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MSF News & Views

MERIDIAN STREET PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTS ON THREE PETITIONS

The following petitions for a Certificate of Appropriateness were presented to the Meridian Street Preservation Commission at a public hearing held on July 20:

By M. S. Casson & Co., owner of a commercial office building at 3843-45 North Meridian Street, for a previously installed four-vehicle parking area on the Meridian Street side of the structure.

During the testimony, it was noted that a similar petition presented to the Commission in 1986 had been denied and the parking area ordered removed. Petitioner claimed his architect had "called downtown" and was told the location of the parking area was "O.K. as long as it was 15 feet from the street".

Testimony opposing the petition was presented by Corky Neale, vice-president of Environmental Affairs, Meridian-Kessler Neighborhood Association; Helga Behroozi, director, Meridian Street Foundation, Mrs. James A. Sabens, representing several Meridian Street residents, Lucy Regal, a Pennsylvania Street landowner and J. Reid Williamson, president, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

The Commission denied the petition by a unaminous vote of 8-0.

Petition by Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony, 4305 N. Meridian St., for post-construction approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a fence at the rear and on the 43rd Street side of their property. Petitioners testified they had been advised prior to construction of the fence that a Certificate of Appropriateness was not necessary. Cost of the fence was estimated at $10,000 by Petitioners.

Testimony opposing the petition was presented by Helga Behroozi, Mary Walker, Land Use Chairman, Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association, and Dr. James Sabens, chair, Beautification Committee, Meridian Street Foundation. Remonstrators argued that the petition was being presented "after the fact" of construction, portions of the fence were of an illegal height, and no documentation had been presented confirming petitioners' claim that they were told prior approval was unnecessary.

The Commission approved the petition by a unanimous vote of 8-0 upon the condition that trash containers be kept inside the fence and not outside in the street except on collection days.

Petition by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sanders, 4045 N. Meridian St., for extensive exterior and interior remodelling and redecorating their home. Exterior changes would totally replace the stucco finish with brick and limestone. Cost estimate — $200,000.

In commenting on the petition, J. Reid Williamson, Jr., President, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, noted that his inspection of this house did not reveal any radical deterioration of the stucco exterior that justified its replacement with different materials. He said that completely redoing the exterior of the house with brick veneer would present a completely new building not at all appropriate to it or the historic appearance of Meridian Street. Williamson's opinions were echoed by several members of the Commission.

The Commission's decision was a recommendation that architects of petitioners and Williamson's organization cooperate in developing plans more in keeping with the historical appearance of the house and street and be resubmitted to the Commission when completed.

REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP; OUR SIDE STREETS

By G. B. Landrigan, Realtor

For the past three issues of the MSF NEWS & VIEWS, readers of this column have patiently endured the apparent over-zealousness of this writer concerning the market values of residences on North Meridian, North Pennsylvania and North Illinois Streets. For these readers I have nothing more than greater optimism as we review the progress of the MSF side streets.

Often overlooked as simply connective lanes to the boulevards of the MSF area, the side streets of our neighborhood have been instrumental in retaining the charm and historicity of the district. Indeed, MSF's appeal would certainly be altered were it not for the brick lining West Forty-Third Street or the Georgetown-like quality of East Fifty-Sev-

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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

John C. Klein, MD

The "Meridian in Bloom" tour of July 9 -10 was again this year, a delightful recognition of our area and I think, enjoyed by all who participated in it.

The tour was conducted quite smoothly because of the work of dedicated volunteers from our own neighborhood as well as a number from well outside of it, all under the able leadership of officials of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

Attendance at this year's tour was somewhat less than in previous years undoubtedly due to the torrid weather that has prevailed this summer.

The kick-off reception-party for the tour - "Back Home to Meridian Street" - held on June 3, was attended by well over 140 people who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet each other and renew acquaintances with former Meridian Street residents.

The board of directors of the Meridian Street Foundation continues to meet on a monthly basis and devote its primary attention to the optimal functioning of the Meridian Street Preservation Law.

When you become aware of a new family that has moved into the MSF area, please promptly notify Virginia Handley or Roberta Lamberson, co-chairs of MSF's Social Committee, or me so that these new residents may be properly welcomed to our area and advised of the purposes of MSF and the Meridian Street Preservation Law. We also want to make them aware of the activities of our sister organizations, Meridian-Kessler Neighborhood Association and Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association.

We continue to seek MSF membership of all households in our area - both sides of Meridian Street, the west side of Pennsylvania Street, the east side of Illinois Street, and all the intervening streets from 40th Street north to Westfield Boulevard. Our membership committee under the very able chairmanship of Gene Scott, is in the midst of renewing present memberships as well as enlisting new ones. I strongly urge present members to continue their support of our organization throughout this year as well as encourage their neighbors to also support our association's activities. Our volunteer organization works for the benefit of us all.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our MSF Annual Picnic (which was such a success last year) in September at Stan Markuson's spacious grounds. Watch your mail for announcements about this very entertaining event for adults and children.

MERIDIAN STREET FOUNDATION SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Virginia Handley, Co-chair of MSF's Social Committee, says to mark your social calendar now for the Second Annual MSF Family Picnic.

Sunday afternoon, September 18th is the date, Stan Markuson's spacious yard is the place. Dodd's House will provide the food and drink again this year. "Lucky us," says Virginia.

Watch for special mailings for further details and reservation forms. Remember, entire families, from toddlers to totterers are invited to attend and enjoy this neighborly event.

Reserve the date now and say "yes" if Virginia asks you to give her a hand.

"READ ALL ABOUT IT"

By James A. Sabens, MD, Chair MSF Beautification Committee

Item #1 - Vicar of Wall Street Episcopal Church says, "Modern man has forgotten the 'old story' lecture" - Trinity Church, April, 1988.
The "Back Home to Meridian Street" reception held last June demonstrated that we in the MSF neighborhood have many "old stories" which make our area so unique. Talking with some relatives of former Indiana governors made us very proud of our Street's past.

Item #2 - A relative of Wordsworth says midwestern Americans are the most "romantic" people in the world. IU symposium, March 1988, WTIU. "Romantic" means learning more about oneself through love of nature and its preservation.

Item #3 - "Alice in Wonderland" comes to the Governor's Cup Croquet Tournament, June, 1988. It is fitting that "Alice" visited since the Meridian neighborhood is a "wonderland"; Booth Tarkington called houses "storybook castles".

Item #4 - Blankenbaker District probably the "richest and best educated district in the state". Indianapolis Star, May, 1988.

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THIRD ANNUAL "MERIDIAN IN BLOOM" TOUR

Presented By

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana

President's Message
J. Reid Williamson, Jr.

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana is pleased to present the third annual "Meridian in Bloom" tour showcasing the architecture of the North Meridian Street Historic District.

Indianapolis is lucky to have such a handsome Main Stem, a street which is admired by residents and visitors alike for its imposing homes and continuity of its beautiful architecture and landscaping.

To secure official landmark status and gain recognition for this well-preserved community asset, Historic Landmarks Foundation conducted research and successfully nominated the area (from 40th Street to Westfield Boulevard) to the National Register of Historic Places.

The proceeds from previous "Meridian in Bloom" tours funded the cost of our initial research and preparation of the National Register nomination.

Income from the 1988 and subsequent tours is dedicated to underwrite the publication of an illustrated book on the architectural and social history of the North Meridian Street Historic District. The book is currently scheduled to appear in 1990.

We hope to hear from current and former Meridian Street residents who have memories, written historical data such as diaries, household logs, news clippings, scrapbooks, or family photographs that may provide background information and potential illustration in the book. Those who wish to share such information with us, are requested to call Tina Conner at 317/926-2301.

Historic Landmarks Foundation is indebted to the residents of Meridian Street, and in particular to those who have generously opened their homes, for the success of "Meridian in Bloom". We sincerely thank all who participated on the steering committee, tour patrons and volunteers, supporting businesses and institutions.

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Home of
Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony
4305 North Meridian Street
Frederichs House
Contemporary (c. 1953)

Although built in the Contemporary style many years after the majority of Meridian Street homes, the Frederichs House shares with its neighbors an attention to design and the use of high quality construction materials and methods. The Contemporary style was favored in architect-designed houses of the 1950s and '60s.

Many long-term residents of Meridian Street recall the controversy that attended the construction of the house in the early 1950s, when concerned neighbors objected to architect Alden Miranda's modern design for the building. The controversy was put to rest, and today the house is viewed by most residents as perfectly suited to its site. Upon the deaths of the original owners, the home was bequeathed to a local church which sold the property in 1985 to the current owners, John and Nina Anthony.

The Anthony's have made cosmetic interior alterations by removing draperies and replacing wall-to-wall carpeting with painted hardwood floors. They have also put their personal stamp on the property in the landscaping changes they have introduced, which include a fenced courtyard at the rear of the house, two ponds and a bocci court.

John Anthony is a writer/producer for Creative Street; Nina Anthony is a writer at Caldwell-Van Riper Advertising Agency.

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Home of
James Q. Mulholland and Frederick M. Hatfield, Jr.
4403 North Meridian Street
Shaneberger House
Tudor Revival (1925)

Tudor Revival is one of the most frequently represented styles in the North Meridian Street Historic District. The style draws on Medieval English precedents. Typical characteristics displayed in the Shaneberger House include the use of brick and stucco with false half-timbering, tall narrow casement windows in multiple groups with stone trim, clay tile roof, round-arched door and end porches.

Architect Frank B. Hunter designed the Shaneberger House in 1925. Before he retired in 1938, he had designed over 600 houses and other structures in the city, including several in what is now the North Meridian Street Historic District.

Hunter built the house at 4403 North Meridian for Roy and Amelia Shaneberger. Shaneberger founded the Progress Laundry Company in 1892 and served as its president for fifty years.

Current owners of the Shaneberger House are James Q. Mulholland and Frederick M. Hatfield, Jr. who purchased the property last year from 13-year residents Richard and Mary Madden. Mulholland is a professor of music at Butler University, and Hatfield is director of purchasing and planning at American Monitoring Corp.

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Home of
Mr. & Mrs. George H. Maley
4531 North Meridian Street
Umphrey House
American Four-Square (1923)

Between 1900 and 1925, every mail-order company in the house business offered variants of the American Four-Square.

The simplicity and practicality of the style made it enormously popular for the new, post-Victorian suburbs. In contrast to the ornate Queen Anne and other Victorian styles, American Four-Squares were characterized by massiveness, stability, and reduced ornamentation.

Four-Squares are generally two-story houses set on high basements with the first floor approached by steps leading to a verandah that runs the full width of the house.

The Umphrey House also exhibits other hallmarks of the style, including a central front dormer, wide overhanging eaves, large, double-hung windows; and heavy, squarish porch pillars.

William A. Humphrey, founder and president of the American Loan Company, lived here from 1924 to 1938. Alan Boyd was the home's owner from 1939 until it was purchased in 1957 by the current owners, George and Bette-Jane Maley. Mr. Maley is president of National Underwriters, Inc.

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Home of
Dr. & Mrs. Mark V. Fletcher
4420 North Meridian Street
Pointer House
Craftsman (1927)

Pattern books and popular magazines spread the Craftsman style across the country from its origins in Southern California around 1905 through the early 1920s.

Although built a bit later than most Craftsman homes, the Pointer House displays typical characteristics of the style with its partial-width front-gabled porch, unenclosed eave overhand, exposed roof rafters, and square porch columns on taper pedestals.

The half-timbering brickwork and leaded-glass casement windows are also common elements of the Craftsman style. The scrolled bargeboard is an atypical feature which gives the house a picturesque "storybook" quality.

Builder Harry H. Pointer constructed the house in 1927 and sold it in 1934 to Dr. Walter Pennington. The Penningtons sold the house in 1957 to Jack and Peg Ehlert who lived here for 28 years before selling it to Mark and Maryann Meese Fletcher in 1985.

In their remodeling and redecoration, the Fletchers have attempted to ensure the changes they have introduced are in keeping with the style of the house. Maryann Fletcher, an artist, is responsible for the illustrations of tour homes in this article with the exception of that of the Governor's Residence which was drawn by William Cotterman. Mark Fletcher is an anaesthesiologist.

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Indiana Governor's Residence

Home of Gov. and Mrs. Robt. D. Orr
4750 N. Meridian Street
Campbell-Buschman House
Jacobethan (1928)

The Governor's Residence, the fifth official residence of Indiana's chief executives, was built for Rev. Harry E. Campbell, associate pastor of the First Prebyterian Church. Indianapolis attorney C. Severin Buschman purchased the house in 1938. In 1975, the state bought the property for use as the Governor's Residence. The first gubernatorial occupants were Governor and Mrs. Otis Bowen.

The Jacobethan style, a varient of Tudor Revival, is patterned after late Medieval buildings with Renaissance detailing that were popular during the reigns of Elizabeth I (1558-1603), the Elizabethan and Jacobean eras of English history.

The Campbell-Buschman House's Jacobethan characteristics include the high-pitched, gabled roof; elaborate chimney; semi-hexagonal two-story bay with crenelated parapet; and grouped casement windows with stone mullions.

After the property was purchased by the state, the porte cochere on the north was enclosed and the stained glass window was added. The renovation of the property for its new use as the Governor's Residence also included extensive landscaping.

A garden terrace and plantings surround the house. A formal garden west of the residence was established in 1980 to honor Indiana's historic reputation as the birthplace of famous authors.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rynard

5220 North Meridian Street
Cregor House
French Eclectic (1932)

Although relatively uncommon, the French Eclectic style is found in American suburbs of the 1920s and '30s - the period of construction for most houses in the North Meridian Street Historic District.

Characteristics of the style apparent in the Cregor House include the steeply-pitched, hipped slate roof with front-facing gable and the brick and stone exterior with stone cut to resemble quions at windows and porte cochere. The arched doorway and casement windows are also hallmarks of the French Eclectic style.

Architect Hugh Bremerman designed this house, which was built on speculation by Henry L. Simons in 1932 at a cost of $40,000. The home's first residents, Frank and Gertrude Cregor, lived here from 1934 to 1959. Other owners of the home include Robert and Ruth Fairbanks Johnson (1959-1964) and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones (1964-1985).

Since purchasing the home in 1985, Bob and Dorothy Rynard have worked hard to restore the home to its Depression-era grandeur, stripping and refinishing doors and hardware and duplicating original woodwork where necessary. The remodeled kitchen and central air conditioning are 1980s introduction to the house by the Rynards.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rynard work in the family business, Rynard Enterprises, Inc., which owns and manages real estate and nursing homes. The Rynards also own cattle ranches in Colorado and Wyoming.

Home of Mr. John K. Sheridan

5243 North Meridian Street
Baker House
Italian Renaissance/Jacobethan
(1925)

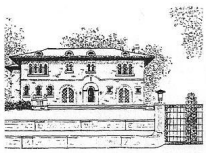
Eclectically typical of its era, the Baker House exhibits characteristics of two styles, with the north half of Italian Renaissance and the south half of Jacobethan.

Italian Renaissance features include the low-pitched tile roof, broadly overhanging eaves, the recessed entry porch with arched entrance, the balustrade over the entry porch and quions. Its Jacobethan features include the more steeply pitched cross gable with plain gable end, and the grouped casement windows.

Like most of its Meridian Street neighbors, the Baker House is of brick-veneer construction. In the early 1920s, inexpensive techniques were perfected for adding a thin veneer of brick to the traditional American balloon-framed house. The perfection of these techniques helped to fuel the popularity of the eclectic styles typical of North Meridian Street, styles whose European models were generally built of solid masonry.

Elba J. Baker of Baker Brothers Furniture Company was the first occupant of the house, which was built in 1925 at a cost of $25,000. Subseuqent owners included Robert Dedaker, James Allison, Mark Murphy and William Haan. Extensive landscaping work has been completed since attorney John Sheridan purchased the home in 1976.

Mr. Sheridan is president of Sheridan and Associates, Inc., a firm specializing in pensions and employee benefit programs.



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Cordingley

5323 North Meridian Street
Yuncker House
Italian Renaissance (1924)

By the late nineteenth century, a great many American architects and their clients had traveled in Italy, so houses dating from the second Italian revival (1890-1935) tend to mimic the models more closely. The earlier Italianate style - popular in Indiana from 1875-1890 - was usually based on pattern book drawings by professionals who had never actually visited Italy. The brick veneering techniques mentioned in the previous description also increased the authencitiy of the revivals of the 20s and 30s.

Italian Renaissance features of the Yuncker House include its low, hipped tile roof; broadly overhanging eaves; belt course; full-length arched windows; and raised terrace with balustrade.

General contractor William P. Jungclaus supervised the construction of the Yuncker House in 1924, built at a cost of $40,000 for James Yuncker, president of the Indianapolis Coca Cola Bottling Company. Yuncker had obtained the Coca Cola franchise for Indianapolis in 1915. The limestone wall along Meridian Street was constructed in 1932. Mrs. Yuncker continued to occupy the house until 1972.

Since purchasing the property last year, Bruce and Denise Cordingley have redecorated the house and replicated the original French doors on the first floor. In order to ensure the protection of the distinctive Merdian Street wall and bronze gates, the Cordingleys recently donated a preservation easement to Historic Landmarks Foundation. The gift ensures the protection of the wall from inappropriate change or demolition.

Mr. Cordingley, an attorney, is a partner in the law firm of Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan. Mrs. Cordingley is a French teacher at Park Tudor School.

ALICE AND FRIENDS AT GOVERNOR'S CUP CROQUET MATCH

Pictured above at the first-ever Governor's Cup Croquet Tournament held on the lawn of the Governor's Residence on June 12th are Alice in Wonderland characters The White Rabbit (Dr. James A. Saben), The Queen of Hearts (Mrs. Sabens), The Mad Hatter (Frank Owings) and Alice herself (Mrs. Owings). Photo by Ann Stack

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE?

By Carl M. Sauer
E.E., Purdue

Here it is Sunday afternoon June 25, 1988, and still no rain. With an underground sprinkling system, I have sprinkled each area every night for two hours since late May and I don't have the greenest lawn on North Meridian; however, I don't have a large water or sewer bill either.

When we had a very dry September in 1985 and the Department of Public Works decided the people didn't have to sprinkle that late in the season, I had another $150 water bill and a similar sewer bill; at that point I decided to have a well drilled and to build a heat pump.

I soon found out that for $5 worth of electricity you can pump more than the equivalent of $100 worth of city water.

We didn't do any 'dousing' or 'divining' to locate water; I just told them where I wanted the well and they drilled there. The well driller hit limestone at 30 feet, put in the casing to that depth and had to drill to a depth of 130 feet to find a good flow of water. The water maintained a level of 50 feet while delivering more water than a one-half horsepower submergible pump can deliver.

The cost of the well was about $1,400 for drilling and $600 for installing the pump; however, I did the wiring and hookups, etc.

I think the best time to water your lawn is from 3 to 6 a.m. when the dew point is the highest and you lose less water from evaporation, even though there are some experts who say insects and mildrew thrive on night watering.

I don't believe in the story that God hates President Reagan and won't send us any rain; I predict that we will have a good rain before you read this in August.

If you want more information on the well, call me at 255-2303 or write me at 5540 N. Meridian, 46208.

MERIDIAN STREET SPEEDERS BEWARE!

If you ever meet Indianapolis Police motorcycle officer Robert R. "Buzzy" Hanna, you better hope it is on a social basis and not business - his business.

More often than not, Officer Hanna is the IPD officer you see standing by his motorcycle at various Meridian side street intersections 'taking pictures' of automobiles with his radar gun to determine if their speed is lawful.

Your newsletter editor recently had the opportunity of talking with Officer Hanna about the traffic situation on Meridian Street between 39th and 64th Streets. He was 'clocking' north bound traffic at 43rd and Merdian Streets at mid-morning. Oh yes, our meeting was very much on a social basis.

Our 45-minute discussion was interrupted a total of seven times by 'business meetings' between Officer Hanna and automobile operators who were travelling in excess of the posted speed limit of 35 mph. Four were travelling between 47 and 50 mph and three were exceeding 50 mph.

Officer Hanna's 'picture taking machine' will record and indicate in a digital read-out the speed of a vehicle at a distance of from two to three blocks. By the time a driver sees him, Officer Hanna has 'clocked' his speed, put the 'gun' down on his cycle seat and is 'inviting' the driver to turn into the side street or over to the curb for a 'business' meeting.

Officer Hanna is very courteous, safety conscious and business-like when interviewing his 'customers'. He first requests them to turn on their vehicle's safety flasher lights. Then he inquires if they knew they were exceeding the speed limit and, if so, was there a special reason for their doing so. Next comes the ticket writing and presentation procedure.

During his 13 years on the police force, Officer Hanna has spent 11 of them as a motorcycle officer. He has been a member of the National Champion IPD Motorcycle Drilll Team for those 11 years.

During the week in which we met him, Officer Hanna estimated he had stopped and warned or ticketed 15 18-wheel trucks for driving on Meridian Street. He indicated that during the month of June he had issued 260 traffic violation citations of which 200 were to drivers on Meridian Street. Officer Hanna said the fastest car he ever 'clocked' was doing 81 mph on Meridian street just south of the White River bridge.

One gets an entirely different perspective of an IPD motorcycle officer when standing close by and watching them perform their duties as efficiently and effectively as Officer Hanna does. He, along with his colleagues, are doing their best on a high risk basis to maintain the law for our safety on Meridian Street.

The next time you see one of our city's finest maintaining law and order on Meridian Street, stop and get acquainted with then. Thank them sincerely for the safety service they provide to all of us.

MERIDIAN STREET RESURFACED

Isn't it nice to have such a smooth, comfortable ride on Meridian Street between 38th and 54th Streets?

That's because some 2,600 tons of asphalt were dumped, spread and smoothed to a 1 to 1-1/2 inch thickness between those 16 streets within 25 days in May and early June, according to John McCurdy, superintendent for E & B Paving, Inc., Noblesville, contractors for the job.

McCurdy, who has worked with E & B for 10 years, described the procedure for resurfacing a street as one requiring close cooperation between his company and all public utilities which have lines under the street. The utilities must first lower valves and access covers to them before McCurdy's crew can begin their work.

The next step is called 'milling' in which a heavy machine scrapes off 1-1/4 inch of present surface and grooves it in order to provide a proper base for the new asphalt as well as maintain curbing at the proper height. Once the milling process is well underway, the paving crew starts pouring (or dumping from trucks), spreading and smoothing the asphalt. Seven employees worked on the milling procedure which was sub-contracted, and seven workers were on the paving crew.

McCurdy said the composition of the asphalt is 25% steel mill slag for heavy volume traffic, obtained from an East Chicago, Indiana, steel mill; 25% dolemite, a limestone derivative and 50% sand.

This resurfacing was initiated by the Indiana State Highway Department as a result of routine inspection, according to Gary Abell, the department's public information officer. It is expected to last 10 to 15 years.

Oh yes, total cost - $151,700.

Don't miss our MSF Family Picnic in September at Stan Markuson's home when the Neighbor of the Season and Award of Merit will be presented.

Real Estate continued...

enth Street. Surely Hampton Drive is a treat for neighbors to walk on sunny Sunday afternoon.

The architecture of our side streets is probably the MSF's greatest variance. Craftsmen, large English Tudor, country French and New England salt-box homes are all found in some abundance. Built over a period of several decades, these lanes tend to show the difference in architectural method and trends better than any of the MSF boulevards.

The recent real estate market would tend to confirm the importance of these quiet lanes. According to the computer files of the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors, the average price paid for a home on these streets in 1987 was $92,240. This was approximately the same average for 1986 although variances in home sizes and styles certainly had its affect.

It would seem, however, that 1988 has brought even greater prosperity to these "quiet lanes". The availability of these homes has been extremely limited in 1988, however. While the average price for homes closed and pending so far this year is $236,900, it is necessary to show that these homes, for the most part, were slightly larger than average, and do not represent a reasonable cross-section of the side streets. We shall update this report in a future issue.

Our next column will focus on the ever-increasing popularity of North Meridian Street. As it has been one year since we last studied our chief boulevard, this report should prove unusually interesting.

Read All About It cont...

Sorry about those campaign signs.

Item #5 – Americans spent $7 billion on gardening and landscaping in 1987. Dirty fingernails are "in", Indianapolis Star, May, 1988.
In the 60's, we wanted to "do our own thing" scoffed at material possessions; now we are the homeowners of the 80's. This mirrors almost exactly the experience of the MSF area.

Item #6 – "There is probably no more beautiful stretch of homes anywhere than on Meridian Street from 40th Street to Kessler Boulevard," Fred Heckman, News Editor, WIBC Radio, April, 1988.
Enough said.

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