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AMERICAN LEGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



Photo by Fosnight

Mrs. Thomas McNamara turning the gavel over to Mrs. Hedges, new president and Mrs. Minnie McLean, Vice President Southern District of Maryland, installing officer.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Greenbelt Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary, took place at the Legion Home on November 14.

Despite the inclement weather many out-of-town guests were present, including members of the Annapolis, P. Leade and Ly Maryland units.

Mrs. Minnie McLean, Vice President of the Southern Maryland District, was the installing officer, and, on behalf of the members of Greenbelt unit, presented to the retiring president, Mrs. Thomas McNamara, a Past President's jewel and a personal gift.

Addresses were made by Mrs. McLean, Dr. James McCarl, Commander of the Post, Mrs. Lewis Hedges, the newly installed President of the unit and Mayor George Warner.

Mrs. Mary Willis entertained with two very impressive readings.

Refreshments and dancing were later enjoyed.

New Scout Troup Meeting

Boys who want to be Scouts in the new troop being organized by the Citizens Association will meet Friday night from 7:30 to 9 o'clock in the home economics room of the Elementary School.

H. "Chick" Turner, who will be Scoutmaster of the new troop, says that this meeting place will only be temporary, until the committee can locate a permanent meeting room. Games and preparations for registration of the new Scouts will take up all the time of the first meeting.

Mr. Turner announced that any boy in Greenbelt who is 12 years of age or older can become a member of the troop, provided he is not already a Scout in Troop 202. Nine boys have already signed up with Mr. Turner.

G. H. A. APPROVED BY G. H. F.

Certification of seven group health plans for compliance with the standards established by the Group Health Federation of America, Inc. was announced November 1, by Dr. Kingsley Roberts, chairman of the Federation's Accrediting Committee and medical director of the Bureau of Cooperative Medicine.

The action of the Accrediting Committee was the first of its kind since the standards were promulgated last spring. The Accrediting Committee is continuing its work and it is expected that further plans will be accredited after data submitted has been examined and visits of inspection made.

The plans to which certificates will be issued besides Greenbelt Health Association are: Civic Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois; Farmers' Union Cooperative Hospital Association, Elk City, Oklahoma; Group Health Association, Washington, D. C.; Ross-Locs Medical Group, Los Angeles, California; Trinity Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Wage-Earners' Health Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

PROCLAMATION

"I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-first of November, 1940, to be observed nationally as a day of thanksgiving.

"In a year which has seen calamity and sorrow fall upon many peoples elsewhere in the world may we give thanks for our preservation.

"On the same day, in the same hour, let us pray:

"Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech The that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners.

"Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues.

"Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in The to fail; Amen"

THIS DAY

This day we are thankful:
for the right to say what we please,
for airplanes that pass over Greenbelt without dropping bombs,
for butter, and eggs, and coffee,
for clean, warm, comfortable homes,
for automobiles, and gasoline to use in them,
for (a few) uncensored newspapers,
for the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans,
for all the other unimportant things in our lives which have this year become so important.

GREENBELT CHILDREN MOVIE COMPLETE

Greenbelt's children will hit the movie screen next Tuesday and Wednesday when "Educating Our Children", a film based on the local elementary school has its premiere at the Greenbelt Theatre.

The all-color motion picture which has been several weeks in the making is the latest offering of the group which has made the past five town news-reels.

Practically all of Greenbelt's youngsters of elementary school age participated in the current offering since the camera work was done right in the classrooms while teachers and pupils were carrying out their regular daily schedule.

Reading, writing and arithmetic, the three R's of traditional education, are shown as they function today in an evolving modern system.

A private preview will be held for the teaching staff of the school at the cameraman's home next Monday night.

Defense Housing In Greenbelt

Additional units for 300 families may be built for defense housing in Greenbelt. Mr. Harvey L. Vincent, Town Engineer, stated that except for the cooperative housing plan, now projected this is about the only possibility for the immediate expansion of the town. Since an additional 1200 persons would be a significant addition to the town and its organizations, he hoped to be able to make more definite and favorable statements next week.

HOME OWNERS MEETING

The Homeowners' Cooperative membership which now totals 44, met for a business and social meeting last Tuesday evening. Reports were presented by Walter Volckhausen, treasurer, Ernest Wolfe, secretary, George Desjardins, membership chairman, and Colin Skinner, chairman of the architectural committee, who also ran the president's report in the absence of Dayton Hull. Members who had made selections from the three basic plans drawn up were advised that the architects selected by the group, Henry Klumb and David Humphrey, were now available for interviews. The meeting concluded with a social period during which doughnuts and cider were served.

CHURCH BAZAAR SUCCESS



Photo by Fosnight

The Community Church Bazaar held last Friday evening in the Variety store, was from a social and financial viewpoint, a success. Committees of men and women who set up, decorated, and stocked the booths were chaired by Mrs. Daniel J. Neff of 3-D Ridge Road. The candy, cakes and grab-bags were sold almost immediately, but there were plenty of hot-dogs, ice cream and soft drinks to serve to those who came later. Many of the articles, particularly in the "white elephant" booth, that were not sold were auctioned off later in the evening.

One of the highlights of the evening was a comic act by Fred DeJager and Ralph Sauls which was intended to amuse the children but was equally enjoyed by the adult audience.

G. C. A. INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The approximately 100 residents who attended the installation of the newly-elected officers of the Citizens Association in the Auditorium on Monday, November 18, heard Dr. Will Alexander, former Administrator of the Farm Security Administration, deliver one of the most stirring and interesting talks that local citizens have yet heard. Dr. Alexander described some of the difficulties encountered in planning Greenbelt and how it has become one of the most striking examples of the difference between planned and unplanned communities in the country. He also touched on cooperatives in Scandinavia as illustrative of what democracy means and indicated that Greenbelt has become so much more important as a stronghold of democracy because it is one of the few remaining spots where the people work together toward a common objective.

The meeting was opened by Les Atkins, who acted in the capacity of master of ceremonies and introduced those who took part. The retiring secretary, as his final act in office, read a letter from James Smith, who presented a flag to the Association. Joe Bargas, President of the Association for the past year, then read a summary of the achievements of the organization for the past year and asked the committee chairmen and officers who had assisted him to rise and accept credit for the good work they had all done. Mr. Bargas then handed his gavel to Dr. Alexander as a sign that he was relinquishing the office he had held. After delivering his message, Dr. Alexander then turned the gavel over to Rolfe Sauls, the new President of the Association.

Following the playing of the National Anthem on the organ by Bill Neblett, the members of the Association retired for refreshments and dancing.

BREWERS PLAY REPS TONIGHT

The Leuchrich Brewers Basketball team, American League professional entry from Washington, visits Greenbelt tonight at 6:30 P.M. for an exhibition game with our "Reps". For further details turn to the Sports Page and read "With the Reps" by John P. Murray.

Those of our readers who subscribe to a competing newspaper known as The Washington Post are probably confused as to when Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated this year. In Pennsylvania it's November 28. But, despite the Post headline, in Greenbelt we'll eat turkey on the 21st of this month--not the 26th.

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A New Start

The great thing about democracy is that if enough of you do not like the way things are being run you can put new people in charge of your government or of your organizations and get a new start. Of all places Greenbelt is probably most typical of this ability to change leaders. With very few exceptions Greenbelters can make a new try every six or 12 months.

For a long time now the Citizens Association has not quite measured up to what its leaders and some of its members desired. Plenty of hard work has been poured into this organization, and the administration which went out of office last week made definite progress in improving the organization. But there is still plenty to be done. The Citizens Association still fails to quite fill the responsible place it should in Greenbelt.

Remember that this is the only organization in town to which every one of you belongs. Remember that only three institutions—The town council, the Cooperator, and the Citizens Association—can speak for the entire population of Greenbelt. There is a responsibility then in heading the Association which demands the services of our most able men and women.

This week we start off on another year, with a new group of officers. To Mr. Sauls and his helpers we voice our hope that new strides can be made towards the solution of Greenbelt's community problems—fewer and less serious than those facing most communities, but nevertheless calling for our attention. We refer to (1) transportation to Washington, (2) welcoming newcomers to Greenbelt, (3) securing broader participation of residents in community affairs.

The Space Problem

Greenbelt is crowded, and as George Bauer remarked last week at the G.C.S. meeting, "Why didn't you do something about it two years ago?" Only he should have said "we".

Two years ago several residents went into the needs for, and the possibility of, erecting a recreation building in Greenbelt. The problem was evidently not serious enough at that time to force the project to serious.....Greenbelt citizens would have built a recreation building then if they had needed it then.

Now we are more crowded than ever. The opening of the empty store space as Greenbelt Consumer Services' Variety store, and the opening of the garage which had been used as a recreation room, bring to a head the serious problem of space for meetings, space for community enterprises, space for parties for adults, space for games and recreation for our children. We are glad to see G.C.S. fulfill the terms of their lease and give two new commercial enterprises to the town. This means better services for all of us, more jobs for all of us, more savings from purchases, more revenue to the Federal Government.

But now the school is our only meeting place and our only recreation space, and it is hopelessly inadequate for the mounting demands. We need a community building and we need it now. The Town Council is already working on the problem, and now they need your suggestions and help.

What do you want? How large a building? Where is the best location? Should it house the churches? Should it have a gymnasium? Do you want bowling alleys? Shall there be a room for Boy Scouts and a possible Boys Club? Should there be a stage for amateur theatricals and programs? Should there be a room for dinners? What do you want in your building?

How shall it be built? Do you want your taxes raised? Can you make up a subscription fund? Shall there be a rental charge for use of the rooms and facilities? Would WPA help be available? Should the town float a bond issue?

Get the answers and get them in a hurry. If we need a community building we need it now, and we might as well get it started at once.

To The Ladies, Bless Them

There have been articles galore written about many of Greenbelt's splendid organizations, but little has been said about one of the most hard-working civic-minded groups of women in our community, namely the Hospital Auxiliary.

Last year the hospital administration was faced with many problems relevant to all hospitals and in most cases handled by auxiliary groups. There was the problem of getting surgical gauze supplies made throughout the year; of mending torn linens and making new linens; of putting into action a program for publicizing the hospital not only in Greenbelt but in surrounding communities; etc. An appeal was made to the women of Greenbelt, and a number of them, in keeping with hospital tradition, responded and organized the Hospital Auxiliary in September, 1939. With the inception of the Auxiliary many of the problems disappeared.

The supply committee has done a splendid job of keeping the supply room well stocked not only with immediate needs but also with enough surplus to take care of an emergency need for additional supplies. The sewing committee has mended all the torn linens and is now doing a tremendous job of making new linens. It is not possible to go into the details here, but mention should be made that the town will find it necessary to purchase few ready-made linens since the sewing committee is making, from bolts of materials, enough for most of the departments in the hospital. The publicity committee and the ways and means committee have publicized and raised funds for the hospital. Naturally, these funds have not been used for the basic necessities, but have been appropriated for purchases which add to the comfort of the patients. On holidays, the festive trays are the work of the ward committee, which also keeps the magazine supply up-to-date. Transportation of patients who do not have cars, to and from the hospital, is accomplished by the motor corps committee. The women of the auxiliary have answered another need by volunteering their services in the kitchen on the regular dietitian's day off.

It would be impossible to go into all the phases of the work of the organization, but these few highlights of their activities should serve to convey to Greenbelters a clearer picture of the huge program that the auxiliary had planned when it was first organized, and the thoroughness and efficiency it has displayed in carrying it out. Needless to say, it has been of service to the community as a whole, and has contributed greatly toward making the Greenbelt Municipal Hospital a success. I feel that every citizen in Greenbelt is indebted to these women for the part they have played as members of the Hospital Auxiliary.

Installment Racket

New York—"Installment houses, unchecked, except by archaic laws, are plundering New Yorkers of millions a year," charges the crusading daily paper PM in one of its already famous exposes, and then proceeds to prove its charge by a long series of case histories.

There is for example, the case of John Gioisa, Brooklyn, who bought a storage battery costing \$20 on the installment plan, signed a contract he wasn't even allowed to read, fell back on his \$1-a-week payments, and woke up one fine morning four months later to find that his Cadillac car was gone. It had been taken by the company that had his installment contract, which contract proved to be no less than a chattel mortgage against his car.

Unlike most of the victims of the installment houses (who naturally prey most on the small-income families), Gioisa is one of the few who can afford to make a fight. He hired lawyers and went to court about it. His fight against the company has been unsuccessful so far, and in the meantime the Cadillac has been sold by the company.

The 30-day "Free Trial" method is another favorite sucker-catching trap of the installment houses, PM charges, again citing a typical example.

The victim in this case was Elizabeth Walker, a ne. ro housewife in Brooklyn. Though Mrs. Walker had a good radio, bought nine years ago for \$304, she was constantly pestered by a salesman of a supposedly respectable radio dealer. Finally getting tired of his repeated calls, Mrs. Walker agreed to take his \$124.50 radio on 30 days free trial. The man wanted her radio as collateral and also wanted her to sign a long document of unintelligible legal phraseology which, he explained, only meant "that I have yours and you have mine." This seemed reasonable to the busy housewife, so she signed. A roomer also signed "as a witness."

When the new radio proved to be inferior and really listed in catalogues at half the price asked, Mrs. Walker wanted her old radio back. She couldn't get it, for it turned out that the "I-have-yours" document was a bill of sale and a chattel mortgage on her assets. And to top it all, the roomer got notice that she has to start paying on a wage assignment she had signed in the company's favor.

The installment houses do not show the contract to the sucker, found the PM reporter, the favorite way of intimidation being to say: "We are suspicious of people who are skeptical about us. We are a big reputable business."

And when, in two places out of many visited, the reporter was reluctantly given a glimpse of the contract she found the language gauged in legal phraseology that even she couldn't understand. She was not allowed to copy anything out of the contract or to take a copy home for her husband to see. "Bring him here to sign," was the retort.

Failure to give adequate refunds in case of prepayment is another phase of the racket, discloses PM

And this phase, at least, is not confined to New York and other large cities. Turning in an old car as a prepayment on a possible purchase of a new one is a prevalent practice in the automobile business, and several cases have come to the Builder's attention where the customer got into difficulties because of the deal. This happens when the customer discovers later that he cannot afford to buy a new car. He often finds it next to impossible to get his old car back or to get the refund in cash. Usually he finds himself holding the dealer's credit slip against some possible future date when he could afford to take it out on a car purchase.

PM asks for legislation to protect the installment buyer, and in the meantime urges people never to sign a contract before having had a chance to study it, or without getting a copy of it.

OBITUARY

Many circles will miss the presence of Eugene Walsky, who died Tuesday, November 12, at John Hopkins University Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland, following a spinal operation. A Greenbelt resident of over two years, Mr. Walsky was active both in the Camera Club and in the Greenbelt Players. Many of Mr. Walsky's photographs won prizes in Camera Club contests; he was thought of very highly in this group, and served as its last treasurer. Mr. Walsky turned in a fine performance as the Russian waiter in the Players' "Room Service", and as Sam Feinschreiber in "Awake and Sing", evoked spontaneous applause from the audience.

Mr. Walsky is survived by his wife and baby daughter.

The Greenbelt Players, individual members and the group, join his family, relatives, and friends in mourning the untimely death of Eugene Walsky. We can find no words adequate enough to express our sorrow and sense of personal loss.

Letters to Editor

To the editor:

Perhaps the person who wrote the article on November 7 does not count the past as a measure for the future. Why should a mother be prevented by her household duties from supervising her child's play habits as closely as she would like to? Does she think that she must spend 50 minutes out of every hour giving her child direct attention. A child of today needs to develop initiative, and he certainly can't and won't, if mother stands over him five-sixths of his waking time. Mother's part is to suggest and then encourage performance until the idea is completed. The mothers of long ago had a great deal more work to do than the mothers of today, yet they watched over their large families and loved it. Nor did they neglect their household and wifely duties. The mother who really cares about the future of her child will feel that in these tender years nothing can take the place of mother's love and care. In a nursery school even the most interested teacher has to divide her time, attention and love with so many. In Greenbelt they plan for 80. Doesn't regimentation start soon enough?

When a child comes into the world he is essentially an egoist and unless he is guided lovingly, tenderly and patiently, something happens to him. Either he feels the lack of love-warmth and withdraws from his playmates, and then from the world, and develops an inferiority complex, or, being the type who will have attention, get it how he may, he starts on a career of tantrums and viciousness.

---Lydalu Palmer

To the Editor:

We would like to make an addendum to our comments of last week relative to attendance at community functions in meetings held in the Community Building.

Attendance for the week of November 4th of the following organizations was:

November 5th	Camera Club	Room #202
November 6th	Players Group	Hobby Room
November 8th	Milk Buyers	Social Room

We would like to have these organizations listed in order to indicate the continued difficulties we have in arranging the Community Building space to the best advantage. None of the organizations listed above called this office to cancel the meetings before the night for which they were reserved.

We sincerely hope that, as the various organizations understand our difficulties in this regard, they will give us their cooperation to arrive at a better system for complete use of the community facilities.

O. Kline Fulmer,
Assistant Manager.

COOPERATIVES PURCHASE OFFICE BUILDING

The Indiana Farm Bureau and its affiliated cooperatives have purchased a ten-story office building in downtown Indianapolis and will move in shortly after the first of the year, according to H. E. Schenck, president.

"Twenty-one years ago our effects were carried in a suitcase", Mr. Schenck declared. "The present effects of the Farm Bureau and its affiliated cooperatives will occupy five entire floors of our new building."

The Cooperator Visits:

The Band



Photo by Fosnight

Community Health

S. R. Berenberg, M.D., Director
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Appendicitis causes far too many fatalities in the United States. Although accurate figures for the last few years have not been completely collected and checked, the Public Health Service estimates that about 1400 persons died of this disease in 1939. In 1937, according to reliable statistics, the United States had the second highest death rate in the world from this disease. Why should the mortality rate be so high? The main reasons are unquestionably attempts at self-doctoring and delayed operation.

Actually patients do not die from appendicitis but from the spread of the infection (from the inflamed appendix) to the surrounding tissues. Appendicitis can not be cured by medical treatment. Only surgery, the complete removal of the infected organ, can assure safety to the patient.

Appendicitis will cease to menace health when every citizen knows and practices the following simple rules.

1. Consider abdominal pain as a danger signal.
2. Do not take a laxative or drug or enema when suffering from abdominal pain.
3. If the pain lasts for several hours or is very severe, call a physician.
4. The only safe self treatment when the pain is very severe and while waiting for a physician, is the application of an ice cap or cold compress to the painful area.

BETTER HOUSING-BETTER LIVING

If you decided to have your lunch at the Drug Store last Friday you probably did not get much lunch. The girls in the office decided to get some apples and bananas in the food store. They could not get near the lunch counter.

The reason? A class of Theological students from Drew University in New Jersey spent a half day here studying our town. The class consisted for the most part of foreigners many of whom were Orientals, in search of ideas for better living to carry back to their native countries.

Saturday morning, Professor Eichelberger took her fourth annual trip to Greenbelt. Professor Eichelberger is Assistant Professor of Fine and Applied Arts at Hood College, a girls' school near Frederick, Maryland. Every year, since 1937, a short time after the first families moved into Greenbelt, Professor Eichelberger has been bringing her class in Home Economics and Home Design here to see a living example of better housing, better—not only from the point of view of management and set up, but also from the point of view of the excellent construction of the homes.

On November 27 we have been promised five bus loads of juniors from the State Teacher's College at Towson, Maryland. So, lunch counter, take heed.

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Fifty one boys and girls were blaring, tootling and banging their respective instruments at the regular Friday evening band rehearsal last week under the direction of Paul Garrett. The ensemble included, among the woodwinds, five flutes, three clarinets, one piccolo, eight saxophones, and two oboes; making up the brasses were two baritone, one french and three alto horns, two trombones, two tubas and eleven cornets. Four snare drums and one bass drum supplied rhythmic undertones and accents.

The rehearsal began at seven sharp, and before it was over a good part of three gymnasium walls were lined with watching parents, brothers, sisters and friends, who clapped approvingly at intervals. "I can play a bugle," volunteered one tyke who was gazing at the performance with an expression of envy and longing. "My mother's going to buy me one next year."

Keeping fifty one boys and girls of assorted ages alert and interested in a set task is not easy, but Mr. Garrett kept the group well under control with a technique combining discipline, humor, and judicious praise. "Did you see the snake eyes before that double bar?...Don't rush me boys. I feel as though I were reining in wild horses....On the second cornet, there, your'e a little flat. Your tongue is in the way. If you play in tune you may play with the band, otherwise you may not. Make your choice..... We're sustaining tones now as we never did six weeks ago. We're learning to play, softly and evenly and that's hard. Anyone can make a loud noise.....That, D sharp didn't sound right!.....I'll see if I can't annoy you all to the point where you can't play this piece anymore....You're not holding those dotted notes!.....Watch those popcorn endings."

Every now and then a hand waved in the air to signal a question from some puzzled performer. "My E sharp didn't sound right. Mr. Garrett: "There wasn't any E sharp in that piece." General laughter. "The sling on my drum is too long." Mr. Garrett walked over to the drum section to explain how to shorten a drum sling. "Are the notes written right on my score?" Mr. Garrett: let me see them. Da da da dum da. Yes, they're all right. Just relax when you blow and you'll find your tones will sound fine."

The band members were assigned marching positions for the first time that night and made a circuit of the gymnasium twice besides receiving commands in place. The smallest performers were observed among the cornets; the tallest were in the horn and trombone section. But although strangely assorted in sizes and ages, the members of the band are achieving remarkable coordination and harmony in their playing. It's a pleasure to watch their earnest efforts and to realize how hard they're working to make their band a success.

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I hope we have come to another Thanksgiving Day truly appreciative of the good fortune that is ours. I hope that the Day means considerably more to us than a holiday, a feast day, a family-get-together-day.

Therefore I hope you will not consider me too dull if I celebrate the Day by listing here as reminders a few of the things I feel we as citizens of Greenbelt have to be thankful for. I hope you will add to the list to fit your own particular case and your own opinions.

Of course there are the warm, attractive homes, the broad lawns, the trees, the space to move around in, and the well-planned, well administered town and community services; public health, public safety, community recreation, town library, public park areas, town hospital, town swimming pool, neighborhood playgrounds, town picnic grounds and trails, town shooting range, town tennis courts, community center and gymnasium. And there are the successful cooperative enterprises; the credit union, the health association, the store, the housing group. And the many special interest organizations. (I won't try to name them for fear that I might neglect some; but it is manifest that every possible hobby and/or point of view is given a good chance to develop its own group). And there is the Cooperator, perhaps the only town paper in the country that is actually run democratically and distributed to every residence in town. And there is the Citizens Association through which we can revive the democratic process once found in the Town Meetings of New England; and the Town Council that really opens its doors, and its ears, to its constituents, and the local and national officials who lend every encouragement to our efforts to make Greenbelt a veritable manifestation of democracy and an effective strengthening of democracy.

The greatest thing for which we have to be thankful is this opportunity to participate in a demonstration of what man can do if he is put into a decent environment. We have been given a chance to develop fine community living. The material gifts are important, but they will amount to nothing if we do not take advantage of the chance offered us to use these gifts to create a community truly devoted to good living and good fellowship. Let us show our thankfulness by making real the potentialities of our good fortune in Greenbelt.

Howard C. Custer

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Sacrifice sale--Boy's fine leather coat good as new, size 12-14. Also triple mirror vanity, chair and rocker. 7-F Ridge Road—evenings.

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MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt

Thanksgiving again. And a time more serious somehow - to me - than it used to be. Maybe that's natural as one grows older and the days of V. I. I. - V. P. I. football classics and "turkey proms" have faded with the roses of yesteryear. But Thanksgiving now makes me consciously think of the things I am most thankful for and wonder how much I deserve to have them; my brown-eyed girl who is so dependable; my hazel-eyed boy who is sometimes so clumsy but who is so earnest and honest; my blue-eyed baby girl who is such a lovable typhoon and my new little son who has added so much to my work and so immeasurably to my joy; my mother and dad who are everything mothers and dads ought to be; my husband - - how can I begin to say all he has meant to me - - my native land; my church - - how could anybody ask for more?

How often do I take them lightly, these precious things. How often allow their importance to be obscured by other, lesser things. How often do I complain and grow fretted by the small, oft-repeated tasks and forget that love makes labor lighter.

If I could have one prayer this Thanksgiving, this would be it - "God, make me thankful for the things that make life wonderful and make me in a little measure worthy of those things."

--- Peggie Arness

New Tricks for Old Floors

Mr. Robert Howey, Head Janitor of the Greenbelt Maintenance Staff, would like to offer the following advice to Greenbelt housewives relative to the care of oak floors in their houses:

When houses are vacated they require complete cleaning and repainting before the tenant moves in, and for this reason Mr. Howey has had a chance to observe conditions in several hundred houses for the past few years.

He has recently noticed that some of the wooden floors in the houses have a bleached look which seems to have been caused by too much scrubbing with strong soap and water. He would like to advise that oak floors should not be washed more than once or twice a year, and then only preliminary to putting on a fresh coat of wax. The best wax to preserve the color of wooden floors is Johnson's wood floor wax with a turpentine base. An application of wax every two or three months will keep the floors in good shape.

Rubber heel marks and small stains can be removed with #1 steel wool, dampened with turpentine. When the spot is removed a little wax applied to the spot will blend in with the rest of the floor.

Pointers on Electric Irons

When you buy an electric iron, check construction and finish as well as price, advise research experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

One way to be sure the iron is safe from fire and shock hazard is to look for the approval label of the Fire Underwriters' Laboratories, a non-profit, safety-testing organization. If the label is not on the iron, see if the iron is listed in the organization's publication indicating approved appliances.

Here are other points to check:

Sole Plate: The sole plate should be a smooth plane surface. For general purposes, an ironing surface of 25 square inches is sufficient. If your laundry consists of large pieces, you may need a larger iron; if you do only small pieces at home, a smaller iron can be used.

Shaft: A narrow point and tapering sides with beveled edges ease the job of ironing around buttons and in gathers. Rounded corners on the back help prevent wrinkles.

Weight: Should be evenly distributed. Light-weight irons are easy to handle and give good results, if proper temperature is maintained, with the right amount of moisture in the fabric, and a proper padding on the board.

Wattage: Irons of 800 to 1000 watts heat speedily and maintain suitable temperatures for all kinds of work.

Temperature control: A thermostat control adds cost, but helps maintain proper heat, automatically controls current, generally makes for better ironing results. Temperature indicators are not accurate enough to be wholly reliable.

Handle: Best materials are hardwood, molded rubber, cork, and composition. Look for a large handle that does not allow the hand to close completely around it and is longer than the palm. Insulation between the handle and iron prevents the handle getting hot.

Finish: Chromium does not tarnish, nickel may tarnish or become discolored when overheated, while a thin plating of nickel may peel.

Cord: Should be tested and banded by Underwriters' Laboratories. A gilt band indicates best quality, a red band lower quality.

RECIPES

Ra ta ta-ta ta-ta---The sound of the hunter's horn is again heard in the still depths of the woods, and another of our furred or feathered friends is bagged by Sir Nimrod; and Milady must cook the trophy, however she may dislike the trouble or the taste of wild game. By the way, have you read Felix Slater's "Bambi"? I suggest borrowing a copy from the library, chose a deep cozy chair, a good reading lamp at your elbow and read this very interesting story to the end. By that time you will have gathered my reaction to the hunters horn. However, if Sir Nimrod and his Lady are still in the mood, here are some suggestions on preparing the spoils.

If none of these meet your requirements, don't hesitate to call me at 5481 and I will be happy to give you any information I have. The perfect accompaniment to game is wild rice. But I find brown rice a grand substitute.

Preparing Wild Game

Cleaning wild ducks and geese. Clip the tips and wings and remove coarse guard feathers, leaving bird covered with down. Melt a package of paraffin (this is sufficient for 6 birds) in a pan and with a clean paint or pastry brush apply the paraffin, removing the down and pinfeathers with it. Clean thoroughly by washing well and draw. Truss as for roasting and soak in cold salt water about 2 hours. Then wrap in cheesecloth and store in the refrigerator until ready to be cooked.

Parboiling the ducks spoils the flavor and makes the meat dry.

Wild Duck with Sauerkraut

Cook one quart of kraut with one apple and one onion chopped fine, and a small piece of spareribs for 1 hour. Remove the ribs, strain the liquid from the kraut to use for basting, and stuff the ducks with the kraut. This amount will stuff 3 average size ducks. Place a strip of bacon or salt pork across the breast of each and roast in a hot oven 400 degrees to sear, then reduce to 325 degrees, and bake slowly until tender. Young ducks will roast in 1 1/2 hours, while old ones require 30 to 45 minutes longer. Baste frequently and remove from the oven as soon as tender or the bird will be dry if baked too long.

Venison-Liver and Bacon

Slice the venison-liver in 1/4 inch slices. Let stand in cold water for 5 minutes to draw out the blood. Drain and cover with boiling water to which have been added 2 tablespoons of vinegar per quart of water. Keep at the boiling point for 5 minutes. Drain, sprinkle with salt and pepper, dredge with flour, and fry in bacon fat. Serve with rashers of crisp bacon. Putting the liver in vinegar water improves the flavor.

Broiled Quail

Broiled quail or partridge are prepared like squab sized chickens, split down the back, brushed with butter, seasoned and broiled. Serve on toast a whole bird to each guest. A tart jelly such as plum, currant, cranberry or green gage plum is a delightful accompaniment.

--- Peggy Bargas

LUCKY THIRTEEN AT HOMEMAKER CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Vera Van Lewvano, Mrs. E. Horstman, Mrs. Ann Wagstaff were the hostesses for the homemaker club, which was held at the home of Mrs. Van Lewvano, 11-H Ridge Road. Thirteen members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph P. Loftus.

GREENBELT'S NEW BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hogan of 34-E Crescent Road, are the parents of a baby girl, born at 4:16 P.M., November 15, at the Greenbelt Hospital.

OUR NEIGHBORS

It is the neighborly custom of 23-Ridge Road to give a farewell party for any of the members who leave Greenbelt. Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Coulter, who are leaving town for Minnesota were the guests of honor at the neighborhood's latest goodbye party held last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Childs, formerly of 3-C Ridge Road have bought a home in Sligo Park Terrace. They left Greenbelt on November 12. Mrs. Lawrence Fern of 3-E Ridge Road was hostess at a farewell shower given for Mrs. Childs on Friday November 1.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

At a meeting Thursday, November 14 the executive committee and leaders present at a special meeting of the Better Buyers agreed to drop the formal setup of the Executive Board and Leaders Group in favor of a more informal and concentrated committee. After discussion concerning the activities of these bodies in the past, it was suggested a committee comprising the present four Executive members and leaders representing each group, meet once a month to take care of any business concerning and affecting the Better Buyers groups as a whole.

For women interested in the work of the Club and not participating in any group actively a member-at-large title will be given. These members will be invited to participate in all general activities and will be expected to assist in the furtherance of the program in any way convenient and possible for them.

With this new arrangement it is hoped to bring the activities and interests of the various groups closer together. They have prospects of the formation of several new groups, very soon after the holidays. Please contact Mrs. Marion Slaugh 20-F Crescent Road if you know of any one interested in joining or forming a group.

The Nifty Shoppers met on Wednesday evening, November 13 at the home of Mrs. Helen Adams at 5-K Ridge Road with ten members present.

The group worked with marked progress on their leather goods.

Mrs. Doris Seybold held the lucky number for the "White Elephant Drawing".

Plans were made for a Christmas Party which will be held on December 18.

The Group will meet next at the home of Mrs. Gene Johnson at 5-F Ridge Road.

Better Buyers Probe Facts and Frauds

"Facts and Frauds in Feminine Hygiene" by Rachel Lynn Palmer and Sara Greenberg will be reviewed by Dr. Caroline Silberman (Mrs. Joseph Silagy) for members of the Better Buyers, Tuesday evening, November 26 at 8:15 in the Social room. The meeting will be open to all interested ladies. Discussion, questions and answers will follow the review. The evening will wind up with refreshments.

SCHOOL DAYS

"Thanksgiving" was the theme of the celebration given yesterday in the auditorium of Greenbelt Elementary School. The children of Mrs. Rowena Whitaker's second and third grade room were in charge of the program. The President's Thanksgiving Proclamation was read by Thor Hood.

A play, done in the creative dramatic style, in which children from each room participated, was put on very effectively to show the contrast between Thanksgiving as it was first conceived and as it is now; what the Pilgrim children were thankful for and what present-day children express grateful thanks for.


The play, in its first part showing Pilgrim days, was divided into three parts: the Pilgrim landing, trading with the Indians, and the first Thanksgiving. A single scene showed the present-day feast, with children grouped around a radio listening to a "broadcast" of Thanksgiving songs which were given by the children of the audience.

A feeling of the genuine significance of Thanksgiving was evident in the keen interest of all the children present.

We have been planning on having for the winter some feeding stations. The stations are to be for the birds and animals that stay here through the winter such as, squirrels and rabbits. We are doing research reading to find what types of feeding stations are easy to build. We have an out-door classroom in which we hope to place our feeding stations. We shall have committees of children to take care of the feeding stations during the winter months.

Nelda Goldstein.

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Town Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. LIV

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES OVER THE DRIVEWAYS, ALLEYS, COURTS AND PARKING LOTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GREENBELT

Section I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Greenbelt, Maryland, that no motor vehicle shall be operated in the courts, or parking lots or over any driveway or alley leading into such courts or parking lots of the Town of Greenbelt at a rate of speed in excess of seven (7) miles per hour except as otherwise designated by traffic signs placed upon said driveways, alleys courts and parking lots.

Section II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the operator of any motor vehicle who may be convicted of the violation of Section I of this Ordinance shall pay a fine of not less than Two Dollars (\$2.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense.

Section III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect November 15, 1940.

George A. Warner
MAYOR

Winfield McCamy
TOWN CLERK

(Advertisement)

LATTER DAY SAINTS NEWS

Elder Westen R. Clark will be the speaker at the Latter Day Saint service Sunday Evening November 24, at 7:30 P.M. in the social room.

Elder Clark is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Maryland, and has previously served as foreign missionary in the British Isles.

The music will be furnished by the Ladies Relief Society.

The Ladies Relief Society will be held at the regular time 8:15 in the music room of the elementary school, Tuesday evening November 26.

The Social Service lesson will be conducted by Mrs. Naomi Thomas.

Visitors are welcome.

HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

Lay services will be conducted at 9 P.M. tomorrow Friday evening in the Music Room of the Elementary School. The Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation Choir will assist in these services.

The Executive Committee announces at this time that a program is in process whereby prominent personalities in the many Religious faiths will visit and address our congregation at various times during the coming year.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

We know that the Edward O'Flahertys of 17--J Ridge Road and the Herbert Brines of 20 A Parkway will have had their fill of turkey before today is over. The each won a turkey at the Bingo parties held at the Holy Redeemer School Hall in Berwyn.

These Bingos are held every Wednesday night right after the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. at 8:30 sharp. Come and bring a friend. They really have lots of fun.

G.H.A. BUYS MAXIMUM SHARES IN CREDIT UNION

On Saturday, November 16, the Greenbelt Health Association marked another milestone in its career by purchasing the maximum number of shares in the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union which it is permitted to hold--100 shares with a value of \$500.

They think too little who talk too much.
---Dryden.

NEW TENANTS

Root, Leroy F.	28 D Crescent Road
Shapiro, Max	1 E Parkway Road
Ledergott, Stanley	13 B Parkway Road
Schozz, Eduica W.	12 F Parkway Road

Transfers

Burke, James C.	23 L Ridge Road
Rupert, William F.	3 E Eastway Road
White, Walter W.	16 G Ridge Road
Leach, Frank	3 C Ridge Road

Candidate for Poison Ivy Club: The party liner who picks up the phone, says nothing, replaces phone and breaks the connection for the other member of the party line.

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