



## 3000 Visitors See Greenbelt's Third Town Fair

More than 3000 persons saw Greenbelt's Third Annual Town Fair according to the estimates of Fair officials when the three-day community event came to an end Saturday night. On the official register of the Citizens Association were the signatures of 236 out-of-town visitors from Washington state, Montreal, Canada, and even Shanghai, China, accompanied by genuine Chinese characters. President Abraham Chasnow of the Citizens Association said that at least 300 out-of-town visitors did not sign the book while seeing the Fair.

First place for the best exhibit at the Fair, accompanied by the Athletic Clubs trophy cup, went to the Garden Club for their attractive slab-covered house and lawn with the displays of vegetables and flowers arranged in the corner of the Auditorium.

The \$10 for the most beautiful home grounds in the whole town went to David R. Steinkle, 56-H Crescent Road. Leo R. Mullin took top honors for having the best-kept lawn and hedge, while first place for allotment gardens went to Joseph H. G. Brown.

A complete list of prize winners, 121 of them, in the various contests follows:

### Yard and Garden Contest

Ten prizes for the most beautiful home grounds in the whole town—First Prize, \$10, David R. Steinkle; second prize, \$9, Joseph J. Neit; third prize, \$8, Joseph G. Brown; fourth prize, \$7, Herbert Hall, Jr.; fifth prize, \$6, Henley W. Goode; sixth prize, \$5, Guy W. Bowen; seventh prize, \$4, Cyril E. Turner; eighth prize, \$3, Sam I. Downs; ninth prize, \$2, Paul Leatherby; tenth prize, \$1, John G. Kramer.

Six prizes of \$3 for the most beautiful home grounds in each block—Block A, John W. Kitchen; Block B, E. Stottlemeyer; Block C, Leslie Atkins; Block D, Joseph B. Craig; Block E, Harry G. Mayman; Block F, Joseph W. Brown.

Three prizes for best-kept lawns and hedges in the whole town—First prize, \$5, Leo R. Mullin; second prize, \$3, Martha Treiman; third prize, \$2, Jasper Dawson.

Six prizes of \$1 each for best-kept lawns and hedges in each block—Block A, Claude F. Wood; Block B, Aton W. Bowman; Block C, Harry A. Stewart; Block D, Helen T. Cowell; Block E, Virgil L. Estes; Block F, Frank H. Donoghue.

Three prizes for best allotment gardens in town—First prize, \$5, Joseph G. Brown; second prize, \$3, Martin F. Chelstrom; third prize, \$2, Joseph A. Long.

Model Airplane Contest—Class 1—First, Warner Steinkle; second, Allan Wilson; Class 2—None; Class 3—None; Class 4—First, Guy Bowen; second, Henry McFarland; third, William Townsend.

Hobby and Oddity Contest—Antiques—First prize, \$2, David R. Steinkle; second prize, \$1, Vernon Fox; third prize, ribbon, M. M. Fontaine.

Collections—First prize, \$2, Kaywin Knox; second prize, \$1, George Schaeffer; third prize, ribbon, James Burke.

Models—First prize, \$2, H. A. Wharton; second prize, \$1, H. A. Wharton; third prize, ribbon, Arthur Krouse.

Handicraft—First prize, \$2, Mrs. Dorothy Proctor; second prize, \$1, M. M. Fontaine; third prize, ribbon, Louise Steinkle and Margaret Brown.

Flowers—First prize, \$5, David R. Steinkle; second prize, \$4, Joseph G. Brown; third prize, \$3, Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr.; fourth prize, \$2, Mrs. Don Cooper and M. F. Chelstrom; fifth prize, \$1, Leslie Atkins.

Vegetables—First prize, \$5 basket of groceries—Joseph H. Long; second prize, \$4 box of oranges, Joseph G. Brown; third prize, \$3, Oscar Zoeller; fourth prize, \$2 each, M. M. Fontaine and C. W. Benson; fifth prize, \$1 each, Mar-

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## Gas Supply Cut; Ration Cards May Follow

The latest change in the gasoline situation is a further reduction of 5 percent in the quantity that may be delivered to the station during September, Thomas B. Ricker, manager of the service station, announced last Saturday. This follows a 10 percent cut imposed during August.

The September quota is 85 percent of July deliveries. In August it was 90 percent. This quota will permit the station to receive 19,500 gallons during the month.

"In order to continue the station's policy of supplying its regular patrons, it will be necessary to limit sales to Greenbelt motorists as was done during the last week and a half of August," Mr. Ricker added.

Members of the cooperative who reside out of town may also receive gasoline if they identify themselves at the station and receive the small windshield stickers.

The 10 percent reduction in gasoline deliveries to service stations, ordered last week by the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply upon the recommendation of Defense Petroleum Coordinator, Harold L. Ickes, will affect Greenbelt just like all other service stations in the area.

What will follow this "interim measure" no one knows, but some Greenbelters have visions of "rationing cards" permitting the purchase of extremely small quantities of gasoline each week. Passenger cars will have to bear the brunt of this reduction because the necessary quantities will be maintained for "essential uses."

The local service station has ceased purchasing lubricating oil in bulk, which is delivered in steel drums, and now buys its oil in cans in order to affect a saving for its patrons.

It was stated that a charge of \$5 is placed on every steel drum in which oil is delivered to the station. When the drum is returned, a \$4 credit is given the station if it is not damaged. Thus, it costs \$1 for the use of the drum, adding to the cost of the oil received therein.

This cost must be assumed either by the purchaser of oil or by the station. It is reflected in the net savings of the service station, if the latter method of absorbing this cost is used. So the patrons pay it in either case, it was stated, because the latter method reduces the patronage refund.

When steel drums were plentiful, they were allowed to pile up in quantities before being collected and cleaned. This practice spread the cost over a large number of drums, thereby reducing to a minimum the handling and cleaning cost per drum. Now, however, they are scarce and are in constant demand because of the use of steel for defense work.

## Folk Dancers Square Off Sat. Eve

The Greenbelt Folk Dancers will begin their fall series of dances this Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by sponsoring a square dance on the handball court back of the swimming pool.

According to present plans "Happy Walker" will be on hand to furnish the music. Roy S. Braden has offered the group the use of the handball court for the entire season and has arranged to leave the lighting fixtures which were originally installed for the Fair.

All those who are interested in square dancing are invited. There will be no admittance charge.

The bonds of matrimony are worthless unless the interest is kept up.

The British Broadcasting Company uses 34 foreign languages in its overseas broadcasts.

## New Homes Contrast With Old; Chief Difference Is \$\$

By Sally Meredith

A marked contrast is noted between the 152 new housing units now nearing completion and the units which comprise the original Greenbelt.

One such contrast is the cost of construction. The original 885 units cost \$4,799,000, or approximately \$5400 each to construct, while those now under construction average only \$3545 per unit. However, a careful study of the entire labor costs indicates that quite a bit was expended on the original construction because of the relief and rehabilitation aspects of the program over and above the costs which would normally be incurred for labor. The original building program provided work relief to unemployed workers residing in the Baltimore-Washington region.

The physical differences are more apparent. In the units now being built there are no apartments, while at present Greenbelt consists of almost as many apartments as individual houses. The present Greenbelt houses have a variety of designs and construction types, while the others are all 2-story frame houses, with asbestos

shingles to fireproof them. Unlike the present plans, these units have no separate dining-room. One of the most noticeable differences is the change to hardwood floors except for the kitchen and bath, where linoleum is used.

There will be 38 three-bedroom units and 114 with two bedrooms. Each unit has a steam heating system, which ties in with a central heating plant, of which there are eleven. This reduces construction costs considerably.

The general features of the original Greenbelt will be continued in the new development. The multiple dwellings are placed in groups of two to six within large "super" blocks. The new buildings will be surrounded by lawns or parks, and no home will face directly on a main thoroughfare. A service driveway will approach each dwelling group. Parking will be provided off the streets in adjacent areas.

These units, together with the remainder of the 1000 that are scheduled to be built, will in no way change the operation of the present community but will, instead, become a part of it.

## Feeder Band Opens To More Recruits

All children over 7 years of age who are interested in the feeder band are requested to register in the Auditorium tonight at 7 o'clock. "The purpose of the band is to train new players to take the place of others when there are vacancies in the band," S. H. Downs, Parents Board chairman, explained in announcing the meeting. Mr. Downs indicated that he wanted an idea of how many of the children have musical instruments of their own, and have had previous training. He especially urges all parents to come with their children when they register.

## Nursery School Opens Monday

Nursery school for Greenbelt 3 and 4-year-olds will start Monday, September 15, in the recreation room located in 14 Parkway. Mrs. Charlotte C. Wagner, trained nursery teacher, will again be in charge of the cooperative enterprise which was set up last year by a group of local families.

Registrations are open now and can be made by calling Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer or Mrs. Mary Cross. It was emphasized by Mrs. Wagner that "only 35 children would be accepted as that is the maximum that one person can handle with the best results." There were 35 enrolled last spring. The cost of the nursery program is \$4 a month, with the last month's fee required as a down payment in advance.

The nursery will operate in two periods, the 3-year-olds from 9 to 11:30 A. M. and the 4-year-old children from 1:30 to 4:00 P. M. Mrs. Wagner said that she wanted to pay a personal visit to the parents of all new nursery children before the opening date.

Cards have been sent to members of the Parents' Board announcing a meeting to be held tonight at 8:15 in 14 Parkway.

## How Close Was Your Guess

How much money did the Credit Union loan from July 9 through August 8, 1941?

July 9, 1 loan approved, amount \$436.00.

July 23, 3 loans approved, amount, \$1004.00.

July 30, 3 loans approved, amount, 953.00.

Of all those who submitted estimates at the Fair last week Mrs. Rita Ryerse and May Anderson, tied for first place with a guess of \$2400; Mrs. Mildred Pilkerton and J. N. Wolfe tied for second place with a guess of \$2350.

## 6 Local Men Pass Bar Exams

Six Greenbelters passed the District of Columbia Bar Examination held June 19, 20, and 21, and were included in the list of 381 successful candidates announced this week. There were 982 who took the examination.

Local men who qualified are: Bernard J. Bordenet, John Beebe, A. A. Dickerman, Frederick N. Reed, Lawrence B. Sawyer, and Marjan P. Staniec. Mr. Staniec is one of the candidates in the council elections.

## String Orchestra Planned For Town

Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer announces that she expects to have the groundwork laid for a string orchestra in Greenbelt as soon as she confers with a Washington instructor. If plans proceed according to expectation, anyone may join who possesses a stringed instrument. There will be no age limit.

Paul Garrett and S. H. Downs left Wednesday for Philadelphia, Mrs. Kinzer further announced, to secure instruments for the Feeder Band.

## Gun Club Contest Draws 76 Entrants

The Greenbelt Gun Club's electric-eye rapid-fire gun turned out to be one of the most popular features of the Town Fair last week. The marksmanship contest conducted by the club in conjunction with the electric device resulted in 76 entries. Winner of first prize among the men was George Panagoulis, director of public safety. High score among the lady competitors was that turned in by Mrs. Joseph Macchio. Eugene Schmid won the second place award among the men.

The Club was able to pay off \$15 for the rental of the machine and in addition turn in an additional \$5 to the Planning Committee for use wherever needed for Fair expenses.

## Scouts Get Troop Flag

A troop flag was presented to Boy Scout Troop 252 last week by the Citizens Association, sponsor of the group. Presentation was made just prior to the opening of the Scout exhibit at the Town Fair so that both Troop 252 and Troop 202 would have identifying banners on display. Scoutmaster Horace "Chick" Turner and Scout Jim Leary accepted the flag for the assembled troop.

## 14 Candidates Will Face Voters At Open Meeting

Candidates for the Town Council election will meet the voting public September 15 at an open meeting sponsored by the Citizens Association in the Auditorium.

Each candidate will be allotted a limited time to present his address and it is hoped that there will be time to hold a short informal question and answer discussion.

According to Abraham Chasnow, Association president, the issue of electing new council members is important enough to warrant the elimination of all other matters on the G. C. A. calendar in order to give the citizens of Greenbelt a chance to hear the opinions of the prospective councilmen the night preceding the election.

All citizens are urged to attend this meeting, but there will be no door prizes.

Fourteen candidates have entered the race for the five council positions which are to be filled in the biennial election September 16. Four of the nominees, Mayor A. N. Gawthrop, Mayor Pro-tem Edward Walther, Sherrod East and Thomas Ricker, are candidates for reelection, Mrs. Ruth Taylor being the only incumbent not running again. Besides the incumbents seeking re-election, the following candidates have been announced:

Sol Shub, Curtis Barker, George Bauer, Sam Cregger, Frank Lastner, Mrs. Anna W. McNamara, Allen D. Morrison, Mrs. Lydalu Palmer, Larry Pinckney and Marjan Staniec.

Winfield McCamy, town clerk advised that approximately 300 new registrations were received this year for the coming election, bringing the eligible voters to a total of 900. This figure represents approximately two-thirds of the number that were eligible to register. A large number of last-minute registrants appeared in the town clerk's office Saturday, and several registered at her home on Sunday.

## Greenbelt Meets With Air Blitz

Greenbelt had a little taste of air blitz Tuesday night. Long accustomed to the sight and sound of planes having traffic with Schrom's Airport, casual strollers hardly noticed a plane circling low over the town. But this plane's roar was just a little louder and its circles a little lower than usual.

The calm Greenbelters were suddenly shocked when a sight they had seen only in news reels became real before their eyes. The plane circled once, twice, and from it there dropped bright flares, lighting up the night sky.

We are proud to report that our Greenbelters response was as bright as the flares. No war here and no terror. This was apparently a plane in distress looking for a place to land.

Quicker than Hitler can say "Blitz", about fifty cars had converged on the runway at Schrom's, flooding it with their head lights. Greenbelt was ready—but the flares died and the plane flew off.

The mobilized community was puzzled, but Fritz Schrom came on the scene and made everything clear. It was an Army plane and the mysterious flares were not distress signals but part of an army plane's maneuvers—fancy word for war practice.

Greenbelters were not disappointed. They had had some practice too.

## Fire Chief Visits Force

The chief of the Lowell, Massachusetts, fire department, was in Greenbelt this week, drilling with the local fire-fighters and explaining how his department works in Lowell. He was the guest of Martin Ginivan.