

Neighbors' Party For Parkinson

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When word of the Watergate verdicts spread through the Westmoreland Hills section of Bethesda, Md., yesterday, neighbors of lawyer Kenneth Wells Parkinson went to his house and put together an impromptu welcome-home party.

"They were just putting up the banner when I got home about 5:45," said Parkinson, the only one of the five defendants to be acquitted.

The banner, which said, "Kenny, we love you," was

draped across the front door of his two-story brick colonial house and illuminated by a string of Christmas tree lights that neighbors Jack and Sandra Porter had retrieved from the Parkinson's attic.

Parkinson said he talked to his own attorney and the other four defendants after hearing the verdict, but said he preferred to "wait a little longer" before discussing the trial.

"We'd like to savor the night," said his wife, Pam.

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