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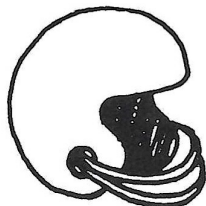
## A LOOK AHEAD

NOVEMBER 17 \* \* \* \* In the program today, very important national infrastructure repair activities on the local housing scene will be discussed by FRED DODSON. As Executive Director of the New River Vally Habitat for Humanity, he will tell us about "HABITAT ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW RIVER VALLEY."



We also must **ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1993**. The list of **NOMINEES** selected at the October meeting is located ON **PAGE 2**.

Do **BUY** your **TICKETS FOR THE HOLIDAY** season **BANQUET** today!! The **PRICE** is **\$9.00** per ticket. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED IN ADVANCE**. If you wish, you may send the money to **LENNA MOORE**, Treasurer, 1607 Greenwood Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060 (552-1856) OR **Dr. MARY TOM LONG**, 1501 Palmer Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060. See the December 1 item on page 2 for mo' detales!



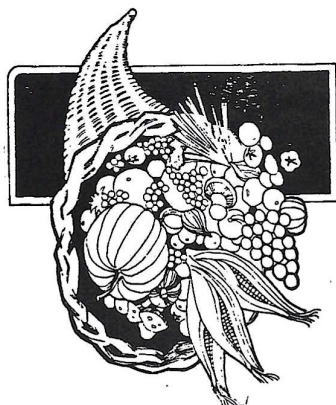
You can pay chapter dues for 1993 at this meeting too.

Mr. **PHIL CONNER** is Community Center Supervisor (telephone 961-1149) and will ask for volunteers to help development by the Blacksburg Department of Parks and Recreation of a new program for senior citizens from members at this meeting. You may have noticed an announcement on the "FOR SENIORS" page of a recent Roanoke Times and World News listing three classes for Blacksburg seniors, i.e. Seniors Weekly Coffee Social on Fridays beginning November 13; Seniors Monthly Brunch on Fridays, November 20 and December 18; and Seniors Potluck Dinner and Dance on Saturdays beginning December 19.

Pamphlets describing **Project FAR (Families At Risk)** should be available on this day.

The memorial service for members who are deceased since November 1991 has been rescheduled for the January 1993 meeting: hereafter the tribute will encompass a calendar year.

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(The Calendar Continued)

NOVEMBER 26 is THANKSGIVING DAY in the United States: October 12 was the special day in Canada. I don't know about such commemorative days in other countries on this and other continents. Anyway, HAVE A MOST THOUGHTFUL, RELAXING, AND FILLING DAY. Enjoy the meal and visit to or by family and friends too!!

DECEMBER 1 \* \* \* \* The ANNUAL CHRISTMAS holiday season BANQUET will be held at Custom Catering off North Main Street on Patrick Henry Drive behind the Food Lion Shopping Center. Socialization begins around 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6:00 PM, INSTALLATION of 1993 officers after the meal, and DANCING TO music of the 1930's with the KEN EPPERLY BAND from 8:00 to 9:15 PM.

JANUARY 19, 1993 \* Details about the first meeting in the new year (1993 that is!) will appear in the January newsletter.

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On November 17, HARRIET DEMANT, Community Service Chairperson, will describe the local senior citizen tax-aid program and hopefully recruit volunteers who will be needed in 1993 for the 1992 tax reporting season.

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**NOMINATIONS**

President = BOB BLANTON : 552-0450

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Secretary = MARGARET QUICK : 951-3852

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RALPH CECCHINI

KEN MARTIN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CLASS of 1994

Dr. MARY TOM LONG

Ms. WILDA SEIBERT

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Speaking about elections, President Robbie Coiner hopes that you voted in the national and state election earlier this month. He provides some interesting information about WHO CASTS VOTES IN ELECTIONS for your perusal. The only age group with a higher voting percentage than the "65 and Up" group is the "45 - 64" younger senior citizens. (I used to be in that age group and even voted to remain there but was out-voted, or something!) In 1980, 1984, and 1988 the "65 and Up's" increased from approximately 56% to 60% to 65%: the "45 - 64's" from 64% to 65% to 72%. The "25 - 44's" are about 57% and the "18 - 24's" about 39%.

Our Board of Directors has voted to purchase an American flag with stand for display at and by the Recreation Center. There is not one at present.

## AN ACCOLADE

I sure hope you noted the fine newspaper article that describes MARY LINDA SMYTH, who is currently a combination of research botanist, active plant collector, accomplished teacher, constant preserver of Virginia nature, and a Blacksburg citizen extraordinaire. Hopefully she will feel that I am somewhat qualified to evaluate her scientific capabilities and contributions: I do admire them. Look up the New River Current section in the Roanoke Times & World-News of October 11, 1992.

Her photograph therein is excellent!

## YARNIN' FER LARNIN'?

Have you ever tried to explain English spelling/pronunciation to foreigners, students or otherwise? Take the possible sounds of "-ough" as expressed in "bough," "bought," and "tough," for example. Well, here's a poem entitled *Some Problems With English* provided by Clara Jane Billig.

We'll begin with a box, and its plural is *boxes*,  
But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes!

Then one fowl is goose, but two are called *geese*,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a whole lot of *mice*,  
But the plural of house is *houses*, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called *men*,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called *pen*?

The cow in its plural may be cows or kine,  
But the plural of vow is vows, never *vine*.

I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called *beet*?

If one is a tooth and the whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called *beeth*?

If the singular is this and the plural is these,  
Should the plural of kiss be rightly called *keese*?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be *hose*.

We speak of a brother and also of brethern,  
But when we say mother, we never say *methern*.

The masculine pronouns are he, his, and him,  
But imagine the feminine, *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

So the English, I think, you all must agree,  
Is a language as silly as any you'll see!!

The author of this remarkable poetry is *A Nony Mous*, who has written quite a large amount of the world's great literature. However, based upon the grammar, I think that English is not the native tongue of *A. N. Mous*.

In last month's statements by famous Virginians, I missed one whose utterer was probably Cartmel Brown methinks: *It ain't started until it's begun!*

Wilda Siburt will be collecting 1993 dues at this meeting, but you can send the dues to her along with the following notice. Do fill in the CURRENT ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER if one or both have changed!

----- Cut along this line to return notice below -----

\* CHAPTER #2613 DUES NOTICE AND REMITTANCE \*  
\*\* January through December, 1993 \*\*

1993 chapter dues will be \$4.00 per person.

Make check payable to "AARP."

Please pay, in cash or by check, at the meeting or by mail to  
WILDA SIBURT, 518 SEMINOLE DRIVE, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Return this portion with your check.*

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DON'T FORGET FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY LOCATED AT THE BLACKSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH!!

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Tuesday, November 17, 1992  
Blacksburg Community Center  
11:30 AM = Lunch & Conversation  
12 Noon = Program  
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