

# Community's Efforts Bring Results



CIVIC CLUB

The blue-and-white concrete block building has a large meeting room and kitchen. Members of the community contribute their time and talents to keep it up. (Staff Photos by Burbage)

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Staff Reporter

When a community combines forces, anything is possible. If a group of people want a club house, a swimming pool, a barbecue pit—they can get it—at least if they have community leadership and a willingness to help others as Fort Johnson Estate residents do.

In another era, residents of a community banded together to have house raisings, corn shuckings, and quilting bees. Then there came a time when no one had time for civic activities, at least in some communities.

At Fort Johnson Estates the residents have "gone modern". And they're as proud of their accomplishments as they can be.

The subdivision, bounded on one side by Fort Johnson Road on James Island, is bordered on the other by Charleston Harbor. It overlooks the lower harbor and affords an easy view of Fort Sumter.

It opened in 1956 with approximately 135 acres being developed. The name was chosen in honor of Sir Nathaniel Johnson, governor of South Carolina from 1703-1709. All of the streets are named for Confederate generals—Robert E. Lee Boulevard, Trapier Drive, Bonham Drive, Longstreet Drive, "Jeb" Stewart Road, Wade Hampton Drive, Wallace Drive, Evans Road and Preston Road.

As more and more families began moving into the neighborhood, men and women with insight decided to organize themselves into a club, which they later named Fort Johnson Estates Civic Club. Their purpose was to "better enhance living conditions for the individual members from a physical, moral, civic and social standpoint, and to promote good fellowship in the community."

In 1964 a club house was dedicated. The three-quarter acre site was given to the residents of the subdivision by the developers (South Atlantic Life Insurance Co.)

Almost all of the work on the \$10,000 building was done by community residents. Money for construction was raised through barbecues and club dues. In addition, each member gave \$100 which would later be paid back.

Each resident is allowed to use the center twice annually for parties and get-togethers. In addition, the Scouts, Garden Clubs and other organizations hold regular meetings in the concrete block building.

In 1967, under the direction of J. Rucker Newbery, plans were discussed for a swimming pool. Members of the Fort Johnson Swimming Pool Corp. contributed time and money. Now they have a beautiful junior olympic-size swimming pool complete with bathhouse, pavilion, meeting space, filter system, sun deck and parking area.

Two other areas have been added to the community center. The barbecue pit has been called "the best in the state. If you can find a better one, I'll apologize," Newbery says.

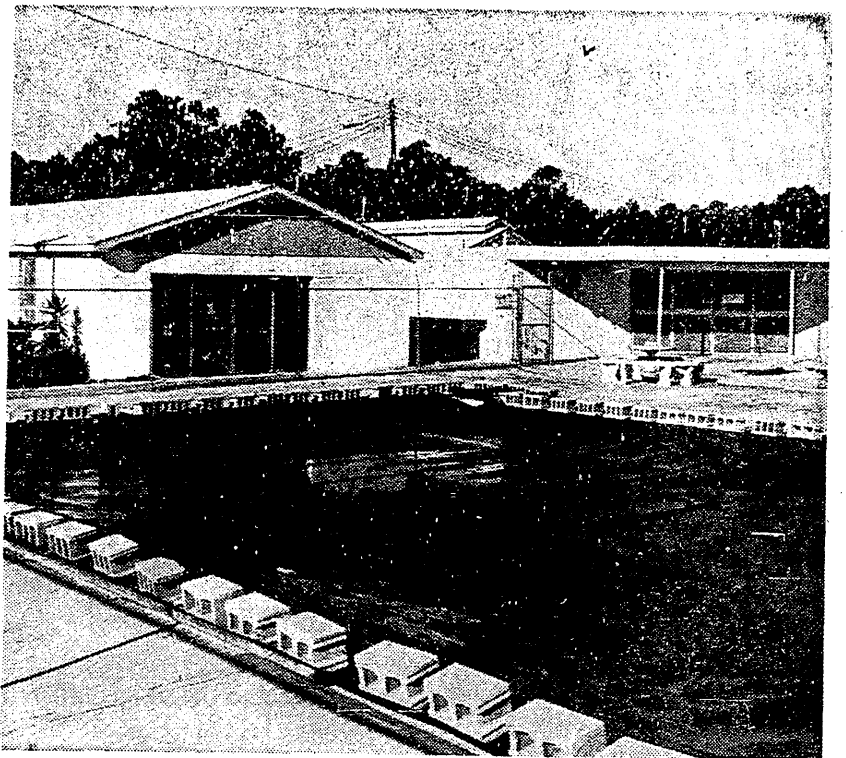
An all purpose court is also enjoyed by all of the residents of the community. Although it is set up for tennis, it can also be used for shuffleboard or even skating.

With each new development, residents were asked to contribute money. "We decided it was time to do something that didn't cost money," Newbery says. In cooperation with the Red Cross, at least 25 per cent of the families in the community have been asked to contribute a pint of blood. When this has been accomplished, anyone in the community will be able to receive blood for no cost should the need ever arise.

In addition to having recreational facilities due to a club, the residents of Fort Johnson Estates have also discovered that if they band together, they can accomplish other things: they were able to get city water with more pressure; they got their telephone rates lowered; by getting a fire department their insurance rates were lowered.

In order to keep the community posted, they also publish a monthly newsletter.

Newbery is outgoing president of the community club, and Dr. J. L. Steinberg will begin his second term as president in 1971. Other presidents have been T. J. Wright Jr., Cmdr. M. M. Mickey, Charles Moore, W. C. Dukes Jr., Capt. J. L. Rhodemyre, W. S. West and W. T. Caldwell.



SWIMMING AREA

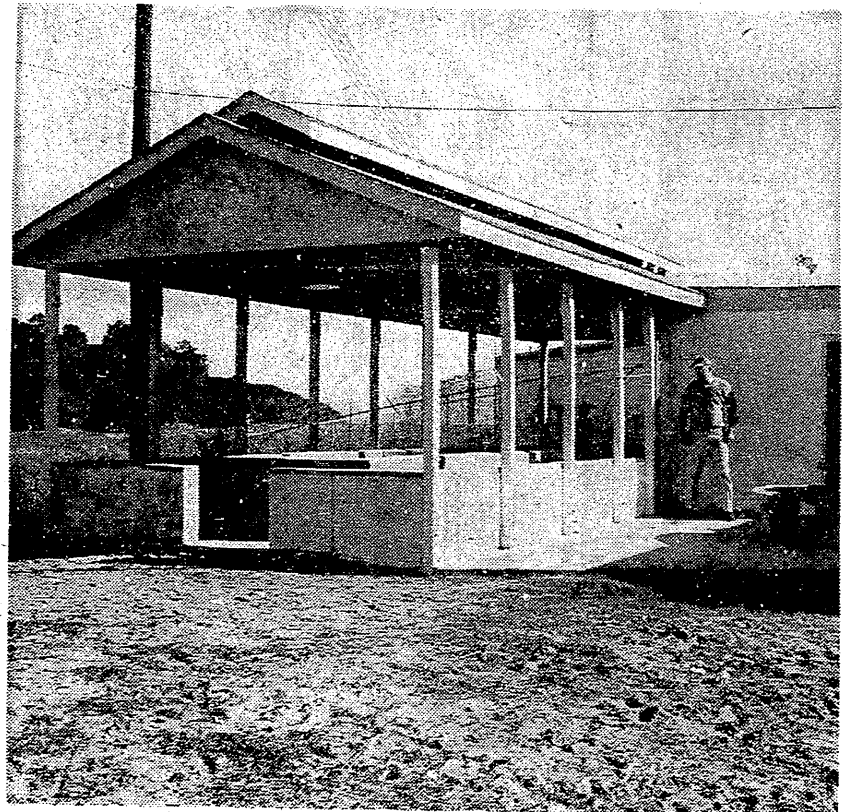
The swimming pool has been covered to keep trash and leaves from falling into it. In the background are the civic club, part of the barbecue pit and the bath house and dressing rooms.

## WOMEN'S



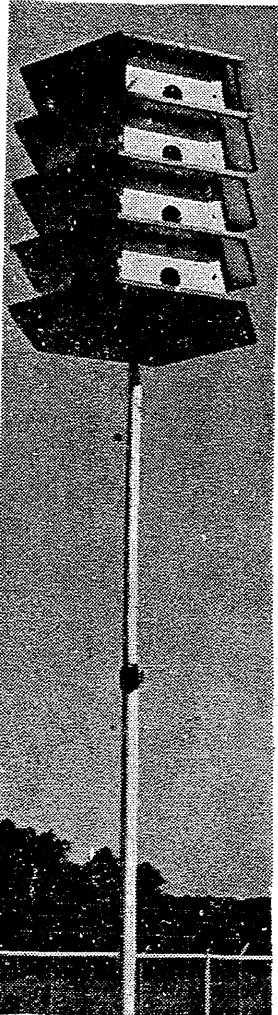
## WORLD

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THE BARBECUE PIT

Community members are proud of the barbecue area. They frequently have chicken, shrimp and oyster suppers. Wives band together to serve the food, making for an efficiently-run operation.



CONTROLS MOSQUITOS — Members of the garden clubs had this 8-room martin house built. The birds have greatly helped cut down the mosquito populations.

## Mothers March Sunday Afternoon

More than 3,000 women in Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley counties will be on the march again Sunday afternoon soliciting funds for the March of Dimes.

Mrs. William M. Leach, chairman, states that the Mothers' March this year will serve a three-fold purpose: "Volunteers will accept contributions to aid our many programs aimed at the prevention and treatment of birth defects. In addition, an unofficial rubella vaccine door count will be taken at each home, to determine how many children between age 1 and 12 years have not received the vaccination against German measles. And also, a leaflet on birth defects prevention will be left at each home."

Mrs. Leach explains that the Metro Charleston Chapter assisted public health agencies during the recent nationwide drive to vaccinate all children through age 12 against rubella, a major cause of birth defects among mothers who contract the disease in early pregnancy, usually from their children attending school in the elementary grades.

Mrs. Leach stresses that volunteers in the Mothers' March will be wearing the official MM badge in green, white and blue colors. "Citizens are urged not to give donations to anyone on Sun-

day afternoon's march who is not properly identified."

In Summerville Mrs. H. C. Cranford, Jr. is in charge of the Mothers' March. Mrs. Brenda Mizell will head the group in St. George, while Mrs. LaVonne Bell is leader in the Harleyville area.

Berkeley County marchers will be headed by Mrs. John C. Anderson Jr. City of Charleston volunteers will be led by Mrs. Mary Louise Schroder and Mrs. Johny L. Brockington. Mrs. T. W. Graham Jr. is captain of the McClellanville volunteers.

In the Cooper River area, leaders include Mrs. Walter L. Guthrie, Mrs. Harvey Walters, Mrs. W. G. Campbell Jr., Isle of Palms; Mrs. Raymond Soubeyroux, Mrs. R. H. Tinsley, Mrs. Lula Morris, Sullivan's Island, and Mrs. James Dutart, Mount Pleasant.

North Charleston area leaders include Mrs. Melton Goodstein, Mrs. Lois Graham, Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mrs. Ralph Richardson, Mrs. L. K. Goolsby and Mrs. J. R. Bonds.

West Ashley coordinators for the Mothers' March are Mrs. Doris Maher, Mrs. B. R. Schools, Mrs. Lee J. Murden, Mrs. John E. Thomas, Mrs. George Ritchie, Mrs. J. C. Varnel and Mrs. Lee Kester.

## Heloise

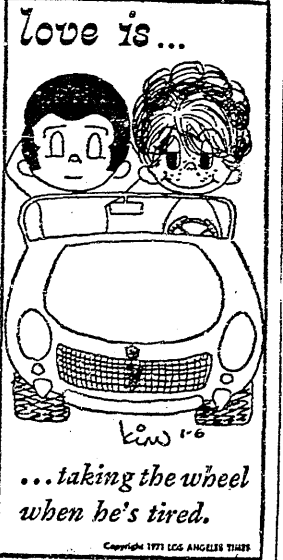
DEAR HELOISE: I just came across a marvelous discovery.

I was using foam rubber to pad some cornices and had a small piece left over. I decided to try an experiment, so I wet a piece and wiped finger marks off the wall. Then I used a dry piece to dust my lamp shades and furniture.

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I was just thrilled at the results of using the foam rubber as a dust cloth." Try it and see what I mean.

MARGE FINKEN



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### HANNAHAN

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 5555 Yeamans Hall Road

Tues., 8 p.m.

### DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON

Charleston Inn, Lockwood Drive

Mon., 8 p.m. - Tues., 8 p.m.

### SUMMERVILLE

Summerville Presbyterian Church (S. Laurel and Central Ave.)

Thurs., 8 p.m.

### ORANGEBURG

Woodman Hall on Fair Street

Tues., 8 p.m.

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### NORTH CHARLESTON

216 E. Montague Ave. (Near N. Chas. High School) Beginning Jan. 4, Mon., 8 p.m. - Jan. 5, Tues., 10 a.m. Jan. 5, Tues., 8 p.m. - Jan. 7, Thurs., 10 a.m. Jan. 7, Thurs., 8 p.m.

### Tillmans Restaurant (Meeting Room)

Montague and Dorchester Rd. Intersection Beginning: Jan. 4, Mon., 8 p.m. Jan. 7, Thurs., 10 a.m.

### GOOSE CREEK

Goose Creek Presbyterian Church, Old State Rd.

Thurs., 8 p.m.

### MOUNT PLEASANT

Town Hall Building

Wed., 10 a.m. - Thurs., 8 p.m.

### WALTERBORO

Colleton County Library

Mon., 8 p.m.

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## January Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Randolph Bradham of 1491 Simons St., Mount Pleasant, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 3. The couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McCorkle of Annapolis and the Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Bradham Jr. of Mullins; and their grandchildren, Steven and Gary McCorkle of Annapolis and Freddie and Nancy Bradham of Mullins, were here for the party.

**SUMMERVILLE COUPLE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey H. Cooper of Summerville will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary Jan. 9.

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