



Town Council Sets Up Municipal Hospital Fund

The first definite steps toward the realization of a Municipal Hospital for Greenbelt were taken by the Town Council at its final meeting of the year last Friday, when it adopted unanimously a resolution which authorized the Town Treasurer to set up a special Hospital Fund, and which set aside for this fund the \$2,000 remaining unspent from the Town's 1938 funds.

This action was presented by Mr. Bessemer after members of the Health Association had presented pressing and sometimes lengthy statements as to the need for the hospital. Citizens speaking were Mrs. H. M. Goode and Messrs. Leslie Atkins, Donald Wagstaff, Ernest Dematatis, Guy Moore, John R. Teel, and President of the Health Association, Eugene Hesse, who introduced the discussion.

Mrs. Taylor presented a resolution which would authorize the taking of preliminary steps toward establishing the hospital, but the unanimous consent necessary for passage at the first reading was not forthcoming after the Town Manager strongly objected to such action, saying that the questionnaire which was ordered by one of the sections of the resolution, and which would sound out the Town as to its hospital needs and desires, should first be completed before further action was taken. Therefore this resolution was placed upon the calendar of Council's next meeting, Monday, January 9, for the second reading and action.

The motion by Mr. East, instructing the Town Manager to distribute the questionnaire was unanimously carried.

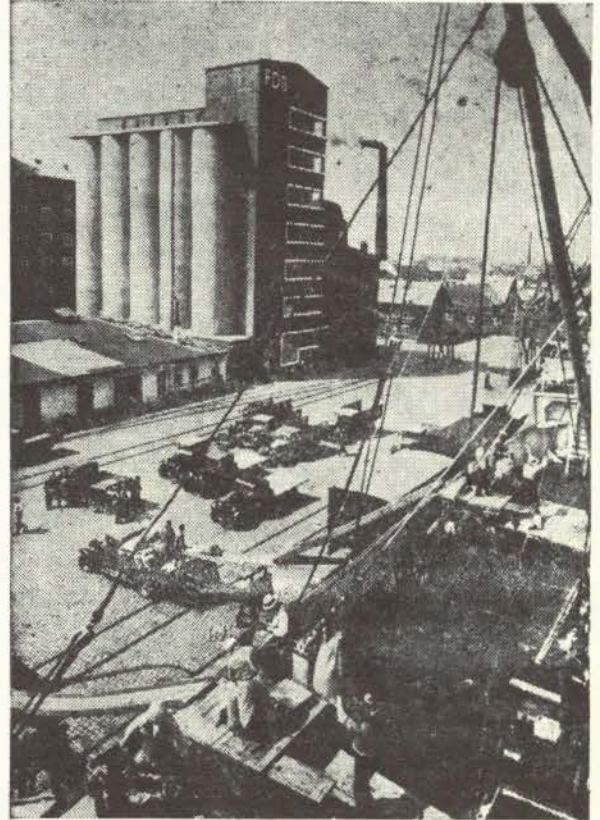
The first part of the meeting was devoted to consideration of the Treasurer's Annual Report and the passing of a resolution enabling the Treasurer to adjust the various appropriations of 1938 with the budget of 1939 by transferring certain funds from one department to another.

Mr. John C. Gale, Chairman of the Boy Scout Troop Committee, asked the Council to take action on the matter of providing the Troop with the first prize it had won in the Labor Day report. He said he had been referred to the Council by Mr. Peter Carroll, Chairman of the Labor Day Committee. The acting Mayor ruled that the Council had not sponsored the parade, but had only appropriated a share of the funds needed, and that since the present Mayor, who had been the Council's representative on the Committee was not present, he would entertain no motion for immediate action. However he promised that the Council would look into the matter.

Mr. George Bauer asked what had been done about the proposed Recreation Building. The Manager reported that plans and suggestions were still being received from citizens and organizations, and that next year's budget had been taking precedence over this matter, but that the suggestions being received would be presented to Council early in the year for consideration and presentation to the architects, who will draw up the official preliminary plans. On motion of Mr. Morrison it was decided that January 15 would be the deadline for receiving suggestions from citizens.

Present were members of Council East, Bessemer, Morrison, and Taylor, Manager Braden, Clerk McCamy, Treasurer Rabbitt, Engineer Vincent, and Director of Adult Education Alpher.

IN CO-OPERATIVE DENMARK



The co-operative Wholesale of Denmark (FDB) has more than 15 factories, producing soap, margarine, paper, bicycles, cotton, and shoes. Above is the flour mill on the busy waterfront at Vejle.

Better Buyers To Offer Unique Program Wednesday

A dramatized presentation of the activities of the Better Buyers Club will be offered January 11 in the School Auditorium. The program is one of a series sponsored by the Better Buyers to inform fellow residents of Greenbelt of the work undertaken by the Club.

At this general meeting, open to the public at large, it is planned to develop topics related to wearing apparel and textiles. Husbands will have an opportunity to witness the technique of the studies whereby their Better Buyer wives improve their purchasing methods. The broad interest of the subjects to be discussed is expected to bring to the Auditorium many of the women of the community who have not yet associated themselves with the neighborhood groups who meet regularly to consider the problems of intelligent household buying.

Entertainment numbers will include a musical program with local talent participating and an impersonation billed as Tillie Zilch.

For an evening of diversion calculated to make one purse-wise and quality-conscious just set aside the evening of January 11, 8:00 P.M. at the School Auditorium.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

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In the spirit of prayer that brings us face to face with ourselves as God and others see us, in communion with Eternal God, let us look forward into the New Year. John Hunter has given us a splendid medium with which to begin our heart searching talks with God;

"Almighty God, the unfailing Source of light and mercy, who has brought us to the beginning of this year, and art sparing us to love thee and to keep thy commandments; prepare us, we beseech thee, for the coming days. Let thy grace enlighten our darkness, and strengthen our weakness. Help us to forget the sins and sorrows of the past, cherishing only the wisdom and the humility that may have taught us. Inspire us with new purposes and new hopes. Deepen within our hearts the love of truth and goodness. Enable us to discern the solemn meaning of these earthly days, and the high and sacred purpose for which they are given. Suffer us not to be unfaithful to thee. Thou hast richly blessed us hitherto; still lead us by thy hand; still admonish and guide us by thy spirit; and leave us not to ourselves, thou Good Shepherd of the sheep. Let not our sin take from us the thought that we are thine. Let not the sorrow weariness of life nor the darkness and mystery of the world rob us of our faith in thee. Whatever light may shine or shadow fall, keep us in the fellowship of those who trust and obey thee, and in the love and service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

CHURCH NOTICE

Our purpose as a Church is to seek that Kingdom of God in which men find an inner fellowship wider than denominationalism and deeper than surface distinction. We seek for our services those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" and for our membership those who attempt to put into practice the attitudes toward God and man that were revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour.

Young People -- Attention!!!! Activities begin at 6:45 Sunday evening. All young people are cordially invited to these meetings, be they Catholic, Jewish or Protestant. The group ages range from 5th grade to Seniors in High School.

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Health Notes

For some time, residents of Greendale, Wisconsin have been considering the problem of putting medical care on a budgetable basis. A committee, formed to consider ways and means of accomplishing this, recently rejected a plan which the Milwaukee Medical Society advanced for Greendale.

Mrs. Merrill Burke, chairman of the Greendale committee, explained this action on the grounds that the medical society's plan was unsatisfactory because its provisions were limited to catastrophic illness.

This criticism is notable because it strikes at an inherent weakness of most of the many medical service plans being offered by county medical societies and private insurance companies. While health insurance limited to catastrophic illness may be better than no health insurance, it is decidedly inadequate. The need for expansion of preventive medicine is one of our basic health problems and such plans make no provision for it.

It has been reported that the National Youth Administration found 43% of 1800 boys and girls, examined in a single industrial city, unemployable by private industry because of physical defects. It was estimated that all but 8 or 10 per cent of these defects could have been either prevented or cured by proper medical care.

Since the boys and girls examined by the National Youth Administration were looking for work, they were presumably not acutely ill. Hence, their health problems would probably not fall within the scope of plans designed only to protect subscribers against the medical and surgical emergencies which are generally construed as "catastrophic illness".

Describing defects in our present system of distributing medical care, the PRIMER OF COOPERATIVE MEDICINE states that;

"there is little or no provision for the practice of preventive medicine. The greater part of a doctor's talents and energy is spent curing the sick, not keeping the well in good health. Here again, expense is an important item, but just as important is the lack of any organized method of distributing preventive medical service".

In the light of the facts, health insurance plans limited to catastrophic illness seem to embody something of a paradox, since they represent efforts to improve the distribution of medical care, and at the same time incorporate a major drawback of the system responsible for the very evils which they attempt to remedy.

Adult Education Expanding

Greenbelt adults resumed their night school classes this week, ending the Christmas holiday. Home Economics and Art classes are well established now and increasing in interest. Both classes are still open to interested Greenbelters.

The college classes in Political Science and Accounting are nearing the end of their first semester, and beginning registration for the second semester. Mrs. Rose Alpher at the community office or Dr. Hugh Bone of 20D Crescent Road will answer inquiries about these courses.

The opening date for the commercial courses in Typing, Shorthand, and Bookkeeping, and the industrial courses in wood and metal working, will be announced in next week's COOPERATOR. Mrs. Alpher is still taking registrations for these courses during office hours and on Friday nights.

There are also plans for classes in Parent Education and Child Psychology, taught by well qualified instructors, to be offered soon.



Rambling

By George F. Carnes

The peculiarities of people are never quite so apparent as the New Year when various and sundry desires and get-away-from-it-alls are expressed in the form of resolutions.

Take the case of Lord Chesterfield Beaverdam Cooley an English remittance man who, in the course of his wanderings, had managed to stop for a time in my home town. Chesterfield was a man of many talents and just as many bad habits, among the latter being that state commonly referred to as "in the cups". Never a New Year came around that Chesterfield didn't swear off drinking, and never a New Year passed thru its span that didn't find his highness "stewed to the gills" and searching far and wide for someone with whom he might do battle.

But alas! My friends write to tell me that Lord Chesterfield is no more! It seems that he, like so many others, met his untimely doom thru friends who were only seeking to help him. For Chesterfield, at the height of one of his exhilarating sprees, met and challenged a traveler who chanced to pass his way. Now this newcomer was one who happened to be handy with his "dooks", and some time during the course of the fracas Chesterfield caught one on the button which laid him among the sweetpeas. Friends of the fallen one, not wishing his humiliation to be made plain to the general public, propped Lord Chesterfield up against the fork of a small tree and pulled his hat down over his eyes to give the impression of one who is "just resting."

This magnanimous act would have served its purpose very well, for the battler, on awakening, would have been delighted to find himself still upon his feet. But unhappy day! Sometime during the period of his enforced slumber, Chesterfield's feet slid out from under him and his neck was caught tightly in the fork of the tree! And Lord Chesterfield Beaverdam Cooley, a man of resolutions, unwittingly got away from it all.

PATRONAGE SLIPS

Patronage slips received in the local stores before January 1 should be turned in as soon as possible. January 31 is the dead-line.

See last week's COOPERATOR for complete instructions.

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How to Improve Greenbelt's Newspaper

The criticism is sometimes heard of the COOPERATOR that its news content is much too limited, especially when compared with the amount of features carried. We agree with this criticism. There is however an explanation which we think important not merely to discuss in our own circles but to bring to the attention of the town at large.

The people who put this sheet out don't do it for a living. Their families are supported by 40 hours a week or better, spent over a desk or on the business end of a wrench. When they come home and do find time and energy to turn to the paper it is only natural that they do those things which bring them some degree of pleasure. And so, almost to a man, they turn to feature writing.

Gathering news is no particular fun under the best circumstances. It calls for painstaking effort and more than a little drudgery; nobody thanks you for it. "Leg men", as they call their news-gatherers on professional journals, are among the least-respected and most hard-working of the craft.

We of the COOPERATOR have devoted considerable attention to this question. We have come to the conclusion that the only possible solution for an amateur newspaper of our type is to enlist the whole of Greenbelt as news-gatherers. It requires no very great effort for people to send in a report of activities or events which are part of their daily lives. The style and grammar need not be first-rate. Accuracy of the factual matter is the only requisite.

To the extent that Greenbelt becomes news-conscious it will have an authoritative informative newspaper. In a town whose by-word is cooperation, we feel that there will be such a newspaper when Greenbelters grasp the situation.

A. C.

Two Methods of Sharing the Wealth

Last week, Brenda Diana Duff Frazier, New York society deb, was elevated to the front pages of our newspapers by virtue of her glamorous coming out party, estimated to have cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

As to the merits of this particular type of high priced "personality advertising" engaged in by the 400, let us not moralize. We cannot but note, however, that a spectacle such as this one, with its two bottles of champagne to each three guests and its handy "sobering up" bar, invariably packs more drama than does any movement to elevate the lot of the underprivileged. Alas, we love our Lincolns and Curies, but we dramatize our Caesars and Marie Antoinettes.

It is, therefore, hardly surprising to note that our newspapers - those self-same newspapers that systematically attack as utopian and chimeric every effort to better the conditions of the less articulate members of society - rush to defend Brenda's coming out as beneficial from a social viewpoint. Particularly, we call attention to the editorial page of the Washington Times of December 30th, which refers to the expenditures in connection with the party as providing an effective and practical means of sharing the wealth, and suggests that "the share-the-wealth thinkers save their brain sweat for an endeavor that really matters; namely, the long, slow endeavor to bring about a more equitable distribution of wealth and wealth control in this country".

Although we hardly concur with the Times' evaluation of the party as an efficacious method of sharing the wealth, we do most heartily endorse their suggestion that earnest thought be given to the question of improving the distribution of wealth and the method of wealth control.

It hardly takes "brain sweat" to supply a proper answer to the question of a more equitable distribution of wealth and wealth control in this country. Rather, it should be evident to any but an atrophied brain that the consumer, collectively, holds within his own two hands the answer to this entire question. Under our profit system, it is the consumer who supplies the market without which no wealth would be created. It is, also, he alone who determines the wealth control when he decides where his dollars shall be spent.

Our present economic problem, that of effective distribution, will be solved whenever that segment of the population composed of producers and consumers, who alone determine the wealth of the country, decide to coordinate their productive capacities and their control of the spending power and direct them into channels over which they, themselves, retain the control and which they can direct to be used in the public interest.

We, in Greenbelt, with the encouragement of the federal government and through the help of the Filene organization, are attempting to prove that, through mutual effort, we can thus correlate our capital, labor and executive abilities into channels for our collective enrichment.

G.A.W.

Bus Troubles in Greendale

Greendale, Wisconsin has its bus troubles no less than Greenbelt.

The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Transport Company, operating a Greendale bus service connecting with Milwaukee lines, wants to suspend the line. Although running the bus for a six month trial period ordered by the Public Service commission, the company

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FUSING AND RE-FUSING

To the Editor:

We would like to call attention of Greenbelt residents that the Management Office is replacing certain fuses in the kitchen boxes with an attachment called a "fustat". This fustat, when installed, will allow for the starting overload on washing machine motors without blowing a fuse and yet will give all the protection to the motor that is required.

Replacements for these fustats will be on sale at the Drug Store and are replaced exactly in the same manner as the fuses.

We would also like to advise the residents that it is extremely dangerous to use fuses of a higher amperage than the standard 15 amperes. When higher amperage fuses are used there is immediate danger of overloading your wiring system which may cause fire or other damage.

We also would like to caution the residents against putting coins or other metallic devices in the fuse sockets as this is extremely dangerous and should never be permitted.

We are always glad to assist you in any difficulty you may have with the lighting, refrigeration, range, or the general electrical system of your house.

O. Kline Fulmer
Assistant Manager,
Greenbelt, Md.

AGAINST LAKE SKATING

To the Editor:

It does not appear reasonable to me that the lives of our children should be jeopardized by the creation of a skating rink on the surface of the lake.

It appears to me to be a foolhardy risk to use a body of water so deep as to require a long period of sub-zero weather before it can become safe for skating, when the simple expedient of leveling out and flooding a 4 inches deep depression would answer the purpose so much better.

A shallow film of water such as suggested will freeze over more rapidly, more often, and when unexpectedly soft, can result, at worst, in a wet shoe, or a sprain, certainly never in a submersion or a drowning.

Since the recommended procedure is standard in many communities, there is nothing novel or untested about it.

Safety Bug

has asked a re-hearing, claiming a continuing loss on the busses.

The Greendale Review says the present service is sadly inadequate, giving only hourly service during off hours and thirty minutes service during rush hours to 1500 people, besides making poor connections to downtown Milwaukee.

But at least they don't have to subsidize the bus company. That may be poor comfort but should be some offset to unsatisfactory services.

K.D.

ERRATUM

To the Editor:

In the last issue of the Cooperator, Mr. Rosenzweig presented in his "This Town of Ours" an accurate report on the discussion of Mr. Carroll's questions at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Consumer Distribution Corporation.

The article states, however, that Mr. Carroll, "the member of the Board representing the Cooperative Organizing Committee", presented the questions, and implies that the questions were presented by Mr. Carroll for the C.O.C.

I believe that Mr. Carroll would be the first to say that he represents on the Board not the C.O.C., but what he believes to be the interests of the people of Greenbelt. The C.O.C. did not approve, and was not asked to consider, the presentation of any of these questions.

Walter R. Volckhausen.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASS

To the Editor:

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the Saturday morning children's art class. The time has been changed from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. but despite this, children have been arriving at the former time and, due to the absence of the instructor until 10:00, giving the janitor a problem of discipline. I would appreciate it if you would put a notice to this effect in your paper so that all mothers of children attending this class might be aware of the change of time and send them accordingly.

Thank you.

Julia Coale

WHICH WAY GREENBELT?

To the Editor:

Before me lies the December 29 issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator, read, as many previous issues have been read, from cover to cover in the warmth and security of a Greenbelt home. Visits are too few and far between, subject to the urgency of my work in New York City.

On page four, the editorial titled "The Challenge of Nineteen Thirty-nine" is timely and possibly of greater significance than might seem to you who take Greenbelt for granted.

There was a time in the early days of the Republic when suffrage was strictly limited to propertied men and a poor man could be thrown into jail for the rest of his natural life for any unpaid debt. The year 1840 witnessed a peasant rebellion on the vast Rensselaer property in New York State, caused by the attempt of the heirs of Stephen Van Rensselaer to extort enormous rents from the tenants. The tenants and their sons routed the Sheriff and several hundred of his armed deputies who had sallied forth to collect. No less a person than Philip Hone, Mayor of New York City, 1825-1826, voiced the sentiments of the economic royalists of that day:

"A most outrageous revolt has broken out among the tenants of the late patroon, General Van Rensselaer, in the neighborhood of Albany, of a piece with the vile disorganizing spirit which overspreads the land like a cloud, and daily increases in darkness... This outrageous proceeding of the Rensselaerwickers has occasioned

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great consternation in Albany. The Sheriff resorted to the ancient process of summoning the posse comitatus; the citizens were ordered out to march against the rioters; several hundred went and met the enemy in the disputed territory. The Sheriff, with seventy followers, went forward in advance, but finding them armed and mounted to the number of several thousands (and) determined to resist...he returned to the main body of his forces, faced to the right about, and marched back to Albany. This is alarming... (and) must, in a short time (perhaps the very next year), sweep away all the wise restraints of law and justice, and cause the destruction of individual rights. Let it come, if come it must; the evil will be remedied some time or other; but this fair dream of Republicanism will be dissipated by its cure."

The "Fair Dream" of Republicanism survived even greater shocks in the next nine decades, until today nearly one hundred years later, we find G.A.W. expounding this latter-day opinion in the Greenbelt Co-operator;

"We, in Greenbelt, having been provided with an opportunity unheard of in these days of 'dollar struggle' have a contribution to make to history; one which will not be made unless we ourselves make it. However, much we like it we are living in a test tube. However much we like it, the taxpayers of this country have much to expect from us and the right to expect it.

"It is for us to prove that more can be accomplished cooperatively than selfishly. On the manner in which we solve our problems here will depend in large measure the future of economic democracy, and the well-being of others less fortunately situated."

My fortunate neighbors--weigh carefully the hidden import of these two statements; the one by the dead and forgotten erstwhile mayor of New York and the one by your G. A. W., may his tribe increase! Only one deserves to go down in recorded history as being truly expressive of America, that fair dream of Republicanism. And while there is still left a single State in our Union which does not boast of a Greenbelt and while there is still left one solitary American family in search of decent shelter at a fair rental, your mission will not have been completed. As you well know, powerful forces are arrayed against you; allied with you are equally powerful forces, which, pray God, may some day be strengthened by an enlightened public opinion. Until that day, which way Greenbelt, which way America?

Maxwell L. Black
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The Music World

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The Greenbelt Ensemble
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Ralph Hirsh Violin
Jerome Rosenthal Viola
George Feher Cello
Herman Olefsky Clarinet

Program

String Quartet Haydn
Quintet for String Quartet
and Clarinet Mozart

The audience of 100 assembled in the Greenbelt Theater last Monday afternoon was treated to one of the usual finished performances of the Greenbelt Ensemble. This consisted of the two pieces listed and was limited to those because of the lack of time for the short pieces planned originally.

The performance was more than adequate, revealing a deftness and finish which bespoke much more than a passing familiarity with the works played. The entire performance of the Quintet was given with a due regard for surrounding the theme, as carried by the clarinet, with the proper environment. The clarity and precision of the performance spoke highly for the virtuosity of the string ensemble.

The clarinet performance deserves commendation by itself as a masterful handling of the medium of musical interpretation by means of the woodwind. The introduction of this hitherto unheard instrument (from the point of view of the Journalistic Club concerts) gave additional zest to the program, as well as providing an excellent example as could be desired of the effect of the addition of the quality and volume of the woodwind to the subdued harmonies of the stringed instruments.

The thanks of this community to the Ensemble for the exceptionally delightful treat of last Monday.

The one drawback to the performance was the uncontrolled and distracting behavior of some few children in the audience, especially those unaccompanied by parents. Out of consideration for the adult audience, and out of courtesy to the Players, it is requested by the Club and by the Theater management that parents refrain from bringing children too young for music appreciation to these concerts, to avoid the embarrassment which is sure to follow.

B.R.

You Ought to Know That

by

Charles F. Spector

East Indian scientists have begun making tests to determine why donkey's milk is more digestible than cow's milk.

An anthropologist who studied skeletons of Egyptians living before the dynastic era, found arthritis of the spine in 40 percent of cases.

A new kind of paint is intended to coat rusty surfaces, converting the rust into part of the pigment itself.

China's ancient crop, the soy bean, has gained such swift importance in the United States that it outranks corn in the grain market on some busy days.

One bite of the deadly amanita toadstool has been known to cause death in a child who picked and tasted the plant.

A British beekeeper believes he has found a way to get honeybees to make their combs inside half-pound bottles and fill them with honey.

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Sports Sputterings

By Cliff Cockill

To that fellow who signed himself "A Friend"
Dear Sir: (you no-good-sneak-in-the-grass)

I'll have you know that I am not in the habit of pulling corks out of bottles with my teeth, and consequently I didn't get one stuck in my throat. It wasn't no chicken bone neither, on account of I am very careful when I eat solid foods.

If I had a secretary I could have dictated that column last week very easily. The truth behind these base rumors is that I sprained the pinky of my writing hand playing a difficult passage from Chopin, and suffered the most excruciating torments when I sat down to write. I was resolved to do my duty, however, and it took the combined efforts of my personal physician, booking agent, manager, and publicity director to drag me away from the desk. In the interests of my public I was not allowed to jeopardize my health.

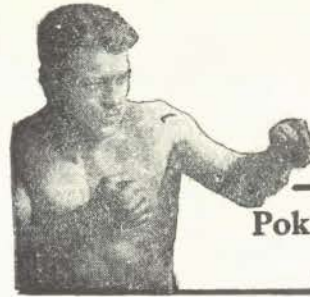
I hope this will be a lesson to fellows that go around casting aspersions.

Indignantly,
Clifton (don't call me Corky) C.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Health Association will be held on January 16th, and nominations for the new Board of Directors will be closed on January 6th, the last day.

Chairman of Nominating Committee is Sherrod E. East, 33-L Ridge Road.



Pokes & Jabs

John Martone

It goes without saying that most of us do feel better in the summer time. Summer activity does much to remove the kinks that winter has hidden in our bony frame and muscular system. Excessive carbon in an engine reveals itself definitely by a knock. Waste toxins in muscle tissue reveal themselves by stiffness and oftentimes pain.

Healthy children do not stand idle and shiver in the winter; they jump about and laugh at old man winter; they smear one another with snow, scratch the ice with whirling speed on skates and skim down hills on their sleds. And while these children are building up vital resistance and stamina, the older individuals become soft with inactivity.

Common sense, in some respects, diminishes with increased mental activity. From a physical viewpoint, a quick change from out-door summer sports to a dull winter of inactivity promotes business for doctors and undertakers. The individual who strives to realize the fullest development and expression of his best self; to render the best service of which he is capable and to achieve the greatest happiness, is not a person who works haphazardly at any work, but one who carefully promotes a program that establishes a rational systematic routine of work for the entire 52 weeks in the year.

Too many people disregard their physical efficiency for mental and remunerative gains. The results; they become willing victims to harmful weight reducing cures, over exaggerated body-building courses and harmful patent medicine cure-alls. In other words, they are following the lines of least resistance -- and incidently, getting the least results. Health is one commodity which is not marketable. Stamina, energy and revitalized tissues cannot be bought for cash but can only be had through physical and rational living. Be good to 1939 and it will repay in good health dividends. ----Cheerio.

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by
Mabel Bessemer

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1 c. fine noodles	1/4 t. celery salt or little celery
1 onion, chopped	1/4 lb. grated American cheese

Break noodles in small pieces. Heat frying pan. Add butter, then all except noodles and cheese. When boiling, add noodles, cover and cook five minutes on high. Turn off switch, cooking on stored heat 30 minutes. Sprinkle with grated cheese.

LEFT-OVERS

Cut left-over beef into small cubes or put thru meat grinder. Place around sides of greased casserole. Fill center with parboiled white onions. Season. Cover with canned or homemade vegetable-beef soup. Bake about 40 minutes in a moderate oven.

CURRIED LAMB

3 c. diced cooked lamb	1 t. salt
2 c. milk	1/2 t. curry powder
3 T. flour	1 well beaten egg
4 T. butter	

Make a white sauce, add curry powder. Add the lamb and heat thoroughly. Just before ready to serve add the beaten egg. Serve on a bed of hot rice, and garnish with slices of hard cooked egg.

CREOLE MEAT LOAF: 1 lb. chopped beef, 1/2 c. tomato, 1/2 c. bread crumbs, an egg, and seasoning.

CHINESE MEAT LOAF: 1 1/2 lbs. chopped beef, 2 c. tomatoes, 1 c. cooked rice, 1 T. butter, seasoning.

MANILA MEAT LOAF: 1 lb. chopped beef, 1/4 lb. chopped pork, onion, 2 slices bacon, 1 1/2 T. chopped parsley, 3/4 c. bread crumbs, 1 1/2 c. tomatoes.

Fun and instruction will be combined January 11 at the Better Buyers Program. Ladies, make it your right out.

REUNION IN GREENBELT

Four former Nebraskans and former college classmates were gathered together for the first time in over 15 years last Saturday when Esther Cole Franklin, of the Social Science Department of the American Association of University Women, Doris Hayes of the Bureau of Forestry of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Elzade Clover of the Botany Department of the University of Michigan, and Ollie Hoffman of the Greenbelt Consumer Services spent a few hours together in Greenbelt renewing old friendships and discussing what has transpired since those school days.

Dr. Clover is one of the two women scientists who made that famous trip down the Colorado last summer searching for new botanical specimens. The pictures she took on that voyage were shown before the meeting of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science held at Richmond, Virginia during the Christmas holidays.

What's in a dress? Tillie Zilch will be in one on January 11 at the Auditorium.

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SOME BIRDS MAKE BIGGER MEALS

Do you want to know how much meat you will get from your holiday bird?

Here are some figures that will help you find out. They come from the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, publication of the Consumers' Counsel Division of the AAA.

"No rules apply to every bird", says the GUIDE, "but here is the best information we can find showing how much edible meat you can expect from different kinds of poultry. Each percentage represents the proportion of the dressed (but not drawn) weight which is usually edible.

"Broilers (unfattened).....	54 percent
Roasting chickens (unfattened),	57 percent
Ducks.....	60 percent
Squab guineas.....	60 percent
Broilers (fattened).....	61 percent
Roasting chickens (fattened)...	63 percent
Hens (fattened).....	64 percent
Geese.....	65 percent
Turkeys.....	67 percent
Capons (unfattened).....	67 percent
Squab pigeons.....	74 percent

"Remember", warns the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, "while some birds give more edible meat, they also cost more per pound. If you want to figure the cost of the edible meat divide the price of the dressed bird by the appropriate figure above; then multiply the result by 100.

"Edible meat on a broiler which sells, for instance, at 40 cents a pound, costs at the rate of 74 cents".

TIPS ON APPLES

Leave an apple to itself under bad storage conditions for any length of time and you'll soon have a miniature gas generating plant that shows up in the form of brown spots on the surface of the apple itself.

Those brown spots, says the CONSUMERS' GUIDE, publication of the CONSUMERS' COUNSEL DIVISION OF THE AAA, are "scald" developed from the gases given off by the apples. Mild cases that merely tint the skin of the apple aren't very harmful, but beware of very dark brown spots; they are clues to bad quality in the apple.

If you buy apples in oiled paper, either individually wrapped or in shredded oil paper packing, you will run less risk of buying a "scalded" product.

You can spot immature apples by poor color for their variety and sometimes by their shriveled appearance after being in storage. For eating these are poor investments.

Overripe apples are soft, have mealy flesh, and lack snap and crispness that make good eating apples. They are bad buys at any price.

Mealy flesh or brown flesh found both on the surface and under the skin of the apple means waste. Such injuries are usually caused by bruising or freezing. Apples with these defects won't keep well in storage.

Finally, shy away from dirty looking apples. They might be bearers of excessive spray residue that is sometimes poisonous.

"I think that women as consumers should make it their business to know more about the quality of the goods they buy, and to consider the conditions under which these goods are produced. If they do this, I feel sure that many changes could be effected which would be beneficial to the general public.

Eleanor Roosevelt
(Consumers Guide 1938)

ARTICLES FOUND

The following articles have been turned in to the lost and found department in the management office. After thirty days these articles will be turned over to the Welfare Society if not called for and identified.

- 1 Baby Doll - white dress
- 1 Man's slate gray hat - size 7
- 1 Boy's brown felt hat
- 1 Gray felt hat - size 6-7/8
- 1 Pair Thom MaAnn shoes - Black - 8-1/2
- 1 Baseball glove
- 1 Baseball hat - green visor
- 1 Baseball Shirt - gray
- 1 Gray and red wool sweater - turtle neck
- 1 Maroon wool sweater
- 1 Man's blue wool sweater with zipper front
- 1 Girl's green and brown toboggan hat
- 1 Baby's white sweater
- 1 Child's tan coat sweater
- 2 Boy's brown wool caps
- 1 Lady's wine felt hat
- 1 Multi-colored rubber ball
- 1 Doll with cretone dress
- 1 Skull cap - Black and orange
- 1 Boy's blue cap
- 1 Red silk scarf
- 1 Gold silk scarf with initial "J"
- 1 Red wool beret
- 1 Man's red wool bathing trunks
- 1 Man's blue wool bathing trunks
- 2 Strings of prayer beads (green and white)
- 1 Indian bracelet with Greek letters
- 1 Shepherd's check cap - size 7
- 1 Green leather purse
- 1 Black silk quilted purse
- 1 Red beret
- 1 Baseball cap - red visor
- 6 Odd mittens
- Several odd gloves
- 1 Holy Redeemer Prayer Book - Berwyn
- 1 Baby's blue wool helmet cap
- 1 Green leather coin purse with key
- 1 Yellow bone bracelet
- 3 Red tricycles
- 1 Firefly sled

What's in a dress? Ah, what is? Come to the Better Buyers Program January 11 at the Auditorium and find out.

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The Calendar of Events

<u>Thursday, January 5</u>		
Orchestra Practice	7:30 P.M.	Music Room
Hobby Club	7:30 P.M.	Work Shop
Women's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Art Class	8:00 P.M.	48 Crescent Rd.
Political Science	8:00 P.M.	Room 225
Home Economics Class	8:10 P.M.	Economics Room
American Legion	8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
<u>Friday, January 6</u>		
Credit Union	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
C. O. C.	6:30 - 8:30 P.M.	Meeting Room
Boy Scouts	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts Brownie Pack #5	4:00 P.M.	3-B Eastway
Radio Club	8:00 P.M.	Cooperator Office
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Home Economics Class	8:10 P.M.	Economics Room
<u>Saturday, January 7</u>		
Children's Gym	9:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Children's Art Class	10:00 A.M.	Social Room
Adult Art Class	2:00 P.M.	48 Crescent Rd.
Greenbelt Bowling League	3:00 P.M.	Arcade Alleys Hyattsville
Basket Ball Game	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
<u>Sunday, January 8</u>		
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Sunday School	9:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Young People's Society	6:30 P.M.	Social Room
Latter Day Saints' Church Service	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
<u>Monday, January 9</u>		
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Home Economics Class	8:10 P.M.	Economics Room
<u>Tuesday, January 10</u>		
Duplicate Bridge Club	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Hobby Club	7:30 P.M.	Work Shop
Sculpture	8:00 P.M.	48 Crescent Rd.
Drawing	8:00 P.M.	Room 225
Men's Gym	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Greenbelt Players	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Home Economics Class	8:10 P.M.	Economics Room
<u>Wednesday, January 11</u>		
Art Class	2:00 P.M.	48 Crescent Rd.
Girl Scout Troop #17	3:15 P.M.	Social Room
Senior Girl Scouts	7:30 P.M.	2-H Gardenway
Boys Club	7:30 P.M.	7-E Crescent Rd.
JOURNALISTIC CLUB	8:00 P.M.	Cooperator Office
Junior Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Pennsylvania Club	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Home Economics Class	8:10 P.M.	Economics Room
Better Buyers Entertainment	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Community Choir	9:00 P.M.	Music Room

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By Ollie E. Hoffman

QUESTION: How many members will there be on the Board of Directors of the cooperative association when it is formed?

ANSWER: The number on the Board will be stipulated by the bylaws which the association will agree upon. The members, however, should be considering several possibilities regarding the size of the Board. If the number of directors is too small, say five, democratic control might be in jeopardy. And since the Board is a sort of business training school, it is well that that training not be limited to too small a number.

On the other hand, if the Board is too large in number some of the members might not feel obligated to attend all meetings. A director might feel that ten or eleven others present, his absence at Board meetings might not be a loss. Then, too, if directors are to be compensated for their attendance at district or regional meetings too large a Board might entail a very heavy expense upon the society. It might be difficult, too, to find eleven or more individuals in a small association who would make really efficient and capable directors.

Efficiency could also be impaired by having too many directors who could participate in arguments and insist upon having their own ways.

The C. O. C. has nine members. That number could be retained for the Board of Directors, or it could be reduced to seven, or even five. The members will decide upon that.

C. O. C. BOX SCORE

According to Treasurer's books at close of office hours Friday, December 30;

Subscribers	373
Shares subscribed for	525
Shares fully paid for	48
Dwelling units represented	323
Amount deposited	\$1089



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The Council has authorized the Town Manager to determine, by questionnaire, our hospital needs and desires. It is urgent that we respond wholeheartedly to the Council's plea that we give this questionnaire our most mature consideration, and that we return it as quickly as possible with this mature consideration expressed upon it.

The big question involved is - are we willing to pay the price needed for the maintenance of a good hospital. It need not be large, it may limit itself as to kinds of service, but it must be good. For instance it seems essential that maternity wards be completely independent from other wards, with separate nurses.

But on the other hand it may be that a really good hospital, which might not be practical for us alone, might still make itself feasibly attracting patronage from the neighboring communities. Prince Georges County needs a hospital; Washington hospitals do not fill our needs nor those of our neighbors.

I hope Greenbelt, through this questionnaire, will express strongly its desire for a good municipal hospital, and its willingness to pay the needed price.

I think we all should be willing to pay a dollar a month, plus a reasonable fee when we use the hospital's facilities, just for the protection furnished by having those facilities at hand.

Just suppose that one of our women, who for reasons of economy had decided to have a private maternity ward at her own home, developed complications which needed the facilities of a hospital. This is very likely to happen. Home care cannot adequately take the place of good hospital care. Which care we must make as easily available to our community as possible.

Howard C. Custer

PENNSYLVANIANS

There will be a meeting of Greenbelt Pennsylvanians in the Social Room of the School on Wednesday evening, January 11, 1939, at 8 o'clock. All Pennsylvanians are urged to attend.

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This Town of Ours

BY
Ben Rosenzweig

More Than Meets The Eye

The theater management this week announced that it is involved in a controversy with "certain neighboring theaters" as to the dates on which the Greenbelt Theater will show pictures and the clearance rules to be observed in the theater's booking.

Other theaters in the county have sought clearance over the local theater which, according to the announcement, would prevent the theater from playing pictures as soon after the downtown run as it has been playing them during the past two months.

The difficulty arose when the local theater realized that it would have to seek outside business to operate profitably. Its advent into publicity outside Greenbelt resulted in difficulty in booking pictures.

Mr. Herbert Evans, of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., told reporters that he was determined that none of the neighboring theaters have clearance over the Greenbelt Theater. He promised to place the full resources of Consumer Distribution Corporation behind the Theater in this matter. He stated that he felt that the matter would be solved soon

and that the theater would be able to get pictures as soon as they become available to any outlying theater.

The theater management accordingly requests the indulgence of our townspeople, for in order to maintain the standard of quality set in Greenbelt, out-of-date pictures will be shown for the short period during which the problem is being solved.

COMMUNITY MANAGER PLAN URGED FOR PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY

At a meeting of the Prince Georges County Community Council the need for a county manager system in Prince Georges County was pointed out. Attention was directed to the inadequacy and deficiencies of the present County Government system.

The suggestion followed by approximately two weeks the recommendation of the outgoing Board of Commissioners that a survey of the entire county government, similar to that which the Brookings Institute is making in Montgomery, be made in Prince Georges County.

JOURNALISTIC CLUB MEETING

The monthly business meeting of the Journalistic Club will be held Wednesday, January 11, at 8:15 P.M. in the Cooperator office.

This is a very important meeting, as action is to be taken on the proposed new by-laws for the Club, and nominations of candidates for office in the Club and for elective positions on the Cooperator staff are to be made.

KNOW THE MEN WHO SERVE YOU

Well-known to most Greenbeltians is Mr. Russell Kellams, head of the meat department of the Food Store. We want to tell you more about Mr. Kellams--about his experience and his aims--so that you may help him serve Greenbelt better.



Mr. Kellams is a native of these parts, having been born in Vienna, Virginia, and having his first meat cutting experience in Baltimore, Maryland. After six years cutting meat and handling food in delicatessen work, he was qualified to advance to the position of meat salesman for Armour & Co.

When he came as Armour representative to sell meat to the store opening in Greenbelt, he was spotted as the type of wide-awake, progressive man wanted in the Greenbelt stores and offered a position in the meat department, later becoming manager of that department.

Because of the interest he has shown in the cooperative experiments, he was sent last summer to the Amherst Cooperative Institute to study cooperatives and store management.

During January he will be in charge of the food store while the present manager, Mr. Laakso, is in New York helping the Knickerbocker Village cooperative store. He wants and needs your help and support.

Greenbelt Food Store