

The West Ender

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

April 1993

In Just Spring . . . it behooves each of us to free our Spirits, diddle our Muses, and harmlessly fool around a little bit. So, the The West Ender proudly presents:

A POETRY CONTEST FOR GENTLE FOLK,
BE THEY DRIVERS IN DODGES OR HOGGERS ON HARLEYS!!!

We have an eccentric community,
Which sometimes gathers in unity,
Found this side of East Bend,
'Tis called the West End,
Da-da, da-da-da, da-da-da.

Yes, you too can enter into the 1993 West End Spring Limerick Contest, by submitting your own limerick (or sonnet, Horacian Ode or other strict verse form) celebrating the joys and heartbreaks of living in this neighborhood. And/or, you can celebrate Commercial Speech (a legal term of art used in First Amendment cases) by writing a particularly creative work extolling the merits of one or more of the 25 advertisers in this newsletter. Sometime late in the year, a winner or two will be selected and their masterpieces published right on these pages! These worthy bards will receive the adulation of his/her neighbors, as well as a relatively modest (well, actually, dirt-cheap) meal at one of the West End eateries, compliments of your humble chronicler, a cultural event to which all other entrants will be invited to attend, read their poetic creations, and pay for their own dinner. Mail your submissions to "A Hermit Named Dave;" 1315 Brookstown Avenue; Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

BIG CROWD PACKS JONES' HOME FOR APRIL BOARD MEETING. NO PARTICULAR REASON, 'CEPT GENERAL ENTHUSIASM ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD AFFAIRS.

Speaking of winners, we had a couple of special guests at the meeting. Connie Stafford, Executive Director of the YWCA, shared the highlights of the YW's 5-year strategic plan. She says their expanded interest in child care and child development will probably not cause visible changes to the Glade Street facility. Their growing emphasis on "rehabilitation," however, has spawned a design for a second, specially designed swimming pool; drawings show them inspanding (my term) into the existing courtyard on the Clover Street side. Stafford invited the West End Association to provide a volunteer for their committee. Board members expressed a consensus that the YWCA has been a good and trustworthy neighbor deserving of our support.

And, speaking of matters artistic, architect, civic leader, West End resident and pleasant person Rence Callahan accepted an invitation

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to dust off his 1981 design for a neighborhood street sign. A committee was formed (Sugg, Long, Vaughan, Skillen, Irvin) to see what it would cost to produce this or a similar design, and to estimate how many we can afford to buy. Callahan also made a presentation on behalf of the Community Appearance Commission, a local advisory body established in 1989, whose goal is nothing less than to help make Winston-Salem "the leading mid-sized community in the Southeast." He asked for and received a resolution (with one dissent) supporting the Commission's north-south "City Corridor" project from NCSA up to Madison Park. And he invited folks to attend an April meeting about an east-west "Downtown Corridor" plan along 4th and 5th Streets running roughly from Wachovia's West End Center to Wachovia's headquarters. (Remember ten years ago, when an arts-filled Central Business District seemed to be returning to good health and even threatened to burst at the seams and spill over into the West End?)

Missy Vaughan described some progress on the Barbara Smitherman memorial in Grace Court. The tribute is to feature a small plaque with appropriate text and a newly-planted tree.

Neighborhood Watch organizing continues to go forward, according to Wade Long and Bud Goldsmith. Expect to be personally solicited by your Block Captain soon for your active involvement.

John Bills, Social Chairman, is worried. The day he threw a small, pilot-program party (3/30), all we had was The Storm of the Century. Therefore, he approaches planning the annual July Fourth festivities with considerable trepidation.

The Board approved a resolution to purchase five (5) 36-shot rolls of film for a local photographer who has offered to take pictures for our archives.

Finally, board members shared their sense of loss of two people who have contributed enormously to the health of our neighborhood -- Chris Yarborough and W.A. Armfield. The West End Garden Club has already responded to their passing, and your board pledged to develop memorials during the months ahead. Your editor did not know Mr. Armfield personally. But for more than fourteen years my family and I have been fortunate to live next door to the consummate craftswoman, Chris Yarborough. Chris was a sunny, subtle, powerful person who made us feel at home in this community. Happily, both her art and her personal warmth live on.

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