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PRESIDENT'S LETTER...

Dear Friends;

We had another good meeting on September 10th. Ronnie did another good job in securing Mr. Jim Lamb with the DEFT (varnishes and stains) Inc... His explanations of the properties of their several products was excellent, and we appreciate it very much.

By the time you read this we will have held our show and will have filed away the results and its pictures. Bill Hayley has taken the pictures and they should be available for you to see on October 8th. I want to thank you who participated in entering the show and assisting in managing it. We grow a little each time we have a show and the Guild builds its reputation.

A word about our "sign it" clip board. Unfortunately, the board didn't make its way to everyone last time, and we regret that. To avoid that problem, please sign in at the time you get your name badge--the clip board WILL NOT be passed around at any more meetings. So, to get your name in the pot for the door prize, as well as recording your presence, please sign in before the meeting.

Elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER you will find information about a new discount available to Guild members at Acton's. We should express, (and do here), our appreciation to Ronnie for dangling this plum before us.

Our annual TOYS FOR TOTS is just around the corner. Florida Woodworkers Assn., Ft. Walton, made and donated 1,250, (yes, one

thousand two hundred fifty) toys to the Salvation Army last Christmas. Can we do less? Get started, and make ten (10) each and we will have a thousand.

I guess I've banged your ear pans enough for this time. I look forward to seeing each of you on the 8th.

Leonard



THE SHOW---THE SHOW--- THE SHOW

After seeing Leonard Sanders on the Tom York Show on Wednesday morning, folks from the four corners of Alabama, and even Florida came to the Hoover Mall to see our beautiful projects.

There were 65 items displayed. Classifications were Craftsman, Intermediate, and Turnings and Small Objects.

We were most fortunate to have as a judge none other than Craig Nutt, Master Craftsman from Northport, AL. He spent 2½ hours Friday evening evaluating, scrutinizing, and rating entries. After much deliberation in the following awards were given;

CRAFTSMAN

1st Place -- DALE LEWIS
Barefoot and Pregnant console/sofa table, red cedar bowl, and wormy bowl.

2nd Place -- FRANK JONES
Hankerchief Table, Foot Stool, and Box (Stainwood)

3rd Place -- KERRY McCALLA
Bookcase

Honorable Mention-IVAN KRONBERG
Windsor Chair

INTERMEDIATE

1st Place -- LEONARD SANDERS
Chair-side Book Table

2nd Place -- RICHARD ELLICOTT
Chinese Tea Table

3rd Place -- LEONARD SANDERS
Brewster Chair

Honorable Mention-ANITA SKOCIK
Salem Bench

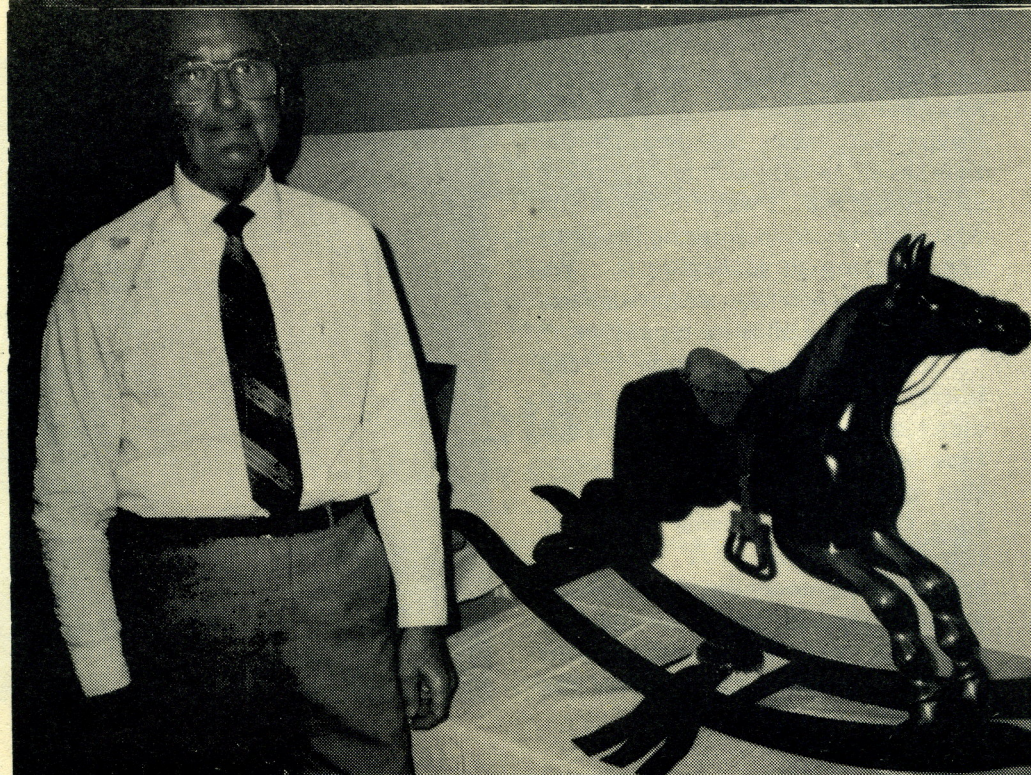
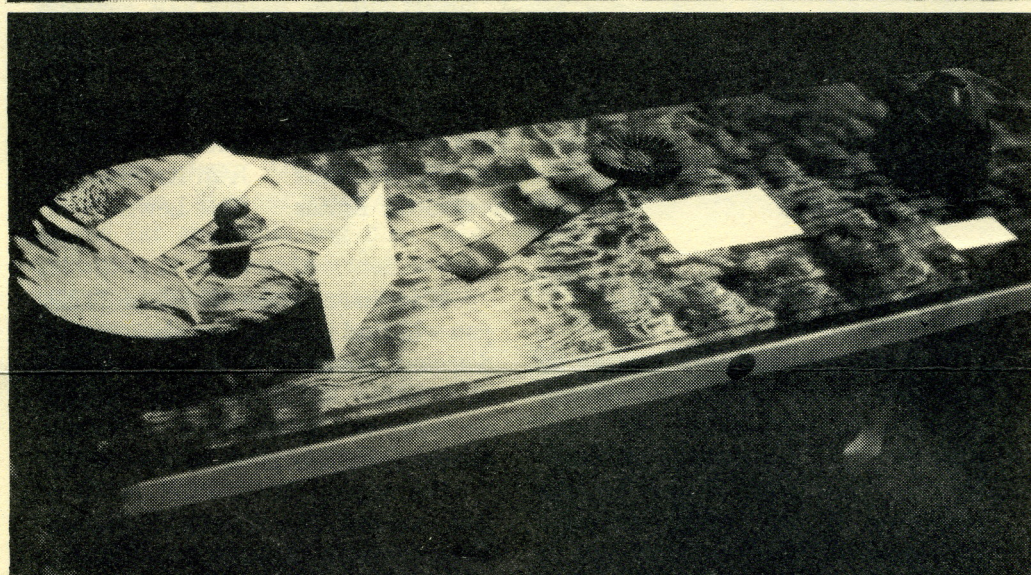
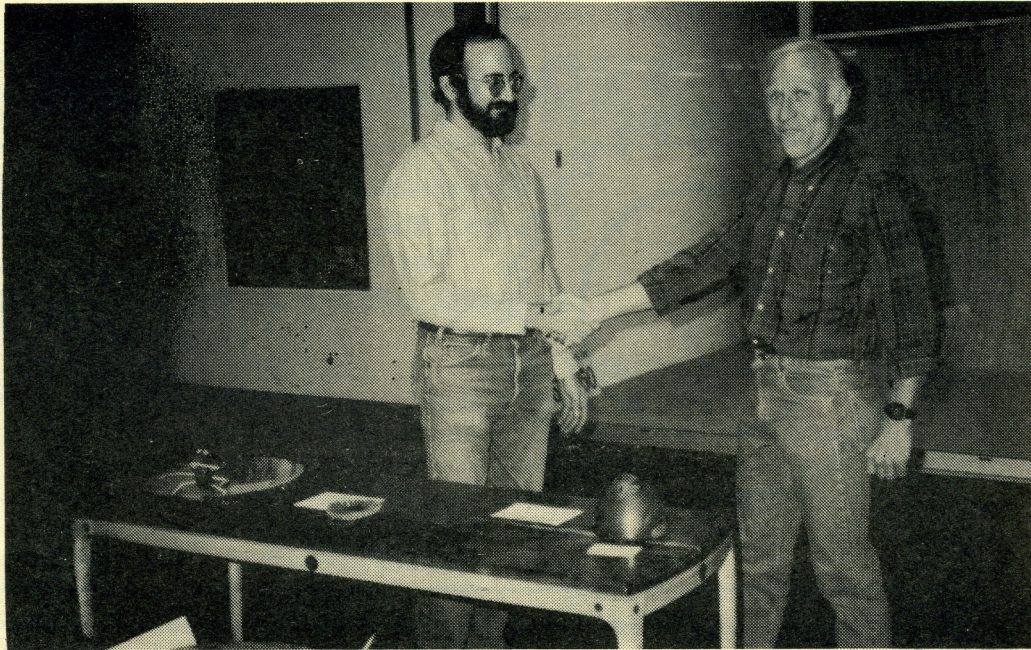
TURNING AND SMALL OBJECTS

1st Place -- ED RAMSEY
Rocking Horse

2nd Place -- JIM MOORE
Mountain Dulcimer

3rd Place -- MIKE MAJORS
Ballerina on Toe - Etc.

Honorable Mention-ETHEL OWEN
Nantucket Lightship Baskets



NOTES OF OUR LAST MEETING...

Once again the 62 members/guests present Thursday evening were treated to an outstanding informative demonstration.

Mr. Jim Lamb, representing the Deft line of finishing products.

The five products he covered were: Deft Natural Stain, Deft Oil Base Wood Stain with water clean-up, Deft Spray Stain, Deft Interior Clear Wood Finish, and Interior-Exterior Defthane Polyurethane.

I believe many of us were impressed with an oil base stain that was a water cleanup. The new fan-spray valve on the spray stain was quite impressive also. Dandy daubers for use of small jobs and for touch ups was another convenience offered by a company which is offering a quality product and has the consumer in mind.

The Deft company was to send a write up of their products to include in this newsletter, but as it had not been received by the time we went to print, it will be printed at a later time when received.

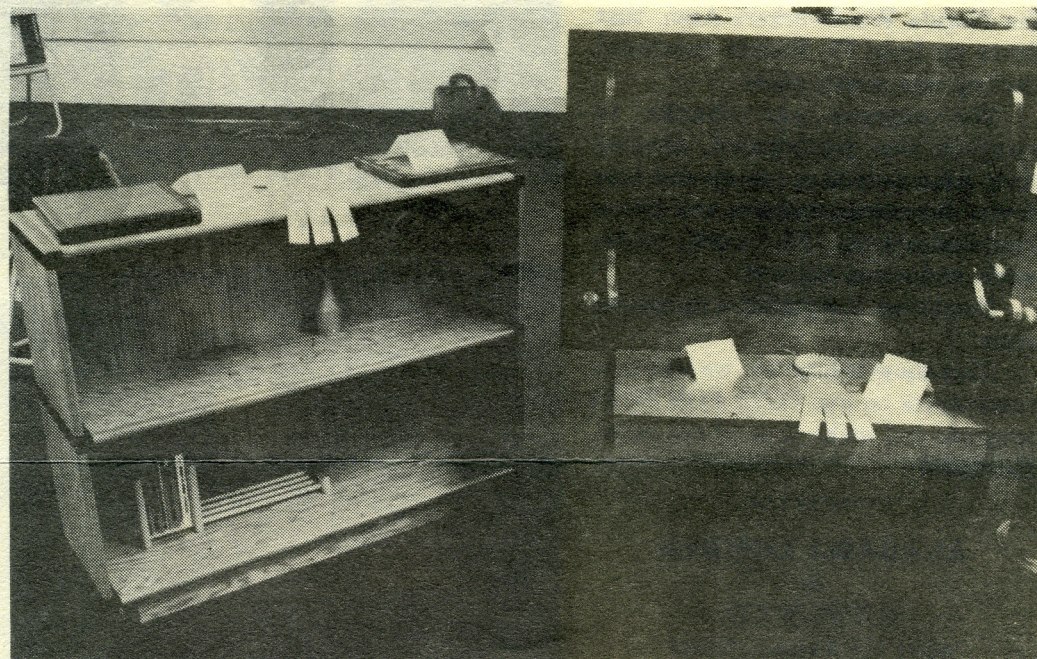
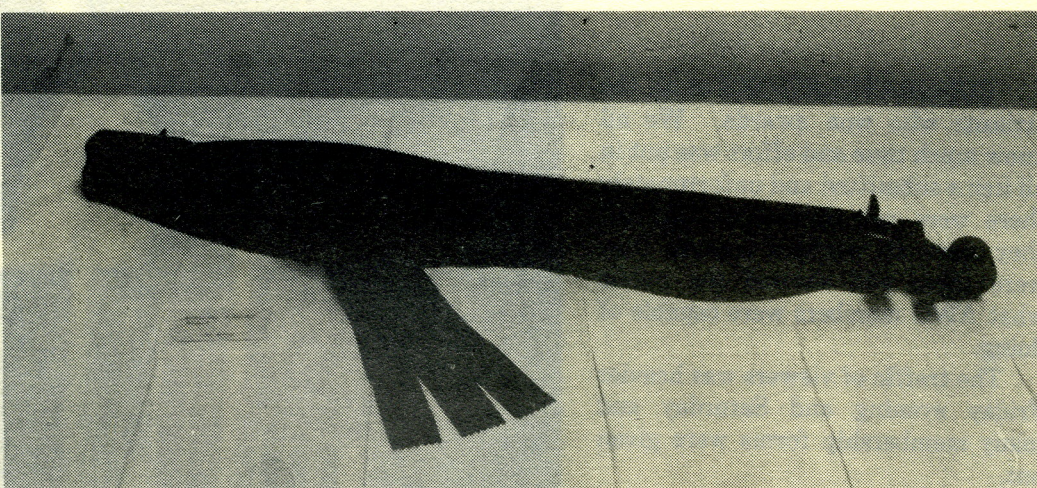
We appreciate the time, effort, and patience of Mr. Lamb in answering our many questions.

SHOW AND TELL...

As a new member of the AWG, Ethel Owen brought in some of her latest wares. Nantucket Lightship Baskets. These beautifully made baskets have a turned bottom of oak or maple, which Ethel turns herself on her new lathe. The handles and ears are of hickory, and the staves are ash. The weavers are cane.

Leonard Sanders showed us the bud vases he had turned when filming the Tom York Show. They had a test tube in them so water could be added to the flowers.

Ivan Kronberg brought in a "holey" bowl that was started as a turning, but finished as a hand carving. It was made of red maple.



CONGRATULATIONS to all the artisans who won awards. We all know much time and effort was put in all items submitted and unfortunately there were not ribbons for all, but they were all winners because they were there and showed the public what AWG members were capable of doing.

The traffic of viewers was heavier Friday evening and Saturday and many membership forms were given out.

We are certain that our friends of the Florida Woodworkers Assn. that drove up from Ft. Walton concluded the trip was worth while.

We express our thanks to everyone who participated, donated their time, helped to set up and take down, did correspondence and phone communications, PR work, video work, and moral support.

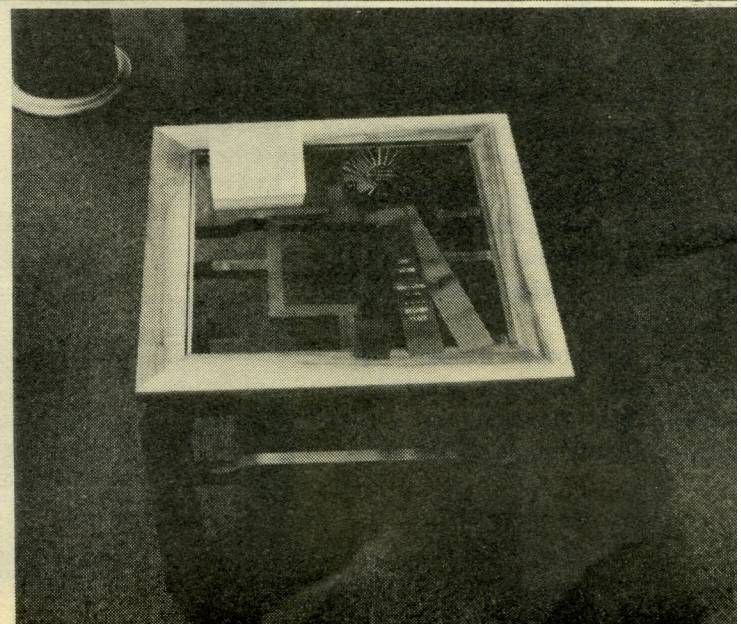
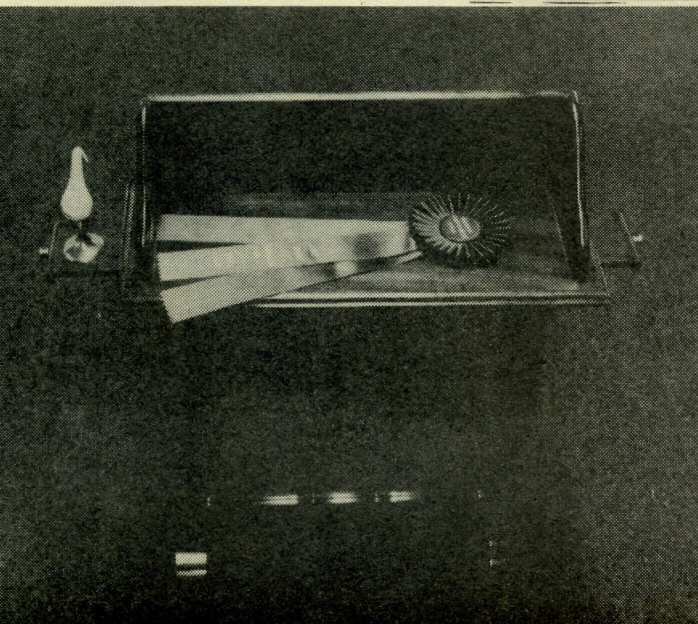
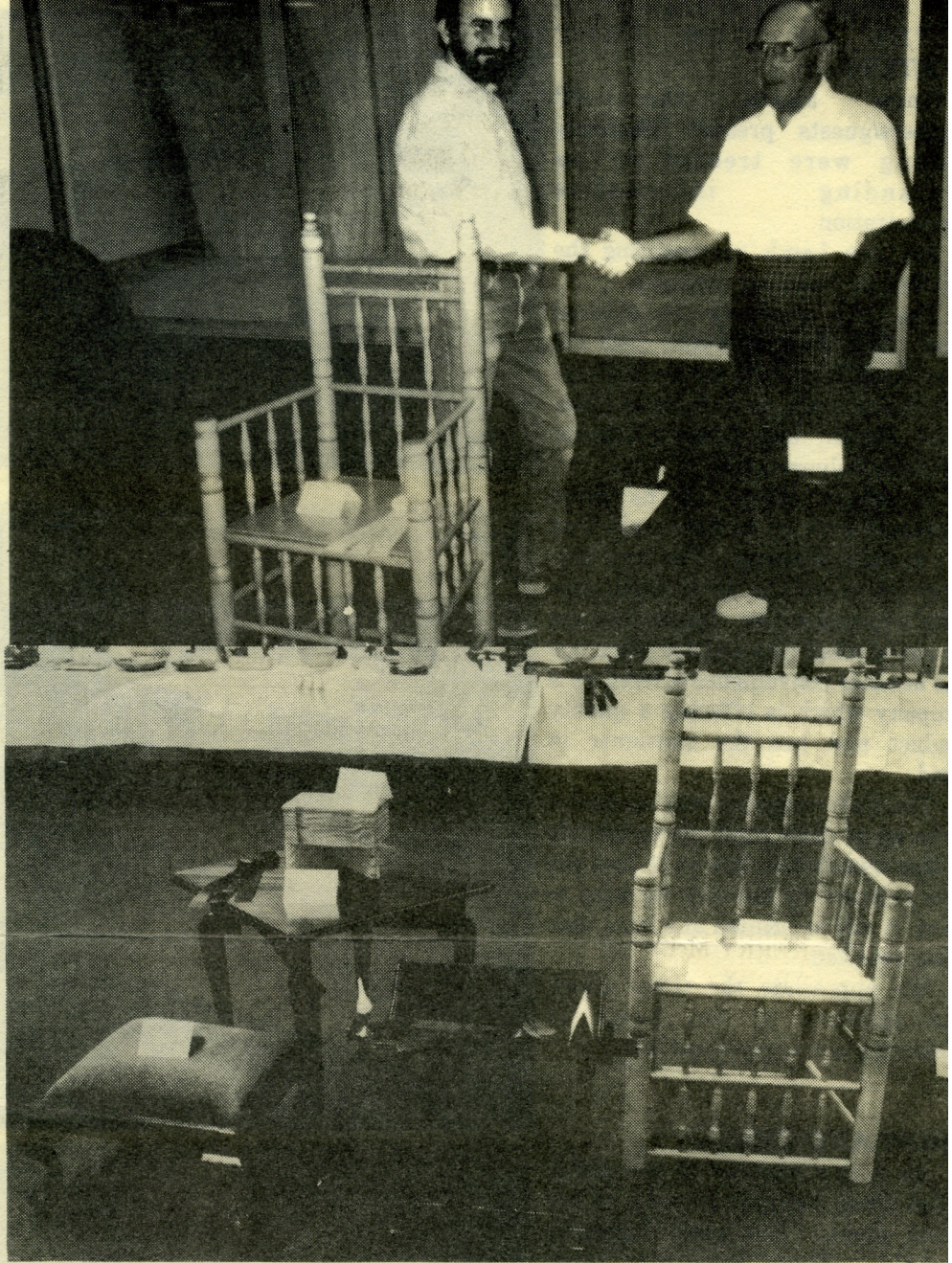
Combined, it equalled a successful show.

This show behind us, we will now concentrate on our TOYS FOR TOTS program and make it as, if not more, successful.

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OLD OR YOUNG, HOW CAN YOU TELL?

Kerry McCalla, antique tool collector, enlightened us on recognizing certain markings on tools which will determine the date or maker.

Planes are a favorite collection tool for Kerry, and he demonstrated several. Most planes have one, two and sometimes, three stamps on it, dating it. An 18th century plane was more decorative than a 19th century one as the people of that period took more time to make their planes.

Start looking at the front of the plane for a date stamp. Catalogues are available for reference.

The first plane shown was from the Auburn Tool Co., Auburn, N. Y., (not Alabama), was home base for 12 different tool companies at one time.

As observed on a T rabbit plane, the markings are quite small, and one often times needs a magnifying glass to read the markings. As observed on this plane, the markings S. Crowell, Troy, N. Y. were quite plain. This company only made tools for four years, 1828 to 1832.

On American moulding planes, the measurements are marked in 1/8ths. i.e., 2 would be 1/4".

Another noted wooden plane maker of the 19th century was Ken Roberts of New Hampshire, (Anita's home state).

Without a doubt everyone will agree that Kerry has a beautiful and historical collection of antique tools. His joy comes in showing them and giving the background. He's done a marvelous job in making our get togethers even more meaningful.

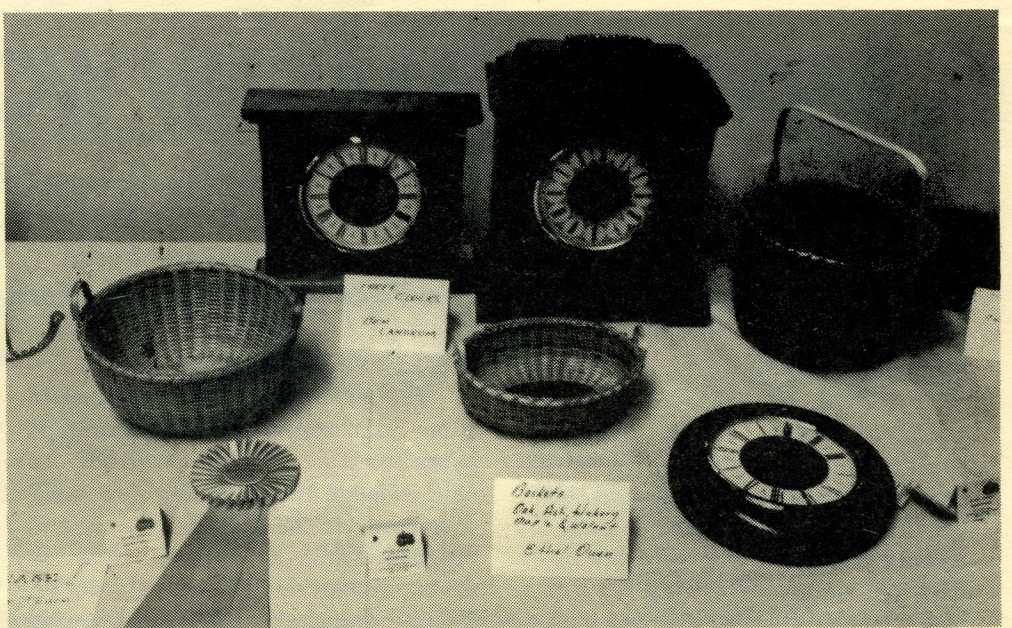
Thank you, Kerry.

BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF YOUR GUILD

DOOR PRIZE WINNER...

This month's lucky winner was Dennis Woods who won a quart of DEFT Danish Oil finish.

You never know when it will be your lucky night, so don't forget to sign up upon arrival.



JOB OPENING....

Have you been looking for a self-fulfilling position? One that allows you to make decisions, has unending challenges, limitless opportunities, contact with very interesting people, and comes with an electric typewriter? Such a position is presently available as newsletter editor for the AWG. Due to a full time work schedule, the October Newsletter will be my last one. I'll be glad to pass on any hints and methodology in compiling our newsletter. Everyone enjoys receiving the latest news and hopefully someone will come forward to carry on the tradition of the AWG with the newsletter.

Call Anita Skocik -- 798-9571 for further information, or any of the guild officers.

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	Receipts 3/13/87-8/31/87	
	Dues	600.00
	Interest	100.87
	Class Fee	25.00
	Total Receipts	725.87
	Disbursements 3/13/87-8/31/87	
	Door Prizes	20.19
	Newsletter	530.49
	Film	45.54
	Postage	22.00
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	Total Disbursements	632.33
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SIGN IN, PLEASE...

In order to get to know one another better, name tags are provided for all members. These are kept in a portfolio on the sign in table, which is also the refreshment table. In essence you can knock off three birds with one stone. You sign in, which make you eligible for the door prize, pick up your name tag, so fellow members can address you by your name, and enjoy tasty refreshments at the same time.

Who could ask for anything more?

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS AT RON'S

Your name is in the computer, so when you purchase something at Acton Moulding Supply, (Ron's business), you need to let the clerk know you are a member of the AWG and you will receive anywhere from 8 to 10% off your purchase price. It varies with the item.

Ron has really expanded his inventory and carries such a variety of tools, hardware, finishing products, hard and soft woods, toy making items, veneers, stationary as well as portable electric tools, millwork, and most importantly, the right answers to our myriad of problems.

If you've not toured Ron's store lately, you'll be quite pleased with the variety and stock on hand.

Definitely a staunch supporter of the AWG and a quality advertiser.

WELCOME ABOARD...

The AWG reputation continues to grow and resultingly attracts new members. We're happy to acknowledge the following new guild members for the months of July and August--Frank E. Ryerson, Ethel N. Owen, Robert M. Cheney, Byron W. White, James W. Bledsoe, Georgie Waldrop, Ray Veasey, and Bob Hager. And for the month of September--G. F. Strother, Don Mitchell, Richard J. McRee, W. C. Golden, Sr., Charles Coppedge, David Mitchell, Daniel H. Browning, Jerry Owen, Lawrence Williamson. May our name and fame spread far and wide and may each gathering of our woodworking family be of interest to our old and new members.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th
7 P.M.
HELD AT ACTON MOULDING SUPPLY

A FEW WORDS FROM THE EDITOR...

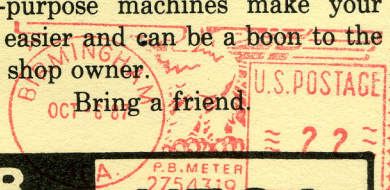
This being my last newsletter, I wish to express my personal thanks to everyone for supporting me in my meager efforts as "cub reporter-editor".

When I took the job as helper I didn't realize the meaning of the word was synonymous with editor. It's been an enjoyable challenge and much credit goes to Hall Printing Service of Ensley for meeting my short deadlines, etc. They deserve plaudits for the outstanding work they did in preparing our newsletter these past 9 issues.

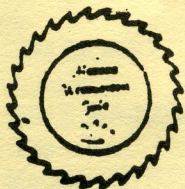
NEXT MEETING...

Another spellbinding meeting of the minds is planned for October 8th. We will be treated to a demonstration of the Mini-Max machines. These multi-purpose machines make your work easier and can be a boon to the small shop owner.

Bring a friend.



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