

GARFIELD BLVD. AT SOUTH PARKWAY IN CHICAGO









Powelton Neighbors Executive Committee  
Minutes, May 13, 1963

Attendance:

Sandra Mezzi	Marge Smith
Allyn Rickett	Clifford Adams
David Bruce	Jackie Gregory
Nancy Sennott	Edie Parent
John Sennott	Bob Young
Felix Morse	Kay Tatnall
Ernie Treon	Bill Ridgeway ✓
J. Howard Cooper	Bill Wright
Hillary Henninger	Dolores Melching

Treasurer's Report - Bill Ridgeway reporting ✓

The following proceeds were received:

\$138.00	Planning Fund
41.05	Plant Sale
192.00	Memberships
9.00	<u>12th Night Tickets</u>

Finance Committee - Bill Ridgeway ✓ and Allyn Rickett reporting

A Finance Committee will be set up on a temporary basis as a standing committee. It will assist the treasurer in accounting for funds, draw up the budget, estimate income, and develop policy for handling finances. The following persons agreed to serve on the committee:

POWELTON NEIGHBORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES APRIL 8, 1963

Attendance:

Bob Young	Nancy Sennott
Janie Freeman	John Sennott
Jean Marsh	Felix Morse
Juanita Nelson	Jackie Gregory
Bill Ridgeway ✓	Dorothy Atkins
Howard Cooper	Hilburn Harbridge
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Kay Tatnall	Allyn Rickett
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1. that the co-chairmen continue a procedure followed last year of meeting regularly with the chairman, in addition to Executive Committee meetings.
2. that committee chairmen continue in their positions for the time being until there is opportunity to study committee needs more closely.

Treasurer's Report

1. Bill Ridgeway ✓ requested that a finance committee be created to help develop procedures whereby the treasurer might more effectively discharge his duties. This will be considered in co-chairmen's meeting.



# POWELTON POST

FEBRUARY 1967

## RE-ZONING COMMITTEE TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS on FEB. 6<sup>TH</sup> —jim bakeman

What happens next for PN will dominate the agenda, otherwise. First, who will man the Nominating Committee to name those who will speak for us come April? The Feb. Meeting will name at-large members to this special task. Then, how will expenses be met? Second, reading & voting on a proposal to raise dues will occur. Bill Ridgway's Ways & Means Committee will describe a way to provide donations toward the standing expenses of PN: a non-profit supporting organization. In addition, Committees & other local active participants will have 1 opportunity to describe their recent activities.

People left the January Meeting almost surprised that they had worked out a rezoning position with so little bloodshed. With a heated motion still on a table, Ralph Hirsch deftly led the meeting through discussion of four basic decisions on rezoning, from the easiest to the most difficult. Feelings still were strong, but Ralph took care to let discussion proceed.

After two rounds of Neighbors discussion, the Feb. 6 Meeting should see adoption of PN's recommendations for the Planning Commission's City-wide Rezoning Program. Ralph Hirsch's Rezoning Committee will present a map and write-up of the position worked out in the November & January meetings.

The Meeting instructed the Committee to prepare recommendations that (1) Legal measures be developed to eliminate by phase non-conforming, blighting industrial uses; (2) Commercial zoning not be adapted to serve coming increased needs of Drexel students; (3) Possibilities for low-rent housing be considered on a case basis, when variances may be necessary, but no special zoning districts be established for such purpose; and (4) Low-density residential uses be the major zoning for Powelton, assuming variances will be allowed on a case basis when there is good reason, consistent with PN's 1964 Zoning Guidelines. The 1964 Guidelines were re-affirmed in the expectation that the General Meeting would continue to be the major forum for establishing PN's position on zoning questions.

Captain Kaminiski, 16th Precinct commanding officer, wasn't able to make the meeting. But, surprisingly, we didn't need him.

## CRAFTSMEN: ENTER THE CRAFTSMEN '67 EXHIBITION

The Museum of the Phila. Civic Center is sponsoring an exhibition of textiles, wood products, ceramics, and metalware, to which all craftsmen residing within a 50-mile radius of Phila. are encouraged to submit work.

Each artist may submit no more than six entries, each of which must bear an official label, which may be requested by mail from the Museum, Civic Center Blvd. at 34th Street. Entry fee, regardless of number of pieces submitted, is \$3.00.

Entries may be submitted in any of the following 4 categories:

1. Textiles, including weaving, stitchery, printed & dyed fabrics, rugs, knitting, and so forth.
2. Wood, including furniture & accessories.
3. Ceramics, enamels & glass.
4. Metal, including jewelry, holloware, & flatware.

A first prize of \$100.00, a 2nd prize of \$75.00 & a 3rd prize of \$50.00 will be awarded in each of the four categories listed above.

DEADLINE for entries is Feb. 27.



## FRIDAY, FEB. 3<sup>RD</sup>

From 6 to 8 p.m.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

BRING ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED FOUR

OR

PAY \$1. for ADULTS and \$.50 for CHILDREN

MUSIC !

ENTERTAINMENT !

A MOVIE FOR THE CHILDREN !

## WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION after dinner!

## A NEW YEAR *and* A NEW FACE

The New Year brought to Powelton at least one new & exciting face -- that of Mr. Robert Moss, newly appointed manager of PVDA. Mr. Moss, who was hired about three months ago by the Board of Directors of PVDA to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Gerenbeck, officially began his new duties in the PVDA office on Monday, Jan 2.

Mr. Moss (Bob) is originally from New York City, but more recently has lived and worked in and around Burlington Co., N. J., where he operated a small development building business. Now, Bob, his wife, Sonja and their two children, Myron, 15, and Aleta, 11, are living just outside Princeton, where Sonja teaches school. Bob says that the family will probably move into the Phila. area in the future. They have no immediate plans.

What kind of man is Mr. Moss and what makes him suitable for this position? Well, his official qualifications are a combination of some 15 years in building & development business, an academic background in the managerial aspects of real estate, an impressive amount of knowledge about the "workings" of government in relation to urban development, and the fact that Bob is now enrolled as a student in the City Planning program at NYU where he attends classes two evenings a week.

But above and beyond all of this is an attitude that the man expresses--an attitude not at all foreign to Powelton Village -- a philosophy about human relations, race relations, an idea of how things could be in the world -- a realistic understanding of how they are and why; and a strong desire, actually a personal commitment, to change what needs changing, and to support those persons who believe in an integrated world as he does.

It was this kind of thinking that prompted Bob to attend some workshops on human relations a few years ago. From that time on, he found it increasingly difficult to justify to his own conscience the general practices of the business he was in. Bob sees the opportunity to practice what he believes. He expresses admiration for the community as a whole, and the PVDA Corporation in particular for the kind of job they have done during the past ten years to make the community what it is.

When asked whether he may eventually bring his family to live here in PV, Bob replied, "Wait until I meet you (Powelton Neighbors), wait until I get to know you, know how you think, then I can know where we go from here." This -- the sound practical reasoning of a man with ideals but with his feet on the ground.

At the next Powelton Neighbors Meeting (FEB. 6) we'll have a chance to let him get to know us.

—winnie shoaffer



# POWELTON POST

## NEIGHBORS TO VOTE MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>

### TRUST FUND PROPOSED

BE SURE  
to come  
TO THE  
Next  
MEETING OF

THE POWELTON NEIGHBORS

March 7, 7:45 p.m.

Powel School Committee Room

The following amendment to the Constitution will be voted on at the March General meeting:

#### Article III

Anyone willing to support the objectives of the organization may become an active member by paying the annual membership fee due each October 1st. Fees are \$3.00 for individuals, \$5.00 for families (two or more members of an immediate family), \$10.00 for businesses, and \$10.00 for contributing members.



## FROM THE WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE

Whereas; the Powelton Neighbors Association is faced with both transit and student membership in the prime area of our activities and

Whereas; the Powelton Neighbors is concerned with the decline in all types of membership and revenue over the past few years and

Whereas; our fiscal records and budget estimates show the need of a minimum of \$2,500 annually to support our organization structure, we therefore propose the following:

#### RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Powelton Neighbors create an endowment fund of \$50,000 over the next few years by; donations, subscriptions, grants, and \$100 life memberships.

That a certificate be created over the seal of the Powelton Neighbors Association, gratefully acknowledging the contributions of \$100 and more.

That this fund be limited to gifts from businesses, institutions, foundations, unions, members and well-wishers.

That the funds be turned over to a trust officer of a designated bank in denominations of \$1,000, and that none of the funds be spent for any purpose, that is, use only the interest.

That the interest from said trust fund be spent or used exclusively for the basic needs of the Powelton Neighbors Association, that is, for equipment, electricity, Powelton Post, telephone and rent.

## POT LUCK SUPPER NOISY SUCCESS

Kids churned their way through a sea of tables, chairs, big people and others their own scale on hurried missions to somewhere. Sometimes they lost their bearings and discovered themselves surrounded by only strange faces. A mouth would sink and eyes squint for a moment. Then, with the reappearance of dad or mom, a familiar neighbor or somebody interesting their own size, they were off again.

Adults too seemed to enjoy themselves -- some to exchange glances and occasional conversations with those who were new since last year, some simply glad to relax after a week's worth of work down at the office. It was the Pot Luck Supper, a classic in life in Powelton.

Oh, the kids made a little too much noise with the convention they staged around the already blaring movie projector. (The flyer had said children's entertainment would be provided.) The din was enough to make featured auctioneer, Bob Young, appear occasionally to be more of a pantomime than a sell job. The food, maybe, was better "last year". And the thing happened with apparently nobody in charge. But it was the Pot Luck Supper and people were having fun.

Who could forget those furry faces held up for auction, from Wally and Juanita Nelson's household litter? J B

## PN. MAKES STATEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL PARKS

The PN executive committee approved a statement to be read at the Feb. public hearings of the Board of Education on the CORDE report by experts chosen by the Board. In it we took a position strongly favoring a system of education parks for the city. The Board is considering the report and statements on it in regard to its budget allocations at the end of March.

In studying the report we found only advantages given for the park concept in four areas that seem to us all-important:

1. Quality of education -- better use of staff, expanded and more diversified course offerings, improved guidance and health services, etc..
2. Economy of scale - a better return on our investment in education.
3. Decentralization of administration and, as a result, closer contact among parents, community and school.
4. Integration.

All of these advantages derive from the size of the park, which provides the most efficient unit for building, administration and educational planning, as well as a broad enough pupil population to permit maximum integration. The report says that size could present problems in handling large masses of students, but it states very definitely that this does not have to be. "Size itself need not be feared; it should be planned for."

And yet, in spite of its conclusion that "the park is a valuable new approach to school planning and construction", CORDE does not recommend it as an exclusive approach.

Two major reasons are given: 1) The resulting integration would be at best 70% Negro to 30% white, which they term an "inadequate racial composition." 2) The Board of Education should not assume a "go-it-alone" attitude in attacking the city's rehabilitation problems.

If we try to understand the rather confusing reasoning behind these objections, they seem to mean 1) For a school population that is 70% or more Negro, it is not worth providing the best available educational programs and facilities. 2) Unless other agencies can work together to assure that the ghetto neighborhoods will be upgraded, the Board of Education has no responsibility to do the best it can for the children.

We cannot accept either of these arguments. In our statement we ask for a commitment to a comprehensive system of parks, insuring the same educational benefits to all children equally, whether the population is 50%, 70% or 99% Negro.

As the report says, "the advantage of the park is really that it can make all these advances more practical for larger numbers of children". With over 300,000 children to plan for, we believe the Board of Education has no choice but to provide a system of education parks. J.G.











TREASURERS REPORT - POWELTON NEIGHBORS

April 1964 - March 1965

GENERAL RECEIPTS

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Memberships	1,009.00	
Plant Sale	149.15	112.30
Harvest Festival	277.53	88.49
Christmas Trees Sale	242.75	125.00
Powelton Fair	1,374.93	1,153.43
Powel Activities at Drexel	100.00	100.00
Kay Tatnall Baldwins Party	23.67	60.52
Clean Up, Brooms sale	17.75	37.44
Modern Dance Group	18.75	100.94
Planning Committee contribution	1.00	
Zoning Committee contribution	5.00	
Cash Credited from One Hour Cleaners	12.22	
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TOTAL	\$3,231.75	\$1,778.12

EXPENSES

<u>Administrative</u>	
Bank Service	10.66
Office Rent	100.00
Pomerantz	12.60
Chestnut Hill Stationers	43.71
Vallance Stationers	33.90
Electric Service	19.20
Harvest Festival, Prizes	3.00
Christmas Gift, Powel School Building Superintendent	8.00
Flowers	10.00
Christmas Decorations	17.95
Legal Intelligencer	4.20
Meeting Refreshments	58.33
Special Meeting Notices	14.50
Other Meeting and Administrative Activities	26.00
Penton-Kelley Co: Drexel Letter	27.30
Posters	23.10
Fourth of July Picnic Refreshments	12.07
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<u>Committees</u>	
Zoning	207.50
Summer School Program	97.04
Membership	28.26
Planning	3.00
Mantua	8.00
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	343.80
<u>Powelton Post</u>	
Printing	362.25
Postage	40.00
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	402.25



	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>Affiliates</u>		
United Fund		\$ 10.00
West Philadelphia Development Council		10.00
West Philadelphia School Committee		10.00
Citizens Council on City Planning		10.00
		<hr/> 40.00
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TOTAL CASH DISBURSED		\$2,988.69

SUMMARY

Total Cash Received	\$3,231.75	
Cash on Hand April 1, 1964	627.76	
Total Cash Handled	<hr/> 3,859.51	
Total Cash Disbursed	2,988.69	
TOTAL CASH ON HAND APRIL 1, 1965		\$ 870.82
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Cash in the Bank		
Philadelphia Saving Fund Society plus interest		212.90
Philadelphia Electric Company		30.00
Philadelphia National Bank		870.82
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TOTAL CASH IN THE BANK		\$1,113.72

*William D. Ridgeway*

Respectfully Submitted, William D. Ridgeway  
Treasurer



POWELTON NEIGHBORS  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 9, 1967

8:00 P.M.

POWEL SCHOOL

John Sennott, Chairman, Presiding

A G E N D A

I PRESENTATION OF UNIVERSITY CITY OPEN SPACES PROPOSAL

Introductions by Robert Folwell, Chairman, Powelton Neighbors Planning Committee

Speakers: Mr. Leo Molinaro,  
Executive Vice-President, West Philadelphia Corporation

Mr. Milt Karabel, Planning Consultant  
West Philadelphia Corporation

II REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RE-ZONING -- Ralph Hirsch, Chairman

Comments: Allyn Rickett, Past Chairman, Powelton Neighbors

Discussion and Action

I N T E R M I S S I O N

III BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Secretary's Report ----- Lucy Pope
- B. Treasurer's Report ----- Faith Buckner
- C. Resolutions from Executive Committee --  
✓ Bill Ridgeway, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee ✓

DISCUSSION AND BALLOT

- D. Announcements
- E. New Business

ADJOURNMENT





# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES & INSPECTIONS  
Municipal Services Building, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

GORDON CAVANAUGH  
Commissioner

June 15, 1966

Mr. William D. Ridgeway  
Powelton Neighbors Housing  
and Zoning Committee  
3416 Hamilton Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19104

Re: Jac-Lar Products Company  
3201 Summer Street

Dear Mr. Ridgeway:

In response to your letter concerning the parking lot at the above address, a violation notice has been issued to Jac-Lar Products Company for failing to comply with the terms of the variance granted for the parking lot.

The Department will continue its action in this matter until compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Code has been met.

Very truly yours,

*Frederick E. Wegner*  
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Deputy Commissioner

FEW:bs

cc: Commissioner Cavanaugh

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Powelton Neighbors  
Housing and Zoning Committee

Subject, Clean Up - Paint Up - Plant Your Yard Week.

December 7, 1965

H. Brown Associates  
Suite 1315  
Fidelity Phila. Trust Building,  
123 S. Broad Street,  
Philadelphia 19109, Pa.

Re: Premises 3218 Baring St.  
Philadelphia 19104, Pa.

Dear Sir:

The Powelton Neighbors wish to acknowledge with thanks your contribution toward the rehabilitation of the east side of north 33rd. Street, from Pearl Street to Hamilton Street, with that paint job on the above named premises. More than \$300,000.00 of private money has gone into this program, Now 33rd. Street is one of the best Streets in the village.

Encouraged by this huge success, the Neighbors are now ready to push their newest project, known as: Clean Up - Paint Up - Plant Your Yard Week. The attractive paint job on your property assures us of your cooperation and support.

The Neighbors will be happy to hear your views on this matter, please advise,

Yours truly,

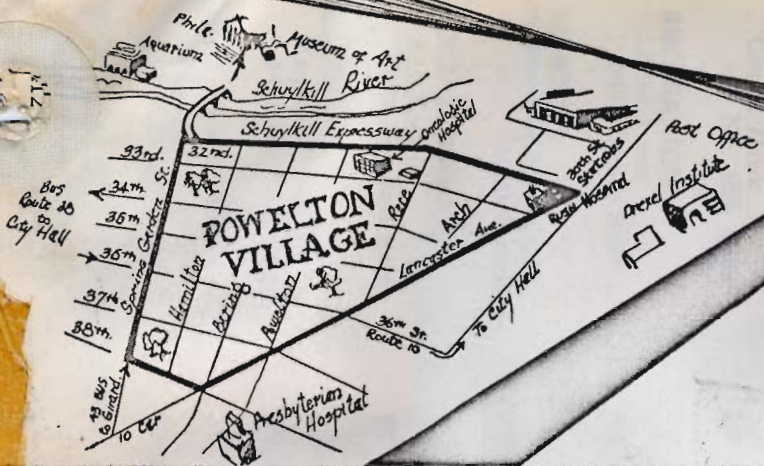
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William D. Ridgeway, Chairman

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# POWELTON NEIGHBORS



where neighbors  
live and work together

## John Powelton Neighbors

1959 begins POWELTON NEIGHBORS 4th year as a non-profit, non-partisan neighborhood improvement group, open to all tenants or home owners willing to work with a vigorous neighbors' association for community improvement.



## ZONING VICTORY

After more than a year of negotiation, we prevented the zoning downgrading of the block occupied by Alben Photo Labs on Spring Garden Street. The Hamilton Street side was, by agreement, fenced off and planted — made into an attractive court by the owners.

## FREE LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

stops weekly in the Village as the fruit of months of persuasion by our Neighbors' organization.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

has organized or encouraged the annual Singing City Christmas Concert, Christmas carolling, city camp, tot lot, training program volunteer recreation leaders. Current weekly activities coordinated by the Recreation Committee are listed later in this pamphlet.

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## DUES

- \$ 2.00 for individuals
- \$ 3.00 for Family membership (husband-wife)
- \$10.00 Contributing Member

Join Powelton Neighbors



## SPRING CLEAN-UP



Combined efforts of the City Sanitation Department, Drexel Fraternity men and our committees in a 4-weeks' coverage of the Village removed over 115 tons of expendable trash, and helped to reduce fire hazards.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT AND ZONING



POWELTON NEIGHBORS has had a key role in stimulating major improvements in more than 50 homes. Old homes have been completely renewed, standards of maintenance are improving, and a campaign is underway to activate the FHA mortgage plan. The FHA plan for Powelton, which should help owners finance expensive renewals, has the backing of the Greater Philadelphia Movement, the major banks and the city administration. POWELTON NEIGHBORS has a fine record of success in zoning cases and housing code enforcement, which protect the residential quality of the Village.

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The record of POWELTON NEIGHBORS' achievements last year rated us a \$1,500 First Prize in the state-wide Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce Neighborhood Improvement Contest.

1960's HIGHSPTS INCLUDE:

### VILLAGE FAIR



Third annual event brought 1000 young and old together for sidewalk art, exhibits, cake sale, samplings of international food, games, booths, pony rides, Pinata, folk dancing, and band concert.

### TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE

Operates through "TREE BANK" membership selling at \$3.00. Anyone who maintains annual membership and who also belongs to POWELTON NEIGHBORS is entitled to buy a tree at one half price. Every resident of the Village should join the Tree Bank each year to insure a perpetual, beautiful green tree community.

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The Powelton NEIGHBORS

MAY 1959

### BURGLARY

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**NEW FACES** With so many excellent candidates to chose from, it was difficult marking the ballot for 1959-60 officers of Powelton Neighbors:

Chairman: John Marshall  
Co-Chairmen: Marjorie Funderburg, Robert Young, Sho Maruyama  
Treasurer: Hortense Oudesluys  
Recording Secretary: Jeanine Herron  
Corresponding Secretary: Sarah Parker  
Public Information Secretaries: Elizabeth McKinney, Juanita Nelson

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**NEW NEWSLETTER NUMBER** Those with news items should contact Elizabeth McKinney, 216 No. 35th, EV 6-1819, who now writes the newsletter.

The new executive committee voted a "thank you" for their excellent services during the past year to outgoing officers Betty Shipherd, chairman; Ida Langman, Bill Ridgeway, and Andy Melamed, co-chairmen; Sarah Parker, secretary.



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CHICAGO

NORMA-SMITH - SOPHELIA

SAN DIEGO



SOPHIE-SMITH - CORA



WALTER MC FARLAND & FAMILY  
ST. PAUL MINN



SOPHIE - BILL - HALEY





# Letters TO THE EDITOR

We urge everyone in the Village feel free to express his opinions through Letters to the Editor. Because of space limitations, each letter is limited to 500 words.

8 January

To the Editor:

Please convey my sincere thanks to the members of the Powelton Neighbors Association. Your generous contribution was a great help in the operation of the playground last summer. The money was used for the following things:

replacement of lost checkers, jacks and table tennis balls; prizes for contests; treats for the closing day party.

Should your organization desire any other information, please call MA 3-6196.

Sincerely yours,  
N. Beale  
Teacher-in-charge

January 11

To the Editor:

I would like to put in a plea for controversy, non-acrimonious controversy. A meeting in which there is nothing for our good neighbor, the loyal (and according to himself the dedicated) opposition to oppose is a dull meeting. There are, I am sure, many issues with many sides to each. I, for one, need much education about many things that are part of our village. If all aspects of each issue are brought out clearly, I would not be surprised if several of the sides would be found to be very similar but using different words and concepts. How often we all play the parts of the blind men and the elephant.

I would also like to hear reports of what is going on. For one: What is happening in the committee looking into the vacant house situation? When occasionally the Rickett dog takes me for a walk, I am saddened by the lower (river) end of our three main streets, Powelton, Baring and Hamilton, especially the lower end of Powelton Avenue. Those empty shells of once dignified homes are both a disgrace and a menace. Who owns them? What plans are there for them, if any? Should there not be plans? Apparently the possibilities for rehabilitation are many and waiting to be used.

Sincerely,  
Ida Pruitt

A correction: The Schools Committee report (Jan. issue, p.4) refers to new principal for the proposed University City High School. In fact, a principal has not yet been appointed and probably will not be until 1969, a year before the intended opening of the High School.

15 January

To the Editor:

Your policy of presenting the different organizations' views in Powelton is a very wise one and by doing this you are making the paper truly representative of the total community in Powelton. In the past I would send announcement of activities and news releases to the Editor which were pertinent to the community, but these releases never appeared in the paper.

I am happy to say that since Gail Hardebeck has been the Editor she has changed this undemocratic procedure.

I would like to thank Gail Hardebeck, and I am sure her fine effort is appreciated by the whole community.

Sincerely yours,  
Hilburn F. Harbidge

January 4

To the Editor:

It is hard to see how this community or any could exist without some hard differences of opinion. Were this not true the Village would be void of the charm of its endless variety of people, houses, cultures and religions.

The rich traditions for which the Powelton Neighbors Association has been honored, state and nationally, all affirm our dedicated commitment to the community.

The reforms in housing, education, trees, day nurseries and recreation are a byproduct of the neighbors themselves. Both rich and poor, wise and unwise joined hands to mold and chisel their identity on this village.

There is no time for differences in style or personalities to consume the energies of the Neighbors. The institutions are getting larger, business bigger, and our chances for survival can be met only by joining hands.

Prudence and wisdom urge the continued use of the conference table, the drawing board, public and private money, knowledge and resources. No man or interest is an island unto itself. Together we must walk the high road to a better life or there will be none for all.

Bill Ridgeway

The POST staff wishes to express its sympathy to the family of Carl E. Hixson, a Powelton neighbor recently killed in Viet Nam.

January 18

To the Editor:

We note with regret some assertions regarding public housing in one of the letters to the Editor published in the January issue of the Powelton Post.

The writer states that public housing sells space for less and provides unfair competition. Actually income limitations for admission to public housing eliminate families and individuals who are able to rent or buy decent safe and sanitary housing at prices which will permit profitable private operation. Maximum current allowable net income permitted for admission of a family into public housing based on number of dependents is \$4,400. Thus public housing does not remove any prospective buyers or tenants from the legitimate rental or sale market.

The writer states that public housing pays 1/8 of normal taxes. Actually public housing is tax exempt, but in Philadelphia the Authority pays 10% of all shelter rents to the City in lieu of taxes. In many instances this amount is in excess of the revenue formerly received by the City from the property especially in cases of tax delinquency and abandonment. Frequently municipal expenditures to clean, seal, repair or demolish property prior to Housing Authority acquisition have been excessive. Since its inception the Department of Licenses and Inspections has spent more than ten million dollars in this fashion very little of which is collectable.

The writer states that published results of surveys on public housing in many cities show projects abound in crime, lawlessness, and need more police attention. Garbage, filth, rubbish and rats abound in buildings. Elevators sometimes work, etc., etc. There is some reference to a building in Hamtrack, Michigan.

It is reasonable to presume that maintenance and supervision of public housing units may vary with various operating agencies. The facts are actually contrary to those presented in the letter. Public housing is generally well maintained, clean, rat-free.

Tenants can be removed whose inability to adjust to public housing situations in spite of reasonable management efforts causes a disruptive effect on other tenants or neighbors.

Actually most of Philadelphia's 15,000 public housing families are law abiding and participate in a positive way in the public housing community.

The current Used House Program seeks to end the differentiation between public and private housing tenants and to improve physical conditions in areas where such housing is located.

Sincerely yours,  
Christy P. Emerson  
Director of Development  
Phila. Housing Authority



C I T Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

# annual report



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OFFICE OF THE  
**CITY TREASURER**  
**1967**



CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE

PHILIP M. POORMAN, City Treasurer

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**PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERMANENT EMPLOYEE**

ANNUAL  
 SPECIAL

NAME (Last) Ridgeway	(First) William	(Initial) D.	DATE OF REPORT 10/1/67 19	FOR PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT	
CIVIL SERVICE TITLE Clerk III (Sch. Bd.)			PAYROLL NUMBER 177-32-6143	RECEIVED 19	POSTED 19
TY DEPARTMENT Collections		SUBDIVISION 206	LOCATION OF EMPLOYMENT		

**COMMENTS TO EMPLOYEE**

(Supervisor should include examples of work especially well done and suggestions as to how work performance can be improved; factor ratings of Unacceptable or over-all ratings of Outstanding, Superior, Improvement needed, or Unacceptable must be substantiated.) (Use additional sheets if more space is needed.)

Since your assignment to the Treasurer's Office in 1965, you have learned many of our procedures and become a dependable member of our staff in our daily production work. Your wit, charm and general attitude have aided much in our staff's attainment of a high level of morale.

Suggestions made by you in the processing of Workmen's Compensation checks have been adopted by this Office. Your willingness to undertake a variety of assignments is much appreciated.

For your information I have summarized my best judgment of how well you have performed the duties of your position during the period covered since your last report. A duplicate copy of this report is being forwarded to the Personnel Department.

**RATINGS ARE INDICATED BY "X" MARKS**

PERFORMANCE FACTORS		UN-ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED	SATISFACTORY	SUPERIOR	OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE
1.	QUALITY OF WORK — Accuracy; precision; completeness; neatness. (Quantity not considered.)				X	
2.	QUANTITY OF WORK — Amount of work turned out. (Quality not considered.)			X		
3.	WORK HABITS — Organization of work; care of equipment; safety considerations; promptness; industry.					X
4.	RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE — Ability to get along with others; effectiveness in dealing with the public, other employees, patients or inmates.					X
5.	INITIATIVE — Self reliance; resourcefulness; willingness and ability to accept and carry out responsibility.				X	
6.	DEPENDABILITY — Degree to which employee can be relied upon to work and to meet deadlines without close supervision.				X	
7.	ANALYTICAL ABILITY — Thoroughness and accuracy of analysis of data, facts, laws and rules.					
8.	ABILITY AS SUPERVISOR — Proficiency in training employees, in planning, organizing, laying out and getting out work; leadership.					
9.	ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY — Promptness of action; soundness of decision; application of good management principles.					
10.	FACTORS NOT LISTED ABOVE: (Use additional sheets, if needed.)					
OVER-ALL RATING: Must be consistent with the factor ratings, but there is no prescribed formula for computing the over-all rating.		Unacceptable	Improvement Needed	Satisfactory	Superior X	Outstanding

SIGNATURE OF RATER <i>Carl A. Bischoff</i>	TITLE Administrative Assistant	DATE 10/2/67
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<input type="checkbox"/> I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS REPORT WITH THE REVIEWING OFFICER. AS REQUESTED, REVIEWING OFFICER DISCUSSED REPORT WITH EMPLOYEE ON (Date)	IN SIGNING THIS REPORT I DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE RATER. Signature of Employee: <i>William D. Ridgeway</i> Date:
	I CONCUR IN THE RATINGS GIVEN BY THE RATER. I HAVE MADE NO CHANGE IN THE REPORT. Signature of Reviewing Officer: <i>Philip M. Tooman</i> Date: <i>10/4/67</i>





# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS  
158 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

J. ROBERT SILLS  
Commissioner

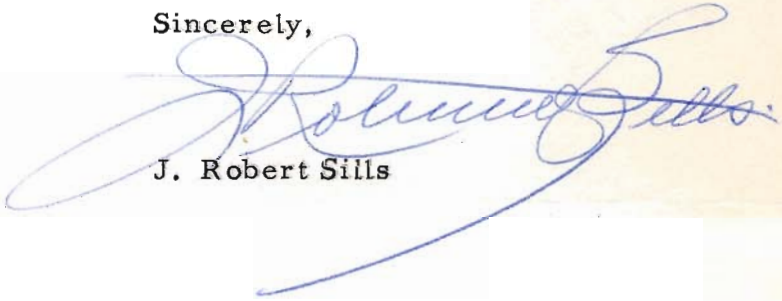
January 4, 1968

Mr. William D. Ridgeway  
Room 1430 Municipal Services Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your sincere congratulations and best wishes for my success and continued good health. We shall all be working for a better Philadelphia, and as you say - only in America could this good thing happen.

Sincerely,



J. Robert Sills

JRS/pls





## MUSIC NEWS

Thursday night strollers past the Federal Building in Detroit, Michigan, hear the twenty-nine members of the Letter Carriers' Band (above) practicing in the swing room for their prize-winning appearances at national conventions, hospitals, parades, and other civic activities. Joseph Edelmayer is director and Milos Malesev is Manager. Joseph Kowalczyk of the Thirty-first Street Station and George Bazilla of Milwaukee Junction are the only two still-present members of the original band formed in 1921. The

(Photo below by G. Marshall Wilson.)

majorettes are Gladys, left, and Donna Spurgis, daughters of Joe Spurgis of the Strathmoor Station.

The Amicitia Male Chorus, below, was formed by Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, postal people in 1951 with George T. White, Jr., as Chairman and George W. Waples, Director. The group appears on television, before conventions and at other meetings. Often singing in small towns and small churches far from the glamour of bright lights, the success of the Chorus is attributed by its officers to the members' willingness to work together, to practice regularly and to appear before any and all worthy groups.







IN HELPING WITH A LONG RECORD of charitable endeavors, the above group (postal employees), representing Amicitia Social Club, presents a \$500 check to furnish an apartment in the Stephen Smith Towers Apartments for the elderly at 1030 Belmont ave. Mr. John W. Tilley (fourth from left), director of Social Services at the Stephen Smith Home, ac-

cepts the gifts from members: Messrs. Leon J. Taylor, vice president; William O. Morris, treasurer; George Hubbard, Andrew M. Galtner, business manager; Robert P. Blount, president; Walter R. Seaborn, chaplain; Albert Jordan, board member, and Charles R. Henry. — Smith Photo.

'AMICITIA'  
CLUB  
OF  
1968  
PRESENTS →



THE PHILADELPHIA YOUNG PEOPLE  
CHORAL SOCIETY

P R E S E N T S T H E

UNION MUTUAL  
CHORAL ENSEMBLE

ACCOMPANIED BY

E. Gilbert Anderson Memorial Orchestra

ERNESTINE BONNER COOK, DIRECTOR  
RAYMOND L. SMITH, CONDUCTOR

Friday Evening, May 11, 1934  
Knights of Pythias Hall

HISTORY

The Philadelphia Young People's Choral Society, sponsored by the Union Mutual Association, was organized December 13th, 1933, for the purpose of aiding boys and girls to finish their education and to promote musical appreciation.

The clubs are located in Germantown, West Philadelphia, and South Philadelphia, with a membership of approximately 300.

Class instruction is given in the correct method in breathing, tone placing and enunciation. The repertoire consists of songs ranging from popular music to opera, with special stress laid on A Cappella and Choral Ensemble Singing.

While music is our cultural side of achievement, special interest is manifested in the Social and Business side by members of the Club.

We have given the following scholarships:

Auvin V. Green, Jr. .... College  
Alethea Simmons ..... Voice  
Reese Brown ..... Violin  
Gwendolyn Taylor ..... Piano

No fees of any kind are attached to these activities.

Any high school student or graduate, 16 years or over, is eligible to membership.

For further information, please write to

MISS GUTHEA GREEN, SEC'Y

725 N. 49th Street

W. Philadelphia, Pa.

PERSONNEL

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ERNESTINE BONNER COOK.....Director

RAYMOND L. SMITH.....Conductor

CORA V. WHITTED.....Chaperon

GUTHEA A. GREEN.....Secretary

KING W. COOK.....Manager

WILLIAM RIDGEWAY.....Assistant Manager





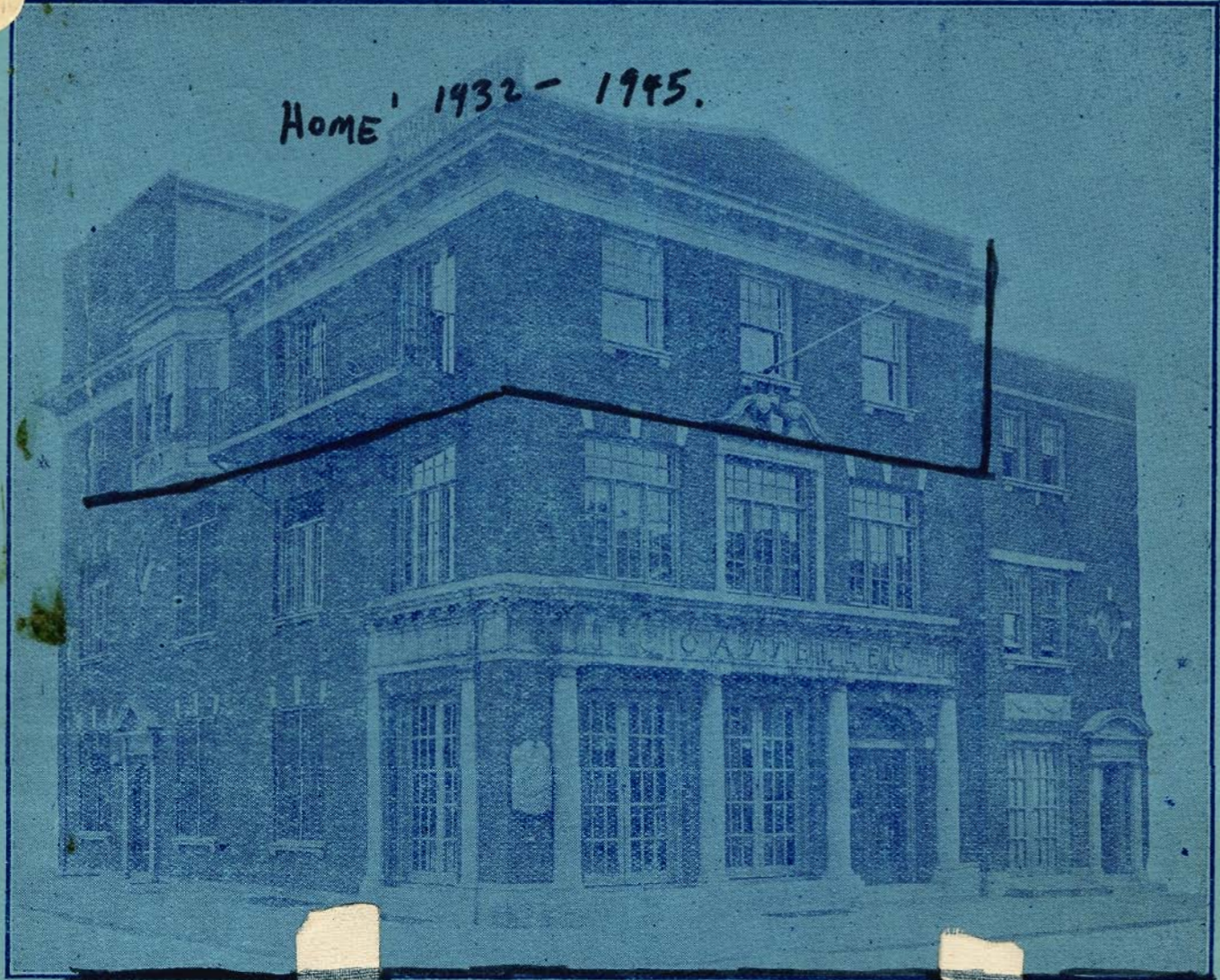
For years the Amicitia Club Of Philadelphia Pa., a fun club of Postal workers, organized in 1921 had planned to broaden their program to include activities that would reach more of our fellow workers. A wide range of programs were initiated with only limited success. Finally in 1951 under the chairmanship of George T. White Jr. and the direction of George W. Waples the Amicitia Male Chorus was born. This enterprise was open to any and all of our fellow workers who could and would sing. The credit for any success of this group should go not to the sponsor but to the members of the chorus who gave up their week ends for years to rehearse. Many of the chorus engagements have been in small towns and small churches far from the glamour of the bright-lights. This willingness to stick together and do a job has been the guiding spirit in the development of what is now the famous Amicitia Male Chorus. The chorus has lent its efforts to many community affairs. Has been presented by most of the local ( Phila. Pa. ) Postal Associations. Appeared with Postmaster Raymond Thomas on the March of Dimes Program ( TV ), and made daily appearances at the Postmaster's National Convention held in Convention Hall, Philadelphia Pa. October 1954.

*Signed, William D. Ridgeway*  
*— Publicity Director —*



Loyalty to the Living - Loyalty to the Dead

HOME 1932 - 1945.



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WILLIAM D. RIDGEWAY

« Business Manager, Amicitia Club »

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

THE THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT  
913 SOUTH 17TH STREET,  
WAS HOME TO SOPHELIA AND  
BILL RIDGEWAY, 1932-1945



Paris, le 28 juin 1959

6, Square Delambre,

XIV<sup>e</sup>

**STREET**

Dear Sir,  
I am an  
English Biographer  
Sincerely

To: *Henry W. ...*



**CLUB**  
**PARTY**  
**NO. 1711**

Miss ...  
Philadelphia  
346 H  
W. S. A.

*'Amicitia Club of 1935'*

GOVERNOR GENERAL FELIX EBOUÉ, of French Equatorial Africa, who in a statement made at Cairo last week, restated his policy of "Africa for the Africans" and added that his people, now within the French Empire, stand on the threshold of full citizenship.



Paris, le 28 juin 1959

6, Square Delambre.

XIV<sup>e</sup>

Dear Sir,

I am sorry, indeed. There is not yet  
english biography of Felix Eboué.

Sincerely yours.

Rena Maran.



Monsieur Williams D. Ridgway.

Philadelphia 4, Pa

3416 Hamilton St.

Powelton Village.

U.S.A.

### Africa for the Africans



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