

ram. We need the neighborhood's assistance and interest. If you would like to have a particular program scheduled pr if you have any questions or suggestions please contact your block captains or one of the three people listed below:

Ms. Lillian Hunter 832-6084
Mr. John Myers 828-4063
Mr. Michael Weeks 834-2526

The next meeting of Community Watch will be at the Tucker House, April 13th at 7:30 p.m. The police department will present a program and slide show on home security and lock protection. The neighborhood needs everyone to attend this meeting.

John Myers

Our Newest Arrivals

Erin Mae Shown
February 16, 1983
Weight = 8 lbs 14 oz
Daughter of Celia Fuller & Tom Shown

Samuel Bret Beaman
February 19, 1983
Weight = 6 lbs 14 oz
Son of Jay & Melissa Beaman

Andrew Oliver Lawrence
March 8, 1983
Weight = 6 lbs 11 oz
Son of Andy & Luane Lawrence

Katherine McCall Brock
March 11, 1983
Weight = 6 lbs 9 oz
Daughter of Tommy & MaryMac Brock

John Benjamin Graves
January 3, 1983
Weight = 6 lbs 10 oz
Son of Benjamin & Meredith Graves

Oakwood's Newcomers

Bob Leyes
613 N. Boundary Street
Tel: 828-6741

Liz Fentress
317 Oakwood Avenue
Tel: 833-3336

Julia McIver
704 N. East Street
Tel: 834-9062

Carlton Midyett
603 N. Boundary Street
Tel: 834-3010

Mike & Glenda Reed
521 N. Bloodworth Street
Tel: 833-4185

Neal & Elizabeth Smith
516 E. Jones Street
Tel: 833-3534

Karen Tam
613 N. Boundary Strret
Tel: 828-6741

Rusty Lurwick
Jackie Twisdale
318 Oakwood Avenue
Tel: 834-6217

Neighborhood Clean Up

Once again the Oakwood Garden Club has made arrangements with the City Sanitation Department to help de-junk Oakwood on Wednesday, April 6th. FOR FREE!!

If you have any unsightly junk that's heavy for the regular city curbside pick-up, you'd normally have to pay the city \$10.00 to haul away; then this is your chance to get rid of it. FOR FREE!!

If you have junk to be hauled away, call Vallie Henderson at 832-3336 on Saturday, April 2nd and give her your name and adress. Then place your junk at curbside by 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday morning, April 6th.

Let's help to make Raleigh and Oakwood more beautiful by doing our part.

Vallie Henderson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1983

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* Serving second year of two year term

The Social Committee has planned a number of activities for the coming year. The first event that we will sponsor is going to be the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Barbara Wishy's garden on Easter Sunday. All of you who have children under ten should have received flyers already with the details. We hope to have a nice turnout and sincerely appreciate Barbara's generosity in hiding the eggs and letting us use her garden.

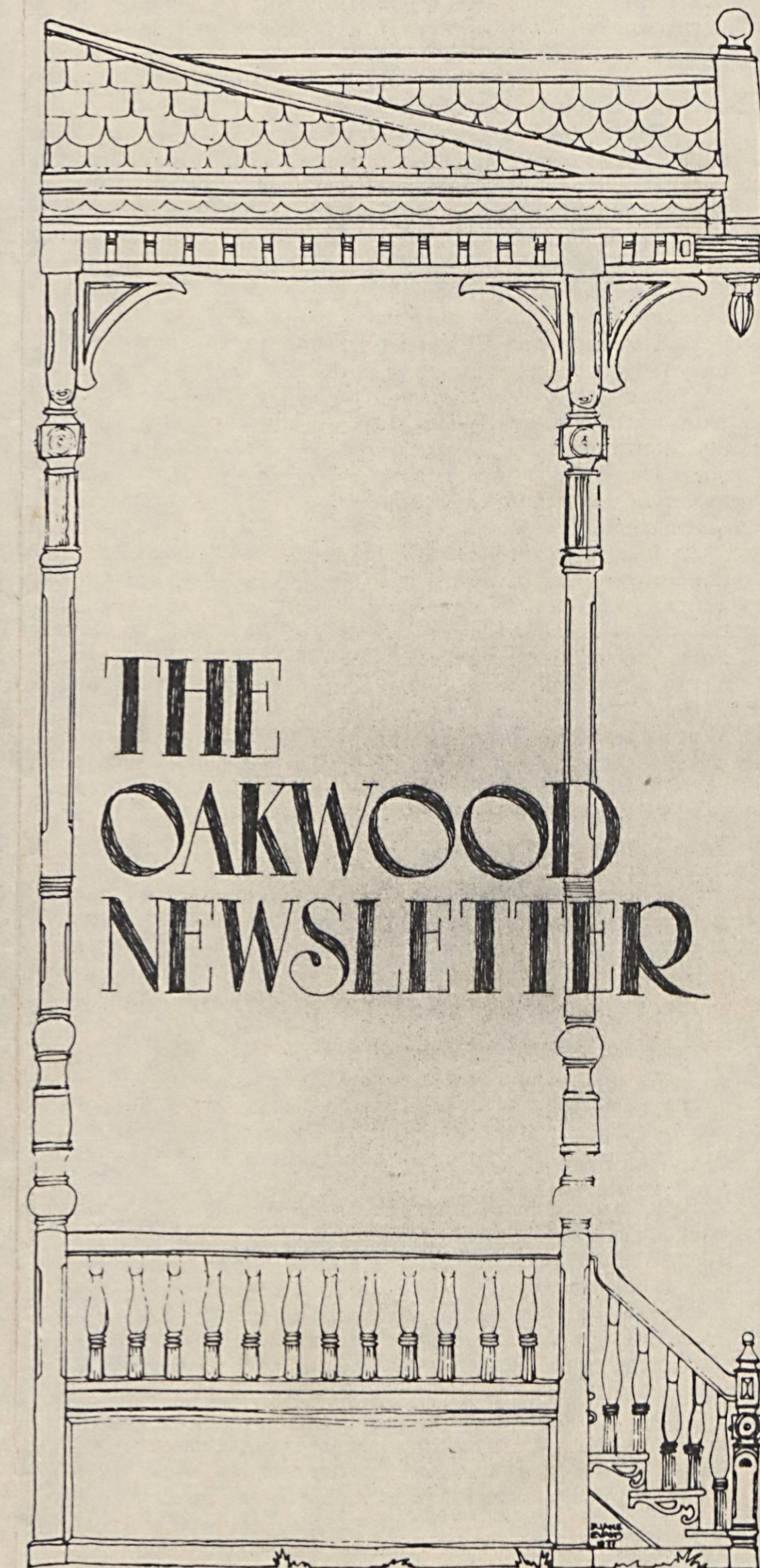
The next event will be our participation in Artspllosure. We have planned a number of activities around this. On May 1, we ask once again that everyone display a May Basket on their front porch. Valle Henderson is going to retain outside judges for us and there will be an adult contest and a children's contest. Please have your Baskets out by noon of May 1!

Because Oakwood always looks so beautiful all decked out in our Spring finery, we chose May 1 as the day to sponsor an Artsploruse event. The City Council has given us permission to block off the 400 Block of Polk Street. During the hours of 2-5 that afternoon, we are going to have a number of performing and exhibiting artists on Polk Street. We have retained a mime, a clown, dance groups and musical groups to perform. We are also in the process of contacting local artisans to display their arts and crafts. We are most anxious for any Oakwood artisans to participate in this. Please call me if you would like to particpate as an artisan or have any ideas about local artisans who may wish to join us. We are also planning to sell food that day and will open four gardens to the public.

The most important activity we are planning is a May Pole for all our children. We have secured a May Pole and are going to have it decorated and placed in the vacant lot between the Poppleton's and the Herrings. At 4 o'clock we are going to have the traditional May Pole dance and want all Oakwood children to participate. I will be contacting some of our older children to help organize the younger ones for this event. The younger children should be there by 3:45 so we can get them organized for the big event. Please mark the date on your calendars and come out and help us celebrate Spring!

We have already begun to talk about a number of other events that we would like to sponsor. We are planning on having the annual Oakwood Fourth of July picnic again this year and are thinking about adding a bicycle parade for the children to kick off the picnic. We are also talking about trying to arrange something special for Halloween. We welcome any input you might have concerning special events that you would like us to consider or things we might incorporate in the events we are planning. Please feel free to give us a call if you have any ideas. Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the members of my committee for doing such a superb job.

Marcia Ladd



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The newsletter will be published every three months and should be in our neighbor's hands by the first week-end of April, July, October and January. If you have not received it by that time, please call me at 821-7775 or your block captain to find out where your copy might be.

Once again Oakwood looks to another year with high hopes and great anticipation of bigger and better things for our neighborhood. With a new Board and Officers installed for 1983, we expect much from them during the coming year. We should all be willing and ready to help them in whatever way we may be called upon to assist. It takes everyone working together to make a complete neighborhood and to make everyone feel that they are a part of it.

Drew Wood, Chairman for 1983, has done just that with his appointees to the various committees. He has appointed people who have not served before and in doing so has come up with a very good mixture of older neighbors mixed well with some of our newcomers.

The newsletter would like to acknowledge Ames Christopher's two years of long hours and hard work as our society's Chairman for the past two years. He did a lot to help make our neighborhood become more recognizable among city and state officials. Also our heartiest congratulations to Ames and Alice Garland-Swink for being appointed to the newly formed Downtown Advisory Committee by the Raleigh City Council. We are proud that we have two members from Oakwood serving since we are the only downtown neighborhood that has taken an active role in the downtown revitalization discussions.

Our Goals Committee, Jo Ann Sanford - Chairperson, is working with a lot of zeal and diligence in finding a playground for all of the children in Oakwood; they are also working to educate the Raleigh Realtors about the advantages of living in Historic Oakwood and are looking at some zoning regulations that could concern Oakwood.

We also have two members from Oakwood serving on the Historic Districts Commission, Mr. John Kinney and Mrs. Barbara Wishy. This is by far the best, and most, representation Oakwood has ever had on the commission at one time. Congratulation to them both.

Chris Yetter, has been appointed Christmas Tour Chairman for our 1983 Annual Tour. When he or one of his committee people calls, please help them if it is at all possible. This is Oakwood's one and only big money raiser for the year and it is the monies from our tour that makes this newsletter possible, plus the Fourth of July picnic and all of the other things that are sponsored by the society.

Now that spring is here (?), I think that it would be nice if some of the older neighbors would walk around and visit with some of our newcomers. We have had quite a few move into our neighborhood since last fall. Make them feel welcome and let them know how friendly Oakwood is toward them. I hope that I have not left anyone off of the newcomers list or any new arrivals, if I have I

apologize in advance. I would like for all block captains to notify me when someone moves off or into their block. This would help me keep an accurate list of the people when preparing a new telephone listing of Oakwood. Remember that it takes everyone to make us grow in an orderly manner.

I would like to remind everyone that since it is turning warmer and more of our little ones will be out and about, please clean up after your animals when taking them for a walk. Our sidewalks and streets are quite distasteful at times from all of the dog litter left on them. It is nice to have a pet but you should assume the full responsibility of them. Owning and feeding them is only part of the responsibly.

When someone in Historic Oakwood decides to sell their home, they should pick up a brochure from the society containing all of the facts about real estate within a historic district. This could be a big help to them and to the prospective buyer.

Marcia Ladd, Social Committee Chairwoman, has an article in this edition that will tell of many events that they have planned or that are being planned for our neighborhood during 1983. Please make a note of the various dates on your calendar for future references.

John Myers also has an article on our Community Watch. Please read it closely and do what it recommends and also attend the meetings as they are for your benefit. This is very important for us as we are getting so large that it is harder for everyone to know everyone as we once could.

Anyone who desires an Oakwood Cookbook, Note Cards or a plaque for their home, please contact Dixie Crew at 325 Polk Street, 834-4051. The best time to call will be after 4:00 P.M.

As you should have guessed by now, the newsletter has been turned over to the old splinter puller of a few years back and all I can say is that I am glad that Drew has the old splintery chair and not I. If anyone has anything that they would like to place in the newsletter, please drop it off by my house at 400 Polk Street. Remember that this is your newsletter and I am sure that the neighbors would enjoy reading a little something from everyone that a whole lot of fantasies and bull that I have to put together to fill up seven pages.

Anyone walking down the 400 block of Polk Street can see what a beautiful job Jimmy Stronach is doing to his side yard. It is going to be one of Oakwood's real beauty spots when he finishes it. Thanks for improving on Oakwood's streetscape and for doing it with such good taste Jimmy.

I would like to know how many people in Oakwood would be interested in building a community swimming pool across the street from Jimmy Stronach's house in the 400 block of N. Bloodworth. I have a set of blueprints drawn by John Kinney and an old estimated price of approximately \$45,000.00 to build a pool 25' by 75'. Shares would have to be about \$500.00 per family to even begin to think

of starting this project. If interested, please call me or stop by my house and tell me.

I guess that I will close this column for this edition as I would not want anyone to have to put on their hip boots just for a few tales. I hope that in July we will have more participation in the newsletter by our neighbors.

Oakley Herring

Community Watch News

Officer M. E. Matthews spoke to a meeting of the Oakwood block captains at the Tucker House on March 1st concerning setting up a new and functional Community Watch Program. Officer Matthews went over the basic requirements of a successful program. Block captains are the key people in the program. Their chief duty is to keep interest and information high for the program. They act as liason between the people on their block, the police department and other block captains.

An active program is required to hold meetings once a quarter in order to maintain an active status with the state Community Watch organization. It is advisable to hold informative meetings once a month. Officers in the crime prevention department have slide shows and literature on various types of crimes and how to prevent them. They are available to Community Watch programs at no charge.

Officer Matthews advises all Community Watch programs to be members of Operation Identification. The police department has a type of engraving pen that they loan so homes may inscribe driver's license numbers, social security numbers, etc. on their items. If the item is stolen and later recovered, it will be readily identifiable.

Officer Matthews stated that before a home exhibits a Community Watch sticker on its premises, it is supposed to have been inspected by the police. They will come to your home and inspect the interior and exterior and make recommendations for safety improvements.

The main purpose of Community Watch is to be a nosey neighbor. Pay attention to the block you live on. Notice the cars which are normally parked on the street and in the driveways at night. Do not hesitate to call the emergency number, 911, if you see a car in the neighborhood which looks suspicious or out of place. The average response of the Raleigh city police is 3 - 5 minutes. When you dial 911 the dispatcher is required to ask your name. You are not required to give it.

Another thing to watch for is who your elderly and/or ill neighbors are. Be aware of the people in your neighborhood who may suffer from heart trouble, respiratory problems, diabetes, etc.

Assist police and yourself by displaying large clear house numbers which can be readily detected from the street at night. White letters on a white house are invisible at night. Display them in a typical place; above the door, beside the door frame, on a porch column. "They can't help if they

can't find you."

Officer Matthews warns against leaving interior lights on when you are not home. He states it makes it easier for someone to see what you have inside your home. He states that electric timers do little to protect your home. If someone is watching your house and sees the lights come on at the same time two nights in a row, then he knows you have a timer. One of the more expensive timers with variable time controls may offer some help.

The most practical safeguard to home protection, particularly after someone has gained entry to your home, is a telephone by your bed. He stated that if you can only have one phone, have it by your bed. If an intruder gains entry to your home, dial the 911 number and identify yourself and give your address. Keep the line open. Keep in voice contact with the dispatcher. As long as the line is open the call can be traced back to your home, even if you do not have time to identify yourself. Keep the line open. The police will be able to hear what is going on inside the house. What they hear may assist them in making an arrest and/or conviction.

He stated that if you have children in the home, have them sleep in separate rooms with the doors closed. If an intruder enters, he may not discover their rooms. If he does enter it, he will probably back out and close the door. He does not want a crying child awake. The intruder is nervous and scared also. He wants panic in your home as much as you do. A child should be taught at the earliest possible age to state his name and address and to dial 911. Even if he doesn't say anything as long as he doesn't hang up the police will respond.

Officer Matthews stated that the safest way to protect your double sash windows is to drill holes in the two sashes and insert a large nail. Leave about one inch of nail sticking out to enable you to open the window in an emergency. There is no way to keep someone out of your home if they want in. The object is to make them make as much noise as possible gaining entry. Matthews suggest double cylinder dead bolt locks on all exterior doors. A key should be kept near the door in case you must leave the house in an emergency. The key should be kept no closer than three feet of the door to prevent an intruder from breaking any glass in the door and reaching the key from the outside. The dead bolt should be a 1 1/2" throw bolt. It should enter solid wood in the door frame and have as little free movement as possible in the door.

Police recommend leaving a key with a neighbor routinely in case of an emergency someone will be able to get into your house without damaging your property. Do not hide a key outside your home. A professional thief will find it readily. If you are away from home for awhile and have a friend staying in your home, be sure your neighbors know who is there and a general description of the person.

Oakwood needs an active Community Watch prog-