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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

The new shop of Leonard and Theresa Wilfret was our meeting place and they were our hosts this month. Theresa and Leonard have long had an interest in craft work. Theresa is also something of a designer as she did the original design of their home. The three bedroom, two bath design features vaulted ceilings, open space and fireplace. The attached garage serves as their shop.

While they have not been doing woodwork-ing very long, they have started the process of get-ting the right tools for the work they plan to do. They did alot of research for each of their major purchases, studying specifications, plus getting recommenda-tions from vendors, manufacturers and, of course, LCWW members.

After the research, they focused on two manu-factures for most of their power tools: Delta and DeWalt. The table saw is DeWalt's DW744S. It's a 10" portable unit that features a telescoping fence and delivers 24-1/2" rip capacity. It also has a fast rack and pinion fence adjustment so that the fence is always parallel to the blade.

Their DeWalt's DW788 scroll saw has a double parallel-link arm, electronic variable speed, flexible dust blower and blade-tensioning lever. Eltee Thibodeaux checked it out for them.

Their Delta collection starts with the Model 17-900 16-1/2" Drill Press. The jointer is a Delta Model 37-195. It has a rack and pinion fence adjust-ment, cast iron infeed and outfeed tables.

The Delta band saw is the 14" model. They added the height attachment increasing the under guide capacity from 6-1/4" to 12-1/4". While this extension can be removed, there is really no reason to do so. Your editor assisted the Wilfrets in assem-bling this saw and other members gave excellent advise on its proper tuning and setup. Like the jointer, the band saw was purchased with a rolling stand that permits moving the unit out of the way as needed.

In choosing a lathe, the Wilfrets wanted sev-eral features: Leonard wants to turn spindles as he had the experience last Summer in attending a wood-

working school where he built chairs. They also want to turn bowls, so a swivel head was an important consideration. The Delta Model 46-715 met their needs.

While doing the assembly, they decided to add a lower shelf on which they'll add concrete blocks for added stability and to reduce vibration for initial out of round turning. Your editor also assisted the Wilfrets assemble the lathe. The only problem we encountered was removing the pre-mounted 6" face plate. The instructions are clear for it's removal, but the plate would not budge. Several members colabored in safely removing the stuck faceplate.

The Wilfrets also acquired some smaller power tools, including a Dewalt 12" surface planer, Delta mortiser and DeWalt miter saw.

Show & Tell brought three beautiful bowls from guest Gary Rock, a purpleheart and maple seg-mented bowl from Chuck Middleton, a walking cane from Ron Nunely, Eltee Thibodeaux scrollwork and plant/flower stands were shown by new member Nancy Borel. See them all in the Gallery on the website. We also enjoyed seeing lots of guests this month.

What Leonard Wilfret didn't mention is that he knows a very great deal about batteries, from proper charging to maintenance and care. We hope to get him to tell us how to keep our car, boat and lawn batteries lead a longer life at a future meeting.



Coming Up... Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. at the shop of

Cut out the parts according to the plywood layout (Fig. D).

Nail together the top frame (F and G). Assemble the base frame (C and D) and attach the bottom shelf (E) with glue and nails. Use a router or belt sander to flush up the bottom shelf if it isn't flush with the outside of the base frame.

Glue and nail parts A and B together to form the legs (Photo 1). Round over all the sharp plywood edges with a sander or a router equipped with a round-over bit. Pay special attention to the long edges on the legs, the top edge of the bottom shelf and the lower edges of the top frame. Rounded edges are easier on your hands and less likely to give you slivers.

Attach the assembled legs to the bottom and top frames (Photo 2). Then glue and nail on the top (H).

Finally, flip the cart over and add the wheel support boards (J). Screw on the casters and you're ready to roll (Photo 3).

Fig. C

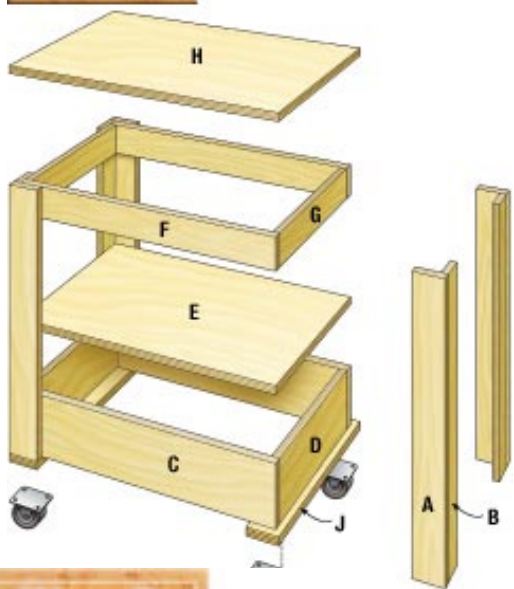
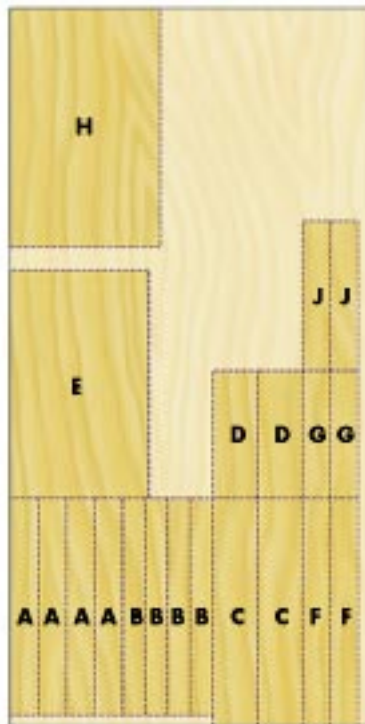
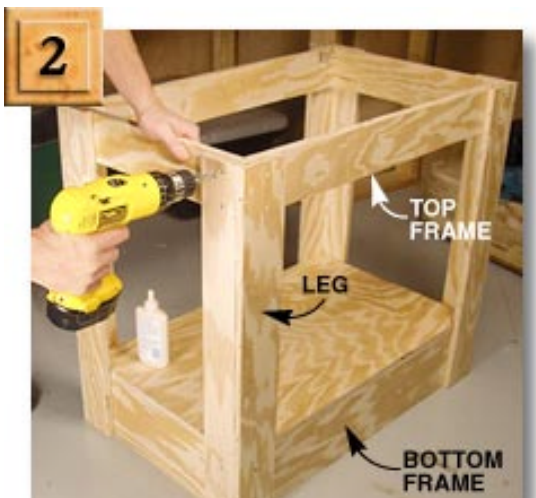


Fig. D



Layout Cuts for Cart



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