

This property was the original location of the small dairy of William Walters. It is thought that M. A. Moser, a physician, first built the smaller house on the corner lot. When he became well-to-do, he moved it in order to build the larger house as a replica of the smaller one.

Jim Vick and Marshall Hamm, the present owners, have completely redone this house during the past year. They have painted, papered, changed the kitchen, added a deck, and many other changes which we feel was all for the betterment of their home.



THE WAYNE ALLCOTT HOUSE  
500 Polk Street, C. 1894

Wayne Allcott bought this land from R. S. Pullen in 1887. This corner house was built sometime before 1894. In 1891, Allcott and his wife Ernestine lived next door at 502 Polk, which at the time was a grocery store. Older Oakwood residents remember buying candy and bubble gum there.

Jim and Linda Nemeth, the present owners, have been living here for only a year. Linda works with stained glass, as a hobby, and hopes to use more of this in their future decorating plans. The house already reflects the varied interests of an active family.

*Merry Christmas*

### *Our New Neighbors*

Due to limited space our new neighbors will be listed in the next edition.

### *Splinters From The Chair*

Since this will be my last splinter pulling for a long time, I will give thanks for your kind and gracious ears for the past two years that I have had the pleasure and honor of serving as your Chairman. Even tho most of the times the criticasters have out numbered the critics, the frustrations seemed never ending, you are still the nicest neighbors that anyone could ever hope to live among. I mean this deeply and sincerely and to prove my point let me list a couple of items to show what nice neighbors you are.

Al Rinne came up with the idea of making some candle holders to be placed in front of our Christmas Tour Signs in the yards of the homes that are open. He donated his idea, time, lumber and skill to do this for our neighborhood.

Mike Williams went one step further and offered to etch all pieces of glass that surrounded the candle so that it would have a more Oakwood look.

Also the response from throughout the neighborhood has been great, as usual, for offering to help our Christmas Tour.

In case anyone has not heard by now, Southern Living is coming to Oakwood on December 13th and 14th to cover our tour. We will be their feature article in December, 1981. This should act as an added incentive for everyone to clean their yards and make their homes especially pretty as we are very fortunate to have them choose us over all the requests that they receive. I ask that everyone, owners and renters alike, please put candles in your window this year.

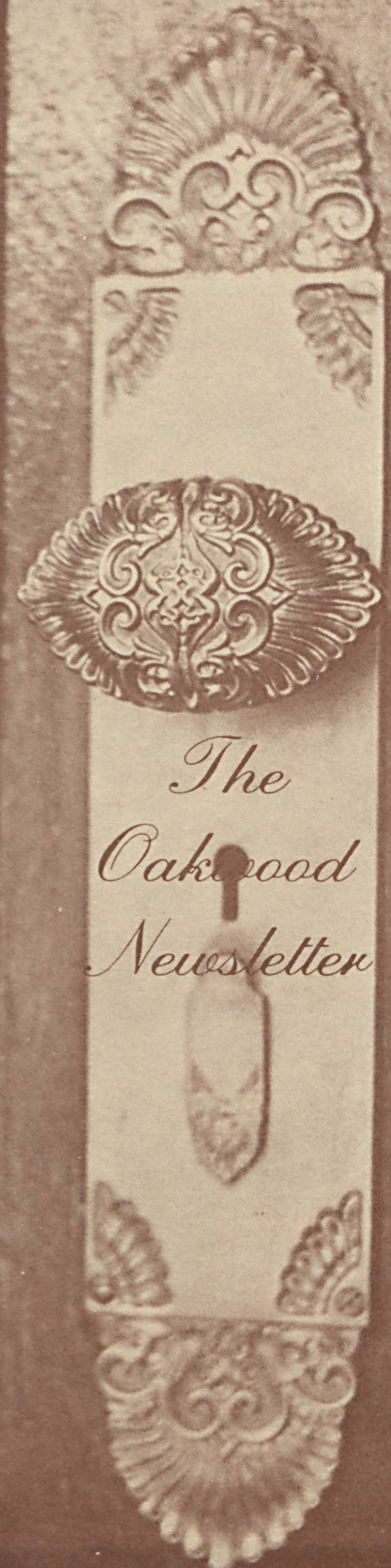
We have come a long ways during the past two years but do not let up as we have a further way yet to go. You will notice that by the time of this newsletter there will be Community Watch signs up at the entrance to our neighborhood. Al Rinne also made the frames for the signs and Tom Briggs painted them. Again, there is no place like Oakwood.

I offer the new slate of officers and board my heartiest congratulations and my most profound condolence for the year ahead. Let's all pitch in and try and make their year the best ever. I will to Ames all of my splinters and may he sit gingerly in the chair.  
Oakley Herring

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## Officers for 1981

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

One Year	Two Years
Jim Crew	Libby Ann Dishler
Malcom McGhee	Ronnie Ellis
Tom Briggs	Marcia Ladd
John Myers	Steve Evans
Barbara Wishy	

The above slate was elected at the Society's General Meeting held November 13, 1980, at the Tucker House.



**THE MIRIAM DORSEY HOUSE**  
 407 Oakwood Avenue, C. 1935

This house was built by Jimmy Stronach's father as rental property and it has remained as such. Miriam Dorsey has lived here for seven years and we would like for the people to know that not everyone in Oakwood lives in big old Victorian homes. We have many beautiful small houses located throughout the historic district.



**THE E. H. LOVE HOUSE**  
 511 Oakwood Avenue, C. 1898

Mr. Egbert Love, the earliest resident of this house, had at least seven children plus other relatives living here at one time. This was not an unusual occurrence for the old Oakwood neighborhood. The stained glass window in the transom adds to the beauty of this house.

Al and Dot Rinne, the present owners, have labored long and hard to restore their home. One would notice the contemporary kitchen and how they have blended it in with the older style of the parlor and dining room. Al Rinne did all of the woodwork himself.



**THE T. J. BASHFORD HOUSE**  
 516 Polk Street, C. 1882

This house was built by R. S. Pullen for Thomas J. Bashford, a bookkeeper at Edwards and Broughton printers. The late Rev. Bashford grew up in this house and his love of Oakwood never died. Mr. Jimmy Stronach is the present owner.

Larry Wheeler has resided here for about 3 years and during his stay he has kept simple but tasteful accessories that compliment the simple Queen Anne style house. As Larry works with the arts, one will notice the pieces of art throughout his house. This is another one of Oakwood's beautiful small houses.



**THE MARCELLUS PARKER HOUSE**  
 304 Oakwood Avenue, C. 1875

Marcellus Parker was a wealthy cotton and tobacco broker. He lived in the earliest home on Oakwood Avenue. It is designed in the Second Empire style with a central Mansard tower and balcony. This house closely resembles the Dodd-Hindale House at 333 Hillsborough Street.

As most of the big houses in Oakwood, it became an apartment house with six apartments. Many older Raleighites may have rented one of the apartments when first moving into Raleigh.

About 1 1/2 years ago, Ben Floyd and Phillip McNeil bought this house and have returned it to a single family residence, with all of its former splendor. They have worked long and hard, used lots of paint and paper and bought nice accessories to get it as you see it today.



**THE PULLEN HOUSES**  
 416 Elm Street, C. 1881-1896

Built by Richard S. Pullen, a developer and philanthropist. He built several homes in Oakwood for relatives and for speculation. All are of brick, but several were stuccoed at the time of construction and coursed and painted in imitation of brick.

Bob and Beth Dyer, the present owners, have blended the old and contemporary theme very well throughout the house. The formal parlor, dining room and library reminds one of yesteryears but a couple more steps and the modern kitchen and bath put you right back into 1980. The kitchen overlooks a nicely kept back garden.



**THE MOSER HOUSE**  
 409 Polk Street, C. 1910



children and the elderly that live within our area. I feel that now is the time for everyone to give them a helping hand.

They leave a clipboard by their front door, complete with pen and forms to write in your information. All you have to do is write down the number of the block and the name of the street that you saw the vehicle on. Also at the bottom of the form is space for the type of vehicle (bus, semi, etc.) number or license number, date and time.

John will then call and send a written report as a follow up to the call, to the company involved and to the City of Raleigh. They tell me their results have been very good with both the company and city officials. The number of buses and trucks have decreased noticeably since they started their campaign.

No vehicle larger than a pick up truck or a van is allowed on any street east of N. Person that lies within our historic boundaries. East and Bloodworth Streets were taken out of the free truck area about one year ago. If a vehicle has to make a delivery or pick-up, it is supposed to use the shortest route to and from it's destination and then get back of a through truck route.

Let's give John and Judy a big round of applause and help them protect our small children and our elderly. Also effective July 1, 1981, John Kinney was appointed to the Historic Properties Commission by the City Council. Congratulations John, and I know that you will serve the City of Raleigh and Oakwood with distinction while on this very important committee.

Following is a list of Oakwood's Block Captains and they will be giving out material for the Historic Society (mainly our newsletter). Keep this list and then if you do not receive your newsletter, call the one in your block and ask what happened to your copy. I would like to thank all of the people who have served in the past and to the ones that are serving at present. Without your help Oakwood could not continue to serve it's neighbors as well as it does.

Mention of the Christmas Tour was made in another part of this newsletter but for the benefit of our new neighbors let me explain a little further about it.

We have (Historic Society) our one big fund raising project every Christmas when we open six homes to the public for their viewing. It is for two days and almost everyone in the neighborhood helps in one way or another. It takes the entire neighborhood to make it the success that is has become.

All homes in the historic district has one candle in every window throughout the house and most all of the homes are decorated on the outside as well. We ask all residents to use fresh decorations as Oakwood has become noted for its outstanding Christmas decorations. They did not have plastic wreaths, ribbon, etc. at the turn of the century and therefore we do not feel that they are appropriate for our homes.

When you are called to help, please do not say no because no matter how small or large the task, it is important to keep the Tour successful.

Oakley Herring

Block Captains

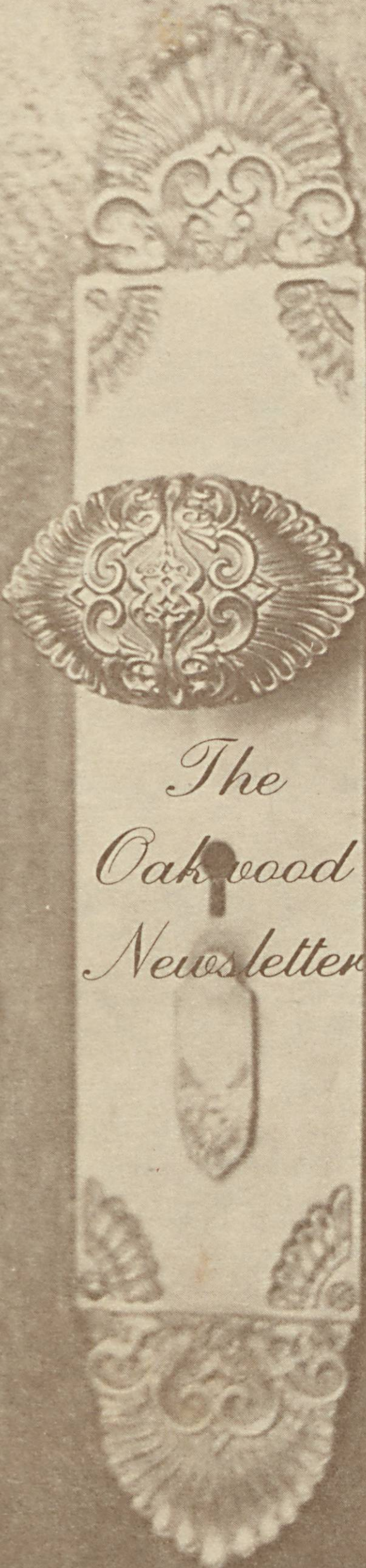
Block	Name of Street	Block Captain w/House Number
300	E. Jones Street	Dan Sumner (327)
400		Mildred Holder (407)
500		Hildred Hutchins (504)
300	E. Lane Street	Barbara McCloud (323)
400		Kathy Miller (406)
500		Mrs. Elwood Collins (516)
600 & 700	Oakwood Avenue	Patricia Cantral (603)
300		Steve Evans (317)
400		Betsy Hinnant (410)
500		Vallie Henderson (530)
600		Jack Miller (604)
300	Polk Street	Dixie Crew (325)
400		Oakley Herring (400)
500		Pat Egerton (501)
600	Pell Street	Susan Iddings (611)
300		Tommy MacBrock (308)
500		Phyliss Crane (525)
300	Euclid Street	Jay Beaman (316)
500		Dan Salzler (525)
600		Arlene Sanders (615)
100	N. Bloodworth	John Kinney (116)
200		Dan Orr (212)
300 & 400		Sara Stronach (412)
500	N. East Street	Barbara Wishy (515)
600		Dan McLawhorn (600)
700		Clairnel Buie (704)
100		Hilda Stone (112)
200 & 300		Peggy Daino (219)
400	Elm Street	Libby Dishler (412)
500		Ronnie Ellis (517)
600		Sheryl Little (607)
700		Betsy Bardin (700)
200 & 300		Gail Schumacher (223)
400	Linden Avenue	Ames Christopher (408)
500 & 600		Betty Mitchell (516)
200 & 300		Bernard Wishy (221)

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### ***New Walking Tour Guide:***

Marilyn Dutton is putting the finishing touches on our new and updated Oakwood Walking Tour Guide. She expects to have it ready for the printers in the near future. Anyone who desires any information on this or who has any information that they feel should be included, please contact Marilyn at 828-5459 at once or forever remain silent.

### ***Neighborhood Watch:***

Just a little reminder to all of our residents that we do have a community watch in Oakwood and that the only way it is going to work properly is for each one of us to keep an eye open on our neighbor's property. No one is expected to patrol the streets or stand guard over their block but if you see anything or anyone that looks suspicious, please call the police and report it. The police tell us that they rather have a false alarm than to let someone escape, just because you did not want to get involved. For the benefit of our neighbors, LET'S ALL GET INVOLVED!!

### ***House Plaques:***

The Society has placed another order for 25 more bronze house plaques. We would like to see every eligible house in Oakwood have one displayed on the front of the house. To be eligible, the house must be at least 50 years old and there is a short and simple form that must be filled out. To obtain the form and any further information that you may need, please call Pat Egerton at 834-7227. Cost of the plaques are \$30.00 each plus cost of the engraving.

### ***Christmas Tour:***

Marcia Ladd says that all preparations for the tour are on schedule. Her committees are hard at work and the dates for the tour are December 19 & 20, 1981, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. each day. Anyone wishing to volunteer or needing further information may call Marcia at 832-0287.

### ***Annual Meeting:***

Our annual meeting and election of new officers and some board members will be on November 12, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucker House on N. Person Street. This is an important event and everyone who lives in Oakwood should come to this meeting. The men and women elected will guide Oakwood policies

for the next year, make decisions regarding our revolving fund, set a budget for 1982 and appoint new people to most of the committees. It is in your best interest that you come and vote for those people that you feel are best suited for these positions.

A committee has been appointed by Chairman Christopher to select a slate of officers and board members. This list will be given to you sometime in October. Anyone living in Oakwood is a member of the Society and can vote. Also anyone can be nominated from the floor on the night of the meeting. So come to the meeting and exercise your right as a resident of Historic Oakwood.

I received a very complementary letter recently from Professor Shirley Weiss of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill thanking us for our support and participation in the study done by the University's Department of City and Regional Planning. Our Goals Committee has already begun using a lot of their information.

Recently Anne Bryan, Tom Briggs and I had lunch with George Chapman, the new Director of Raleigh's Planning Department. We all felt that George is very interested in Oakwood and its surrounding area and that he will be of great assistance to us.

At the last meeting of the Goals Committee, the topics of conversation were traffic in Oakwood, schools, and parks. The members of this committee are really talking about long range needs of our neighborhood. If you have other concerns which you feel they need to address, let Beth Dyer, the committee's Chairperson know.

Ames Christopher

### ***September Board Meeting:***

The September Board Meeting has been postponed for one week. The Board will meet on the third Thursday on September 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucker House. Mr. Dave Betts, City Planner for Downtown Revitalization, will be the guest speaker. Everyone should come out to hear what Raleigh is planning for our future.

### ***Food-Coop:***

Interested in fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, eggs, etc. at wholesale prices? Call Hilda Stone, 112 N. East Street at 832-8811.

### ***New Arrivals***

Master Benjamin Dyer  
July 21, 1981 - 8 lbs 6 oz.  
Son of Bob & Beth Dyer

Master Jenkins "Jenks" Robert Miller  
August 12, 1981 - 8 lbs 8 oz.  
Son of Bruce & Kathy Miller

### ***New Neighbors:***

Doug & Margaret Abrams  
321 Oakwood Ave.  
Tel: 832-9094

Bill Flournoy  
520 Polk Street

Charles & Julie Fredericks  
603 N. East Street  
Tel: 833-6949

Bill & Pat LaBarberg  
503 E. Jones Street  
Larry - age 12  
Amy - age 9  
Tel: 834-0241

T. J. & Diane Taylor  
606 E. Lane Street  
Tel: 833-3009

Larry & Ginger Zuccihino  
516 N. Boundary Street  
Tel: 829-1644

### ***Comments From The Chair***

If you have not been by the Society's Revolving Fund House on Linden Street, do so. The committee erected a big sign some months ago. The house is completed inside and we are waiting for the paint research to be completed. Within the next few weeks painting should begin on the outside. This committee deserves a lot of credit for its hard work. Our thanks to Barbara Wishy, Chairperson and Jim Crew who has filled in for Barbara while she was away this summer.

For those who may not have heard, the City Council recently voted not to allow the Trailway buses to use N. Person, Old Wake Forest Road and Blount Street beyond Peace Street on their way out of town or to the new bus depot. Our special thanks to them.

### ***Views From The Editor:***

I am sure that we are all sorry to be losing two of our neighbors. Moving to Cary, where Harry is the editor of their paper, is Harry and Susan Preddy, formerly of 520 Polk Street. Also leaving for Morganton is Paul and Betsy Rasumussen of 414 N. East Street. We wish them well and hope that they will visit Oakwood often in the future.

Our parking by permit seems to be working well as I have asked some of the people living with this area how they find parking spaces now and they replied that only residents are parking there for any length of time.

For some of the newer neighbors in Oakwood, we had at one time a social club called the Oakwood Athletic Club and it met the last Sunday in every month. One family would act as host and they would furnish their home, cups and ice plus set ups. Everyone brought a hors d'oeuvre and whatever they wanted to drink. This way no one spent a great deal of money. It was also an excellent way for the old to meet the new and everyone cussed and discussed everything and everyone in general. This club had nothing to do with the Society. It was started by some of our neighbors who thought it would be a pleasant way to spend about two hours once a month getting to know your neighbors on an informal basis. If there is enough interest, I would like to start it going again. Please call and let me know your feelings. Our neighborhood seems to be drifting apart at times instead of the closeness that has made Oakwood one of Raleigh's favorite neighborhoods.

I would like to request that some of our residents please clean the grass off of their sidewalks and try and make Oakwood a neater and cleaner place as we have many tourists walking through our neighborhood almost daily. If we do not show some pride in our neighborhood, how can we expect anyone else to?

John and Judy Kinney, of 116 N. Bloodworth Street, have been fighting the battle of the big trucks and buses running through our Oakwood streets. They started this on their own to protect small



The library is housed at Bruce and Kathy Miller's house, 406 E. Lane Street, phone 834-6003. Oakwood residents are welcome to browse through the library. Books may be checked out for one week. Call or come by when you can.

KATHY MILLER

### *Comments From The Chair*

Since becoming Chairman on January 1, a lot of exciting things have happened and I would like to share them with you.

Our Revolving Fund is now a reality with the first purchase of an empty house at 217 Linden Avenue. Our many thanks to Barbara Wishy and her committee.

Through the Department of Cultural Resources, a number of houses will receive a fresh coat of paint this spring. This is a direct grant to a number of homeowners who applied for it last summer. Sally Barnes is Chairperson of "Operation Paintbucket."

Tom Briggs and his committee have been hard at work concerning the proposed widening of Wake Forest Road and the building of the Atlantic Avenue Connector. We have joined forces with the Mordecai neighborhood, other Historic Groups, business leaders and others to stop as much traffic increase as possible. Ed Walters, our City Council representative, met with us and provided a lot of information. Our thanks to Alice Garland, who recently made a presentation at the City's public hearing on behalf of Oakwood. Also our thanks to Al Rinne who was our spokesman at the Public Works Committee meeting on February 24th on this same subject.

We are fortunate to have been selected by Professor Shirley Weiss and the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina for a special class project. The students in this class are our future leaders in city planning. They developed a survey which all residents should have received and asked to complete. Through this survey, they hope to identify neighborhood concerns and provide possible solutions. Our thanks to Barbara Wishy, Alice Garland and Sara Stronach for their efforts.

Our Goals Committee has begun to identify our long range goals. They have elected Beth Dyer,

Chairperson. We will be hearing more from them in the future.

The 1981 Christmas Tour dates are December 19th and 20th. Marcia Ladd will serve as Chairperson of the tour.

Jim Crew represented Oakwood on February 10th at the Wake County Board of Elections' Public Hearing. He asked that all of Oakwood be combined into one precinct (14) when the precincts are realigned. This is in accordance with the Board of Elections' recommendations.

Vallie Henderson is our Community Watch Chairperson. Signs will soon appear on streets intersections into Oakwood.

Sara Stronach is our new Block Captain Chairperson. Please help her when she calls on you. This serves as a vital link in keeping you informed of "happenings."

Other committee chairpersons are Marilyn Dutton for the new Walking Tour Guide Brochure, Dixie Crew for Finance, and Oakley Herring for Publicity and Publications.

I would like to extend an invitation to all to attend our monthly Board meetings. Even though you may not be on the Board, we would be delighted to see you and have you participate in our meetings. Our next meeting will be March 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucker House on N. Person Street. Mr. Ed Walters, our City Council Representative, will be on our program. Mr. Walters will share with us his ideas and concerns. He has promised me that he will answer all questions, if at all possible.

In closing, I would like to mention some of our immediate concerns. They are; homes in bad need of repair, increased traffic, trash on our streets, realtor education about Oakwood and neighborhood stores. You may have others.

It's exciting to live in an older historic neighborhood and to be a part of the new trend of downtown revitalization in our City of Raleigh but it takes everyone working together. We need your help.

AMES CHRISTOPHER

### *Revolving Fund News*

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood has set up a Revolving Fund for the purpose of

furthering the renovation and rehabilitation of Oakwood. The Society has embarked upon it's first revolving fund project with the purchase of a house at 217 Linden Avenue. The house will be renovated by The Society and then sold with a protective covenant to a homeowner. The proceeds will go back into the fund for further projects. This is a non-profit undertaking solely designed to assure the long-term preservation of our neighborhood.

To renovate the house at 217 Linden Avenue, we need a variety of hard to find materials; such as 4" floor boards for repairs, exterior shutters, old light fixtures, an assortment of old doors and windows, also bushes and plants, etc. If you know of available materials, please contact Barbara Wishy, Revolving Fund Chairperson at 834-1958.

BARBARA WISHY

### *Planning Study Underway*

We are extending a hearty welcome to the city planning students of Professor Shirley Weiss from UNC-Chapel Hill who are studying the Oakwood neighborhood this spring. As part of their study, the students have compiled a neighborhood survey of which you have received a copy. Please return the survey to your block captain. It represents an opportunity for you to make known your concerns about your neighborhood and it forms an essential part of the study.

*The UNC students will present the results of their study at a public meeting in the Tucker House on Tuesday, April 21, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited.*

The students will interpret the data they have collected and will offer positive recommendations on how to improve our neighborhood. We feel very fortunate to be receiving the help of the students in our community.

BARBARA WISHY

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## *Carryings On By The Editor*

It seems as if you Oakwoodites will have to read some more ole ramblings and ravings of mine for one more year. Since accepting the Publicity and Publications' Chair, I am in charge of editing our newsletter for this year. If anyone in the neighborhood has anything that they wish to place in the newsletter, please drop it off by my house and I will put it in the next edition.

There will be no splinter pulling, just highlights of the Board's monthly meetings, what's happening in and around our neighborhood, things of interest and concern to us, names and addresses of our new neighbors and hopefully some letters or comments from some of our readers. Remember that this is your newsletter and I hope that you will use it.

As mentioned in the Chairman's column, Mr. Edward Walters will be the guest speaker at our March 12th meeting. Please come to hear his comments and also to ask him questions that you may have concerning our city, neighborhood or future as part of the inner-city.

I would also like to stress the importance of everyone taking the time to fill out the survey form that you received about ten days ago from your block captains. With the return of these forms, Oakwood could receive some valuable information free on how we may cure some of our ills. Let's show some of our renown esprit de neighborhood and rally round the forms.

I appreciate that three of our neighbors took the time to write guest columns for this edition. Therefore I will not highlight the two Board Meetings that have been held so far. I will only say that the new board has shown a lot of interest and energy at the meetings and everyone is tackling their new assignments with confidence and vigor. The Chairman has listed all committee chairmen in his column.

I would also like to request that all homeowners who have not bought the new bronze plaque for their homes please buy one and let's have all of our plaques matching for our Tenth Annual Christmas Tour. The bronze plaque is the only authorized plaque for Oakwood homes by the Historic Districts Commission at this time.

I would like to thank Malcolm McGhee and his son Rodney, for the entire Oakwood neighborhood, for their dedication and prescience in saving one of the houses that the Medical Society was going to destroy. Walk by the construction in the 200 block of N. Bloodworth and see how the work is progressing.

The N. C. Friendship Force is exchanging Ambassadors with West Berlin this year. They will arrive in Raleigh on April 11, 1981, for a two week visit. During this period if you should happen to see some strangers strolling our streets, please give them a big hello and welcome to North Carolina so that they will know what a friendly neighborhood, and neighbors, we have in Oakwood.

Our congratulations to Ben Floyd for talking two of his friends, Chris Yetter and Steve Zamparelli, into becoming new neighbors of ours. They recently bought the Bobby Wall house at 412 Oakwood Avenue and they tell me that they hope to have it restored by July.

In closing let me say that I hope all of our neighbors find the newsletter worth reading and if you have any comments, please let me know.

OAKLEY HERRING

## *Emma Conn Is Our Neighborhood School*

If someone has young children and decides to move from inner Raleigh to the suburbs, in most cases, the reason for their move is the idea that the suburbs have "better" schools than the inner-city. I have friends in Oakwood with children approaching school age and when I ask them if they will send their children to Emma Conn they reply back; should we? Some people in Oakwood do not know where Emma Conn is and yet, Emma Conn is our neighborhood school.

Oakwood is a beautiful place, people here are concerned with each other's families, houses and even each other's gardens. Can't we be concerned with each other's, or our neighbor's, children's school, too? Let's make Oakwood a complete neighborhood which offers a good elementary school education for our young children. A neighborhood which is attractive to move into because among lots

of other very unique things it has to offer would be a pleasant and challenging school - OUR school.

What can we do? Jimmy Stronach has volunteered to teach a class in Chinese painting next year, Susan Iddings a class in math games, Marilyn Dutton and Vicky Oehling are helping to enrich the regular school day and Arlene Sanders is the school's most tireless and resourceful person. The VanWagners chaired the committee to build the school's playground and Oakwood has many more talented people with a little extra time on their hands. If you offer your time and skills to the school, you will follow in Governor Hunt's footsteps. As busy as he is, he volunteers as a reading aide one day every week in a public school in Raleigh.

If you teach piano, or any instrument, call the school's principal and offer a little recital for next year, just like Vicky Oehling and Tom Reed did. If you know a foreign language well enough to teach it, or sign language, or yoga, or creative movement; volunteer now to teach it to small groups of five or six children. If you are good at making puppets, designing posters, sewing curtains, planting gardens with kindergardeners, if you have a little time at night to help the teachers cut out shapes (or any material they might need), if you can make little toys or useful objects for raffle pieces at the school's fund raising carnival on May 14, 1981, or if you have an hour a week to come to the school and let some first grader read to you, call Mrs. Hill, the principal, at 755-6760 or even better; go to the school at 1221 Brookside Drive. Meet a very devoted principal and staff and let her show you an endless list of little and big jobs that you can help with.

Within a year, with your help, Oakwood will present another good reason for families to move and stay here and help make the neighborhood more stable; an exciting school with lots of familiar people who take pride in their neighborhood school because they helped build it.

SILKE FINLATOR

## *Artsplosure In Oakwood*

On May 2, 1981, from 1 to 4 p.m. Oakwood will host the Art About Raleigh Contest, an event

sponsored by "Artsplosure." The Raleigh Arts Festival has organized the collection of and the publicity for the contest art and will provide judges, prizes and music for the day's event. The Garden Club of Historic Oakwood will organize additional festivities to enhance the Artsplosure event. The opening of gardens, sale of food, presence of clowns and more are all being planned.

We welcome assistance from all neighbors to plan and execute this day. Residents are also welcomed to grace their front porch or door with a basket of cut or potted flowers on May 2nd. Olie Adams will judge our "May Baskets" contest and the added color will create a beautiful backdrop for the Raleigh Art display.

For more information please call Beth Dyer at 834-0871.

## *Oakwood's Library*

This is a reminder that all Oakwood residents are welcome to check out any books and pamphlets belonging to the Oakwood Library. We have a collection of architectural books about preserving; books about city, state and federal regulations and resources. Plus two periodicals, Preservation News and The Old-House Journal.

The Old-House Journal is concerned with restoration and maintenance techniques for the antique home. February's edition includes articles on refinishing floors, roofing, Italian style decoration, making iron fences, dumbwaiter designs, fixing old floors and a question/answer section. Sandblasting, updating kitchens, screen door patterns, setting tiles in mud, picket fence designs, replacing stained glass, repairing rotten window sills, and stripping with the heat gun are a few of the topics included in previous issues.

We also have two buyer's guides: The Old-House Journal Catalog lists 7,282 items and services one may purchase for restoring houses built before 1920 and places from which one may order. The Renovator's Supply lists items one may purchase from the supply house itself (bathroom fixtures, lighting fixtures, brass, pewter and wrought iron items).



### *Friendship Force 1981 Trip*

This year's Friendship Force exchange will be held:

April 12-25 for the ambassadors and April 13-24 for the families coming to this country.

Anyone wishing to apply to be a host or an ambassador must have your application into the Friendship Force office during the first ten days in January. Applications for the Friendship Force exchange maybe picked up at any library, the YWCA on Oberlin Road, and at the YMCA on E. Hargett Street. Fact sheets can be picked up with the applications.

Although the destination of this year's exchange is a secret, I am allowed to say that the trip will be to a foreign speaking European country.

For more information, call the Friendship Force Office at 872-7720 and speak with Mrs. Julie Peterman or one of the volunteers.

### *Lead Poisoning*

#### *Detected In Wealthy Adults*

Lead poisoning, usually associated with small children, in slum dwellings, eating lead paint chips which fall from walls and ceilings, has now been detected in an entirely new population.

Researchers at the Environmental Health Science Laboratory at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City have found cases of lead poisoning in prosperous adults. These new victims encounter lead dust and fumes while engaged in the preservation and restoration of old buildings and homes while stripping coats of old lead paint from interior walls, ceilings and woodwork.

Dr. Alf Fischbein of the Mt. Sinai Center points out that there is virtually nothing about this form of lead poisoning that matches the textbooks or what has generally been published.

The symptoms of this newly discovered lead poisoning victim are usually mistakenly attributed to abdominal disorders, overwork, stress or fatigue.

The symptoms of ordinary lead poisoning are

replaced by other symptoms or are not observed in this new disease victim at all. The usual symptoms, weakness in the wrists, colic, constipation and lead lines in the gums may be replaced by severe diarrhea, continued appetite with weight loss.

Fischbein states that physicians not used to treating lead poisoning may not know that acceptable blood lead levels have been lowered from 80 micrograms per hundred milliliters to 40 for man and 30 for women with some opinion that they should be lower still.

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### *Editor's Note*

Candlelight sparkled in the crisp night air lighting the way for lines of people walking from house to house with the sound of carolers floating through the neighborhood. Laughter and children's voices blended with traffic sounds in the streets.

As each door opened, smells of the season met the guests. Citrus, pineapple, fresh baked breads and cakes and the tangy aroma of spiced tea from the kitchens filled the homes with memories of holiday seasons long past.

Glistening trees, filled with miniature white lights, crackling fires on each hearth, candle lighted windows and the reflections of highly polished wood and glass lent a sparkle to the homes.

Hearty hellos, warm happy holidays, sincere merry christmases gave verbal support to feelings warmly passed between people on the street. For it was Christmas and it was the Oakwood Christmas Tour.

The crowd had come to the Oakwood neighborhood to tour eight homes opened to the public for one weekend. The owners of the eight homes had been working frantically for weeks prior to the tour, Everything was polished, everything shined, they were ready.

It was perhaps the loveliest tour Oakwood had sponsored. It was certainly the largest and it was the most heavily attended. Attendance on Saturday and Sunday surpassed any individual day of prior tours. The total attendance also set a record high.

Between times of the tour, brunch and dinner was provided for the tour families. These meals, which have expense money set aside for them, are often donated to the tour fund by the people giving the meal.

This year's Saturday evening dinner was sponsored by Donna and Oakley Herring and Ms. Olive Coleman. The Sunday brunch was put on by David and Elizabeth Dishler. Sunday evening's tour party was held at the home of James and Dixie Crew with assistance from Bernard and Barbara Wishy.

The tour meals and party provide, I feel, an extra element of sharing and togetherness for the families and workers who together make the tour possible. I heard several people comment on how thoughtful it

was to provide meals for the people who went so far out of their way to provide their homes for the tour.

The party on Sunday night was a time to relax, to talk and laugh with friends and congratulate each other on a job well done.

This year's tour was a financial as well as attendance success. Both days of the tour were record days as far as attendance. Total numbers are not yet known but the last figures we have are:

Student tickets sold-----294

Adult tickets sold-----2280

Money brought in---\$10,270 plus

I wish to thank all the people who lent a hand to the tour effort, without whom, it could not have been the success it was. I would especially like to send out a round of thanks to the home owners, the people responsible for the meals and party and to the tour chairman, Mr. Oakley Herring. A fine job all. A very Merry Christmas to all of you.

*Editor*  
*John Myers*

### *Baby-sitting Co-op.*

The first meeting of the Oakwood Parent-Child Sitting Cooperative was held at the home of Mrs. Linda Nemeth on November 25. Mrs. Nemeth was acting secretary for the cooperative.

The cooperative was established in order to provide baby sitting service for its members in the Oakwood neighborhood. It is set up on a point system. There are four points for each hour you donate your time to the service. After a member sits for someone in the service, they call that month's secretary and report on whom they set for and how long they set. The secretary records their name and the number of points they have earned.

The service has a rotating secretary who serves one month at a time. It is her duty to coordinate the sitters, keep track of the points members have obtained and refer calls to the available sitters when needed.

Anyone having questions about the service or wishing to participate, are asked to contact either Mrs. Linda Nemeth at 834-5103 or Mrs. Andy Wood at 828-3837.

The next meeting of the cooperative will be January 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the residence of Drew and Andy Wood at 521 Jones St.

### *A Christmas Note*

Sometimes you have to lose something in order to realize how much you truly loved it while it was yours. This is how Clark and I feel about our return to Oakwood.

Last Christmas was one of the bluer ones I can remember because we were without family and friends. This year we are back in Oakwood among our friends and in our home. It promises to be one of the merriest ever. A very merry Christmas to everyone. We love you all.

Clark and Bobby Dudley

### *Special Thanks*

The Oakwood Newsletter, on behalf of the community, would like to express its heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Oakley Herring for his past two years of service to the neighborhood as Chairman of the Historic Oakwood Society. Without people like Oakley who give of their time and energy, Oakwood would not be the lovely place it is today. Thanks Oak.

### *For Sale*

The Historic Oakwood Society has note cards for sale. Each box contains cards featuring twelve different homes in the neighborhood. The boxes of cards are two dollars each and will make excellent and thoughtful gifts. To obtain boxes of note cards contact Dixie Crew or Oakley Herring.

### *Newcomers to Oakwood*

Mr. John E. Dilley  
611 N. Boundary Street 27604  
ph: 833-1209

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Schumacher (Gail)  
223 Elm Street 27601  
Son, Kurt Thomas (14 months)  
ph: 832-9662

### *Peace College*

The Mary Howard Clark Arts and Lectures Series;  
Monday Evenings at 8 p.m.; Recital Hall/Browne-McPherson Music Building; Peace Campus

All Programs Are Open To the Public Without Charge

January 26  
Chamber Music Concert  
The Raleigh Chamber Players

February 9  
Organ and Trumpet Concert  
Wylie S. Quinn III, Organist  
Douglas Meyers, Trumpeter  
Edward Hoffman, Trumpeter

February 23  
Lecture: Southern Language  
Guy Owen  
N. C. State University

March 23  
Lecture: John F. Kennedy, His Place in History  
Columbia University and  
The Humanities Center

March 30  
Concert and Lecture Demonstration  
Boaz Sharon, Pianist

April 6  
Violin Concert  
Joy Brown Wiener, Violinist