

and Jenkins are negotiating the developer's plans to put an office building on one of the lots, a duplex on another lot and houses on the remaining three lots.

But not all Bay View residents believe the planned development will be detrimental to the neighborhood. "The residents are divided about 50-50. It's OK with some, and others think it's just awful," Gillikin said.

Gillikin said some of Bay View's residents "are really hard-boiled" about blocking any zoning changes, but he hopes to see the issue resolved "kind of smoothly, if we can."

Jenkins says an office building would serve as a buffer between a nearby all-night service station and future occupants of a planned duplex at the other side of the office building.

"No one is going to live next door to a 24-hour (service) station. I think the best idea is to put an office building and a fence to serve as a buffer zone between the service station and where people are going to live," Jenkins said.

But Jenkins said that if Bay View residents feel strongly enough about

By ROBERT P. STOCKTON

The curious building at Archdale and Beaufain streets appears to be a mid-19th century structure, but is possibly older.

A building has been on the site since at least 1802, when John Darby, a goldsmith, is recorded as keeping a shop at the location.

The site was part of the Mazyck Lands which were acquired in 1712 by Isaac Mazyck, a Huguenot immigrant, and divided among his heirs in 1742.

Though the Mazyck Lands were laid out as a suburb in 1742, it remained largely undeveloped and semi-rural until the 1790s and early 1800s.

Benjamin Mazyck, a descendant of the immigrant, sold the site of the

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present building, known as 49 Archdale St. and 21 Beaufain St., to Thomas Boatwright in 1796, for 250 pounds Sterling.

Boatwright, in 1800, sold the lot to John Bering for 295 pounds Sterling. Bering, in 1801, conveyed the property to John Darby for 55 pounds Sterling and assumption of a mortgage.

Darby is listed as living at 6 Pinckney St. in the city directory of 1799, at 10 Beaufain St. in 1801, at 3 Beaufain St. in 1802, and at 3 Beaufain St., corner of

Archdale, in 1806. By the latter date, he had changed from gold and silver smithing to operating a grocery.

In 1803, Darby sold the rear portion of the lot to John Honour, reserving the front portion for himself.

A building is mentioned in the public records for the first time in 1808, when Darby leased and mortgaged the property to William A. Caldwell.

Washington Potter, partner in the firm of Brooks & Potter, obtained a judgment against Darby in 1808 and acquired the "house and lot" at Archdale and Beaufain in a sheriff's sale in 1810.

Potter subsequently died and his partner, Samuel Brooks, then living in Philadelphia, filed suit in the Court of Equity against Charles Burger and Louisa Ann Potter, guardians of Washington Potter's children, claiming his interest in the property.

As a result of the suit, the property was sold to Brooks as sole owner in 1818, for \$5. Again a "House and Lot of Land" are mentioned in the deed.

Shortly thereafter, Brooks and his wife executed a deed assigning Burger and Thomas Blackwood the real and personal property of Brooks and Potter. Blackwood refused the assignment.

On April 8, 1820, Burger, as assignee, released the property to Jacob Wienges for \$2,550. A "House & Lot of land" are mentioned in the deed.

The city of Charleston census of 1861 lists at the location a brick building, owned by Jacob Wienges and occupied by C. H. Gerdts.

Wienges died June 26, 1867. His estate inventory included "The Two Story Brick Shop and dwelling S.W. Corner Archdale and Beaufain."

On March 4, 1868, the executors of Wienges' will sold the lot "with the Buildings thereon" to John C.H. Harbers, for \$5,500.

Harbers died about 1876 and his lot and buildings at Archdale and Beaufain were conveyed to John L. Harbers, who subsequently conveyed it to George N. Fitter.

Although it is possible the present structure was built by John Darby after he bought the property in 1801, the general style of the building seems to indicate a later construction date.

The brickwork is laid in American or common bond, a method of bricklaying not usually found in structures as early as c. 1801.

Mantels have been removed from the

residence on the second floor of the building.

Remaining architrave molding and the staircase from the second floor to the garret are in the style of the 1830s or 1840s.

It is evident that Wienges rebuilt the structure entirely or remodeled the interior during his ownership.

The stepped end gable is unusual for Charleston and some doubt has been expressed over whether it was an original feature of the house. There is evidence that the Archdale Street facade was refaced with brick laid in standard bond sometime in the latter part of the 19th century.

The property retains its two-story brick kitchen building, with a shed roof. This structure is now connected with the main building.

Morning

By Dave Do

Either somebody's computer is all fouled up or one of my weird friends is putting one over on me.

It began recently when a packet from one of the fast-food chains arrived on my desk. I immediately knew it was especially for me because it was addressed to "Davey Doybrava" here at the sweatshop. I'm always thrilled to get packets from food chains so I ripped it open with delight!

Jeepers! What should be inside but my very own fast-food chain club membership card, complete with a red plastic membership card holder, and twelve coupons — one for each month — good for FREE SNACKS!

By Golly, the computer even personalized the coupons! Each one started "Dear Davey" and offered free fries, a drink or a burger if only mommy or daddy would bring me in each month. That's some friendly personalized computer, all right. Well, my friends all got a good chuckle out of it over lunch one day at a swanky downtown restaurant. The swanky cashier, however, did not chuckle when I jokingly tried to pay a \$16 tab by handing over the membership card and saying "charge it."

All was forgotten until last week when what should appear on my desk but another offer from the chain. It read:

"Here is good news for Dave Doybrava.



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49 Archdale St.