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September, 1983

**Parking Committee Report**

**Resident Permit Spaces Being Increased**

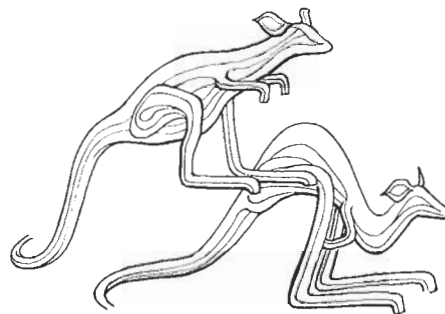
The SHCA Parking Committee is pleased to report we have made progress in a number of areas that will be of great interest to you. Much of the activity now taking place is with the Parking Authority, which during mid-July, took over responsibility for all off-street parking from various city agencies. It is now the responsibility of the Authority to enforce all meter parking, permitted street parking and resident permit parking throughout the city. In order to accomplish this task, the Authority has hired additional executive staff to both oversee and analyze the parking requirements of all neighborhoods of the city, both on-street and off-street, and has taken over the responsibility for the parking enforcement officers and has added to the enforcement staff. In addition, they have been given the added weapon of the "boot" which will be used for scofflaw offenders. They are also developing their own fleet of tow trucks for enforcement, leaving the police department tow trucks with the primary responsibility of moving cars that are obstructing traffic or otherwise endangering life or property.

The SHCA Parking Committee has been meeting continuously during the summer with members of the Parking Authority and is participating in various committees which the Authority has set up, including the citywide Parking Policy Committee. We have been discussing various issues including the long awaited meaningful implementation of resident permit parking in our community and the Parking Authority's interest in adding parking meters to various blocks within our community. A not insignificant issue revolves around the hours of enforcement for the new parking regulations.

The most important development for our neighborhood is the implementation of *Resident Permit Parking*. Resident permit parking streets have been agreed upon with the Parking Authority, and we are promised that implementation of the zones will begin during September. This will entail changing the regulations on many streets that now permit unlimited parking to "Two Hour Limits," with special exceptions for residents who have purchased

permits to park in the Society Hill Resident Permit Parking District 5. The implementation of resident permit parking was begun over a year ago, but only a small number of the originally proposed streets have been posted. The upcoming implementation should increase the inventory of permit parking spaces by well in excess of 500%. This will not guarantee residents a space rather it will create a system whereby residents are given first priority to long-term parking on streets within our community in residential areas. In order to obtain this preference, however, you must obtain a permit parking sticker. The stickers can be obtained from the Department of Licenses & Inspections in the Municipal Services Building, basement level, or by attending our next general membership meeting, where we have arranged to have members of the Parking Authority Staff available both to explain the implementation procedures, rules and regulations related to the program as well as issue stickers. Stickers will be available for \$15. if you are a first-time purchaser, renewals will be available for \$10. and the future renewals can be handled by mail.

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**Neighbors Protest McDoogal's Expansion**

On December of 1982, after almost a decade in search of a tenant, the historic Ross House and several adjacent New Market properties at the corner of Second and Pine opened for business as H.T. McDoogal's.

The operation represented a toe-wetting by Camden-headquartered Campbell Soup Company into upscale fast food, drinks, and entertainment. The prototype facility was advance-billed as a restaurant but turned out to be a restaurant with discotheque, the first to open in Society Hill.

The developers completed initial negotiations with the neighbors of the project in 1978. They had proposed not only restoring the facade of the decrepit Ross House, but tacking on modern additions. The neighbors who lived in the 100 and 200 blocks of Pine Street announced that they would not oppose the addition if the tenant did not try to use Pine Street for commercial purposes, guaranteed that there would be no noise pollution from the operation and that no outside bar would be constructed. The developers agreed and signed a covenant guaranteeing these and other neighborhood safeguards.

After the restaurant-discotheque opened, the McDoogal's people addressed themselves to attempting to correct a number of complaints from the neighbors. They installed additional soundproofing, and eventually eliminated the wheeling of garbage up and down Pine Street at 3 a.m.

The neighbors weren't saying "Mmmm,mmmm,good," but they weren't dissatisfied with the arrangement. That is, until this April when McDoogal's began tearing out a planted section behind the disco and replacing it with a bar area. Upon protesting to McDoogal's, the

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st at 8:15 p.m., Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard. Representatives of the Philadelphia Parking Authority will be present to sell parking permits and

explain new parking regulations in Society Hill. (See further details in Parking Report.) Prior to the meeting (at 7 p.m.) there will be a get acquainted function and briefing for new block captains.

# Washington Sq. Park May Become Part Of INHP

On April 27, 1983 Congressman Foglietta introduced the following Bill into the House of Representatives:

98th CONGRESS 1st Session

## H.R. 2768

### A BILL

To provide for the inclusion of the Washington Square area within Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of*  
2 *Representatives of the United States of America in Congress*  
3 *assembled,*  
4 That the Act of June 28, 1948 (62 Stat. 1061; 16  
5 U.S.C.  
6 407m et seq.), is amended by adding the  
7 following new section at the end thereof:  
8 "SEC. 8. (a) The area known as 'Washington  
9 Square'  
10 (bounded generally by Walnut Street on the  
11 northside, Sixth  
12 Street on the eastside, and the intersecting  
13 streets named

14 part of the Washington Square area without  
15 prior approval in writing by the city of Philadelphia;  
16 "(4) the Secretary will operate and maintain  
17 the  
18 Washington Square area (including all monu-  
19 ments and  
20 exhibits in the area) and make all repairs  
21 thereto, in-  
22 cluding repairs necessary by reason of ordi-  
23 nary wear  
24 and tear; and undertake such work and  
25 restoration or

26 ations or repairs to any part of the grounds or  
27 monuments,  
28 memorials, or exhibits within the Washington  
29 Square area  
30 may be undertaken by the Secretary of the  
31 Interior until the  
32 plans for such work have been mutually agreed  
33 to by the city  
34 of Philadelphia (acting through its designated  
35 agency, the  
36 Fairmount Park Commission).

1 'Washington Square' on the westside and south-  
2 side) is  
3 hereby included within the Independence  
4 National Historical  
5 Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
6 "(b) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized  
7 to enter  
8 into a cooperative agreement with the city of  
9 Philadelphia  
10 (acting through its designated agency, the  
11 Fairmount Park  
12 Commission) under which—  
13 "(1) the Secretary may occupy the Wash-  
14 ington  
15 Square area included in the park under  
16 subsection (a)  
17 for the purpose of preserving, exhibiting, and  
18 interpreting  
19 the Square's historical significance to the  
20 American  
21 people;  
22 "(2) the Secretary shall have responsibility  
23 for the  
24 care and maintenance of such area including  
25 any me-  
26 morial, monument, or display placed in such  
27 area for  
28 historical or educational purposes;  
29 "(3) the Secretary shall be prohibited from  
30 sublet-  
31 ting or assigning to another person or organi-  
32 zation any

33 major alteration as may be agreed to with the  
34 city of  
35 Philadelphia;  
36 "(5) the Secretary will apply such reasonable  
37 rules and regulations as are necessary to  
38 perform his  
39 functions properly, and will exercise reason-  
40 able care to  
41 prevent damage to, or the destruction of, any  
42 part of  
43 the grounds or the memorials, monuments,  
44 and exhibits  
45 located in the Washington Square area, and  
46 provide  
47 public access to the grounds and monuments,  
48 memori-  
49 als, and exhibits at all reasonable times; and  
50 "(6) neither party to such cooperative  
51 agreement  
52 will erect or place, or permit the erection or  
53 emplace-  
54 ment of any monument, marker, tablet, or  
55 other memo-  
56 rial upon the grounds without the written  
57 consent of  
58 the other party.  
59 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
60 ownership  
61 of the Washington Square area shall be retained  
62 by the city  
63 of Philadelphia. No work of restoration or any  
64 major alter-

65 "(c) Effective October 1, 1983, there is auth-  
66 orized to be  
67 appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior not  
68 more than  
69 \$1,000,000 to be used for brickwork and paving in  
70 the  
71 Washington Square area, and such additional  
72 sums as may be  
73 necessary to operate and maintain the Washing-  
74 ington Square  
75 area.  
76 "(d) The Secretary shall appoint a three  
77 member com-  
78 mission to recommend to the Congress an  
79 appropriate monu-  
80 ment or memorial to honor the unknown dead of  
81 the Ameri-  
82 can Revolution. Membership on such commis-  
83 sion shall con-  
84 sist of (1) a representative of the National Park  
85 Service, (2) a  
86 representative of the city of Philadelphia, and (3)  
87 a repre-  
88 sentative of the public, agreed to by the city of  
89 Philadelphia.  
90 Members shall serve on the Commission without  
91 compensa-  
92 tion. Among the memorials to be considered by  
93 the Commis-  
94 sion should be an Honor Guard of the Armed  
95 Services of the  
96 United States. The National Park Service is  
97 authorized to  
98 provide reasonable and necessary secretarial  
99 and clerical sup-  
100 port for the Commission."

On July 23, 1983, SHCA President Steve Miller and representatives of the business and cultural community interested in Washington Square Park, testified in support of H.R. 2768 at a hearing held at the Second National Bank. The legislative process is continuing with H.R. 2768 still being considered by the subcommittee. Then it must move through the full Interior Committee and be passed by the full House. Congressman Foglietta's office says that it would be helpful if the Bill would be introduced in the Senate and suggested that those interested in seeing the Bill come to pass, CONTACT THEIR SENATORS.

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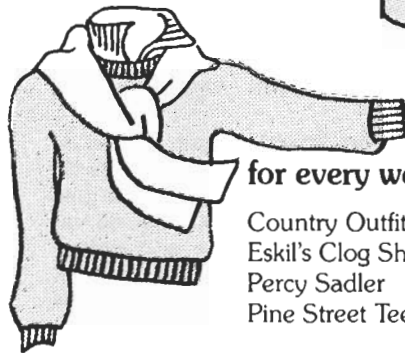
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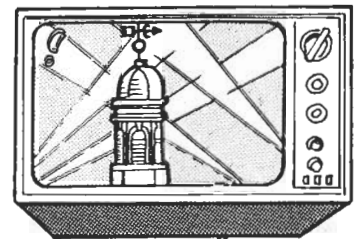
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## **President:**

Stephen W. Miller is a partner in the law firm of Clark, Ladner, Fortenbaugh & Young. He is serving his second year as president of SHCA; in 1981-82 he was quadrant director for the NE. He was the president of the Society Hill Towers Owners' Association from April 1980 to April 1982.

## **Vice-President:**

Ronald B. Abrams is a lawyer specializing in litigation. He has served on the past two SHCA Boards as Corresponding Secretary and SW quadrant representative. He has been active in Townwatch since its inception. Ron and his wife, Eva, a psychologist, and their two daughters have resided in Society Hill for six years.

## **Treasurer:**

Rosalie Thompson resides at 210 Locust Street. She is a corporate planner for Blue Cross of Greater Philadelphia, and holds a MBA degree in Organizational Management from Temple. In 1982-83 Rosalie served as NE quadrant leader.

## **Recording Secretary:**

Karen Kress Weisbord is an attorney and partner in the firm of Weisbord & Weisbord with her husband, Richard. Karen has worked as in-house counsel for a major corporation and has held positions on the legal staff of local and federal government courts and departments. She is beginning her second year as SHCA's recording secretary.

## **Corresponding Secretary:**

Donna Willmann lives at 335 S. 2nd Street with her two children and husband, Michael. She chaired the SHCA New Neighbors Fair Committee in 1981-82, and has been active in the Parents' Association of St. Peter's School and Old Pine Community Center. She is marketing manager of VU/TEXT, an information system affiliated with the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News.

## **QUADRANT DIRECTORS:**

### *Northwest:*

Karen Edelstein is a fourteen-year resident of Society Hill, headed SHCA's New Market Committee and organized the effort to redirect I-95 traffic off Pine Street. She served as vice-president of the St. Peter's School Parents' Association. Karen is committed to the concept of Society Hill as a residential neighborhood and is willing to work toward preserving and enhancing our quality of life.

Beth Siniawsky has been a neighborhood resident for 13 years. She is a Special Assistant in the City Representative's office, a former board member of Society Hill Town Watch, serves on the Philadanco Advisory Committee and with the Concerto Soloist Gala Committee. This is her second term as quadrant director.

Diane Shecter works and lives at 226 S. 4th Street. She is a psychotherapist in private practice; her husband Howard is a lawyer. Diane served as a SHCA director during 1982-83.

### *Northeast:*

David James Root is manager of a computer software development group (SEED Software) and lives at 234 Philip Place with his wife and two sons. He has been a Society Hill resident for six years and a member of the Executive Council for the Washington Square Townhouse Association.

Constantine Stephano has resided at 233 S. 3rd Street since 1970. He holds an MBA from Wharton, is married and has one son. He has previously served on SHCA's Zoning Committee and sees a critical need to reactivate volunteerism within the membership in areas vital to the organization's service to the community.

Rebecca Stoloff has been a Center City resident for 20 years; has lived in Society Hill for the past ten, presently at 234 Spruce Street. She is employed as Director, Administration for Taylor Lock Company (Philadelphia hardware manu-

facturer). In addition to serving on the 1982-83 SHCA Board, she has served on the Brandies University Philadelphia Alumni Board and its admissions council.

### *Southwest*

Robert Breading is a partner in the firm of H2L2 Architects/Planners. He has been a resident of Society Hill since 1962, a homeowner at 714 Pine Street. In the late 70's Bob served three terms as a director from the southwest quadrant.

Elizabeth H. Ostrander lives at 408 S. 6th Street. She is a free-lance grants consultant. She is a member of the Old Pine Presbyterian Church, Treasurer of the Philadelphia Committee for the Homeless; on the Board of the Phila. Center for Older People; the Hall-Mercer MH/MR Community Mental Health Center; and the Delaware Valley Wheelchair Athletics Assn. She is also Chairman of Saturday for Seniors and a member of the Tolchester Sailing Association. She has lived in Society Hill for 12 years and served on the SHCA Board from 1979-82.

Arthur K. Smith practices family medicine from his home at 535 Pine Street. He is a graduate of Jefferson Medical college and on the staff of Pennsylvania Hospital. An area resident for the past eight years, Arthur is serving his third term on the SHCA Board and he was coordinator for Society Hill's 4th annual spring clean-up.

### *Southeast*

Joy C. Lindy is director of public relations at Dayton, Kahn, Heppe, Hancock & Co. She has lived at 124 Delancey Street since 1975. She claims "enlightened self interest" for the degree of her involvement in Society Hill, and wishes more residents would get involved.

Rodney E. Montgomery lives at 4 Blackwell Place. He is Resident Manager of IBM Corporation, 1500 Market Street. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a graduate of Creighton University and Wharton Graduate School. He is married to Helen Montgomery and has three children.

F. Bartlett Moore was raised in the midwest, is now rooted in Philadelphia where as General Manager of the historic Bellevue-Stratford Hotel he has committed his time to the promotion of tourism, the construction of a new convention center, and to a cleaner, more beautiful city.

## **Annual Membership Drive Underway**

SHCA has begun its annual membership drive through a mailing to existing and previous members. It is important that our members respond to this initial solicitation to minimize the cost of a follow-up mailing. If you have misplaced your renewal form, simply send it in the form in this issue of *The Resident Newsletter*.

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The functions of block captains are varied. They will serve as a communications link between neighbors and the Board of Directors of the SHCA. The objective is to keep Society Hill an attractive, enjoyable, and charming place to live. The captain would serve as the eyes and ears of the neighbors, conveying their issues and concerns to the Civic Association. There are issues which affect the entire community and many others, such as zoning, when only immediate neighbors have a strong interest. Captains would also be instrumental in disseminating information to residents.

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## LETTERS . . .

Dear Editor:

The Welcomat tells us that City Council has dumped the responsibility for maintenance of back streets like Stammers, and, I suppose clean-up of the horse manure. A year ago or so, they set it up so that street vendors and other outdoor food service can proliferate. I don't know why, but the walking eaters seem to feel they can drop their litter anywhere or, if conscience-stricken, they leave it on a doorstep or tuck it into our plantings. Do we need to put up with illegal parking, the carriage traffic that not only fouls our neighborhood but contributes to the horrendous traffic problems on holidays, and the entertainers and ice cream (check the greasy sidewalks) that make it difficult to come home, or worse, impedes access by emergency vehicles to places like Stammers Street? I could go on and extrapolate the implications of the longer term effects on Society Hill.

We residents of Blackwell Court are realistic about the need for healthy commercial development in the area but, being at the interface we are generally the first to recognize the deteriorating conditions that impact on the quality of the ambiance of our Society Hill residential area.

In cooperation with the SHCA, we are exploring what can be done to nip unfavorable developments in the bud. We have opened constructive discussions with the new management at NewMarket, with the police, and with appropriate civil authorities.

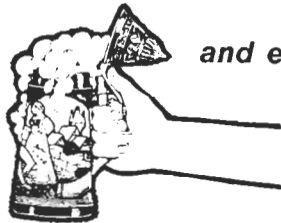
One of the great assets of Society Hill is the non-apathetic, activist population. If there is a hole in the armor, it's the lack of awareness of developing problems by the population until it's too late or the selection and implementation of solutions that do not take into account the impact on the area as a whole. The SHCA does a remarkable job, but it can be "remarkabler" if we let them hear from us. Monty Montgomery (SE quadrant representative) has been appointed SHCA coordinator for acting on commercial activities encroaching on our residential ambiance.

H.R. Moody

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## DEMOLITION OF McCREA HOUSES IS DELAYED



The 1974 James McCrea houses at 108-110 Sansom Street were given a 6-month demolition delay by vote of the Philadelphia Historical Commission on August 4. During this reprieve period, it is hoped that all interested parties will be able to agree on a solution to the unfortunate circumstances involving the buildings.

Built by a family which achieved some prominence in the city's history, the twin dwellings survive in remarkably complete condition, both inside and out. Their most unique architectural features are the adjacent twin Georgian doorways. These and many other original details, along with the structures as a whole, are restorable. The houses would be excellent candidates for Philadelphia's new "Restore" program, in which building contractors are instructed in historic rehabilitation techniques. The spacious layouts of the structures would permit a variety of re-uses, both residential and commercial, and Federal tax incentives would make their restoration exceptionally worthwhile. The McCrea houses are strategically located, and are an irreplaceable architectural asset to their surroundings.

Old Original Bookbinder's restaurant, which owns the buildings, claims it needs the 6 or so self-park spaces which would be freed by demolition to make up for the ones it is losing across Walnut Street as a result of hotel development. The Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development thus removed the demolition restriction from its installment sale agreement with Bookbinder's. In so doing, it took action

contrary to the aims of the Historical Commission and the City Planning Commission's development of the Old City District, and set what may be a dangerous precedent for the future of restoration in this city.

John Taxin, the restaurant's proprietor, has offered to donate the houses to the city for transfer to another site. This solution would save him the cost of demolition and eliminate the last obstruction on his already vast parking lot. The expense to the city, however, might well be prohibitive, and there is some question whether a move is structurally feasible. The impact of any sort of removal upon that block of Sansom Street (now a landscaped walkway) would be to turn the south side of it into a wasteland.

How can one resolve this predicament? A cleared rectangular lot is not absolutely necessary for future development. It is certainly possible, from an engineering standpoint, to build around the McCrea houses. Indeed, their presence might be considered a design asset to a creative architectural plan. Bookbinder's considerable parking problems might be solved by substituting a suitable empty lot, or by leasing or guaranteeing space to them in the huge parking garage at 2nd and Sansom. Changing to two-way traffic on Walnut Street in front of the restaurant would improve access to available parking. Then, it is hoped, the McCrea houses could be offered for sale at a sensible price, to be lovingly restored as these 18th century treasures deserve.

## Parking

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This meeting will be held on September 21, 1983 at Old Pine Community Center, 4th & Lombard. You will receive a list of the rules of eligibility for resident permits soon.

It should be noted that some of the areas now unsigned will be changed from "Unlimited Parking," which permits both residents and transients to park, to "Two-Hour Limits with Resident Permit Parking."

The SHCA Parking Committee is working with business interests in the community in an effort to meet their requirements regarding on-street parking and attempt to satisfy the interests of both residents and businesses.

On other developments the Parking Committee has been working with the city regarding alternate parking options to residents in areas where construction has taken place and has approved a change in direction of the 100 block of Walnut Street from its present "One Way" flow to "Two Way" flow. We are monitoring the city's proposals for new developments which would affect traffic and parking in our community, we are following the city's proposals for parking between Penn's Landing and Delaware Avenue and are making every effort to eliminate or reduce traffic passing through our community which is not destination oriented, i.e., I-95 traffic, which is making continued increasing use of Pine and Spruce Streets.

Any individuals who are interested in participating in the activities of the Parking Committee should contact Tony Schneider, 561-4730.

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Society Hill Town Watch invites all neighbors to an evening of education and awards on September 26th at the Pavilion at NewMarket. The program starts at 8 p.m. and includes speakers from the criminal justice department, crime prevention education, presentation of awards to participants and introduction of new officers. There will be wine and cheese and an opportunity to meet and share with your neighbors.

SHTW, at its August Board meeting, voted unanimously to honor one of its own for his outstanding volunteer service and commitment to the community.

From the steps of his house on Pine Street, Mr. Ralph Lemmer, since the inception of Town Watch, has been an inspiration to his neighbors, friends and passersby to the value of patrolling the streets as Town Watch volunteers.

SHTW salutes this untiring volunteer and his supportive wife, Faith. He will be presented with SHTW Distinguished Service Award on SHTW's Awards Night on September 26, 1983.

## Redevelopment, Zoning Update

240 South 3rd Street (the old American Legion Clubhouse)—A proposal to make the building a six apartment complex was turned down by the Zoning Board in May. A new proposal reducing the number of apartments to four is scheduled to be heard on October 12th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Annex. A petition is being circulated in the immediate neighborhood.

Commodore Barry (736-738 Pine Street)—The Sage Group, which had won the approval of RDA, the City Planning Commission and City Council for their plans to develop the Commodore Barry into nine apartments, has withdrawn and lost the deposit on the buildings. They have once again been put out for bids.

Society Hill Sheraton—The UDAG (Urban Development Action Grant) of \$5 million has been awarded to Rouse-Sheraton for the long awaited hotel at Dock, Walnut and Front Streets. Building is not expected to begin until after the first of next year.

Penn's Landing—The residential development proposed by the Reliance Insurance Group and its architects, Kohn, Pedersen, Fox, was to have undergone significant changes before being presented at a meeting of the selection committee on August 30th. Plans will be presented to Society Hill and Queen Village residents before a decision is made.

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## The Library on Washington Square

The Athenaeum was founded in 1814 by members of The American Philosophical Society. Named for the classical Greek goddess of wisdom, the purpose of the new society was to collect materials "connected with the history and antiquities of America, and the useful arts, and generally to disseminate useful knowledge." As its collections expanded and other learned societies were founded to assume parts of this omnibus burden, The Athenaeum refined its objectives. The modern Athenaeum maintains "a reference library for members and the public, a depository of rare books and periodicals of interest to scholars," and joins actively in a wide range of historical and educational activities.

Dominating the News Room is the fourteen foot tall clock acquired by The Athenaeum for \$23 in 1859. Originally in the banking room of the Philadelphia Bank at Fourth and Chestnut Streets, this clock strikes loudly once each hour. When Mayor and Mrs. Dilworth built their new house next door to The Athenaeum in the late 1950's, they didn't realize how loudly this clock struck. After spending a sleepless first night in their new home, the Dilworths asked if The Athenaeum's clock could be silenced. In a spirit of good neighborliness, the striker was disconnected until the Dilworth house was no longer a private residence. Once again it breaks the silence and startles readers as it has for over a century.

In addition to its research library specializing in nineteenth-century social and cultural history that is open freely to any serious investigator, the society operates a circulating library of current literature for members, and it sponsors a regular program of lectures, chamber music concerts, and exhibitions. It publishes several books on aspects of Victorian culture each year.

The Athenaeum is housed in a National Historic Landmark building, designed for it by John Notman in 1845. Called "the handsomest edifice in the city" when it opened, the building was the first major structure in America in the Italianate Revival style that swept the country in the mid-nineteenth century. During 1975 The Athenaeum was painstakingly restored to recapture its restrained Victorian grandeur: marbled columns soar to lofty ceilings, gas light fixtures cast a soft glow over richly grained woodwork, antique furniture, fine paintings, and polished brass. For all its historic character, the building contains fireproof underground vaults that provide the most modern facilities for the protection of an extensive collection of rare books, architectural drawings, and manuscripts brought together over the past 169 years.

To research scholars the architectural collections of The Athenaeum are the most important part of its holdings. These

consist of over 20,000 drawings, 10,000 historic photographs, and 1,000,000 manuscript items relating to American architecture to 1930. A brief narrative cannot begin to summarize the depth or breadth of these collections. The holdings begin, appropriately, with Robert Mills' elevation of the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) executed in 1812, through Thomas Ustick Walter's original drawings for the dome and wings of the United States Capitol, to Ritter and Shay's Market Street National Bank building of 1929.

Another area of interest to scholars is the excellent and diverse collection on Victorian interior design: trade catalogues, manuscript accounts, domestic manuals, periodicals, and pattern books—covering drapery patterns, paint colors, lighting fixtures, furniture design and arrangement, as well as such prosaic subjects as kitchens, heating apparatus, and bathrooms.

Since its founding during the Napoleonic Wars, The Athenaeum has acquired Franco-American materials, particularly accounts of French travelers in America and publications of the Philadelphia emigre community. The foundations for retrospective collecting in this area were laid when The Athenaeum acquired a large bequest of books from founder Samuel Breck (1771-1862). It also collects books and periodicals on Napoleonic France and takes a particular interest in the Bonaparte Family in America. The decorative arts collection contains several notable examples from Joseph Bonaparte's home at "Point Breeze" near Bordentown, NJ. There is also an interesting collection relating to the Marquis de Lafayette who was the first honorary member of The Athenaeum.

There are three types of Athenaeum membership; details of each are available upon request by calling 925-2688. Since 1816, voting members of the corporation have been called "Stockholders," a term continued from the nineteenth century when The Athenaeum was a proprietary library operated exclusively for the members' enjoyment.

The oldest form of membership, dating from 1814, is the subscribership. Subscribers normally live within walking distance of the library, and pay an annual fee of \$60. for use of the modern circulating library which acquires the best of current fiction, biography, history, and works on travel, architecture, and fine arts.

Associates are the friends of the library, a category of membership designed for those persons wherever they may live who desire to support the research programs, exhibitions, and publications of the institution. The Athenaeum is open for research and touring Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on bank holidays.

Roger W. Moss



## **COMMITTEE FOR HOMELESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The Philadelphia Committee for the Homeless, a non-profit agency founded in 1982, draws upon religious and community resources to help meet the needs of Philadelphia's homeless—people living on the streets of the City.

PCH channels donations of food and clothing to the homeless, and can provide qualified speakers on homelessness in Philadelphia to all types of groups and organizations.

Last November, PCH began its Mobile Outreach Project which sends trained volunteers out on the streets of Center City. Over one hundred and fifty people have been trained to take soup and sandwiches to people living on the streets, to collect data, and to try to bring the homeless to available shelter.

At present, volunteers are going out from Mother Bethel AME Church, at Sixth and Lombard Streets, three evenings a week. PCH plans to expand to five evenings weekly by the end of October and to seven evenings by January. More volunteers are needed to meet those goals. If you can give one or two nights a month to help make sandwiches and/or to work directly with the homeless, call Jane Malone, Director, Philadelphia Committee for the Homeless at WA 5-0199.

## **McDoogal's**

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neighbors were told that drinks would be served in the area and there would be bar stools and a bar to rest drinks. But since these drinks were to be mixed *inside*, the operators did not consider they were violating the covenant. McDoogal's then posted a notice announcing that they were appealing to the Liquor Control Board for an extension of their liquor license to the open area behind the restaurant.

The neighbors hired an attorney, Richard Bazelon, to represent them in opposition to the liquor extension before the LCB. A hearing was held before an examiner on July 29th. Councilman Jim Tayoun made an impressive plea on behalf of the neighbors. Also introduced was a resolution from the Board of the Society Hill Civic Association opposing the extension of the license.

One of the neighbors pointed out that NewMarket has used the device of extending liquor licenses to replace unprofitable or marginal retail operations with bar-restaurants almost from its inception. The Society Hill Tavern, for example, was given an extension to add a bar next door which displaced a paint and antiques store. And Lautrec was given a license for Borgia, displacing a gourmet supply shop. Churchill's, within NewMarket, was replaced with Lily's which also displaced

about six retail operations including a kite store, a toy store, a photo shop and an electronic games shop. The McDoogal's operation replaces only open space, but by increasing the liquor service area, neighbors pointed out, it adds further to the number of revelers who are inundating the area and disturbing the peace and moral fiber of the neighborhood.

A continuance of the LCB hearing is scheduled for September 9th. If you wish to attend or testify at the session, contact Richard Bazelon at 875-7126 or Elliot Fields at 922-2207.

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## **OLD PINE FUND RAISER**

Old Pine Presbyterian Church will hold a fund raiser on Saturday, October 8, at the Old Pine Community Center, 4th and Lombard Streets. Bob Cressy, director of The Food Hall at Strawbridge and Clothier is chairing the committee preparing a gala gourmet feast. All proceeds will be added to the building fund at the church.

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**Laurel**—to Etta Sheppard of 309 S. American Street for taking care of the flowers at Dock and Spruce Streets. (Because of the kindness of Penns Landing folks, she does not have too far to walk for water.)

**Dart**—to the person who pulled up some of Etta's flowers.

**Laurel**—to NewMarket for their "Summer in the City" promotion; and to NewMarket for FINALLY installing more lighting in the parking garage on Front Street.

**Dart**—to the City for not repairing the street light at Super Fresh at Fifth and Cypress Streets.

**Laurel**—to City's Streets Department for resurfacing portions of Spruce, Pine and Third Streets.

**Dart**—to the cad who allows his large dog to use Sixth Street as a latrine.

**Laurel**—to a lovely blond teenager who, upon noticing strange activity at a neighbor's property, acted promptly, and saved some of the personal belongings from being stolen.

**Dart**—to the City for not replacing the traffic lights at Second and Pine and Second and Lombard Streets. Re-installation would alleviate some of the congestion.

**Laurel**—from the garbage pickers and the rats to those residents who put their improperly bagged garbage out well in advance of the scheduled pickup. OBSERVE THE RULE: Trash should not be put out any earlier than 7 p.m. on the day *before* the scheduled pickup.

**Laurel**—to Ellen Miller for her heroic efforts to SAVE the McCrea houses.

**Laurel**—to all those neighbors who have volunteered to improve our neighborhood by acting as Block Captains.

**Laurel**—Cobblestones 11, for getting rid of the bilious green of the *Dubliner*, and for getting rid of the two illegal signs between the entrance and curb on S. Fifth Street.

**Dart**—to NewMarket for sneaking those ugly monstrous signs back.



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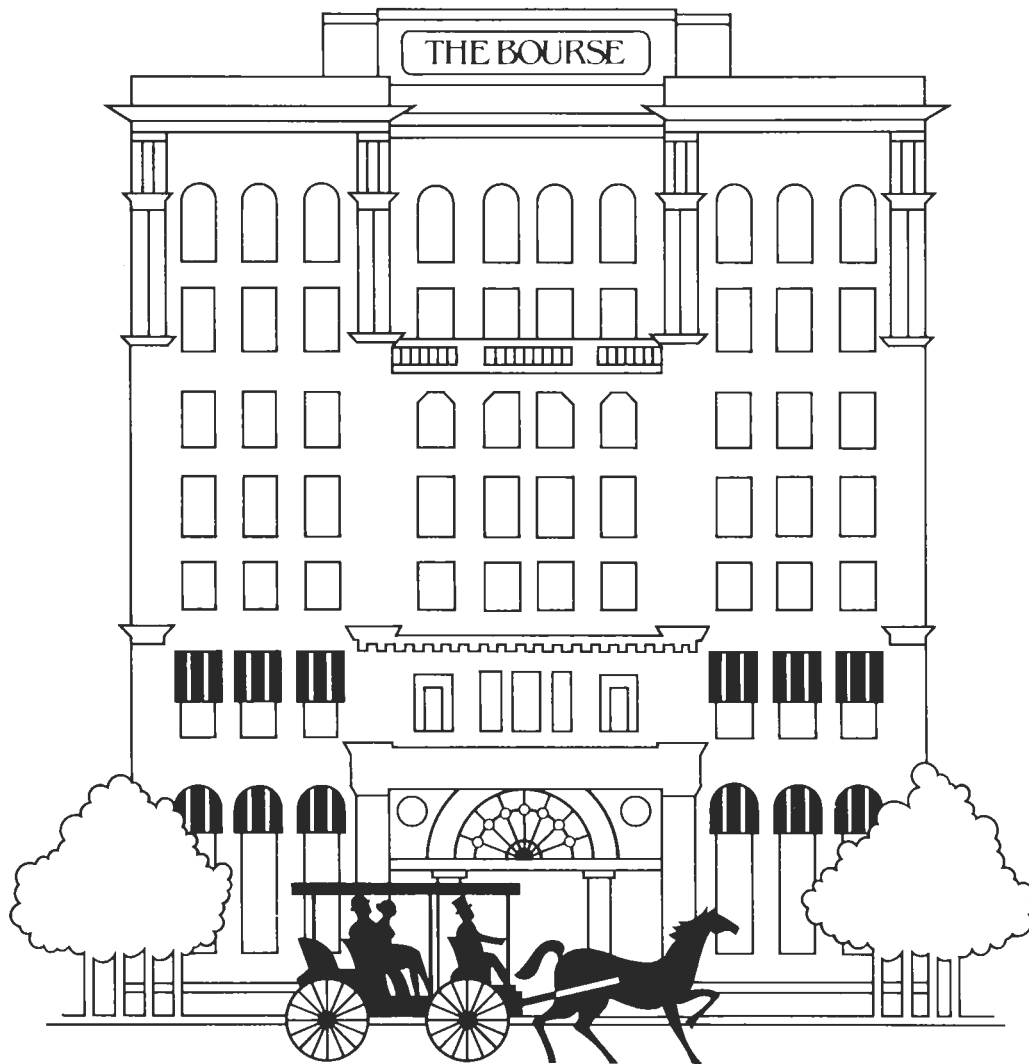
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