

Cedarhyrst -- 'Firmly Built, Having Trusted in God'

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In 1895, Cedarhyrst, the imposing mansion which now houses the Moravian Church offices of the Southern Province, was completed as a family residence for Dr. Nathaniel Shober Siewers. The dwelling, located at the head of Church and Bank Streets, took its name from the cedar trees which at that time still lined Cedar Avenue, the narrow lane beside God's Acre. (The cedars later became victims of industrial pollution, and were replaced by the present pin oaks.)

Cedarhyrst's original owner, Dr. Nathaniel Shober Siewers

(1845-1901), studied medicine in Vienna, Berlin, and Prague for two years after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. While in Europe, he developed a deep love of old world architecture, and, when he returned to Winston-Salem, he incorporated many of these distinctive features into the house he built.

Designed by a German architect (M. Schroff of New York), Cedarhyrst has been nationally recognized as an outstanding example of architecture - because of its beauty of proportion, design, and authenticity. Cedarhyrst's exterior is of Indiana limestone,

worked by Italian and Scottish stonemasons. The outside of the house is adorned with heavy nail-studded doors and stained glass windows. Over the main entrance is the German inscription: "Fest gebaut, Gott vertraut" - "Firmly built, having trusted in God." Inside, the great hall extends the length of the home, and is dominated by its elaborate staircase and open second-floor galleries. (Each room in the three-floor house is unique with its own distinctive paneling and fireplace mantel.) Oak paneling extends throughout the great hall, up the wide stairs, and along the balcony landing. All of the interior wood carving was done by local craftsmen, in many cases from sketches made by Dr. Siewers. Different motifs are carved in each room, and in or above each room downstairs is a German phrase indicating its use. For example, in the stained-glass window of the dining room is written "For food and drink we give thanks." In the family sitting room, "For labor's adorning" signifies the way in which work beautifies and dignifies life. The inscription for the doctor's office is "Make us well." In each room, above the paneling, which extends only half the height of the walls, is an embossed Lincrusta wall covering, made of heavy fabric. Copper grillwork is placed above some inside doors, and the whole of the great hall is covered by a vaulted ceiling.



STAINED GLASS ENHANCES OFFICES — Cedarhyrst, an 1895 mansion, now houses Moravian Church offices. It is located at the head of Church and Bank Streets. (Photo by Pam Snyder).

Area Colleges To Sponsor Study Abroad

Summer Schools Abroad, sponsored by Guilford College and UNC-Greensboro, offers summer schools for 1978 in France, Greece, England, and East and West Germany. Each school lasts nine weeks, May 23rd through July 27th, including six weeks of study and three weeks of individual travel. Students may take two courses. Classes are in the mornings, Monday through Thursday. The program includes such activities as guided tours through museums, opera and theater performances, sightseeing, student meetings, and excursions to places of historic and cultural importance. For little more than the cost of an equivalent length of time spent on campus, participants have the roundtrip flight, travel, hotels, two meals per day, admission fees, guides and faculty leadership provided for the six weeks of study. Students handle their own expenses and time for the final 3 weeks, at the end of which students from all the schools will meet back in Paris for the return flight.

The French group will spend the first month in Paris, living and studying together in a Latin Quarter hotel. In addition to excursions within Paris, the program will also include trips to Versailles and Chartres. The fifth week will be spent in the Loire Valley with the last week of the formal study time in Provence, in the south of France. The courses offered are "French Conversation" both the intermediate and the advanced, and "French Culture and Civilization."

The German Summer School will spend several days in Paris before arriving in Munich to begin classes. The group will leave Munich June 10 to travel through East Germany, stopping at several cities before arriving in Berlin June 18. The last week and a half will be spent in Goettingen, after which students will depart for their independent travel. "German Conversation" at beginning, intermediate and

advanced levels will be offered along with "German Roots of Science: Physics for the Non-Major" and "Modern Physics" (for Physics majors).

The Greek Summer School will depart Paris en route to Florence and Rome before arriving in Athens June 4. In Athens, the group will hold classes for one month. The remainder of the study period will be spent in field trips to various islands of the Peloponnese and Aegean. The two courses offered are "Greek History and Monuments" and "Classical Literature in Translation."

The English group will also see some of the sights of Paris before arriving in London where they will stay in a small family hotel in the Bloomsbury section. Excursions will be made to attractions outside of the London area - Bath, Stratford-on-Avon, Canterbury, Stonehenge, Blenheim Palace, Cambridge, and Oxford. Art and literature is the emphasis of "The Age of Elegance: 1660 to 1837" which will be offered along with "Racial and Ethnic Relations Today."

For more information on the summer schools, contact: Center for Off Campus Education, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC 27410. Tel: 292-5511, Ext. 125 or 188.

Marjorie Siewers Stephenson, Nathaniel Siewer's granddaughter, remembers playing in the third floor of Cedarhyrst as a child. Mrs. Stephenson later attended Salem Academy and College, where she was managing editor of the Salemite.

Job Offers Good For Women With B.A. Degrees

Job offers to bachelor's degree candidates by business, industrial, and government employers are running 31 per cent ahead of last March.

Women are continuing to fare better than men, at least in percentages of job offers. At the bachelor's level, job offers to women are up 37 per cent from last year, compared to an increase of 29 per cent for men.

After her grandmother's death in 1927, the home became the property of the Moravian Church, to be used as a bishop's residence or for some other Church purpose. "The family," says Mrs. Stephenson, "would never have let it go for any other purpose." After Bishop and Mrs. Pfohl, with their family of six children, no

longer needed the dwelling, Cedarhyrst continued in the service of the church by becoming the "home" of the Southern Province's offices, which it remains today.

(This house is understandably not open to tourists because it is in constant church use.)

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