

July 15, 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 6-30-81
<u>CASH REPORT</u>	
Beginning Balances 1-1-81: Checking Acct. \$3,104.04	
Savings Acct. \$8,124.68	\$11,228.72
Add: Donations (Special Fund and Maintenance)	16,816.50
Interest Received	3,389.50
	<u>\$31,434.72</u>
Less: Disbursements	
Legal	\$1,060.51
Newsletter	181.70
Deposit Box Rental	12.00
Meeting Expense	10.00
Postage	18.00
Cemetery Maintenance (4 cuttings)	5,200.00
Tree Removal	250.00
	<u>6,732.21</u>
CASH TO ACCOUNT FOR	<u>\$24,702.51</u>
Checking Acct. 6-30-81	\$ 5,688.33
Savings Acct. 6-30-81	4,346.18
Added to Special Fund Ctfe. of Deposit	14,668.00
	<u>\$24,702.51</u>
TOTAL ASSETS 6-30-81	
Checking Acct. \$5,688.33 - Savings Acct. \$4,346.18	\$10,034.51
Special Fund Ctfe. of Dep. due 8-20-81	29,314.00
Ctfe. of Dep. due 11-27-81	25,000.00
	<u>\$64,348.51</u>

As the above figures indicate, your response to our Feb. 12 letter was overwhelming. With continued support such as you have demonstrated, we are sure to succeed in reaching our goal of perpetual care for Washington Cemetery.

We have received legal advice concerning our rights and responsibilities as an organization and also the legal standing of all interested parties regarding the operation of Washington Cemetery. We will report more on this as soon as the time is appropriate.

The dedication of our historical marker Oct. 19 was a joyful and memorable occasion with an estimated crowd of 300 people attending. Our sincere thanks to the ladies who furnished many delicious cookies; to Sam Belinoski, Russell King and Ernest Salge, who erected the historical marker; and to Mildred Daly, Joyce Heap and Mary Fischer, who served refreshments. The program was an enjoyable one but aside from dedication of the historical marker, we feel the highlight was the presence of Mrs. Elise Walther, whose husband is buried in Washington Cemetery and who celebrated her 101st birthday the day before our gathering.

Our organization has received a bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of Mr. Aegidi Molk, who was buried in Washington Cemetery in Dec., 1980. Our sincere appreciate for Mr. Molk's having remembered our cemetery in his will.

Our thanks to Exxon Corp. for a \$1,000 gift and to Mr. Sam McLelland, who as a retiree of Exxon, was instrumental in securing this gift for our organization. Also, thanks to one of our members who donated \$2,500 in memory of his mother on Mother's Day.

We were selected one of five beneficiaries to receive the proceeds of the Confederate Ball held last Jan. by Albert Sidney Johnston Camp No. 67, Sons of Confederate Veterans. They have awarded us \$750 for our Special Fund. We are most grateful for the financial assistance and also the honor of having been chosen a beneficiary.

In April we received free-of-charge 3 loads of shell for road repair. Mr. E. H. Harris, Sr., once again furnished a machine to spread the shell and Sam Belinoski, Ernest Salge, the Kovars and the Kings furnished the voluntary labor. At that time the roads were in good condition but all the rain the past few months has been working against us. This is the second time these good people have given us free shell but sadly enough, we cannot expect their generosity to continue forever.

Southern Memorial Day was observed Apr. 18th by Children of the Confederacy when they held a memorial ceremony and placed Confederate flags on graves of Confederate Soldiers in Washington Cemetery. These young people are to be praised and respected for their dedication to their heritage.



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Mr. Otis Jeffcoat, Superintendent of Glenwood Cemetery, has recommended to us GARY BRYSON of Texas Wholesale Monument Co., telephone 489-7085, for a good job at a reasonable price for straightening tombstones. A number of you have inquired in the past about a reputable, reasonable person to do this work. If you are interested in having tombstones or markers straightened on your family plot, we suggest you call Mr. Bryson. He will make arrangements to meet you at the cemetery. If you are interested in having work done and cannot get to the cemetery, Mrs. King, 682-3375, will help you anyway she can.

We think you will be interested in hearing about the Perpetual Care plan offered by Glenwood Cemetery. Mr. Jeffcoat has informed us of the following: At the time of purchase, the following amounts are paid into a Perpetual Care Fund - for 3 graves - \$415; 6 graves - \$700; 12 graves - \$1,150. Under this arrangement, the plots are cut every two to three weeks. However, if plot owners desire "Special Care," which means a cutting every week, the following amounts are charged in addition to the above payments to the Perpetual Care Fund: for 3 graves - \$85 per year; 6 graves - \$100 per year; 12 graves - \$120 per year. We think all will agree, in comparison to Glenwood's charges, the amount we ask seems very reasonable.

We hope to hear soon that we have qualified for the Exxon Matching Gift Program, which means Exxon will match any donation made by an Exxon employee or retiree. If you are an Exxon employee or retiree, please note this on the slip accompanying your donation so we may take the proper steps if and when we qualify. They will match any gifts made this year so if you have already donated in 1981, let Mr. Petty, 522-4066, know so we can apply for their matching gift. Gulf Oil and Foley's also have this Matching Gift Program.

A problem we are experiencing at the cemetery is gravediggers not completing their jobs of removing excess dirt from walkways after new burials. This means more volunteer work for Russ King and needless to say, Russ would rather go fishin'. We are contacting the Houston funeral directors asking them to cooperate with us in eliminating this problem in the future. A space next to the Rice Mill fence at the back will be designated for "Excess Dirt." Anyone needing fill dirt on their plots is welcome to any dirt piled there or in any walkway by a new grave.

Mrs. Mary Chudleigh of the United Garden Club has expressed her club's interest in taking on a beautification project at Washington Cemetery. We will be most grateful to these ladies. Needless to say, there is plenty of beautification to be done and we will welcome other clubs' participation in this project. If you think your garden club might be interested in taking on a small portion as a civic project, please contact Mary Chudleigh, 464-0191 or Lois King, 682-3375, and they will follow-up.

Copies of Washington Cemetery history are available in booklet form, priced at \$3, including mailing charges. If you would like a copy, please send your check to Lois King, 5030 Hialeah Houston, 77092.

If you have not sent in your tax-free donation for 1981, your fellow members urge you to do so. Our tax-exempt number is AUS:EO:78-3110.

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Herman Laubach President

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

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