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MR. KINCHELOE CALLED TO SERVE AS GREENBELT'S FIRST PASTOR

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

With an attendance of more than 120, the Greenbelt Community Church Group last Sunday endorsed the recommendation of the Church Organizing Committee by inviting Rev. Mr. Robert Kincheloe, of Colgate-Rochester Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., to serve as minister.

Dr. Linden S. Dodson, in Presenting the report of the Committee, pointed out that five candidates had been called to Greenbelt, and that the Committee had carefully considered each candidate. During successive week-ends each minister was entertained at a church social and each occupied the pulpit on one of five consecutive Sundays.

Favorite candidates were John Harrington of New York, Gordon Bennett of Chicago and Robert Kincheloe. At a committee meeting last Thursday, Mr. Kincheloe received the highest number of votes.

Mr. Kincheloe has been invited to begin his pastoral duties in Greenbelt by occupying the pulpit on the first two Sundays in June. It is understood that Mr. Kincheloe is to be married on June 23, and two weeks' leave has been granted him for this reason. He will then return to his work here on July 3.

Mr. Kincheloe, who is thirty years old, is a resident of Clarksburg, W. Va. He studied as an undergraduate at Duke University, North Carolina, and he is now a post-graduate student at Colgate-Rochester Seminary.

The Committee reported that an agreement had been reached that the minister's salary be \$1500 for the first year, with increases from time to time depending upon the financial position of the Church.

A motion that the Church Organizing Committee be given a vote of thanks for its services was unanimously passed.

The Citizens Association will elect officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting, Monday, May 2. The candidates are as follows: for President, Linden Dodson and Frank Lastner; for Corresponding Secretary, Lydalu Palmer and Lillian Schwartz; for Treasurer, B. Gibbons, Vernon Hitchcock, A. Gothrop, and William B. Poole.

Yale E. Huffman and Bertha Bonham were elected by acclamation Vice-President and Recording Secretary respectively at the last meeting of the Association.

Included upon the agenda of the meeting will be the report of the Legislative Committee of the Prince Georges Federation of Citizens Associations. This report deals with proposed legislation to be placed before the Maryland legislature by the Federation. It is not "just another report" but a well integrated program of civic improvement backed by a dynamic group of citizens.

The Federation President, Judge Alfred D. Bailey, honored Greenbelt by appointing Stanley B. Rider a member of this Committee. Mr. Rider has already become engrossed in the work. His legal training and experience should make his contribution in the name of Greenbelt invaluable.

BOY SCOUTS ACQUIRE UNIFORMS

The two cents on each copy which the boy scouts of Greenbelt receive for delivering the Cooperator is mounting up. Thus far it has enabled the following scouts to purchase uniforms, which cost \$7.95 each: James Scordellis, Bill Nyhoff, Clayton Nielson. Carl Pearson's uniform is well on its way.

There are now 34 scouts in the troop. Six more need uniforms.

BAND CONCERT AT GREENBELT

There will be a concert by the Washington Gas Light Co. Employees Band in the School Auditorium, Thursday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m.

It will be free of charge to all Greenbelt residents and friends.

 DRAMA-----THEATRE

The enthusiastic response with which Greenbelt has met the announcement of the poster contest for the Greenbelt Players forthcoming production has been very encouraging. Apparently the idea of receiving these free tickets has provided a lure worth trying for, because quite a number of people have inquired for more particulars concerning the affair.

The details, given rather briefly in the last issue, follow:

1. Entries must be on stiff or semi-stiff backed paper 15"x20".
- 2 All entries must be in by May 1st.
3. Entries may be given to Mrs. Schein, 39-D Ridge Rd, Mr. Dunaway at the store, or Mrs. Murray at 33-P Ridge Rd.
4. Entries should contain the titles of all three plays, although those who wish may stress one particular play.
5. Any method of illustrating may be used,--crayon, oil, charcoal, or pen and ink.
6. The prizes; Four tickets are the reward for the adult winner. The second place winner will receive two tickets. There will also be a contest for youngsters open to anyone under eighteen, with similar prizes,--Four tickets for first place, two tickets for second.

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It is sincerely hoped that our town-folk appreciate the event pending for the 6th and 7th of May. Just think of it, opening night, a brand new theatre in a brand new town and a production by a brand new company! The only hitch is the fact that most of the players are also brand new.

It should be a grand affair though, and anything found lacking by way of talent will no doubt be made up by the zeal of the participants.

J.P.M.

 THREE'S A REPORTER WAITING FOR YOUR NEWS
 TIP. SEE SPECIAL REPORTER, PAGE 8

GREENBELT GOES TO THE BALLET
 SATURDAY NIGHT

Through the large attendance at the dances sponsored by the Citizens' Association, Greenbelt has shown its interest in dancing. Recently Greenbelt women have become athletic-conscious and have acquired their "night of privilege" in the gymnasium.

We have heard music wafting from practically every Greenbelt home, ranging from symphony to tin-pan alley. Greenbelt is rhythm conscious.

Now the Greenbelt Citizens' Association combines these elements in one grand performance.

The Washington National Ballet Company brings a program of ballet dancing to Greenbelt in the School Auditorium, next Saturday night at 8:15 under the sponsorship of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association.

Tickets will be available Saturday night at the door -- price 25¢.

To those who claim disinterest because of lack of knowledge of ballet dancing, the program will be explained step by step by Miss Lisa Gardiner, nationally known exponent of the art. Miss Gardiner will also answer questions in an open discussion at the close of the program.

 GREENBELT PICNIC -----MAY 8

The Washington cooperative enterprises are planning a picnic in Greenbelt, Sunday, May 8. Greenbelt citizens will picnic with them and participate in the day's program, which will begin 4:30 P.M.

There will be community singing in the woods around Harry Fleisher's organ (if it doesn't rain), under the direction of Fred Walde.

The Washington group will make a tour of inspection of the community giving special attention to the stores and the Health Center.

The speaker of the day will be Rev. J. Henry Carpenter of Brooklyn, New York who will present motion pictures of the famous cooperative enterprises in Nova Scotia.

Miss Ollie Hoffman and Dr. Linden Dodson are in charge of the local arrangements.

The Greenbelt Health Association held its first quarterly meeting Thursday, April 21. The principal business was the election of seven directors to replace the temporary Board of Directors chosen in February when the organization was set up.

The out-going group, known as the Organizing Board of Directors, had the enormous task of making plans for the association, adopting by-laws, arranging for a health center, selecting a doctor, and beginning operation as soon as possible. After much diligent work on the part of Mr. Hesse and his group, the Health Center was opened on April 1 with Dr. James S. Dryden in charge.

The seven members elected at the meeting Thursday were: Harry E. Hesse, Arthur A. Dickerman, James Dunaway, Mrs. J. V. Letkemann, Guy R. Moore, Arthur Plackett, and Mrs. Theodora Wilson. Three of these--Hesse, Dickerman, and Mrs. Letkemann--served on the previous board.

The new directors, who will serve until January, 1939, a period of approximately nine months, held their first board meeting Friday, April 22, to elect officers and formulate plans.

Harry E. Hesse will serve again as president, Mrs. J. V. Letkemann was chosen as vice-president, Mrs. Theodora Wilson became secretary, Guy R. Moore was selected as Treasurer, and James Dunaway was given the promotional director's assignment.

The directors plan to begin an intensive drive for new members.

The Health Association wishes to emphasize to the present residents, and to those that are to come, that "families living in Greenbelt on April 1 must join before May 4" in order "to obtain benefits of membership immediately upon enrollment."

If they join after May 4, there will be a waiting period of 30 days from the date of application before benefits can be received. However, in the case of accidents "persons whose application are on file and the 30-day waiting period has not expired may receive the benefits of membership upon payment of the dues for that month."

(see "Health", Page 4)

Well nigh the entire citizenry of Greenbelt turned out last Wednesday night, April 20th, for a preview of the drug store barber shop and movie theatre. Because the services were not to open for business until the following day, the crowds came to look, inspect and admire--and eat free ice-cream at drug store.

Brilliantly lighted for the occasion, the shopping center took on the aspect of a miniature Times Square--Neon signs were in evidence here for the first time. Sidewalks and stores were crowded with Greenbeltians who beamed with pride as they congratulated each other.

The Greenbelt drug store, modern in every detail, compares favorably with any to be found in the largest cities and in many respects, far surpasses them--open prescription counter, completely exposed soda-fountain, weekly inspection of store by a doctor, special refrigerator for drugs, etc.

The Greenbelt barber shop is the last word in modernity. Nothing that could safeguard the health of its patrons has been overlooked. A freshly sterilized comb and brush are used for each patron. A soap-sud producing gadget replaces the old time unhygienic shaving brush and mug.

Mr. Herbert E. Evans, Vice-Pres. Consumers Distribution, moved about from one store to another, flashing photographs and pointing out various features to admiring groups. Present also was Mr. Flint Garrison, Ex. Vice-Pres. of Consumers Distribution Corporation.

COOPS BULWARK OF DEMOCRACY - Dr. Taylor

Democracy in theory and practice was the subject of the talk given by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, of the Dep't. of Agriculture, guest speaker at the Greenbelt Civic Forum, Wednesday April 20. Dr. Taylor began with Webster's definition of democracy as government directed by the people collectively; and pointed out that certain conditions such as free assembly, free speech and free press are absolutely essential to a democracy. Lack of economic democracy is a constant threat to political democracy, the doctor stated and added that the cooperative movement acts as a bulwark for our democratic form of government.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

CREDIT UNIONS TO HONOR FILENE

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the following positions:

Special agent, research in commercial education, \$4,600 a year, and special agent for distributive education, \$4,600 a year, Office of Education, Department of the Interior.

Assistant, associate, and senior naval architects, \$2,600 a year to \$4,600 a year. For the assistant and associate grades optional branches are: General; hull structures and arrangements; scientific ship calculations; ship piping and ventilation; small boats.

Inspector of miscellaneous supplies (wooden products) \$2,000 a year, and inspector of miscellaneous supplies (medals) \$2,000 a year, Quartermaster Corps, War Department.

Alphabetic card-punch operator, \$1,260 a year.

Junior auditor, Income Tax (Internal revenue agent), \$2,600 a year, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department. This examination is open only to persons with the specified experience prescribed in the announcement, in the following branches: Flour milling; insurance; lumber milling and manufacturing; meat packing; petroleum production and refining; public utilities; textile manufacturing; tobacco processing and manufacturing.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

POST CARDS AND STAMPS

The staff of the Greenbelt Drug Store have kindly consented to sell stamps and post cards at times when the post office is closed. This is done to accommodate the public, evenings, Sundays and Holidays.

AIR MAIL WEEK IS COMING SOON-MAY 15-21

Edward A. Filene, prince of merchants, philanthropist, patron of cooperatives, and father of the Credit Union movement in America is to receive a unique memorial---The Credit Union National Association will erect a headquarters building in Madison, Wis., dedicated to his memory.

This was announced at the annual meeting of the Central Cooperative Wholesale held at Superior, Wis. April 12, by John Suomenen, a director of the Credit Union National Association.

It was decided at the meeting that Madison should be the permanent national headquarters of the credit union movement, which with its 6500 separate unions is today the fastest growing phase of the cooperative movement.

GRASS FIRE THREATENS WOODS

A roaming grass fire threatened a large section of the woodland north of Greenbelt last week.

Gardeners Taylor, Cooke, Poston and Porter rushed from their farming to fight the flames. After ten minutes of exhaustive and hot labor they despaired of success and sent an unknown youth on his bike for official help.

The fire was under control before the firemen arrived.

HEALTH (Continued from page 3)

The new families who have moved in during April will be given the same consideration as those who will move in after May 4. These new families will be given a period of 30 days after arrival to file their application for membership entitling them to immediate benefits. After that time they too must wait 30 days after application before receiving benefits.

To those who feel that they can't afford to join now, but who expect to join later it is suggested by the Health Association that they file applications now so that when they are ready to begin payment of dues they need not wait 30 days before receiving benefits.

It is not necessary to pay the entire enrollment fee at once. As little as \$1.00 a month will be accepted.

AUTO INSURANCE COOPERATIVE NOW FIFTH
LARGEST IN U.S.

BARBER SHOP NEWS

According to a dispatch from the Cooperator League News Service, the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, America's largest auto insurance cooperative, jumped from seventh to fifth place among the mutual automobile insurance companies of the nation at the close of 1937. The rating is based on premiums written. Premium income for 1937 was \$4,353,929, an increase of more than a million dollars over 1936.

The auto insurance co-op was organized in 1929 with \$10,000 capital. At the close of 1937 it had assets of \$5,776,000, and had provided capital for the organization of the Farm Bureau Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the purchase of the Cooperative Life Insurance Company of America. Starting with insurance for farmers, the co-op is now handling auto insurance for farm and city consumers in Ohio and nine other states.

LOCAL BOY SETS NEW RECORD

Amazes Experts

Somewhere in Greenbelt there is an unnamed hero. This person, like the great, prefers to remain anonymous. He first attracted the attention of experts when he finished his third soda at one sitting at the fountain of our new Drug Store, which last week offered sodas at an introductory price of 5¢. However he did not stop there. He ordered another, and another and another. He did not stop until he had downed seven sodas--each a different flavor. Even then the heart of the champion did not quiver. He ordered an eighth. At this point the management, in the interest of public welfare, ejected the youngster.

Our drug store's generosity had another grievous consequence. But one short week ago some of the more serious minded of the male youth of Greenbelt formed a club, a fraternal organization. Officers were elected, by-laws adopted. Every member paid his dues - 5¢ for the first month.

But alas, the treasury, once so plump and flush in the spring of its growth, is already drained to extinction.

The members voted to use the funds to purchase 5¢ sodas.

Greenbelt's own barber, 'Mike' Juliano got off with a flying start last Friday morning. Although the Official Opening hour had been set for 10:00 A.M. at least half an hour before that time Morris Coff and Pete Carroll were on deck, closely followed by little Mary Ann Kramer and Mrs. Sylvia Fleissig. Mr Evans appeared with several new magazines for the entertainment of the patient waiters who were shortly augmented by the appearance of Postmaster Bryant.

The zero hour arrived and Mr. Juliano, who has cut the hair of Presidents, Senators, Business Mofuls and small fry had the unprecedented honor of cutting the hair of Greenbelt's first customers. For historic purposes the firsts are here recorded:

First Man - Peter J. Carroll

First Child - Mary Ann Kramer

First Woman - Mrs. Sylvia Fleissig

First to be Shaved - John H. Walker

For Friday and Saturday, the first two days of operation of the shop, Mr. Juliano averaged a little better than forty haircuts.

All agreed that a hair cut in our modern shop by its agreeable attendant was to be looked forward to as a pleasant social function.

NEARBY DAIRY HEADS INDICTED

The Holbrook Farms Dairy of Brentwood, Md. was charged in six indictments returned by the grand jury in Upper Marlboro, April 20, as a violator of the Dairy Inspection Law of Maryland.

The specific charges are failure to give correct weights and payments for milk purchased by the Holbrook dairy from nearby farmers.

Named in the indictments were James Oliver Holbrook, Elizabeth Holbrook, and Hannah Holbrook, joint owners of the Holbrook Farms Dairy.

Mr. Holbrook will be remembered here for the fine psalms he played on his organ at his dairy, and for the tiny Bibles he distributed when he acted as host to groups of Greenbeltians whom he had invited to inspect his model dairy.

GOVERNMENT CENSUS OF COOPERATIVES
COMPLETED

The major section of the first census of the consumers cooperative movement in the United States has just been completed by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, according to an announcement by The Cooperative League of the U.S.A. The census of cooperatives has been more than year in preparation and is the only government survey measuring the growth of consumer cooperatives in this country.

The section of the survey, a complete report of which will appear in the May issue of the Monthly Labor Review, covers the cooperative purchase of consumers goods and shows 3,600 cooperative associations in this field in 1936 with 677,000 individual members doing an annual business of \$182,685,000.

Previous sections of the report, covering other types of consumers cooperatives, showed 3,728 cooperative telephone associations with 330,000 individual members; 259 electric supply cooperatives serving 161,000 farm homes; 42 cooperative burial associations serving 27,000 members; and 35 cooperative housing associations with 2,200 family members.

Of the consumers cooperative associations serving farm families, the current report covers only those which deal in consumers goods (groceries, general merchandise, gas and oil, etc). These represent 1,173 cooperative associations with 303,899 members doing an annual business of \$111,998,641. A previous study by the Farm Credit Administration covering cooperative purchase of all types of goods by farm cooperatives showed an additional 1,000 cooperatives with 646,000 members, making a total of farmers' purchasing cooperatives handling consumers goods and farm supplies of 2,112 associations with an estimated membership of 950,000 which did a business of \$254,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1936.

Consumers cooperative credit and cooperative insurance associations are not included in the survey. Statistics are not yet available for cooperative insurance companies. The

Credit Union National Association reports that there are 7,000 credit unions in the United States having a total membership of 1,500,000. These credit co-ops are reported to have assets of \$60,000,000 and to have made loans of more than \$100,000,000 in 1937.

Describing the growth of consumer cooperatives as "a record of slow, quiet expansion" the report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics declares that while most consumer cooperatives have been formed in rural areas "organized labor is taking a new interest in the possibilities of cooperation and in the formation of cooperative enterprises. Church groups are also manifesting a lively and growing interest in cooperation."

On the basis of answers to general questionnaires mailed to cooperative associations plus field work in 13 states the Bureau compiled its report showing 2,400 cooperative store associations with 33,500 members and a business of \$107,250,000; 1,150 cooperative petroleum associations (found almost wholly in the Mississippi valley) with 325,000 members and a business of \$69,985,000; and 50 other distributive associations with 22,250 members and business of \$5,450,000.

The typical American cooperative, according to the report, has a membership of from 100 to 250 members. States with the largest number of cooperatives reported in the survey are Minnesota, with 224 associations having 64,000 individual members; Wisconsin, with 200 cooperatives having 51,000 members; Kansas, with 151 cooperatives reporting 21,000 members; Illinois, with 149 co-ops having 66,000 members; and Nebraska reporting 123 cooperatives with 25,600 members. Although Indiana has fewer cooperative associations than Nebraska and Kansas it reported 33,000 cooperative members.

The greatest amount of cooperative business is still concentrated in the North Central States where more than 70 percent of the total purchases of consumers goods was concentrated in 1936.

While the report of the Bureau

of Labor Statistics is not complete, it represents the most thorough-going study attempted to date. Previous studies made by the Bureau covered cooperative development in 1920, 1929 and 1933. It was not possible to make as complete a survey in any of these years but the number of consumer co-ops reporting at that time was:

YEAR	ASSOCIATIONS	MEMBERS
1920	696	196,352
1929	1,577	287,641
1933	1,854	328,278
1936	3,600	677,750

The earlier surveys, like the section of the report just released, did not include consumers cooperative purchasing general farm supplies, cooperative telephone associations, nor credit unions, but did include cooperative housing and burial associations.

FARM RELIEF

or

WHEW! BUT IT IS HOT

The breeze was soothingly gentle and the sun beckoned through the widely open windows. So he took his shiny rake and his brand new hoe and a'farming he did go. His overalls were spotless and his stride jaunty and with a cheery wave to his very much impressed wife he set off.

There was mild disappointment in his manner as he surveyed the meagre plot allotted him,--he felt that a square mile of land would be more in keeping with his ambition. This was the fulfillment of a desire that had been his for years, this was what he had dreamed of every spring in his life--and now he had a mere fifty square feet. Ah well, he could grow prize winning crops in a window box if necessary. Hadn't he read three books on the subject?

Fiercely he attacked the soil, and there was a certain thrill of pride in the way it turned over rich and brown at his touch. These sad stories about the poor farmers were just nonsense. The soil was there and all you had to do was plant and harvest. It was quite obvious that those fellows who were always yelling for farm relief were just plain lazy. There was really nothing

HEDGING IN GREENBELT

Actual instances of "hedging" are becoming apparent in Greenbelt. In case our contemporary reporters of the big city blues (or news) should get the wrong idea, I am referring to the planted variety of hedge.

Landscaping is progressing rapidly in our fair town and the hedges are but one of many developments occurring recently. Housewives and husbands are aiding in the general beautification by planting flower plots, etc. around the houses. Even the newer houses with nary a sprig of green, are now being surrounded with plowed and harrowed ground, which shows promise of green grass in the near future.

F.B.

DON'T FORGET THEATRE POSTER CONTEST

LOST: Billy Bochert lost his scooter. It is red and white, with front fender missing. Please return to 6 S Hillside.

to it--though the sun was a little warm at that and his back did seem to be a bit stiff and he did wish he had worn gloves. He wiped his forehead on his shirtsleeve and resumed his labor.

He'd show them a thing or two--perhaps he would try a little grafting and crossing of different varieties--perhaps a cross between a Mexican jumping bean and a potatoe that would hop right out of the ground into your hand when it had been ripened. Why there was no limit to what he might attain.

Grimly he looked at the remaining 30 sq. ft. of ground as yet unworked. He gazed ruefully at his blistered hands and felt tenderly of his aching back. Perhaps he had better give his ideas of transplanting to one of his neighbors. In fact he had better hurry and give it right now while he still had time.

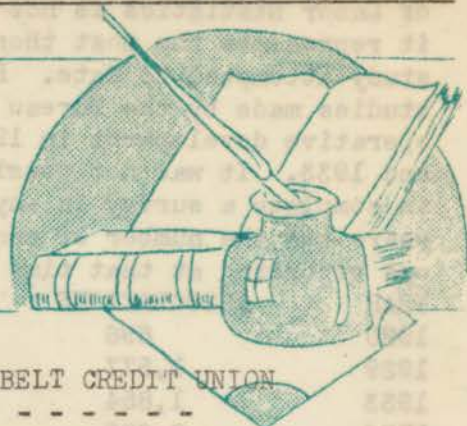
The sun was fiercely hot and there was no breeze at all so he took his slightly soiled rake and his very heavy hoe and a'farming he did go. His stride was weary and his overalls stained as with a hanging head he greeted his sympathizing wife. Maybe those farmers yelling for relief did know what they were talking about.

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The Cooperator will welcome to its staff of reporters any citizen who, interested in some activity, would like to cover that activity for us. Each reporter is expected to make a weekly tour of his beat to submit a brief weekly report covering incidental activities, and to write up in detail important events in his field. Townfolk are urged to communicate news tips to reporters.

GREENBELT CREDIT UNION

Unappalled by the prospect of having soon to direct a cooperative grocery, a cooperative drug store, cooperative barber shop and beauty parlor, cooperative variety store, Greenbelt citizens have gone out of their way to create of their own volition another cooperative enterprise - their Credit Union. And a husky and active young cooperative it is!

The Greenbelt Credit Union was established on December 22, 1937. There were 27 charter members, of whom George Hodsdon was the first.

Its capital now totals about \$3,000.00 and it has made 47 loans.

The officers of the Credit Union, whose active support has been responsible for its rapid growth, are Messrs. Halls, Wilde Allerd, Thornhill, Hodsdon, Ferguson, Lightner, deJager, Danke, Donahue and Steinle, and Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Murray.

The Credit Union has appealed to many citizens as a conservative and useful investment, and to many as an economical method of borrowing.

As an investment the G.C.U. has several important and some unique attributes. Those who buy shares in the Credit Union can know that the books of the Union are audited periodically by the Farm Credit Administration; that loans are made only to members (all residents or employees at Greenbelt, assuring financial responsibility); that the G.C.U. is democratically controlled, and as shareholders they may put in their two cents verbally as well as financially; that the treasurer is bonded for \$1,000. for faithful performance of his duties; and that the funds which they provide are used for good purpose.

The entrance fee is 25¢, and the price per share is five dollars. Each member must subscribe for at least one share, for which time payments may be arranged.

made.

As a method of borrowing, the Credit Union is outstandingly economical. The interest rate is one per cent. simple interest per month, or 12% per annum, charged on the unpaid balance, which is the rate charged by most credit unions in this country.

It is illuminating to compare this rate with that usually charged on installment purchases - usually over 20% per annum, and often, even in highly advertised "easy payment plans" as high as 40% or 50% per annum. In such plans, a stated rate of 6% is generally charged on the full balance so long as any part of the balance is outstanding, automatically doubling the rate. Other factors, such as special reductions for cash, and stating the rate for periods shorter than a year, materially increase the effective rate of interest charged.

Thus a stated rate of 6% usually means an effective rate of at least 15% per annum, while an unstated rate knows no bounds.

For a little harmless amusement, we suggest asking the next installment plan salesman what effective (or true) rate of interest his company charges. We wager that regardless of the company he represents he'll reply that he doesn't know -- and that he'll do his best not to find out.

So to our installment plan purchasers, and to our conservative investors, we suggest Greenbelt's first home-grown cooperative -- our Credit Union.

W.R.V.

Letter to the Editor:

I do not wish to be known as an "old fogey" or "sourpuss" but I feel I must ask for advice or a solution to a trying situation.

We who live in apartments do not have the pleasure of individual lawns, but as a group we want to keep our property as beautiful as any other part of Greenbelt. It is bad enough to have trucks, bicycles and door to door "canvassers" destroy our lawns--resulting in deep gutters along the driveway and barren yards where grass should be growing--but when "sight-seers" come to view the display apartment and deliberately park full length

(See Lawns Page 25)

To the Editor:

As former Chairman of the now defunct Citizen's Advisory Committee on Cooperatives I welcome Mr. Kinsley to Greenbelt. His letter in last week's Cooperator calling our attention to the importance of the Cooperative Movement was most helpful.

For five months the appointed Advisory Committee functioned with little interest and almost no criticism from the Citizens of Greenbelt. Finally to arouse interest and to bring the attention of Greenbelters to the important work it was undertaking, the members of that Committee voluntarily surrendered their honors and recommended that their successors be selected in the democratic way. By buttonholing those who would listen, by distributing copies of its resolution and the by-laws proposed by the Nominees with letters urging all residents to participate in the election, by giving full reports of its activities and in every other way it could think of the Advisory Committee urged Greenbelters to give serious thought to the selection of the Cooperative Organizing Committee and the task of establishing a Cooperative.

The Advisory Committee did not realize its successors would have responsibility to "125 Million people and their descendants" and "the entire taxpaying population" but it did realize that it would have a very serious responsibility to the people of Greenbelt. Therefore its recommendations provided for the election of a majority of the New Committee next October by which time it hoped Greenbelt would be fully occupied for a sufficient time to enable us all to recognize those who would give competent unselfish service.

As to the qualifications of the members of the new Committee I am sure the candidates would have made them known if the suggestion has been made in time. The suggestion that future Nominees should state their experience and abilities is possibly a good one that should be considered before future elections.

Peter Carroll

WHAT IS A CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION?

A SYMPOSIUM

The Cooperator has for some time been aware of the need in Greenbelt for a more clear-cut idea of the function of the Citizens Association. There seemed to be a prevailing misunderstanding of its aim, and a lack of appreciation of its potential ability to fill an important place in the community.

Recently the following letter to the Editor of the Cooperator voiced precisely this general uncertainty about the Association.

To The Editor:

What is a Citizens' Association? What is its function? Who should belong? Is it a political machine? How are its funds raised and spent? What is the relationship of its six committees (Legislative, Recreational, Educational, Social Welfare, Town Management, and Membership,) to the people of the community who are interested in milk ordinances, athletics, weaving, contamination of the lake, care of yards, and the assimilation of new tenants?

Dorothy W. Rider

Feeling unqualified to answer this question authoritatively, the Cooperator invited the leaders of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association to participate in a symposium on the question. "What is a Citizens' Association". At the last minute retiring President Stanley B. Rider and Vice President Yale B. Huffman found other duties too pressing to enable them to contribute.

Statements of the current Presidential Candidates follow:

THE PLACE OF THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION IN THE COMMUNITY LIFE OF GREENBELT

by Linden S. Dodson

The first and possibly the greatest single function of the Citizens Association is to serve as the voice of the people of Greenbelt. Citizens Association meetings are for all intents and purposes, Greenbelt's town meetings. Here it is that issues of common concern are discussed and debated, individual opinions expressed and group decisions reached. This function of the common voice is especially significant in our community since many hold their legal residence elsewhere and will thus be unable to vote in the town elections of Greenbelt after the next one.

A second useful function of the Citizens Association is to aid in keeping our people informed on issues of vital concern to all. A function of equal importance is to hold before the community a vision of its distinctive opportunities and unusual possibilities, for without vision the people flounder in mediocrity.

It matters little who the officers of the Greenbelt Citizens Association are so long as a well rounded program is executed which serves the fundamental needs of the people of the community. It is not enough that the meetings of the Association provide an opportunity for

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WHAT IS A CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION?

by Frank J. Lastner

This caption can be answered in one way, by defining or analysing the two words citizens' and association.

Citizens as the first word defined is found to be: "An inhabitant of a city or town, one enjoying its freedom and privileges as freeman or burgess."

Association, the second word is defined as follows: "A state of being associated; confederation; fellowship; a union of persons in a society for some common purpose."

The combination of these two definitions give us the answer. A member of a city or town, united in a society for some common purpose. The purposes of these associations are, to study the needs and promote the interests of the residents by collective action in advocating the community betterment. They serve their purpose by promoting "Civic Spirit." The mere fact of discussing together any problem of the community, does help to make people think as citizens and will create the civic pride, which is vital in the work for improvements.

The citizens' association are important factors in the life of a city or community; therefore each resident should become a member and accept their

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expression of the will of the citizens but this will, once expressed, must find realization in an effectively executed program of activities.

Linden S. Dodson

A WORTHWHILE VACATION

The children of Greenbelt rejoiced when the date of the Easter Vacation was announced. Six days, April 14th to April 20th, with no school work. Mothers did not feel so happy. Teams of horses plowing lawns, buildings covered with heavy scaffolding, presented many unpleasant pictures to the busy mother, when she thought of her child with six or seven extra hours' time each day.

What a happy surprise was in store for these mothers! Thanks to our school teachers, who planned with the children, mothers too shared the vacation. Mary and John budgeted their time allowing time for home duties, reading, recreation, and rest. Children asked to care for their bedrooms and go on errands. They worked rapidly and well in order to spend time in the library.

The school library was open for the use of the primary grades every morning. Two mothers were in charge. In the afternoons with the assistance of two mothers, the children of the upper grades enjoyed the books.

We, parents of Greenbelt, are grateful to the teachers for the novel idea of budgeting vacation time, and to Mr. Pettit, Scout Master, and his assistants, for providing outdoor activities. A really happy vacation was enjoyed by all.

M.M.D.

To the Editor:

I have heard considerable comment lately concerning the need for a Juvenile Officer in Greenbelt. Boys will be boys, and girls will be girls, but according to some of our responsible citizens, disregard for others on the part of youngsters has at times reached rather serious proportions here.

Personally, I do not care for the terms or activities of what are frequently referred to as Juvenile Courts or Juvenile Officers. We will have to be thinking, however, of measures which

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SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

of the community. We may be asked what developments can a citizens' association secure; in answer we could state, better Fire Dept., Police protection, street paving, lighting, traffic regulations, education, health and recreation.

The citizens' associations are non-partisan, and non-sectarian. They usually meet once a month, their dues are nominal and their invitation to membership should be universal. With the advantage of democratic appeal they should work for the civic welfare of their community with untiring effort.

Fortunately as residents of Greenbelt we have better facilities for civic welfare than most communities. But as time passes and the town grows we will find it necessary to increase these facilities to accommodate the populace.

In closing this symposium let's remember. Rome was made great and wonderful through the devotion of Romans to Rome's welfare. Let Greenbelt be made greater and more wonderful through devotion of Greenbeltians to Greenbelt's Welfare.

Frank J. Lastner

might be taken to have available some appointed officer, trained in Juvenile Delinquency and psychiatry to aid in care and control of problem children.

The playgrounds will solve this problem to a certain degree, but even then occasions will arise that will make it necessary to investigate home conditions, confer with parents, and perhaps take corrective action in the interest of the community. Perhaps some system could be worked out in connection with the recreational staff, which I understand is to be trained along these lines.

One case brought to my attention occurred early in the history of Greenbelt. Some boys loosened the brake of a baby carriage which was parked on a slanting sidewalk. The buggy careened down the hill and overturned, throwing the baby to the ground. Fortunately the child was not injured.

Hooliganism is a serious matter, and must be dealt with effectively.

Frank Burr

CUSTER'S LAST STAND

LET'S TALK IT OVER

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By Henry Little

I hope that Professor C. W. England in his answer to my "Stand" on milk, was not being scientifically precise when he used the word "disgust" to describe his reaction to my statements. Disgust is a strong term, suggesting an upset stomach, and would indicate that the professor was carried away by his feelings, and must therefore have met the problem with a prejudiced, very unscientific attitude. However he probably used the term loosely, as many of us do.

He certainly has given an excellent, very comprehensive statement of the present generally-held thought on milk I acknowledged in the beginning that milk was held in high repute among authorities.

I do not propose to carry on the discussion. I claim no monopoly on wisdom. The figures and conclusions Professor England has placed before us are the generally accepted ones (although by no means all authorities agree with them and there is a definite tendency to discount the present fad-like and cult-like enthusiasm over milk). I have merely presented a minority report on the subject which I believe the consumer should know about. I will let the authorities carry on the discussion, and report important developments as I hear of them.

I do propose here to point out that Professor England agreed with me on the one point that decided me to take up the matter in the first place, namely, that milk is harmful to some people. It is true that he, although agreeing with me on this point, says that few people are so harmed; while on the other hand the consumer advisory service to which I subscribe reports a Mayo clinic dietician as saying that milk is poisonous to one person in fifteen.

Whatever the exact number may be, it is news to many mothers and fathers. Few know much of anything about allergies; and fewer yet suspect milk. They will excuse their children and themselves from eating cabbage and onions, because it is common knowledge that these are often harmful to individuals, but the idea that milk may be harmful seems to them preposterous. The powerful producer and distributor groups have

The train was to leave for Stockholm at 6 P.M. and was scheduled to arrive at 8:30 the following morning. Aware that we would probably be hungry during the long trip across Sweden, we stepped into a fruit store for some apples. As usual when we were about to make a purchase we were both very nervous; for when buying involves two languages it may be quite an undertaking--even when only half a dozen apples are the object.

We discovered that the simplest procedure was to learn how to pronounce the numbers, then to wolk with a show of confidence into the store and hurriedly spot whatever we wanted; then pointing directly at, say, the apples, to repeat over and over with every possible variation of accent the number desired, while keeping an eye on the clerk as he undertook to understand what was wanted.

In Sweden it is easier for the English speaking visitor to buy than in some other countries because even the store clerks often have some knowledge of our language; but since one can never be sure, it is wise to attempt the purchase in the manner described.

This purchase, however, involved
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not spent their research and education money to inform them. Neither have the dieticians, to any effective extent.

Therefore little Johnie may be forced, in spite of any number of warning symptoms, to take this Miraculous Elixir which may be for him so much insidious trouble.

Therefore even if Professor England's figures and conclusions are valid, we still must decide individually whether milk is good for us. If it agrees with us, if we like it, then and only then are we justified in drinking it, for it is possible, and not difficult, to adopt a milk-free diet that provides all the essentials of a healthy life.

I hope that statement doesn't disgust Professor England, and I'll be glad to have him check up on it. After all, I assume we both want to get at the truth of the matter.

Howard C. Custer

LET'S TALK IT OVER (Continued)

something interesting apart from the plight of a hungry foreigner attempting to overcome a language barrier. When the clerk was satisfied that we wanted half a dozen apples, she carefully selected six of the best looking specimens from the pile.

Now there are perhaps two reasons why she picked out the very best fruit. First, we were obviously foreigners, and she may have been anxious to give us a favorable impression of her country and its people; secondly, we were trading in the fruit department of a large Cooperative Society. The first reason rather falls down when we recall several purchases made in Paris, where we were severely cheated perhaps simply because we were foreigners and not "wise to" the subtle substitutions of the French merchant.

What should be carefully noted is that the Swedish clerk in the cooperative store had absolutely no incentive to cheat either foreigners or her own countrymen. She was paid a reasonable wage by the members of the Society, a wage which neither she nor her fellow workers could supplement through cheating a purchaser.

Had we been members of the Cooperative Society, the girl would have presented us with a sales slip registering the amount of our purchase. We would have saved this slip, and at the end of the fiscal period, upon presenting the slip the net profit of our purchase of six apples would have been returned to us. It would have been returned not as an inducement to future patronage, but simply because in the Cooperative store of which WE would then have been part owners there is no possible channel into which the net profit can disappear other than into the channel of patronage dividend through which the profit flows back into the purse of the consumer-owner.

That sales girl as well as every other clerk and worker in the store had no reason to give us anything other than exactly what we asked for. The members of this cooperative had hired her to assist them in making their purchases. Short weight, substitution of quality, or any other objectionable trade practice common in many countries offered no gain to her, but instead offered the

possibility of losing her job for carelessness.

We Americans have had a very wide and disappointing experience with cigar coupons, soap coupons, and various dividends offered to us as inducements to spend our money. The cooperative system of patronage dividend has nothing in common with any of these. It is not an inducement to spend. It is an inducement to save, for the net profit on purchases is returned.

It is not profit-sharing. The profit is not shared. It is returned in full without strings attached because it belongs to the purchases who paid that much more than the article purchased was actually worth, and that much more which he paid belongs to him and to no one else.

As a part owner of a cooperative store, the purchaser has hired a clerk at a reasonable wage to operate the store for him. If after the clerk has received his wage, if after the rent and all other overhead costs have been paid, there remains a surplus, it is his according to how much he has put into the store in his weekly purchases. It is his money. The clerk has no right to it, nor has anyone else.

So the little Swedish girl carefully selected our half dozen apples just as she was accustomed to selecting the best for her own Swedish cooperative store purchaser; because that is what the owners of the cooperative paid her to do. Her job was to supply them with good fruit, throwing out garbage--except when there is the possibility of selling it at a profit to some unwary customer.

Henry Little

HOUSEWARE GOODS NOW IN PHARMACY

The Greenbelt Pharmacy is temporarily carrying the miscellaneous houseware items that were formerly sold in the food store.

Such articles as pots and pans, towels, magazines, candies and writing pens and pencils have been transferred to the Pharmacy to make room for a larger variety of merchandise in demand at the food store.

The drug store will stock such houseware items until the variety store is established.



Mrs. Greenbelt



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GROUP SNAPPED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

It is news when a group of women meet for something besides bridge or sewing, representatives of the Associated Press told Consumer Discussion Group No.2, Tuesday afternoon, April 19, when they asked permission to take pictures of the women tasting peas.

Hoping to give the public an insight into Greenbelt civic life, Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Roller recorded, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Laakso weighed, Mrs. Walker measured, and Mrs. Dickerman and Mrs. Rider tasted the peas.

This group of women held their tenth meeting Tuesday, April 27, in the home of their chairman, Mrs. Stanley B. rider, from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00. Four Consumer Guides issued by the Department of Agriculture were reviewed by the following members: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Spector, Mrs. Gawthrop, and Mrs. Bordenet.

Their next meeting will be held to study the Food and Drug Act.

GROUP DISCUSSES COOPERATIVES

On Tuesday evening, April 19, Consumer Discussion Group No.13 met at the home of Mrs. Harris, with Mrs. S. Laakso as chairman.

The cosmetic report drawn up by Group No.2 led to lively discussion. Studies made at previous meetings were reviewed also.

Finally, discussion came around to cooperatives. The group went into the questions of (1) whether cooperatives have the right to take business away from private merchants; (2) of what would happen to private merchants if coops became universal; (3) and of whether coops tend towards monopoly.

Those present were: Mesdames Laakso, Harris, Ostler, Coffman, Graham, Ferguson Poole and Murdock.

The next meeting will be held on May 3 at 8 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Ferguson, 37-G Ridge Road.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 19, Consumer Discussion Group No.11 met at the home of Mrs. Grimm, 20-D Parkway. With Houdini-like magic Mrs. Grimm kept on pulling out chairs until she had seated comfortably all 14 members who attended the meeting.

Following up the general discussion of cosmetics and drugs of the previous week, the group went thoroughly into the defects of the Food and Drug Act of 1906 and the proposed remedies for it. Mrs. Staniec and Mrs. Conklyn enumerated and explained the chief defects. Mrs. Hlasta explained that the reasons for the defects were chiefly the changes in living and in methods of advertising since 1906. Mrs. Grimm discussed the possible reasons for the slowness of Congress in remedying the defects. In connection with this point, Mrs. Little read, amid laughter, from the American Chamber of Horrors a circular sent by the Lydia E. Pinkham Co. to its customers begging them to tell their Congressmen to vote against the new Food and Drug bill.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick reported on amendments to new bills which, if allowed to stand would tend to lessen the value to the consumer of the new legislation while amply protecting the quack patent medicine manufacturer.

The chief items in the new bills were read through and discussed briefly by the group; and Mrs. Carmack and Mrs. Shannon showed that the arguments

against the bills put forward by manufacturers were not valid; that they would not regiment industry, nor increase the medical expenses of the poor man, nor deprive him of the liberty of self-diagnosis and self-medication, but that, on the contrary, they aimed to protect the health and the pocket-book of the poor man.

MOTHERS' CLUB

The School Age Mothers' Club met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19 with 16 members and 2 visitors, teachers from Hyattsville, present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Leon Benefiel. Two piano selections were then given by Mrs. George O'Bryan.

An interesting talk on "What Intelligence Tests Reveal" was given by Mrs. Arja Morgan. She showed the actual tests of achievement, background, intelligence, and social factors which will be given in Greenbelt school this term.

Mrs. Palmer, accompanied by Mrs. Coblenzer, gave three delightful vocal numbers.

An enlightening and helpful talk on Sex Education, was made by Mrs. Johnson, who is president of Hyattsville Mothers' Club. She suggested reading the book, Being Born, by Frances Bruce Strain.

A short business session followed the program, including discussion on the following:

- (1) a "Bake Sale" to be held in the near future.
- (2) a picnic in June with husbands and children invited which will be voted on at the next meeting.
- (3) What our children are going to do for a place in which to play during the summer vacation.

SOCIAL NOTES

Mrs. Fordyce G. Lyman and her daughter Beverly Rose of 45-K Ridge Road, have just returned from Philadelphia, Penna. where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Lyman's cousin, Dr. Annette Albert.

Mrs. Frank A. Lukes, mother and Mrs. John Lukes, aunt, of Mrs. Lyman, both of Cleveland, Ohio, have come to Greenbelt to spend a week after attending the wedding in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Culliney, of 43-F Ridge Road had as their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Murray, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Murray, Jr., Mrs. John J. Munitz, Mr. John Munitz Jr. and Francis Murray.

The guests celebrated Anne Marie Culliney's second birthday. She received many beautiful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGill, 2-D Northway have had as their guests for the past two weeks Mrs. Fred Hockott and Miss Sue Mae Hockott, both from Washington. They are Mrs. McGill's mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Baughman, 17-C Ridge Road, had as their guests for Easter, Mrs. Baughman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schild, and Mr. Baughman's sister, Mrs. Ruth Dailey and her daughter, Barbara, of Akron, Ohio.

On Tuesday April 19, Mrs. Melvin Benjamin and her daughter, Amelia Mona of 21-A Ridge Road, entertained at luncheon Miss Adele Dyer, of Berwyn, and Mistress Betty Fick of Greenbelt.

Mr. Leo Donohue of Patten, Pa., has been visiting for the past week with his brother Mr. Wm. Donohue at 45-H Ridge Road.

On Wednesday, April 20, Mrs. Bertha Maryn entertained at lunch leaders of the Consumer Discussion Groups. Guests of honor were Mrs. Herbert Evans and Mrs. L. Dodson. Leaders present were Mesdames Fitch, Axelrod, Ridor, Berkalew, Little, Laakso, Livisay, and Miss O. Hoffman.

Following a delicious lunch, there was a lively committee meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Reminick of 3-J Eastway, have as their guest Miss Emma Reminick from Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Arthur Gawthrop and her son, of 29-B Ridge Road, have been visiting the former's parents in Pennsylvania. Your neighbors are glad to have you back in Greenbelt again---so is Mr. Gawthrop.

An extravaganza occurred on the night of April the twenty-first, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherrod East. The six members of Mrs. East's cast (for the Bathroom Door) improvised and ad-libbed their way through thirty minutes of a fifteen minute one-act play. The appearance of an immense carmel cake--with Philadelphia cheese frosting--quelled the O.G., the O.M., and the Y.L. and with the aid of the O.L., the P.D. and Boots, a second performance was finished in twenty minutes--and the cake shortly thereafter. Revelers present included beside the host and hostess: Mrs. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Falls, Mrs. Rider, Mrs. Schein, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Edson Hayes.

Mrs. Arthur Cline, 39-K Ridge Road, had an Easter dinner for Mr. Cline's mother from Troy, New York. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Walden and Miss Edith Cline of Washington.

CORN TASTING PARTY

Consumers' Discussion Group No. 12 met on April 21 at the home of Mrs. Miriam Provost, with Mrs. George Berkelew as leader. Those present were: Mrs. Christine L. Burke, Mrs. Jean Davenport, Mrs. Betty Brosmer, Mrs. Mattie Blake and Mrs. Selma Blue.

Eight cans of kernel corn were tested and three cans of cream corn. The group considered the corn from every stand point: color, evenness of size, age, flavor, cleanliness, price and quantity. The first choice was the Niblet vacuum packed yellow bantum corn at 14¢ per can. Second choice was the Co-op Whole Kernel Golden Bantum Corn at 15¢ per can.

As the meeting was held after the gala opening of the drug store there is a possibility that the corn may have been mixed up with the ice cream and cake flavor previously eaten. However

QUESTION BOX

It has been suggested that we establish an "exchange for ideas" for our readers. Drop queries about those points which have been bothering you into the Cooperator Box in the Food Store and we will print them. Then perhaps someone who knows the answers will take the trouble to reply either directly or through this column.

1 - Has anyone discovered a way to wash the doors of the Greenbelt kitchen cupboards without leaving streaks or having to polish them hard after they dry? - E.S.

2- What is the best method of scouring a coffee pot after it has been allowed to become thoroughly stained and smelly? -B.L.

3.- What are we to do about the children in C Block who go to E Block, or vice versa, to skate and ride through the underpasses well out of sight of parental eyes? - A.B.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

White Spots can be removed from furniture by applying a mixture of equal parts of ammonia and water. Do not let the liquid remain on the furniture any longer than is necessary. Sometimes a cloth moistened with warm camphorated oil will removed the stain.

Heat stains may be removed from a highly polished table by applying the following in order, using a separate cloth for each: kerosene, alcohol and sweet or linseed oil. The last should be well rubbed in until the spot no longer shows.

Scratches on mahogany or walnut furniture can be made almost invisible by the application of tincture of iodine. Wrap a small piece of absorbent cotton on the end of a tooth pick, dip in the iodine and apply. When dry, polish with regular furniture polish.

Betty Brosmer and Jean Davenport were completely unbiased for they had been sitting at home patiently, thinking that the drug store opening was the next night.

MRS. GULLIBLE AWAKENS

by Bertha Maryn

Radio programs in the United States are tax free for the listeners; that is, if one owns a radio one can play it 24 hours a day; yet with the exception of the electric current consumed, no expense is involved. The Gullible Consumer, however, pays for most programs on the air and pays much more than he would if there were a Government imposed radio tax.

Daughter Gullible listens to "Little Orphan Annie" and its accompanying sales talk night after night and pretty soon, mama Gullible begins to think that daughter is underweight, listless, etc., and falls for the claims that this discovery is supposed to accomplish at the approximate rate of 65¢ per lb. Or, perhaps, daughter is not underweight but is so engrossed in the mysterious escapades of this fictitious, adventuress that life is not complete (neither is the radio program) unless the latest Decoder pin or genuine something or other ring is obtained. Besides the small fee one must enclose a part of an Ovaltine can or wrapper. There is the rub.

For the benefit of those who fall for the claims this preparation advertises it is interesting to read that Ovaltine is essentially a concentrated extraction from malt, milk and eggs, flavored with cocoa. The claim that it contains Vitamins B and D means nothing. Vitamin D may be present in the eggs contained in the product, but what assurance is there that the quantity is adequate? The malt present in ovaltine may contain some vitamin B, but again one cannot be assured that it is preserved unchanged." (Traffic in Health Page 205, by C. Solomon).

If our food and drug regulations required that all ingredients of products be shown on the labels the consumer would then realize that in buying a product like Ovaltine no mysterious or secret formulae were involved; and pause before spending 33¢ for a 6 ounce mixture of malt, milk, eggs and cocoa.

AIR MAIL WEEK IS COMING SOON-- MAY 15-21

DON'T FORGET THE BAND CONCERT MAY 5.

THE KITCHEN MAIN

Graham Cracker Pudding

3/4 c. sugar 3 eggs
1 c. rolled crackers 1 t. vanilla
1/2 t. baking powder 1/2 c. nut meats
1 cup milk - if needed

Separate eggs and beat yolks light, add sugar, crumbs, nuts, milk, etc. Fold in stiffly beaten whites. Bake in 350° oven until set. Serve with the following sauce:

1 egg 1/2 c. butter
1 c. brown sugar 1/4 c. orange juice
1/4 c. water

Beat egg lightly, add water, and other ingredients and cook in double boiler.

Annis Murdock

"Order is Heaven's first law," but order need not mean the sacrifice of comfort, beauty and pleasure. It need not be like the orderliness of the "Poison clean" housewife whose husband asked:

"Mary, have you dried the sink out yet?"

"Yes, I have, Why?"

"Well, I wanted a drink of water, but it's alright, I can wait until morning."

ATTENTION, MOTHERS!

Baby scales have been added to the equipment of the Health Center.

P.T.A. MEETING

"The Family and Community Health" will be discussed at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association at 8 P.M., Thursday April 28, in the Social Room of the Community Center. Dr. James Spencer Dryden of the Greenbelt Health Association will speak on "Children's Diseases". Miss Ruth Tighe, County Health Nurse, will tell us what Prince Georges County will do for children in the schools. Everyone who has children in school is invited to attend.



CHILDREN'S PAGE



"E" IS FOR EGO

Ego is the Latin word for "I".

When we say a person is egotistical we mean he always thinks of himself first and of not much else. Children when they are little are egotistical because they are not acquainted with the importance of other people. One sign of growing up, and a very welcome one, is an understanding of the fact that we owe our pleasures and satisfactions to other people. And, more than that, we can give pleasure to other people by thinking of them ahead of ourselves.

Have you ever looked at a city at night and seen the many, many lights in the many, many houses? Has it ever occurred to you that every person in every house is just as important to himself as you are to yourself? Think that over. When you realize what it means you will be a little more grown up.

"ADVENTURES IN READING"

Any Monday afternoon if you are not in school turn your radio dial to 630 (WMAL) at two o'clock and listen to a good new program—"Adventures in Reading". One of the directors of the program is the wife of Munro Leaf who wrote "Ferdinand", "Grammar Can Be Fun" and "Manners Can Be Fun".

Last week an episode in Mark Twain's boyhood was presented.

NOTES

Mrs. Alderton's First Grade are beginning the study of transportation. They have talked about travel by airplane, bus, trailer, car, and train.

The Fifth Grade children are working on a movie about Farming. Next week June Hammersla will write a story about it.

The First Grade children are painting their bedroom furniture green.

THE SEAT OF CIVILIZATION

The Sixth Grade for several weeks now have been studying the civilized peoples of Egypt. We came to study about this in this way. We were studying about the savages and thought about the way civilization began. We looked it up and found that it began in Egypt, the biggest oasis in the Sahara Desert. I would like to tell you a little about Egypt the "Seat of Civilization".

Menes, the first king of Egypt, said that he would like Egypt to keep on being governed by a king. This kept on for many years and the people started calling the kings "Pharaoh" (the man from the great house).

The first Pharaoh, Cheops, thought that his soul would like to have all the royalties he enjoyed while he was living, so he built the soul of his body an eternal home, a pyramid. Cheops built the greatest pyramid of all time.

Evelyn Spector

THE FOURTH GRADE CITY GROWS

The Fourth Grade have gone on and made a boulevard to extend from their city to better housing projects. There are going to be three better housing projects near the city. One is going to be similar to Greenbelt and another like Greendale.

We are getting along fine on them. Two boys made a filling station. Mahlon Eshbaugh made a sea food grill; it looks just like a tub.

LeGrand Benefiel

REPORTERS UNTIL MAY 11

The following pupils have been chosen to act as reporters in the various rooms at school for the current five weeks:

Evelyn Spector, LeGrand Benefiel, Marilyn Eshbaugh, June Hammersla, Barbara Ann Bonham, Herbert Baughman, Earl Morgan, David Fick.

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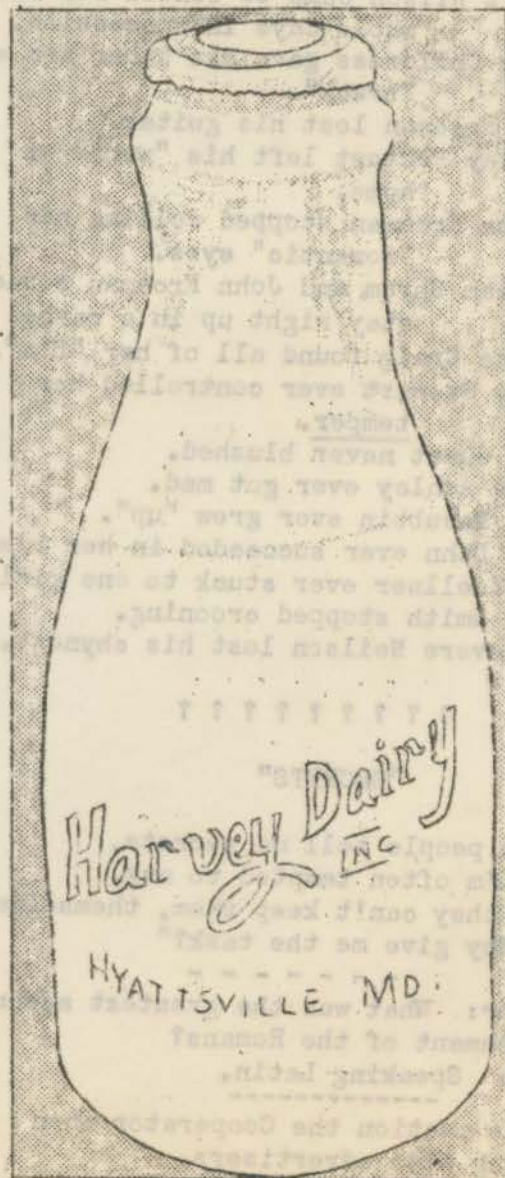
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Flash! ! !

A comical mystery play, "The Hidden Guest," will be presented in the near future by the High School Dramatic Club. The students are working hard to make the last play of the school year a huge success.

Did you ever stop to think what would happen IF:

Miss Archer would really get mad.

Mr. Sliker ever got excited.

Mary Clare and Harry stopped fightin'

Tommy Poston came to school on time.

Buddy Jones was to sit still for five minutes.

Nola Livesay stopped acting like a tomboy.

Albert Wilson came to school for two whole days in succession.

Larry Childress gave his other arm a "break".

John Freeman lost his guitar.

Stanley Provost left his "pets" at home.

Marita Freeman stopped rolling her "romantic" eyes.

William Shrom and John Freeman could stay right up in a canoe! !

Varine Craig found all of her "B's".

Peggy Stewart ever controlled her temper.

John Guest never blushed.

Dorma Ashley ever got mad.

Miss Macubbin ever grew "up".

Miss Dahn ever succeeded in her ideas.

Bud Zoellner ever stuck to one girl.

Earl Smith stopped crooning.

P. Revere Neilson lost his shyness.

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"SECRETS"

When people tell me secrets,

I'm often tempted to ask,

"If they can't keep them, themselves,

Why give me the task?"

Teacher: What was the greatest accomplishment of the Romans?

Pupil: Speaking Latin.

Please mention the Cooperator when dealing with advertisers.

Lately when two certain people go out riding in the evening, the car lights have a tendency to burn out. I wonder why? And who?

We wonder when Bozie's hear lies these days.

What happened to Albert Wilson the other night on the hay ride? (Could Lorrie have had anything to do with it?)

Is Mr. Wurl really going to share his name?

From whose house was Bill Stewart, all slicked up in his new spring outfit, seen emerging in the Easter twilight?

Have you heard B. S. and V. C. singing "Thanks for the memories".

Who gave Lorrie Weast the beautiful corsage of "Sweet Peas"?

"The Unknown".

ARBOR DAY

The students at last presented their Arbor Day Program, April 26, at the new high school.

Guitar music and singing combined with educational talks pertaining to our forests made the program interesting and enjoyable.

ALL TO MYSELF

All to myself, I think of you.

Think of the things we used to do.

Think of the things we used to say.

Think of each happy yesterday.

Sometimes I sigh and sometimes I smile,

but I keep each olden, golden while -

All to myself.

Professor; What surrounds an island?
Smart Guy; Coastline.

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BASEBALL TEAM OPENS SEASON

I could sleep much better these nights if I knew what was going to become of Joe Palocka.... He has a tough time of it..... Glenn Cunningham has been getting some real stiff competition lately.. this boy Chuck Fenske, Wisconsin's 1940 Olympic hope, finished only inches behind the Kansan in their last two races Interesting facts: The world's oldest Intercollegiate sports rivalry in the annual crew meeting of Oxford and Cambridge. They recently had their 90th race..... The longest fight on record was a 110 round affair between Andy Bowen and Jack Burke. It lasted 7 hours and 19 Minutes, taking place in New Orleans, April 6, 1893 and wound up in a draw. Pretty evenly matched, I would say. Mr. Leroy Mills, who is America's greatest expert in kicking a football never played football in his life and as a matter of fact never even warmed a bench.. Mr. Mills, a lawyer, took up punting a football as a hobby, and has developed a truly educated toe. He can kick a ball out of bounds within a foot of a designated line and is a past master of topspin and backspin... At the present he is touring the country giving exhibitions. In 1905, Fred Odwell was the Major League home-run champion with but 9 circuit clouts.. Who said we are using dead balls nowadays?..... Bob Feller, Cleveland's sensational 19 year old pitcher, got off to a swell 1938 start when he let the St. Louis Brown's down with one scratch hit. A bunt and a disputed decision at first base stopped him at the gates of that Hall of Fame in his first start of the season. The coming race between War Admiral and Seabiscuit, will be the richest horse race in history. The purse \$100,000, winner take all.

The Greenbelt A. C. baseball team will officially open their season Sunday afternoon when they engage the New Dealers, a fast moving Washington nine. The local club has played several practice games to date and have come out on top in all but one. Next week we plan to run a story about the personnel of the team and announce their schedule. The boys are practicing nightly on the field located on the Branchville road. Anyone who would like to try for a place on the team are urged to come out as there is still a need for ball players.

SOFTBALL ITEMS

Greenbelt did not lift a franchise in the Sunday morning league, as originally intended. Instead, attention will be focused on the proposed inter-Greenbelt league. When does it start? Last Saturday afternoon a team composed of residents of block C met and defeated a D block aggregation by a 10-6 score. Frank Lastner was on the mound for the winners with Micky Thomas doing the catching. Harold Meek and Cliff Cockill did the twirling for the D blockers with Doc Smith behind the bat. Abrihims was the batting star of the game, one of his hits being a terrific smash which went for a home run. Saturday afternoon the Harvey's Dairy softballers will make their second appearance here when they will oppose a picked Greenbelt team. In their other game here, the milkmen took the locals into camp to the tune of 15-4. The dairymen are one of the top-notch teams in the Sunday morning league.

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY

Nine teams are entered in the volleyball tournament sponsored by the Greenbelt Athletic club which was started two weeks ago. Block C, D E and J are represented with one or more teams. Block C has three entered and Earl Abrihims, Morris Spector and Robert Baughman have been elected as captains. Block D also has three in the race and are captained by Tom Gawthrop, Ed Eisenbaugh and James "Doc" Smith. Harry Merryman and Joe Starke lead the two teams entered from Block E and Jimmy Dunaway has banded together a club from the apartment block, J.

Games are played every Friday night and start promptly at 8 o'clock. The finals are expected to be run about May 6th, with the winning team being rewarded with a trophy which is now on display in the drug store window. To date each team has played at least three games with Abrihims' and Starke's teams leading with four wins each.

TEAM STANDING

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Starke	4	0	1.000
Eisenbaugh	2	1	.667
Smith	2	2	.500
Spector	2	2	.500
Dunaway	2	3	.400
Merryman	1	3	.250
Baughman	1	3	.250
Gawthrop	0	4	.000

LOCAL SCOUT SINGERS MAKE PROFESSIONAL DEBUT

Warner Steinle and Leo Schmidt, both Greenbelt Scouts, led a group of 200 carriers of the Washington Star in the singing of "Back to the Sunday School", during a recent trip down the Potomac. For this the young performers received \$1.50 each.

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GREETINGS!!! BASEBALL

Baseballs to the right of me, baseballs to the left of me, baseballs all around. Get the idea? The point that I am trying to bring to your attention is that the 1938 baseball season was officially opened last week.

From now on whenever you see two or more men gathered in a little huddle by all means approach them with your guard up, one hand over your nose and the other arm protecting the eyes because, if you walk in carelessly you are apt to get hit in the mush with a sizzling grounder or get konked on the noggin with a fat louisville slugger. Impending wars, Budgets and other national issues have been discarded while more interesting issues are debated. Whether the Chicago Cubs got hooked when they shelled out 185,000 potatoes and three ball players to the St. Louis Cards for the great Dizzy Dean? Will the addition of Dean mean the pennant for the cards? Should DiMaggio have accepted the measly \$25,000 he allegedly signed for? Are the Yankees on the skids? Will Rudy York hit 60 home-runs? These are a few of the many questions that have the boys all a-twitter and will get plenty of answers pro and con for the next several months.

The United States takes its baseball seriously. That would we do without it? We should look up the inventor of this popular pastime and congratulate his ancestors. He certainly did a lot for his country and we should all be thankful for baseball.

PING PONGERS PERSISTENT

The ping-pong palace which has officially closed for the summer last week, has been held open for another two weeks trial and if business continues to improve as it has during the past week, it will remain open for the entire summer.

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SPORT WRITERS GNASH THEIR TEETH!

Industry and the desire for personal gain has thinned the ranks of our athletes and cast a pall of gloom over the sport Dept. All was well with softball, gym and the various and sundry other sports until the overwhelming desire "to see things grow" reared its ugly head and sent our aspiring athletes scuttling from the softball field in diligent search of hoes, rakes, and other curious garden implements. Lo, even the illustrious personage of our own "Kennesaw Mountain" Bauer was ween bent in humble supplication over the wilting wisp of a forlorn tomato plant. What wounded us, what cut our feelings to the quick, was, that of all the mob, loudest had he been in his insistent demands for a softball field. When all others had weakened he stood with tears in his eyes and arms outspread in eloquent gestures, pleading and crying out to Mr. Braden for action! He even threatened to procure the services of one "evil Eye" Ben Finkle who would put the "Hex" on our harassed Mr. Braden if he didn't give the softball field preference over the miserable gardens. But look at him now, grubbing away in the soil with all the other "sons of the soil", like fido trying hide a bone! "Kennesaw", we true sportmen weep bitter tears for you!

It was bad enough for the menfolk to desert the ranks of sportdom, but when the women also turn their backs on us and leave us sitting at an idle typewriter filled with blank papers, we begin to get worried about the future. We have a mean and sneaking suspicion that the postponement of last Wed. nights ladies gym class was hailed by the ladies with shouts of glee. That is, if any of the ladies were able to do any shouting between the groans of anguish which they seemed to be indulging in as we passed by numerous open windows on the way home. For it seems that the menfolk, not content with their own dust raising activities, had enticed the poor females with delightful pictures of dinner tables overloaded with luscious products of the soil, to don their sunbonnets and sally forth rake in hand.

Aw, well, athletes ain't what they used to be nohow! We hope all your cabbages turn to onions.

on the little grass we do have, that is really too much.

Visit Block J-15 to 21 Parkway any Sunday and see the perfect display of disrespect our visitors show us. Aside from that, we residents have to park on the road rather than the drive that was provided for us. Could or would it be advisable to put up a sign PRIVATE PARKING ONLY?

I think this location is first rate, one of the prettiest in Greenbelt and it is discouraging to notice the treatment it is getting. I have also noticed that NOT ONE of the residents of this building has been guilty of these abuses. Must others abuse because they do not live there?

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AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES

At the regular meeting of the local Post on April 21st the following guests were present: Comrade Walker, Maryland State Chairman of the Jr. Legion Baseball activities; Comrade Riidige, Dept. Athletic Chairman; and Comrade McKinney, Jr. Legion Baseball Chairman of the Southern Maryland District. The se Comrades gave our Post expert advice on the formation and management of the local American Legion Boys Baseball team.

It was reported that about forty boys are out for the squad of 15 that will finally be chosen to represent Greenbelt. Comrade Mullen, hardworking coach of the boys, is optimistic about the quality of material available.

It is necessary to raise \$200 for equipment for the boys, and a general plea for both moral and financial support is made to residents of Greenbelt. The money and labor involved is small considering the character development and recreation provided the boys and their parents.

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The post accepted the application for membership of Comrade Jas. F. Aldort, 13 B Ridge Rd. and Comrade Bart Finn, 13 A Ridge Rd. Also Comrade C.E. McDougal of 2 D Southway is transferring from Gen. U.C. McAlexander Post #38 to the local post.

All post members and especially the post officers are requested to be present at the next Parent Teacher's Ass'n. meeting to be held in the school building on Thursday April 28th at 7:30 P.M., at which time our post will make a presentation to the schools thru the P.T.A.

Also a special meeting of the Post will be held in post quarters at 7:00 P.M. sharp, on Monday May 2nd to discuss the selecting and purchasing of our post Colors. Members are urged to be there without fail. Seven o'clock has been chosen as the time for this meeting so that members can attend the Citizen's Ass'n. meeting at 8:00 P.M. the same night.

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April 27	Journalistic Club	8:00 P.M.	New Office
27	Women's Gym Night	8:00 P.M.	Gym
28	Parent Teachers Association	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
29	Boy Scouts	7:30 P.M.	School
30	Brownies	4:00 P.M.	Home of Brownie Owl
30	Credit Union Office Hours	5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Meeting Room
30	Washington National Ballet (25¢ admission)	8:15 P.M.	Auditorium
May 1	Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	School
1	Mass	9:00 A.M.	School
1	Sunday School	9:30 A.M.	School
1	Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
2	American Legion Special Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Post Quarters
2	Citizens Association Meeting	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
5	Band Concert - Free	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
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