

## Home and Garden Tours — A New Service

On January 17, 1982, the Society's Board adopted guidelines for Home and Garden Tours which will be offered to the public at any time. Upon a minimum of a two week notice, we will setup a tour of four homes. These tours must have a minimum of 25 individuals. The cost per individual taking the tour is as follows:

25 to 50 people	\$7.00 per person
50 to 100 people	\$6.00 per person
100 and over	\$5.00 per person

In each case the society will receive one dollar for each individual on each tour. The rest of the income received from each tour will be divided equally between the four homes on a particular tour. This money will help the homeowner defray the cost of opening his/her home. If there is a request to see any of the gardens in Oakwood, an additional charge of 50 cent per person per garden will be added to the amount charged each individual on a tour, and this will go to the owner of the garden on a particular tour. Tours will not be offered during the month of December as they might conflict with our annual Christmas Tour. Already there are request for two tours within the next several months which will include 250 to 300 people.

There have been a number of inquiries over the past few months about Oakwood Tours. These have come from groups who will be visiting our city or who are coming to Raleigh for a meeting, convention, or some other special reason. Two organizations which have asked many times about such tours are the North Carolina Visitor's Center and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Both groups have been informed about our tours which are now available and both have been very excited about them.

All requests for such tours should be directed to Ames Christopher (834-3392).

Also, if you are interested in being added to the list of homes and gardens which are available for future tours, PLEASE let Ames know. Tours will be scheduled on a rotating basis as to which homes and gardens are scheduled or tour. If there is a special request to see a particular homes(s), we will contact that particular homeowner and ask if they can open on a particular date. However, we will not guarantee that we can honor a special request.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the Herbert Earp and Mike Weeks families in their recent bereavement.

## Community Watch

The Community Watch Program has been adopted by Oakwood neighbors — but we must keep in mind that it is only as good as *we* make it. The Community Watch Program will be the feature of the March Society meeting and a lot of information will be available at that time.

In a recent Brentwood bank robbery, the suspects were caught within hours because members of that neighborhood were on the lookout for suspicious behavior. One neighbor noticed the car parked on a neighborhood street and became suspicious and called 911. While a police car was on the way to check out that report, another neighbor became suspicious of persons observed leaving the bank and followed them in his car and later reported the location of the suspect car to the police.

Brentwood obviously takes Community Watch seriously. So should Oakwood.

## A Legitimate Complaint

A Legitimate Complaint has been registered by some of the members of the Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church on the corner of Polk and Elm Streets. It seems somebody's dog has been fouling their lawn. The City of Raleigh has a "scooper law" which says that people who walk their dogs must carry a small shovel and container to "clean up" after them. This is only good manners and we ask the Oakwood neighbors to remember this small courtesy.

## Society Meeting Dates For 1982

(Second Thursday of each month)

Time: 7:30

Place: Tucker House

January 14  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13  
June 10  
July 8  
August 12  
September 9  
October 14  
November 11  
December No Meeting

## Society For The Preservation Of History Oakwood 1982 Board

OFFICE	HOME	ADDRESS
Ames Christopher (Chairman)	834-3392	408 Elm Street
Ann Bryan (Vice-Chair)	834-7041	705 N. East Street
Lockhart Mace (Recording Sec.)	832-7162	530 N. East Street
Patricia Cantral (Corres. Sec.)	833-5343	603 E. Lane Street
Dixie Crew (Treasurer)	834-4051	325 Polk Street
Vallie Henderson (Historian)	832-6327	530 Oakwood Avenue
Tom Briggs (2)	755-1265	400 N. Person Street
Libby Dishler (1)	833-0157	412 N. East Street
Ronnie Ellis (1)	828-3691	517 N. East Street
Steve Evans (1)	832-9102	317 Oakwood Avenue
Oakley Herring (2)	821-7775	400 Polk Street
Keith Kapp (2)	833-4226	527 N. East Street
Marcia Ladd (1)	832-0287	405 Polk Street
Jerry Stone (2)	832-8811	112 N. East Street
Barbara Wishy (2)	834-1958	515 N. Bloodworth Street

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## From the Chairman

Our 1981 Christmas Tour was the most successful yet. "Hats off" to Marcia Ladd and her committee. Marcia spent many hours making it a success.

Our tour continues to grow each year. It has become known as one of the best in our area and we expect it to continue to grow as interest in historic preservation increases.

Our thanks are extended to any and all who made it a big success this year. It is difficult to "guesstimate" the number of persons who tour the homes each year; however, I am sure that there were well over 3,300 people this year.

A number of Committee Chairpersons have been appointed for 1982. They are:

Christmas Tour	Ronnie Ellis
Neighborhood Watch	Vallie Henderson
Newsletter	Betsy Hinnant
Walking Tour	Marlyn Dutton
Revolving Fund	Barbara Wishy
Clean-up	Vallie Henderson
Plaques	Oakley Herring

Recently a number of Oakwood residents attended a meeting concerning the City's Comprehensive Plan at the Municipal Building. Among those interested were Barbara Wishy, Alice Garland-Swink, Ann Bryan, Tom Briggs, Steve Evans, Rodney Swink and myself.

Alice and Barbara have been appointed to represent us on one of the committees which is involved in the review process of the Comprehensive Plan which is underway at this time. This plan is very important and can affect the lives of us all — particularly those of us who are "pioneering" in the inner-city. If you have questions or comments, please call Alice or Barbara or anyone who attended this meeting.

During the year we get many calls from people who want to find out about homes which are for sale or which might be for sale in the near future. We try to assist them in any way possible. We always *hate* to see anybody leave the neighborhood — but, if you must move away, we would like to know that your home will be for sale. We may already know of someone who will be interested in buying a home just like yours. We would immediately put you in contact with that person. If you would like this assistance, please call Barbara Wishy or myself.

Oakwood has seen a number of fires in recent months, one of which resulted in the death of a

neighbor. Betsy Hinnant, 410 Oakwood Avenue, lost her kitchen the day of the Christmas Tour and I lost an apartment a few weeks afterward. While all of us have nothing but praise to offer to Fire Station No. 3 and all who came to our rescue, it is a rude awakening when you find out the restrictions which can be imposed when you try to rebuild. These include restrictions concerning non-conforming density (number of individuals living in a house due to lot size), building code requirements and lot set back requirements. Many of the homes in Oakwood do not meet the standard lot line requirements since they were built when none existed.

It can also be quite a shock to find out building replacement costs — particularly if you haven't had to do any lately. Replacing clothing, appliances, and "collectibles" is not only costly but just getting estimates for the insurance company is time consuming. A reminder to everyone of the neighbors to check on their insurance coverage. If you have had your police for a number of years, you may need to have your property and contents reassessed.

We would also like to remind you that the City's Fire Department will come out and inspect your fireplaces free — call and have this done. It might avoid a tragic loss.

Speaking of emergencies — there is a new number to call when you need police, fire and emergency services — simply dial 911. Help is instantly on the way. I urge you to take note of any and all of these "reminders" if you have not had reason to do so recently.

Ames Christopher

## Oakwood's Goals for 1982

The most visible achievement for 1981 of the Goals Committee was the organization of and implementation of a coalition of city neighborhoods.

This coalition, which was briefly described in the Raleigh Times, is a channel for the free exchange of information to assist each neighborhood to profit from the experiences of another when attempting to resolve the assortment of problems peculiar to inner city living.

The Goal's Committee especially appreciates the efforts of Lockhart Mace and Anne Bryan who were primarily responsible for the complicated initial planning and the successful launching of this neighborhood coalition (planning now rotates among the different neighborhood groups).

The agenda of the Goal's Committee for 1982 will fluctuate among a variety of Oakwood interests and concentrate on those topics which neighbors identify as important. Presently, potential topics include: the concerns of young families living in Oakwood (play areas, schools, and how to keep your bicycle); more responsible pet care (how to politely tell your favorite neighbor that you have their dog or vice versa); the possibility of a semi-structured system for the care of our older and less mobile neighbors; issues important to sustaining neighborhood cohesion without being too demanding of everyone's valuable time.

We welcome suggestions for additional topics and welcome neighbors to express an interest in presenting their concern at our meetings.

Beth Dyer,  
Chairman, Goals Committee

## Christmas Tour - Greatest Ever!

Thanks to the cooperation, support and hard work of everyone involved this year's Christmas Tour was a smashing success! We were able to net \$11,017.40. Over 3200 people bought tickets and toured the beautiful homes that were opened this year.

The Victorian Museum at the Williams Stained Glass Studio and the tour of the Revolving Fund House were new additions to our Tour this year. Both were well received and highly praised by those visitors who passed through them.

It is always difficult to know how many people to thank for all they did to make this year's tour so successful. We could not have done it without the help of each and every person who contributed their time and talents. Special thanks should be given to our First Lady, Carolyn Hunt, for the lovely dinner she and her husband hosted on the Friday night before the Tour for the Homeowners and the Tour Committee. The homeowners were, of course, the most important participants and I'm sure everyone will agree that the homes were all elegant and inviting.

I also wish to thank my committee members for the hours of work they put into making everything run so smoothly. Finally, I owe my greatest debt of thanks to our precious daughter who timed her arrival into this world so perfectly.

Marcia L. Ladd,  
Christmas Tour Chairwoman

## Revolving Fund House

The Restoration Information Center set up during the Christmas Tour in the Revolving Fund House at 217 Linden Avenue was very successful. Visitors enjoyed the exhibits, the slide-shows and, above all, they were impressed with Oakwood's neighborhood spirit which made the restoration of the Ida Stonebanks House possible.

The exterior painting of the house has been completed. It is the first among the eight houses participating in Operation Paint Bucket that has been painted in its original colors - a rich ochre for the siding, deep green for the trim and dark red for the sash.

The house is now being offered for sale to a prospective homeowner through Jim Brunner of Myrick Associates, Inc. (781-1800).

Barbara Wishy

## Summary of Action Taken

Summary of Actions Taken at the January 17 Meeting of the Board for the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

1. *Treasurer's Report* - Unanimous approval of the proposed 1982 Budget, and the appointment of an investment committee for unbudgeted funds.

2. *Revolving Fund* - Unanimous approval of an appropriation of \$3,000 for the Revolving Fund.

3. *Oakwood Home and Garden Tours* - Unanimous approval of a plan to offer yearround Oakwood Home and Garden Tours on request and the appointment of a committee to carry out the plans.

## Recent Friends and Sponsors of Oakwood

Smedes York	Ed Chapin
Leo Klohr	Marjorie Donnelly

(Any contributions made to the Society are greatly appreciated and are income tax deductible.)

## Plan Ahead For Athletic Club Events

Sunday, March 28 - Stewart Woodard and Jim Cash - 504 N. East Street

Sunday, April 25 - Marcia and Jim Ladd - 405 Polk Street

Sunday, May 30 - Keith and Chancy Kapp - 527 N. East Street

## Births

Congratulations are extended to Marcia and Jim Ladd on the birth of daughter, Maggie, who has already proven to be a lady by holding off until after the Christmas Tour and dinner following. Perfect timing.



## HANDS — 25th Anniversary

HANDS (Home and Neighborhood Development Sponsors) celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. The Oakwood Garden Club was one of the charter members of this pilot project which began here in Raleigh and has meant so much to the beautification of our City — particularly in Oakwood.

As part of the Celebration, HANDS worked with the City of Raleigh Public Works Department and its director, Lynn Baird, in a citywide clean-up campaign. Baird (to celebrate the Hands Anniversary as well as call attention to Public Works Month in Raleigh) had a garbage truck painted pink which was scheduled for special trash pick up in many of Raleigh's residential neighborhoods.

Clean-up day was celebrated in Oakwood on May 5 and, according to Vallie Henderson, was a whopping success!

### 409 E. Jones Street

During the past few months, we have heard much discussion about the Pan Lutheran Associates purchasing the house at 409 E. Jones Street. Members of our Board, neighbors living close to this home and six Oakwood attorneys have met with representatives of this group and their attorney. We have asked that they involve us in their planning process and to inform us of their intended use of the home. To date, the Board has not received satisfactory answers to its verbal or written requests. There are additional plans being made to further discuss this property with the new owners. A special thanks to Jo Ann Sanford Brewer for the many hours of time which she has given to this effort.

### A Real Pig Picking!

Oakwood residents and friends (125 strong) turned out for the first annual "octoberfeast" in the backyard of Bill Caligari and Ames Christopher. A sprinkle of rain did little to dampen the spirits of those enjoying the beer, barbecue, corn sticks, and variety of covered dishes.

Editor's Note: It is anticipated that at least two annual "get-togethers" will be held annually — one in the spring and one in the fall. This is an excellent way to make new friends and get to know old friends better.

Those attending ran the gamut from a few months till . It was interesting to note that there were about ten children present.

### Election Night Coming Up

It's time to elect officers for the Society for the coming year. A meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 11, at the Tucker House. Anyone who lives in Oakwood is invited to attend. Following the election, Linda Harris, City historic planner, will discuss the proposed new architectural guidelines for Oakwood.

### Officers & Board 1983

President — Drew Wood  
Vice President — Libby Dishler  
Recording Secretary — Steve Zamtarelli  
Corresponding Secretary — Hildred Hutchins  
Treasurer — John Dutton  
Historian — Vallie Henderson

### Board Members

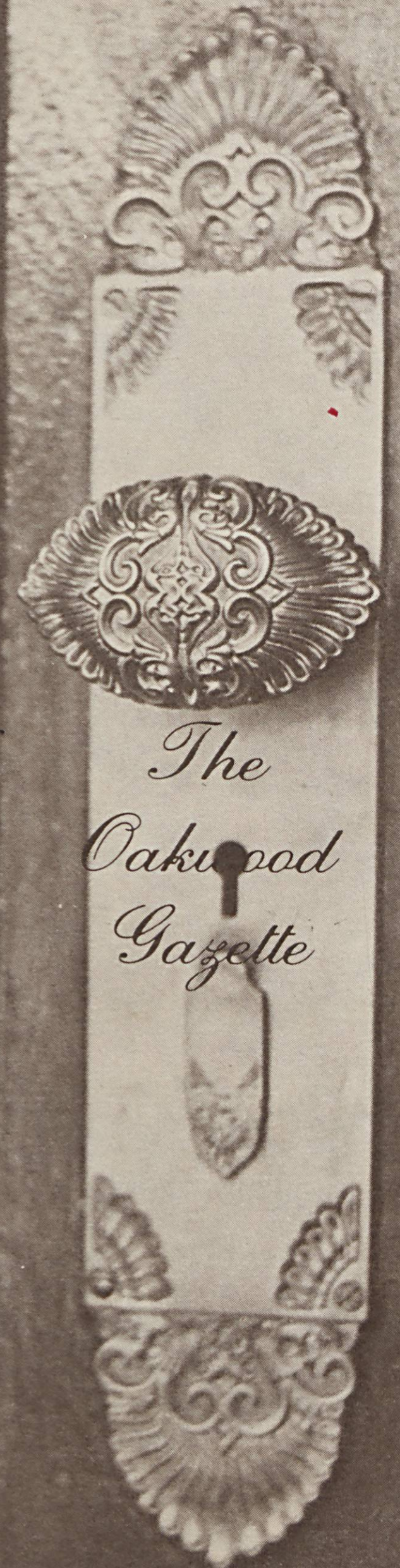
Lillian Hunter	Jo Ann Sanford
Pat LaBarbera	Tommy Brock

Board members who still have 1 year left on their appointment:

Tom Briggs	Jerry Stone
Oakley Herring	Barbara Wishy
Keith Kapp	

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## May Day A Smashing Success

The Second Annual May Day in Oakwood was a tremendous success thanks to Chris Evans, chairperson. Individuals at the various planning meetings were Steve Zamparelli, Ronnie Ellis, Betsy Hinnant, Patricia Cantral, and Edward Hampton. Several hundred people toured the gardens. Taking the tour were Carolyn (Mrs. James B.) Hunt and her daughter, Rachel.

Vallie Henderson made arrangements for two judges from HANDS. These ladies had 72 May Day Baskets to judge and they said they had a tough job. The winners were as follows:

### Adult:

1. Ames Christopher & Bill Caligari — 408 Elm Street
2. Jim Stronach and Mrs. Stronach — 414 N. Bloodworth Street
3. Ronnie Ellis — 517 N. East Street

### Honorable Mention:

- Deborah Ann Owens — 524 N. East Street  
Maxey/Bridges — 528 N. East Street  
Betty & Harry Mitchell — 516 Elm Street  
Ames Christopher & Bill Caligari — 410 Elm Street

### Youth:

1. Hannah Finlator — 407 N. Bloodworth Street, (4 years old)
2. Simon Wishy — 515 N. Bloodworth Street, (11 years)
3. Chrystal Sanders — 615 Boundary Street, (11 years)

### Honorable Mention:

- Jarrold Dutton — 516 N. Bloodworth Street  
Gabriel Dutton — 516 N. Bloodworth Street  
Christiana Finlator — 407 N. Bloodworth Street

The "First Family of Oakwood" participated in our May Day Activities by placing a beautiful May Basket on the front porch of the Governor's Mansion. There were over 150 people at the Picnic. Bill Caligari, Steve Evans and Bill Harazin cooked 50 pounds of hamburger and 100 hot dogs. In spite of the threat of rain, the picnic was a success. Among the picnickers were Ed and Dot Walters (our City Council Representative), George and Gretchen Chapman and their children (he is the City Planning Director), John and Nancy Brooks (Commissioner of

Labor), Bill and Sally Creech, Boots and Jim Brunner (Former neighbors and Jim has sold many Oakwood Homes), and the Ed Willers (He is the Manager of the Crabtree Office of Bacon and Company).

At the May Meeting of the Board, it was decided to cancel the picnic on the Fourth of July due to the heat and the large number of people who go on vacation at that time. Instead, it was decided to make the May Day Picnic an annual event and to also have a picnic in the Fall. The date will be announced later.

## Home and Garden Tours

The Home and Garden Tours are going well. Between the proceeds from the tours and the sale of note cards and cook books on these tours, the Society has made over \$200 between three tours. These have included several County Home Demonstration Agent Clubs across the state. On April 16, we were a part of the Capital Weekend which was sponsored by the support groups of History, Art, and Natural Museums, the North Carolina Symphony, and the State Capitol. On May 22, there was a tour of people here in Raleigh attending the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Fifth District Convention.

We do need for Oakwood residents to make available their homes and gardens for these tours. Each individual opening his/her home or garden does receive reimbursement for doing so. It is also a way for the Society to make additional revenue. Please call Ames Christopher (834-3392) and volunteer. Those who have participated in the Tours to date are Barbara Wishy, Ronnie Ellis, Alice Garland and Rodney Swink, Ames Christopher and Bill Caligari, Harvey Bumgardner, Chris Yetter and Steve Zamparelli, Monty Cranford and Wayne Millwood, and Bobbe Dudley.

## Oakwood on Channel 4

Channel 4 did a program on Oakwood and why people choose to live in downtown Raleigh. Alice Garland and Rodney Swink at 518 N. Bloodworth Street and Becky French and Bill

Harazin at 304 Oakwood Avenue were interviewed. Another good public relations effort for our Neighborhood!!

## 1982 Christmas Tour

The dates of the 1982 Christmas Tour have been set for December 11 & 12. These dates were changed to coincide with the opening of the Governor's Mansion. Mrs. Hunt was concerned that they could not open the Mansion at the same time as Oakwood had originally set as the dates for the Christmas Tour. We were asked to consider changing the dates of our Tour since, as Mrs. Hunt stated, they feel a part of Oakwood. Thus, the Board decided to change these dates.

Mrs. Smedes (Rosemary) York has graciously agreed to be our Honorary Chairwoman. Ronnie Ellis, Chairman announced that those who have agreed to open this year are: Stewart Woodard and Jim Cash, 504 N. East Street; Matilda Matthews, 401 Polk Street; Hilda and Jerry Stone, 112 N. East Street; Eric Ennis and Charlie Jackson, 530 N. Person Street; Jo Ann Sanford and Billy Brewer, 318 Boundary Street and Dan McLawhorn and Marty Cotton, 600 N. Bloodworth Street. Tickets will be sold at the residence of Becky French and Bill Harazin, 304 Oakwood Avenue. A display will be offered at Mike and Sharon Williams' stained glass shop. In lieu of "cookie baking" this year, Oakwood residents are asked to make a donation of \$3 (minimum). Bill Caligari will be making all the goodies for Tucker House refreshments.

## The Rat Patrol

One of our neighbors, Richard (Rich) Armington also serves as the director of the City's Rodent Control Division. He reminds the neighbors that if they have any rodent (rat and/or mice) problems, his crews will come out and assist in their extermination. Call 755-6242, if you have need of these services.

## The Death of Our Oldest Neighbor

The following article was written by Sarah Stronach and printed in our 1979 Summer Issue of the Oakwood Newsletter:

## Oakwood's Senior Citizen

Mrs. William Marshall Allen.

Suzanne Dabney Allen — Born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, December 17, 1877.

Married William Marshall Allen, a chemist for the N. C. Department of Agriculture, December 30, 1914 in Vicksburg.

The couple moved to Raleigh in January, 1915 to the Elms Apartments on Hillsborough Street.

In 1921 they purchased property on Jones Street which already had a small house on the land site. The house was enlarged and the couple moved into their new residence in 1924.

Mrs. Allen spent many years in traveling and boasts today that she has been in every state in the Union. The age of 83 found Mrs. Allen and her sister-in-law bound for Japan, where they remained for three months.

Mrs. Allen attributes her longevity to her programs of interest and physical exercise.

Until 1969, she was an active member in the Johnsonian Book Club.

She believed in keeping fit by walking several miles each day. It is not unusual to see her with her sister-in-law each evening walking from her home on Jones Street to N. C. State College. Working in her garden was another favorite pastime.

She was known for her garden of Iris, three hundred in variety for which she won many prizes, including gold pieces.

Her thoughts on life today quote Mrs. Allen, "it is complicated."

Submitted by —  
SARA STRONACH

Mrs. Allen passed away in April. At the time of her death she was 104 years old. Our condolences to Maude Carnegie and her family.

Our sympathy is also extended to the families of Mrs. Clarence (Duna) Adams, 315 E. Lane Street, and Mrs. George (Bessie) Leonard, 318 Oakwood Avenue, who died in May.