

John H. Albert Made President of Garden Club at Xmas Meeting

The Westchester Men's Garden Club held its annual Christmas meeting Wednesday at the Rye Golf Club.

The new slate of officers was installed: John H. Albert, president; Jay Laffin, 1st vice president; Leonard Lasczak, 2nd vice president; Irving Herrmann, treasurer; Martin Kent, secretary; Robert Cole, Bulletin Editor; Warren Abele, Roy Adams, associate editors; Leonard Lasczak, Flower Show Chairman for 1970.

The Christmas meeting is always a special one as the wives and ladies are invited. The program this year was presented by a member of the club, Arthur O. Ernst, and was entitled "Plant Factory in the Basement."

Mr. Ernst has been germinating seeds and growing many varieties of plants in his dark basement for some years. It is all done under fluorescent lights with the help of some very ingenious devices invented and developed by Mr. Ernst. His talk, illustrated with many excellent slides, outlined his methods of growing and record keeping so that anyone interested could try.

The Westchester Men's Garden Club is a garden club for men only and meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Membership is open to anyone residing in West-

chester. Membership information may be obtained from Sidney Prince at RO 1-0959.

Edmund W. Pugh Jr. Joins Avon Products As Vice President

Avon Products has announced the election of Edmund W. Pugh, Jr., 49, to the newly-created position of vice president-corporate planning. He was previously with Weyerhaeuser Company in Tacoma, Washington, as vice president-finance and corporate strategy.

Mr. Pugh was assistant dean of the Harvard Business School from 1946 to 1948. He received a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School in 1943, after graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford in 1941. Mr. Pugh served in the Army Air Forces from 1943 to 1946, rising from private to the rank of captain.

A native of Los Angeles, Mr. Pugh is married to the former Patricia Padgett of Kansas City. They have four children, three boys ages 23, 21, and 18, and a 15-year-old daughter. Their eldest son, Ted, is now teaching in Nepal as a member of the Peace Corps. David, their middle son, is a senior at Stanford, and Jim is a freshman at Swarthmore. All three boys are graduates of Phillips Exeter Academy. Their daughter, Betsy, attends Milton Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh reside in Rye.

Lt. Nelson Hood III Passes Bar Examination; Now At Fort Sill, Okla.

First Lt. J. Nelson Hood III, son of Mrs. J. Nelson Hood of 15 Fairlawn St., Rye, and the late Mr. Hood, is attending a three-month field artillery course at Fort Sill, Okla.

A 1962 graduate of Iona Prep, he received his B.A. degree from St. Bonaventure University, Olean, N. Y., in 1966, and his Doctor of Law degree from St. John's University Law School, in 1969.

Lt. Hood took and passed his bar examination. Results of the July tests were announced last month by the state board of law examiners in Albany.

A member of the ROTC at St. Bonaventure, the young officer re-

ceived his commission upon graduation from the university. He was granted a deferment from military service until completion of law school.

Dads Club Academic Chair Being Set Up at Rye High For Higher Education

The Rye High School Dads Club, at its December meeting, approved unanimously the formation of a Dads Club Academic Chair, and the funding of money to facilitate the beginning of the program by next semester.

The concept, formulated by John Carpenter, the high school principal, involves the setting up of a committee composed of members of the Dads Club, students and the administration. This committee will

evolve the field of study, and a professor of college rank will then be retained to conduct the program. One concept of the program is to have lectures three times a week, with a term paper or other suitable project tied in with the lectures.

The course will be one not normally offered to high school students, and could be in the field of ecology, social psychology, oceanography, performing arts, etc. It will be offered for credit, and will be open to all students who can fit it into their program.

A spokesman from the Dads Club stated that they consider this one of the most important projects in recent years they have funded, and they are more than pleased to be part of an experiment in education requiring the students to reach out, to stretch their minds.

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