

Bishop Lives In Candler

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When the late Bishop Warren A. Candler (at the time he was senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South) decided to build him-

(Seventh in a series on old Candler Homes)

self a new home on North Decatur Road at the corner of Oxford Road, he and his wife drew up their own plans.

First and foremost, the entire front area on the first floor was designed as the Bishop's study and library. There was also a living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry as well as the master bedroom and bath on the first floor. Upstairs there were two large bedrooms and baths as well as informal rooms.

THE CANDLERS had been living on Briarcliff Road next door to the home of Bishop Candler's nephew, the late Charles Howard Candler. The new house, a big red brick, was built in 1921.

The big yard and gardens were Mrs. Candler's hobby, and the gardens were seasonal showplaces. She was responsible for many of the plantings and the garden planning on the campus at Emory University. In fact, many of the floral plots were lovingly referred to as the "Antoinette Gardens."

Mrs. Candler was Antoinette.



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THE LATE BISHOP WARREN CANDLER BUILT HOME IN 1921

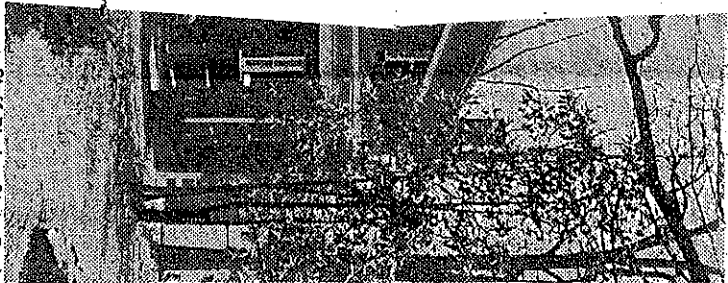
Now Home of Retired Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Family

Curtright of LaGrange. She attended LaGrange College, and while there she served as secretary of the Literary Society. In this capacity she was to arrange for speakers for the monthly meetings. She arranged for a young minister, Rev. Warren A. Candler, to address the group. She did not attend the meeting nor did she meet him. But destiny was

playing a part. After the meeting and before the young preacher (he was 20 years old) was to leave LaGrange, he spied a young girl climbing up an apple tree. He was intrigued. He managed an introduction (no doubt through a member of the Literary Society) and their courtship began. This was in July, and they were married the follow-

ing fall. The former Miss Curtright did not graduate, but after many years the college gave her a degree. Bishop and Mrs. Candler's only surviving child is S. Charles Candler of Madison. The other children were the late John Candler and the late Mrs. Andrew Siedd of Decatur who was Florence Candler. The Candlers lived in the

Candler Home



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house until Bishop Candler's death in 1941. The house then became the property of the Methodist Church.

WHEN BISHOP Arthur J. Moore came here to follow in Bishop Candler's footsteps, there was no live-in residence for a bishop, so he and his family moved into the former Candler home. It remained his home until his retirement in 1960. But retirement didn't mean moving day. He bought the place and lives there now.

Living there with him is his son, Wardlaw Moore, and his wife and their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Turner, her husband and their children. Another son, Arthur J. Moore Jr., lives in New York, where he is editor of World Outlook, a Methodist magazine. Another son, the late Rev. W. H. Moore, founded the Methodist Retirement home, Magnolia Manor, in Americus. His daughter, Mrs. Lowell V. Means lives in San Antonio, Texas. Bishop Moore's wife, who died in 1984, was Martha McDonald of Waycross.

The house, as Bishop Moore describes it, "is comfortable," which is about the best way to describe any home or house. He also has retained the area which Bishop Candler used as his office and library.

The current bishop, John Owen Smith, and Mrs. Smith live in the Methodist Episcopal Residence, as it is called, on Weverka Road. It is owned by the church.

HOUSES built by the Candler families in the early '20s, have been showplaces throughout the Druid Hills section of the city. No member of the Candler family lives in them now.

In previous articles there have been features about the homes of Bishop Candler's brother, the late Asa G. Candler and his five children.

Asa Candler's home on Ponce de Leon Avenue is now the Melkite Catholic Church. The home of his son, the late Asa G. Candler Jr., and called Briarcliff, is now the state-owned Georgian Clinic, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and located on Briarcliff Road. Callanwolde, the Briarcliff Road home of the late Charles Howard Candler, is vacant and is owned by the First Christian Church. It is up for sale. The Callanwolde Foundation wants to buy it for a cultural center. An option to buy it was to have run out last Wednesday, Feb. 16, but there

has been an extension date of 120 days. The asking price is \$364,000.

Rainbow Terrace on Ponce de Leon Avenue was the home of Mr. Candler's daughter, the late Mrs. Henry Heinz, and the late Mr. Heinz. It is now vacant, and is owned by Benjamin Ringle III. The other two estates of the Candler children are occupied by private families. One, Lullwater House, which was Walker T. Candler's home on Clifton Road, is owned by Emory University, and is used as the home for its president, Dr. Sanford Atwood. The other home, built by the late William Candler on Springdale Road, and

called Rest Haven, is owned and occupied by Mrs. Charles D. Elvea.

(Another feature on a former Candler home will appear next Sunday in the Women's Section of The Journal-Constitution.)

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Candler Mansions

Bishop Warren A.

Candler Home

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