



Sheridan Elementary Turns 75 Years Old

by Julie Enersen

CCNA History Snapshot

As part of a new feature in the *CCNA CHRONICLE*, we will be highlighting a piece of history from the Country Club neighborhood. We begin by featuring Sheridan Elementary School which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

In January of 1925, the Lincoln School District purchased nine lots at the eastern end of Wendover Avenue from Harvey Rathbone for the sum of \$4,500. The School Board voted to name the school Sheridan after a nearby street of the same name. (Sheridan Boulevard was named for Civil War General P.H. Sheridan.)

The building, designed by Ellery Davis, was planned in a Colonial style as was its counterpart, Randolph Elementary. Both schools were designed by Davis and Wilson and built in the same year. Therefore, they share many architectural features.

One such feature was a fireplace. Original floor plans of the Sheridan building show a fireplace in the kindergarten room on the first floor. As was common at that time, it was placed opposite the bay window in the building and was used to augment the coal-fired steam heat so that the littlest students in the biggest room could stay warm. Later, when the kindergarten room was divided into two smaller classrooms, the fireplace was removed and replaced by a doorway. This is evidenced by the obvious patching in of brown tile around the current entrance to Room 107.

Sheridan's floor plans also show a bicycle room at the northeast corner of the basement (where the music and northernmost kindergarten room are now.)

According to John Baylor, Sr., one of Sheridan's first students, this room was

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This 1930s photo shows the original leaded glass windows which used to adorn the entrance.

CCNA President's Message . . .

by Jim Pattavina

About a year ago I was approached by Pat O'Brien and Linda Wibbels regarding serving on the CCNA Board of Directors as president — an idea that Jonathan Cook had previously suggested when I was somewhat new to the association in April of 1997. However, having spent 13 years on the Tierra Homeowners' Association Board, I figured this would be a cake walk, since I'd been there, done that. I was wrong!

Thankfully, I've enjoyed every minute of this past year on the CCNA Board, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunities that next year will bring.

The Board Members are looking forward to next year. We anticipate adding new members to the Board in order to provide some new ideas to complement the experience of the continuing Board members. It is the Board's plans to expand its membership to represent as many areas of the neighborhood as possible.

The issue of continuation and renewal of the Board of Directors and of-

ficers is something an organization needs to plan for each year. Our organization continually needs new Board members and officers. We need your voice. Please don't hesitate to speak up! We would love to get you more active in CCNA. Please call me if you want to get involved, 477-7717.

In other business, the present Board of Directors reviewed the bylaws of our organization and discovered a problem. We realized that no one is sure which version of the bylaws is the "official" copy. With this in mind, we will offer a set of bylaws for your review and approval at the annual meeting. The bylaws being presented incorporate the best information we have from the old sets of bylaws. And, in my opinion, represent the actions of CCNA over the last few years. You will be able to read them at the meeting prior to voting. Please try to attend the annual meeting. I have a request in for a nice spring evening.

Also, if you want to volunteer to bring a treat to share, please call me at 477-7717.✍

Annual Meeting Notice
Tuesday, March 20, 2001
St. Matthew's Church



Looking for Something Special?

Do you have items to donate that seem well-suited for your neighbors? Have you been searching for the right pedestal sink, perennial plant or shrub?

The CCNA is hosting a free "clearinghouse" for donations of those unwanted but good items of furniture, appliances, plants, etc. These will be posted in the newsletters and on our anticipated website.

In the meantime, Joyce Gleason has agreed to act as our coordinator. Email to her a description of any item(s) you have to donate OR any items you are seeking (no clothing please). This clearing house is for free exchanges within the Country Club Neighborhood. If you received this newsletter at your address, you are eligible to participate. Please Email: jggleason1@aol.com.

Sheridan Elementary School

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where everyone was required to store the bicycle which he/she brought to school. A special custodian was in charge at all times.

A playroom/assembly room (which was to "be available in place of a gymnasium") stretched the width of the building on the first floor. The stage on the eastern end (now the area of the teachers' workroom) was used for monthly programs which were presented by each grade. The only entrance to the backstage area was through a single door in an adjoining first grade classroom. This arrangement was, according to Baylor, "inconvenient for Miss Dawson who was trying to hold class while some production of the upper grades was being presented." During a subsequent renovation, the large assembly room was bisected by a corridor and made into two separate classrooms. The outline of the patched-in backstage door is still clearly visible on

the wall separating the workroom and Room 118. Since its beginning in 1926, the school has undergone two major additions. The first in 1953 and another in 1993. The large rectangular openings (now used for storage areas) on the northern walls of several classrooms were formerly exterior windows of a much smaller Sheridan.

A 75th Anniversary Celebration of Sheridan Elementary School will be held at the school on April 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This public event will include an open house, a silent auction, signing of a Memory Book and a musical performance of songs from 1926.

Do you have a piece of history or an interesting house that you would like to see featured in a future CCNA CHRONICLE? If so, please contact Julie Enersen at 475-9988 or enersen@inebraska.com.

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Helpful Tips for Maintaining Your Home

by Ryan Omel



By the time you are reading this article, there should only be a few more weeks until the first day of Spring, which is a great time to do routine maintenance on your home. With the many freezing and thawing cycles that have taken place this winter, it is a good idea to check the following items on the exterior of your home:

- **Gutters:** Clean gutters and downspouts. Check for loose connectors and leaky joints. Make sure that long runs are straight and sloped properly.
- **Windows and Doors:** Check for leaks, wood rot and moisture build-up. Inspect caulking for a good seal.
- **Chimney:** Inspect the chimney for loose bricks and mortar and check the flashing for a good seal.

- **Roof:** Inspect the roof for damaged or missing shingles.
- **Filter & Smoke Detectors:** Inspect the furnace filter for buildup of particles. Replace or clean the filter by following the manufacturer's recommendations. Smoke detectors should be checked on a regular basis; however, if you haven't recently checked them, please make sure you check this Spring.

These are just a few of the more common items you should inspect on your home this Spring. If you are looking for more information on home repair, try these web sites: (1) bhglive.com; (2) housenet.com; and (3) homestore.com. If you have questions about a project or problem with your home, contact a home repair or service company.