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Hallowe'en and 1988 Improvements to Auburn Heights: "From goulies and ghosties, long-leggedy beasties, and things that go 'bump' in the night, may the Lord deliver us!" Halloween it is, with or without the apostrophe. The front steeples at Auburn Heights were supposed to be haunted. From my limited experience, however, I never found them that way. Actually, both were quite nice places under which to be. The one on the northeast corner has a comfortable round porch on the third floor. During World War II, when the third floor became a temporary apartment, the five bays in this porch were screened in, and it was a most pleasant summer eating place. It was somewhat awkward reaching this porch, however, as it did not connect with the other living areas; instead, it was entered from a very narrow front room, which had another ornamental porch (in the front of the house) and two closets. In 1988, partitions were changed and both these porches are now entered from a large but odd-shaped bedroom. The other porch, on the second floor under the north steeple, is entered from the north bedroom and is an especially pleasant place to sit and overlook the pond, its bridge, and its fountain. Both above and below this porch is a spiral stairway, sort of an interesting thing, built in 1988 also. The stairway provides a fire escape route from both the second and third floors. As mentioned in an earlier edition, these modifications did not change the appearance of the front of Auburn Heights.