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President's Message

I'm always a little leery when I hear someone say "I have some good news and some bad news" . . . Well, that's my position at the present time. The bad news first—Ronnie announced at our last meeting that he and Sue are closing their store in the very near future. This is a sad time for all of us since we had become so accustomed to seeing them welcome us to their business each month (as well as times in between meetings), and accustomed to all the support they have provided the Guild over the last 17 years. They have spoiled us with a free meeting place (making sure it is set up for our meetings each month), free coffee and cookies, space for training classes and seminars, and on and on . . .

I said earlier there may be some good news. Negotiations are under way to establish a community college in what is now Ronnie's shop area. The college is an extension of the Northwest Shoals Community College and will be the Alabama Centers for Woodworking (Advanced Technology). From what I'm hearing this type of educational facility is badly needed for our area. There is simply no source available for formal woodworking training. Should this plan materialize, I understand Ronnie will be directly involved in the development and operation of the

college. Ronnie and the Shoals Community College personnel also envision the Woodworkers Guild playing a major role in the college's success. Our role could range from instructors to group and individual support in the community. They also see the Guild continuing to meet in the shop as in the past.

Should all this fail to materialize we'll simply need to look for another meeting place. In the meantime, we'll continue to meet at Ronnie's. More about this at our June meeting.

We'll have a special guest at our June 10th meeting. Some of you will recall Sandra Saunders, the DeWalt Representative who set up a couple of displays for us. Well, Sandra has moved up in the DeWalt World. She is now working in their headquarters office in Baltimore, MD., as Associate Products Manager. She plans to meet with several of our members before and after our meeting to get feedback on some new sanders developed by DeWalt. Should be fun!

See You June 10th

Dan

Next Meeting-June 10, 1999

The June 10th meeting will feature Ed Sheriff, one of our best

woodworkers and long time member. Ed is going to show his fabulous jewelry boxes and tell how they are made, so don't miss it.

Last Meeting— May 1999

What a great time we all had at the annual Hot Dog Supper. Charlie Yerby rounded up most of the necessary supplies for the supper. As a result there was plenty of kraut, mustard, ketchup, onions, potato chips and that wonderful hot pot of sauce prepared by Sue Acton. There was plenty of soda pop, tea and water to wash it all down. Then to cap off the "dogs," there was cake in abundance. Seating was in the alcove fronting the entrance to the store (Acton's), and our white plastic chairs provided seating. We had a couple of unlikely chefs in Hal Skalka and Walter Barnett. The arranging of the serving tables and setting out the supplies for the chow line was beautifully done (only because they are beautiful) by several of the wives. At one point we counted seventy eaters, and a few more came in after that count. So, we guess you could say the supper was a tremendous success.

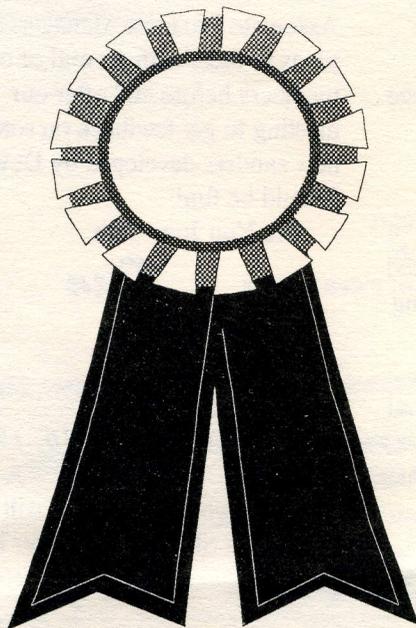
Charley Brown

We want to make a second attempt to see if any of our members might possibly have either one of his toys or a picture of one of his toys or plans to one of his toys. Charley was such a loyal and faithful member of the Guild and was absolutely prolific in toymaking that we would like to accommodate his Granddaughter Meridith. Paul Mancil, our representative to Children's Hospital, is inquiring and searching the hospital to see if one or more might have survived and may be secured for this purpose.

Annual Show

We can't let another week go by without making plans to make an entry in our annual Show. It was a huge success last year, primarily because of its location, Hoover Library. By having it in the Library it is possible to reach more of the public more successfully due to its central location. They have a "Gallery" on the first level which is ideally situated for a show such as ours. We continue to keep you informed of the several categories you may enter such as: Traditional Furniture, Contemporary Furniture, Turned Objects, Carved Objects, Small Objects (boxes etc.), Toys, Shop Tools, and Jigs. These categories offer unlimited opportunities to make most anything you wish and have it judged. Don't be afraid to have it judged. It isn't as frightening as you might think. We always have

a professional woodworker, whom we pay, to apply his knowledge and expertise to the objects we have entered. The judge fills out a form where he critiques the quality of the work, the quality of the finish, and comments on its overall usefulness. We encourage you to make or get some plans, get some wood and proceed to your shop and make a project. The SHOW takes place the week of August 14 - 21, and we will be bringing our projects in the preceding Saturday for the judging. Imagine the thrill of making your way to the SHOW after the judging and finding a blue, red or white ribbon attached to your project. Remember also we have three categories of skill - Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner. As you can see, it can't be made any easier to participate. Let's get it going Lassies and Lads.



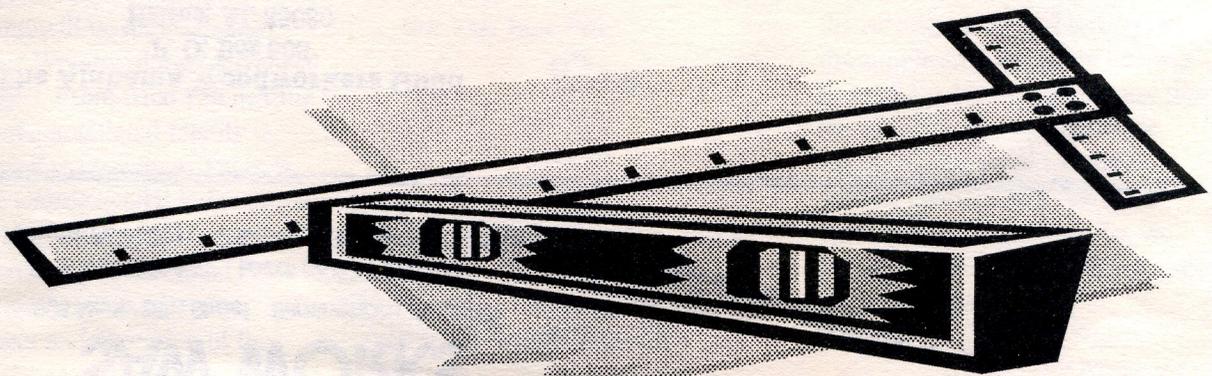
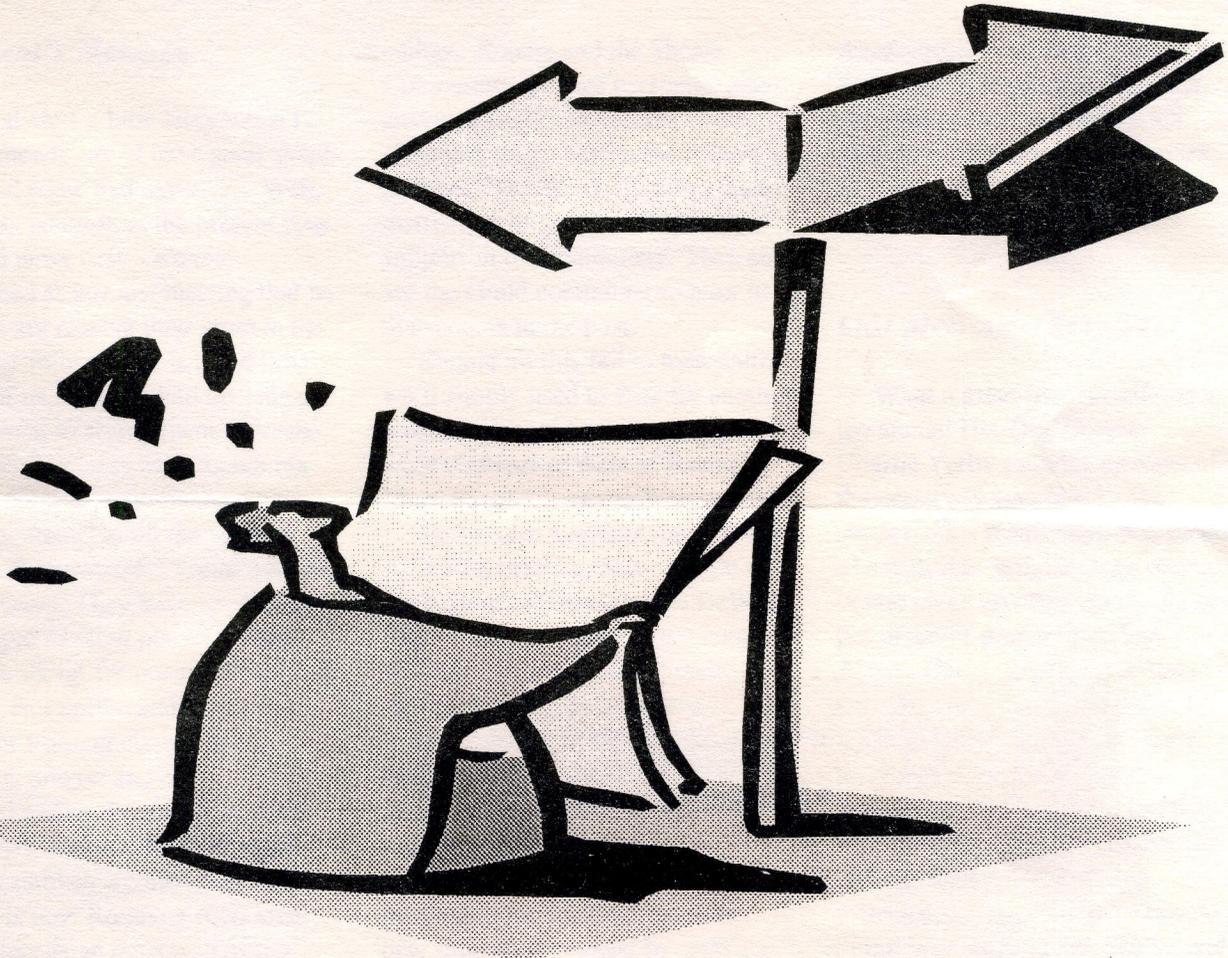
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Shop Visits

The shop visits are going great. There have been four (we think) so far, and all have been

well attended. The last visit was to Charlie Yerby's. What a feast. Sausage and biscuits, preserves and coffee. Charlie's shop is just as prim as he is and indeed a very

nice shop. Walter Barnett's shop (site of our next visit) is one that we understand is quite a layout. This should be a great day. Directions at next meeting.



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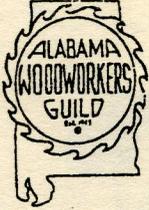
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