

March 14, 1980

NEWSLETTER
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

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CASH REPORT:

Balance on hand Oct. 14, 1979			
Checking	\$3,684.39	Savings	\$5,717.80
			\$ 9,402.19

Contributions received			6,648.50
Interest on Savings Acct.			<u>54.10</u>

Total Cash \$16,104.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	\$ 285.00		
Maintenance	675.00		
Newsletter Expense	75.70		
Deposit Box Rental (1980)	<u>12.00</u>		<u>1,047.70</u>

\$15,057.09

Purchase of Money Market Certificate at 12.035% interest 10,000.00

Cash on hand - Jan. 31, 1980

Checking	\$3,785.19	Savings	\$1,271.90
			<u>\$ 5,057.09</u>

GREAT NEWS! The Texas Historical Commission has advised us that Washington Cemetery has been declared a historical site. According to Mr. Frank Tritico, Chairman of Harris County Historical Society, casting of the marker inscription will take three to four months and we can plan on a dedication ceremony at the cemetery in early July. You will be notified as to the exact time. We hope everyone will plan to attend this great occasion.

The Historical Commission does not supply any money to help with the improvement or upkeep of any historical site. The benefits of their acceptance are the added protection against usage of the site for any purpose that would destroy its historical value and the prestige and honor of being a selected historical site with its history registered by the Texas Historical Commission. We are expected to maintain and preserve the cemetery to be worthy of such an honor.

MORE GOOD NEWS! Our organization has received a bequest from the Herbert Autrey Estate in the amount of \$20,400 & the remainder of another fund that was left for the upkeep of the Ramin-Warneke family plot. The \$20,400 has been invested in the money market at 13% interest and the other donation placed in our Special Fund to be invested later when additional funds accumulate.

An article on Washington Cemetery by Ms. Tessie Fruge will appear in the April issue of HOUSTON HOME & GARDENS. Don't miss it.

At the February meeting the membership voted to hire an attorney to do the necessary legal work to set up a permanent fund for future maintenance. A committee comprised of Judge Compton, Willis Hickman and myself is working on this matter and action will be taken shortly.

Children of the Confederacy will commemorate Texas Confederate Memorial Day, April 26th, at 10 o'clock by placing flags on graves of Confederate soldiers known to be buried in Washington Cemetery. This should make us all stop and think - if these young children are interested and proud enough of their heritage to do this, certainly we elders should be, especially since our forefathers are buried in the cemetery.

The maintenance contract for this year has been let to Goldwell Enterprises. It includes ten cuttings for the year at a cost of \$1,300 per cutting. The first cutting is scheduled this month. Mr. James Hobby, who handled the work last year, has moved to Florida.

The Rice Mill and other individuals have been hauling dirt in the back section and spreading it. This operation allowed them a convenient place to dispose of the dirt and at the same time improve the cemetery property. The Rice Mill people assure us we will have no drainage problem.

OVER

A small portion of Strangers Rest area was not cleared last year as it should have been. Due to the heavy growth, the markers were not visible and we were not aware there were graves in that area. We are now taking steps to correct this.

At present the \$5,057 cash on hand is less than half the amount of our budget for 1980. Now that we have settled down after the Christmas rush and grass-cutting time is here, we urge everyone to send his or her TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation for this year.

The past five years since we organized has been a long, tough struggle but now we can be proud of our many accomplishments. Let's continue the progress until our goal is reached. Support your organization with a tax-deductible donation.

Yours very truly,

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY
CARE, INC.


President

Make check to:

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC. or CCWCC, Inc., if you prefer.

Mail to: J. C. PEPPY, 1816 Milford, Houston, Tx. 77098

Name _____ Maintenance Donation (\$24) \$ _____

Address _____ Special Fund Donation \$ _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____