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"HOW TO" CLASSES

About two years ago, Decatur High started a night school for continuing adult education. It works like this. If you have an industrial arts type project in which you are interested, get together a total of 8 to 10 Decatur adults who would have a similar interest, call Dr. Soff at Decatur High (373-5051) and explain your proposed project. Dr. Soff will discuss the project with you and try to locate an instructor from the school's industrial arts He will discuss the numfaculty. ber of times a week classes would be held (generally once a week) and the day of the week (Tues., Wed., Thurs. are the possibilities). If there are special constrains on a proposed course (limited storage space at the school, for example), Dr. Soff will discuss those, too.

The school makes no profit from these classes but the participants must pay the instructor's salary. This usually runs about \$2.50 per person per lesson and lessons can last anywhere from 6 to 12 weeks, depending on class interest, the type of projects undertaken, etc. Each person must also pay for their own materials. Tools are furnished by the school. Classes are arranged somewhere between the hours of 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

If you have something in mind, you might want to check with the school first to see if you could join a course already in the works. At present, a course on fixing your own car brakes is being offered, subject to getting an enrollment of 8 to 10 people. a class doesn't attract a sufficient number of people, the class will be cancelled). Another present possibility is a course in woodworking (building shelves, cabinets, bookcases, etc.), which has the minimum number of participants already (more could join though), and meets each Wed. at 6:30 p.m.



Officers of WPNA for the coming year were elected at the last meeting:

President: Jo Deck (Avery)
Vice-president: Roger Edwards

(Winnona)

Secretary: Martha Cochran (Avery)
Treasurer: Wayne Purdom (Heatherdown)

WPNA CONTINUES TO SAVE ALUMINUM WITH PROFITS TO GO TO NEWSLETTER. DEPOSIT CANS AND SMALL ITEMS ON BONNER'S FRONT PORCH (204 WINNONA). FOR LARGE ITEMS, CALL 373-5874.



WPNA wishes to thank the neighbors who sent contributions to this year's Newsletter. It's rewarding for those who work on the newsletter to get such a nice response from the community. We would also like to encourage everyone to get news items to us. We don't charge for ads in the Neighbor's Exchange if you live in south Decatur and are always interested in expanding our coverage of community activities.



The next regular DNA meeting will be the fourth Tuesday in Feb. at the Decatur First Baptist Church. 7:30 p.m.

DUAL REGISTRATION UNDER ATTACK

Decatur has for years maintained a separate voting system from the rest of the county. There is a separate registration required (dual registration), election districts and polling places do not always coincide with the county's and elections are held at a date different from that of the national and county elections.

Decatur, alone of DeKalb cities, is allowed to maintain a dual registration system because the law is geared to a population criteria (i.e. only cities in DeKalb with a population of over 20,000 are allowed to use dual registration). The latest census report, tho unofficial as yet, indicates that Decatur has dropped down to about 17,000 -- not enough to be allowed to maintain dual registration. So, without specific legislative action, dual registration will no longer exist in Decatur. At present, a little known bill (House Bill No. 439) introduced by Rep. Peggy Childs will allow allow Decatur to <u>continue</u> dual registration. This bill has passed the House and the Senate will consider it shortly.

A second bill also authored by Rep. Childs, House Bill 317, is designed to allow persons to register to vote with the county and the city at the same time while allowing the city to maintain its own voting lists and purging system.

This state of affairs has prompted debate over the advisability of maintaining dual registration. Opponents of the system point to the disparity in numbers of Decaturites who are registered with the county for national, state and county elections and those who are registered with the city for city elections (about twice as many Decaturites are registered with the county than with the city). They point also to the difference in purging rules applying to both (Decatur purges more often for failure to vote or failure to return cards verifying residence). The basic argument of opponents is that Decatur, by maintaining this system, makes it difficult to register to vote, discourages people from having a voice in the political process and is an additional expense for the Decatur taxpayers to maintain.

Those who favor dual registration claim that the Decatur registration is more efficient and does a better job of getting people off the list when they have not voted in several years or when they have moved. This, they argue, is desirable and gives the people themselves greater responsibility for maintaining their voting status.

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trees for sale

The WPNA is making available trees to all members of the community. These trees are a great way to fill in those hot sun spots in your yard. We will be getting these trees through the National Arbor Day Foundation and the types available are red maple, sugar maple redbud, purple plum, tulip poplar, pin oad, black walnut and hazelnut. They cost \$4.00 each and are 4-6 feet in size. The Foundation guarantees the trees to live through the first growing season and the trees will be shipped to your house!
If you are interested in ordering,

please call Jo Deck at 373-8148.

work co-op

WPNA is interested in sponsoring a work and sponsoring tool co-op in the neighborhood. Although the exact details are still to be worked out, the general idea is to swap work with those in the co-op. The work could vary from baby-sitting to yard raking to carpentry and anyone could join.

General plans will be presented at a later meeting so watch the Newsletter for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY COKE SALES AT SOCCER GAMES: CALL ROGER EDWARDS AT 373-1842 IF YOU CAN HELP



The annual Spring Festival sponsored by the South Decatur Community Council will be held at the Commun-

ity Center in early May. WPNA will sponsor several events including a ring toss game, bake sale, and a voter registration booth. If you can help out, please call Susan Purdom (378-2931 or 377-5531) or of our new officers.

Open Saturdays Beginning Feb. 28

SOUTHERN STYLE COOKING

Breakfast 7 am - 11 am Lunch 11 am - 3 pm Dine in or Take Out

Across from the Old Decatur Depot 313 E. College Ave 373-9202



Renfroe Middle School

Reminder: The Renfroe PTA will begin selling spaghetti supper tickets on March 1st. Tickets may be purchased from any Renfroe student or teacher or through the school office. Although tickets will also be sold at the door, the PTA would like to encourage you to buy them early so they can make estimates of the number of plates needed. The dinner will be held March 20th at the Middle School between the hours of 5:30 - 7:30 P.M

Proceeds from the supper will be used primarily for scholastic awards for student achievement, which will be presented at a special ceremony at the end of the school year.

SPRING VACATION FOR ALL DECATUR SCHOOLS WILL BE APRIL 13 - 17

SEE * * THE STARS

If you are looking for some excellent family entertainment, try the Agnes Scott monthly "open house" at the Bradley Observatory and Planetarium. Anyone (including children) may come and the atmosphere is very informal. These open houses are held, rain or shine, on the first Friday of each month, September through June, at 8:00 P.M. and there is NO CHARGE.

The program consists of a lecture on some aspect of astronomy by Assistant Professor Robert Hyde (S. Candler), planetarium shows by Julius Staal, retired director of Fernbank Planetarium, and telescope observations.

To reach the observatory from Winnona Park, go half way down Dougherty Street. Across the street from the tennis courts is a brightly lit path leading to the observatory. Cars can be parked in the parking lot near the tennis courts.

The next open house is set for March 6th.

Winnona Park

The Winnona Park Elementary School PTA will sponsor a spring carnival and "fun run" on Sat., April 25th. Further details in the next Newsletter.



THERE'S A BETTER USE FOR YOUR OLD NEWSPAPERS

The PTA also wants to remind residents to save their old newspapers. They should be deposited in the dumpster behind Winnona Elem. school - Proceeds go to PTA.

KIDS DON'T MISS STEP ON A CRACK

The Agnes Scott Blackfriars and Theatre Department are producing a play for children this winter. The play is Step on a Crack by Susan Zeder and is for youngsters of third grade level on up.

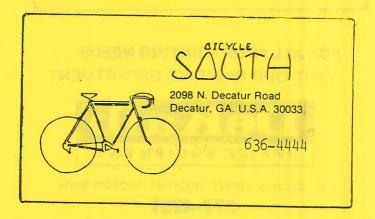
The play deals with a funny, crazy, wildly imaginative child who arms herself with a full-blown fantasy life to fight her way through real life problems. Ellie's difficulty in adjusting to her new stepmother is as classic as CINDER-ELLA and as timely as tomorrow. With the help of her fantasy friends, Lana and Frizbee, Ellie experiences laughter, temper tantrums, joyous flights of fantasy, and quiet moments of frustration and despair. Ellie is a real child discovering parts of herself in a real world.

Performances will be in the Winter Theatre of the Dana Fine Arts Building at Agnes Scott College. Dates and times are:

 $\frac{\text{Feb.}}{\text{at}} \cdot \frac{28}{2:00} \text{ (Sat.)} \text{ and } \underline{\text{Mar.}} \cdot \underline{1} \text{ (Sun.)}$

Mar. 2 (Mon.) and Mar. 3 (Tues.) at 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., and 1:30 P.M.

Call 277-1200 for information and/or tickets. Cost is \$1.00 per child.



COMMISSION NOTES



By Catherine Carter

At the Feb. 2nd meeting of the Decatur City Commission, Mrs. George Slappey of the Junior League reported on the restoration efforts on the Mary Gay House on Trinity Place. She reported that the estimated cost of restoration had more than doubled. The Junior League has offices in the now completed basement of the house. In addition to the restored original rooms of the house there will be, when complete, a large meeting or social hall for community gatherings. Mrs. Slappey stated that restoration of the exterior will begin soon and invited anyone interested to visit the

Three representatives of the Decatur First Baptist Church expressed concern over increase in assessment of a church-owned peoperty at 509 Ponce de Leon Place. They requested either a tax exemption or a reduction in the assessment of the property. The commission decided to wait until the millage had been set and then adjust the assessment so that there would be no tax increase.

The owners of property at 140 Eric Ave. requested the waiving of late payment penalty and interest. The Commission agreed to waive the penalty but not interest.

There was considerable interest in the state of the plans for the Decatur Parkway and what the city and citizens can do to show continued opposition to the concept.



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Share your talents, services, products, etc. Call Penny Wistrand (373-2571, ext. 240 or 378-6391) or Susan Purdom (377-5531 or 378-2931)

For Sale - large wooden desk for home or office. Make an offer. Call 373-1961.

After-school child care needed for Winnona Park 2nd grader. Start immediately. Call Tina Buechele at 373-7103 (home) or 377-0107 (work).

House for Rent in South Decatur.

Available March. 3 bedrooms.

Large living, dining & kitchen.

1 bath. Screened front porch,

4 fireplaces, large year w/

brick barbeque. Rent is \$301.50/

mo with 1 mo rent in advance.

Call 377-8919 to inquire.

House for Rent: 195 Avery St.

Available April 1st - Sept. 1st (1981). 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. furnished. living room, dining room & den. Deposit. No Pets. \$400/mo. Call Harry or Penny Wistrand at (day) 373-2571, ext 240, (evenings) 378-6391.

Alterations wanted - call Margaret Anderson at 373-0652.

Babysitting Available: Experienced babysitters. References furnished upon request. Call Kerry or Kris Deardorff at 377-8010.

Babysitter: \$1.50 /hr. Experienced 12 year old sitter. Call Karen Purdom at 378-2931 (evenings).

Wanted: Good used color T.V.

Portable, up to 19 in. Call
Judith Smith after 6:30 p.m.
or weekends at 378-0135.

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