

NEWSLETTER
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC.
NOVEMBER, 1985

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OUR OLD TREES ARE DYING

If you have visited the cemetery during the past several months, you, no doubt, noticed so many of our trees are dead.

Several of our directors met at the cemetery with a County Agricultural Agent to hear his opinion as to the cause of the problem. We were told it was a combination of three things: the trees' weakened condition from last year's hurricane and tornado and the summer drought, Hypoxilin (the oak tree decline disease) and the granulas spread to kill weeds in the cemetery over a year ago.

We were fortunate to find a man who is cutting down 34 huge trees and hauling away the wood to be sold as firewood for \$3,000. More trees are showing signs of dying and will need to be cut down next year.

The big old oaks were a thing of beauty in W.C. and everyone feels terrible to see this happening.

VANDALISM IN CEMETERY

One night in early Sept. vandals visited W.C. and overturned approximately twenty monuments in the back section next to Glenwood.

Volunteers gathered Sat., Oct. 26th, and with equipment furnished by O. & O. Construction Co., they reset the monuments.

Also, O. & O. Construction people, through the efforts of Sam Belinoski, recently worked three days clearing and leveling the back area so that it can be mowed.

Because of the vandalism, the Board is exploring the possibility of erecting a front gate which will be locked nights.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Cutting have placed a bird bath on their family plot. Thanks, folks, for adding to the beauty of our cemetery. Maybe this will serve as a reminder to others to follow in making their family plots more attractive.

CCWCC RECEIVES \$1,000 FROM
SONS OF CONFEDERACY

As representatives of CCWCC, the Russell Kings were presented a check for \$1,000 by the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp No. 67, Sons of the Confederacy, at a barbecue at Old South Plantation in May of this year.

Also, we have been informed by Mr. W. W. Caldwell that we have been chosen again this year as one of the recipients of the profit from their Confederate Ball to be held next January. This will be the fourth time they have favored us with a generous donation.

We are most appreciative to this organization for their continued support.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Our two Perpetual Care Fund CD's totalling \$150,000 will mature next Feb. Since interest rates on CD's continue to fall, the Board is exploring the possibility of our investing in Government securities that will yield a higher interest rate.

OFFERS TO DONATE BURIAL SPACES

We are grateful for the responses to our request for donations of burial spaces that family members do not plan to use.

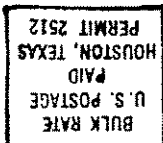
At the present time we are not in a position to take advantage of these offers but hope to be in the future. We shall keep your offers in mind.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

The young man, Gene Burks, who is cutting our trees is selling firewood at \$120 a full cord, 4x4x8', split and delivered. If picked up at the cemetery, it will not be split but a full cord will be priced \$60. After Dec. 15 his price will go up \$10 a cord.

If you need fireplace wood or know someone who does, please call Mr. Burks at 591-0814. He is doing a good job at a low price for us and we would like to help him sell his wood.

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MAINTENANCE DONATIONS ARE LAGGING

We do not like to keep harping on the matter of money and hopefully, in four more years this will no longer be necessary. When we organized in 1975 to undertake the tremendous task of restoring and maintaining W.C., we all knew it would not be easy and we were right - it hasn't been.

Since 1978 we have worked diligently together and when we asked, you responded. Your donations cleared the 10-year jungle growth, maintained the cemetery in a respectful condition the past six years, restored the front entrance, cleaned-up the Hurricane "Alicia" mess, and last year raised \$42,000 through the 400+ Club. The bottom line is your donations have worked to make us proud of our accomplishment in our old cemetery and accumulated an amount sufficient to make perpetual care possible in 1990.

As you have heard before, in order to achieve perpetual care, beginning this year we must rely solely on your maintenance donations and can no longer use the bulk of our interest income, which must be reinvested.

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(Hope next newsletter we have more good news than bad!!!)

In 1984 maintenance donations declined and our expenses exceeded donations by \$9,000. As you can see, if this situation continues, maintenance of W.C. will suffer and all will agree, we have worked too hard and too long to allow this to happen.

We urge each and everyone of you who can afford to do so, please send in your donation now. Don't let down now and don't rely on someone else to carry the load.

FARISH GRANT REFUNDED

In the April, 1984, newsletter we reported we had received a grant of \$2,500 from the Wm. Farish, III, Foundation.

Earlier this year auditors for the Farish Foundation requested we refund the \$2,500 since we did not qualify for a grant from the foundation and they would be penalized by IRS if the money was not refunded. We deeply regretted relinquishing the money but felt it was the only right thing to do.

INCOME AND EXPENSES 3-1-85 THRU 10-31-85

| <u>INCOME</u> | | <u>EXPENSES</u> | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Maintenance Donations | \$ 5,522.50 | Maintenance | \$12,314.2E |
| Special Fund | 1,319.00 | Postage & Printing | 428.90 |
| 400+ Club | 700.00 | Bank Service Charge | 18.92 |
| Interest on \$150,000 | 8,812.02 | Miscellaneous | 9.50 |
| Other Interest | <u>1,542.38</u> | Legal | 788.25 |
| Total Income | <u>\$17,895.90</u> | Bond Premium | <u>154.00</u> |
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | Total Expenses | <u>\$13,713.85</u> |
| Money Management Account | \$ 14,204.33 | | |
| 4 Certificates of Deposit | <u>177,193.19</u> | | |
| Total Assets | <u>\$191,397.52</u> | | |

TAX EXEMPT # FOR DONORS: AUS:EO:78-3110

Make check to: CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR WASHINGTON CEMETERY CARE, INC. or CCWCC, INC.
Mail to: Russell S. King, Treas., 5030 Hialeah, Houston, Tx. 77092

Name _____ Maintenance (\$36.00) _____
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