

Oakwood's Architectural Guidelines

Living in Oakwood is not only a pleasure but it carries with it a sense of responsibility. By this I mean that since it is a Federal and City Historic District, any exterior changes to our homes and/or lots come under the Historic Oakwood Guidelines. This means that if you would like any exterior structural change, paint or roof color change, erect a fence, or most anything else external; you must have a "Certificate of Appropriateness" posted on the outside of your house in clear view.

The guidelines are administered by the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission. Their office, and meeting place, is located at 1 Mimosa Street, the Mordecai House and they meet on the first Monday in each month at 12 noon.

To obtain a "Certificate of Appropriateness" you must complete the following steps:

1. Obtain the simple applications forms from my house, 400 Polk Street, or from 1 Mimosa Street. Fill out the application completely and return it to 1 Mimosa Street at least two weeks prior to the monthly meetings. Do not start on this project until your application has been fully approved by the Commission.
2. Visitors and applicants are welcome to attend these meetings. Applicants may wish to attend so that they can clarify, without delay, any questions that the Historic Districts Commission may have concerning their application.
3. When your project is approved, a "Certificate of Appropriateness" will then be issued within a few days. If you can not attend the meeting, you may wish to call the Mordecai House office at 834-4844 after the meeting to find out whether your project was fully approved. For any emergency approvals, you can call the Mordecai House office at 834-4844.

Mr. Parrish, head of the city's inspection department, is planning to cooperate fully with the Commission and the neighborhood by increasing the inspection trips of his staff to Oakwood. He also promised to follow up on complaints of violations as quickly as the schedule of his staff permits. In the past, there have been unfounded complaints which waste the inspectors valuable time. Therefore it is important that your "Certificate of Appropriateness" is clearly visible.

If you have any questions about the Historic Oakwood Guidelines, or simply want to familiarize yourself with them, please contact Barbara Wishy at 515 N. Bloodworth Street or call 834-1958. She has several copies of the guidelines as part of a library on historic restoration that will be developed for the use of the Oakwood residents. Note for example the following

point made in the guidelines: "All rules, principles and prohibitions applied to the restoration, rehabilitation and remodeling of Victorian and classical buildings also apply to all other structures located within the historic district."

The Raleigh Planning Department is in the process of rewriting the architectural guidelines for historic districts in order to consolidate them and to incorporate recent preservation legislation. For that project, the planning department would like some input from the Oakwood Society. Please call Barbara Wishy if you have any suggestions. We would like the new guidelines to be fully satisfactory to the neighborhood.

Oakwood's News Corner

The North Carolina Medical Society with its headquarters at 222 N. Person Street, owns two buildings in Historic Oakwood. They are two rundown duplexes at 219 and 221 N. Bloodworth Street. On September 11, 1979, the Medical Society applied to the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission for a "Certificate of Appropriateness" to demolish the two buildings and to replace them with a parking lot. Since that date, the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission, the Raleigh City Planning Department, the Division of Archives and History plus the Oakwood Society have worked with the Medical Society in an effort to find a way of saving the two buildings and assuring their restoration.

Thanks

In closing this long drawn out epistle, I would like to thank, on behalf of the board and myself, all of the Oakwood residents who contacted members of the City Council by phone or letter to express their views and feelings on the recent hearing by the Public Works Committee regarding a review of our northern boundary. Everyone turned out to favor the present boundaries and this question was removed from further consideration by the committee or City Council. It is nice to know that when our neighborhood is challenged, we all rally to its defense.

Docent Program For Oakwood

I believe that the time has come for someone in Oakwood to start a Docent Program to train some of our residents to go out and give slide presentations, act as a guide for walking tours through our neighborhood and

be able to respond to the many questions that we are asked more and more as we grow and our name (and fame) spreads. I feel a real need for something along these lines. In the past, Barbara Wishy and Dixie Crew, with help from Chris Carlton, have done the majority of these presentations and tours.

I believe that with trained docents, it can be handled much more efficiently and not be a burden on anyone. Between the society and me, we have about 150 color slides that should be gone through and put in an attractive and logical order and kept in the slide tray intact. This way everyone will know the sequence of the slides and by writing a brief description of each one, and giving copies to the docents, they could all give approximately the same speech using their own phrasing.

If anyone is interested in starting such a program, please contact me and let's get it in operation so that when spring and summer arrives we will be ready.

Board News

At our November 15th annual general meeting, the residents of Oakwood elected a new slate of officers and six new board members. If any resident has a question, or problem, please contact one of them so that we can better serve you. Following are the officers and board members for 1980. I offer each of them my most sincere appreciation for them taking of their time to serve and am looking forward to working with them throughout 1980.

Officers, 1980

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| Chairman | Oakley Herring |
| Vice Chairperson | Ann Bryan |
| Corresponding Secretary | Hildred Hutchins |
| Recording Secretary | Kathy Miller |
| Treasurer | Ann Jones |
| Historian | Vallie Henderson |

Directors

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| Sally Barnes | Malcom McGhee |
| Betsy Buford | Keith Morgan |
| Ames Christopher | Al Rinne |
| Jim Crew | Larry Wheeler |

Barbara Wishy

There was not a meeting in December due to the tour and other Christmas festivities. Therefore the new board met at my house on January 16th and went over a lot of material and proposed projects. Upon the recommendation of the Chairman, the Board of Directors approved the following persons to chair certain

committees for 1980. Listed below are the committees approved so far.

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| 1980 Christmas Tour | Libby Dishler |
| Plaques | Dixie Crew |
| Publicity & Publications | John Myers |
| Finance | Ann Jones (Barbara Wishy, Jim Crew & Ames Christopher) |
| Block Captains | Alice Garland |

When these people call you, please do your best to help them as Oakwood thrives and grows on the interaction between its neighbors. If you have any questions regarding any of the above committees, or wish to volunteer, contact the above names of the committee involved.

The Editor's Note

Although Oakley Herring is totally responsible for this first copy of the 1980 Oakwood Newsletter, he has informed me that the responsibility for the next four editions is all mine. Since I have not been involved in a project such as this for some time, you may have to bear with me at times.

I would like everyone in Oakwood to know that a project of this undertaking is extremely difficult to accomplish alone. As I understand the normal protocol, Vallie Henderson will give me a list of the newcomers, Ronnie Ellis and Ames Christopher will furnish tips on flowers and gardening, and anyone can write an article to be printed in our newsletter. I am sure I shall find everyone cooperative and most helpful. I would like, however, to enlist the assistance of everyone in the neighborhood. I would like to make the newsletter a little more than it has been in the past.

I, as everyone else, have heard complaints and suggestions on various topics concerning the neighborhood at local parties and gatherings. The newsletter is the place where these complaints and suggestions could do our neighborhood the most good. Oakwood depends on active involvement from all of its residents. I sincerely hope to be in touch with everyone throughout the coming year in order to make the newsletter an interesting and encouraging topic of the neighborhood.

If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, or just plain griping that they wish to do concerning the neighborhood or the newsletter, I will be happy to talk with you. I can be reached anytime at 828-4376; if I am not in, then my answering service will take the message and I will be most happy to return the call as soon as I return.

I look forward to working with everyone during this coming year.

John Myers
313 Oakwood Avenue

Splinters From The Chair

When you last read my pearls of wisdom, I did not think that in 1980 you would be subjected to this ole criticaster's ramblings and fantasies of and about Oakwood. But alas your minds, and mine, must have become as one during 1979 because we both agreed to accept each other's peccadilloes for one more year. Therefore the Chair cannot be held totally responsible for any of the following passages as no one should believe, or listen, to a person who has pulled splinters from the chair for one year and still can't say NO.

In a moment of gratitude, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the neighborhood's trust and confidence in electing me for a second term as their chairman. I hope to complete any unfinished business from 1979 and add many outstanding neighborhood projects for 1980.

The past board did an excellent job and put in many hours in 1979. It set fees for an associate membership in our society, authorized the printing of a colored brochure about Oakwood which will be placed in welcome centers throughout the state and mailed to some publications. Brochure Chairman Ronnie Ellis expects to have it ready for the press in about one month. All of the first printing of the Oakwood cookbook has been sold and a second printing is now out. Also this newsletter was started again as a quarterly rather than an annual publication. These were a few of the things that we were able to bring about for you.

The Chair would also like to personally thank each and every person, in and out of our neighborhood, involved in the tour this year. Even though you may feel that your share was small or meaningless, it would not be possible to do this year after year without everyone's help. Please remember this and say yes when asked in 1980.

If any new neighbors were left out of the list printed in this edition, please call John Myers about 2 a.m. so that he will remember your name for whatever reason he chooses and will be sure to place it in our next newsletter.

All of our old neighbors please be sure and give your new neighbors a call, or visit, and welcome them to the friendliest neighborhood in Raleigh. Tell them be not dismayed over the tasks that they feel are facing them. Old homes are like good marriages, they take a little understanding, a medium amount of money and lots of patience.

As my "chair" is getting sore from all the splinter pulling, guess that I will give you a break and close this column for this edition. Look for more splinters in the Winter Edition which should be out by the end of March.

Oakley Herring

Christmas Tour News

A special thanks from Tour Chairman Richard Black to all the people in Oakwood who made this Christmas Tour so successful. Without the cooperation of homeowners willing to open their homes, all the committee chairpersons—who put in hours of hard work, the Oakwood Garden Club who got the refreshments together and served at the Tucker House, Ronnie Ellis for his tireless efforts for an outstanding job on our publicity and all the many who acted as hosts, hostesses, ticket sellers and others; we could not continue to have "the better than the one before tours."

A big round of applause is due the 1979 Tour Chairman, Richard Black, and his staff for the job they did on our Candlelight Christmas Tour.

Our New Neighbors

Mr. Marshall Hamm &
Mr. Jim Vick
409 Polk Street 27604
Tel: 829-1097

Mr. & Mrs. Garry Hoover (Eleanor)
519 Oakwood Avenue 27601
Tel: 832-8490

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ladd (Marcia)
405 Polk Street 27604
Tel: 832-0287

1 Son Age 1 — Joshua

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Mace (Lockhart)
530 N. East Street 27604
Tel: 832-7162

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rasmussen (Betsy)
414 N. East Street 27604
Tel: 832-8202

1 Son Age 15 mos. — Erik

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Sumner (Candace)
327 E. Jones Street 27601
Tel: 833-3907

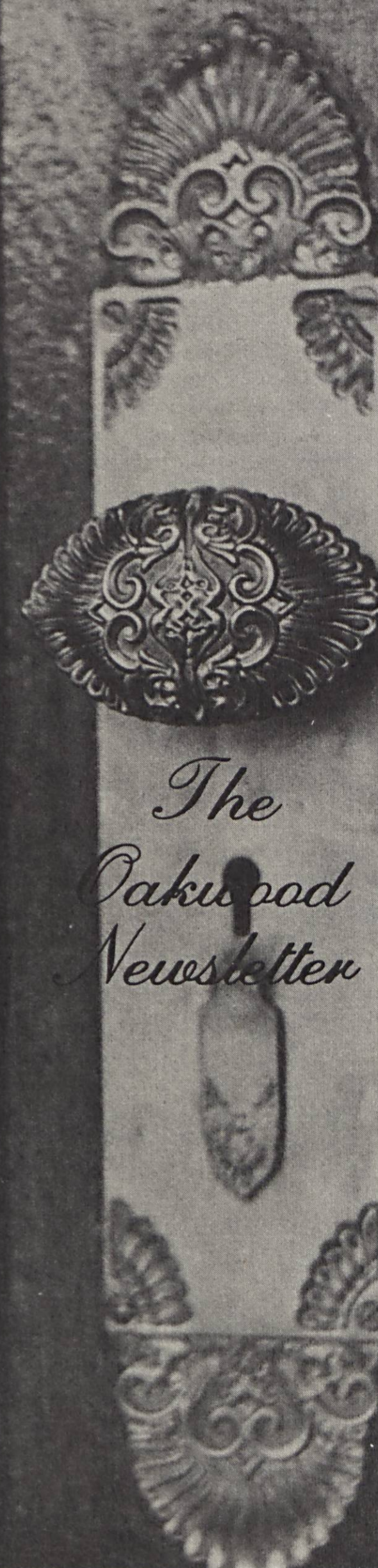
2 Daughters — Sherna age 11
Maggie age 1½

Tom Shown & Celia Fuller
417 Elm Street 27604
Tel: 833-9242

Vallie Henderson

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Community Watch Program

At the Historical Society's March 13th Board Meeting, all Oakwood residents were invited to learn of the Community Watch Program sponsored by the Raleigh City Police Department and the Department for Crime Control and Public Safety. Speakers for the evening were Mr. Jay Trivette from the Department of Crime Control and Lt. M. L. Stephenson of the Raleigh Police Department.

The Community Watch Program is divided into four basic divisions:

1. The Law Enforcement Officer's Role is to keep the Community Watch Chairman informed as to new materials available to him, attend the monthly Watch meetings and advise of any crimes being committed in the area. Check out all information submitted to the Police Department.
2. The Community Watch Chairman's role is to make arrangements for monthly meetings, purchase Community Watch signs, pass on all information to Block Captains received from the police and report all data received from Block Captains and members to the police. Furnish all Watch members with an up-to-date list of all senior citizens and have someone call them every day.
3. The Block Captain's role is to assist the Chairman in passing and receiving all information and keeping the people in his block alert and informed at all times.
4. The member's role is divided between caring for his own security and the security of those around him. Members should be aware of all strange people and vehicles seen in the neighborhood. Keep a pad and pencil in your car for taking notes.

Tell your neighbors when you are going to have work done so that they will be alerted for the workmen. Let them and your Watch Chairman know when you are leaving, even on a short trip, so they can keep watch on your house. Know your neighbors so that you will know when strangers are walking about, or riding, in your neighborhood.

Members should engrave their possessions with their driver's license number and keep a written inventory. Take a picture of every wall inside your home. Keep one copy of your inventory and pictures outside the house.

Do not give any information to anyone over the

phone that you do not know. Do not display your name on your mailbox. Put your house numbers and street name on the mailbox as this will help locate you in an emergency.

Do not advertise that you live alone. Single people should list themselves in the phone book under first and middle initials.

Do not put a name tag on your house keys. Separate auto and house keys to prevent duplication. Never leave a house key under a door mat, in a mailbox or hanging from a nail.

Sliding glass doors should be secured with a pin-type lock or "charlie bar".

Window gates and special window locks that can be opened only with a key are effective. When away from home at night, have a lamp or two and a radio plugged into some type of timer that will turn them off and on at different times to make it look as if someone is in the house.

The above are just a few of the items covered at the meeting and on April 10th the Historical Society will vote on whether to adopt this program for Oakwood. Your presence would be appreciated and needed as the only way this program can be successful is for everyone to work in it.

Parking By Permit

The Historical Society also tackled another Oakwood problem when it invited Dave Robertson from the City Planning Department to come and talk about "Parking By Permit". This is a situation which has become an increasing problem for parts of Oakwood in that there is no "on street parking" on their street between the hours of 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Employees of various office buildings are using parts of our neighborhood as their free parking lot.

Mr. Malcom McGhee is Chairman of this committee and is now in the process of having petitions signed by residents in the affected areas, on Bloodworth between Edenton and Polk and the three hundred block of Jones, Lane, Oakwood and Polk Street. Seventy per cent of the residents on a given street must sign the petition in order for the City to honor it.

The City also requires a spot check of each block for license numbers on one eight hour day. Passage of this requires that at least forty per cent of all cars parked on the street during this one day check are not residents of that street. Oakley Herring and Jerry Sauber have agreed to check license plates

when all of the above petitions have been submitted and approved by the City.

When all petitions have been approved, residents who must park on the street can then buy a decal for \$5.00 per year. This decal entitles them to unlimited parking in the area at all times while those without decals will only be allowed to park for two hours. If approved by the residents and out of area cars, we hope to have this in effect by April 15th.

Gardening In Oakwood

Spring in Oakwood is beautiful. At the time of writing this article, the many flowering pear trees along our streets are in full bloom. All over the neighborhood you can spot clumps of Jonquils, Narcissus or Daffodils in bloom. These always reminds us that spring is on its way.

If you have a spot for a few lettuce plants, set them out. These plants are very inexpensive and can be purchased at most nurseries or garden centers at this time. It is easy to grow and should be set out now, as it likes cool temperatures. A dozen plants will give you several weeks of garden fresh lettuce.

Don't rush to set out tomato plants before the middle of April. It is a great temptation to do so. The air may be warm but the soil is still cold. Due to the cold soil the plants will not do well.

Recently you may have seen a group of neighbors on a Saturday morning working on the corners of Person and Polk and Person and Boundary Streets. These were members of our new neighborhood garden club. This group, called the Garden Club of Historical Oakwood, is open to anyone living in the neighborhood. It meets the fourth Thursday night of each month at the Tucker House. Just prior to our annual Christmas Tour, a group of its members cleaned up a number of the yards of our older residents. Program discussions have included use of chemicals and sprays around the house and yard; use of natural materials for Christmas decorations; dried arrangements and Victorian Gardens of yesterday and today.

At each meeting we also discuss what should be done at this time of the year in the yard. Anyone interested in joining should call Ronnie Ellis, President, or simply come to the Tucker House for our meetings.

Ames Christopher

Our New Neighbors

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nemeth (Linda)
500 Polk Street 27604
Tel: 834-5103
2 Daughters - Reba-age 5 Jessi-age 3

Mr. Jack Miller &
Mr. Edward Hampton
604 Oakwood Avenue 27601
Tel: 834-5155

Mr. & Mrs. William Swain (Teresa)
407 Polk Street 27604
Tel: 828-5375

Mr. & Mrs. Drew Wood (Andrea)
521 E. Jones Street 27601
Tel: 828-3837
Daughter - Samantha-age 4 Son - Kyle-age 2½
Vallie Henderson

Births

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Dishler
Son - Nicholas Edward
2/21/80 - 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

Deceased

Mrs. Freida Hurwitz Mrs. Josephine Connelly
611 N. Boundary Street 326 Oakwood Avenue

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the above.

Oakwood's News Corner

The Raleigh Arts Council is sponsoring a city wide Arts Week beginning April 12th. The Oakwood Historical Society had hoped to participate in the Arts Week celebrations by sponsoring an outdoor concert by the North Carolina Symphony or some of its members. After checking into the cost of sponsoring such, it was learned that it would be too expensive for the Society to go through with this idea.

Our next idea was to recruit local people to put on their own artistic displays. However, by the time we had decided we could not afford the symphony and started looking for local artists, all the local people had signed on elsewhere for the week.

So, beginning April 12th, we will all have fun attending arts festivities across town. Maybe next year we can begin early and become a doer instead of a looker.

Splinters From The Chair

Much to my surprise, John Myers called me at 2:00 A.M. the other morning and said it was time to pull a few more splinters from the Chair for our Winter Edition of the Oakwood Newsletter. When you are perusing this, remember that it hurts me more than it will you.

During February and March, the Historical Society sent notices to all residents of Oakwood concerning "Parking By Permit" and for establishing a "Community Watch" in Oakwood. Only a very small percentage of our neighbors came to the meetings. We are trying to plan and instigate policies to help all of our neighbors and thereby, hopefully, making Oakwood a little nicer, and safer, place to live and raise our children. During the remainder of 1980, I would like to see more participation from all of our neighbors as this is what we must have if we are to serve you well.

My thanks to Alice Garland for her very fine efforts in securing Block Captains through-out Oakwood. Your newsletter, and other items of neighborhood interest, should be delivered to every resident of Oakwood. There is a list of the Block Captains, and what blocks they cover, printed in this newsletter. Make a note as to who is your Block Captain so that you may call him, or her, if the need arises.

Also the Chair would like to pull one splinter for Ronnie Ellis and The Garden Club of Oakwood for going around the neighborhood and cleaning up the yards of some of our elderly neighbors who are no longer physically able to do it themselves. This is the true spirit of Oakwood. This was the second time that they have given of their time and energy to do this task.

At our March Board meeting, Sally Barnes accepted the job as Chairperson of "Operation Paintbucket". This is a Federal sponsored project in which grants are given to help people paint the outside of their homes. For further information call Sally at 821-7824.

As the splinters are running low, I will stop for now but we will have another splinter pulling towards the end of June for our Spring Edition.

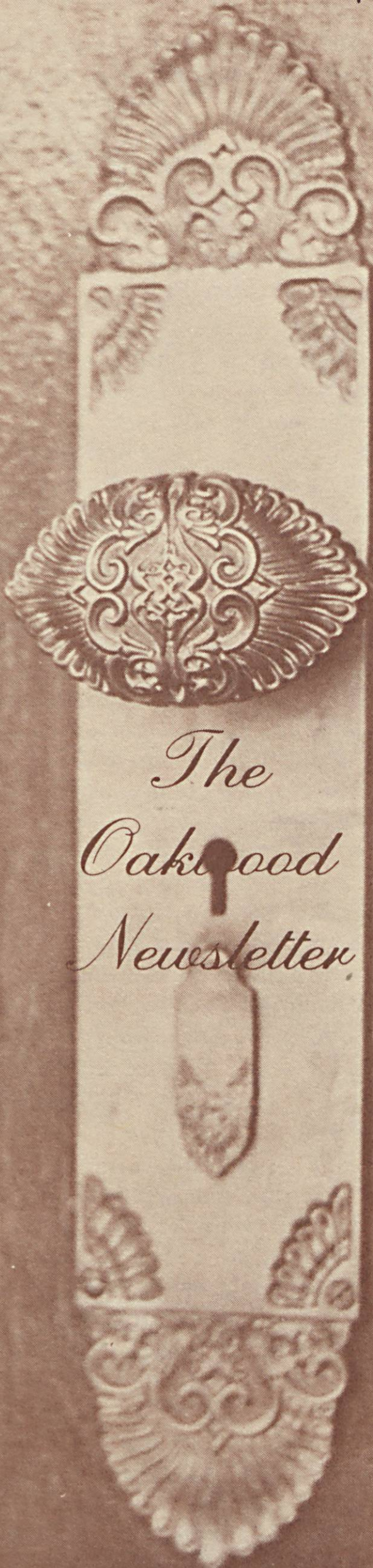
Oakley Herring

Block Captains

| East-West | | |
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| Street | Block | Name |
| Jones | 300 | Sally Barnes |
| | 400 | Mildred Holder |
| | 500 | Hildred Hutchins |
| Lane | 300 | Barbara McCloud |
| | 400 | Kathy Miller |
| | 500 | |
| | 600 & 700 | Patricia Cantral |
| Oakwood | 300 | John Myers |
| | 400 | Betsy Hinnant |
| | 500 & 600 | Madge Lassiter |
| Polk | 300 | Jim Bruner |
| | 400 | Oakley Herring |
| | 500 | Larry Wheeler |
| | 600 | Susan Iddings |
| Pell | 300 | Angela Bradfield |
| Euclid | 500 | Phyliss Crane |
| Boundary | 300 | Emily DeLuca |
| | 500 | Dan Salzler |
| | 600 | Arlene Sanders |
| Pace | 300 | David Budd |
| North-South | | |
| Bloodworth | 100 | John Kinney |
| | 200 | Cathleen Reider |
| | 300 & 400 | Sara Stronach |
| | 500 | Barbara Wishy |
| | 600 | David Budd |
| | 700 & 800 | Jan Johnson |
| East | 200 | Bob Gillen |
| | 400 | Betsy Rasmussen |
| | 500 | Ronnie Ellis |
| | 600 | Sheryl Little |
| | 700 | Betsy Bardin |
| Elm | 200 & 300 | Vallie Henderson |
| | 400 | Ames Christopher |
| | 500 & 600 | Betty Mitchell |
| Linden | 200 & 300 | Vallie Henderson |

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Editor's Notes

It has come to my attention, since I started jogging through the streets of Oakwood, that there's a lot of dog notices littering our sidewalks and the grass strip between sidewalk and street. Not wanting to bring up something which bothered no one but myself, I casually mentioned the small piles of dog do to others in the neighborhood and was immediately barraged by an outcry to mention it in the newsletter.

I must admit, Dave Dishler was the person responsible for this column. It seems as though Mr. Dishler has qualms about watering his lawn and stepping into someone else's dog's do. I can't really understand Mr. Dishler's complaints. I know how nice it is to be running down the street on a mild summer afternoon and suddenly realize that what you have just stepped in is not quicksand. The air is suddenly filled with the pleasant aroma of farm life. It's my tough luck that I don't care for farms.

Raleigh has a leash law for our canine friends. This leash law is usually followed pretty closely by the inhabitants of Oakwood. The thing that is normally overlooked in our neighborhood is the unwritten law of common courtesy. The idea of letting one's dog mess up the grass in front of another man's house is common practice. This is simply poor taste. It comes down to "do unto others. . ." I suggest that people who walk their dogs through the neighborhood, carry a plastic bag and a small hand shovel with them. When the dog does what comes naturally to all, they could simply stop and remove it from the ground at once. Then upon returning home, deposit it in their own trashcan, thereby solving the entire problem.

"Do unto others. . ." I promise, if I come to your home and mess up your front yard, I'll clean it up.
John Myers

Outdoor Housekeeping Project Adopted

A committee of Dr. Bernard Wishy, Mrs. Vallie Henderson and Mr. Tom Briggs have suggested the following proposals for an outdoor housekeeping project to be undertaken by the Historic Society.

There is a definite need for weekly policing of Historic Oakwood for litter. The committee believes that four hours each week can cover all of Oakwood.

This job will involve one person, a sack, a pick-stick and a cart for the sack. A person will be hired for this part-time job and will be paid minimum wage plus any social security. The person's work will be

supervised by the existing or a replacement committee.

The scope of the outdoor housekeeper will be from the gutter across the sidewalk up to the lawn sidewalk line. The housekeeper will report to the committee any debris he is unable or unauthorized to move. The committee will make any special arrangements needed.

All Oakwood residents will be informed in writing about this service and the housekeeper will carry identification and authorization.

The labor cost will be approximately \$50.00 a month. This will be requested from the Society's general funds. Also, the small one time outlay for plastic bags, pick-stick, cart, etc. will also be requested.

The committee's proposal was accepted by the Historic Society at the June meeting and a two month trial period for the project was undertaken. After two months, if continued, the committee will report monthly to the Board for review, comment or changes.

Oakwood Garden Club Holds Clean Up Campaign

On May 28 a clean up campaign was kicked off by the Oakwood Garden Club with the cooperation of the City of Raleigh Public Works Department.

On May 23 four hundred and fifty flyers were distributed throughout the community by members of the garden club and on Wednesday the 28th the trucks began to roll.

Eleven truck loads of junk were carried out of Oakwood to the city dump. The city, at no cost to the Oakwood residents, removed ten mattresses, ten refrigerators, three furnaces, t.v.'s, plumbing fixtures, sofas, chairs, and sacks of recyclable materials.

A \$20 fee covering the cost of two city garbage trucks was picked up by the garden club. Oakwood thanks go to Pat Holstein for the flyers; Addie Lee for typing; members of the club who distributed the flyers and to Ms. Vallie Henderson who headed the project.

Historic Plaques To Be Changed

The Historic Oakwood Restoration plaques which are now mounted on many of the neighborhood's homes are in the process of being changed from wooden plaques to brass ones.

There are currently eleven brass plaques on order. All eleven have been promised to current home

owners. They should be up in the neighborhood during the coming two weeks.

The new plaques cost thirty dollars (\$30.00) plus fifty cents (\$0.50) per letter of identification.

Mr. Oakley Herring has his new brass plaque on display on his home at 400 Polk Street for anyone wishing to see the new plaques before ordering. The plaques can be ordered through Mrs. Dixie Crew by calling her at 834-4051.

Oakwood News Corner

The Side Street Cafe, Lane and Bloodworth, is now staying open until 9:00 p.m. and Mary Lou has expanded the cafe into the empty building next door. If you can, please stop by and support our local business operators.

Also in the old Barnes General Store, there are two young men who are operating a refinishing shop plus they build furniture and will do carpenter's work around your house. Anyone needing their expertise can call Hildred Hutchins, the mother of one of the young men, at 832-3280 for further details.

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Oakwood residents are invited to check out any of the 32 books and journals which have been purchased by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood. Books included in this library deal with architectural history, Victorian architectural patterns, painting and decoration of house and grounds, preservation and rehabilitation; and city, state and federal regulations and resources. *The Old House Journal*, which describes restoration and maintenance techniques for the antique home, is very useful and is one of three periodicals subscribed to by the Society. Books and journals may be checked out for a maximum of one week. The library is housed at 406 East Lane Street, home of Bruce and Kathy Miller. Residents desiring to check out books are welcome between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Several books are presently on loan to the Society by Oakwood residents. The Society would appreciate any donations of books relating to the city of Raleigh, architecture or preservation. Please call 834-6003.

Kathy Miller

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The Oakwood community wish to express our warmest welcome to three new residents. The first two, Mr. Keith A. Daniel and Mr. Albert S. Johnson reside at 411 Oakwood Avenue.

The third new comer is Adam Callahan Rieder, a nine pound six ounce boy born to Kathleen and Michael Rieder of 212 N. Bloodworth Street. A phone call or possibly a short visit would show the neighborhood's hospitality.

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On behalf of the residents of Historic Oakwood's southwest corner, we wish to thank all of you who supported our successful effort to block issuance of a special use permit for a commercial parking lot at 113 N. Bloodworth Street. We especially want to thank Barbara Wishy for her time and energy in helping organize an eleventh hour defense; Oak Herring and Ann Bryan for expressing the support of the Society; Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hughes for voicing the support of the boarding houses; and Tom Erwin of Cameron Park for his time and expert advice. It feels good to know that we aren't alone down here in our little corner of the neighborhood, especially when the fighting starts.

Judy and John Kinney
Sally and Hugh Barnes

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Mr. Michael Rieder of 212 N. Bloodworth Street was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Historic Society at its June meeting Friday 13. The vacancy occurred when Mr. Keith Morgan resigned from his position on the board. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are leaving Oakwood. The Oakwood Community wishes to express their thanks for Mr. Morgan's assistance on the Board and to wish them the best of luck in their new adventure.

Community Watch Program Begins

A Community Watch program, co-sponsored by the Raleigh Police Department and the community of Oakwood is presently underway. Mrs. Peggy Daino 832-4201 has accepted the job of chairing the program. Mrs. Daino will be contacting the block captains to determine if the present captains wish to act as head of their block for Community Watch or if they wish to have someone else appointed.

If it is still handy, check the April newsletter for information on the Community Watch Program. In the past it has proven to be of tremendous benefit at the cost of very little individual work.

Basically, if you see anything or anyone suspicious in any block of your neighborhood, notify the block captain for that block, Mrs. Daino, or Mr. Oakley Herring. They, in turn, will get in touch with the proper authorities. As previously stated, it involves very little work on any one person's part, however, it requires a little on the part of everyone of us.

Annual Fourth Of July Picnic Upcoming

With the approach of July 4th, Oakwood is once again gearing up for its annual community picnic. The yard chairs are being brushed off and appetites are being homes to a fine edge.

This year, as in the past, the picnic will be held in the vacant lot across Bloodworth Street from Jimmy Stronach's house. The Oakwood Society is providing the lemonade, tents, and all the paper ware; everything else will be do it yourself.

Everyone attending will be asked to bring enough food for themselves and a little extra to be shared. The Society is furnishing the lemonade and the ice. Anyone wishing to drink anything else will have to bring it.

This year's picnic will began at 4:30 p.m. with hopes of eating around 5 p.m. and of course it will be on Friday, July 4. Hope to see each and every Oakwoodite there.

Splinters From The Chair

While the splinters has been getting harder to pull as time goes by, it seems that everything else has been picking up and a lot has happened since our Winter Edition.

Our "Parking By Permit" has not been forgotten nor has it died but it has been delayed because we still have the consent forms from the 300 block of Lane and the 300 block of N. Bloodworth outstanding. We hope to get these blocks signed and turned in very soon.

The Chair would like to award Vallie Henderson and the Oakwood Garden Club its biggest splinter ever for the grand job they did on May 28th with their trash pick-up in Oakwood. They carried eleven large truck loads of trash out of our neighborhood.

Peggy Daino accepted the Chairpersonship of our "Community Watch" and has been progressing nicely with it. If Peggy has not called on you and you would like to participate, please call Peggy at 832-4201.

Sally Barnes submitted a grant request for all of the owners who responded to her "Operation Paintbucket" and is now awaiting word as to how much, if any, grant money will be made available.

At our April meeting the Board established a Revolving Fund for Historic Oakwood so that we may help restore some of Oakwood a little easier. If anyone has any questions, call Barbara Wishy at 834-1958. She chairs the committee.

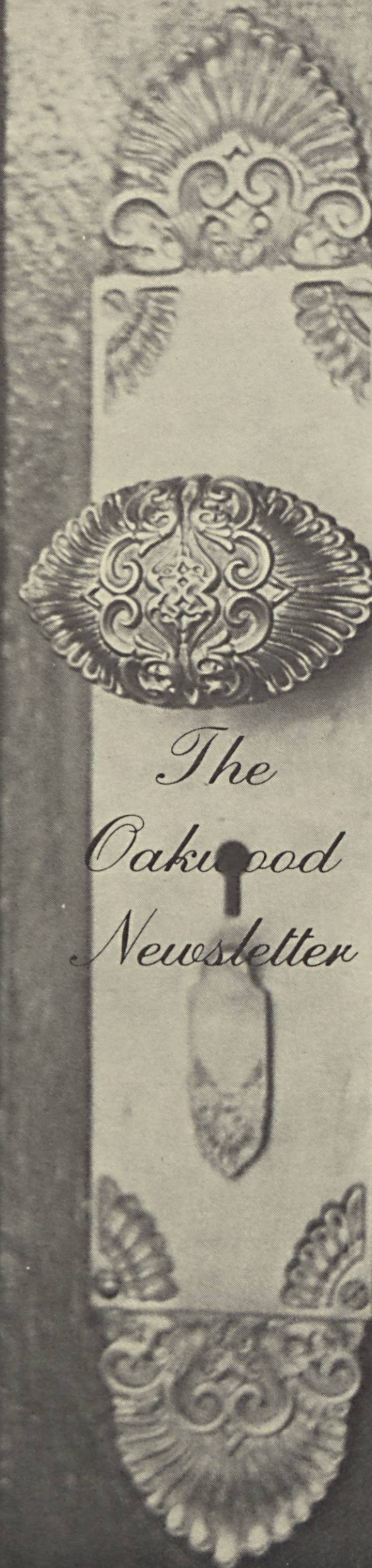
Vallie Henderson, Bernard Wishy and Thomas Briggs are our Clean Up Committee and they are in the process of hiring someone for four hours per week to help keep the litter on our streets picked up.

All of Raleigh, and especially Oakwood, lost a very staunch friend and defender in the recent death of Rev. Thomas Bashford. He was one of the leaders in the fight to save Oakwood. Without his valiant efforts, on and off the City Council, there probably would not be a Historic Oakwood today.

Enough splinter pulling for now and will strive to pull a few more for you in the Fall Edition at the end of September.

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*Proposed Amendments to By-Laws
of
Society for the Preservation of
Historic Oakwood*

1. Article VII - Committees
Add new Sections 3 and 4.
3. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Revolving Fund Committee. The Committee shall consist of no less than five duly elected members of the Board of Directors. A rotation system will be used in order to assure familiarity of the majority of Committee members with fund procedures.
The principle purpose of the Committee will be to administer the Revolving Fund, established for the purpose of furthering the renovation and restoration of Historic Oakwood and its environs, and to maintain the area's historic character. The Committee shall be authorized to take actions relating to the operating of the Revolving fund.
4. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to create such other committees as it deems to be in the best interest of the Society and its members. The Board shall also have the power and authority to appoint members to such committees.
These will be voted on at our General Meeting on November 13, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

Our New Neighbors

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mackinzie (Nancy)
518 Elm Street
Telephone: 832-5154

Mr. & Mrs. John Dutton (Marilyn)
516 N. Bloodworth Street
Telephone: 828-5459
Two Sons: Gabrial - 5
Gerard - 3

For Sale

42" H by 74" L by 27" W Buffet. Mahogany with inlay. Ca 1935, Hepplewhite, refinished. Call 847-1045 between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Price \$750.00.

80" cornice for double Victorian windows. Call 834-4176.

Oakwood's News Corner

As most of you know by now, there is going to be a new bus terminal built on New Bern Avenue across from the new post office (Federal Building). I attended a news conference and met with Mr. Lester Creech, President of Carolina Trailways, last week and he has assured, and convinced, me that he would like to be a good neighbor of Oakwood. He is willing to work with us anyway that he can. He promised that he would help us try to close up any undesirable places around the bus station that could lead to unwanted traffic thru our neighborhood and to keep new ones from arising.

Mr. Creech told me that he has no control over which streets the buses take in or out of the city as this is dictated to him by our City Council. This was confirmed by our Councilman, Mr. Ed Walters, who was also at the meeting.

I have appointed a committee who is looking into all aspects of the bus station; increased traffic to Oakwood, undesired persons or businesses in or around the new terminal area, a land use plan for the area surrounding the bus station and a traffic flow pattern for the streets in the immediate area. All of this will be compiled and presented to the City Council in the near future.

I personally believe that we can accomplish much more by being good neighbors with Trailways and working together than we can by trying to oppose them and creating ill feelings. Everyone will be kept abreast of the latest news on this subject as it develops.

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Mr. Edward Hampton and Jack Miller of 604 Oakwood Avenue have opened an antique shop and will strip and refinish your furniture for you. If you have need for any of their services, please drop by or give them a call.
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A motion was made and passed at the August Board meeting to continue the Oakwood Cleanup Campaign for two more months in order to better judge its value to our neighborhood.

Arts and Lectures Series

The Mary Howard Clark Arts and Lectures Series will be held on Monday evenings, with the exception of October 23 which is a Thursday, at 8 p.m. The programs will be held in the Recital Hall of the

Browne-McPherson Music Building on Peace Campus. All programs are open to the public without charge. The programs for this quarter are as follows:

- Oct. 23 Lecture: Reflections on Woodrow Wilson
- Nov. 10 Piano Concert
- Nov. 17 Voice Concert

The Mary Howard Clark Arts and Lectures Endowment was established in 1964 by the late Mrs. D.W. Woodard of Wilson in memory of her mother, Mrs. W.T. Clark of Wilson.

Christmas Tour Preparations

Oakley Herring, 1980 Oakwood Christmas Tour Chairman, announced seven houses for this year's tour. The tour will be held December 13 and 14 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. each night. Tickets may be purchased at the Tucker House. Their price is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

The homes on the 1980 Christmas Tour are as follows:

- Ben Floyd and Phillip McNeill
304 Oakwood Avenue
- Miriam Dorsey
407 Oakwood Avenue
- Al and Dot Rinne
511 Oakwood Avenue
- Bob and Beth Dyer
416 Elm Street
- Larry Wheeler
516 Polk Street
- James and Linda Nemeth
500 Polk
- James Vick and Marshal Hamm
409 Polk Street

Anyone wishing to help on the Christmas Tour can call Oakley Herring - 821-7775, Libby Dishler - 833-0157 or Dixie Crew - 834-4051. This is our biggest neighborhood effort so we would like for everyone to pitch in and help our neighborhood have another bigger and better Tour.

Society Membership Roster Proposed

A motion was made and accepted at the August Board meeting to have a form drawn up for all persons living in Oakwood. The block captains will be responsible for having people in their block to fill one out for each family.

The form will contain spaces for your name, address, phone number, and a space for you to list your

special interest or things that you would like to see the Society try to do for the neighborhood.

This will enable the Society to have an accurate roster of its membership plus the talents that may be available to it when certain projects come up. There are times when the board is forced to go outside the neighborhood for services simply because they are not informed as to the talents and interests residing within our own neighborhood.

It will also enable the board to publish a telephone directory for just our neighbors so that you may call someone without going through the entire Raleigh phone book.

When asked to fill one out, please do so as it does not obligate you for anything but it will give us a better chance to know all of our neighbors.

Nominees for the 1981 Society Board

The following were nominated by the nominating committee as candidates for 1981. The election will take place on *November 13, 1980*. This is our annual general meeting and I would like for everyone to attend. All persons living in Oakwood are eligible to attend, vote and nominate someone from the floor, if you so desire. Please mark the above date on your calendar as this newsletter if the official notice of our general meeting.

- Chairman Ames Christopher
- Vice-Chairperson Anne Bryan
- Recording Secretary Steve Adams
- Corresponding Secretary Hildred Hutchins
- Treasurer Dixie Crew
- Historian Vallie Henderson

Board

- Tom Briggs (1 year)
- John Myers (1 year)
- Barbara Wishy (1 year)
- Libby Ann Dishler (2 years)
- Ronnie Ellis (2 years)
- Marcia Ladd (2 years)
- Mike Rieder (2 years)

Malcom McGhee and Jim Crew will continue to serve for one more year and thereby complete their two year term to which they were elected.
Time for the meeting is 7:30 p.m.

Board Member Steps Down

Mr. Larry Wheeler, a member of the board of the Oakwood Society, resigned his seat at the September meeting. Mr. Wheeler was forced to step down due to an excessive fall schedule. He stated that he would be unable to attend most of the board's meetings.

The Society wishes to thank Mr. Wheeler for his time and energy during the past year and wish him the best during the coming fall season.

Watchdog Group Proposed

Ames Christopher suggested at the September Board Meeting that the Revolving Fund Committee be asked to take on the responsibility of acting as a watchdog group for activities taking place on or near Oakwood's boundaries.

They would be responsible for noting new construction and vacant building sites, for alerting the board as to what new businesses were planning to settle on our borders so that the board would have a chance to object to such settlements before they got established, if they felt that such enterprises were not in the best interest of our neighborhood.

Ames stated the new bus terminal as his case in point. No one even noticed when the rumor first surfaced about three years ago that a bus station might be built near Oakwood.

Splinters From The Chair

Once again I am here to hand out a few splinters for your edification, amusement, or wherever word you would like to call these pearls that are dropped among you every three months. I have noticed that as the year goes by the chair seems to become smoother and the splinters harder to find. After just one more splinter pulling, I shall turn the chair over to someone else and they can have the joy of splinter pulling for 1981.

I would like to remind everyone of the proposed slate of officers listed elsewhere in this newsletter. A special thanks to Tom Briggs and his committee for coming up with an excellent slate for 1981. I would like to say that everyone living in Oakwood is eligible to vote and is invited to come to the general meeting. Also anyone can nominate a person of their choice from the floor at this meeting. If you can not take a few minutes of your time once a year to help elect officers and board members, then do not complain as you did not bother to have any input into the neighborhood.

We would like to welcome back two old old Oak-

woodites, Bobbie and Clark Dudley. They will be moving back into their home on Polk Street around November 1, 1980. We hate to see Teresa and Bill Swain leave us but we wish them well in their new neighborhood.

Our next newsletter will come on around December 1, 1980 so that we can cover the homes on our Christmas Tour more in detail and have all items of interest about the tour out among the City of Raleigh to help publicize our tour. The newsletter of March, 1981 will give all details of the financial aspect of our Tour.

Since we are getting more and more young children in our neighborhood, let me caution all of us to be on the lookout when we turn a corner or pass a car as you never know when one of them may dash in front of you. We have to depend on them for our future growth so let's protect them.

All forms for the parking by permit have been filled out correctly and returned to Mr. Dave Robertson at City Hall. He should be returning the streets maps of the area affected and we hope to have it in effect by October 15, 1980, if not before.

When you receive your newsletter this time, you should also receive a decal for our Community Watch Program. They are free and I urge each and every family to display this decal on their door or window so that anyone entering our neighborhood will know that we have a community watch. Street signs for the entrance to Oakwood have been ordered but will not be delivered until the end of October. At that time they will be erected and anyone seeing anything or anybody that looks out of place in your area should call their block captain or Mrs. Peggy Daino or the police themselves. Identify yourself as belonging to the Oakwood Community Watch and tell the police officer what you saw. All the community watch means is that we are to be nosy neighbors. We *do not* patrol the streets or anything of this sort. We just stay on the lookout for our neighbors and they do so for us. Many thanks to Peggy Daino for her many long hours in setting this up for our neighborhood.

Guess I better stop for now or I might amuse you to boredom with these pearls. When called on to help with our Christmas Tour, remember that the right word is YES. I would like to thank all of the home owners who has agreed to open their homes for the tour this year.

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