



TWO OUT OF SEVEN REPLY TO POLITICAL QUERY

By Monday's deadline only two answers were received to letters sent by the Cooperator to the seven candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives up for nomination this Tuesday. Present Senator George Radcliffe, and Howard Bruce, are the Democratic nominees for the Senate: ex-governor Harry W. Nice, and Will Broening, are the Republican Senatorial nominees. Democratic candidates for the House of Representatives are Lansdale Sasser, currently holding the office, and John W. Klemm. The lone Republican candidate for the House of Representatives is John N. Torvestad. The letters asked the candidates to state their qualifications and requested their stand on various issues of interest to Greenbelt.

After inquiring the candidates' age, education, and experience, the letters posed the following questions: Do you favor amending the Hatch Act to permit participation in local government by Federal employees? Do you think Greenbelt should be owned and controlled by the Government or by private business? Do you support the Dies Committee? Do you favor a larger appropriation for the Food and Drug Administration? Do you favor passage of Senator Capper's bill to permit the incorporation and regulation of cooperative enterprises in the District of Columbia? Do you favor passage of the Miller-Tydings Fair Trade bill? Do you favor passage of the Mead Health Bill?

Mr. Bruce stated that he thought the Hatch Act should be modified to permit Federal employees to participate in local government, and thought the Dies Committee was doing a constructive work, although he said he was not always in sympathy with their publicity methods. Mr. Bruce said he was not in possession of enough information to give categorical answers to the rest of the questions; "I think that anyone who is expecting to go to the United States Senate would withhold his judgment on these specific bills until he had the benefit of hearings before committees and knew what he was talking about."

Mr. Klemm, who followed the form more closely, gave his age as 81, and cited his education and experience as follows: Highland Falls Academy, N.Y., George Washington Medical University, 1890, special examiner for investigating pension claims in the Department of the Interior, private practitioner of medicine from December 13, 1913 to date. Mr. Klemm does not favor amending the Hatch Act; he thinks Greenbelt should be Government owned and controlled; and he supports the Dies Committee. He favors a larger Food and Drug Administration appropriation, is against passage of Senator's Capper's bill, favors passage of both the Wagner and the Mead Health bills, which are antithetic.

Health Association Offers Educational Movies

As a part of its educational health program, the Greenbelt Health Association will sponsor the local theater showing, May 11 and 12, of the four-star movie, "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet."

Edward G. Robinson plays the part of Dr. Ehrlich, who was a doctor-chemist with the courage and vision to develop the idea of using chemical agents in the treatment of disease. Most outstanding result of his research was the first dependable cure for syphilis.

In addition to its interesting subject and entertaining story, the movie shows excellent direction and unusual photographic effects.

According to Robert Buchele, local theater manager, critics are agreed that the acting in this picture is outstanding, and that it ranks in every way with "Life of Pasteur".

POLLING BOOTH MAY COME HERE

Judge Thomas Freeman was very busy last Monday distributing certificates to the 390 Greenbelters who declared citizenship intentions last October. If all of these registered at the Branchville Fire House Tuesday, in addition to the 117 already on the list, our voting strength is sufficient to have the polling place for the third precinct of the 21st district set up in Greenbelt. Berwyn, Branchville and College Park are the other towns in our district which is represented by a delegate to the state legislature.

Under the Maryland system, these state delegates vote for us in national elections, thus forming a sort of electoral college.

Greenbelt's Congressional district is made up of the 21st and 5th state districts.

Lucky boy of the week was Dale Jernberg, of 11-M Ridge Road, who walked out of his car uninjured after it turned over on Greenbelt's lake road April 22. A blowout did the trick.

CO-OP NET SAVINGS JUMP \$461 FOR FIRST QUARTER

A quarterly meeting of the stockholders of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., was held last night in the social room of the Greenbelt Elementary School. The membership heard reports of the board of directors on the operation of the organization during the first quarter of this year and considered several important questions of policy which were presented by the directors.

Of considerable interest was the fact that the cooperative showed an increase of \$4,437.05 in total sales and of \$461.12 in net savings during the first three months of 1940 as compared to the same period last year. The net results of operations during these two periods are shown in the following tabulations:

QUARTER	TOTAL SALES	NET SAVINGS
First Quarter, 1939	\$81,208.00	\$1,012.86
First Quarter, 1940	85,645.05	1,473.98
1940 Increase	\$ 4,437.05	\$ 461.12

For the first time in its history, the drug store shows a net margin; that is, sales in this store were greater than expenses, including overhead charges. The store has previously shown a departmental margin, but its share of the overhead expenses has caused it to show a loss for each quarter until the present one.

Consideration was given to other reports of the directors, including the following recommendations: That the by-laws be amended to permit the Town of Greenbelt to become a member; that the price of haircuts be increased to 40 cents; that an expenditure of \$3,500 be authorized to open the new Variety Store; and that an expenditure of \$40 per week be continued for advertising in the Cooperator. (Editor's Note: More complete details of the meeting will be published next week.)

PEGGY ZORACH ELECTED TO ASSOCIATION BOARD

Members of the Greenbelt Health Association, at their quarterly business meeting held Tuesday, April 23, in the auditorium, unanimously elected Mrs. Peggy Zorach to fill the vacancy on the board of directors created by the resignation of Mayor George Warner.

After considerable discussion on the question of whether association members should receive immunizations through the association or the Department of Public Health, members passed the following resolution, introduced by George A. Warner:

"It is the sense of this meeting that so far as possible in the interest of the Association, members be urged to avail themselves of the immunization facilities of the Public Health Service in order that the program of the Association may be not unnecessarily disturbed."

Members present unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by Donald H. Cooper, that the Association go on record as supporting the Wagner Health and Hospital bills.

Allred Leaves Credit Union Job

Glendon Allred resigned as treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union effective the close of business April 26, it was announced last week by Dayton Hull, clerk of the organization. The board of directors passed a resolution of gratitude to Mr. Allred for the long period of devoted service rendered the credit union.

It was not known last week who would be appointed as the new treasurer. The assistant treasurer, Miss Dorna Ashley, will continue to serve in that capacity.

Pressure of work at the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was given as the reason for Mr. Allred's resignation. With the exception of a brief period last autumn, Mr. Allred has served as treasurer since the inception of the credit union.

The next American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held at the Legion Home, May 9. A special attraction will be the Magic Carpet program from WJSV.

TAX EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

The Legislative and Town Administration Committee will present its recommendation concerning the proposed exemption of automobiles from the local personal property tax at the Citizens Association meeting on May 6. It is expected that a vote on the exemption will be taken, so that the Town Council may be advised of the taxpayers' sentiments in the matter. Everyone is urged to attend, in order that the vote will be indicative of the feeling of the entire town concerning the proposal.

UNUSUAL PROGRAM AWAITING MONDAY MEETING

The special movie films, a men's quartet, and a presentation by the Better Buyers' Club, are the unique entertainment features surrounding the more dignified digest of democratic deductions of the people's committees at the May 6 Citizens' Association meeting.

The agenda of the meeting reveals items of high community interest scheduled for report and consideration. Results of the latest action of the Transportation Committee will be given, and statements will be heard from units working on the adolescent program, unemployment, additional taxes, housing, and the current milk situation.

Chairman Manny Gerst of the Boy Scout Organizing Committee will report on the committee's study of the Boy Scout organizational problems. The names and qualifications of citizens who have indicated an interest in the leadership of the troop will be turned over to the assembly for consideration.

The committee will accept the names of other persons who desire to be considered for the scout leader positions up to and during the Association meeting.

Further information on this subject may be obtained from President Bargas of the Association, Chairman Gerst, at 18-B Crescent Road, L. A. Rice, 1-C Ridge Road, or George Trettor, 48-E Crescent Road.

The meeting commences at 7:30 P.M.—earlier than usual on account of the extensive entertainment.

County Transportation Committee Meets in Hyattsville

Abandonment of the Laurel-College Park bus service on which hearings have been set for April 30, 1940, by the Maryland Public Utilities Commission was discussed by the Prince Georges County Joint Transportation Committee at its meeting in Hyattsville, Saturday, April 27, 1940. Greenbelt was represented at the meeting by J. E. Bargas, A. Chasanow and A. S. Arness.

Opposition to the proposal was unanimous and plans for participating in the hearings were worked out. It was stated that College Park is the midpoint of an existing fare zone. To make it the terminus of a line would establish a new and shorter fare zone and set precedent for future general shortening of zones in the County.

"This is a part of the Company's plan to shorten zones and raise fares", said William F. Mulligan, chairman. "We will oppose it on this ground and because the Commission has not yet acted on our petition of September 22, 1939, for hearing on People's Plan No. 1 for minimum adequate transportation for the County."

Discrimination on the part of the Commission was charged in that the request of the Capital Transit Company, dated March 30, 1940, had been acted on by the Commission just four days later—April 4, 1940, in setting a date for hearings while the Committee's petition of September 22, 1939, has to date received no action.

Reps Trounce Vets 12-2

Barker Allows Only 4 Hits In Initial Start

The Irish War Veterans are now the survivors of two wars, for the Greenbelt Reps scoured them last Saturday in the greatest offensive since the Marne. Shedding their hayseed and farmhand manner, the local lads crept into the confines of the big city to meet the Micks in the opening clash of the Metro League softball schedule. From far and wide had come reports of the prowess of the Vets, but after an inning, the Reps decided they were just a bunch of guys named Joe and handed them a 12-2 shellacking.

Presenting their new lineup, and a better brand of ball, the Prince Georges County champs did themselves proud. Heroes were a dime a dozen, with Curt Barker earning at least an Iron Cross for his four hit performance in the six stanzas he worked. Eddie (Pop) Trumbule followed him and managed to throw enough curves to retire two of the three batters to face him by the strikeout method. Of the newcomers, Beale sparkled at first and, by hook or crook, managed to score twice without an official time at bat.

Goldfaden's best effort was a towering homer and Ray Taylor accounted for 5 runs batted in with his

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Angus MacGregor, local landscape artist, whose department planted between three and four thousand shrubs and bushes last year, intends to plant as many or more this spring.

BATA TOWN IS GIVEN ONCE OVER BY COOPERATOR, BETTER BUYERS

By Anne Hull

On one of the usual cloudy spring days of last week, the editor and a member of the staff accompanied a group of Better Buyers to Belcamp, Maryland, to see the Bata shoe plant, established there last fall. The Cooperator's prime objectives were first, to determine whether Greenbelt High School boys and girls would do well to seek employment with Bata, and second, to compare the Bata housing project with Greenbelt.

On the basis of the scanty information received, it is difficult to advise Greenbelt boys and girls interested in working at the Bata plant. None of the group was admitted to the factory, and Jan Bata was apparently having a long lunch hour that day. A group of Better Buyers contacted a Dr. Schneider, director of education, but the editor and his assistant had to depend upon an interview carried on through a peephole into the office with a pink-cheeked boy, who said he was from Binghamton, New York. According to him, Bata is now employing 1200 American workers, besides 100 Czech "instructors". Workers do not have to live on the place, though in view of the low rents he cited, it seemed it would pay them to do so. When the "hotel" is completed, for instance, single rooms will cost only 75 cents weekly (not including extras like laundry). The two-family brick cottages, of which there are about 20 at present, rent for \$16 a month, plus utilities. He also handed out for inspection one of the employment application blanks, which asks, among other things, the names of all your immediate family, what property they own, and if you support them, the profession of your father-in-law, whether you can supply cash bond, what languages you speak, and so on.

Mr. Bata figured, said our informant, that he didn't want to employ anyone who had reason to hide anything. He said he expected some of Bata's European practices would be modified as time went on. Already, he said, the apprentice system had been abandoned because of a state law prohibiting children under 16 from using factory machines. A bulletin board in the lobby of the office stated that working hours at the factory were from 8 to 5, with an hour for lunch.

Dr. Schneider, director of education, with whom the Better Buyers spoke, professed entire ignorance of the apprentice school which was described in several Washington papers. Mr. Bata is not planning at present to build a school on the premises, Dr. Schneider said, and the children are taking the county buses to Aberdeen schools. He took offense upon being asked if the workers were allowed to buy at outside food stores. "So, you think we're slaves?" he is said to have exclaimed.

The group said Dr. Schneider seemed very suspicious of their motives in asking questions, and kept trying to find out just who they were and where they came from, not accepting their statement that they were housewives from metropolitan Washington. He absolutely refused to take them through the plant. A man sweeping the lobby stopped his work to listen and watch.

Mrs. Ella Roller, of Berwyn, active in the recently formed Milk Club, accompanied the party, and commented later, "If they were clever, they would be very polite and gracious to visitors, at least show them a little of the place, maybe even serve tea. Then people would go away feeling friendly. As it is, you can't help feeling they have something to hide".

Although Belcamp is at present in an unfinished state, muddy and torn up, it gives promise of being quite attractive in time. The trees along the banks of the Bush River make this part of the development especially desirable. Here stands Mr. Bata's house, larger and more pretentious than the two-family houses nearer the road. There are, however, some one-story cottages being built near the river, for workers, and trees and shrubs are being planted around the two-family units. The curtains hanging at the windows of the latter drew sighs of admiration from the ladies in the editor's car. "Oh, what beautiful designs! Doesn't that look like hand filet?"

The red brick used in the construction at Belcamp isn't as pleasing to the eye as the light walls and polychrome trim used here at Greenbelt, but many a row or apartment dweller here, with noisy neighbors, might appreciate living in a two-family unit with another family on one side only, and no one above or below. Those living in the huge dormitory or "hotel", as it is called, will suffer the usual apartmentite headaches. The flat Belcamp landscape will be dominated by the large factories and dormitories, in contrast to Greenbelt, whose ups and downs are provided by the natural topography.

According to an article in the Belcamp weekly by R. H. Podzemny, architect, a recreation center and bathing beach will be developed on the river bank. The main square will in time resemble "a vast carpet of green, 450 by 500 feet in size. It will be flanked by a solid ring of trees enclosing a 230 foot promenade equipped with park benches. Dominating the square will be a concert pavilion set in a bowler of flowers".

The weekly published by the Bata company and sold for two cents a copy also featured a news item about Blays Isenock and Margaret Beckner, best man and girl worker, respectively, for last week. Mr. Isenock earned \$25.55 for the week, while Miss Beckner made \$18.40. These figures reflect the piece work bonus system as reported in the Washington Daily News a week ago Wednesday, in an article about Don Kirkley, Bata's new American Publicity man. Mr. Kirkley states that Bata workers are paid the basic wage-hour rate, plus the piece work bonuses, which makes their pay as high as the minimum wage for District stenographers. Mr. Bata plans to reduce the

unemployment problem in America by 6000, with six plants employing 1000 workers each.

The paper carried numerous advertisements from stores, restaurants, cleaning establishments, and so forth, in nearby Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Bel Air, and Baltimore, with delivery service offered. A spring dance at the Aberdeen High School was announced on the first page. So the indications are against Belcamp's being a hide-bound "company town".

The weekly also mentions a "new theatre" which the group didn't see. Some of the group visited the community cafeteria, which advertises its menus and prices in the paper, and were favorably impressed by the quality of food, the roominess, accommodations, and window space. A game of ping pong was going on at one end of the room. Breakfasts run from 20 cents, lunches and "suppers" for 25 to 30 cents. Desserts are extra. The cafeteria is on the second floor of the community center, only partially completed. You pick your way across board planks and through skeleton partitions on the way upstairs.

Open for business on the first floor of the building are the shoe store and a small grocery. Most of the shoes displayed in the shop are priced at \$1.99. There are also carpet slippers and rubber boots. Stockings are sold for 49, 59 and 69 cents. A special sale of nurse's oxfords for \$1.29 was taking place the day of the group's visit. The grocery is a one man affair, and therefore must be locked during his lunch hour. The proprietor referred to his store as a "commissary" and said it eventually would expand and supply the hotel, cafeteria, and a cocktail lounge. At present, it is about one sixth the size of the Greenbelt foodstore. The reporter noted a few prices for comparison's sake: Oranges, 24 and 28 cents a dozen; canned cherries, 13 cents; salmon, 28 cents; corn, 9 cents; pint boxes strawberries, 18 cents; boiled ham, 50 cents a pound. It was interesting to see some Czech words along with the English—pot cheese, tvarom (12 cents); tenderloin, svickova (55 cents). In general the quality of the goods offered didn't approach that of our food store.

A publicity booklet picked up at the shoe store mentions a "library of the best classic and modern literature in all fields of literary and scientific progress" and a theatre "for both amateur and professional performances", besides the "first class" movie theatre. It describes a system whereby the "profits" made by individual departments (the value of their production, minus cost of materials, wages, insurance, light and heat) are divided into funds for the workers in the department on which they receive five per cent dividend annually, with the privilege of monthly withdrawals. It states that Bata employees have the right to think, to speak, and to act freely, that the Bata system is an American system and that it "cannot fail to arouse the enthusiasm and respect of every true believer in the American way of living".

Perhaps. But if the attitude of hostile suspicion maintained towards visitors by the main office extends to the worker as well, and if information he seeks is withheld, the Bata plant cannot be called the ideal place to work.

GREENBELTERS REPRESENTED AT MARYLAND U.

The University of Maryland attracted eight students from Greenbelt this past year.

Mary Lung, Helen Jones, and Katharine Rolph are enrolled in the college of home economics. The other students are registered in the colleges of agriculture, arts and sciences, and engineering.

All participate in the various activities of the University. Lexey Jane Cragin is a member of Sigma Alpha Omicron, honorary scientific fraternity, and was recently elected secretary of the group. Stanley Provost played on the freshman basketball team and Mary Clare Bonham is on the staff of the Diamondback, student paper. John Walker sings in the Men's Glee Club and accompanied the group on its recent tour of the Eastern Shore. Deane Keith and Donald Whittemore also attend the University.

Four professors from the University reside in Greenbelt. They are Dr. Hugh A. Bone and Dr. G. E. Walther of the political science department, Dr. Linden S. Dodson, assistant professor of sociology, and Walter Volckhausen of the mathematics department.

May 8, the Book Club is combining with the Co-operative Education Committee of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. for its regular meeting. A full program is scheduled. Mrs. Samuel Misler will review "Smattering of Ignorance" by Oscar Levant. Miss Margaret Geber of Washington, secretary of the District of Columbia Co-operative League, will discuss "Cooperative Democracy" by Peter J. Warbasse.

The meeting will be held in the social room of the Elementary School at 8 P.M.

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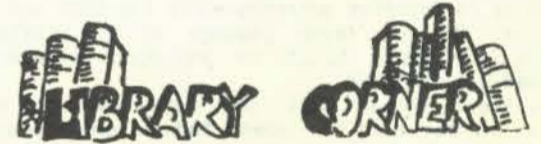
Delegates from the Greenbelt Health Association to the Second All-Maryland Health Congress held in Baltimore, Saturday, April 27, were Dr. Hugh A. Bone, president, and Dr. Joseph Silagy, association physician. Mrs. D. S. Shorb also attended.

Approximately 250 delegates from all parts of the state gathered to hear talks by Professor C. E. A. Winslow of Yale University, and Dr. Maurice Pincoffs of the Maryland State Planning Commission. Professor Winslow, who is a well-known authority on public health, spoke on the nation-wide aspect of public health service, stressing the inadequacy at the present time of medical care throughout the nation.

Dr. Pincoffs told of a survey now being made of health conditions in Maryland. Though no final figures are available, indications are that general health conditions in Maryland are very poor.

Plans were made for another meeting of all delegates to be held in Baltimore during the last week in May, for the purpose of drawing up by-laws for the Congress and making it a permanent organization. Also at the May meeting, plans will be laid for a thorough survey of health conditions throughout the state of Maryland.

Dr. Bone told the Congress that the Greenbelt Health Association has gone on record as endorsing the Wagner Health Bill and the Wagner Hospital Bill, and introduced a resolution that the Congress also go on record. After a lively discussion, according to Dr. Bone, the group passed by one vote a motion to table discussion of the resolution until the May meeting. Dr. Bone expressed the opinion that the resolution will be passed after the delegates familiarize themselves with provisions of the two bills.



LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Thursday	- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	- 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Spring is here—believe it or not. Below you will find a list of the new books that have been placed on the library shelves. They are red, green, blue, yellow, orange, black and almost any other color that you might imagine. They are so bright and colorful that you just cannot help feeling spring-like:

Adler, "How to Read a Book"; Baldwin, "Rehearsal for Love"; Beach, "Valley of Thunder"; Beard, "America in Midpassage"; Benjamin, "The Inside Story"; Bristow, "This Side of Glory"; Burt, "If I Love I Must"; Collis, "Sanda Mala"; Corbett, "The Queen's Holiday"; Douglas, "Doctor Hudson's Secret Journal"; Elliott, "Agent of Death"; Ellis, "My Life; Autobiography of Havelock Ellis"; Fischer, "More Stately Mansions"; Glaser, "Designs for 60 Small Homes from \$2,000 to \$10,000"; Glaspell, "The Morning is Near Us"; Graham, "The Story of Surgery"; Hill, "Head of the House"; Hoffman, "Our Arabian Nights"; James, "The Dark Horse"; Kyne, "Dude Woman"; Lambert, "Hometown Angel"; Lawrence, "But You are Young"; Longstreet, "Decade"; Marsh, "Death at the Bar"; Mencken, "Happy Days"; Nathan, "Portrait of Jennie"; Nordhoff, "No More Gas"; Queen, "The Dragon's Teeth"; Quentin, "The Stars Spell Death"; Rice, "8 Faces at 3"; Richter, "The Trees"; Rinehart, "The Wall"; Roseaman, "Leatherwork"; Rosten, "Adventures in Washington"; Seiffert, "Thus Doctor Mallory"; Shute, "An Old Captivity"; Stieri, "Book of Indoor Hobbies"; Sterling, "Sterling's Radio Manual"; Strange, "A Picture of the Victim"; Wilson, "The Wabash"; Wren, "The Man the Devil Didn't Want"; Wright, "Native Son".

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GALA SPRING DANCE WILL BE SATURDAY

With the cessation of April showers and the introduction of the proverbial May flowers, comes the Greenbelt Citizens' Association Spring Dance this Saturday. This festive occasion will feature one of the best dance orchestras obtainable, and the stage. Tickets are available at twenty-five cents and admission at the door will be thirty cents. Anthony Madden at 17-E Ridge Road and Dance Committee chief James C. Smith at 4-H Southway, have supplies of the dance tickets.

"Hobgoblin House" Gets Cast

Under the direction of Sidney Henes, member of the faculty at Greenbelt High School, rehearsals for the senior play, "Hobgoblin House" started last Monday. The play will be produced on Friday, June 7, and the proceeds will go to the senior class treasury. Nearly everyone of the 30 seniors is taking some part in the production of "Hobgoblin House". In the case of the hair-raising mystery-farce are Bill Alexander, Mayfred Good, Frances Hardy, Theresa Hedges, Dale Jernberg, Robert McClary, Eleanor Nichols, Lawrence O'Lea, Peggy Stewart, Bill Stewart, Phyllis Warner, and Walter White. Stage manager Roy Bell directs a crew comprising Robert Braun, Albert Carson, Thomas Hill and Edward Kaighn. Larry Childress is sound effects man, Shirley Friedman is property mistress, and Julius Andrus and Frank Loftus are business managers.

A fire that started in Lanham Monday morning worked its way north towards Greenbelt's southern boundary, the Good Luck Road, giving the town a smoky sun screen in the afternoon. The Greenbelt Fire Department, summoned to the scene at about 2 P.M. by the Deputy State Fire Warden, cooperated with other local units in getting the blaze under control. The fire began just off the Defence Highway, in wooded territory. Several houses were threatened, but all were saved.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

The third of a series of six sermons on "The Holy Sacrament of Matrimony" will be delivered at Mass Sunday, May 5. These sermons are being delivered by Father Fealy and the Redemptorist Fathers who assist him in Greenbelt. They cover the entire teachings of the Catholic Church in this Sacrament. Father Fealy invites interested persons of all faiths to hear these sermons.

Because Friday, May 3 is First Friday, Mass will be said at Holy Redeemer Church in Berwyn at 7 A.M. and Sacred Heart Devotions will be held at 8 P.M.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Next Sunday, May 5, has been designated as "State Day" in the Community Men's Class. A recent survey showed that 35 states were represented in the membership. Each man is asked to wear on his coat lapel his state colors or some other appropriate insignia. Class members from the Keystone State have boasted that attendance on May 5 of Pennsylvanians will top that of any other two states in the Union.

The eleventh annual convention of the Men's Federation of Bible Classes of Maryland will be held May 4 and 5 in Hyattsville at the First Methodist Church. A delegation from the men's class of the Community Church will attend.

HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

Services will be conducted this Friday, May 3 at 8:30 P.M. by Benjamin Goodman in the music room of the Elementary School.

At 9:30 P.M. Sam Morgenstein will lead a panel discussion on the Dies Committee. In view of the recent announcement that the Dies Committee intends to investigate the Consumer movement in the near future, this discussion should be of interest to all residents of Greenbelt.

LATTER DAY SAINTS NEWS

The Sacrament Services will be held Sunday, May 5 immediately after the Sunday School instead of the usual time of 8 P.M. In accordance with the custom of the Church the first Sunday of the month is known as "Fast Sunday". On this day the members do without two meals and give the equivalent of the cost of the meals to the Church to be used as relief for the poor. This custom was instituted in the early days of the Mormon Church and has since become the chief financial resource of the Mormon relief program.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Relief Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Thurber, 15-C Ridge Road on Wednesday, May 1 at 8:15 P.M.

Personal Ads --- 20 cents per line.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

Something that is repeated Sunday after Sunday as is the Lord's Prayer in our churches tends to lose the freshness and vitality which Jesus meant it should have. A great Christian nobleman, Walter Rauschenbusch by name, once wrote concerning the Prayer of our Lord.

"The Lord's Prayer is recognized as the purest expression of the mind of Jesus. It crystallizes his thoughts. It conveys the atmosphere of his childlike trust in the Father. It gives proof of the transparent clearness and peace of his soul.

"It first took shape as a protest against the wordy flattery with which men tried to wheedle their gods. He demanded simplicity and sincerity in all expressions of religion, and offered this as an example of the straightforwardness with which men might deal with their Father. Hence the brevity and conciseness of it.

"The Lord's Prayer is so familiar to us that few have stopped to understand it. The general tragedy of misunderstanding which has followed Jesus throughout the centuries has frustrated the purpose of his model prayer also. He gave it to stop vain repetitions, and it has been turned into a contrivance for incessant repetition.

"The churches have employed it for their ecclesiastical ritual. Yet it is not ecclesiastical. There is no hint in it of the Church, the ministry, the doctrines of theology, or the sacraments—though the Latin Vulgate has turned the petition for the daily bread into a prayer for the 'super-substantial bread' of the sacrament.

"It has also been used for the devotions of the personal religious life. It is, indeed, profoundly personal. But its deepest significance for the individual is revealed only when he dedicates his personality to the vaster purposes of the kingdom of God, and approaches all his personal problems from that point of view. Then he enters both into the real meaning of the Lord's Prayer, and into the spirit of the Lord himself."

We will continue with Dr. Rauschenbusch's discussion of this famous Prayer next week.

Diphtheria-proof Town Goal Of Public Health Department

The largest clinic since last July was held Tuesday, April 23, in the Elementary School, with 53 children receiving smallpox vaccinations, diphtheria immunizations and Schick tests.

No child who has been given the Schick test recently has been found susceptible to diphtheria, indicating that immunization for this disease has been thorough.

"It is hoped that the continued immunization of all children against diphtheria will make Greenbelt a completely diphtheria-proof town. There is no reason why a single child in Greenbelt should ever contract diphtheria if parents will avail themselves of the facilities of their Department of Public Health", stated Dr. Samuel Berenberg, public health officer. Dr. Berenberg also asks the cooperation of all parents in registering promptly at nine o'clock each Tuesday morning, saying that late arrivals lead to delay in the carrying out of the immunization program.

Parents who have not yet signed slips granting permission for Schick-testing of school-age children are urged to sign and return this slip at once, so that plans for Schick-testing the whole school may proceed.

A series of weekly talks on prenatal care and maternal welfare will begin Wednesday, May 8, in the Public Health Office next to the Post Office. Attendance is wholly voluntary, but any mother or prospective mother is urged to attend these lectures.

The round-up examination of all pre-school children has been completed. According to Dr. Berenberg, "These children are the healthiest in their age group I have ever examined."

Mrs. Freeman To Head Poppy Sale

At the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held April 25, Mrs. Thomas Freeman was appointed chairman of the Poppy Committee.

Organization of the workers, who will distribute the memorial poppies throughout Greenbelt on Poppy Day May 25, is proceeding rapidly, Mrs. Freeman announced today. The women will be assigned to teams, each of which will have a definite part of the town to supply with poppies. Working in relays they will be at their posts throughout the day.

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Street-walkers

Greenbelt's street-walkers saunter along by twos and threes at all hours in a holiday spirit that would be quaint and picturesque in some little European village, but which is exasperating to those who attempt to drive automobiles on the local streets. If this were East Riverdale, or Beryn there would be some excuse for pedestrians running the risks they do, for those two neighboring communities were not so well-blessed with cement walks as our own. But this is Greenbelt, with countless miles of sidewalks—and people walk in the few streets, giving the fishy stare to intruding motorists who dare maneuver automobiles along the thoroughfares.

We are not suggesting that motorists drive their autos on the deserted sidewalks—although this may be kept in mind as a last resort—but we do suggest that the pedestrians at least meet half way the needs of those in cars, and leave them some space. Saturday we watched one distressed driver stop his car, back it up and then discreetly drive around three women who were holding a conference in the center of Crescent Road across from the school.

The situation at present does have certain humorous aspects—but these will be overwhelmed with the tears of tragedy when you are Greenbelt's first pedestrian fatality. Don't be a foolish pedestrian. All drivers are not careful and over-considerate. If you are struck down by an auto while walking in the street the driver can be blamed and even sent to jail, but that will give you so little comfort after you have been buried. Use the walks.

Drink at Home

Greenbelters as a whole have displayed a fine ability to have a good time without liquor as a prerequisite. Most of our neighbors here in town who do drink have learned how to use liquors intelligently. There remain a few, augmented by out-of-town visitors, who still show lack of good taste in their drinking habits.

We know of no valid objection raised so far against drinking or even intoxication at home, so long as there is no accompanying disturbance to other members of the drinker's family or to the neighbors. The criticisms raised from time to time have been against drinking parties that turn into brawls during the midnight and early morning hours, to the extreme discomfort of sleepy neighbors, and against those individuals who bring their bottles with them to public dances and parties.

Next Saturday brings another big Citizens Association dance in the Auditorium. The dance committee has no thought of spoiling anyone's plans for a good time. It is asking, however, that drinking be done at home, before or after the dance—not in the hallways or in the lavatories of the school. The litter of whiskey bottles and beer cans left in the lavatories after some recent dances has raised a problem for teachers and parents of children who find them when they go to school the next day, for even the janitors, forced into extra duty for dance nights, sometimes miss a few empties tucked away in odd corners.

Drinking at dances is not a problem for the police, nor grounds for an ordinance, nor even an excuse for a strong-arm dance committee. We do not want and do not need additional discipline in Greenbelt. All that is asked by those sponsoring the dances is a little cooperation by a few to avoid offending the great majority who come to the dances more or less sober.

Poison Ivy Club

Candidates for the Poison Ivy Club this week are the painters who tramped back and forth over C-block lawns and hedges last week after we so patiently taught our children to stay off.

Motorists in nine states now carry advertising slogans of some kind on their license plates, according to a recent survey by the Keystone Automobile Club of Philadelphia.

"Save Us from the Reds"

Super patriots and 200 per cent Americans who loudly demand "off with their heads" for all Communists and fellow travelers, and then very faintly damn the Fascists and Nazis as an afterthought, are putting themselves on the spot.

We hold no brief for Communism or for the U.S.S.R. either before or since the Finnish episode, but we feel that if there must be witch hunts in this country they should at least be directed towards our real danger spots.

The D.A.R., Martin Dies, and other Red-baiters, are putting themselves in the same position as the super-nationalists of a dozen other countries who opened the doors to Nazi-Fascist forces to crush a red bogeyman whose existence turns out to be "the little man who wasn't there at all".

Norway's people seem to be the latest victims of this kind of betrayal. Already it has been made abundantly clear that the German "armies" were admitted by "patriotic" conservatives who at the critical moment sabotaged the nation's defense plans and equipment.

Going back through recent history we find that the supporters of the Third International have not taken over a single country since the Russian Revolution. Finland alone marks the first and only aggression of the U.S.S.R., and that is offset by a dozen specific instances in which the U.S.S.R. went out of its way to avoid war.

On the other hand:

In Italy it was not the Communists but the Fascists, the wealthy industrialists and land-owners who turned the nation over to Mussolini "to save it from the Reds".

In Germany, not the Communists but the Nazi, military cliques and industrialists pushed Hitler to power "to save Germany from the Reds".

The military fascists of Japan seized Manchuria and are still invading China, with the aid of Wang and other patriotic traitors "to save the country from the Reds".

In Spain, it was not the Communists but army leaders, wealthy owners of estates and business enterprises, and certain Church officials who brought in the Moslem Moors, the Italian and the German armies "to save Spain from the Reds".

Austria was not turned over to Germany by Communists and Socialists but by the Heimwehr and conservatives who sought annexation for personal political advantage—and "to save Austria from the Reds".

In case after case traitorous reactionaries, seeking vindication of their private views and personal advantages in a political shift, have turned their country over to invading armies, with Communism held high as the excuse.

Here at home we know that Communists have fostered strikes and helped to spread discontent among oppressed minorities, but years of expensive Red-hunting have failed to reveal proven traitorous acts.

Time effects swift changes in all things, and our conclusions may be proven wrong in a few weeks, but we question the motives of those who drape themselves in a dozen American flags and then launch into a campaign of labor-baiting, Jew-hating, Negro-oppression, and class hatred "to save America from the Reds".

F.B.I. investigation of the K.K.K., certain fascist army leaders, certain reactionary Congressmen, and a certain "radio priest" might be at least as fruitful as recent rough-shod investigations of liberal, progressive, and radical organizations and individuals.

Your Letter Needed

In the District of Columbia there are no laws under which cooperatives can be organized. Konsum, Rochdale Stores, the Bookshop, and other Washington consumer cooperatives have been forced to incorporate under the laws of nearby states, a process found to be unsatisfactory.

And the people who live in Washington can do nothing about it, because they have no voting rights and no voice in making laws for the District of Columbia. It falls upon us therefore to support S.2013, Senator Capper's bill for the incorporation and regulation of cooperatives in the District. Copies of the bill may be obtained by writing to Senator Capper. Your letters of support for the measure should be sent either to Senator Capper or to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia, where the bill has now been referred.

WITH THE PLAYERS



Last Tuesday, April 30, the Players met to discuss the recent thriller, "Blind Alley", which pleased so many last month. The entire cast and the staff of the production have earned plaudits for their good work performed under rather trying circumstances.

At this writing it is not known just what plays are to be reported on by the Play Selection Committee at the April 30 meeting, but it has been expected that the next play (final one of the season) will be chosen from among those suggested by the committee at this gathering. It is likely that the name of the forthcoming show will be available for release in this column next week.

WASHINGTON CALENDAR:

The Montgomery Players present "Maid of Sark" over WJVS at 4:00 P.M. this Saturday as their contribution to the radio play tournament.

This week, George M. Cohan, stage veteran, plays in "The Return of the Vagabond" at the National. (8:30 P.M.—\$1.10 and up)

Beginning Monday, May 6, the National brings the musical, "Louisiana Purchase", featuring William Caxton, Vera Zorina, Victor Moore, and Irene Bordoni.

---Lyman L. Woodman

Remember Monday night—you have a date with your neighbors at the Citizens Association meeting.

Belief or Ability?

Two recent issues, one in Washington, the other in New York city, offer samples of what we do not want in Greenbelt.

The first case in point is the forced resignation of Miss Martha Gibbon, professor of English at George Washington University. To some Greenbelters this is of no apparent concern, but to those who attended G.W. and especially those who have enjoyed the stimulating lectures of Miss Gibbon the case is not settled, even though the Washington Post did recently declare the matter closed and refuse to print any more letters about it.

Miss Gibbon's worst crime seems to have been a recommendation to her students that they read "The New Republic" and "The Nation" and the fact that she was seen at several meetings in support of the Spanish Loyalists during the recent war in Spain. President Marvin tried to make the public believe that there was really no issue involved, but said that he did not consider her the desirable type on the faculty. Students at G.W. saw Miss Gibbon's resignation as one further page in a series of cases involving student and faculty rights. It was agreed, in any event, that Miss Gibbon could teach English and teach it well. But her opinions were apparently not in the best interests of the institution.

Turning to another professor whose case has burst into headlines throughout the nation, we find that Dr. Bertrand Russell has been barred from teaching mathematics at City College of New York as a result of court action, because Dr. Russell's beliefs on sex and morality were distressing to some New Yorkers. The fact that this professor was being brought into C.C.N.Y. to teach advanced mathematics, not ethics, does not seem to have been considered. A wealth of evidence is available from his students and associates at other schools where Bertrand Russell has taught to show that he did not attempt to interject his personal views on morality into his lectures on mathematics—one could ponder on how this might be done, anyway.

That Bertrand Russell is capable, that he is one of the world's greatest scholars was never argued. It was just that his views on sex were not acceptable to everybody. If those who raised the bitter attack had read Russell's books they might have learned that he was describing human beings as they were, not as they wanted to appear to others. If man's habits are polygamous rather than monogamous, that would not seem to be Russell's fault—but of course he can be blamed for calling our attention to something we do not want to see.

The whole point here is the same as in the Gibbon case—a capable person's services have been turned aside because of that person's unorthodox beliefs. When bigotry and the tyranny of ignorance endanger ability to produce then indeed we must push the fight for education and tolerance.



A YEAR AGO

(From the Cooperator, May 4, 1939)

More than six hundred guests attended a reception in the Greenbelt Hospital and the quarters of the Greenbelt Health Association. The occasion was the Hospital's official completion.....

It was announced, that four tennis courts were under construction.....

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Calendar Of Events

Monday, May 6		
Girl Scouts #17	3:30 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts #26	6:45 P.M.	Hobby Room
Cub Den	7:00-8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Shoe Craft	7:00-9:00 P.M.	10 Parkway Bsmt.
Citizens' Association	7:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Tuesday, May 7		
Primary Elections	6:00 A.M.-	Branchville
	6:00 P.M.	Firehouse
Girl Scouts #18	7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Cub Den	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Cub Pack	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Camera Club	8:00 P.M.	Room 222
Sunday School Orchestra	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Bible Class	8:00 P.M.	Room 225
Wednesday, May 8		
Shoe Craft	7:00-9:00 P.M.	10 Parkway Bsmt.
Sunday School Choir	7:00-8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Book Club	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Men's Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Flower Group	8:15 P.M.	7-C Parkway
Thursday, May 9		
Legion Auxiliary	8:00 P.M.	Legion House
Legion Post	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Room 225
"Mail and Men" Movie	8:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Friday, May 10		
Executive Committee	8:00 P.M.	Home Economics
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, May 11		
Gun Club	2:30-5:30 P.M.	Range
Shoe Craft	7:00-9:00 P.M.	10 Parkway Bsmt.
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27 A Ridge
Citizens Association	9:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Sunday, May 12		
Catholic Sunday School-	8:30 A.M.	Theater
L.D.S. Men's Study Class	8:30 A.M.	Music Room
Mass	9:00 A.M.	Theater
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Economics Room
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
Hebrew Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Music Room
L.D.S. Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Social Room
Gun Club	1:00-4:00 P.M.	Range
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Bldg
L.D.S.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Christian Science	8:00 P.M.	Music Room

The first "Co-op Get-acquainted Party", given for the benefit of newcomers to Greenbelt, has been held. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Consumer Services' education committee, 25 newcomers and committee members gathered in the home economics room of the Elementary School Friday evening, April 26, and participated in a well-rounded program which included dancing, refreshments, a contest, and the opportunity for getting acquainted.

The contest—naming Co-op products by taste—was won by Miss Gladys Peterson, with Eugene Schmid as runner-up.

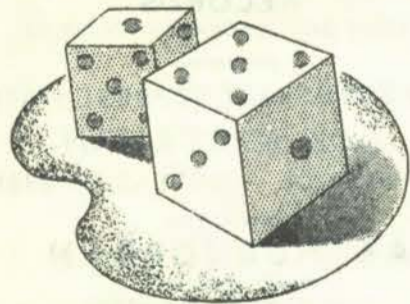
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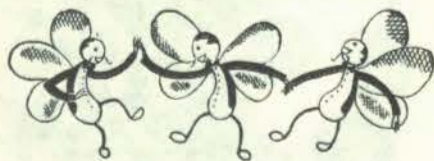
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Ladies' Fur Coats	\$5.00 up
9 x 12 Domestic Rugs	\$3.90

Letters to Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: If the individual who sent us the anonymous letter "The Cooperator's Creed" on government stationery last week cares to divulge his or her name we will extend the usual courtesies. We can hardly be expected to publish your letter or article if you are ashamed to sign your name to it.

INDUSTRIES NEEDED HERE

To the Editor:
The need for some clean and attractive factories appears to be a matter of considerable importance to a large number of families here. Having participated as one of the members of the original Town Council of Greenbelt, I introduced a resolution requesting cooperation of the Farm Security Administration in an effort to find methods of overcoming this one problem. It has been the opinion of a number of my fellow-citizens that local "production units" should be established so that residents of Greenbelt and Prince Georges County who from time to time find themselves in the rank of the unemployed, could find temporary, if not permanent work, through small local industries. Such enterprises could be either municipally owned, cooperatively financed, or privately owned.

In view of the fact that at present 5 percent of the wage earners in Greenbelt find themselves unemployed, the original resolution addressed to the FSA takes on additional importance. It may be of some public interest, too, that Greenbelt's energetic young editor, on the editorial page of a recent issue of the Cooperator, called attention to Greenbelt's need for local industry.

In the same issue of the Cooperator, it is announced that a citizens' committee will be sent to the Bata shoe factory at Belcamp, Maryland, to learn if work opportunities can be arranged for Greenbelt youth or others who may care to seek employment there.

While Henry Ford maintains enormous industrial plants near Detroit, he is frequently quoted in the press as advocating the development of small factory units in farming areas beyond the congested confines of the metropolis. Since municipal planners are thinking of decentralizing our cities some industrialists are finding unique advantages in "moving the workshop out into the country".

If certain corporations build factories in rural areas, it may be charged to a selfish or normal desire to find cheap labor, or cheaper hydroelectric power, or cheaper land, but in any event, it will be apparent that such decentralization in the long run will bring additional prosperity, health, and renewed industrial vigor to our country and in the end, serve the best interests of worker and industrialist alike.

— Louis Bessemer

THE POET'S REALLY CORNERED

To the Editor and his Public:
I realize it wasn't nice to disregard my own advice; Personal criticism is unkind. The things I write from now will be Confined to generality, Directed toward the friendly ties that bind. I'm setting for myself four guides—
(1) If possible, don't take sides; Do your best to reconcile, instead.
(2) Be impersonal at all times In your letters and your rhymes; Many things are better left unsaid.
(3) Be frank and open when you must, But, in your remarks, be just; Let the public welfare be your goal.
(4) Above all things, cooperate; Grow beyond such things as hate, And help unite all Greenbelt as a whole.
— "Chaz" Chasanow

PUBLIC RELATIONS

To the Editor:
The Public Relations Committee of the Greenbelt Citizens Association was established on April 24. The committee includes Lyman L. Woodman, Chairman; Benjamin Rosenzweig, Vice-Chairman; Anne Hull and Jackson Sherman, members.

This committee's function is to furnish information about the Citizens Association and its activities to the community, and to publicize to others outside of Greenbelt, directly through newspapers and other media, items of general interest concerning our town. The committee is in no wise attempting to be a news center, but will act, as its name implies, in a strict public relations manner. It might be said that as far as the country in general is concerned, we are in the business of selling "the ideal community life" idea—advertising our community as a practical reality of the theory of better living conditions. We are therefore not concerned with plain news reporting except when an outside agency specifically requests us to produce the facts on some special story.

You are aware that occasionally items about Greenbelt are printed in somewhat derogatory and/or unintelligent manner by a few of the nation's papers. Our committee is anxious to investigate, and, if the cases warrant, combat such criticism. In this matter we are ready to cooperate with your staff to the fullest extent. Perhaps it might be mentioned in the Cooperator that this outside publicity problem is to be handled by our committee, and in collaboration with your staff, so that if any citizen happens across clippings of this nature he might turn them over to us for such action or consideration as may be appropriate.

— Lyman L. Woodman

Monday night is Citizens Association meeting.

Letters to Editor

PRESS CAFETERIA STRIKE

To the Editor:

We are the help and counter attendants who have had the privilege in the past of waiting on you when you dine at the Press Cafeteria. You found our service courteous and efficient, and we were pleased to serve you. Now, we ask you to help us.

During the past year the majority of us have been living on \$10.85 a week, have had two paid legal holidays during the year and have had one week's vacation with pay. Some of us have worked 54 hours a week for our \$10.85. Those standards are not high, as any of you who may have lived under them would know, but we were willing to accept them under our first contract because of the security we were assured against arbitrary firing by the management.

Under the terms of our old contract, now expired, dismissals and disputes were to be subject to the joint consideration of the management and the Union if the Union requested it. Failing to reach an agreement, such disputes were to be subject to arbitration. Yet, in one year, the management saw fit to fire two employees over Union protest and refused arbitration despite the fact that we specifically requested it, and had facts to prove that the employees discharged were not guilty of the accusations made against them.

The management is now reciting false facts about those two cases in paid advertisements in an effort to discredit our Union. We can draw but one conclusion—that the management is raising false issues to evade the real ones. That the cries about "closed shop" (which we are not insisting upon), and "union domination" (which does not exist) are raised, first, to permit discriminating, or indiscriminate firing of Union members, and second, to avoid through subterfuge any increase in salaries.

Until these issues are settled between us, until the management agrees to bargain in good faith—which thus far it has steadfastly refused to do, we request your kind cooperation in not patronizing the Press Cafeteria.

— Greenbelt members,
United Cafeteria Employees
Union #471

GRAPE VINE

To the Editor:

Bad news travels fast—and in Greenbelt with a vengeance. Sometimes it almost seems that there is a smoothly functioning grapevine in town which carries bad news from one end to the other even before the event occurs.

Several times we went poking through the grass, under bushes and along the sidewalks to see if we could actually find this efficient little vine which apparently has branches in all directions and into every home.

But we couldn't uncover it.

Good news, on the other hand, travels so slowly that one would think it was making a crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in war time. The reason we were looking for the grapevine was that we wanted to put the good news about the Health Association on the wire to see what would happen. "Membership in the Health Association is a BETTER BUY" was the message we wanted to get whispered around. No more are we told by the next person we meet that he "doesn't know anything about the Association" and "this is the first time anyone has tried to explain how the Association works and what it will give me for my money".

But, as we said, perhaps the grapevine does usually carry bad news, but in this case it is gratifying to note that the good news has been going around.

— Ed Weitsman

SALVATION ARMY CAMPAIGN

To the Editor:

A hand cart with the red shield of the Salvation Army was a familiar sight on Washington streets 45 years ago. So were the horse-driven vehicles that followed it, plodding up one street and down another seeking bundles to carry back to the home of the Salvation Army on Pennsylvania Avenue.

That old home and the hand cart and the horse-driven carriages have given way to a dozen modern trucks and a handsome building at 526 First Street, N. W. But the need is still the same. The Salvation Army still needs the castoffs from attics, cellars and closets to help down-but-not-out men and their families win back their self-respect and a place in the community.

The Salvation Army's annual bundle campaign will continue through May running at the time most housewives are doing spring house cleaning.

Last year the Salvation Army served 85,561 meals, gave bed space 28,730 times, paid in cash grants \$36,884.17. The employment bureau placed without charge 186 men and 275 women and furnished 48,860 hours of work. During the last 12 months the average turnover on the institution has been approximately 500, the average stay being three months. As each man obtains employment replacements are made accordingly.

When men apply to the Salvation Army for help they are assigned to their old skills. Some are assigned to reconditioning furniture, clothing and innumerable types of household goods which otherwise would have laid idle and dusty in the backs of closets.

In the First Street building the Salvation Army has a large dining room, recreation and reading room and dormitories, besides a bookstore, antique shop, and general store.

The slogan for the Salvation Army's campaign this year and what it hopes the public will remember when the red shield trucks rumble by is "SHARE WHAT YOU CAN SPARE."

— C. Dodge,
Secretary, Salvation Army



MRS. GREENBELT



RECIPES

There follows a recipe for French Dressing which sounds most appetizing, and should pep up even the every-day shredded lettuce salad.

1 can tomato soup 3 tbsps. grated onion
 3/4 cup vinegar 1 tsp. salt
 1/2 cup olive oil 1 tsp. paprika
 1/4 cup sugar 1 tsp. prepared mustard
 1 tbsps. Lea and Perrins sauce

Put all ingredients in a jar and shake well. Simple?

SPEAKING AGAIN OF PORK

Remember how we urged a short time ago thorough cooking for pork and pork products? Now comes a bulletin from the State Department of Health to the same effect. It says, among other things, the following:

"Because trichinosis has such painful and lasting results, every precaution should be taken to prevent it. The parasite is so small that it cannot be seen by the naked eye. Fortunately, it can easily be destroyed by cooking pork thoroughly—until it is white. Pink pork should never be eaten!

"One of the most common sources of this meat infection is through the feeding of raw garbage to hogs. If meat is obtained from a reliable source the danger of buying infected pork is lessened, but the additional precaution of thorough cooking is equally necessary."

"The Federal government has done much to protect the consumer through its inspections and requirements that all pork products be treated in such a manner that this parasite is killed. However, as all pork products are not federally inspected, thorough cooking is necessary for both fresh pork and pork products, to insure protection.

"Special hazards are found in 'hot dog' stands where frankfurters or hamburgers made with pork scraps may be sold. Be sure that these hot dogs are thoroughly cooked at the stand.

"Nearly half the meat eaten in the United States is pork. It contributes generously to the nutritive value of our diet. Be sure it is safe. Cook it thoroughly!"

HOW HARD IS HARD-BOILED?

If a dark, rather greenish ring forms around the yolk when you cook hard-boiled eggs, try cooking them below the boiling point and then, as soon as they are done, putting them in cold water.

That, according to the Bureau of Home Economics, will do away with the unappetizing-looking ring, reports the Consumers' Counsel Division of the Department of Agriculture. Also, it's good to remember that hard-cooked eggs are better than hard-boiled ones.

Because the shell of the egg sticks to the white, it is no sign the egg is fresh. Bureau of Home Economics experts tested this theory with fresh, storage and old eggs and found it didn't hold up. The best guarantee of fresh eggs is to buy those that are government-graded with the date of grading stamped on the label.

Greenbelt's New Babies

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Trumbule, Jr., 9-E Ridge Road, announce the birth of a son, Gerald Henry, April 17, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Yeatts, 14-A Ridge Road, are parents of a son, Thomas Reynolds, born April 21, in Washington, D. C.

Judith Elaine, new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Weirnerman, 50-F Crescent Road, was born April 18, in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Slater, 14-E Crescent Road, announce the birth of a son, Gary Bruce, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, in Washington, D. C. On April 22.

When the baby spills the spinach on the dining chairs, whip up a pan of suds and warm water. That is the advice of the Bureau of Home Economics.

"Take a thick suds of mild neutral soap, using as little water as possible," say these experts.

"Then go over the leather with the suds, wiping off every trace of soap with a damp cloth. The last step is to dry and polish the surface with a soft dry cloth.

"Remember never to use furniture polish, furniture oil, or varnish on leather. The danger with these is that many contain solvents which will soften the finish on the leather and make it sticky."

Ann Atkins and 17 little friends celebrated her fourth birthday on the 21st of last month. Ann's brother Pierce was one year old on the 18th.

Dried prunes contain vitamin A and all known members of the Vitamin B complex.

Buyers Test Bread and Sellers

A tasting-testing party, held at the request of the Food Store management, formed the program at the meeting of the Better Buyers leaders, April 25, at the home of Mrs. Bernice Brautigam.

The Food Store, already handling some six or seven brands of bread, had asked the help of the Better Buyers in making a decision on the solicitation of the Continental Baking Company to sell Certified Bread in Greenbelt.

The group tasted all the breads now sold at the store, as well as the Certified Bread proposed, without knowing which was which. It was interesting to note that, considering texture, grain, color and taste, the general conclusion was that all sliced bread was pretty much the same, and that some of the testers were surprised to learn their "favorite bread" was the one that "didn't taste quite as good".

Immediately following the tasting test, two representatives of the Continental Baking Company came to answer questions regarding their bread. The alert and intelligent questioning on the part of the consumer group apparently had the gentlemen "in a spot" for answers, for they were obviously at a loss when asked why the Continental Baking Company, baker of the Wonder Bread already carried by the Greenbelt store, should go to the trouble and expense of putting out a loaf of bread under another name. At any rate, the answers given were not convincing and the group failed to see the point in duplication of advertising, selling, wrapping, and all other output expenses in order for the Continental Baking Company to compete with itself.

The Company does, however, have available a 24 oz. loaf, selling for about 13¢. It was felt by the group that this might be an economical loaf for the Food Store to carry, since the large loaves now handled weigh approximately 20 ounces and sell for 12¢.

In a rapid-fire switch from the role of questioner to that of advisor, the group suggested that bread be labelled according to ingredients used in its manufacture and that a drastic change be effected in the type of radio advertising programs now on the air.

Better Buyers Briefs

Mrs. Mary Fitzmaurice's group met Wednesday, April 24, at 3-C Ridge Road, with Mrs. Dorothea Childs as hostess. Five members were present.

The booklet on informative labelling which has been published by the Eastern Cooperative Wholesale was discussed by the group with the view to using it as a basis for future study.

The group will meet with Mrs. Fitzmaurice, 4-C Parkway, Wednesday, May 8.

The group led by Mrs. Madge Thurber met with Mrs. Virginia Culver, 3-F Parkway, April 23, with seven members present. Luncheon was served.

The subject of meat was under discussion and Mrs. Bernice Brautigam, Mrs. Jessie Fair and Mrs. Madge Thurber gave reports.

A party for the husbands and friends of members is scheduled for April 30, in the basement of Apartment 3. There will be games and dancing.

The group whose leader is Mrs. Anne Miller, met Tuesday, April 23, at the home of Mrs. Sarah Kogan, 19-E Ridge Road. After adjournment, the group proceeded to the Health Association meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Fitzpatrick, 44-A Crescent Road, Tuesday, May 6. Russell Kellams, food store manager, will speak on meats.

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Saturday night is dance night.

"SAFETY" IS MABEE'S TOPIC AT MOTHERS CLUB

Mr. Wallace Mabee was guest speaker at the meeting of the Mothers Club April 25 in the social room of the Greenbelt Elementary School, speaking on the topic of "Safety". Mr. Mabee stated that "Public safety is not a matter of policing only. The old idea was protecting—life and property against violence. The modern idea as exemplified in Greenbelt presents a unique problem in safety with numerous bicycles and cars besides large numbers of tourists".

Mr. Mabee went on to explain that the community must cooperate in working for general safety. He emphasized the danger of walking in the streets instead of using the excellent sidewalk system provided by the town. He pointed out that the boy patrols are doing an outstanding job in training in safety problems. Individual responsibility is most important whether the person is walking or behind the wheel of a bicycle or automobile.

"A good definition for public safety", stated Mr. Mabee, "is consideration for one's neighbor. Parents must teach definite dangers such as skating through the underpasses, riding bicycles at night without lights or disregarding traffic rules. True community spirit can make unnecessary additional rules and regulations."

In conclusion Mr. Mabee invited those with unsolved problems to bring them into his office to discuss. The mothers present at the meeting asked several questions which Mr. Mabee was most gracious in answering.

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A sound film in technicolor shared honors with a real expert in soil technology at the quarterly meeting of the Garden Club April 24.

First place on the program—in point of time—went to Mr. R. E. Hockett, a representative of one of the country's largest chemical fertilizer companies. The movie offered by his company was both beautiful and practical. The glimpses of gardens in different stages of development filled with envy and admiration the hearts of the Greenbelt wrestlers with clay hard-pan. Of course, after the audience had bitten enough fingernails, it was told that the proper use of fertilizers would make even the desert blossom like the rose, and the noise of pencil on paper was rife in the room as we tried to figure a couple of bags of plant food out of next month's budget. The only man who kept his pencil in his pocket was Mr. Helmuth Bentien, who had just won a fifty pound sack of what it takes to brighten a gardener's horizon. He smiled with kindly tolerance at our mental gymnastics while we smiled grimly back, determined to be good sports in spite of feeling that it was just our luck, confound it!

Dr. R. P. Thomas, of the faculty of the University of Maryland, gave an excellent talk on soils; why some of them are good and why some are not, what made them so and what to do about it. He very kindly allowed the audience a question period after his

talk, and spent probably longer answering individual questions than he did in his general discussion of the subject. I took a great many notes regarding the care of lawns, the different types of fertilizers to use for different types of plants, the best times to use them, making a good compost heap, liming acid soil, plant diseases and how to overcome them by proper feeding, etc., etc. I'd like to devote a whole column to those notes and will work them up for next week's paper. They'll probably sound pretty sketchy to you in spots—and I don't wonder. I got so interested at times that I forgot to take notes and the gardener went up on the end of the see-saw and the reporter hit bottom.

Committee reports were what, committee reports ought to be—neat but not gaudy. They hit the happy medium of covering the point without embroidering it. The gist of one of them I'd like to pass along to you club members who missed the meeting, and that is that you should get in touch with Mr. Joseph Brown or Mrs. Raymond Hemingway if you're planning on buying anything pertaining to gardening—tools, fertilizers or plants—and see whether you are entitled to a Garden Club discount.

Another thing I'd like to pass along to you members who missed the meeting—it'd be a smart trick not to miss the next one. You non-members are invited to come, too. I think you'll enjoy it.

The four men arrested for theft of metal from a Greenbelt warehouse last year were arraigned before the Circuit Court at Upper Marlboro last Friday, April 26.

The four, Carlyle Swartz, William Swartz, Walter Hall, and Herbert Boswell, are held on 44 counts, and their trial takes place today. Hall and Boswell, who prior to their arrest, had worked for the trash collection and disposal department of Greenbelt, are pleading guilty, while the Swartz brothers have entered a plea of not guilty.

The second issue of the Greenbelt Health Association News carries an interesting article by the Medical Staff on the care and treatment of mumps. Mary S. Shorb, Sc. D., an out-of-town staff member, is beginning a series of articles on current health legislation, starting with a discussion of the Wagner Bill.

Albert A. Ellerin, Greenbelt pharmacist, contributes an article on medicine cabinet equipment.

Upper Grades See Pictures of Coal Mining

The children of the upper grades of the Greenbelt schools experienced a rare treat last Thursday when Dr. Paul S. Roller showed a three-reel movie on coal mining.

Before showing the picture "Wildwood", the story of a 100-per-cent mechanized coal mine, Dr. Roller gave a short talk outlining modern mining methods and explained some of the terms used. This one-man operated mine is located at Wildwood, Pennsylvania.

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