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As a sequel to the real fine talk on the Plant Kingdom last October, the good DR. WESLEY JUDKINS will now introduce us "nuts" (well, me anyway) to another plant level. His talk will most certainly "appeal" to those who like to eat flowers, vegeez, and other plant parts providing vitamins and good flavor. In other words, he will give us a second very fruitful presentation entitled "THE HORTICULTURE WE EAT."

March 19

"BLACKSBURG: PRESENT AND FUTURE" will be presented by Town Manager RONALD A. SECRIST. We citizens can update our current knowledge of our town and will hear about plans for the future. By-the-way, a perusal of the facing page for February in the town calendar will provide information to newcomers and others about the position's responsibilities in Blacksburg.

Additional programs are in the planning stages and are being worked out by Wes Judkins and his committee members.

April 16

As yet, pending.

May ??

A "joint" federation meeting of senior citizen groups entitled "Planning for the Future" to present a series of topics of importance, e.g. Estate Planning, Powers of Attorney, Medical Concerns at the Christiansburg Armory, Jim Moore hopes & hopes.

June ??

THE ANNUAL PICNIC.

GEE, THANKS!

Chairman Al Beecher reports that the Ways and Means Fund-Raising Committee has been asked to raise \$400.00 (that's four hundred and no/100 dollars) during 1991 to supplement the budget. The money will go primarily to support worthy causes. For example, in 1990 over \$50.00 was presented to the Blacksburg Food Pantry.

At the regular meeting (February 19) there will be a table containing some assorted items for you to check out. Hopefully there'll be something that you need. If not, a \$1.00 (one and no/100 dollars) donation would sure help the committee to reach its goal.

In addition, please help the committee by bringing any books which you no longer need and any Christmas gifts for which you can imagine no earthly use. Any one of them might prove to be somebody's treasure and the committee's bonanza.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

President Mary Tom Long, Vice-President Robbie Coiner, and all of the members of the Board of Directors wish to announce that volunteers have filled all Committee Chairperson posts with the addition of Margaret Quick in Membership! Therefore here's a complete list of officers and chairs.

PRESIDENT: Mary Tom Long = 552-0450

VICE-PRESIDENT: Robbie Coiner = 961-0153

CO-SECRETARIES: Peggy Genter = 552-5621
Eva Patterson = 951-1617

TREASURER: Lenna Moore = 552-1856

DIRECTORS (Elected)

Class of 1991

Homer Dickinson Lincoln Taylor
Fannie Reynolds *James Roberts

Class of 1992

Robbie Coiner Hal Weibel
James M. Moore

Class of 1993

Harriet Damant Louise Russell
Margaret Quick Carl Witherspoon

* Membership of immediate Past President mandated in Art. IV of Standing Rules.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elected)

Class of 1991

Cartmel Brown Mary Ellen Moore
Lillian Weibel

Class of 1992

Frank Maher James Roberts

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS (Appointed)

CARING
Helen Judkins = 552-1409

SUNSHINE
Fannie Reynolds = 552-3298

CHAPLAIN'S
Al Payne = 552-5123

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Harriet Damant = 552-8041

FINANCIAL PLANNING
Herb Buhrow = 951-0213

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS (Continued)

HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE
Kennith Martin = 552-0013

HOSPITALITY
Mary Tom Long = 552-0450

LEGISLATIVE
Charles Johnson = 552-8544

MEMBERSHIP
Margaret Quick = 951-3852

PROGRAM
Wesley Judkins = 552-1409

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Janice Palmer = 951-2886

PUBLISHING
John Palmer = 951-2886

TELEPHONE
Wilda Siburt = 951-1358

TOUR
Millie Beecher = 552-2966

TRANSPORTATION
Early Gallimore = 552-6354

WAYS & MEANS
Al Beecher = 552-2966

We thank those of you who volunteered to serve on one or more committees: your names will be noted later when the list is complete. We anxiously await for those of you who forgot to sign up in January or had not decided at that time to "jine up" and share your talent(s) with us!

You CAN HELP Out

As indicated earlier, one or more of our committees need one or more of your skills, talents, or both. If you haven't signed up yet, do determine which one(s) you may serve. More detailed descriptions of duties are listed in the January Newsletter to make your decision-making easier.

Now that you've had time, how about writing your selection(s) on a piece of paper and giving the paper TO President MARY TOM LONG today or telephone her or the chairperson of the committee(s) you have selected very soon --- like today or tomorrow or Thursday or ----! The telephone numbers are listed on page 2!

CARING: Learning and responding to members' needs.

SUNSHINE: Also learning of the needs and sending cards .

CHAPLAINS: This one seems self-explanatory, to me anyway.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Ibid. for this activity-oriented group.

FINANCIAL PLANNING: You can help avoid Chapter #1134 deficit financing.

HEALTH CARE & INSURANCE: This group deals with a major concern.

HOSPITALITY: Your smiling face will sure look good to the incoming.

LEGISLATIVE: Dis here groop deals with state and national law needs.

MEMBERSHIP: Recruit newcomers - pay attention to old-timers.

PROGRAM: Would you like to have different topics, events, etc.?

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Everybody needs some of this stuff.

PUBLISHING: The Newsletter and annual Chapter History.

TELEPHONE: Do you like periodic conversations using this instrument?

TOUR: Where would you like to go and do that's legal and proper?

TRANSPORTATION: Could you "carry" (for northerners = take) folks about?

WAYS & MEANS: There are many of both, but all require someone's effort.

A severe shortage of shortage of canned goods, dried milk, other non-perishable foods, and cash donations at the Blacksburg Food Pantry has been noted before. Food supplies in pantries at other Montgomery County communities can not keep up with demand in their areas. Local layoffs continue, and many who lost jobs earlier do not yet have employment. Please try to help the less-fortunate at (1) our chapter meetings; (2) the "Food Pantry" itself, which is located on Progress St. at Faculty St. (behind the Blacksburg Baptist Church); or (3) your local place of worship. Our chapter and the other agencies will receive gratefully such donations all year long!

The Blacksburg HIGH SCHOOL BAND members and families continue to COLLECT NEWSPAPERS AND CANS behind "John's Cars" on South Main Street.

CHAPTER #2613 DUES NOTICE
FOR 1991 (January through December)
Dues are \$4.00 per person; \$8.00 per couple.

Make checks payable to "AARP."

You can pay Margaret Quick in cash or by check at the meeting or by mail.
9 Dogwood Circle, Blacksburg, VA 24060

EDITOR PALAVER

Do you have favorite constellations in the clear, cold winter nights? I always look forward to seeing Orion's Belt, which is almost overhead.

If you're not a POE-try lover, then you might as well skip this rambling. But I look forward to reading favorite poems, especially those by certain American poets. Early December can be a good month for reading in the gloom: try "The Raven." On the other hand little is so stimulating around Christmas as is "The Bells." Edgar Allan's life is a conundrum; great success intermittent with great failure. I often wonder about his life in Richmond and his failure to adapt to life in "Mr. Jefferson's University."

Another American poet, who had an interesting life, wrote one poem that always intrigued me. Sidney Lanier wrote about the Chattahoochee River in the state of Georgia. The poem, like Poe's "The Bells," sounds like music to my ears. Although I've never seen the "Hills of Habersham," some of the scenes along the river seemed unchanged when I traversed west Georgia one time. Oh well, may be I'll see those hills someday.

Say, our crocuses (or should it be crocae) are up, and some folks here in town have seen narcissus and jonquil spears. It's been a strange winter!

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Blacksburg
AARP CHAPTER MEETING
Tuesday,
February 19, 1991

Exp. 12/91
Mr. Kenneth Martin
516 College View Drive
Blacksburg VA 24060

11:30 AM - Lunch & Conversation
Noon - Meeting & Program
at Blacksburg Recreation Center
on Patrick Henry Drive.