

October 8, 1980

NEWSLETTER
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

	7-1-80 thru 9-30-80	1-1-80 thru 9-30-80
Donations to Maintenance Fund	\$1,454.00	\$13,851.00
Disbursements:		
Printing	\$ 13.30	\$ 77.40
Postage	99.00	346.00
Safe deposit box rental	-0-	12.00
Meeting expense	10.00	20.00
Maintenance	4,400.00	10,900.00

Additional expenses anticipated this year: 1 more cutting \$1,300, newsletter and postage \$175.00, expenses for historical marker dedication \$100.

Dedication of the historical marker will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Oct. 19, at the cemetery. Due to unusually hot weather, it was postponed from July as originally scheduled. The Historical Society furnished invitations to persons living in or near Houston who have made contributions; however, everyone is invited and welcome to attend. We will not be able to furnish chairs so please remember to bring your law chair. Cookies and punch will be served and we need lots of cookies! Ladies willing to furnish a batch of cookies please call Lois King, 682-3375, or Mildred Daly, 668-8689. Flowers on the graves would make the cemetery even more beautiful on this great occasion. You might want to place flowers on graves of your loved ones this day. Young people from Children of the Confederacy will be on hand to direct traffic and to help carry and set up chairs. Parking in the cemetery is limited so we ask all "good walkers" to park in the Post Office parking lot adjoining the cemetery. An interesting and entertaining program is planned. Please plan to attend.

Attorney Charles Saunders with Fulbright & Jaworski has agreed to help us with our legal matters. We are grateful to Mr. Saunders for his willingness to work with us and hope we are at long last making progress in this direction.

Letters were sent to twelve corporations asking if they would be willing to donate the cost of our historical marker. Checks were received from Brown & Root, Houston Natural Gas and Southwestern Bell, each for \$475. Houston Nat. Gas and Southwestern Bell agreed to donate their checks to our Special Fund since Brown & Root was the first to respond. Earlier this year we received a check for \$200 from Bortunco Foundation.

Mr. Petty presented the following budget for 1981 at the Sept. meeting:

Printing	\$ 130.00
Postage including permit for bulk mail	600.00
Safe deposit box rental	12.00
Maintenance	13,000.00
Meeting expense	20.00
Tree removal reserve	800.00
Legal reserve	800.00
Undesignated	638.00
Total	<u>\$16,000.00</u>

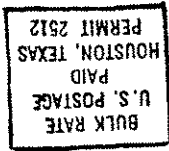
Recently two donations were made in memory of deceased friends. You might want to consider this as a way to pay tribute to departed friends or relatives in the future. Acknowledgements are mailed to donors & families of the deceased.

Our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Kovar for watering 85 pot plants placed on graves following Easter. Also thanks to Larry Dickson for his weekly trips to the cemetery to pick up limbs, etc.

Mr. Noland has installed a telephone answering machine at the cemetery house to eliminate communication problems.

Due to rain two consecutive Saturdays after a scheduled cutting, our man was unable to work in the cemetery. The grass was cut Sept. 20 and looked beautiful but two or three weeks prior to that time it was another story. He always works for us Saturdays when a large crew is available to him.

AND NOW, A SERIOUS MATTER! Last year 945 people contributed \$22,796 as compared to 530 people, \$13,851 this year. We have lost contact with some members due to changes of address and some have passed away but we suspect some have become apathetic now that the cemetery is being cared for or think we do not need the money since we were so fortunate to have received \$21,646 for our Special Fund, not realizing this money can be used only to earn interest for maintenance.



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Still others* might feel they are not financially able to contribute as much as \$24 a year. Again let us say that any amount is needed and welcome. To insure perpetual care, a goal of \$200,000 is needed to earn enough interest to cover our costs each year. Last year we had a surplus of \$10,000 over and above expenses to add to our Special Fund. As shown by the figures above, this year we will not have any surplus. We have a long way to go but also, we have come a long way. To all who have made this possible we say "Thank you."

Let us remind you maintenance donations for 1981 are now being accepted. Our tax-exempt number is AUS:EO78-3110.

Yours very truly,

Herman Lauhoff
Herman Lauhoff, Pres.

Contributed by one of our members: Carl P. Curry.
"Little did our forefathers realize that the way of life to come would fragment families and take away the means to perpetuate the care of our burial grounds. Perpetual care as we know it today did not exist. The descendants were expected to always be present to care for their own. But times have changed. We must provide trust funds whose interest will provide care for our family plots long after we are gone. It is for this reason we continue to work diligently to create a surplus each year to add to our Special Fund so that someday we will have the necessary funds.

"Our present Committee is striving to be frugal. By providing for current care at good prices, they can conserve your contributions for the fund for the future So keep those donations coming. They will be working for you long after you are gone."

Make check to:
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.
Mail to J. C. PETTY, 1816 Milford, Houston, Tx. 77098

Name _____ Maintenance Donation \$24 _____

Address _____ Special Fund Donation _____
