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DECATUR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Don't miss the lighting of the tree in downtown Decatur on Saturday, Dec. 5th. It starts at 6:00 p.m. on the old courthouse lawn and ends at 7:30 p.m. Santa will arrive on a firetruck, there'll be balloons, entertainment and photos with Santa.

Santa will also be back on the Square Dec. 11, 12, 18, and 19 for photos.

Also, the Decatur Cotillion Club will sponsor a bazaar on Dec. 5th from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Decatur Presbyterian Church at 205 Sycamore (across from the Marta Station). The theme of the bazaar is "A Colonial Christmas" and it will feature handcraft gifts and decorations, Santa's secret shop (where kids can purchase gifts for under \$2) and photos with Santa. Proceeds of the bazaar go to charity.

MEALOR AND CUNNINGHAM UNOPPOSED

It's official now -- Bill Mealor and Marian Cunningham are unopposed for this year's Decatur City Commissioners election. Both incumbents have qualified but since there is no opposition, there will not be an election.



NEED MORE STREET LIGHTS?

Do you know any areas of Winnona Park that you think do not have adequate street lighting?

If so, call any of the following and WPNA will contact the city engineer about the problem: Jo Deck at 373-8148, Penny Wistrand at 378-6391, or Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531.



HARRIET DAVIS WINS AWARD

Harriet Davis, who lives on Heatherdown Road in Winnona Park, and Roderick Lewis were recently chosen by the Optimist Club as outstanding students from Renfroe Middle School.

This civic organization each year picks two students from every middle and high school in the county and honors them during Youth Appreciation Week. These students are chosen as outstanding and well-rounded students from their schools and are treated with a banquet in their honor and a visit with the governor.

Harriet is one of the cheerleaders at Renfroe and is a member of the Beta Club. She plays soccer with the Phoenix League and attends St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Her hobbies include ballet, flute and choir.

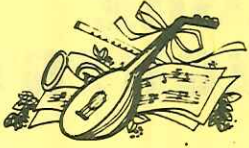
WARNING

We think animals are being poisoned in our neighborhood. At least three dogs are known to have died under conditions that suggest poison. If you have any information regarding this, or see something suspicious, call the police immediately!!



SCHOOL NEWS

Renfroe Middle School



Renfroe is having a Christmas band and choral concert on December 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. There will also be a short PTA meeting before the program.

Renfroe PTA has been sponsoring a candle sale contest to raise funds for the PTA. Although the count will not be final until all the candles are delivered and money collected, tentative winners are: 1st place - Chiniqua Wyatt, 2nd place - Jeffrey Baker, 3rd place - Stephanie Mahoney, and 4th place - Daryl Harper.



There will be a dance (for Renfroe students only) on December 11th from 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Adult chaperones are needed. If you can help, call the school office for details.

Winners of the 8th grade DAR essay contest (for Renfroe) are: Tonia Price, Harriet Davis (Heatherdown), Leighton Moore (Shadowmoor), Legare Clarke (Kirk), Laura Young (S. Candler), Tim Weber (Avery), Lisa Gordon, Lisa Reynolds, Beth Hyde (S. Candler), Elizabeth Adams, Amanda Gowing, Heather Johnson (S. Candler), Bill Ganaway (Col. Dr.) and Jessica Daly.

Beta Club Members enjoyed a hayride at Stone Mountain on Nov. 13th on a flatbed train car filled with hay.

The Beta Club, sponsored by Lorri Fredericks, initiated 47 new members on October 22 for a total membership of 120.

Student Council Officers for this year have been elected by the student body:

8th grade co-pres: Roderick Lewis
7th grade co-pres: Jawana McKibbens
Sec: Lisa Reynolds
Treas: Beth Drake



Winnona Park



Winnona Park Elementary School will have its annual Christmas Program on December 9th at 7:30 p.m. (students who are participating in the program should be there earlier).

Don't forget to take your old newspapers to the bin behind the school.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Last day of school is December 18 (full day). Students report back on Jan. 4th.

RENFROE TEACHER HONORED

Glen Blankenship, 8th grade social science teacher at Renfroe Middle School here in Decatur, has been named Outstanding Social Sciences Educator in Georgia by the Georgia Council for the Social Sciences.

We do not have space to reprint Fran Fossett's marvelous article about Mr. Blankenship which appeared in the DeKalb News/Sun (11/18/81) but we do want to be sure that people in Winnona Park don't miss the news.

We would also like to thank Mr. Blankenship for all the hard work and the great job he does for our community and our kids.



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WPNA ACTIVITIES

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

On Nov. 18th WPNA sponsored a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the school.

Officer Rollins of the Decatur Police Force explained that the idea behind a Neighborhood Watch is that neighbors will watch out for each other (in other words, be "nosy") and report anything that arouses their suspicion. It sounds simple, but it works!

We hope everyone will participate -- you don't have to attend meetings or do anything time consuming. Just watch what goes on around the neighborhood and keep in touch with your neighbors. If you don't know who lives next to you, go over and get acquainted.

In addition to Officer Rollins' presentation, Mr. Carroll Sweatman from Georgia Power gave us some information on exterior lighting and Jo Deck, president of WPNA, reported on protection of social security checks that come in the mail. (See articles on this page.)

protect soc. sec. checks

Mail box thefts have been reported in Winnona Park (on Avery Street). This poses a serious threat to neighbors who receive social security checks in the mail (the thefts occurred about the time the checks usually arrive).

One solution is to have your checks sent by bank wire directly to your bank account. To do this, you should:

- (1) Go to your bank where you have an account,
- (2) Take your social security check (or the information from it) to the bank with you,
- (3) Tell them you want your checks to go to your account and they will fill out some forms and submit them to Social Security,
- (4) Wait two to four months for the processing,
- (5) Receive letter notifying you that your next check will go to the bank. (Or, if you fail to receive your check, call your bank to verify that the funds are there).



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References:

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exterior lighting

If poles and lines are already there, Georgia Power can install a cobra head light (see diagram #1 below) on the inside (house-side) of the pole. There is no installation charge, it remains Ga. Power property and they maintain it. However, you have to pay for the electricity used (approx. \$7.50/mo) and you must sign a 24 month contract. If there is no existing pole, it might still be done, but it's more complicated and costs more.

Ga. Power has discontinued installation of backyard lighting so you will have to have that done by an electrician or do it yourself. An open bottom light is recommended (see diagram #2 below), and can be purchased for about \$30 to \$40 from a retail store like K-Mart. Normally they have an electric photocell and will come on when it gets dark and cut off when it's light, but they can also be attached to a timer or toggle switch to give you more control. The lights have a 1' mounting bracket and can be attached to a pole, side of house, tree, etc. They operate off your meter at about \$3.50 to \$4 per month on the average.

If you have further questions or would like to order lighting from Ga. Power, call Mr. Sweatman at 526-4704.

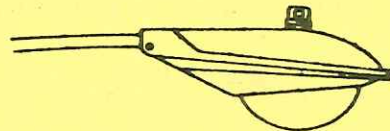


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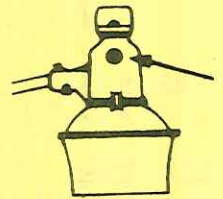


Diagram
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CRIME UPDATE

bad news

Since the last newsletter there have been two assaults (one assault/rape) against Agnes Scott students (one in a girls dorm and one in an Agnes Scott parking lot). There have also been thefts of mail from mail boxes reported around Avery.

good news

The Mimosa Prowler was almost apprehended by the police and has not been heard of since. An arrest has been made in the assault/rape of an Agnes Scott student.

NEIGHBORS' EXCHANGE

SHARE YOUR TALENTS, SERVICES, PRODUCTS, ETC. Call Chuck Walker (378-1095) or Susan Purdom (378-2931 or 377-5531). There is no charge to anyone living in south Decatur for placing an ad in the Exchange. We will run it as long as space permits.

Attn: Local Writers. Village Writers Club meets two times a month (1st and 3rd Mondays). If interested, call 373-5108.

Wanted: Adult to babysit at my home occasional afternoons for 8 mo. baby. Call 378-2909.

For Sale: wire-wheel hubcaps, 'like new'. \$175 for all four. Fits Chevy 14" tire. Call 377-7727 (nights).

Massage therapy for stress relaxation. Women only. \$10/hour. Would make a nice xmas gift (gift certificates available). Call Gloria McAndrew (student massage therapist) at 378-4801.

For Sale: occasional chair - \$65,
Two twin size bedspreads - \$2/ea,
Small linen tablecloth - \$4,
Call Martha Parr at 373-2350.

Stray Cat Needs Home: young, friendly, hungry, stray cat needs a home. Call Susan Purdom at 378-2931 or 377-5531.

For Sale: 1971 VW Beetle. Excellent condition. \$2,000. Call 378-8796.

Carpentry services available.
Call Tim Seaton at 378-0702.

For Sale: Metal highchair (\$15),
Antique oval-topped trunk (\$75),
Flat-topped trunk (\$25). Call
377-3988.

Licensed Hairdresser: Cut hair in your home or mine. Call Holly Ball at 373-6346.

For Sale: Approx. 6 jalousied windows and 1 door. Make offer. Call Gus or Martha Cochran at 377-6250.

The Community Center of South Decatur would like to receive proposals from persons interested in lease/managing a kitchen/dining facility at the Center. For further details, call Bill Denton at 373-9712.

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Midwinter Art Sale: A group of local artists is having an annual midwinter art sale at the unique hand-built hexagon of Anselm Atkins and Margaret Kavanaugh at 2525 McKinnon Dr. Sale will be from 10 am to 6 pm on Dec. 5th and 6th. Here's a good chance for neighbors to visit the house and have some refreshments. Artists in the sale will be: Susan Loftin, pottery; Katherine Hartwig Dahl, drawings; Anselm Atkins, stained glass; Janet Bailey, weaving; Ivan Bailey, ironwork.

For Sale: Boxes of Fla. grape-fruit, tangelos & oranges. Ex. quality. Delivered in time for Christmas. \$6.50, \$7 & \$8.50 per box. Also available, pecans in 1 lb. packages (pieces - \$4, halves - \$4.50). Can be delivered as early as Nov. 1. Call Cean Johnston at 377-6291.

Jazzercise Class: unique dance fitness program which is offered in Decatur. Class at DeKalb Federal & Hillside Presbyterian. Call for days & time. Ellen Kesler at 371-0559 (nights).

Christmas Greenery Program: The DeKalb Extension Urban Gardening Program will again offer a two part program on caring for holiday plants and decorating with natural greenery on Thurs. Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Decatur Cooperative Service Center, 321 W. Hill St. The class is free. For more info call Mary Singleton at 371-2821.

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