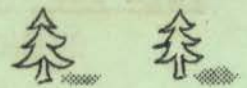


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COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING; DRAFTS COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Elects Chairman and Appoints Town
Manager; Reporter Lists
Qualifications of
Representatives

The newly created town council held its first meeting Monday night at the Council Room in the Administration building here.

The nomination of a chairman who would serve the community as Mayor

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RADIO COMMENTATOR JOINS PAPER OFFERING NEWS TIPS

Our weekly has just acquired a radio reporter. Arthur Dickkorman's comment on the air waves will be instructive to anyone who listens. Don't ask us to add a child counsellor to our staff, nor a psychiatrist. The world's full of these and we've yet to find two of these high-brow experts who could agree upon anything.

The Cooperator is drawing into its ranks competent talent from many sources. We are not complaining, mind you, but we've yet to discover a reliable meteorologist in Greenbelt who will give a written guarantee with his weather report for such prognostications as he or she is willing to make.

CREDIT UNION TO SPONSOR MEETING HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

National Association Experts Coming to Greenbelt to Set up Non-profit Banking System Dec. 4

The Credit Union National Association announces that its representatives, Tom Doig and Dora Maxwell will meet with Greenbelt citizens at the School Auditorium Saturday at 8 p.m., December 4th. The Credit Union will be a coop-

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GREENBELT SCIENTIST RECOVERS; RETURNS TO WORK IN DISTRICT

Recently Bernard Axelrod, 33 J Ridge Road, suffered second degree burns on his right hand when a benzine burner exploded at the nutrition laboratory of the National Institute of Health, where Axelrod is employed.

The young Greenbelt scientist is well on the way toward complete recovery. Yet such an accident graphically reminds us of the risks which our bacteriologists in the U.S. Public Health Service take from day to day.

John P. Murray of 33 P Ridge Road a laboratory technician, in the division of Serology at the same institution, has been driving Axelrod's car to and from Washington in order to assist his Greenbelt friend

COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

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and ceremonial officer was the first order of business passed upon.

Another matter before the council was the appointment of a Town Manager.

The five members of Council are now popularly referred to as kindergarten politicians as compared with the finished products of Maryland governing bodies. So it would be well to look into the records of these councilmen, and the Cooperator notes their qualifications as follows:

Robert E. Jacobsen: A native of Minneapolis, studied business three years at the University of Minnesota, followed by night school work in economics. He has been treasurer and manager of a retail drug store for ten years. He is now employed by the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., as Assistant Manager.

Sherrod E. East: Age 27, born in Mississippi, studied Government and Political Science at George Washington University and the University of Denver. Formerly Assistant Secretary to Representative Lawrence Lewis of Colorado. At present a member of the staff of the Congressional Unit, the Library of Congress. Author of an article published in the New Republic on the attempts of the City and County of Denver to construct the Moffat Tunnel of Colorado.

Louis Bessemer: Age 37, attended schools in Indiana, Florida, and Ohio. Worked as news writer in Akron, Cleveland, and northern Colorado. Besides newspaper work, he has served as secretary of two chambers of commerce, Chairman of publicity committee, Washington Consumers' Club, and active promoter of D.C. Cooperative League. Four years in Government service, and is now employed in U.S. Public Health Service. Has six years of journalism, and twelve

years of business experience.

Allen D. Morrison: born and reared in Missouri. Graduate of Business College, Chillicothe, Mo., Banker-Farmer-Merchant-Ford Dealer, member of Missouri Legislature, member Board of Alderman. Appointed to position in Veterans Administration, with Civil Service status, in Nov. 1934. He is married and has three children.

H.H. Maurer: native of Illinois, is employed by American Airlines as Senior Mechanic. High School education. Ex-Service man and Legionnaire. Former aviation instructor.
W.R.P.

LEGION SCHEDULES MEETING FRIDAY

Greenbelt Post Grows Rapidly

The Greenbelt Post of the American Legion is rapidly growing into a live organization.

A second meeting was held Monday, Nov. 22, and Vice Commander "Jim" Fitzgerald of the Southern Maryland district with Johnny Johnson of the Hyattsville Post were present. They explained in detail the special requirements which must yet be completed before a charter is granted the local group.

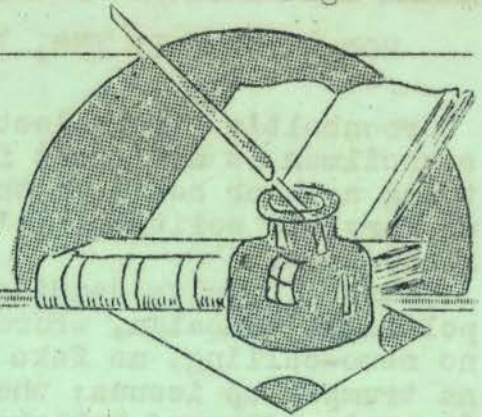
The next meeting of the Legion is announced for next Friday night, Dec. 3 when nominations will be made and officers elected. Several committees will be appointed and dues collected.

A petition for a charter will soon be acted upon by the State Council, meeting Jan. 1. The organization committee here reports that each person who appears as a charter member must pay \$2.10. The annual dues agreed upon is \$3.00 per man, thus leaving 90 cents per member to the Post.

EDITOR ASKED TO SPEAK

Louis Bessemer, editor of the Cooperator, has been invited to speak the first Sunday in January at the Adult Forum of the National Memorial Universalist Church in Washington.

Editorial



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FOR THE GOOD OF ALL

No organization in the community devoted to the general welfare can compare either in influence or usefulness with the Greenbelt Citizens Association. Its sphere and power as an organized and representative body is well recognized.

Here divergent views are freely expressed. While the association is not a debating society, it is manifestly a center where a balanced point of view is created. Nearly every problem is treated from more than one angle.

Usually there is more than one side to every question.

With candor and sincerity we can say here that it has been delightful for us to witness the spirit of tolerance and cooperation which has prevailed in the current meetings of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association.

It is most important that this assembly serve as a training ground for fine citizenship and civic understanding. "Bow down we never will to any legalistic technical strait-jacket; yet we respect the value of parliamentary procedure where order and equal rights are to be maintained.

Breaking some parliamentary rule, however, (when in doubt) is far better than to remain silent when it is vital to speak. Our progress is dependent upon trial and error. Even men and women of wisdom in positions of high authority will make some mistakes. It is no disgrace to make a mistake. It is quite tragic, however, for any intelligent citizen to remain silent and ignore a serious issue, where some point needs clarification or some measure needs to be advanced for the common good.

Popular government is based on the diffusion of knowledge. The Greenbelt Citizens Association merits our united support and interest. Through its special committees it may represent every block and district in Greenbelt; it may function in a multitude of ways for our enlightenment and community development.

HOW DIFFERENT! YES, INDEED

Greenbelt's first election for councilmen is different from anything seen or heard in the annals of Maryland politics. It's on the record now.

Think of twelve candidates in a political campaign, where you hear no name-calling, no fake charges, no trumped up issues; where there is no twaddle and ballyhoo, no vague promises, and no red herrings! Each candidate merely promised to study his job, do his level best for all, and made it plain that nonpartisan politics meant exactly that. We are glad Greenbelt politics can ride through a campaign without inflated egotism, or injury to any persons' character.

Greenbelt is not only a place where community workers gladly volunteer their service or leadership, but where clarity in civic understanding, and sensible tolerance prevail as prime objectives.

We are fortunate in Greenbelt to have leaders who temper their wisdom with dignity and humility.

Popularity is frequently a fickle lady. She may be wooed and courted; she is very charming sometimes, but her face can turn suddenly sour, ugly, and cold. Therefore, the truth-seeker is not beguiled by her whims.

It's a "big hand" the town folks gave to Johnny Graham and his orchestra at the Thanksgiving Dance. Looks as though a regular monthly dance is going to do a world of good in making swell dancers and friendly neighbors out of our Greenbelters.

Quite a happy surprise it was when Johnny Graham and his musical playboys announced that they would donate their services for a benefit Christmas Party at the Community Hall in December. Boys, that's wonderful community spirit.

The sphere of the Cooperator and its policies may be summarized as follows:

1. To serve as a nonprofit enterprise.
2. To remain nonpartisan in politics.
3. To remain neutral in religious matters.
4. To print news accurately and regularly.
5. To make its pages an open forum for civic affairs.
6. To develop a staff of volunteer writers.
7. To create a "Good Neighbor" spirit, promote friendship, advance the common good, and develop a "Greenbelt philosophy" of life.

— Hero Worship 1937 Style —

Conquerors in the ages past, more likely than not, were generally among the military hero class. In Greenbelt we witnessed a heartfelt welcome which was accorded to three of its greatest heroes!

Who were they? None other than Reginald J. Wadsworth, principal architect; Hale Walker, town planner, and Harold Bursley, principal engineer.

Another who could have stood shoulder to shoulder with them, but could not be present on the occasion of the first election festivities here, was Wallace Richards, town planning authority. He is now in Pittsburgh.

These conquerors in town planning are the heroes of a new age; they have applied the forces of nature for constructive ends. They thrill us one and all in this year 1937. May their kind bring a larger vision to our nation. Greenbelt will welcome them again and again.

The Journalistic Club meets

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Cooperator:

Caesar, in his "Commentaries on the Gallic Wars", wrote -- "I came, I saw, I conquered". I came, I saw and was conquered by the vision, the purpose and the reality that is Greenbelt.

Low cost housing has been tried before in this and other countries with varied success. Greenbelt is a pioneering community not only from the housing point of view, but what is equally important in a sociological sense.

A house is not necessarily a home unless it is permeated by a spirit of cooperation -- of pitching in, working together towards the attainment of fuller, richer living. In brief, the people, not the houses, make the community.

This to me is the most striking and significant feature of Greenbelt -- the growth and development of such a spirit among the inhabitants, so that when the word "we" falls from the lips of a Greenbelter, one instinctively feels that it is not being used in a rhetorical or editorial sense, but means actually "we, the people of Greenbelt".

I leave Greenbelt with the same feeling, I imagine, that one leaves an oasis in the desert ... and perhaps a little envious. Envious of all of you who are working and contributing to the development of an ideal community. You owe it not only to yourself but to us on the outside to make a smashing success of it, so that more and more Greenbelts will be built.

Greenbelt, I salute you!

Samuel Chertoff

New York City,
November 27, 1937.

To the Editor, the Cooperator:

I have looked out of our two little windows, the Atlantic and the Pacific, and have talked to so many more individuals than the average person that I want to express my appreciation for your article, "We pioneers", by Mary E. Van Cleave, which appeared in the Baltimore Sun.

I appeal to you that you hold up to the eyes of your people, down through the years the high ideals which she suggests and if they are wise Greenbelt will have been one of the best investments the government has ever made.

Here's to your Greenbelt -- that it might be a community set on a hill so high morally and far better spiritually that it may be seen by the world.

H. G. Powers

Baltimore, Maryland,
November 26, 1937.

A. P. PHOTOGRAPHER GETS
ELECTION PICTURES TUESDAY

Louis R. Huber, member of the Associated Press staff in Washington, spotted members of the council, following their election, Nov. 23, and made a number of pictures of them before returning to the Capital. He is one of eight news camera men stationed with the A.P. Mrs. Huber, who visited the community with her husband, enjoyed a brief visit to one Greenbelt home. "You folks really have a place to stretch out here," she said.

THE PROPER PLACE FOR TRASH CANS

Evidently a good many Greenbelt tenants have failed to realize the unsightly appearance which "parked" trash cans make in the rear of their homes.

Assistant Community Manager O. Kline Fulmer makes this clear by calling attention to the use which tenants should make of the large storage closet at the rear service entrance to each home.

"The storage closets at the service entrance to the houses were specifically designed to furnish a place to keep the trash cans. It will greatly enhance the appearance of your yards to keep the trash can in this closet at all times. The 'trash collector' is instructed to find it there."

HUNGARIAN PRAISES TOWN

Rev. George E. Borsy-Kerekes, field secretary of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America, with Mrs. Borsy-Kerekes were visitors in Greenbelt Thanksgiving Day, accompanied by Mrs. and Dr. Frank S. Horvath of the Medical School of George Washington University.

Rev. Borsy-Kerekes directs the work of a national mutual insurance federation with headquarters in Washington, while Dr. Horvath is chief medical officer for the same group.

"You've got something here that's very fine", said Rev. Borsy-Kerekes.

HOLDS HONORS IN NATIONAL CONTESTS
AND BETTER HOMES COMPETITION

O. Kline Fulmer Achieves
High Place in Arts
and Architecture

O. Kline Fulmer, Assistant Community Manager here, was born and raised in McKeesport, Pa. He completed his Bachelors Degree in Architecture at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

For several years, following his graduation he worked with a firm of architects in Cleveland. From there he went to Harvard.

At Harvard University, Fulmer did very significant work and the institution granted him a degree of Master in Architecture in 1930.

Married in the Spring of 1932, Fulmer went to Moscow as an Associate Architect with the Soviet Housing Trust. Completing his work there, he and his wife returned to the United States via Siberia and Manchukou. The Fulmers stopped for a while in China and Japan.

For the next several years, Fulmer was associated with the planning of a large scale slum-clearance housing project in Cleveland, Ohio. In August, 1935, Fulmer began work on the Greenbelt project as an Associate Architect. He has seen the community grow from "dreams and blueprints" to the reality it is today.

In addition to being awarded a Medal in the Better Homes in America Competition in 1933, Fulmer won second, third, and fourth places in three national architectural competitions. He received two medals from the Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York.

When interviewed, Fulmer said his hobbies are photography and working out recreation schemes for the family. With two boys and a five-weeks-old baby girl, Fulmer is destined to add new laurels

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----- THANKSGIVING -- 1937 -----
 WE, the Children of Greenbelt,
 are thankful for

A SAFE PLACE TO PLAY,
 NEW HAMES FULL OF SUNSHINE,
 A FINE SCHOOL, MODERN IN DESIGN
 AND EQUIPMENT,
 FRESH AIR TO BREATHE;
 SONG BIRDS THAT SING,
 AND JOLLY COMRADES, FULL OF PEP
 AND FROLIC.

Long live Greenbelt - a haven for
 children.

by Norma E. Mitchell.

BOYS AND GIRLS OF GREENBELT

 This page is devoted exclusively
 to you. If it meets with your
 approval, we shall make it a per-
 manent part of this paper. You
 are cordially invited to partic-
 ipate in the work necessary to
 make this page a successful one.

SAFETY FIRST

Safety first, last and always.
 We want to make a plea to all of
 the children of Greenbelt regard-
 less of age. Protect the health
 and happiness of the other fellow.
 Don't race through the underpass-
 es on your bicycles, skates,
 scooters or wagons.

Two of your fellow playmates
 and students have been seriously
 injured riding through the under-
 passes. Let's not have any more
 children hurt. Walk through the
 underpasses and coast on some oth-
 er hill where you will not endang-
 er your own health or the health
 of other people.

S. C. S.

HELP. All those interested in
 organizing a Junior Police Patrol
 see Stanley Provost, 33A Ridge
 Road. Don't wait! Start now to
 foster protection of health and
 morals of the children.

PRINCIPAL PRESIDES AT STUDENT ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY

 The first school assembly in
 Greenbelt in which all school chil-
 dren in the community participated
 was held Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Principal Sliker of the high
 school presided. The object of the
 meeting was to stimulate interest
 in the Boys' Athletic Association.

Harry Ewing, association presi-
 dent, was formally inducted into of-
 fice. It has been proposed that a
 regular weekly assembly be held at
 the school.

A Girls' Glee Club, organized
 with the cooperation of Miss Archer,
 sang two Thanksgiving songs. Earl
 Smith sang a solo number, accompan-
 ied by Miss Archer at the piano.
 Stanley Provost gave a harmonica
 solo.

Stanley Provost spoke in behalf
 of the Athletic Association and he
 brought forward a recommendation
 that the students organize a Junior
 Police force. This agency would
 strive in the attainment of self
 discipline, guard the students
 against unfair and indecent conduct,
 and promote high moral standards
 with the aid of the teachers.

MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

ELECTED OFFICERS FRIDAY

 The club held its regular weekly
 meeting Friday, Nov. 26, at which
 time officers were elected: Pres.,
 Werner Steinle; Vice Pres., Har-
 old Buckmayer; Sec'y. and Treas.,
 Wm. Schoeb.

Since its beginning the club has
 doubled the number of members. On
 Dec. 23 the club will hold its
 first model meet. There will be
 prizes for the best flying models.
 Now is the time to join if you
 wish to enter your ship in this
 contest.

 Mr. Samuel Maryn of 58M Crescent
 Road will make a library of news
 clippings.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZED HERE

The following students have been elected officers of the association: Pres., Harry Ewing; Vice Pres., Earl Smith; Sec'y, Nola Rivesay; Treas., John Guest.

The first effort of the association is the formation of a basketball team. Uniforms have been ordered and their colors will be Green and white. We must give this team and the athletic association our full support and cooperation.

BROWNIES! BROWNIES!

The organization of the first Brownie Pack in Greenbelt will be of much interest to all girls from 7 to 10 years of age. The Brownie program is very interesting and covers training that a girl is hardly able to get in any other way. A Brownie is helpful, always ready to lend a hand, and gives in to the older folks; does not give in to herself. Imagination is the keynote of Brownies. In the pack the girl finds magic and make believe. There is the cherished totem toadstool, the fairy ring and also the evil Bog-
art, who is within the Brownie.

Mrs. Lillian A. Mitchell of 3B Eastway has been commissioned Brown Owl of Greenbelt and will be the Brownie Leader in the community. It is hoped that every girl in Greenbelt between 7 and 10 years of age will meet at Mrs. Mitchell's home on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. for the organization of the first Brownie Pack of Greenbelt.

Mrs. Greenbelt's modern home and friendly neighbors, Junior Greenbelt's protected playgrounds, and Mr. Greenbelt's gracious environment to which he returns from work, are the envy of all visitors.

SAFETY MEASURES
SUGGESTED BY CITIZENS

Already suggestions have been made to set up rustic swinging gates under every pedestrian underpass in town. This would put a curb on bicycle "speed artists" who like to burn up the sidewalks in their passage through these protective areas.

Others have suggested that the Greenbelt roller-skating champs, the feverish scooter-pushers, and tricycle plungers, will all save themselves a lot of headaches, bumps, bruises, loosened teeth, and motherly preaching, if corduroy wooden section are laid down under these underpasses.

Greenbelt has hundreds of acres of territory where children may freely play at will and many miles of cement walks where there is no danger whatever.

Smooth level areas spread out conveniently for the children, in addition to their fine playgrounds; but if a few of them are still anxious to find out for themselves just how hard concrete is when you crash into it, or that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time -- especially when they are going in opposite directions -- I suppose they'll just have to find it out for themselves.

Parents may scold, and Council may set up ordinances, but there never has been a code or a system established, it seems, which will take the place of practical experience. How many object lessons will Greenbelt children need before they will learn certain simple facts?

The little Donohue boy went to Sibley Hospital for "repairs" because he didn't take mother's advice. He is on the road to recovery. He should be able to lecture on "safety" when he returns to his

-- L. B.

NOTICE

Temporarily a barber is available by appointment at 2E Eastway Road.

FULMER WINS RECOGNITION

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to his interesting career. Last week he took second place among proud parents; he held first place for several weeks as "the father of the youngest citizen in Greenbelt."

No story here would be complete regarding the Assistant Community Manager without mentioning Mrs. Fulmer. She is a graduate of Smith College with a year of post-graduate work in Germany and another in the New York School of Sociology.

CREDIT UNION MEETING

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tive bank and as a nonprofit organization will assist in a program of thrift and the financing of personal loans for its members.

"Credit unions are closely identified with the cooperative movement", Robert E. Jacobsen said when calling attention to the meeting. "Each credit union is governed by officers elected from its own membership."

"At this meeting Mr. Doig and Miss Maxwell will explain the credit unions and help us in organizing one for Greenbelt."

"Every interested citizen should be present at this meeting, as it is a great opportunity to get the necessary information from the people who know the credit union from A to Z", Jacobsen said.

FILENE AIDED CO-OP BANKS

There are over 4,000 Cooperative banks, none of which have failed even during the depression. Credit Unions have been promoted in this country by the late Edward A. Fileno, who was the founder of Consumer Distribution Corporation, organizer of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., the Cooperative store group.

The characteristics of a credit union are:

1. Open membership.
2. Low membership fees; low priced shares.
3. Democratic control.
4. Loans only to members.
5. Loans only for productive purposes and urgent needs.
6. No loans to officers.
7. Not more than 1% a month interest charge.
8. Loans made on character, not collateral.

For further information see Robert Jacobsen at the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. office, or George Hodsdon at the Food Store.

COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Now communities are being built year after year and within each arises a transportation problem. In most instances this is the primary requisite for sustaining family life within that community.

Such is the case in Greenbelt, and threatens to grow so great that unless some conclusion is reached soon, some families will be required to move back to the deplorable conditions, in or nearer Washington, so the "bread winner" of the family can get to and from his job to earn the money that feeds, clothes and houses them.

The cooperative form of enterprise seems to have been intended for the type of families now residing in Greenbelt, mainly because of their limited incomes. Because of the need of a transportation system and the further need of enterprises, it seems conclusive that the two should be combined to form a bus system that will be suited to the requirements of the Greenbeltians.

Other features favoring a cooperative bus system will be discussed in succeeding issues of the Cooperator.

Robert R. Porter.

GREENBELT STORES FEATURE
INDIA COOPERATIVE TEA

Tea has not been very popular in this country ever since the big party at Boston Harbor many years ago; but in England it still remains the national drink. There it is drunk literally morning, noon, and night.

Most of the millions of gallons consumed annually comes from India and Ceylon, and it is in India that the British and Scottish (Joint) Cooperative Wholesale Society has its plantations.

In the food store, the Greenbelt tea-drinkers will find a package of tea grown, packed, and shipped from India to Greenbelt by Great Britain's giant cooperative wholesale society.

There are other packages of tea in the store, but this package is unique in that it has followed cooperative channels direct from producer to consumer. This is one of too few instances of the ideal of cooperative trading; goods produced and distributed with no other motive than that of service or use.

This is an excellent illustration of practical international cooperation; the millions of members of the British cooperative wholesale cooperating to provide good quality tea at a fair price to the patrons of the Greenbelt Cooperative food store as well as to themselves.

A RECORD FOR GREENBELT

Has Greenbelt broken another record? There are only 197 families here, but look at the similarities in some of the family names! We have with us the Bauers, the Maurers and the Knauers (pronounced as though spelled Bower, Mower and Nower).

Also, there are the Brassors, the Brosmers and the Bessemers. Are there any more?

COMMUNITY MANAGER INVITES
COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS

Greenbelt Citizens Hold Victory
Rally for New Councilmen

With 250 Greenbelt citizens in attendance and fifty specially invited guests from the County and State on the platform, Greenbelt celebrated its first election. night when five successful candidates for council were introduced to the community at the School Auditorium November 23.

Community Manager Roy S. Braden put a score of speakers through their paces in quick succession, when he called on a number of distinguished guests, County and State officials, and local representatives of the Farm Security Administration to make brief remarks at this "welcome party" for the five Greenbelt Councilmen.

Stanley B. Rider, president of the Citizens' Association, speaking for the community, said that he was "proud to have such good neighbors in the County and State" and extended a cordial welcome to those in attendance.

Lansdale G. Sasser, president of the Maryland Senate, paid eloquent tribute to the services which Roy S. Braden has rendered Greenbelt during the past year.

MARYN STARTS CLIPPING BUREAU

Samuel Maryn of 58M Crescent Road has volunteered to set up a library of newspaper clippings for the Greenbelt Journalistic Club. All newspaper articles which appear in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Washington dailies should be referred to Mr. Maryn. Just now Maryn would like to have clippings from Baltimore.

DEFINITION OF A POLITICIAN

One who can call every woman in the community by her name and pass a compliment on her hat, and can call every man and child in town by his first name.

SERVICE STATION
 LIGHTS BRIGHTEN UP THE TOWN

WE ARE GLAD TO SERVE
 YOU AS STREET LIGHTS

and

WE ARE READY TO
 HELP YOU WITH---

GAS — OIL *and* ANTI-FREEZE
Problems

THE STATION WILL BE OPEN
 front 7 AM to 8 P.M. Daily

Come in and see us!

James Dunaway

mgr.



Mrs. Greenbelt



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Ruth Hayes
Annette Coff
Shiela Cone

Dorothy Harris
Isabelle McAchren

Annis Murdock
Myrtle Resnisky
Fannie Schein

EDITORIAL

Practically every woman in Greenbelt has a special interest which she would like to see developed. It is our hope that through the medium of our women's page we will be able to give an impetus to the organization of these interests.

A number of Greenbelt mothers have been discussing the formation of a nursery school not only to relieve them of the care of their children for a few hours, but also to give their daughters or sons the advantages of playing with children of their own age.

It has been found that in many sections of Greenbelt, the ages of the children varied so greatly that group play was not feasible. No plans have been made as to how such a school could be organized. An article entitled "Play School for the Very Young" in the November issue of "The Parent's Magazine" gives an excellent description of the way one community organized a school. It is hoped that in the near future a meeting of mothers may be called, where plans of organization may be discussed.

R. G. H.

SOCIETY

The dance held on Thanksgiving Eve was attended by a large crowd, with many guests from Washington.

In the feminine group was a large variety of apparel, varying from elaborate evening gowns to chic sport suits. In the Paul Jones this variety of attire and color made a most pleasing and constantly changing atmosphere.

Mr. T. C. Williams of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the week-end guest of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray of 33P Ridge road. Mr. Williams also has a son practicing law in Washington, D. C.

Thanksgiving diners out were Mr. and Mrs. Jean Nance of 6G Hillside, at the home of Mrs. Nance's parents in Washington.

Mr. Sam Chertoff of New York City spent the Thanksgiving week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schein of 39D Ridge Road. Mr. Chertoff is Mrs. Schein's brother.

Mr. Emery's parents, from Nashville, Tenn., visited here for a week.

NOTE: Please bring all society news to Mrs. Isabelle McAchren, or phone Mrs. Dorothy Harris, 5041.

SHOPPING NEWS

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Women of Greenbelt! Be Wise-Economize

Do You Know--

That Co-op Flakes at 18 cents per 16 ounces have been tested and can stand up with the highest priced flakes on the market? Several women tell us this soap makes an excellent lather and washes woolens and silks with no danger of shrinkage.

That the Co-op store has that magic window cleaner -- Windex?

That the store has buttermilk soap at three cakes for 19 cents, and that the same soap sells regularly at three cakes for 50 cents?

That the men in the co-op store appreciate the attitude of the women in understanding the temporary difficulties under which it is operating.

F.S.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

For the information of our neighbors who have recently moved and have not yet reached the stage of hanging pictures, we would like to present a method which has been found successful. The food store can supply you with various sizes of picture hooks ranging from one to twenty pounds, depending upon the weight of your pictures. You can also purchase a roll of Scotch tape which should be pasted over the spot where you wish to attach the hook. By attaching the hook through the tape there will be little danger of loose or chipped plaster.

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Following the bulletin issued a few days ago on the subject of the care of composition floors, we have a few suggestions to make. By building up a hard surface with two or three coats of wax followed by polishing, it should not be difficult to remove the surface dust. Mrs. Maurer has found that mopping the floor with clear cold water following the waxing helps to harden the surface.

RECIPES

During the next few weeks, this department plans to publish the favorite household recipes of the administration staff members.

The following recipe was submitted by Mrs. Roy Braden:

Cranberry Jelly

4 cups of cranberries

2 cups of sugar

1½ cups of water

Cook the cranberries for about five minutes, or until mushy. Remove from fire while hot and press through a sieve. Combine the pulp with sugar and stir well. Pour out into molding pan or bowl and let stand until firm.

If fancy shapes are desired with any fancy cutter and serve on plate or side dish. Fancy-cut shapes may be used for garnishing meats of a delicate flavor.

A.M.

Please submit contributions for "Mrs. Greenbelt" by Thursday evening of each week.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERS HOLD
MEETING, NOVEMBER 22.

County Officials
Offer Support

A meeting was held Monday evening, November 22, at the home of Mrs. Lillian Mitchell, 3B Eastway, for the purpose of discussing the organization of a Girl Scout Troop and a Brownie Pack in Greenbelt.

Mrs. Dashiell, Commissioner of Girl Scouts for Prince Georges County spoke on the organization of the County Girl Scouts and gave the women present some suggestions as to the organization of a troop. Mrs. Harris, Deputy Commissioner, asked for the cooperation of Greenbelt in setting up a day camp to be used by the troops in the County. Both Mrs. Dashiell and Mrs. Harris advised the group that they were anxious to help Greenbelt in every way possible to initiate an adequate program of scouting.

Mrs. Mitchell, who has had experience in both Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations will be the first Brownie Pack Leader, and plans to have the first meeting of the Pack the end of this week.

A troop committee consisting of Mrs. Paukenburg, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Macchio, and Mrs. Sandman was appointed. Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Thompson will act as a Brownie Pack Committee. Mrs. Sandman agreed to organize a Girl Scout Troop as soon as possible.

It was asked that all women interested in taking an active part in scouting either as leaders or as members of committees be urged to communicate with Mrs. Mitchell.

R.H.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

The migration into Greenbelt continues, as families originating from all parts of the Union join us. People who, when the true history of Greenbelt is written, will have had no small part towards the realization of its ultimate goal. Let us try to know and understand their needs and ambitions, but of primary importance now, let us know our neighbors. May we introduce --

Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonell who, with their two children, moved to 43B Ridge Road. They were formerly residents of New York City. Mr. McDonell is employed at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, living now at 45G Ridge Road. They have one child and are from Virginia. Mrs. Patterson is a nurse in a Washington hospital, and Mr. Patterson is a taxi driver.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lehman of 3C Eastway are the parents of two girls. Originally from Michigan, Mr. Lehman is now at the Government Printing Office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Carneal have two children, and are residing at 1B Northway. Mr. Carneal is employed in a real estate office. Mr. and Mrs. Carneal are from Berwyn, Md.
F.S.

HOUSEHOLD NOTE

Ladies - watch your step - (in this case we have your door step in mind). If you attempt to sweep dirt over your outer doorsill you will find that the weather stripping groove will become clogged and eventually your door will fail to close.

M.R.

MYTHS OF GREENBELT

If the myths of Greenbelt were true, let us imagine a typical Greenbelt day --

The Greenbelts awake to the wailing of the baby. It is 6 a.m. and time to eat, but the electricity does not come on until 7 a.m. The family spends the next hour in an unsuccessful attempt to divert the baby's mind from its one idea -- food!!

Mrs. Greenbelt and daughter, Mary, leave for the dentist at 10 a.m. For several days Mary had a badly infected tooth, but the family was unable to obtain official permission from the administration to have it extracted.

After frantic hours, they returned home only to be greeted at the gate with tardy slips. They have overstayed their allotted time, so have to fill out an official re-entry report.

The lady of the house then hurries to get her dinner menu approved by the office. A few changes necessitated a visit to the store where she receives her pre-arranged quota of groceries.

Tempus fugit -- 9 o'clock finds the Greenbelts in the living-room when the lights go off. The family scrambles to bed in total darkness.

Silence settles over the house, as another happy day in Greenbelt closes.

Shiela Cone.

Dear Sally Rand: We believe many of our readers of your gentle and retiring nature would be interested in your observations on the problems of life in Greenbelt. Won't you communicate with us by phoning Greenbelt - 3021.

It's really true that Western Union messages have been refused because "There is no such place as Greenbelt". Mebbe so, but what are those throngs doing out here on Sunday -- visiting no place!

COOPERATIVE BACHELORS

FACE IMPENDING DISASTER

It appears now that Prohibition was not the only "noble experiment" that failed to live up to early predictions. Greenbelt's "own" threatens to collapse momentarily, and it didn't require thirteen years of experimentation. The truth of the matter, unpalatable as it may be, is that a pressure cooker can never, not hardly ever, but definitely never hope to take the place of the "little woman". For close on the heels of the glowing description of living in the bachelor's quarters comes the dismal information that the single men are in dire straits. So much so that an "ad" has appeared on the bulletin board soliciting the services of two cooks -- of the feminine variety. The reason must be apparent! What need has a sardine can of a pressure cooker? It may be, too, that contributions of home cooking were not forthcoming in quantity sufficient to maintain body and soul.

So another experiment fails -- and woman emerges triumphant over mechanical devices. -- But definitely!!

N.S.

UGLY RUMORS

In case some of you did not hear them, here are a few of the weird stories regarding Greenbelt recently circulated around Washington:

You could have no visitors after dark; no radios could be played after 9.30; you had to buy everything at the local stores, and your lights went out promptly at 11 p.m. when a central switch was pulled.

The writer had 14 persons drop in on him one night at 9.20; he makes purchases in other places, he plays the radio later than 9.30; he turns the lights on at night whenever he pleases, and in spite of all this, he is a resident of Greenbelt.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

 Choir Attracts Fine Voices
 Under Leadership of
 Director

"The attainment of salvation is not a thing that comes all at once", said Canon Raymond L. Wolven of Washington Cathedral in a sermon at the Community Church here Sunday morning.

"Salvation is the result of long and often arduous effort", Canon Wolven said. "We come to understand that salvation is something we build up day by day through the years".

He said that life is continually filled with surprises for us all when we see great obstacles swept away.

"Who does not see God", said Dr. Wolven, "in the service of his fellowmen, or find God in the ministry of helpfulness is not traveling the road of Mercy and Divine Love".

Dr. Worth M. Tippet, of the Federation of Churches, presided at the service, and briefly appealed for continued support in the Washington, D.C. - Prince Georges County campaign of the Community Chest.

Twenty men and women have enlisted in the choir service under the leadership of Mrs. O. M. Johnson. Piano music is supplied both at the services and choir practice by Mrs. Carr.

Sunday School precedes the usual 11 o'clock services Sunday.

EDUCATORS VISIT GREENBELT

 Mr. M. N. Chatterjee, professor of social science at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, visited a number of Greenbelt points of interest, before returning to Baltimore, Md., with his friend, Edwin Zavitz, headmaster of the Baltimore Friends School.

The two visitors Sunday were shown about the community by Robert E. Jacobsen, assistant manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. They carried letters of introduction from Dr. Herbert Evans, director of education and personnel, of the Consumer Distribution Corporation, New York.

Both visitors met Community Manager Braden briefly before completing their tour of inspection.

DONOHUE BOY IMPROVED
 FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

Five-year-old William Donohue whose daring exploits on a tricycle ended with an accident Thursday is reported out of danger now at Sibley Hospital, his parents said Sunday.

Giving two versions of the accident, the child first reported that he crashed into another tricycle rider coming from the opposite side at a nearby underpass, and later he said he bumped into a child "who could not, or would not, get out of the way".

Billy was taken to Washington twice. First he was given a careful check-up and released, apparently none the worse for his experience. But the second time he was rushed to the hospital, he complained of pains in his stomach.

Hospital attendants found it necessary to perform an operation immediately and completely check over every foot of his intestinal tract. Here several bruises were noted and treated. His parents look for his return home at an early date. The boy underwent the operation early Friday morning.

ARCHITECT DESCRIBES GREENBELT HOMES AS CONTEMPORARY
AND FUNCTIONAL WHERE "MODERNISTIC" IS NOT THE WORD

By O. Klein Fulmer
Assistant Community Manager.

It would be a mistake to describe the architecture of Greenbelt as this or that "style" because there was no conscious effort to follow any set precedent in the design of the buildings. The architecture of Greenbelt as you see it today is the result of working out a solution to certain known problems to the best of the architect's ability.

In the beginning the planners were confronted with the necessity for selecting a site far enough from town to be clear of previous attempts at speculative subdividing which not only greatly increased the price of the land, but made it practically impossible to have a free hand in planning the town due to existing pattern of street or utility layout.

Once the land was found there was the problem of planning the traffic circulation, water and sewer layouts, etc., with the prevailing motive of economy and use rather than "land speculation". Other problems were to design park space as an integral part of the community; to arrive at a plot plan sufficiently flexible to avoid destroying numerous large trees; and to design dwelling units of sufficiently simple construction to allow the use of relief labor.

The dwelling units had to be designed so as to require a minimum of maintenance in order to keep rents low, but had to be sufficiently spacious and attractive to insure complete occupancy.

The houses had to be designed for rent instead of sale; they had to be designed for economical construction and they had to be sufficiently flexible to allow for various family compositions and for family growth and expansion.

There could not be too much variety in the unit plans or the economies resulting from duplication would be lost. In other words the architects were confronted with the necessity for balancing the economic, social, and physical factors with the living amenities required, and at the same time to incorporate the practical elements of efficiency, economy, durability and comfort.

The "style" of architecture resulting from the solution of these problems might be termed "functional" if you must put a name to it. "Contemporary" is also another name which could be used truthfully as a description of the style, but any other name, such as English, Modernistic, Continental, etc., implies a false stylizing of surface treatment that is entirely erroneous.

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16 oz. 23¢

32 oz. 39¢