

Avalon Terrace, S.E.

533 Avalon Terrace, S.E. Konkle House. This house, built in 1925 by Arthur and Irene Konkle, reflects the conservative, more restrained design of the mid-1920's.

537 Avalon Terrace, S.E. Built in 1921, this house is a simple variation of the Tudor Revival style, which was popular in the 1910's and 1920's. The original owner, William H. Kinsey, was president of the Kinsey & Buys company which developed and operated the Oakwood Manor. He and his wife, Anna, lived here until 1955. He was also the managing partner of an associated company that platted the Avalon Terrace cul-de-sac at the rear of the Oakwood Manor property on what had been the Ledyard farm. Jay Fowler and Cathy Neis live in the house in 2011.

546 Avalon Terrace, S.E. This 3-story craftsman-style home was built in 1920 by a musician who taught music in his home. The floors on the first floor are of oak and maple, and of pine on the second. Bev Boerman bought the house in 1991 and worked hard to restore it. It suffered \$250,000 damage in a fire on Saturday, September 4, 1999, at 12:14 a.m.

555 Avalon Terrace, S.E. This circa-1916 home was built by John W. Beattie, supervisor of music for Grand Rapids Public Schools, almost as soon as this street was platted on the old Ledyard farm, the family whose farm house occupied the property on which these homes and the Oakwood Manor were built. The Ledyards owned their farm for over 50 years. For four years, it was the first house on the north side of the street west of Union Avenue, and so the entrance, on the east side, was built to face Union. Designed by Williamson & Crow, architects, the home is predominantly a Prairie vernacular, a variation on the Four-Square style, characterized by the hipped roof and deep overhanging eaves. The sun porch is a dream. Kate Eberhard lives here in 2011.

557 Avalon Terrace, S.E. Buys House. American Basic, from builders' plan books. This house was built in 1926 in the front yard of 555 by James Buys, a partner in the prominent real estate firm of Kinsey & Buys.