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# FOREST HILL INFORMER

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## **Forest Hill Census**

Most of the residents of Forest Hill are aware that a census of the Community was taken in November. For the benefit of the few who were not reached by the young men who worked on this enumeration THE INFORMER is including this brief story.

The Area has grown so rapidly that a complete check, using our files, seemed impossible. To reach all our members without complete records became less and less a reality and several of the residents reported this lack of being informed of community activity. A committee was headed by Mr. Clifford Presdee and with the help of Mr. Robert Mettner a working force of six young men (all students) from the community was organized to conduct the census.

The entire Forest Hill Area was covered in approximately two weeks. Families on vacation or absent for other reasons necessitated many re-calls by these young men, otherwise they would have completed their jobs earlier. Through their good work we now know the list is as complete as possible. Day-to-day changes are necessarily cared for to keep the list accurate.

The residents are to be commended for their fine co-operation with the young men who did this fine job. The working force was composed of the following: David Tichy, Martin Albaugh, Allen Alexander, James Backhaus, Albert Hoffman and David Gaetjens.

These census takers were paid from funds contributed by Forest Hill residents and it is the consensus of the Officers and Trustees of your organization that the money could not have been more wisely spent.

## **Christmas Decoration Contest**

Our area will be blazing with Christmas lights and decorations by the time this INFORMER reaches you. Because of the great interest the contest creates we have been asked to briefly recount the article which appeared in the November issue concerning the Judges and regulations.



These are the Christmas Contest rules:

1. Contest is open to homes in Forest Hill and homes on Glynn Road.
2. To be assured that the home will be judged the display must be lighted from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Monday evening, December 26th.
3. Judging will be based upon the Christmas decorations appropriateness, visual appeal, and originality.
4. Homes which have won prizes will be eligible only for Honorable Mention for the next two consecutive years.

The following individuals have been selected to be judges in our Christmas Decoration Contest:

Mr. O. E. Hill, Superintendent of the Cleveland Heights School District

Mr. E. H. Mellenbrook, President of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

Miss Marion Bryson, outstanding Cleveland artist

The Honorable Frances P. Bolton who was tentatively announced as a judge in the November issue will be unable to serve because of her extended African tour.

The following prizes will be awarded this year to those homes judged best by the panel of judges:

First Prize—\$75.00

Second Prize—\$50.00

Third Prize—\$35.00

Fourth Prize—\$25.00

Fifth Prize—\$15.00

We are sure all Forest Hill Families are waiting for this major event. We are indebted to Mr. Carl Allen and his committeemen Mr. Paul Mehnert and Mr. Jack Kennon for the promotion of this important annual contest.





## Officers Elected



At a meeting of the Trustees held on November 12, 1955 two additional Vice Presidents of the corporation were authorized. This was done to provide better supervision and coordination of the work of the expanded number of Trustees. One Vice President will be responsible for the work of the Trustees north of Monticello and the other for the territory south of Monticello.

At the same meeting the Trustees authorized the officers to employ a Manager on a part-time basis to carry on the ever-increasing work being undertaken by your organization. It is anticipated that the Manager will relieve the officers and Trustees of much of the routine work of the organization and provide a continuing coordination of all activities of the organization.

The officers elected by the Trustees to serve for one year were:

President—Randolph Eide

Senior Vice President—William H. Fleming

Vice President—Clifford W. Presdee

Vice President—Theodore Mann

Vice President—Wendell H. Abbott

Secretary and Treasurer—E. W. Ackerman

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Robert Mettner

Effective Monday, November 14, the officers named Robert Mettner as Manager. Mr. Mettner resides at 15957 Brewster Road, East Cleveland 12. His telephone number is Fairmount 1-3481. It is suggested that at any time when residents are unable to reach their Trustee with respect to any matter with which Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc., is concerned that they get in touch with Mr. Mettner, who will be responsible for channeling it to the proper persons. Mr. Mettner's hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## Vandals Appear

The item that follows is not pleasant to issue at this time of year but several police calls leave us no choice.

Within recent weeks considerable damage has been done to homes under construction and, to some extent, to occupied homes in the Allotment by teen-age youngsters. Most of this has occurred in the evening

and some of it has been done by children of residents of our Allotment. In many instances the children involved have been wandering the streets after dark in groups of two to five or more.

It is the responsibility of the individual parents to see to it that their children are not involved in occurrences of this nature. In South Euclid the situation got so out of hand that it was necessary to establish a dusk-to-dawn curfew on children under 16 years of age and heavy penalties have been provided for parents permitting such children to be on the streets unaccompanied by an adult.

Certainly we living in Forest Hill have absolutely no excuse when our children are involved in instances of this type and we certainly do not want to have the municipal authorities of East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights adopting such measures. It behooves all of us to work together to eliminate any further incidents of the type described and which are a disgrace to our community.

### **Drive for Funds**

Early in January we will begin our annual solicitation of funds for Forest Hill Home Owners, Inc.

Too much stress cannot be placed on this drive. Our organization is reaching a mile stone in that Mr. Roose, upon whom we have leaned heavily, will be leaving. The complete reliance on our own resources will mean considerable added expense. A reserve for contingencies is especially important and the amount should be adequate.

Mr. E. W. Ackerman will have a letter directed to every resident which will clearly outline the needs of your organization. We urge all to give adequately.

### **Share an Item**

The INFORMER is your Organization's own news dispenser. Usually the space is taken by reports of problems arising in the area but we will welcome any items our residents suggest. If you have an idea you wish to present send it in. Space is limited but there is always room for a good suggestion. Write to R. W. Mettner, 15957 Brewster Road, East Cleveland 12.



The INFORMER joins the Officers and Trustees in wishing one and all a fine Holiday Season and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.