

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 1990

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CEMETERY WEEKEND APRIL 28-29

It's spring clean-up time at WC the week-end of April 28-29. Your friends will be there Sat. from 10 to 5 and Sun., 1 to 5.

Nice weather is expected so make it an enjoyable outing and at the same time, give your family plot a little extra care.

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AN OUTSTANDING CONCERNED CITIZEN HE IS!!!

Our membership is fortunate to have as a new member and now Historian, Governor Clements. No, he is not the Texas Governor Clements.

Governor has no family member but a good friend buried in WC. He is doing historical research on the cemetery and has spent many hours cleaning 49 old tombstones. He is a true Southerner but has taken it on himself to have a curbing placed around the Union soldiers' plot, have the markers straightened and is presently in the process of cleaning the tombstones. The gleaming, white markers so conspicuous are a result of his interest and LABOR.

Governor says anyone can clean markers. His cleaning solution consists of a small amount of liquid dish detergent mixed with Clorox, applied and scrubbed with a nylon brush and lots of elbow grease by hands covered with good, rubber gloves.

Through research Governor has learned that Ellis Benson (from Vermont, buried in WC) fought in three wars: Black Hawk in 1832; San Jacinto, 1836; and Civil War, 1861. He nominated Sam Houston for President of the U. S. on the Democratic ticket.

Governor, we salute you and we thank you!

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR  
WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

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THE WAY IT IS

If you are one who enjoys a REAL CHALLENGE, we urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in solving the problems of Washington Cemetery.

Since CCWCC's organization in 1975, the two major challenges, as we all know, have been (1) to restore, beautify and maintain WC and (2) to accumulate a fund sufficient to perpetuate care after we, who now accept the challenges, are no longer around.

It is true, our perpetual care fund continues to slowly and steadily grow but that is the easier challenge. The other- to beautify and maintain the cemetery is more difficult and frustrating.

Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, the situation will have improved but as of now, none of us can be proud of the way WC looks. However, we hasten to assure you the situation is temporary and conditions will improve.

Our maintenance contractor has encountered more problems than usual this spring. Saturdays are his work days when a crew is available to him. If it rains Sat., cutting is postponed until the following Sat. If it pours during the week, water stands in low places and his mowers bog down until the cemetery dries enough to permit mowing. In the meantime, we watch the grass and weeds shoot up higher and uglier everyday.

Another source of frustration is road wash-out. One year ago our April '89 newsletter told you that 26 tons of donated crushed stone had been spread on the roads. WHERE DID IT ALL WASH AWAY TO IN ONE YEAR'S TIME?

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BULK RATE
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In spite of all the gloom and doom, do not despair! Your Board will take necessary steps to get the cemetery back in good condition and to solicit more free road fill. Let's hang in there! It's the bad times that make the good times all the sweeter.

LAST MINUTE GOOD NEWS! WE NOW HAVE A NEW MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR. WE HOPE AND EXPECT IMPROVEMENT IN THE CEMETERY.

BURIALS IN WC IN 1989

Margaret L. Petty	13 Jan. '89
Cornelius Lottman	20 Feb. '89
Goldie Mitchell	11 Apr. '89
Annie Ella Nelson	12 Apr. '89
Hettie M. Jenkins	24 Apr. '89
Roland M. Lottman	4 Aug. '89
Sarah Secor	5 Aug. '89
Helen Dickey	4 Sep. '89
Frank A. Broderick	27 Sep. '89
William Williams	19 Dec. '89

THERE IS A HEAVEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many will be shocked to find  
 when the day of judgment nears,  
 There's a special place in Heaven  
 set aside for volunteers;  
 Furnished with big recliners,  
 satin couches and footstools,  
 Where's there no Committee Chairman,  
 no group leaders, no car pools.  
 No eager team that needs a coach,  
 no bazaar and no bake sale.  
 There will be nothing to staple,  
 not one thing to fold or mail.  
 Telephone lists will be outlawed,  
 but a finger snap will bring  
 Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
 and rare treats fit for a king.  
 Who'll serve those privileged few,  
 and work for all they're worth?  
 Why... all those who reaped the benefits  
 and not once volunteered on earth.

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WE HOPE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CCWCC AND WANT TO REMAIN ON OUR MAILING LIST: ALSO, YOU WILL WANT TO SUPPORT US FINANCIALLY. HOWEVER, IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

INCOME and EXPENSES 10-1-89 THRU 3-31-90

<b>Net Assets 10-1-89</b>	<b><u>\$289,906.77</u></b>	<b>EXPENSES:</b>	Maintenance	\$6,111.84
<b>INCOME:</b>	Maintenance	\$8,901.39	Postage & Printing	483.85
	Perpetual Care	2,987.00	Bond Premium	231.00
	Special Projects	479.00	Meeting Room	100.00
	Book Sales	373.00	Safe Deposit Box	15.00
			Sign Repainting	<u>20.00</u>
	Interest on CD's	<u>12,350.36</u>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,961.69</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$25,090.75</b>	<b>Net Assets 3-31-90</b>	<b><u>\$308,035.83</u></b>	
<b>FUNDS:</b>	Maintenance	\$8,505.56	Improvement Projects	\$3,624.84
	Perpetual Care	\$294,538.51	Educational Projects	\$1,366.92

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\_\_\_\_\_ 1990 MAINTENANCE Donation (\$36.00)

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