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President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday. I also hope that the coming year will be healthy, happy and productive for each of you.

1999 was a great year and with your help 2000 will be even greater.

Just a quick look back at 1999—Thanks to Charlie Ard's hard work we had a great series of programs throughout the year. Most of these programs were presented by our own members which speaks volumes about the quality of our organization. Other highlights of the year include the John Jordan seminar, monthly shop visits, a meeting at Lowes, our annual show at the Hoover Library, our toys program and Christmas party. Certainly, one of the most significant events of the year was moving our meeting place to Thuston's Saw Works. Thanks to Bo the transition of settling into a new home went quite well.

Looking ahead to 2000—Charlie Ard is already working hard to put together a great series of programs. (I understand he's planning a silent auction in the spring—always fun). In addition, a woodworking class is scheduled to begin this month, a chair building seminar is being planned, shop visits will continue when the weather gets a little warmer, and other events will be

announced later.

Our board members and officers are a dedicated and hard working group of guys. I'm looking forward to another year working with this group as well as the entire membership.

See you on January 13th (Y2K).

Dan

Next Program—

*January 13, 2000 · 6:00 PM
At Thuston's*

The thing we all want and need is sharp tools—you can't do much without sharp tools. Sharpening is a live subject in most of the woodworking magazines, and we have devoted time to this important subject over the years. We are now to be treated to a program on sharpening. Three of our favorite members who are cracker-jack woodworkers will demonstrate how to sharpen. They are Fred Baker, Bill West and Frank Jones. Come prepared to ask them questions, and when we go home we will be better prepared to sharpen our tools.

Last Program

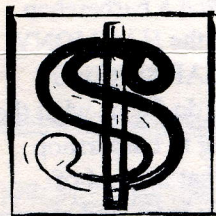
Our last program was our annual covered dish Christmas party. What a great time we had. It was held at

the Shades Crest Baptist Church where the facilities were splendid. The food brought by you exceeded anything you have done in the past, and everyone was thoroughly pleased. The program (entertainment) was just great. After many well chosen words by President Dan, a brief sing-along was conducted by Leonard Sanders. The best was yet to come. We had invited a barbershop quartet from the HARMONY EXPRESS BARBERSHOP CHORUS to do for us what they do best—sing in barbershop harmony. What a blend of harmony they have, and everyone was spellbound by their performance. Following the singing, and while the singers were eating their supper Pres. Dan began the distribution of a host of gifts which included several gift certificates at THUSTON'S. There were other gifts too—a truly lovely goblet turned by Ivan Kronberg; several small tools; some sandpaper; wooden wheels for small cars and trucks made by Harold Phillips; all of the 25 Poinsettias provided by the GUILD for table decorations; a 1 1/2 hp Router given by DeWalt; a turned pen by Bill West; and some other things I failed to make adequate notes about. Finally Jack Perry, long-time member and Board member, took the stage and

delivered adulatory remarks about our President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. Maybe you should consider attending this party next year (2000) since you see we had such a good time.

Toys For The Children

On a separate sheet in this GUILD NEWS are a few photos of the toys brought to the November 1999 meeting. This is not all of the toys made this year but just a representative group. There were more brought to the Christmas party, and we will report more later.



Dues—Dues—Dues

Our superior Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Yerby, is anxious to get into your billfolds. He reminds us that our annual dues of \$25 are now due and payable. Please come prepared to handle this at the January meeting. If you know now that you will not be able to attend the January meeting, please mail your check to him at: 433 W Hills Ct., Bessemer, AL 35022-4603. If you need to speak to him about this, you may call him at 426-4320. As you may know, most of our dues money goes to publish our GUILD NEWS, a function of the GUILD that surely should be fostered and continued.

In Memorium

We regret to report the passing of JESSE WHITFIELD. Jesse had been a member of the GUILD for many years and was an active participant in our activities. Just as recently as the SHOW, he entered a turning. Jesse passed away on December 19, 1999.



Seminar/Demonstration

Your leaders are planning a demonstration of Chair Making in the near future. As has been done in the past, the plans include securing a professional who can teach us how to make angled joints, set the back at the most comfortable angle and all the other things that should be considered in making a chair. It is not as simple as you may think. For instance, we had a chair demo some years ago, and the demonstrator had a mock-up of a chair that he could fit to the person for whom he was making the chair. The seat has to be right, comfortable and the right height from the floor; the back has to be angled properly to afford comfort. Naturally, to get a professional such as this takes money so there will be a charge for this program when it is held. Be watching for the announcement.

Guests— November & December

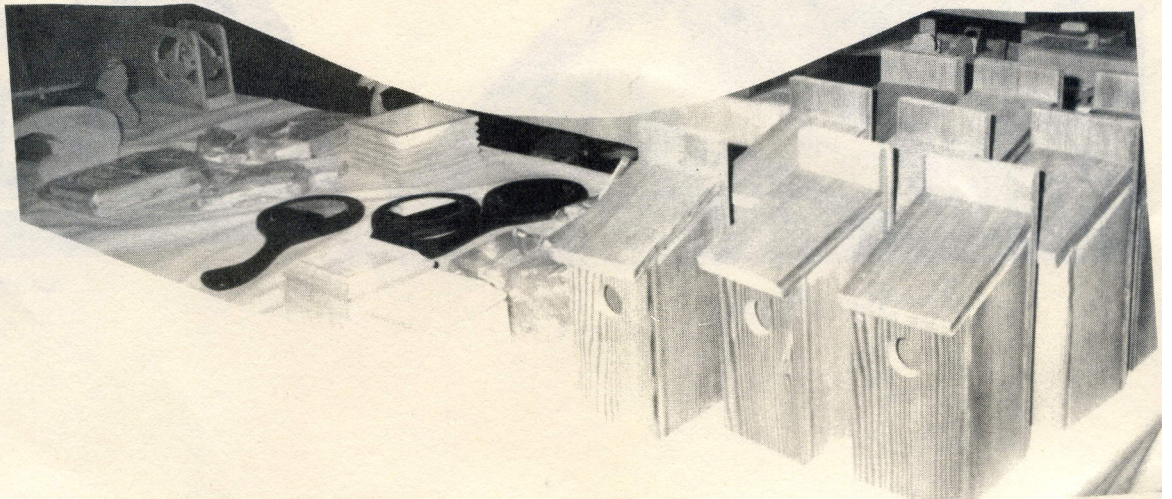
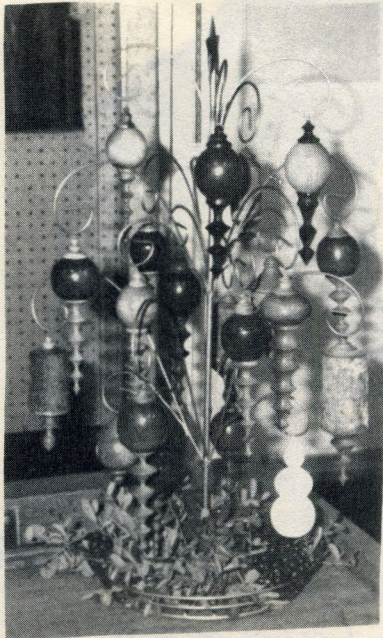
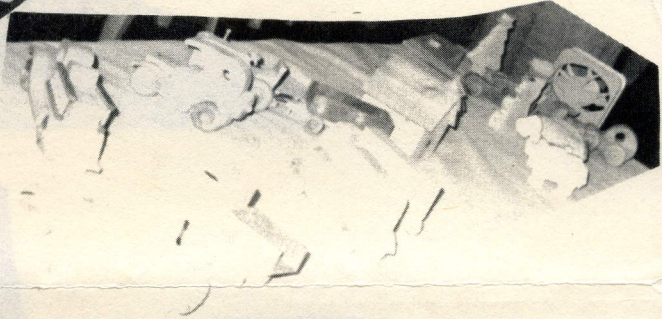
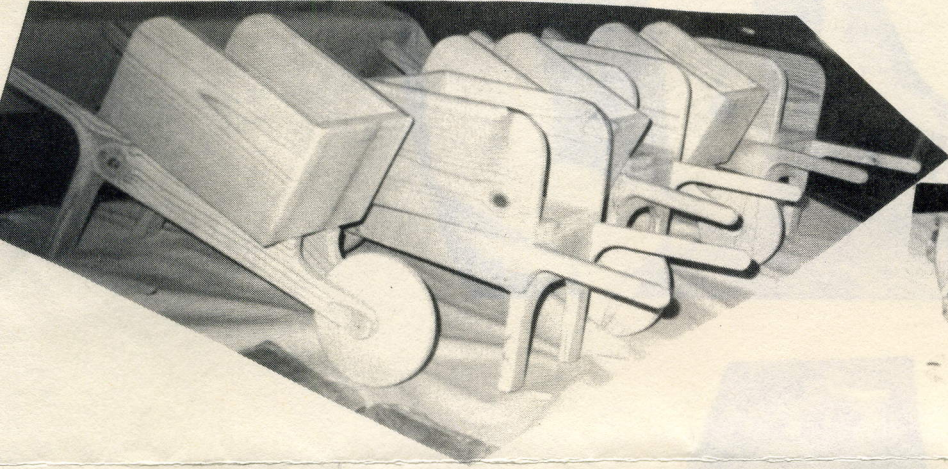
We failed to mention that several people were present at our November meeting and at the Christmas party who are connected with the groups who receive our toys. There were Jeanie Thompson and Wendy McCay representing the UAB Bone Marrow facility; Margaret Tressler from the Alabama Organ Center; and Susan Reeves and Brenda Fischer from Children's Hospital. We certainly appreciate these ladies and the job they do for distressed children. We also had Mel Stephens from Channel 13 and Bill Castle from Channel 33/40 who took pictures of our show of toys for later broadcast to the public.

Toys For The Children (Cont'd)

Earlier in this Guild News we said we would report more on the toys later, and it is now later. Statistically, there were some 1,900 toys produced and distributed to the hospitals this year. In addition, if you were at

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Some of the
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to Nov. 1999
meeting.



Demonstrators
at Nov. 1999
meeting



Diane
Ard



Mike Key

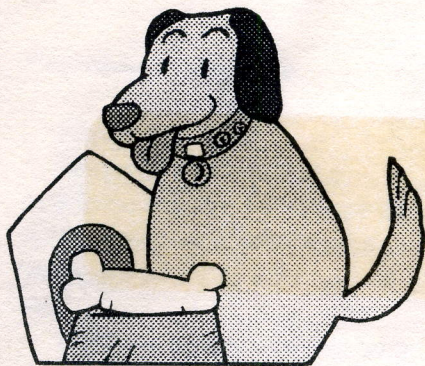


Bill West



Jim Caldwell

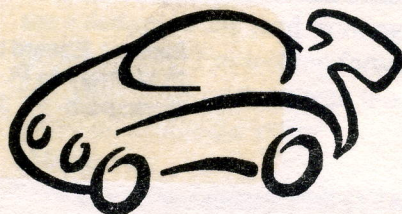
the Christmas party, you will recall Susan Reeves of Children's Hospital appealed to us to make a dog house for one of the children who has received a puppy for Christmas. It will need a house



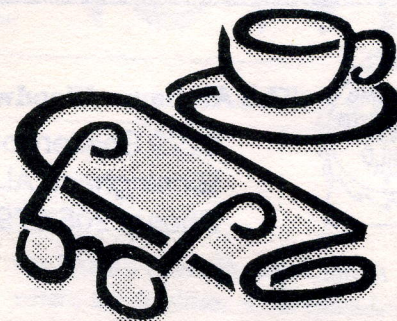
when he goes home from the hospital. There were no visible signs of anyone volunteering to make the house so whom do you think did the deed? None other than Paul Mancill, our designated representative to the hospital. We applaud his effort and want him to know how much we appreciate his work with the Hospital and for making the dog house.

Correction

We need to set the record straight on an earlier report about an 80 year old man in Centre who made 35 little cars to combine with our toys just because he wanted to be a part of something good being done for the children.



He is Mr. Arlie Smith, 155 Bay View Lane, Centre, AL 35960, and if you want to drop him a line of thanks there is his address. Our own Bob Moore was the go-between with Mr. Smith, and we thank Bob for making this thing happen.

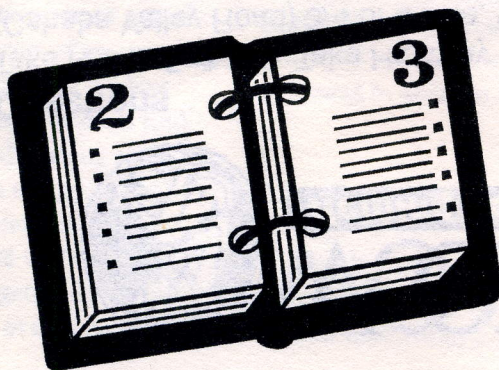


Another Word of Thanks

You may not think any work, thought, preparation, planning goes on between meetings, but there is. There is a board meeting held on the Thursday night one week before our regular meeting. We meet at Incahoots in Hoover, and members are welcome any time. It is at this meeting that things like seminars, hot dog suppers, Christmas party and programs are discussed at length. Sometimes the discussion is spirited, but the focus is always on trying to make our Guild the best one in the country. All of your officers and directors are serious about their respective jobs and much effort is put into doing the job so you, the members, will have an interesting and pleasurable experience at the meetings. It wouldn't hurt you, you know, to say a word of thanks to these gentlemen. We hope our Guild will continue to flourish and expand and maintain the reputation it has established.



Happy New Year



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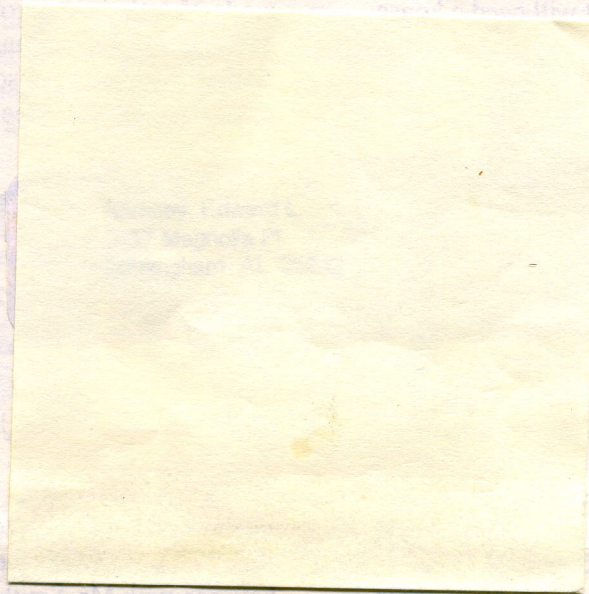
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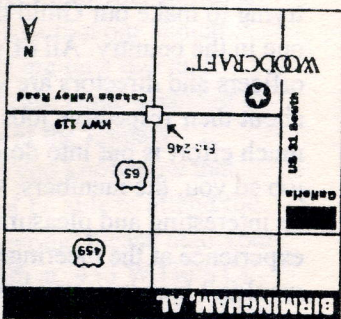
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