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## The Missing Link

We are in the midst of a World War of fantastical proportions. This nation is launched on an effort to stem a torrent which threatens to engulf all civilization, is engaged in an armament effort of gigantic proportions.

To foster this effort, no pains, no care, no expense has been spared to insure that no hitch will prevent carrying to the fullest extent all our plans of defense and retaliation upon the common enemy.

To expedite all effort private enterprise has been offered profit incentives running into billions. The industrial workers have been offered every aid and assistance by the government to carry out to the letter every device on the statute books to guarantee an adequate return for the superhuman effort required of them to complete the program.

Only one group of people has been overlooked. The small but valiant army which implements the plans of our military strategists, plans the means for expediting production, operates the thousand channels which integrate our effort has been completely lost sight of. We mean, of course, the swelling legion of government clerks which is the backbone, the very spine of the defense effort. Though the midnight oil burns until it pales before the dawn; though minds and bodies are driven until the strain cracks both; though the mighty efforts of this doughty legion accomplish miracles undreamed of, and never before achieved; of this loyal, unswerving guard, no heed is taken.

In the welter of achievement their sacrifice goes unheeded, their effort remains unsung. For extra hours of effort, their reward is countless additional hours of effort unnoted. For days piled on days of payless overtime are piled the Ossa and Pelion of still more overtime. On months of unpaid effort are laid the months of underpaid effort. Though every means to cajole the reluctant enterpriser and wheedle the reluctant laborer are employed, for these weary there is only coercion and threats, a sorry rejoinder for unstinting devotion to duty.

For how long can this nerve center be manned well and ably when even the crass industrialist now regards his hirelings well, even if by dint of governmental 'suasion. For we can bruise and lacerate the main nerve trunk through which throb the living and intergrating pulses of our national effort for only just so long, before a short-sighted group of bureaucrats will learn the sad lessons of working a willing horse to death.

The remedies will be simple. There must be a general spread of the extra time needed for accomplishing our aims. Our staffs must be increased to give each worker the needed rest for maximum efficiency. And for all extra effort, the small monetary regard which can be offered must be linked with the extra effort required, sensibly and equitably distributed.

## Calendar of Events

### Friday, January 16

Band Practice  
Feeder Band Practice  
Hebrew Congregation  
First Aid  
Fire Auxiliary  
Spanish Class

### Saturday, January 17

Fire Auxiliary

### Sunday, January 18

Catholic Sunday School  
Catholic Mass  
Community Church Sunday School  
Community Church Service  
L. D. S. Church Service  
L. D. S. Sunday School  
Conference  
Community Church Young People's Group  
Community Church High School Group

### Monday, January 19

First Aid  
Police Auxiliary  
Sewing Class  
Typing and Shorthand  
Home Mechanics  
Nursery School Parents' Board  
Defense Council  
\*Greenbelt Federal Credit Union annual meeting

### Tuesday, January 20

Book Club  
L. D. S. Ladies' Aid

### Wednesday, January 21

Mothers Club  
First Aid  
Police Auxiliary  
First Aid  
Camera Club

### Thursday, January 22

L. D. S. Primary Group  
Pottery Class  
First Aid

6:30 P. M. Auditorium  
6:30 P. M. Hobby Room  
7:00 P. M. Music Room  
7:00 P. M. Room 225  
7:30 P. M. Fire House  
7:30 P. M. Room 222

3:00 P. M. Fire House

8:30 A. M. Theater  
9:00 A. M. Theater

10:00 A. M. Elementary School  
11:00 A. M. Auditorium  
11:00 A. M. Home Ec. Room

7:30 P. M. Home Ec. Room

7:00 P. M. Elementary School

8:00 P. M. 18-C Parkway

7:00 P. M. Room 123  
7:30 P. M. Fire House  
7:30 P. M. Home Ec. Room  
7:30 P. M. High School  
7:30 P. M. High School  
8:00 P. M. Council Room  
8:00 P. M. Fire House

8:00 P. M. Auditorium

8:00 P. M. Library  
8:15 P. M. Home Ec. Room

1:30 P. M. 11-F Ridge Road  
2:00 P. M. Music Room  
7:30 P. M. Fire House  
7:45 P. M. Music Room  
8:00 P. M. 3-A Parkway

4:00 P. M. Music Room  
7:30 P. M. Room 222  
7:45 P. M. Music Room

### CREDIT UNION

\*There being no banking facilities provided for Greenbelt, a group of pioneer families put their heads together and decided to organize a credit union. The organizational meeting was held on December 22, 1937, and officers were elected for one month only. At the first annual meeting, held on January 19, 1938, all of these officers were re-elected. At the close of the first year, there was a share balance of \$5,900 and a loan balance of \$5,200, with total assets amounting to \$6,175. There is now a share balance of \$32,950 and a loan balance of \$25,500. Total assets amount to approximately \$35,000.

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Credit Union which will be held in the school auditorium Monday, January 19, 1942, at 8:00 P. M., will mark the end of four years work. By all standards, success has crowned the efforts of those pioneer families who sought to give Greenbelt adequate banking facilities.

The meeting will be open to all residents of Greenbelt and any resident may take part in any discussion during the evening. Only members in good standing, however, will be allowed to vote. A member, to be in good standing, must have only fully paid \$5.00 share. This is an excellent opportunity for new residents to become acquainted with the purposes and personnel of their Credit Union.

I might add, too, that the Credit Union has been the stork's right hand man in Greenbelt. The Credit Committee, which has its regular meeting night, is often available in emergencies, and many a Greenbelt baby has been born with a loan application clenched in his front teeth—almost!

## Community Church

"The Seven Rules for Christian Giving" will be the theme of the sermon to be preached next Sunday by the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston at 11 a.m. in the Community Building.

Sunday will be observed as "The Every Member Canvass" Sunday. After a special sermon by the pastor on "Christian Stewardship" those who are to make the canvass will come forward and receive a special benediction from the pastor and then go out by twos to receive the pledges of those interested in the Community Church.

Rev. Johnston states, "Since every one living in Greenbelt receives benefits from the churches of Greenbelt, it is sincerely hoped that all will make some contribution to the church of their choice."

The church school will meet at 9:30. Classes are provided for all who attend. The young peoples societies will meet at 7 and the junior high school group will meet at the home of Mrs. Horton Smith, 18-C Parkway.

On Wednesday at 8 the mid-week meeting will be held in the music room of the Community Building. All are invited to these meetings held each Wednesday.

## To the Editor---

### Office Hours

To the Editor:

In reference to a letter appearing in last week's Cooperator, objecting to the change in office hour schedule at the Health Association, may we again remind the people of Greenbelt of the reason for the new arrangement. As stated in a previous issue of the Cooperator, the new ruling is not peculiar to this community and has been made only in the interest of our defense program. In accordance with the request of the Defense Board of the metropolitan district, the Prince Georges County and the District of Columbia Medical Societies unanimously ruled that no physician in the Washington area should hold office hours after 6 P. M. The effects of this ruling, among others, are that it leaves the doctors available for the maintenance of the Emergency Medical Program, instructing evening classes in First Aid, etc., and it eliminates the confusion which results from holding office hours simultaneously with an air raid alarm.

It may be pointed out that since the onset of the war, the total number of office hours at the association has been increased, rather than decreased. In spite of the restrictions imposed by the present emergency, we are sure that you will be able to make a satisfactory appointment by calling the Health Association offices. Appointments may be made for the Saturday afternoon hours by patients who can not see the doctor at any other time. A complete schedule will be distributed in the near future.

—C. Stewart Dowrick, Chairman,  
Board of Directors,  
Greenbelt Health Association

### For Hospital Tax

To the Editor:

I have the staff and the existence of the hospital to thank for the fact that my child is alive and healthy today, 11 months after being on the brink of death. Some day, others in this town may have to call upon these same facilities to save one of their own. I am for any proposed tax for the continuance of the institution, if such tax is proved necessary.

—Thomas C. Mellory.

A recent issue of Consumers Union's "Bread and Butter" cites one example of what is going on. Some nylon stockings are being made with rayon tops and feet, which are not very satisfactory because the rayon is less durable than nylon.

Gold Plantation Pays  
For 50 years Miss May Mills had made her "gold plantation" in North Carolina pay.

### Harmonious Pair

Printed flat mohair harmonizes well with mahogany for an informal setting. Mohair is excellent as an upholstery fabric as it is durable, washable and not likely to fade.

## Classified Ads

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED—My Federal investigation for subversive activities has been brought to a close, and I have been informed by letter that nothing was found that could be considered as supporting the charge. If the budding politician who turned in my name has the guts to come around I will be glad to show him the letter, with the hope that if and when the time comes he can show me the same.—Donald H. Cooper.**

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**Do NOT  
DISCUSS MILITARY MATTERS**

ONE SMALL LEAK  
MAY  
SINK THE SHIP

**BE DISCREET**