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CALENDAR

February 9—

Executive Meeting
Stone House Inn, 8:00 P. M.

February 10—

Round Dance
Argyle Country Club, 10 'til 1
By Invitation Only
Contact J. Myron Jones for Invitations

February 24—

Regular Meeting
Masonic Temple, Kensington, Md., 8:00 P. M.

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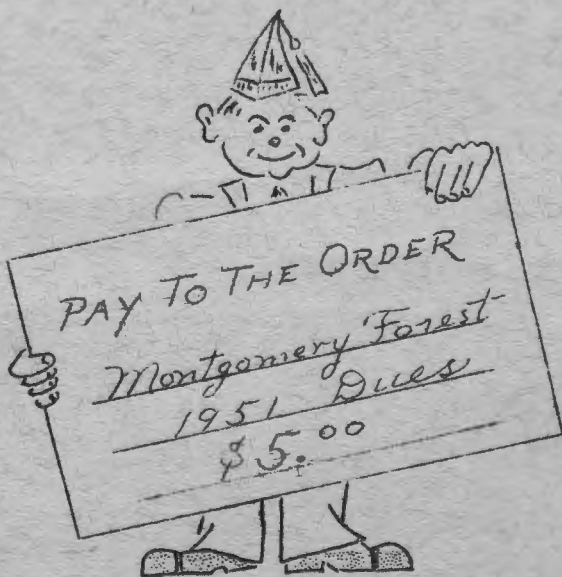
By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States, I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134, to be held in the Masonic Temple at Kensington, Maryland, on Saturday, February 24, 1951, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Forest.

Attest:
Don A. Smith
Scribe

George T. Heilman
Grand Tall Cedar

James G. Reese, P.G.T.C., No. 104
District Representative, District No. 20

WEAR YOUR PYRAMID



Visitors from Norfolk

J. W. Evans, GTC and "Jim" Taylor, Chief Sidonian from Norfolk Forest No. 147, were guests of PGTC Layton Miner and his wife Sarah, the weekend of January 13th. In addition to being guests of our Past Grand Tall, they attended our Square Dance on that Saturday. We welcome the Cedars from far away points. Come again and come often.

Color Guard

The newly appointed Captain of the Color Guard, James Witherite, has tendered his resignation due to the urgency of his personal affairs, which would prevent him from fulfilling the position as he feels it should be. Our congenial Brother "Chick" Harrison has accepted this post. We wish him success in his new assignment. Our Color Guard is of utmost importance to our Forest, especially since the need for a show of patriotism is so necessary.

Good news to the readers of the Echo. The last issue of the Echo and this issue of the Echo will not have the quality of mimeographing as will the future editions. We are getting a new machine and the work will be clearer and the reading will be better. Of course, we will have those better and better Artworks by our Scribe, "Don" Smith. How do you like the sketches?

Did you like the Programs prepared for the District 20 Nite. It was the Artwork of our Scribe and labor donated by our Deputy, Dwight Cook. It was a last minute request and as usual, these fellows came through with the help needed.

Wife to husband at party: "George, don't you take another drink. Your face is already getting blurred."



HELP *** HELP *** HELP *** HELP *** HELP *** HELP

Your Editor is sure having a hard time getting the material for the ECHO. How in heck can a decent paper come forth without the HELP of everyone in the Forest. The GT has given a deadline for the printing of the Echo and yet he even has to be called on the phone for his message. Hey Youse Guys—we want the Echo out around the first of the month so all material must be in the hands of The Scribe or the Editor not later than our meeting night each month. (If you ladies have anything to contribute, send it along).

"Watch Your Overcoat"

You have often seen that sign in a restaurant. Paul Thompson insists that that is his Motto wherever he goes from January 26, 1951 on. He arrived home with his overcoat locked in the Armory and the story as told is surely vague and somewhat mixed. One thing certain is that it will not happen again if Paul has anything to do with it. At the last stated meeting, Paul kept his overcoat on. No more taking chances.

THIS AND THAT

Editor "Ernie" Shaffer has asked me for some jargon to put into the "Echo", and at this moment, I don't know just what it will be.

Anyway, I am glad that he and the Scribe are going to get their new mimeograph machine. We shouldn't hear too much yapping out of them now unless they find something else they want.

I went along with them on the idea of the new machine because I had to help the Scribe slip sheet the program for District 20 Night. After about 100 impressions the stencil wears out and then the goo gets all over everything. We tried scotch tape but that too is good for only so long. You must also throw yourself out of gear to get close enough to the thing to feed it, and then you are so groggy you can't find the staircase, when you get ready to leave.

The Scribe is evidently happy about the whole thing and at the meeting that crew haircut of his stood straight up when the Forest authorized the purchase of the new machine. He will now need Scott's Tissue instead of Scotch Tape.

Many thanks to our neighboring Forests, who attended our District 20 Night. You had a fine representation and we of Montgomery Forest appreciated it a lot. Come see us again. Those who failed to attend, missed one of the most enjoyable evenings that our Forest has had the privilege of sponsoring. The good fellowship prevailing throughout the evening on the part of everyone was really something. This is what our good friend District Representative Reese has been striving for. I know he had a good time.

"Ernie", I'm getting sleepy and as my wife made me get out and walk two miles with her the other night, so that I might reduce, I find myself very weary. Results? No loss of weight, but I've been lame ever since.

J. Dwight Cook, S.D.G.T.C.

Cedar Victor and Mrs. McAlister are the proud parents of a 6 lb. baby girl born Friday, February 2, 1951.

Name: "Victoria"

Congrats. to both of you and we hope Victoria will let Pop get out once in awhile to meetings.



Cedar Si says, "A gal sure needs supporting." "She needs a garter to support her stocking, a girdle to support her you know what, a brassier to support her bust and a man to support her — period."

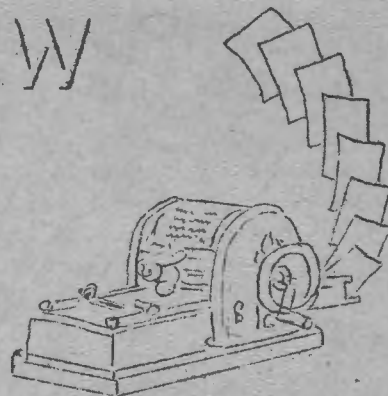
You can't blame newly born babes for howling about existing conditions.

TURN THIS SHEET OVER



Don't try too hard to figure it out. Why we did the sheet up and down instead of back and forth we mean. There wasn't much reason at all for it except we wanted to see what kind of comment we would get out of a sheet printed that way. Do you like it better or worser? Ed.

THIS IS YOUR NEW MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE



SHE'S A BEAUT! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?



Just as soon as the Ed. and the Scribe can find the right combination to all the gimmicks on this wonderful gadget, we believe you will see some first class work.

WON'T YOU HELP TOO?

A great deal has been said about the bulletin and what kind of a paper it should be. There is one thing sure - it must be interesting and personal. In order to make it both of these things, there must be material, and brothers, two heads (especially thick ones), just can't dig up enough material by themselves.

We would like to print what you write. Or, if you will just jot down some notes, we will write it for you. Or, just pick up the phone and call either the Ed. (Ernie Shaffer) or the Scribe, (Don Smith). It would only take a minute and it would add a valuable bit to your bulletin. The secret of any good bulletin is the information it contains. The information must be about you and it must come from you, one way or another. We need information about the sick, about the brother whose wife had a baby, about the brother who rolled in at 2:00 A.M. and is now in the "dog house", about the brother who is starting on a new job or has received a promotion. These are the little things that make, or will make, your bulletin the interesting and personal thing that you would like to have.

Brothers, we need you. WONT YOU HELP TOO?

LOOKEE LOOKEE LOOKEE LOOKEE



We are sure you won't have to look very hard to read the copy this new machine makes. We also feel that the investment you have made in this will pay off. Here are the actual figures so that you may know what this will mean to the Forest.

The three (3) inserts in this bulletin, classed as 12 pages, would cost \$5.00 per page or \$60.00 if printed. To give it to you in this form costs \$2.73 for 2½ reams of paper about 25¢ worth of ink, and, \$1.02 for 6 stencils which makes a total of \$4.00 A saving of \$56.00. We made a down payment of \$107.00 and are to make four monthly payments of \$53.50 each. As you can see from the above figures, the machine is going to pay for itself in a short time.

Thank you very much for an excellent piece of equipment. We shall try to give you good work with it.

Your Ed. & Scribe



CHALFONTE CALLING

Convention time is not far off and the room reservations are filling up fast. If you have not reserved a room for the 24, 25 & 26 of May 1951 at Atlantic City, better Call Earl

Bowman, LO. 5-0560 and make your reservations now. Rooms are \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00 (double) per day. Only two meetings after this one before the big time will be here so better hurry.

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THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A
BUZZ-SAW SNORE
TO SHAKE LOVE'S DREAM
CLEAR TO THE CORE.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS ETC. ETC.

This is Wed. and the rain, snow and freeze came right along with the front cover for this here bull'tn. Now we got to hurry and find some first class folders, staplers and stamp lickers. The Ed. just called and said he could'nt get a cab and has no chains for his own car -- so -- looks like I should have been an octupussy. Aint got 'nuf arms, hands or nuthin.

Good-nite. Gotta get goin.

Scribe.



Greetings:

The Grand Tall Says:--

January 1951 is now history for Montgomery Forest, which I hope records pleasant memories for the Members--who enjoyed the frolic at the Square Dance (As the ladies swung in and the gents swung out)--also at District 20 Nite when all District 20 Tall Cedars and friends had what is

reported from many sources as a party where sociability reigned supreme.

I want to thank all Forests in District 20 for their help and cooperation in making our District 20 Nite such a huge success.

Thanks Walter West, G.T.C. of 104 for your and your Forest's support

Clarence Price, G.T.C. of 139--you and your Forest certainly were grand.

Paul Robey, G.T.C. of 136, we are sorry your unite had trouble, but we sure do appreciate the fine representation of your Forest.

I want also to thank the members of Montgomery Forest for their support and assistance. And the Ladies Boy! were they ever pretty.

Georgia

Brother Tom Havell, PSTC attended our last meeting in place of "Jimmie" Reese, who was attending the meeting of Temple Forest. When the bills for the evening were read, Tom apparently missed the item covering the "eats" of the evening. He then wanted it to be repeated to determine whether it would be worth while for him to stay for the finish. He stayed.

We may add that "Jimmie" Reese did arrive in time for the eats. Question--Did he have two handouts?

Wear The Badge of the Order--Your Pyramid

SLEEPING BEAUTY

What is the trouble with our Johnny Alcorn? Where has he been? What has he been doing? Just a question, that's all. He spent the majority of his time at the December meeting apparently catching up on some badly needed sleep--that is until the "eats" were served.



Leo Sorel of Capitol Forest 104 had an idea. He talked about it and soon convinced his Forest that the four Forests located in the vicinity of Washington, and known as District #20 should be more amiable. Thus the idea of District 20 Nite was born. Capitol Forest under the direction of Leo sponsored the first of these meetings and it was a huge success.

The next Forest to hold the gaga affair was our own Forest and the event was held on January 26th. It proved to be bigger and better than the first got together, but it was not Montgomery Forest who could take the full credit. First, Leo Sorel came forward and offered his advice, his services, and his trucks to help the affair to be a success. He profited by his mistakes of the first enterprise. Leo and Montgomery Forest could not have made the District 20 Nite successful without the aid of the other Forests in the District, Capitol, Prince George's, and Temple together with their various units. George Heilman, GTC of Montgomery Forest together with each and every member of Montgomery Forest expresses their appreciation to all who helped in making a great night. Leo, you sure have made a great contribution to Cedarism.

Thanks to Bowman--Hart--and Terry for their time and work connected with the job of auditing the books of the Forest. At least we now know where we stand.

We Want SAPS for the February Ceremonial

Cedars Please Note

There are some vacancies in the Uniformed Bodies. If you want to help your Forest, please contact "Ernie" Riddle, Chief Ranger; "Chick Harrison, Capt. of the Color Guard; or "Skeets" Crabill; Capt. of the Stunt Team. If they cannot be reached, Please call me at SHpherd 8952, and we will find a spot for you.

Square Dance

The Silver Spring Intermediate Schhol was the scene of the first Square Dance of the year and was held on the night of January 13th. It was a wonderful evening and the crowd numbered toward the 300 mark. The calling was done by Ebn ' Ely and the music was provided by the Rock Creek Serenaders. If you were so unfortunate as to have missed that affair, keep your peepers on the Echo so that you will not miss the date, place and time of the next Square Dance.

Round Danco

In case you prefer Round Dancing to Square dancing, don't forget that we have a Round Dance this coming Saturday, February 10th, at the Argyle Country Club. The admission to the Dance will be by invitation only. Contact Myron Jones, SH. 3847 for your reservations. No tickets will be sent out on this dance, so, be sure to call.

We have a few spaces for Ads in the Echo. We would like to fill up all the available space on the covers. Contact the Scribe.

SAPS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE
CEREMONIAL!!!

WEAR YOUR PYRAMID



HEAR YE****HEAR YE****HEAR YE It is the cry of your Grand Tall. He wants a Ceremonial for the February meeting so what do you say to helping him out by having some petitions properly filled out and ready for the appropriate action required. Lets go---Get some SAPS

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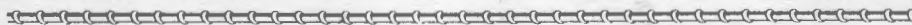
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