticipated over a five-year period.

The originally estimated monthly charges included amounts for amortization, interest and taxes. As a result of the Government's decision to grant a one-year moratorium on principal payments, these charges were revised. Even though GVHC will not be required to make payment on principal, the board decided to include an amount so that, at the end of the year, enough money would be collected so that GVHC could pay off the cost of ranges and refrigerators and transfer title to these to the individual members. In addition, there will be collected an amount to permit payment of a full year's taxes by September 30 (as required by law).

These items represent the largest portion of the costs included in the monthly charges. The auditing committee believes that the total charges, based on the operations that PHA conducted, have been broken down into unit charges in a reasonable manner.

**Compare With Rents**

The originally-estimated operating expenses, less the charge for water, plus the adjusted charges for interest, amortization and taxes, represent the total charges to be paid each month. These charges, in practically every case, are equivalent to the charges established as the legal ceiling rent by the recent Rent Control Order

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Any delay in calling the doctor is an unnecessary risk. It delays his diagnosis, postpones his beginning proper treatment, may even cost the patient his life. In this day of effective serums and drugs, most of those who die of pneumonia are people who neglected a heavy cold that hung on.

Pneumonia is an acute inflammation of the lungs, which interferes with the lung's normal function of supplying oxygen to the blood stream. There are various types of pneumonia, caused by different pneumonia germs, the most common of which are the pneumococci. It is spread from person to person, by those with the disease or by apparently healthy persons carrying the germs in mouth or throat.

Because pneumonia is communicable, the first step, after calling the doctor, is to get the patient into bed in a room by himself. Next, while waiting for the doctor, get in a clean bottle or jar, a specimen of sputum coughed up from the chest. The doctor may want this specimen for examination immediately. If hospitalization is not required, ask the doctor to help you get the best nursing service available. Guard against the spread of the germs by taking all possible sanitary precautions.

Antipneumococcus serums and drugs like penicillin, aureomycin, and the "sulfa drugs" are effectively used in treating pneumonia.

There is not yet an accepted vaccine for the prevention of pneumonia. The best protection lies in individual good health with its natural resistance to infection.

**By Maryland Tuberculosis Assn.**

of December 17, 1952. It is estimated that these charges will result in a credit to each member, at the end of the year, of an amount equal to at least five per cent of his monthly payments.

The auditing committee feels that, under mutual ownership, operating costs can be reduced if the members will cooperate by helping to take care of their own units in every way they can; by learning to do their own minor repairs and maintenance, saving on heat, etc. It should be the duty of the board to help the members to accept economies through an educational program. But the first year of mutual operation will not represent

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normal operations for many reasons, one of which is the fact that an unusually large number of people will be moving into new units and both administrative and repair costs are likely to be higher than normal.

**Time Will Tell**

The actual costs under mutual ownership can only be determined after one or two year's experience under the plan. To learn what these costs really are, the board has adopted the auditing committee's recommendation of installing a cost accounting system with the assistance of a firm of certified

public accountants which has had experience with other mutual housing cooperatives in the Washington area. During 1953 this firm will conduct quarterly audits of the books, and it is believed that, by the end of the year, the monthly charges which members will be required to pay for the following year will be based on costs that truly reflect operations under mutual, rather than Government, ownership. Such costs will be lower than those now being paid, to the extent to which the members realize that the homes they live in are their own.

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**NOTICE OF**

**Consultation Meeting**

It has been proposed that GCS and the Rockdale Cooperatives jointly sponsor a new Washington Cooperative which would require a limited but temporary investment. The new cooperative would request a management contract with GCS to operate the store.

The GCS Board of Directors would like to have member's reactions to this proposal. For that purpose, the board which has the authority to act in such a case, is holding a special consultation meeting next Wednesday evening at 8 P.M. in the Center School social room. Because immediate action must be taken, *everyone is urged to attend.*

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# Our Neighbors

By Dorothy McGee, 8083

In the history-making inaugural parade on January 20, Mrs. Joseph Kosisky, Jr. and her small son, Darryl, 4-A Laurel Hill Road, were prominent figures as they rode on the float for the Civil Defense Unit. Mrs. Kosisky is the secretary of the Director of Public Welfare in Washington. He is also the assistant director of Civil Defense, and in this capacity, asked Mrs. Kosisky and six-year-old Darryl to appear on the float in a scene depicting a situation likely to occur in a war bombed area. Mrs. Kosisky, as a social worker, sat at a desk interviewing for placement, a lost child, pantomimed by her son. With them also appeared a "nurse and injured war victim."

Marian and Arthur Hatton have moved from 50-D Crescent Road to 45-E Ridge. Their new phone number is GR 3-3251.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brooks, formerly of 31-F Parkway, are now living at 2-K Eastway. Their new phone number is GR 3-4177.

Mrs. Pete Green, 60-K Crescent, left by plane on Sunday for San Francisco. She expects to be gone about ten days.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Ira Solet, or "Bobbie" as she was known to the innumerable friends she made during her eleven years in Greenbelt, left by plane with two of her children for New York City where she will make her home. Joan and Peter, the other two Solet children went on ahead with daddy a couple of days before to stay at the home of their grandmother, where Bobbie will also stay until her furniture arrives, and also until she recovers from the flu. She was taken sick Sunday night, and unhappily missed out on the farewell party planned for her by her long-time close friend, Mrs. Ben Perelzweig. Ira Solet is now employed by RCA in Harrison, New Jersey and will be commuting to and from their apartment in New York. Perhaps some day they will buy a house in Jersey, but now their address is 1197 Anderson Avenue, Bronx, New York. And if you get a chance to drop in, you're sure of a warm welcome; a friendlier person than Bobbie would be hard to find. Our town will miss her greatly. She was active in community affairs; worked periodically for our paper and has been editor and associate editor. The best of luck to you, Bobbie, from all your well-wishers here.

Mrs. Kenneth Powell, 1-E Laurel Hill, received a pleasant surprise last Friday evening upon her return home from Prince George's Hospital with her new son, born January 19. Her good neighbors gave her a splendid welcome by preparing a chicken dinner with all the fixings. Four-day-old Scott Thomas was too young to enjoy the fine dinner, but it was particularly appreciated by the children's grandmother, who has been here taking care of big brother and sister.

Although Ernie and Ann LaValley have been gone from Greenbelt for some time, it will be of interest to those who knew them before they moved to Marinette, Wisconsin that they became the parents of twin boys on January 16. The boys, Mark David and Michael James, have a sister, Maureen and a brother, Dennis.

We're very sorry to learn that Dr. Hans Wodak has been ill, and hope that sufficient rest will soon make him well again.

## Den Chief Honored By Cub Pack 202

At the January meeting of Cub Scout Pack 202, Den Chief Gordon Page received an Arm Cord for outstanding service to the Pack. New members Patrick Caldwell and Jack Ohlmacher received their Bobcat pins.

Additional awards were made as follows: Silver arrows: Ian Vogel and James Morgan received 3; gold arrow, John Van Fossen; denner's badge, Arlin Sandvik, Sam Griffith, Hans Jorgensen; assistant denner's badge, James Morgan, Dallas Bare, Edward Reid, Gregory Vella; Wolf badges, Gordon Bingham, Frank Comploier, Jr., Lester Byron, Jason Page, Robert O'Meara, Philip Grignon; Bear badge, David Dolbow; Lion badge, Bobby Andros.

Mrs. Dalbow's Den 3 won the attendance flag and Mrs. Comploier's Den 1 the awards flag.

John Ohlmacher, scoutmaster, announced Boy Scout week will be February 7 to 13.

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## Athletic Club News

Recently installed as officers of the Greenbelt Athletic Club were: president, Cornett; vice-president, Hunter; custodian, Maglotalin; secretary, Fitzgerald; treasurer, Donahue.

The monthly parties are to be resumed, it was announced, and increased activity in sports is planned. The annual ping-pong tournament will be announced shortly.

The cabinets for television and to house the trophies have been completed by Jack Swisher.

## FHA Tells NAHB Co-ops Can Help

CHICAGO (CNS) - Co-op housing "will play a major role in re-establishing blighted (urban) areas," Ward Cox told the nation's home builders here, January 20.

Cox, who's in charge of co-op housing for Federal Housing Administration, said FHA had insured \$160 million in co-op mortgages.

His predecessor, Warren J. Lockwood, Washington, D. C., realtor, told the National Association of Home Builders convention that with revision in the present co-op housing set-up, builders can "produce 3- and 4-bedroom jobs for the price of 2-bedroom units." This change, he said, would extend the FHA-guaranteed mortgage pay-off term to the 40-year maximum allowed by law.

The maximum mortgage period on single-family owner units is 20 to 25 years. On rental units, where title is kept by a co-op, the mortgage period may be 40 years.

Builders who heard Lockwood and Cox liked the assured market, low down-payment, and lowered monthly payment features of co-op ownership.

The present 4% interest ceiling on co-op mortgages is holding up greater expansion of builder-sponsored co-op housing. There is talk of FHA's raising this ceiling.

Lenders say they can't make enough money at that rate. On the other hand, a prospective purchaser of a co-op home in Washington, D. C., was staggered to find that even at the 4% rate she would pay nearly \$55,000 over the 40 years in interest, principal, taxes, and insurance on a \$17,900 home.

## AAA To Judge City's Pedestrian Program

The activities conducted by Greenbelt, Maryland during 1952 on behalf of the pedestrian will be judged by the American Automobile Association, sponsors of the National Pedestrian Protection Contest, George J. Panagoulis, Director of Public Safety, announced today.

A contest report form, consisting of questions concerning accident records, legislation and enforcement, engineering, organization, school safety and public information, all directed toward the pedestrian, has been completed and mailed, he disclosed.

The city will be judged with other cities of like size and population from all over the country. Winners will be announced by a national board of judges, composed of some of the most prominent men in the field of traffic safety.

The local contest representative issued the following safe walking rules which he said were particularly applicable at this time of year. They included the familiar "Wear White at Night" admonition, "Cross Only at Intersections," "Walk on the Left Side of the Road Facing Traffic" especially in rural areas, "Stop at the Curb and Look Both Ways Before Crossing" and "Do Not Step From Behind Parked Cars." "It is dangerous to jay-walk - don't cross mid-block" - at 30 mph a car travels 44 feet a second while you walk 4 feet a second. While you walk the first 12 feet from the curb a car travels 132 feet, "Be alert - Wait for the cars to Pass."

"Observance of these safe walking rules," he said, "will insure our city not only of getting a good score in a safety contest, but will make all of us a sure winner - with the prize being our own life and limb."

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In a few departments, perfectly good merchandise, often in factory-sealed cartons, has been cut in price to bring down top-heavy inventories. Don't be surprised to see perfectly good electric pop-up toasters reduced to as low as \$13.99, \$6.95 Westcloths run from only \$5.00, \$6.95 Detecto bath scales (counter soiled) from \$5.00, \$6.98 goose-necked floor lamps start at \$5.00, and \$7.49 brass table lamps sell for the same low price.

If you have been thinking to yourself, "If only that item was marked down to a lower price, I'd buy it," then now is the time to come and get it. Come in particularly this Friday and Saturday. Maybe that very thing your eye has been on will be marked down in price.

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On Monday, February 2, the Department Store will be closed all day for the annual inventory.

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