

November 16, 1981

NEWSLETTER
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.

Officers: Pres.-Herman Lauhoff; Vice Pres.-Judge John Compton; Sec'y -Joyce Heap; Treas.-J. C. Petty; Cor. Sec'y-Lois King; Parliamentarian-Larry Dickson
Directors: Sam Belinoski, Carl Curry, Andrew Gruy, Russell King, Jewel Powers, Norman Townsend, Howard Wilson

		1-1-81 to 9-30-81
<u>CASH REPORT</u>		
Beginning Balances: Checking Acct.	\$ 3,104.04	
Savings Acct.	8,124.68	\$11,228.72
Add: Donations		
Maintenance Fund	\$10,519.00	
Special Fund	11,583.50	22,102.50
Expense Reimbursement, Etc.		106.00
Interest Received		5,641.04
		<u>\$39,078.26</u>
Less: Disbursements		
Legal Expense	\$ 1,160.51	
Newsletter & Meeting Notice Expense	385.00	
Deposit Box Rental	12.00	
Meeting Expense	10.00	
Postage	60.30	
Cemetery Maintenance & Supplies	10,920.44	
Tree Removal	815.00	13,363.25
		<u>\$25,715.01</u>
CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR		
Checking Acct. 9-30-81		\$ 4,449.29
Savings Acct. 9-30-81		1,911.72
Added to Special Fund Ctfe. of Deposit		19,354.00
		<u>\$25,715.01</u>
TOTAL ASSETS 9-30-81		
Checking Acct. \$4,449.29 - Savings Acct. \$1,911.72		\$ 6,361.01
Special Fund Ctfe. of Deposit		41,000.00
Operating Reserve Ctfe. of Deposit		18,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$65,361.01</u>

We are sorry to tell you Mr. R. E. (Dick) Ballanfant passed away Oct. 30th and was buried in Washington Cemetery. Mr. Ballanfant served as our president in 1977 and he spent many hours with the Key Club volunteers working in the cemetery. He and Mrs. Ballanfant helped organize CCWCC and we owe much of our success to them. He will be remembered and missed by many of us. Our condolences to Mrs. Autry Ballanfant and other members of the family.

At the Oct. meeting a report was given on the legal opinion as to the current status of Washington Cemetery. According to Mr. Jos. Ryan, our attorney -

1. The latest charter for the Washington Cemetery Corp. was allowed to expire Mar. 31, 1947.
2. Under Texas law, Mr. Noland and the other stockholders cannot legally operate the cemetery without a charter. They cannot legally operate it in the form of a partnership or unincorporated association.
3. Regarding the approximately 5 acres at the back on Memorial, once land has been set apart and dedicated a cemetery, it can be used for no other purpose unless dedication is removed by Court Order.
4. In order for stockholders to get a court order disjoining the back acreage, they must prove one of the following conditions:
 - a. The cemetery has been abandoned.
 - b. The cemetery has become unfit as a burial place.
 - c. The cemetery is a public nuisance.(THESE CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST SINCE WE HAVE TAKEN OVER MAINTENANCE OF THE CEMETERY.)
5. Any purchaser of the 5 acres would be required to continue and maintain it as a cemetery.

We might add, our attorney has met with Mr. Noland's attorney who has conflicting ideas on this matter. This is where we stand as of now.

We have received \$150 from the Exxon Matching Gift Program and have submitted applications for an additional \$1,270, which we hope to receive in the near future. Any present or retired Exxon employees please let us know when you send donations if we do not already know about you.

One of our members will sell us a load of sand (16 yds.) for \$40 to fill sunken graves and lots. We will buy the sand but it will be up to the individual members to furnish their own labor. If enough people would want their lots filled in but are unable to handle the labor end, call Lois King, 682-3375, to see about hiring a man to do the work and you pay a rea-

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sonable amount. We plan to have the sand dumped in the back Friday, Dec. 4th. Help yourself as long as you use the sand in the cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Chudleigh, past president of United Garden Club, reports her garden club plans to make flower beds around the Concerned Citizens sign and the historical marker in front. Also, they plan to plant a Rain Tree and several Crepe Myrtles in the front area. We voted to pay for digging the beds and the garden club ladies will plant and maintain them. We are most grateful to these ladies.

Also, we are grateful to one of our directors who has donated \$150 to pay for cost of the sand and labor to dig the flower beds.

Thanks to Jewel Powers for compiling our beautiful scrapbook. She has done an outstanding job and we can always be proud of the book telling our history. If anyone has anything to add to the scrapbook, call Jewel, 465-3097.

Holder Pest Control has given us 100 lbs. of insecticide to kill red ants. This will be only a start but it's time we do something about the ant problem.

Spraying to kill weeds and tall grass around curbs and tombstones will soon be completed. Several members have been unhappy about the dead grass on their lots but we ask your indulgence and that you withhold judgment until next spring when the grass will come out green and the whole cemetery will look much better because of the spraying.

If you saw the paragraph about Washington Cemetery in the Oct. issue of Houston City Magazine, be sure to read our reply in the Editor's Column in the Dec. issue.

Mary Fischer will serve as Nominating Committee Chairman for the Jan. election of officers and directors.

We are now accepting donations for 1982. We would like to remind you that due to the President's Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, it is advantageous for you to take as many charitable deductions in 1981 as possible as opposed to waiting until 1982. This would be a good time to make donations to our Special Fund in addition to the maintenance donation. Our tax-exempt No. is AUS:EO:78-3110.

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Herman Lauhoff Pres.

Make check to: CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC. or CCWCC, Inc.

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Name _____ Maintenance Donation (\$24) _____

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