



Garden Oaks Gazette

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Happy Halloween

CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Thanks goes to **Terry Jeanes of RE/MAX Metro** for providing the food and drinks at our September Civic Club meeting. Having goodies at the meeting always makes the meeting sweeter!

The next Garden Oaks Civic Club meeting will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, at the Garden Oaks Baptist Church at 3206 North Shepherd**. On the slate for the October meeting is **Commissioner Jerry Eversole**. **Program Director, Deborah Cartwright**, was able to get the **Commissioner**, who was originally scheduled to talk at the November meeting, to change his plans and talk at our October meeting. It is always an interesting and informative agenda when we are able to have a public official at our meetings.

For the November meeting, **Deborah** is hoping to have a panel of Garden Oaks Board of Trustee members present for a question-answer session.

As always, we hope to have good attendance at these meetings. We have enjoyed great turn-outs at our meetings so far this year and hope this trend continues!



GARDEN OAKS CAROLING PARTICIPATION

by Robert De Veau

On **Friday evening, December 8**, Garden Oaks will be resplendent with the sounds of holiday music! Choirs, choral groups, students, and neighbors will take to the streets caroling and collecting supplies and donations **benefiting the Loving Arms Foundation Day Care Center**. Loving Arms is a non-profit agency which services children infected with/affected by the HIV AIDS virus.

The success of the event is dependent upon volunteers. We would appreciate your help to distribute grocery bags to every home in Garden Oaks on Saturday, December 2, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. To make for a more joyful sound at this year's GO Caroling fundraiser, additional voices will be welcomed. No experience required and music will be provided. We will be forming groups to canvas each of the five sections of Garden Oaks. A post caroling reception for all volunteers will be held immediately after the event at St. Matthew's Methodist Church.

If you wish to distribute bags, sing or form your own caroling group, please call **Jay Slemmer at 956-0465** or **Audrey Vallance at 686-0707**.

PATROLLER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER - GO-COPS

Our **Patroller of the Month** for the month of **September** is **Johnny Murphy**. **Johnny** keeps the CB radios up and in working order and sees to it that everyone has a working radio, along with volunteering for patrol duty. We hope that you enjoy your meal out **Johnny** and thank you for all that you do.

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GARDEN OAKS BABYSITTING CO-OP

The Garden Oaks Babysitting Co-op is organized and run by Garden Oaks residents. The purpose of the Co-op is the exchange of babysitting hours for free time, using a token system for payment of babysitting services. The Co-op has quarterly meetings, as well as four family parties and other events during the year to allow members and children to become better acquainted with each other.

Prospective members must be recommended by present members, with membership limited to 30 Garden Oaks families. There are several openings at this time. We are planning a Halloween party and would welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Co-op. If you would like to attend, please call **Margaret Dice at 688-2247** for details. If you would like further information about the Co-op, please call any of the following individuals:

Section 1:	Jane Ann Roberts	861-8512
Section 2:	Susan Gavin	692-5363
Section 3 and 5:	Lauren Serper	694-5467
Section 4:	Ann Ness	682-6707

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR...

Well, as promised,...this month's *Gazette* is filled with pictures and memorabilia from the past, showing Garden Oaks in its infancy. I can't help but continue to say thanks to **Judy Camp** of Garden Properties for supplying the *Gazette* with these goodies.

What is fun about being Editor of a newsletter like the *Gazette* is all the feedback you get from your neighbors. Since the September Edition of the *Garden Oaks Gazette* where I mentioned that two nostalgic editions of the *Gazette* would follow, I've heard from one neighbor that informed me that she has a copy of a VHS tape that was made approximately 15 years ago featuring several original residents of our fine neighborhood talking about its development. Also, another person let her creative juices flow by mentioning in conversation that she would like to start up a historical society type organization whose purpose would be to put together a book about Houston history and feature areas like Garden Oaks. Yet another idea generated is to take an old house and convert it into a voluntarily-manned museum that exhibits the history of our area. This is the vitality of the people that live among us. We seem to have as many interesting people as we do houses!

Thanks goes to those who have shared their knowledge, history, and enthusiasm for this place we call our home among the trees.

- Carol Meyer

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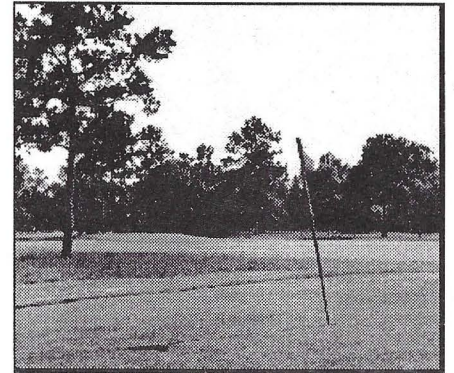
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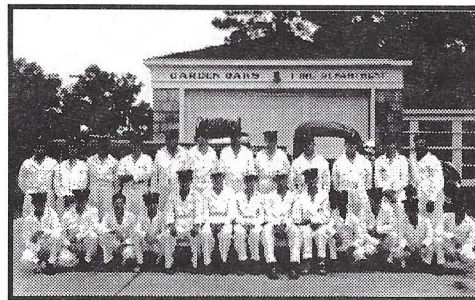
GARDEN OAKS TID-BITS...

Did you ever know:

- there used to be a Country Club called Pine Forest Country Club east of North Shepherd, near Garden Oaks Section One which was one of the finest country clubs in the city. Now it's the Pine Forest Industrial Park. The Country Club was moved out I-10 off of Hwy. 6 and Clay Road;
- there used to be a golf coarse located off of what is now Golf Street;
- there isn't a straight street in the entire subdivision;
- Garden Oaks used to be outside the city limits of Houston;
- we used to have a volunteer fire department and our own fire engine;



Pine Forest Country Club Golf Course



G.O. Firehouse and Fireman

- when GO was first developed there was no mail delivery. People picked up their mail from a row of post boxes down the street.

YARD OF THE MONTH AWARDED FOR SEPTEMBER

Yard of the month was awarded to **no, you're kidding!...Chris and Carol Meyer, who live at 1019 West 41st Street.** Boy, I couldn't believe it!! That's my yard! Needless to say, when Susan Spooner knocked on my door with the "Yard of the Month" sign in her hands I was ecstatic. All those evenings spent getting mosquito-bitten while watering our front yard did indeed pay-off! The biggest kicker of all was when Susan asked for our name and address so that she could notify the Garden Club member who notifies the *Gazette*. I told her that I could handle that! Thanks for the honor.

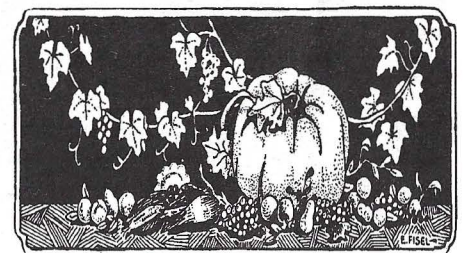
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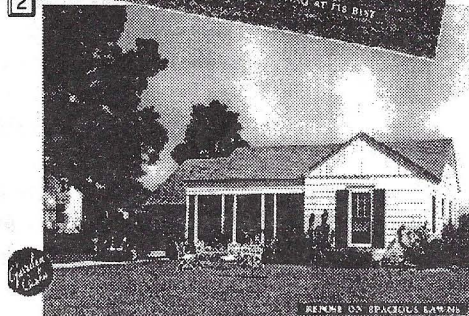
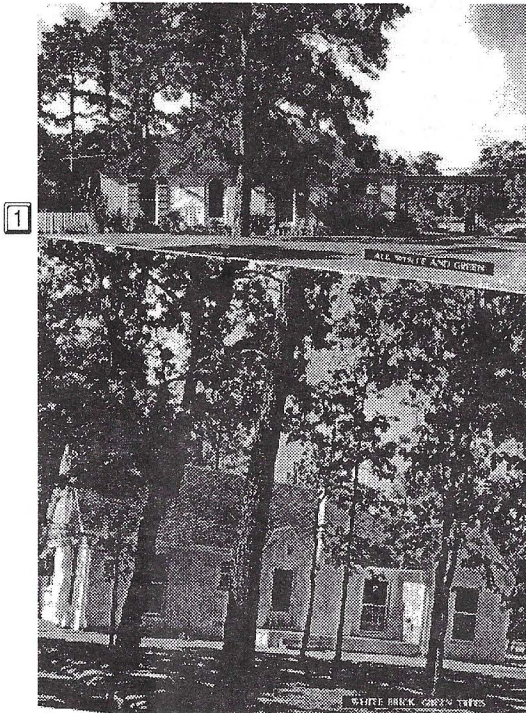
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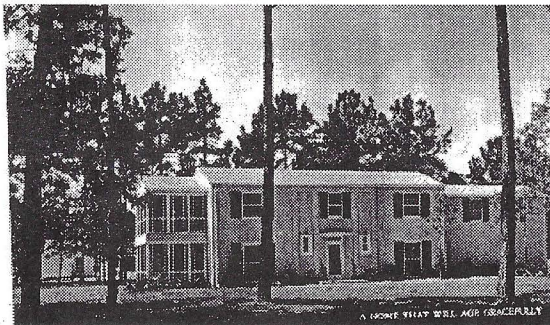
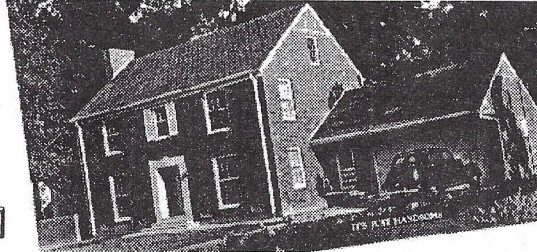
Interior of E.L. Crain's sales office



CAN YOU GUESS WHICH HOUSES THESE ARE?
 (Answers are listed at the bottom of the page.)



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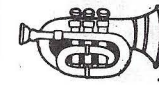
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GO-COP REPORT

by Bill Chastain

It's time for another monthly crime report, so here it is!...

BURGLARIES

700 block of West 42nd	Thursday, 07/03/95	6:30 a.m.
400 block of West 34th	Saturday, 7/05/95	4:21 a.m.
1400 block of Sue Barnett	Sunday, 7/06/95	5:15 p.m.
300 block of West 33rd	Friday, 07/11/95	8:00 a.m.
900 block of West 43rd	Saturday, 07/26/95	8:30 a.m.
1300 block of Sue Barnett	Sunday, 07/27/95	3:30 a.m.

It seems the weekend was the prime time for burglaries this month. This is the time most people are home, and the chances of a thief being caught should be greater. This just goes to show you the gaul and smugness that prevails in todays crooks. We need to be alert at all times if we wish to keep the crime rate down, or better yet stopped.

For crimes in progress or life threatening, call 911.

Most all other situations, please call 222-3131.

To report chronic problems, such as continual speeding, continual running stop signs, and other problems of this sort, please call **699-1913**. Authorities like to know the time of occurrence for such activity and any other information you can think of that would be of importance concerning these instances.

As a reminder, I'd like to add that if you would like to be more informed on the activities of the police and community action, information regarding crime stats and crime prevention, you can attend the Positive Interaction Program (PIP) the third Thursday of each month. The meetings are held at **St. Matthews Methodist Church** at 7 p.m. Enter on the north side of the building.

CIVIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES

Civic Club dues are for each calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). We may not be able to mail a notice to you and must rely instead on this notice in the Gazette.

PLEASE PAY 1995 DUES, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND TRY TO PAY 1996 DUES BY NEXT JANUARY 1.

Civic Club membership is voluntary, but a very much needed part of Garden Oaks' Civic funding. It is also important for you, our neighbors, to be involved in your community and the Civic Club is our best avenue for doing so.

Please fill out the coupon below and send to **Craig Lee, V.P. of Membership, 212 W. 34th St.**, and resolve to attend at least one Civic Club meeting every six months (first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Garden Oaks Baptist Church on Shepherd.)

GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB ENROLLMENT & RENEWAL

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*Garden Oaks Civic Club dues have not changed in nearly 50 years. So we rely on your generous additional support to help finance these community programs. These are suggested minimum amounts. *Gifts to the Montessori program are tax deductible.*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GARDEN OAKS CIVIC CLUB

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or call Craig at 802-0079 if you have any questions.

GARDEN OAKS GARDEN CLUB NEWS...

For anyone interested in becoming part of the Garden Oaks Garden Club, meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Garden Club's meeting schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

October 12:

"Arrangements from Your Yard"

How to use flowers and plants from your yard to make interesting and different arrangements.

November 9:

Bromeliads

Guest: Bromeliad Society Representative

December 14

Christmas Party

For further information regarding the Garden Oaks Garden Club, you may contact **Evelyn Anderson at 864-3485** or **Janice Walden at 869-6534**.

THE GREEN SPOTS OF GARDEN OAKS

by Janice Walden

(This is the first in a two part series of articles.)

Garden Oaks is blessed by some half a dozen green spots. Dotting this neighborhood of some, 1400 residents, these green spots are bonafide city parks, established gardens, traffic diversions, and oases of tranquility.

In a city where every square foot is now counted, and accounted for, where high-end townhomes abut one another with walls for seclusion, Garden Oaks beckons a day a half century ago where space promoted civility. And, these green spots, and the way they are cared for quietly, voluntarily by residents, represents an intricate, fragile bond — community.

Of all the residents spoken to, few could express in words just why they give hours, weekends, and even years to maintain something they do not even own and could possibly be taken away from them.

Friendship Garden, located at in Section One at Lawrence and 30th Street has been identified for years as the Garden Oaks Garden Club's project. But, in fact, the land belongs to the city and is an easement, subject to street widening and alterations if it ever came to pass. **Christine Winkelmann**, Treasurer of the Garden Club, holds the place dear as the club's most valuable asset. Years ago, she and her now deceased husband began planting plants from their own backyard in the space. An occasional

maintenance grew into a full time project years later as **Christine and Garden Club members Katherine Hardin and Belle Katzer** neglected their own yards to get this garden going. A handful of other residents pitched in to trim trees, mow, water, plant, move dirt, and build and clean beds. Although **Christine, Katherine, and Belle** are most assuredly identified with the stewardship of Friendship Garden, they are quick to acknowledge and point to surrounding houses where other neighbors have pitched in also.

Like the other green spots in Garden Oaks, Friendship Garden is the recipient of bountiful backyards. Liriope, daylilies, azaleas, ferns, and monkey grass among them. As the garden project grew, plants required water. Many a week these three ladies hauled containers of water in the trunks of their cars to the garden. They lost an oak tree, but have carefully maintained one magnificent oak in the garden's center. It's sweeping branches shade a picnic table, purchased from proceeds of many a Garden Club bake sale. On any given day at noon, a worker will take time out, eat lunch, and read a book in the shade of this tree.

There are purposely no trash receptacles at Friendship Garden, and design is kept to a simple form. Already, the maintenance can be, at times, overwhelming. In July 1988, the Garden Club had a water meter installed, water the city pays for. Then in 1989, a sprinkler system was put in. Although neighbors mowed the garden, voluntary upkeep was erratic. The city with its huge tractor and cutter scraped beds and left deep ruts in the developing lawn. Now, under an arrangement with the Garden Club, firemen, and Garden Oaks resident, **Donald Mullins**, keep the garden mowed on a regular basis. Asked why she initially took up caring for this green space, **Christine** simply replies, "I passed by it on my way home."

Just a block away at West 34th Street and Shepherd is a green spot with a whole different environment. And **Bill Lehnert** doesn't pass by Graham Park on his way home, he lives across the street from this city park. Anyone who drives down West 34th will invariably see **Bill** in his front yard, and his "extended" yard — the park, picking up trash and minding the grounds.

Bill has seen many an official park caretakers come and go. The last one left this site several years ago. **Bill** took up patrolling the area on his own, not only out of fondness

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for the park, but, as he put it, "if I don't pick it up, it'll blow into my yard!" An itinerant picker-upper, (he was about his business picking up as we spoke) **Bill** has seen his share of trash in Graham Park over the years. Recently, condoms and needles have been found on a regular basis. Occasionally he has even found a bag of crack or marijuana! And almost always after a heavy weekend of picnics there are empty alcoholic beverage containers. Fortunately most of these are put in the trash by their users.

Lehnert says, "I pay taxes; therefore I don't have to pick this up." But to the annoyance of some people, he never lets up. **Bill** blames the large weekend gatherings for the waste and trash left behind Monday morning. "Drinking and litter go hand-in-hand," he says. And, although it's a public park, **Bill** is mindful of his household and surrounding neighbors. He has been known to cross the street to tell a group to turn down the loud music. As idealistic as it sounds, **Bill's** interest goes beyond that of being just a "homeowner-across-the-street." He says he picks up and patrols Graham Park for the generation of children growing up in Garden Oaks, and he likes the park "just the way it is" in its natural state of beauty. No new swing sets needed.

The only change **Bill** would like to see is for the city to level the park's closed-up wash room. Now a haven for defecation and suspicious activity, the wash room could never serve its original purpose again.

Although the Constable's Deputy, Dick Matthias, is now making twice daily checks of the park, **Bill's** dedication will remain unwavering. About 15 years ago, early one winter morning, **Bill** rose to see deer grazing in the park. They were there for only a moment and never seen again there after that. An amazing site, privy to one who lives across the street and always has his eye on the park.

Next month's article by Janice Walden will feature the Art Park and the Garden Oaks Boulevard esplanade.

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CARING FOR HARDWOOD FLOORS

(This article was taken from *The Century 21 Complete Home Guide, Vol. Two, No. One*)

Many of us in GO have hardwood floors in our homes, yet we don't all know that much about them. This article is rather informative and detailed in covering important aspects regarding your floor type, its finish, and taking care of it.

Wood floors, properly finished, are the easiest of all floor surfaces to keep clean and new looking year after year, with minimum care.

Both open-grain and close-grain woods are used in flooring. Heading the list of hard, open-grain woods is durable, beautifully patterned oak, used for an estimated 95% of all wood floors. Other hard woods include northern walnut, pecan, ash, elm and chestnut. Among the close-grain woods are maple, birch, beech, Douglas fir and yellow pine. Since the overwhelming majority of wood floors are of hardwood, this article applies specifically to this type of flooring.

The minimum care your wood floor will need will be to vacuum or dust mop at least once a week. An occasional buffing helps remove scuff marks that may appear in the wax coating. Rewax once or twice a year, or as often as needed in heavy traffic areas. Use a liquid buffing wax/cleaner combination.

No matter what finish your wood floor has or what claims the manufacturer makes for his finish, never wash or wet-mop wood floors. Water can seep between the boards, leaving dark stains and can sometimes even warp the boards.

There are two principal types of finishes used on wood floors—penetrating seals and surface finishes. Each requires about the same care; but when it comes to removing stains or restoring the finish in heavy traffic areas, methods vary, so it helps to know what type of finish was used on your floors. Following are some pointers to help you discover what you have.

As a general rule, you can be sure your floor was prefinished at the factory if it has V-shaped grooves along the edges where the boards join, and sometimes where the ends butt. Unfinished plank flooring may also have grooved edges, but this is usually the mark of a prefinished floor. Once you have established the floor as prefinished, the flooring manufacturer can tell you whether or not it has a penetrating seal finish.

If the floor has no grooves, it was, in all likelihood, finished by a local craftsman. To

determine what kind of finish was used, call the builder or floor finisher if possible. When in doubt, it is safest to assume that a surface finish was used. Treating a penetrating finish as though it were a surface finish can do no harm, whereas a surface finish treated as a penetrating seal is likely to be sanded away.

A penetrating seal is the finish recommended for most residential floors. As its name implies, the sealer soaks into the wood pores and hardens to seal the floor against dirt and certain stains.

At the surface, it delivers a low-gloss satin finish that wears only as the wood wears. Because of this, color may be added to the liquid sealer at the time of application and the eventual effects of traffic will be far less apparent than with other finishes that only coat the surface. When an area does begin to show wear, it can be refinished easily. The new application should blend into the old without lap marks or other signs of repair.

The beauty and wear resistance of wood floors finished with a penetrating seal may be further enhanced with wax. A wax coating forms a barrier against the most frequent kind of abrasion, and can easily be renewed.

A penetrating seal may also be used as an undercoat for surface finishes, serving as a stain to color the wood before the surface finish is applied. The surface finish used should be compatible with the penetrating seal. An unmatched surface coating may peel.

Polyurethane. This blend of synthetic resins, plasticizers, and other film-forming ingredients produces an extremely durable surface that is moisture resistant. It is the best choice for a kitchen where the floor is subject to spills and stains. Polyurethane is available in both high gloss and matt finishes.

Some manufacturers of polyurethane products say no waxing is required, but you will get better wear and appearance if you give it the same care as other surface finishes.

Varnish. Depending on the type of varnish used, the finish will be high, medium or low gloss. Varnish tends to darken with age and is difficult to touch up. It also dries slowly. If the quality is good, varnish will provide a highly durable surface. If not, it tends to become brittle, to powder, and to show white scars.

Shellac. This is a popular finish on floors in certain parts of the country. It dries so fast that two coats can be applied in one day and the floor used eight hours later. However, liquid spills can cause hard-to-remove spots on a shellac finish, and the abrasive action of

footsteps creates frictional heat that softens the finish and permits dirt to be trapped in the surface. Waxing is essential to protect the finish.

Lacquer: Even faster drying than shellac, lacquer requires real skill in application. It produces a tough, high sheen, but this is difficult to maintain and scuff marks show easily.

Polymer Finishes: There is a third classification of finishes recently developed that is known as an *irradiated* polymer. To date, this is used primarily in commercial applications. Each brand of flooring using a polymer finish has a different maintenance schedule. These are available from each manufacturer.

CARING FOR YOUR FLOORS

If your floors are new or newly finished, with either a penetrating sealer or a surface finish, start them off right by applying a liquid buffing wax/cleaner or a coating of paste wax. The wax will form a protective barrier for the finish to keep out dirt and potential stain-causing matter, so your floors will stay beautiful and resist wear for a long, long time.

Liquid buffing wax is easier to use than paste wax and consequently gets used more often. However, it is most important to only use a liquid wax that: 1) is recommended for use on hardwood floors; 2) does NOT have a water base. Check the label for this because some manufacturers say their water-based products can be used for wood floors. However, the Oak Flooring Association recommends only a solvent-based product should be used. These will have the odor of a dry cleaning fluid.

Follow the manufacturers' directions for applying the wax and buff it well. This is best done with a 12-inch buffing machine, commonly available from rental companies. On the other hand, you may want to buff small areas by hand with clean cloths.

Routine care: Vacuuming is the best way to remove surface dust and dirt before it gets "walked into the wax" and dulls its luster. Vacuuming also pulls accumulated dust from the grooves of prefinished and plank floors.

When a floor has dulled a bit and scuff marks begin to show, you can restore its original beauty, often without adding new wax, by simply machine or hand buffing.

Special Care: After four to six months of wear, inspect your floors closely to see if there's been a dirt build-up or if the wax has discolored. If your floors were originally

finished in a dark tone, you may see a lightening of the finish in traffic areas. If none of this is apparent, just apply a new coat of wax over the old and buff it well to restore luster. If lightening does exist, the following procedure is recommended:

Use a combination liquid cleaner/wax (again, make sure it has a solvent rather than a water base). For dark floors, choose a buffing wax in a compatible color. Spread it with a cloth or fine steel wool. Rub gently to remove grime and the old wax, then wipe clean. Let dry 20 minutes or so and buff. If dull spots remain after buffing, apply a second coat and repeat.

If your floors were stained, it's always a good idea to use a colored wax or cleaner to help maintain the original color. Check the floor care products of your local stores.

Removing Stains: Most stains can be prevented or minimized by keeping the floors well waxed and by wiping up any spilled liquid immediately. Here are some "first-aid" suggestions for common accidents. When removing a stain, always begin at the outer edge and work toward the middle to prevent it from spreading.

- Dried milk or food stains: Rub spot with damp cloth. Rub dry and re-wax.
- Stains caused by standing water: Rub spot with No. 2 steel wool and re-wax. If this fails, sand lightly with fine sandpaper. Clean spot and surrounding area using No. 1 or 00 steel wool and mineral spirits or a proprietary floor cleaner. Let floor dry. Apply matching finish on floor, feathering out into surrounding area. Wax after finish is thoroughly dry.
- **Dark spots:** a) Clean spot and surrounding area with No. 2 steel wool and a good floor cleaner or mineral spirits; b) Thoroughly wash spotted area with household vinegar. Allow it to remain for three or four minutes; c) If spot remains, sand with fine sandpaper, feathering out 3 to 4 inches into surrounding area, re-wax and polish; d) If repeated applications of vinegar do not remove spot, apply oxalic acid solution directly on the spot. Proportions are one ounce oxalic acid to one quart water or fractions thereof. **CAUTION:** This is a poison! Use rubber gloves. Pour a small amount directly on the spot and let the solution stand one hour. Sponge spot with clear water. A second treatment may be helpful if spot refuses to yield; e) If second application of oxalic acid fails, sand area with No. 00 sandpaper and apply matching finish, feathering it out into surrounding floor area. Let dry. Buff lightly

with No. 00 steel wool. Apply second coat of finish, let dry and wax. If spot is still visible, the only remaining remedy is to replace the affected flooring. (Note: Oxalic acid is a bleaching agent. Whenever it is used, the treated floor area will probably have to be stained and refinished to match the original color.)

- **Heel Marks:** Rub vigorously with fine steel wool and a good floor cleaner. Wipe dry and polish.
- **Ink stains:** Follow the same procedure as for other dark spots.
- **Animal and diaper stains:** Spots that are not too old may sometimes be removed in the same manner as other dark spots. If they resist cleaning efforts, the affected flooring can be refinished.
- **Mold:** Mold or mildew is a surface condition caused by damp, stagnant air. After seeing that proper ventilation is provided for the room, the mold can usually be removed with a good cleaning fluid.
- **Chewing gum, crayon, candle wax:** Apply ice until the deposit is brittle enough to crumble off. Cleaning fluid poured around the area (not on it) soaks under the deposit and loosens it.
- **Cigarette burns:** If not too deep, steel wool will often remove them. Moisten steel wool with soap and water to increase effectiveness.
- **Alcohol spot:** Rub with liquid or paste wax, silver polish, boiled linseed oil, or cloth barely dampened in ammonia. Re-wax affected area.
- **Oil and grease stains:** Rub on a kitchen soap having a high lye content, or saturate cotton with hydrogen peroxide and place over stain, then saturate a second layer of cotton with ammonia and place over the first. Repeat until the stain is removed.
- **Wax build-up:** Oak floors that have not had proper care may acquire wax build-up. Strip all the old wax away with mineral spirits or naphtha. Use cloths and fine steel wool to remove all the residue before applying new wax. It's a good idea to perform this complete stripping job every now and then instead of using the liquid cleaner/wax process. Stripping removes all the old wax and dirt which build up inevitably over a period of time and partially hides the beauty and color of the wood grain.

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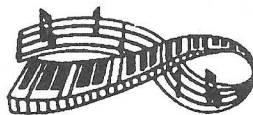
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