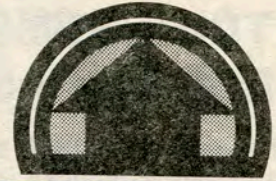


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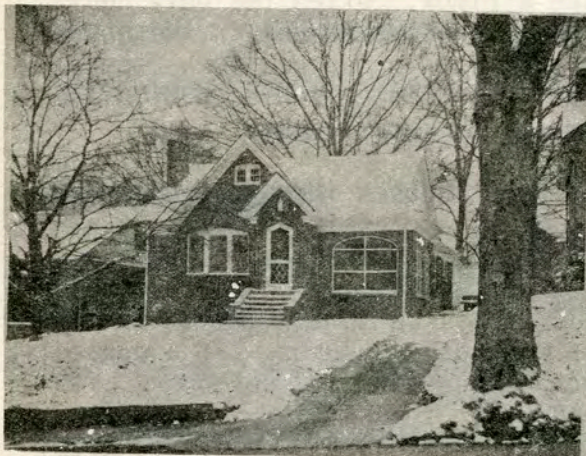
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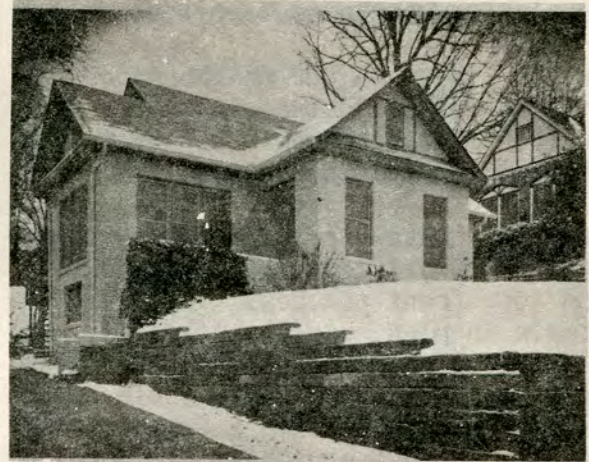
MARCH EVENT TOUR OF HOMES

Join us for the annual Virginia-Highland Bungalow Tour of Homes scheduled for the week-end of March 22 & 23. The hours of the tour are noon to 5 pm, both days.

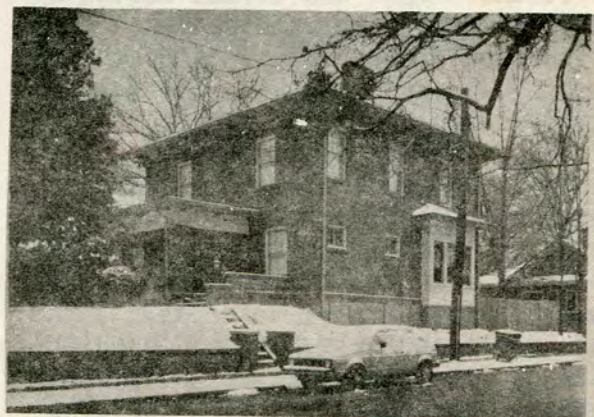


Tickets will be on sale in the back of Fire Station #19 at Highland and Los Angeles. Advanced tickets can be purchased after March 15 from area merchants who display the Tour poster. The donation for the ticket is \$3.00.

This year we are featuring 14 homes, Fire House #19, and our new park area at the intersection of Virginia and Highland Aves. Four of the homes have been reclaimed from the former I-485 right-of-way.



Saturday evening (Mar. 22) will be the time to honor the homeowners who are sharing their houses for the tour. A banquet will be held at the Atkins Park Deli, and the public is invited to purchase tickets for this event. A limited number of tickets will be on sale for \$4 at the fire house on Sat. Mar. 22.



For more information about the tour call 875-9370.

-- David Cox



ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE



TOUR HOMES: BUNGALO STYLE

The architectural styles of Virginia-Highland's houses developed in response to several influences, all of which are well represented on this year's Tour of Homes.

In the time when our neighborhood was still rural or just beginning to develop, several houses were built in the rural tradition of wood frame and clapboard. These still showed features of Queen Anne Victorian with porch post brackets, gable windows, and long front porches. They were simple in plan, usually still having a "hen-run" or long central hall from front to back. The Estes house on Kentucky was just such a farmhouse, and all these features still show if you look hard enough.

When major development began in earnest after 1920, the predominant style was the Craftsman style bungalow. This style was created by the English Arts and Crafts movement and was seen by them as the perfect morally uplifting house for every proper workingman's family. They greatly admired the simple and direct design of medieval craftsmen, and believed that brick should be brick, plaster white, wood simple and natural. The fun of frilly Queen Anne was to them irresponsible. Their designs did possess a quiet dignity and timelessness. Three excellent examples are the Tyler, Williams and Harber houses on Virginia and St. Charles Avenues.

The Craftsman style had been popularized by the mass circulation women's magazines of their day. As the 20's moved on, these began to promote the neo-classical and colonial styles which had already become popular in

commercial buildings such as our old Post Office and Brookwood Station for example. The large Corinthian columns of the Lawrence house on Ponce de Leon show this influence. Also, many bungalows began to have Italian type exterior detailing instead of medieval, even though the house plan was unchanged. But as the 20's moved along, houses became cheaper. Often a front corner room became the front porch to save expense, ceilings became lower, rooms smaller, yet enough remained so that the essential character was preserved. The Vitale/Petrey, Lash/Linn and Redmond houses on Highland Terrace, Bellview and Virginia Circle illustrate this trend. Finally, the Depression limited construction to a bare minimum. Often the only real character has been not in the house itself, but in the new work recently done. The Sibley house on Highland Terrace is such a case.

Different houses in our neighborhood may be pure classic examples of a given style. Others may show a mix of characteristics. However, there will always be some elements in common with other houses. If a house is much bigger than its neighbors, it will be in the same style. If it is identical in plan, it will use architectural elements to make it seem different. This is how individual expressions and common purpose are achieved simultaneously.

NEXT MONTH: Making changes that fit in character.

--Charles Longley

Ed. NOTE: The March meeting of the Civic Association will feature a slide show and lecture by Charles, so be sure to attend if you are enjoying his articles on Virginia-Highland architectural character.

GENERAL MEETING SNEAK PREVIEW

The March meeting of the Virginia-Highland Civic Association will be held Wednesday, March 19 at 8 pm at the Highland Branch Library.

Our program will feature a lecture and slide show by Charles Longley, our neighborhood planning committee chairman, on the architectural character of the Virginia-Highland neighborhood and a discussion of how this character can be preserved and enhanced when houses are renovated.

The program will include a sneak preview of some of the houses on this year's tour.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

-- Susan Walker, Chrm.

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 13 (Thurs.) Inman Middle School Advisory Council, 7:30 pm
- 15 (Sat.) Traffic Island Planting (call 876-8794)
- 15 (Sat.) Paper drive collection Fulton Fed. Savings lot
- 19 (Wed.) General Meeting, 8 pm
- 22 (Sat.) Tour of Homes Banquet & 23 Annual Tour of Homes.

APRIL

- 1 (Tues.) VOICE deadline

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If joining the hordes of sweaty runners has never been your style of good health and you're not going to be ready to show your out-of-shape shape in revealing spring clothes, we have an activity just for you. Georgia State University is offering hydroslimnastics (muscle toning exercises in a swimming pool) as a public service evening course this Spring.

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-- Diane Grimes

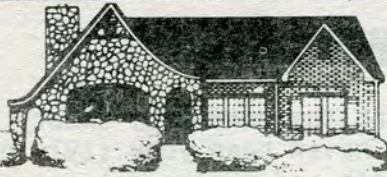
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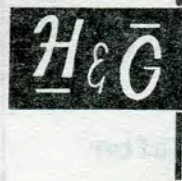
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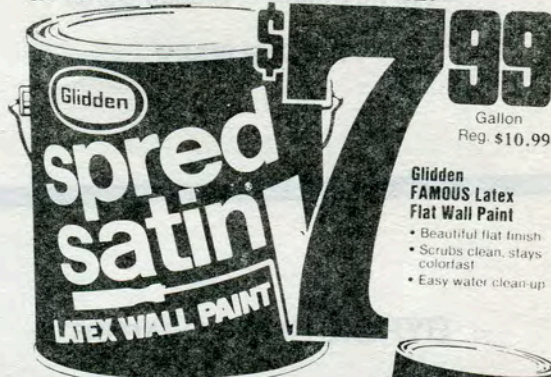
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1. Do you feel that crime is a problem in our neighborhood? yes no
2. Please number the following crimes in the order you think they should be enforced by the police in our neighborhood:
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auto theft murder rape traffic gambling
parking offenses pornography home break-ins
3. Are the following serious problems in present police services?
(answer yes or no)
never get to know officers police don't investigate fully
police patrol only main streets police never leave their cars
officers transferred too often police don't respond to calls
police don't seem to care about your problems .
4. How would you rate police protection in our community? Excellent
good fair poor .
5. Do you think city residents can help reduce crime? yes no
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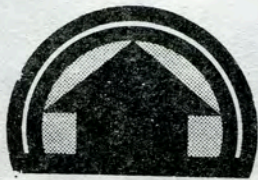
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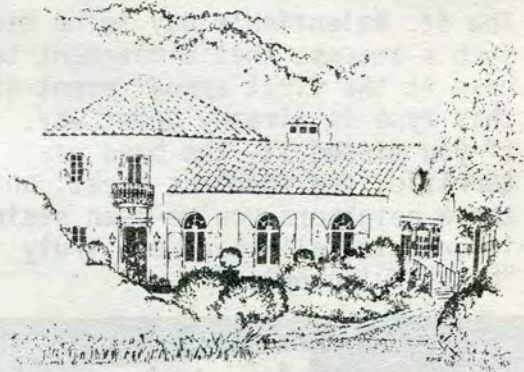
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SWINGING SUCCESS

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VERY SPECIAL NEIGHBORS: ASO

As a part of a larger article on the history of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the VOICE had originally planned a brief introduction of, what we thought were, just one or two ASO musicians living in the neighborhood. It seems that we have a colony of ASO musicians living in Virginia-Highland, and these special neighbors certainly deserve an article all their own.

Tom Witte and his family have lived on Highland Terrace for four years. The musical Wittes include son, Peter, who plays the french horn in the Inman School Band, and wife, Arlene, who teaches orchestra. Tom previously played the french horn with the San Antonio Symphony and the Sante Fe Opera Orchestra, but has been with ASO for seven years.

Two of the orchestra's principals have been co-owners of a duplex on Lanier for nearly two years. Ralph Jones, principal bass, has been with the symphony for nine seasons, and Paul Yancich, principal timpanist, has played here for five years. Jones who formerly played with the Pittsburgh Symphony and for Bavarian Radio, teaches at Lake Chautauqua in New York each summer. He "likes his job," and has enjoyed renovating his home, as most of the Virginia-Highland musicians do.

Yancich comes from a musical family including musician parents and a brother who is a timpanist in Venezuela. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, his musical family now includes new wife Meg, an amateur pianist. Yancich says he "likes being married."

Mike Moore, principal tuba for ASO, and his wife Judy, who plays clarinet part-time with the symphony, live on Rosedale Road. Mike and several of the other neighborhood musicians also teach at Georgia State University. He has been with ASO since 1968, and was the first of the ASO group to move to the neighborhood eight years ago.

Jack Bell of Chalmette Drive has been with the orchestra since 1967 and holds the position of principal percussionist. His music degrees are from Oberlin in Ohio.

Dale Schmidt, co-principal bass, has lived on St. Louis for five years and has been with ASO for ten. This Ohio native formerly played with the Army Band in Washington, D.C.

We promised you some "history" in this article, so meet Helen Brooks, who was one of the first 15 professional musicians hired by the ASO in 1946. A violinist with the orchestra for 23 years, and now retired, Helen and her husband live on North Highland. She is still teaching music in her home.

One common thread other than musical careers seems to link these musicians, and that is their enjoyment of inner city living. We can be glad they chose Virginia-Highland as a place to live, as we enjoy the music they bring us through the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and because they're all very special neighbors.

(soon in the VOICE: a brief history of the ASO)

-- Diane Grimes

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PARKS AND RECREATION

The Piedmont Park Golf Course has been closed (lack of city funding), and several groups have expressed an alternative use for the area.

The Atlanta Track Club and Atlanta Running Center would like to lease the golf course and clubhouse to develop a 5,000 meter running park to benefit the running public and to serve as a magnet to host competitive running events. Both clubs and the Civic Association would like the residents of the community to express their ideas and opinions on this proposal by calling Jerry Bright at 873-2950.

Since we're on the topic of running, Mike Hardin, 875-4268, would like any interested runners to volunteer some time and effort in developing a 5,000 meter competitive event between our close-in neighborhoods. This should interest those runners who are looking for a primer before the Peachtree Road Race in July.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the almost completed transformation of the Virginia-Highland intersection traffic island, I would encourage you to stop by. This project has been made possible by the time and financial backing of the Civic Association and the cooperation of the city. Everyone involved deserves a pat-on-the-back.

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COMMITTEE NEWS


SCHOOL BOARD AND MARTA

The Atlanta School Board is in the process of looking for bids from school bus companies with the idea of leasing a new or additional system next year so no students would have to pay to ride on MARTA. This is something the Virginia-Highland Education Committee and other neighborhoods have been pushing for, and we have sent the board a letter commending them for taking this step.

Our pressure may have had some influence, as no doubt, did the fact that MARTA's fares are expected to rise over the summer. MARTA never gave the students a fare break but the school board contributed a dime per student so that the children's fare was 15 cents. This still proved a hardship for some families and an increase would have been very difficult for the students or the school board to absorb.

The Inman Middle School students taking part in the Artists In The Schools project headed by the Theatrical Outfit performed their original play on Monday, Feb. 25. All those who participated in or viewed the performance agreed that it was a worthwhile experience for the students.

The Education Committee now plans to look into complaints about cleanliness and sanitation at some of the neighborhood schools to determine if action should be taken. The Committee is also looking for new interested members who would like to join us. It isn't necessary to have children in the school system -- only to have a concern for the

quality of education in our neighborhood. If you want to join -- or have ideas you would like the committee to look into -- please call Kathy Harber (876-2262) or Jenny Chambers (872-6531).

-- Kathy Harber

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Inman Middle School Advisory Council is made up of representatives from the schools and neighborhoods that feed into the Middle School. At the first meeting of the Council in January, plans were made to study the situation at the school. Certain immediate physical problems with the building were brought up and some have already been corrected.

A sub-group of the Council met later in January to decide on what specific committees would be formed to study the school. Those chosen are:

short term - Elton Powers, Principal
long term - Charlotte Hale
land use - Gail Novak

Jane Lipscomb is the Chairperson for the Advisory Council. If anyone is interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact Jane at 876-7208.

This Council is open to anyone who wishes to participate in the planning of the Middle School for the Intown Neighborhoods. Our next meeting will be March 13 at 7:30 pm in the School library. Please feel free to contact any of the committee chairmen with any suggestions or comments in the meantime.

-- Jennifer Chambers