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PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the U. S. A., I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134 to be held in the Takoma Junior High School Auditorium, Piney Branch Road and Ray Road (Just north of Philadelphia Ave.) at 7:30 P. M., on December 17, 1949 for the purpose of conducting such business as may come before the Forest.

Attest:

Don A. Smith
Scribe

Layton Miner
Grand Tall Cedar

James G. Reese
District Representative
District No. 20

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EDITORIAL

This job of being Editor of the Echo is no easy one and although I have only held the job for a short time I have had plenty criticism and some of that was not complimentary. So, as the year is drawing to a close, I want to thank all the contributors and the others which helped to make our little paper an interesting document.

If I have embarrassed you or you have been put on the spot (see Heilman), remember it was only fun and you were the goat. All people seem to enjoy a joke, especially if the joke is on some other person.

I wish to express how well Montgomery Forest has progressed under the leadership of the Officers that are retiring, my hope that they will continue their efforts in the future, and finally to pledge myself to the interest and success of our Forest during the coming year under the leadership of the new Officers.

Congratulations Bill Myeart, you will not have to complain any more of having to walk all by yourself in the Amen corner. You will soon have company in the personage of Grand Tall Layton Miner, who is now finishing his year, and I may say a successful year.

Your Editor

Your 1950 dues cards are in the possession of the Scribe, who will gladly surrender his interest in them for the small sum of your annual dues. See him at the December meeting or drop him a check in the mail.

GRAND TALL'S MESSAGE

It is with regret, I approach my last meeting as your Grand Tall Cedar. In this last message of mine to you, I want to thank all members who have answered my call for assistance throughout the year. Our diversified activities would not have been so successful without your cooperation. Our percentage of attendance has far exceeded other Forests in this area at our regular and social gatherings.

We have had fun, we have outfitted our uniformed bodies, and financially we are well off. I don't believe we could have done so much more in twelve short months.

Thanks again, it has been a pleasure to work with you and for you. To my many new friends in ~~the world~~, I closing, I wish you and yours a very Merry Xmas and loads of good cheer during the Holidays.

Cederly yours,

Layton

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club members harvested their crop with these results.

Paul Moore

25 cabbages

Courtland Kramer

15 cabbages

C. W. Price

10 cabbages

In addition two pies were given away. The holders of the lucky numbers for them were:

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and

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REPRINT OF A NOTICE

Montgomery Forest No. 134, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, will hold its Annual Meeting, in the Takoma Junior High School Auditorium, Piney Branch Road and Ray Road, on 17 December, 1949 at 7:30 PM (Just north of Philadelphia Ave.)

Installation of Officers by District Representative.

Adoption of Budget for ensuing Cedar year.
Appointment of Committees.

Promulgation of programs for ensuing year.
District Representative James Reese, Installing Officer must leave early to install officers of Temple Forest.

It is hoped that you can be present and share in this auspicious meeting. If petitions are received during interim, there will be initiation in short form. Please make this a MUST.

Remember our Scribe must serve five years to become a permanent Member of the Supreme Forest. Let's give him our support.

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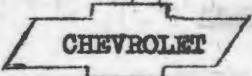
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DISTRICT 20 REPRESENTATIVE

James W. Reese, 8504 48th Ave., College Park, No. 10.5000

SUPERIOR FOREST OFFICERS 1949 - 1950

Supreme Tall Cedar	- - - - -	Arthur F. Farmer, No. 4.
Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar	- - - - -	William F. Schmidt, No. 66
Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar	- - - - -	John H. McPaul, No. 45
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This year of activities are fast drawing to a close and we have not been unmindful of the fine interest and encouragement given to us and our efforts this year by fellow members of Montgomery Forest, the nice compliments received from the Officers and Members of other Forests, and the praise given to us by the Supreme Forest.

It is with much regret we learn that our present Chief Ranger, "Ernie" Riddle, finds that he will not be able to continue as Chief Ranger under our new Grand Fall for 1950, on account of the nature of his duties with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Ernie has done a wonderful job as our Chief in developing us "greenhorns" into some semblance of a marching unit. We hope that he will continue as one of us and assist and participate in future performances.

One of our efficient Rangers, Oliver L. Hardesty, has been selected to serve as Chief Ranger for 1950, and he has accepted the position. "Ollie" is a likeable fellow and has been very active in the Forest.

Brother Cedar, if you would like to become a Royal Ranger and can give a part of your spare time, to help the Forest, just join up. Contact either "Ernie" or "Ollie" at your earliest convenience and make your wishes known.

Cedary
Jimmie Britt

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From our First Past Grand Tall

As the first and only P. G. T. C. of Montgomery Forest No. 134 and before I am joined by Layton Miner, who is sure to try my stuff, I would like to turn back the pages and recall a few facts about the Organization of the Forest and its first year of functioning.

One night in September 1947, Layton Miner, our present Grand Tall, George Heilman, the present Junior Deputy Grand Tall, and myself met with Bill Senger, Past Grand Tall Cedar of Baltimore Forest No. 45. Bill, at that time, was also a member of the extension Committee of the Supreme Forest. We met at the Silver Spring Masonic Temple and there the first plans were laid and our hopes for a Forest of our own soared high. About ten days later we were joined by seven more in a meeting held in my home. This one was followed by several others with more and more men interested and work was started in the formation of a new Forest.

Now it was necessary to select a set of officers, so for the Grand Tall, they selected the one who was most capable of doing nothing, (which is a requirement of that office). And so on down, the line of offices were filled with men whom we thought "incapable" of being anything except officers. The duties of the Scribe are exacting and who could be more fitted to take over in that capacity than good old Dan Smith, who has worked diligently and conscientiously. Finally on January 24, 1948, amid the worst snow storm of the year, the birth of this Forest took place and the fruit of the labors of these men was glorified.

We struggled through that first year with practically no accomplishments other than the formation and uniforming of a grand bunch of fellows into our First Rangers, the purchasing of Flags, creation of the Color Guard, and our capable Chief Sidonian,

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Myron Janes had organized a degree team, rating with the best in the country. Our excellent King Homer Carroll and his men are to be highly complimented on their rendition of the Prologue and Royal Court, as the best ever witnessed in Cedarism. (These are not only my opinion but those of the Supreme Forest as well.)

A few of the good times, which are outstanding in my mind at this time is the Convention that was held in Asbury Park, N. J., our participation in the parade, and the home-like reception extended to our Forest at the Asbury Arlington Hotel; the District Ceremonial at Hagerstown on June 19th, which was well attended by our men. Everyone enjoyed this meeting very much, as well as the parade. Then our own first full form Ceremonial in October at which time our Charter was presented to us, and thus the year drew to a close with a Forest which had begun to grow.

During the past year as Past Grand Tall Cedar, it has been my privilege to drop out of line of parade and watch the procession pass if I so desired, especially if a long hill loomed ahead. And fellows, at these times I saw, not one of the best Forests, but the best in Cedarism.

I hope in the future there will be more and more green hats participating in each and every function of the Forest. Remember—this is our Forest and I hope everyone of you are as proud of it as I am.

Cedarly,

Bill Enyeart

(Editor's note: Submitted too late for the November issue of the Echo.)

TURKEY SHOOT

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OFFICERS ELECT for 1950

At the November meeting the following Officers were elected to serve Montgomery Forest for the year 1950. Congratulations and Good Luck.

Grand Tall Cedar - - - - -	Wm. Homer Carroll
Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar -	Geo. T. Heilman
Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar -	J. Dwight Cook
Scribe - - - - -	Dor A. Smith
Trustee (3-year term) - - - - -	Gee. McKay

The Father of Brother George Klippstein has recently passed away. The Forest offers its condolences in this time of sorrow.

Montgomery Forest mourns the loss of its Guide. Theodore A. Mohler passed away to the Eternal Forest, November 15, 1949. The Forest extends its sympathy to the family and loved ones left behind.

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From the Scribe

You have elected your Scribe to serve for the third consecutive year and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust in me.
It will be a pleasure to serve you and our Forest to the best of my ability. I congratulate the newly elected Officers and pledge them my loyalty and whole-hearted cooperation.

Cordially and sincerely,
Your friend and Scribe
Don Smith.

Your new Grand Tall Cedar Elect is full of wonderful plans for 1950. Let's all get behind him and put "Montgomery" on the map, bigger and better than ever.

A logger, fresh from the big woods, was watching a store clerk open a package of gaily colored men's pajamas.

"What's them?" he asked.

"Pajamas."

"Pajamas?" echoed the logger, "What are they for?"

"Why, you wear them nights," the clerk explained.
"Want to buy a pair?"

"Nothing doing," said the logger. "I don't go nowhere nights except to bed."

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From the Chief Frolicker

In completing my term as Chief Frolicker of the Forest, I wish to thank all the members for their splendid cooperation during the past year. The loyalty of the Uniformed Bodies has been most encouraging and special recognition is due my good friends Ernest M. Riddle, Chief Ranger and J. Myron Jones, Chief Sidonian for their untiring efforts in helping promulgate our many activities.

It is my desire and sincere wish that all members who can do so, please contact the new Chief Frolicker and offer their services in the Rangers, Stunt Team, Royal Court or some other unit, which we shall inaugurate the first of the year. I'm sure he will have a place for you and will direct you to the Captain in charge.

Whether we can look forward to the New Year with confidence or foreboding depends on whether we do our part as individuals.

I know our Forest will progress during the year, and it will not be through the efforts of any one man or group, but by the unified efforts of all members that make up our Forest. Everyone has an equal opportunity to serve the Forest in some capacity and an equal chance to do his best. Won't you accept the challenge and be numbered among the "active" when next year's records become History?

J. Dwight Cook
Chief Frolicker

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From the Editor:

The following was received by the Editor and is printed in full. The omission was unintentional and the Editor must depend on the contributions of the Members.

An omission was made in the November issue of the Echo on the details of the trip to Cumberland, Md., in mentioning the wives of Cedars. We overlooked the fact that three of the wives whom have always accompanied the Forest and who attended the doings at Cumberland were:

Mrs. Oliver Hardesty

Mrs. Hammon Hobbs

and Mrs. Herman Engelhardt

We would like to see more of the wives at all of our occasions. Come on fellows, get on the ball and bring them. Tell them what a good time they are missing.

The Grand Tall received a letter from Ed Davidson, located in Germany—wishing everybody a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year*****

At the Ceremonial our Forest Participated in at Prince George Forest, a new member of Montgomery Forest was initiated. He was CLARENCE E. BROWNING Jr. Credit for this candidate is due Paul V. Thompson.

Montgomery Forest No. 134 wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Word has been received that Brother Cedar Homer T. Hafflin has been on the sick list for some time. We understand that he is recovering from a spine operation which was performed about five or six weeks ago. He is at present recuperating at his home at 10026 Tenbrook Drive, Silver Spring. We wish you a speedy recovery.

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W. Homer Carroll	1
Herman A. Ingelhardt	2
Arthur R. Hart	1
Harry L. Hanlein	1
Harry W. Frye	3
Charles E. Mettler	1
C. L. Brabill	3
Carl A. Bowman	1
Bert M. Drott	1
Edwin W. Davidson	3
George Heilman	1
J. Myren Jones	2
Edgar B. Smith	1
Steve Delgos	1
Floyd R. Funkheuser	1
Paul V. Thompson	1

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TURKEY SHOOT

The turkey shoots sponsored by Montgomery Forest on November 12 and 14, 1949, were a success but not as big a success as it should be. Close to 50 turkeys received new owners. It wasn't the old experienced hunters who won the birds but the women folks and such people as your Editor, who had never fired a shot gun that took the honors. As an example, G. T. Miner fired shot after shot—no success, but beginners using his gun which he loaded got the bird.

Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year — your Editor

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