

On the Terrace

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NATIONALLY KNOWN WAVERLY TERRACE LANDMARK NEEDS OUR ATTENTION

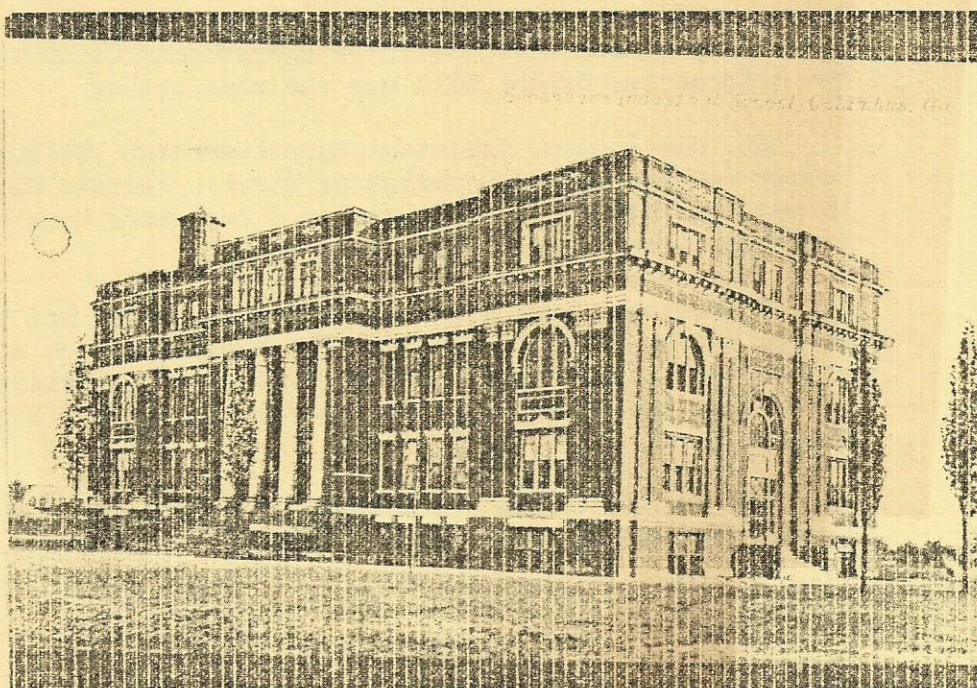
We on the Terrace can be proud of its contribution to the outstanding educational facilities found in Columbus, for it is the site of the first industrial high school established in the United States. I thought you might be interested in a review of its history.

In 1904, Carlton B. Gibson, Superintendent of Schools, proposed a secondary school equipped to teach wood turning, joinery, cabinet work, pattern making, mechanical drawing, iron work in forge and foundry, some elementary forms of textile work, practical electronics, and English. G. Gunby Jordan and R.C. Jordan donated two and one-half acres of land in Waverly Terrace, cash donations came from other prominent business men, and most of the equipment was donated by Northern manufacturers. Thus, the Secondary Industrial School had its beginning.

J. W. Golucke and Company of Atlanta was hired as architect for the building. In 1906, work began on the building in April of that year. The result is the graceful and stately building we see today in the midst of our community.

The description of the school included in the application for its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places shows just how impressive the building has remained since its completion in 1906: "The Secondary Industrial School is a massive-looking, Beaux Art-style building situated near the middle of a large, cleared, level lot. The building stands three stories high on a raised basement....It is constructed of red brick throughout with contrasting light-colored stone, terra cotta, and pressed-sheet-metal detailing...."

The front (northeast) facade of the Secondary Industrial School is five bays wide. A projecting center bay is symmetrically flanked by recessed wings and shallow end pavillions. The center bay features a two-story portico of



four stone Corinthian columns and two pilaster-like brick piers set in antis; within is a one-story pedimented entryway. The wings feature regular arrangements of tall, narrow windows with Roman tracery capped by flat-arched stone lintels. The end pavillions feature two-story Roman windows with keystones set between pairs of brick Corinthian pilasters."

When the school opened on December 11, 1906, it served seventy-eight pupils, one-third of whom were girls. Five teachers were employed by the school the first year. The seventy-eight pupils could earn a diploma after attending two years, five days a week from eight to four, eleven months a year, plus six weeks of practical experience in the chosen field of study. Academic subjects such as English and related sciences were studied in the morning and the afternoons were spent in manual training in the basement shops. The manual training curriculum was determined by sex, with the girls taking home economics, dress making, and secretarial skills and the boys taking carpentry and textiles.

The Secondary Industrial School served the city well from 1906 until 1936, when the entire student body paraded all the way down town and back to call attention to the overcrowded conditions at the school. Eventually, Jordan High School was built to relieve this overcrowding; it was with the building of Jordan High School that the problems the old Secondary Industrial High School building now faces began. It is now, in a sense, surplus property for the school board; consequently, it needs our attention now. Without specific and directed lobbying by our organization, the school board might decide to use this property for a purpose which would devalue this area. With specific and directed lobbying by our organization, we can have in-put into the decision about how to best use the property. I, personally, would like to see a school for artisans established there which would provide skilled restoration specialist. What would you like to see at the old Secondary Industrial School which would restore it to its former prominence in our community?

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE OLD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL BUILDING?

The old Industrial High School, the most significant building in our neighborhood, faces an uncertain future.

Again, for the second consecutive year, Muscogee County School District plans to use only parts of the building during the 1984-85 school year. Waverly Terrace Elementary School will use three classrooms, Columbus High will use the gym, and the Alternative School will use the shop areas.

Mr. Jim Buntin, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs for Muscogee County Schools and a supporter of Waverly Terrace Historic District, would like to see the entire building used as a permanent home for the Alternative School beginning with the 1985-86 school year.

If Muscogee County School District decides not to use the building, what will be its fate? Demolition? NO! The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is protected. A more realistic possibility is that the building would be sold by the School District as was 11th Street School, McIhenney School and Woodall School.

The future of the Old Industrial School is in our hands. Residents of Waverly Terrace through the Historic Waverly Terrace Foundation must individually

and collectively express and demonstrate our concerned interest for the old Industrial School. We need to continue our drive to place a historic marker in front of the school; we need to let the Muscogee County School District know how deeply we feel about finding a suitable use for the building; we need to inform the mayor and city councilors concerning this matter; and we need to rally support from the entire city of Columbus which represents many people who have a special place in their hearts for the old Industrial School.

What is going to happen to the old Industrial School Building? If the residents of Waverly Terrace Historic District will become actively involved in this question, we can help provide a creative and exciting answer that will further enhance our neighborhood.

---Jimmy Howell

NEWS OF PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

WAVERLY TERRACE HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGN

Most historic districts have entrance-way signs of some sort detailing the boundaries of their districts. For many years, cannon adorned the 29th Street entrance until their eventual placement at the Naval Museum. Currently, it is impossible to secure the original cannon because of their historical significance. Also, it is felt by most that the cost of reproduction of these cannon would be prohibitive and not necessarily reflect to the new-comer any significance of the district.

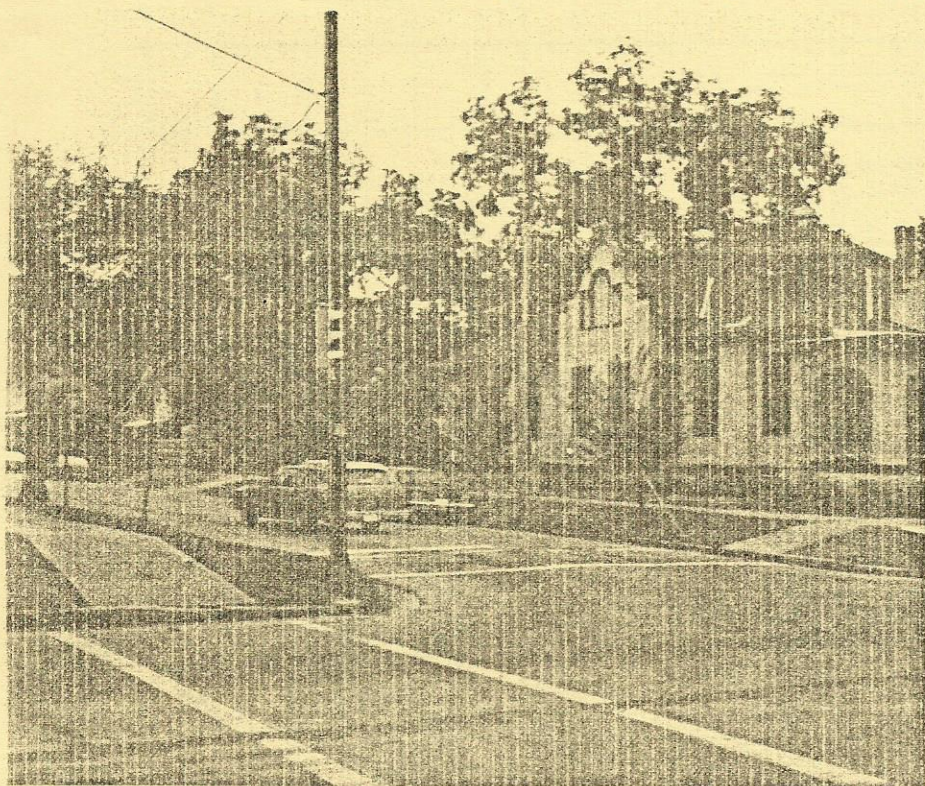
Rozier Dedwylder, a prominent local architect was contacted for assistance in designing an entrance-way. In early July Mr. Dedwylder met with Ray Hollifield and Presley Tutherow to walk over the entrance-way site and discuss potential sign themes. After a thorough study

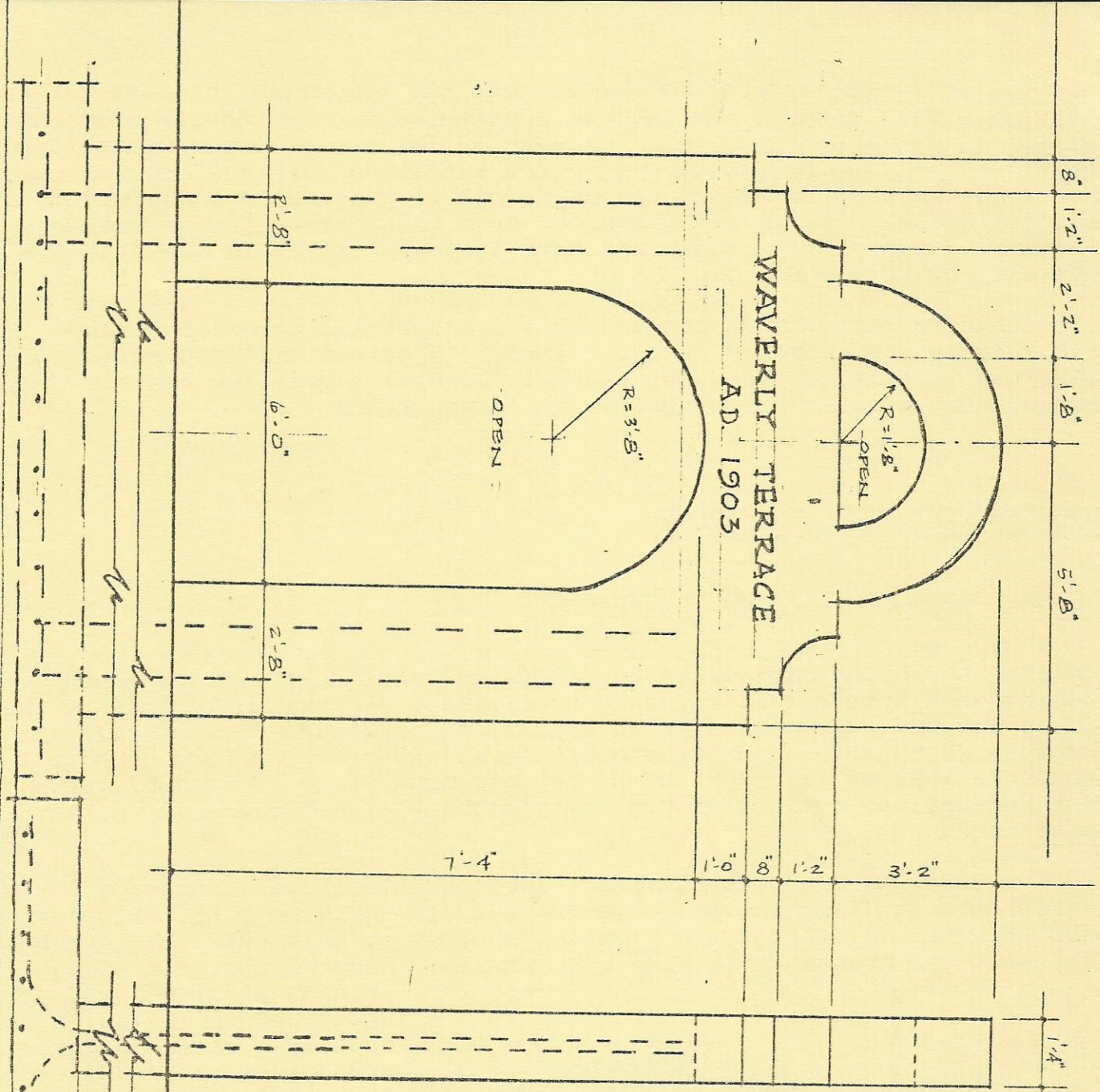
of area architecture, Mr. Dedwylder indicated he would develop a suitable theme and present it to the district. Contact from Mr. Dedwylder is expected shortly.

---Ray Hollifield

TWENTY-NINTH STREET TRAFFIC

A major concern of many Waverly Terrace residents is the speed of traffic along 29th Street through the District. The absence of traffic controls from 12th Street to Hamilton Road creates a potential hazard due to the high speeds of





NOTES:
 EXCEPT FOR BRICK USED AT CORNER
 SHOULDERS & AT HEADS OF OPENINGS
 CONSTRUCT ARCHWAY OF CONCRETE
 BLOCK REINFORCE ALL HORIZONTAL JOINTS
 FIRST 12 COURSES. FILL VERT. CAVITIES
 FIRST 12 COURSES W/ MORTAR & PLACE
 VERT. REINF. COVER ALL SURFACES
 MASONRY W/ MIN 1" CEMENT STUCCO
 w/ ROUGH texture. PLACE BRONZE
 LETTERS

Please Note:

This is Mr. Rozier Dedwyler's
 proposed design for the
 entrances to Waverly Terrace.
 We received the design just
 as the newsletter was being
 printed and decided to include
 it here.

SCALE 1/2" = 1'-0"

many vehicles. This serious concern of residents prompted contact with the city to remedy the situation.

Ron Hamlet, City Traffic Engineer, was contacted to investigate the possibility of stop signs along 29th Street. After we presented the residents' concerns and desire for traffic controls, Mr. Hamlet indicated it would be impossible for the city to place stop signs along 29th Street. His reasoning is that the street is a major "natural" corridor which connects traffic between two principal arteries. Mr. Hamlet indicated he "would fight that idea all the way." He suggested that the city would conduct a speed study along the road and, if warranted, would place speed limit signs along the street. Also, the question of the traffic signal at Hamilton Road and 29th Street cannot be answered due to the tentative nature of the Industrial School.

---Ray Hollifield

ZONING CHANGE

At a past Waverly Terrace District meeting, representatives of city planning explained the inhibitive nature of existing zoning on the Terrace. Currently, the district is zoned R-4, which restricts any new building in the area to multi-family, high density residential. The importance of this designation is that if a local residence were to be destroyed, it would have to be rebuilt as multi-family. This is obviously very undesirable to almost all of the district residents. Because of this potential problem, district representatives contacted the city for direction.

Dick Mills, City Zoning representative, indicated a resolution signed by local residents requesting a zoning change would be necessary to prompt action by the city. He suggested a R-3 or R-2 would be sufficient to allow all desirable land uses in the district. When the resolution is given to the city, he will take the matter from there.

A zoning change request in resolution form has been cleared with Mr. Mills and is currently being circulated in the district.

---Ray Hollifield

ZONING PETITION

The zoning petition being circulated in the neighborhood is reproduced below:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF THE WAVERLY TERRACE HISTORIC DISTRICT request the city to change the existing zoning, (R-4), to a more suitable category, (R-3 or R-20), for residential existing use. The existing zoning unnecessarily restricts the use of single family housing and does not conform with National Register Property use. Under the existing zoning, if a single family residence were to be destroyed any new structure built would have to be a multi-family use.



Joe B. Tanner
COMMISSIONER

Henry B. Struble
DIRECTOR

Department of Natural Resources

PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES DIVISION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
270 WASHINGTON STREET, S.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334
(404) 656-2840

January 11, 1984

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Dr. Elizabeth A. Lyon, State Historic Preservation Officer, is pleased to announce that the property identified below was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on the date indicated:

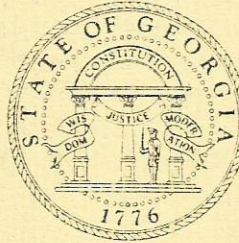
WAVERLY TERRACE (MUSCOGEE COUNTY) December 1, 1983

We hope that the recognition of the architectural and historical significance of this property, combined with the benefits of National Register listing, will assist in the preservation of the property. Additional information on preservation programs is available from our office.

Thank you for your interest in historic preservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

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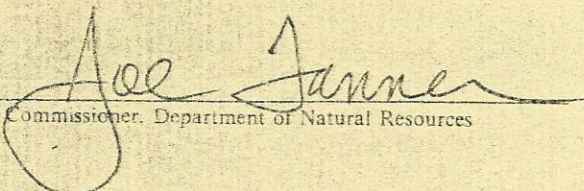
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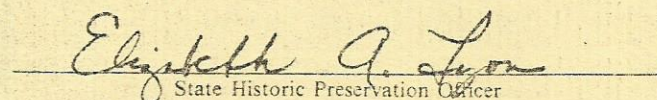
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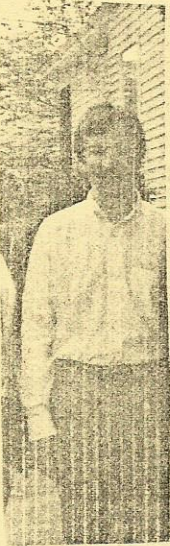
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United States Department of the Interior
under provisions of the
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966


Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources


State Historic Preservation Officer

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our Historic District has brought much recognition through publicity to our neighborhood. At our last meeting, we reviewed the many newspaper articles and publications which have praised our efforts in preserving our old homes. The enthusiasm in our community leading up the time of our acceptance to the National Register of Historic Places is to be commended. We have reached many goals: (1) we have become a non-profit organization and have formed a corporation. (2) Historic Waverly Terrace also has a member on the Board of Historic and Architecture Review which represents our interests. But there are still many goals for us to work together to accomplish.

Rozier Dedwyler, a prominent local architect who has long been interested in preservation, is presently working on the design for our entrances to Waverly Terrace. This is a major project that will require persistent dedication from all in order to attain. I know from past experience that this project and many more can be achieved.

The response to our membership renewal has been very good. It is always good to remember that there are those outside of our community who also financially support our efforts. Keep up the good work!

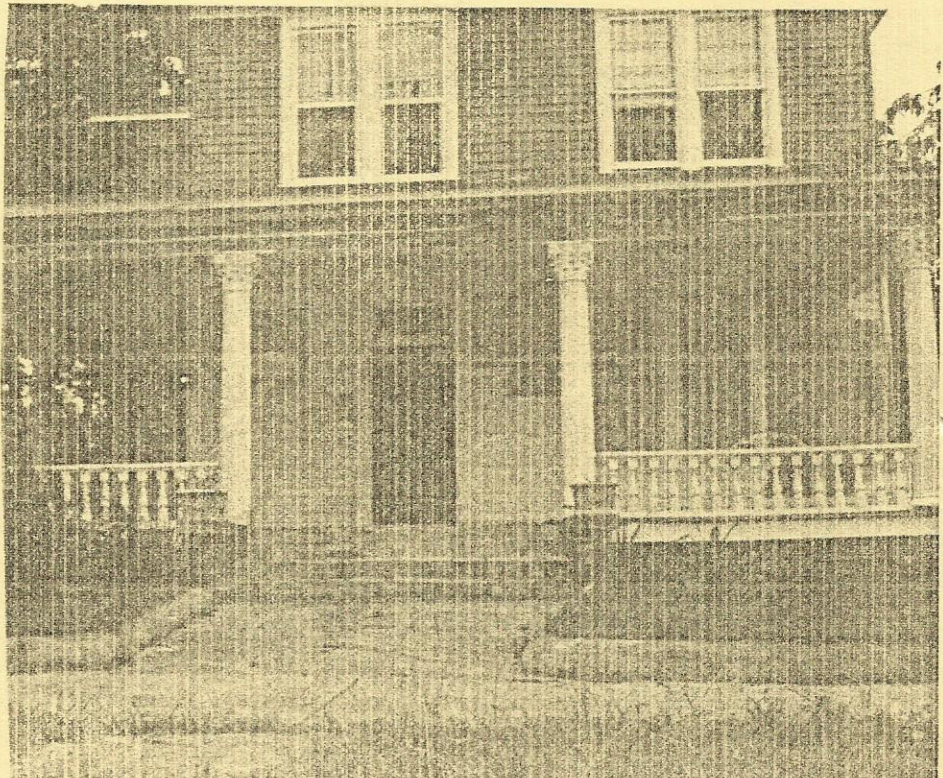
Please do not hesitate to call me with fresh ideas or new projects that will benefit our Historic District.

---William P. Tutherow

WHAT IS NEW ON THE TERRACE?

Building! Remodeling! Landscaping! All of these projects are going on in the neighborhood. Most of our neighbors seem to have gotten the spirit to make the Terrace an even more pleasant and delightful place to live than it has been in the past. The most striking renovation seems to be Troy Gay's house at 2802 Hamilton Road (as you can see from the picture on the right).

We also have a new family on the Terrace; the Carters moved into the old Banks' house on the corner of 29th and 11th.



In addition, the Hunts have purchased and are renovating the house on the corner of 29th and Beacon.

We also have a major new construction planned for completion in November of this year. Gary Hall, a Waverly Terrace resident himself, will construct a six unit apartment building at 1050 Curtis Street (formally 2706 Eleventh Ave.).

Gary has carefully designed the building so that it will complement the older homes in the neighborhood (see the drawing on the following page). The building will be Colonial style with eight-inch lap siding and two dormers, characteristic of the homes in the neighborhood. Each of the six units will have a separate patio and modern kitchen, and each will meet "Good Cents" specifications. Off street parking will be provided for residents so that there will be no additional street congestion.

The two bedroom apartments will rent for \$310 and the one bedroom apartments will rent for \$285.

Gary has not yet decided upon a name for these apartments; he would like for us to do that. What do you think would be an appropriate name? Give it some thought, and call Gary or his secretary at 324-4566.

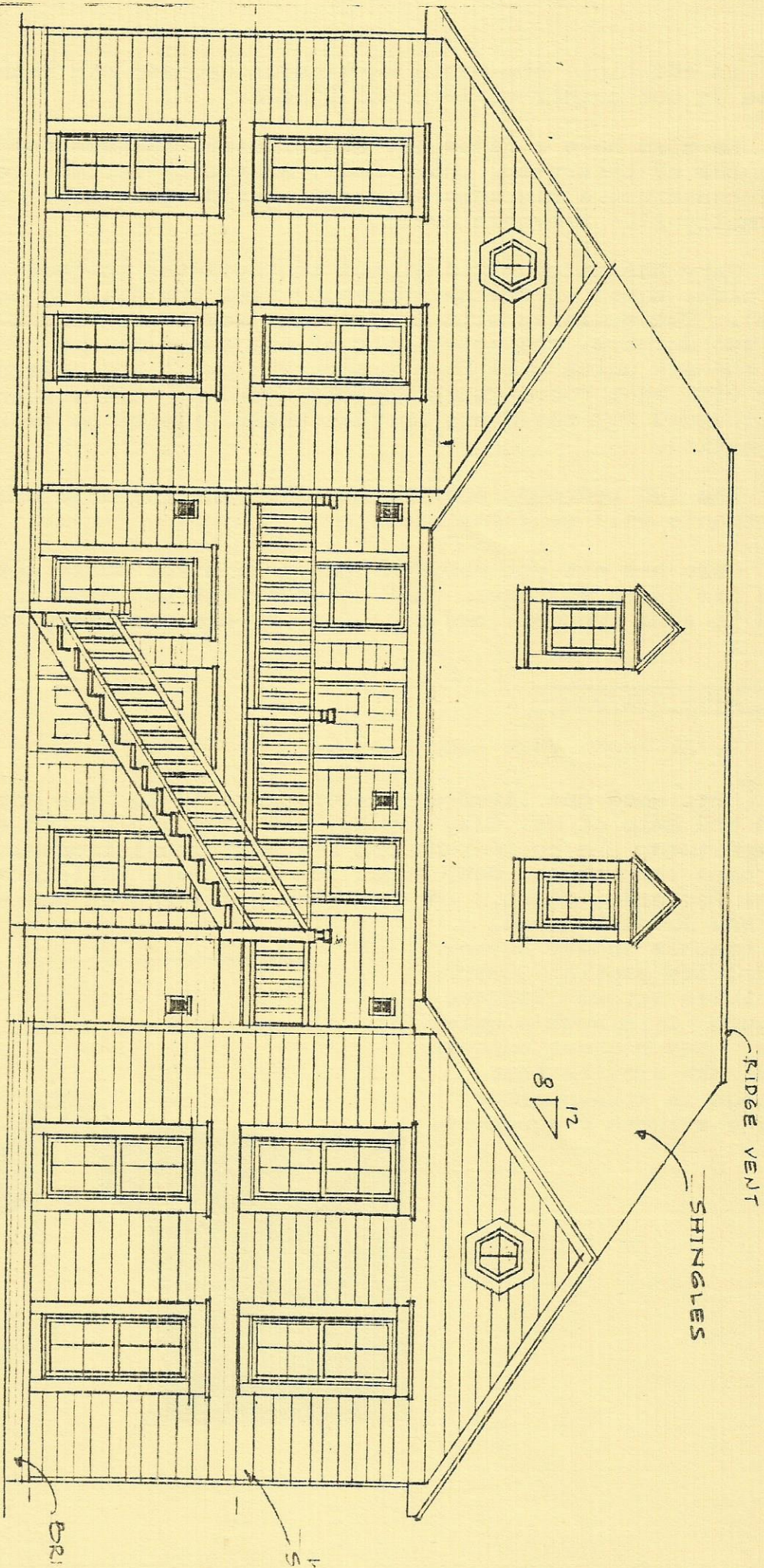
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Mrs. E. A. Wood, 2816 Beacon Ave.

Mrs. Wood has lived on Beacon since 1961. She chose this home with the help of Mr. Clay Taylor, who helped her find a house with an apartment she could rent out for additional income. Mrs. Wood has been the private duty nurse for Mrs. Mary Wallace at Pine Manor for seven years. She likes to cross stitch and embroidery, and she loves to read. She teaches Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church. She likes Waverly Terrace because it is such a quiet area. Her biggest concern about the area is that garbage is strawn about on the streets frequently.



Please Note: This is the design for Gary Hall's new apartment building being constructed in Waverly Terrace.



NORTH ELEVATION

SCALE:

1/4"=1'-0"

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Mrs. Bessie Auten, 2803 Beacon Ave.

Mrs. Auten has lived on the Terrace since about 1958, when she sold her home on 33rd St. and bought Mr. Archie Smith's home on Beacon. She is originally from Birmingham, but was raised in Columbus and attended the old Industrial High School.



Mrs. Auten retired from Columbus Productions where she was company treasurer. She worked for them for over twenty years. Now she works part time as personal secretary and book-keeper for Mrs. Rita Reese.

Mrs. Auten loves to play cards, bridge and canasta, and to dance. She belongs to a dance club and tries to attend all the big band concerts in Montgomery and Columbus.

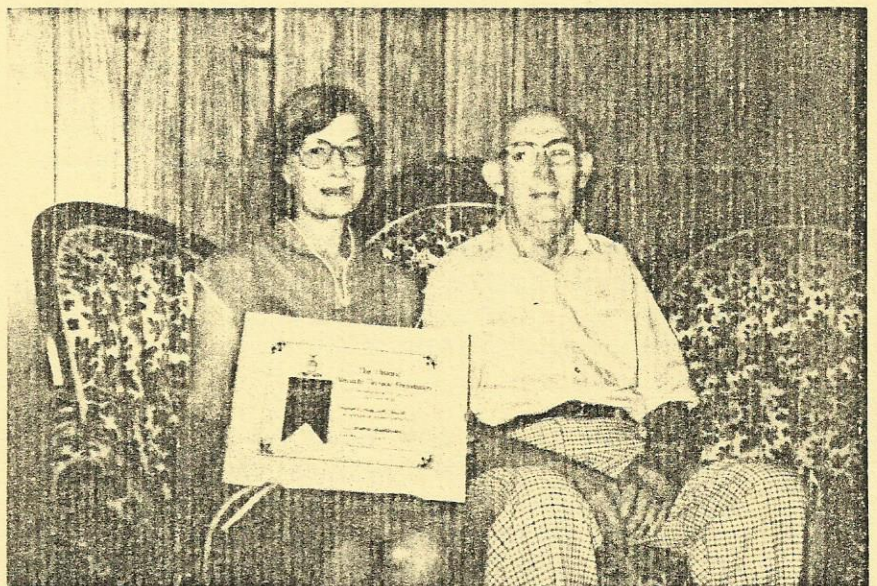
Another big part of her life is her dog, Rascal. You may see them walking every day around the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood A. Fussell, 2900 Peabody

Mr. Fussell has lived on the Terrace for twenty years; Mrs. Fussell joined him after their marriage less than two years ago.

Mr. Fussell retired from Lumus Industries after 34 years, and Mrs. Fussell has been working for A & P for 29 years.

Their hobby is working on the house and yard. They have made it one of the show places in the neighborhood and are still not through. They also like to walk; both of them walk about two miles before she goes to work each day.



Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Reid, 2822 Peabody Ave.

The Reids have lived on the Terrace for 36 years. Mrs. Reid is originally from Columbus; Mr. Reid was born in Ozark. Mrs. Reid does needlepoint and knits baby sweaters.

The Reids have completely remodded their home; every room inside is new.

Their biggest concern for the neighborhood is what will become of the old Industrial School.



NORA MAIE KERNAN

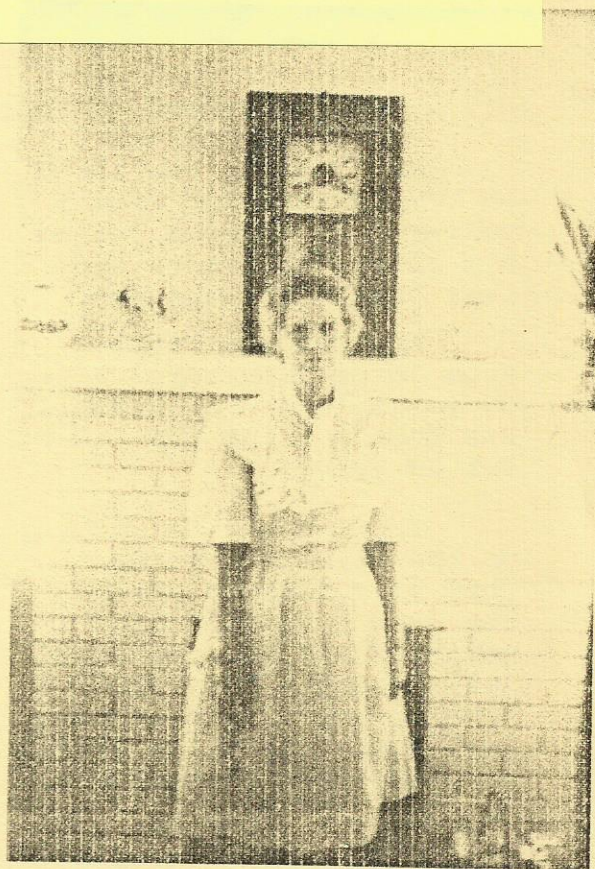
MAIE TAYLOR KERNAN
WAS HER MOTHER

Ms. Maie T. Kernan, 2911 Peabody Ave.

Ms. Kernan has liven on the Terrace since 1938. She attended Waverly Terrace School while both her brother and her sister attended Industrial High School.

Ms. Kernan is retired from an insurance agency and now likes to knit, do needle point, and sit on the screened porch and watch people passing by.

She likes the idea of having real neighbors on the Terrace that she can call on when needed. Here biggest concern, like many others, is the school. She thinks we could muster the support of those who attended the old Industrial School and buy the building.



United Congregational Christian Church

2718 BEACON AVENUE COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31904

WAVERLY TERRACE HISTORIC FOUNDATION:

DEAR FRIENDS:

TAKE THESE FEW WORDS WHICH ARE LINED WITH GOLDEN
THANKS, FOR YOUR DONATION TO OUR CHURCH, AND IF THEY SO DESIRE
CAN MAKE OUR CHURCH THEIR REGULAR MEETING PLACE, AND IF THEY DO
WE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE SOME ONE A KEY, AND WILL SHOW THEM
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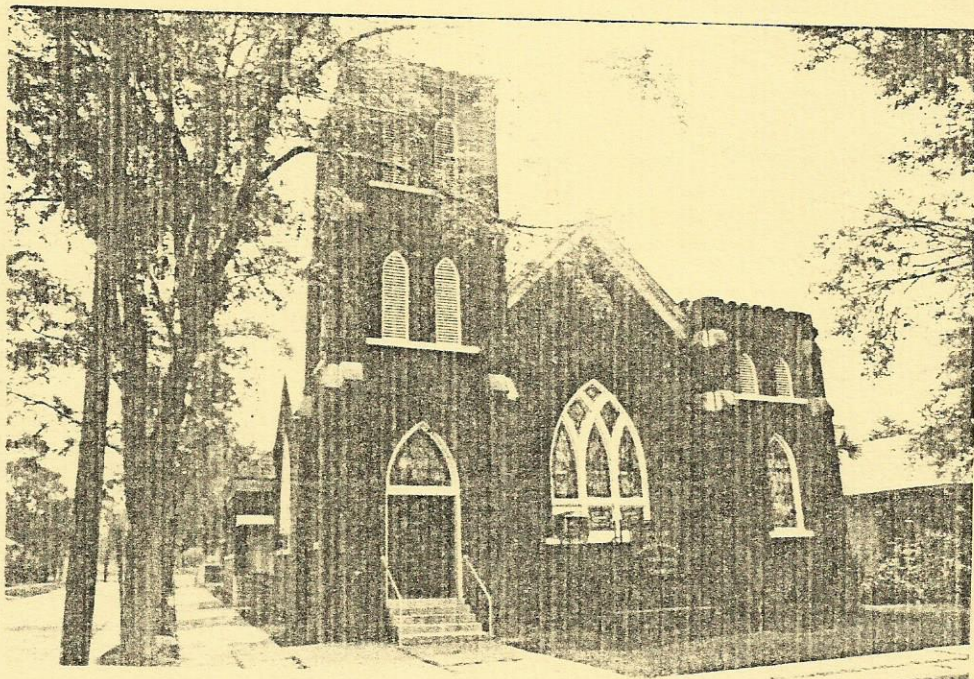
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WATERMELON CUTTING TIME

Last Saturday, August 18th, provided lots of fun for the sixty-plus adults and children who attended the old timey watermelon cutting in the front yard of the old Secondary Industrial School.

Thanks to Mr. Buck of Buck Ice and Coal Company for the ice which kept the 25 purchased watermelons cold.

---Genelle Tutherow

Editor's Note: No book review appears in this issue of On The Terrace because our reviewer was married this month. This feature will return with the next issue.

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* FUND RAISING COMMITTEE _____
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