

CONTINENTAL TO INVEST \$150,000 IN AREA

Philip J. Lucier, President of Continental Telephone Corporation, and a resident of the Parkview area of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood, announced at the Assembly of the People of St. Roch's on Sunday, April 26, 1970, the formation of West End Townhouse, Inc. a wholly owned real estate investment subsidiary of his company with an initial capitalization of \$150,000 which will rehabilitate and rent single family homes and apartment buildings in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.

Lucier stated that in addition to the investment program of West End Townhouse, Inc. which will begin sometime late this spring, the corporation will sponsor a limited partnership as a vehicle for individuals and corporations to match Continental's initiative in neighborhood investment. He noted that it is anticipated that \$150,000 worth of equity or risk capital should attract between \$600,000 and \$780,000 of total investment.

Lucier emphasized that the corporation would con-

duct its investment program with the primary purpose of fostering maximum racial integration and neighborhood improvement. Lucier feels that public utilities such as Continental have a positive responsibility to foster integrated and exciting urban environments such as can be accomplished in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.

Lucier went on to emphasize that the Board of Directors of the corporation which will determine its investment policy and carry out the programs which he described, will have several neighborhood residents as directors. He noted that Ray Hutchison, an employee of Continental and a resident of the 5900 block of Pershing Avenue is Treasurer of the corporation, that Gerry Deppe, a resident of the 6200 block of Waterman is a member of the Board of Directors and that John Roach a resident of the 6100 block of Kingsbury would serve as a Member of the Board of Directors and Secretary of the corporation.

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Skinker DeBaliviere Council To Include More Area Residents

By Dempster Holland

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has been reorganized to increase the number of area residents on the Board of Directors.

Under the new proposal approved by the board on April 13, four additional residents of the Rosedale-Skinker area and six additional residents of the Washington Heights area will be added to the board.

Each of these groups, as well as the Parkview Agents, will retain its existing seat.

The net result will be to change the Council from a body in which area churches and Washington University had a majority of the votes to a body in which residents of the area will hold the majority.

"While I believe that the Council always has represented all segments of the community in its programming, the new arrangements will ensure that the that this continues to be done. All persons within the community—black and white, middle and low income— will be represented," he said.

The new citizen representatives will be chosen by the two neighborhood groups. It is expected that Rosedale-Skinker will elect its representatives at its annual dinner, May 2, at St. Roch's.

Washington Heights is expected to appoint its representatives during its regular annual elections next winter.

Members chosen must reside in specific areas within the neighborhood. This is required to ensure that all parts of each neighborhood have some representation.

In the Rosedale-Skinker area, two of the representatives must live in the area north of the alley between McPherson and Kingsbury and two must live south.

In the Washington Heights area, two must live in the area bounded by Des Peres, the Forest Park Expressway and the Wabash tracks; two in the area bounded by the Wabash tracks, Delmar and Laurel, Delmar and DeBaliviere.

Art Fair to be Held May 10— Five Homes To Be On Tour

by Glori L'Ecuyer

Mother's Day, May 10, will once again see the Skinker-DeBaliviere area hosting visitors from the entire St. Louis metropolitan area. For the third Annual Art Fair from noon to 5 p. m.

For the second year, the Art Fair will be joined by a House Tour. Tickets for the tour will be on sale at the Art Fair in the 6100 block of Kingsbury and at the homes on the tour. Visitors, as well as residents of the area will be welcomed to a close look at the Skinker-DeBaliviere area.

Once a farm owned by the

Kingsbury family, this area was subdivided around the time of 1904 World's Fair. Many of the homes, in fact, were constructed from bricks used in the World's Fair buildings. The term "subdivision" hardly seems apt in the neighborhood of broad, tree, lined streets and private shaded patios.

A great variety of styles and materials are to be found in the homes which offer repeated examples of craftsmanship and elegance of another era, carefully maintained and tastefully renovated over the years.

Although most structures in the area are unique in design, one of the houses on the tour, The Curtis Home, is a duplicate of the neighboring dwelling, built by brothers who wished to live near each other. Throughout the first floor of this distinctly Florentine structure, are well preserved terrazo floors of colorful patterns on a white background. The spaciousness of the rooms is characteristic of most homes in this area, and the decor chosen by the present owner is a good example of the way comfort and elegance are

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RAIN OR SHINE THE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN GOES ON. In what was one of the most extensive neighborhood clean-ups ever undertaken, residents, Washington University Students, and neighborhood children combined forces with city and Washington University trucks to clean up the alleys of Skinker-Rosedale, the Wabash railroad right-of-way, and part of the 5700 blocks.

By request only residents cleaned up the alleys in the 5700 blocks. Some of the biggest helpers were the kids. Helping with this particular truck were Arthur Mitchell, Sammy Mitchell, Charles Shoute, Ken Mitchell, Harold Clay, Darrell Even, Darrell Cartly, Calvin Malloy, Greg M. and Darrell Crawford. Supervising is Mr. Charles Wilson, area resident. Also helping in the 5700 clean-up were area residents, Mrs. Annie Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, James and Dorothy Garrett, Mr. Lester Lovings, Pete Loving, Pauletta Coleman, Valiere Carter, Brady A. Mitchell, Rickey Corley, Don Cortly, Darrell Cortley, Derrick Crawford, Jeffery Crawford and Stanley Carter.

The Skinker-Rosedale campaign was coordinated by Norbert Budde. Working in the 6000 block of Westminister are area residents: Eddie Basken, Arthur Baskin, Art Santen, R.J. Stringer, Margo Creswold and Norbert Budde and Washington University volunteers: Ron Igou, Jim Schoemehl, Leslie Green, Lisa Sturt, Caroline Usher, David Esslinger and Dwight Pittman. (See story on page 4).



Editorials

Residential Service

It is encouraging to see residents of the Skinker-Debaliviere area become actively involved in the real estate and housing problems of our neighborhood. At several meetings of the newly formed Skinker-Debaliviere Residential Service, as well as at a recent joint meeting of the Rosedale-Skinker and Washington Heights Neighborhood Associations, considerable effort has been made to identify and analyze those influences in and on our community that could weaken the character of its residential areas.

Much of the focus of these early meetings, as is evident from the article on page 3, has been directed towards Realtors, their questionable usage of FHA financing and their general approach to the handling of real estate in our area.

The problems, we believe, are much deeper than real estate practices and the value and effectiveness of federal assistance programs for the needy.

In attempting to maintain the character of our neighborhood, we feel that there must be a clear definition of the character and a recognition that the character can and must bridge economic and educational stratification as well as social classes and racial groups.

We applaud the Skinker-Debaliviere Residential Service for its block unit approach and for showing insight in the structuring of its organization to include as essential staff Beautification and Sanitation.

As much as who lives in our neighborhood, the development of residential character comes from how our residents live and care for their neighborhood. We believe that the Skinker-Debaliviere Residential Service is capable of making a vital contribution to our area and we give them our whole hearted encouragement and the assistance of all our readers.

The Residential Service may be contacted at 863-9259.

Off to a Good Start

If you haven't noticed already -- something unprecedented is happening in this community. It's connected with this newspaper produced by volunteer effort, a day care center which grew out of a very real community need, a community school board elected by residents from every area of this community, a proposed teenage council, a residential service concerned not only with home owners but with landlord-tenant relations, the stop the Jack-in-the-Box movement, an area wide clean-up campaign which will continue past a one-day effort.

All these things are being done by community residents -- many of whom have not previously participated in community activities and who are organizing for a specific purpose of community wide benefit.

All of this may or may not have something to do with the announcement by Washington University that it was "going to do something in this area."

These organizations may have started with the idea of acquiring funding from the University or using the services provided by the University, but if you will look at their efforts to date, you will find hardly any Washington University involvement except where it was requested -- which is as it should be and the result of Washington University policy as well as resident policy.

The composition of these groups is completely made up of neighborhood residents and the activities are completely resident initiated and executed.

What we are witnessing is the mobilization of a community improvement seldom seen and not duplicated, to our knowledge, in any area of the city.

What is needed now is some coordination between these groups. The natural choice is the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council -- If the reorganization is effective

in producing a representative cross-section of this community.

By coordination we do not mean control. We can't see any of the spontaneous volunteer groups submitting to control. But we can see them reporting on their activities and needs to the over-all board so that there is no duplication of programs, so that additional needs are not neglected, so that community resources can be mobilized to benefit all these special service organizations.

Granted all these things are in the fledging stages. They have yet to withstand the test of time and sustained effort. But as far as we are concerned, it's one hell of a start.

Turmoil

In recent weeks we have had a number of conversations with neighborhood people, mostly property owners and merchants, and more often than not, the rash of student demonstrations against ROTC on the Washington University campus has come up.

And rightfully so. For while the violence has been confined to the campus, the trouble is affecting us all, directly or indirectly. Being awakened in the early hours of the morning by the wail of police sirens is disconcerting, but not of itself, harmful. What is more disconcerting is the knowledge that the burning of private property, the breaking of windows and the spattering of paint on buildings, criminal actions, are taking place with frightening regularity only a few blocks away.

The most common comment heard from our neighbors is, "I don't understand it. I don't know what makes them do such things." We don't know either. It has been observed that WHAT people DON'T UNDERSTAND they fear. And what they fear, all too often, they hate. It seems to be holding true in this case, too.

Almost everyone we speak to dislikes the war for moral, economic or humanitarian reasons. But no one seems to believe that violence on a campus will be any more effective in bringing it to an end than has the canned rhetoric of politicians.

We believe that the anti-war movement is more effective and strongly felt among middle Americans when its views are stated in non-violent terms. Thus, the hundred or more violent radicals at Washington University would be better advised to change their tactics if they really want to change the minds and attitudes of the public. Under their present course they can do nothing but draw contempt and hatred.

They are harming their university. They are harming our area. And, if they should be reading this, we hope they realise that they are harming their cause.

In the not-to-distant future, ROTC activities probably will be removed from college campuses. But we hope it will not be because they were burned out.

Got Any Good Ideas . . . ?

Foodmaker, Inc. has agreed not to proceed with plans for a Jack-In-The-Box Restaurant on the corner of Skinker and Delmar. As of this date, Foodmaker has no alternative plan for the site. Any group or individual who has a suggestion for the use of the building should contact Mr. Don Knoesel, Foodmaker, Inc. 2328 Centerline Industrial Drive, St. Louis County, 63141 or Mr. Richard Hart, a member of our community at GE 6-2000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

You and the staff of THE PAPER deserve the congratulations of the entire community. A community newspaper has been talked about and planned since mid 1965, but until now no one has been willing to take on the tremendous task of putting a paper together and keeping it running.

THE PAPER's appearance is far superior to most of the commercial newspapers in the St. Louis area. The concept of holding the columns open for expression of any responsible position or opinion is almost unique. The fact that THE PAPER will not be dominated by any single group or viewpoint will make it an invaluable means of communication which we have long needed.

I know something of the time and effort that went into your first edition. Thank you all for what you have accomplished.

— RICHARD C. HART
ATTORNEY -AT-LAW

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to the article in last month's paper on the Day Care Center project, and clarify several statements where my name was mentioned.

The article listed me as Washington University Community Developer for the project. I am not. There are plans for employing a community developer in the summer if the summer project is funded.

In the same paragraph, the article stated that I "believe that a day care center is one of the top priority needs of the community." I think there is a need in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, for a child care center, and I would like to see one started. But to keep things in focus, let me say that I think there might be some other needs in this community that are more important and immediate.

The article listed people taking part in the project. The people mentioned make up only a partial list of neighborhood people who have shown interest in the project and who have already been helping in the planning. Many more neighborhood people are needed in this project if it is to be run by and for the residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area.

— Charlene Brischetto



Virgil Wright, area resident and co-chairman of the Neighborhood Citizens Committee, asks Mr. Henry Lewis, a local pro-owner, "Who put them there?" referring to the number of tenants crowded into small apartments. The occasion was a panel discussion on neighborhood real estate problems. (See page 8 for story on the meeting.)

Residential Service Formed To Attract New Residents, Attack Housing Problems

by Pat Kohn

Residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area have met four times since March 18th to discuss their concern about the real estate problems of the area. On March 18th, the main interest centered on the U.S. Government proceeding against four real estate firms in St. Louis, Dolan, Jerome Howe, Armbruster, and Cornet & Zeibeg.

The attorney for the Justice Department, Mr. Francis Kennedy, attended that meeting and received testimony on behalf of residents who felt they had experienced discrimination by any real estate companies over the past 6 years regarding this neighborhood.

Mrs. Wm. Kohn volunteered to gather any further example of discrimination in rental or sales and forward it to the Justice Department. The case will open in July.

Two other meetings, on March 24th and March 31, dealt with the specific problems of FHA 235, 237.

A citizen's committee under the chairmanship of Virgil Wright was formed to gather community support for a letter to FHA asking that agency to temporarily halt loans under these programs in the Skinker DeBaliviere area until an investigation of the distributional pattern of loan recipients, and the real estate company's method in promoting 235-237 can be completed.

A comprehensive Residential Service has emerged to work with Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council in exploring all channels for the promotion and stabilization of the neighborhood. Seven residents volunteered to staff the Services and Pat Kohn and Sue Roach to co-chair it.

The Residential Service organized a panel for the Rosedale Skinker, Washington Heights meeting on April 14th, which brought together representatives of the real estate companies, landlords, and FHA for a discussion of Skinker-DeBaliviere area

Teenagers Form Council

A Teen-Age Council for the Skinker-DeBaliviere area is being formed to plan community activities for teenagers this summer and throughout the year. The Council will be affiliated with a larger teen-age group for the West End called the Youth Committee.

Presently on the steering committee are Jerome Buggs, Pauletta Coleman, Rozanne Futrell, Valarie Carter, Arthur Mitchell, Terry Ann Pryer, Shirley Dourell, Woody Dourell, and Choriassa Sleet. This group is recruiting a larger membership.

If you are interested in joining call 862-5122 and leave your name, address and telephone number. You will be notified of the next meeting.

Future plans of the residential Service include extensive beautification activity utilizing the City resources as well as the block units in a vest pocket park program, house painting tree planting projects; work on the formation of a landlord's association for the area, and a joint landlord-tenant contract; a strong code violation enforcement program; printing a promotional pamphlet for potential residents and investors maintaining an up-to-date-listing of all available rental and sale properties, and a property owner's list. Anyone interested in working in any of these areas may contact Betty Newsham at 726-5915.

Need Distributors For THE PAPER

Last month it was noted that THE PAPER is a totally volunteer operation.

This, of course, applies to our distribution system as well as the actual production. We have experienced a problem in making the paper available to all of our citizens, simply because we aren't able to get it to them.

The block units have been helpful, but we need more workers. If you can contribute an hour or so a month for this purpose, please call Jo Ann Budde at 863-0682 or 531-6550. Become a part of our volunteer effort.

Residents Organize Community School

by Jody Creighton

Imagine a school such as Hamilton turned into a community school open in the afternoons and evenings until 9 p.m. offering free classes and activities for adults and children. A place where both mother and father can learn a skill which could land them a better job. A place where mother can learn to sew while the children are cared for in kindergarten by an adult and teenagers who are learning to babysit. A place where Dad can learn car or home repair while the older boy learns judo in the gym. A place where adults can take classes leading to a high school or elementary school diploma. A place limited only by the ability of the community to find teachers and programs.

Such is the dream of a very active group of Skinker-DeBaliviere residents who are attempting to organize a community school for the area.

At their first meeting a small group of residents listened to Mr. Paul Tremper, director of community schools for the St. Louis Board of Education, explained the possibilities and limitations of a partial community school program for Hamilton.

The Board of Education is currently operating six full community school programs in the six school districts throughout the city. If funds can be found, the Board may possibly operate two more programs on a shoestring basis. However, if funding is not available from the Board, the community school group plans to seek it elsewhere.

According to Paul Tremper, one of the criteria for establishing such a program is the interest of residents in supporting the program.

Each community school has an advisory board of citizens who determine the course and in the case of a school with a limited budget, the board attempts to find volunteer teachers or programs which provide teachers. The board will set up classes upon the request of 12 or more adults.

Prior to the next meeting, the steering committee sent out community-wide flyers asking interested people to come to the meeting. Out of the 25 residents attending, a board of nine was elected with two seats for teenagers.

Mrs. Jane Davis, temporary chairman of the board, states, "We think we have an excellent chance of starting a community school here due to the interest and proximity of Washington University whose resources we hope to tap.

We hope also that our classes would include some course which could benefit residents economically by providing a skill which they could use in getting a job or home business, as well as courses where people learn something just because they're interested in it. We don't see our classes being necessarily limited to the school itself. For example, car repair could be offered at a neighborhood service station."

She outlined four areas of interest and some possible classes the school might offer:

Cultural: (adults and children), piano, black studies, dance, art, judo and sports, etc.

educational: the present V.I.P. going on at Hamilton which leads to elementary or high school diplomas for adults, college credit course, a college entrance exam class, rapid reading, tutoring for children, etc.

economic: sewing, millinery, service station training, home nursing, photo tinting, etc.

Services and community activities: marriage counseling, gardening, income tax service (seasonal), child guidance, senior citizens club, teen town, etc.

These are only a few of the possible courses. At the May meeting, the group hopes to poll the community as to the areas of interest and possible volunteer teachers. If you can't attend the meetings be sure and send in the box. For more information call Mrs. Jane Davis 862-4507 after 6 p. m.

On the Board of the Community School are: Doug McKee, 6110 Westminister; Prentis and Jane Davis, 5825 Pershing; Mike Magrath, 5915 Pershing; Clarice Haynes, 5745 DeGiverville; Mrs. Loretta Lewis, 5763 Waterman; Dr. Rich Bender, 6155 Kingsbury; Brad and Majorie Weir, 325 Laurel, and two teenagers yet to be appointed.

Attending the organizational meeting were: Marie McReynolds, 5930 DeGiverville; Mrs. Sanders, 5911 DeGiverville; Renni Shuter, 6240 McPherson; Mrs. Anna Busch, 5765 Pershing; Blanche Reel, 5745 Waterman; Louie Rodgers, 5746 Waterman; Mavis L. Clark, 5740 Waterman, Roy W. White, 6145 McPherson; David Terwelp, 6111 Pershing; Bradley Gregory Lewis, 5763 Waterman; Julia Tayers, 5823 Pershing.

The next community school meeting will be held May 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Roch's. The purpose will be for residents to present suggested classes and activities for the school. Be sure and attend. If you can't at least forward the application on page 5 stating your interest and preferences.



Sandy Martin, a potter, shows Jo Ann Budde and a friend how to make a small bowl. She is just one of the artists who will sell their wares at the art fair. (See story on page 1.)

In Rain-Or-Shine Residents & Volunteers Clean Up Area

by Dorothea Katzenstein

Even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of workers in the May 18 Spring Clean-up Campaign. Members of the Skinker-DeBailiviere community, joined by over 200 Washington University students, braved the weather to help in the annual effort.

The workers concentrated on the Wabash Railroad right-of-way and the area between Des Peres Avenue and Skinker Boulevard. They carted boxes out of alleys and garages, filled plastic bags with trash, moved derelict cars out of back yards, and trimmed overgrown hedges. Trucks loaned by Washington U. and the city of St. Louis, shuttled back and forth from the Gasconade Dump.

The Clean-up was done on a larger scale than in previous years, as the cooperative effort of neighborhood organizations and the University's Project Survival environment program. Norbert Budde, 6034 Kingsbury; Ray Taylor, 6011 Washington; and Mrs. Marvin Madson of the Washington U. Off-Campus Housing Office shared in planning the campaign. All three were pleased with the work finished despite the thunderstorms that hovered over the area all day.

"The weather was a problem," said Taylor, "and some areas were neglected, but we made a good start." Budde counted "twenty truckloads of junk taken out of the neighborhood. That's at least three times as many as last year's."

The students came on buses from the dormitory campus on Wydown Boulevard. Why? "Well," explained a sophomore from New Orleans, "we feel that we're a part of this community, too. We've got manpower to offer, and we'd like to put it where it can help." A Rock Hill senior agreed, "It may seem like a small thing to do, but we've got to start somewhere."

It was one of the younger workers, though, who said it best. Lugging a box—almost as big as she—up the steep Wabash R.R. incline, an 8-yr-old grinned "Hey, this place is going to be cleaned for the first time in its life!"

The April 18 Clean-up was the first part of a three-phase

effort; on May 2, seven trucks loaned by the Army Reserve will pick up trash remaining in the 5700 blocks. On May 11, the St. Louis Beautification Commission will begin its annual 90-day program to clear the area of rats, abandoned cars and dilapidated property.

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ON THE DAY CARE CENTER

by Elaine Moore

This is the first of several articles concerning topics of interest to our community. The articles will consist of interviews with people living in our area. Anyone interested in bringing to the attention of our readers a point of interest, or commenting on a particular topic, please contact Elaine Moore at 862-6897.

Our topic of interest in this article is the proposed Day Care Project for the Skinker-Debaliviere area. We have the opinions and comments of three of our mothers.

Mrs. Alice Hatch, the mother of ten children is very interested in the Day Care project. Although all of her children are in school and she has never used a day care program before, she feels that there is a tremendous need for Day Care in our area.

When asked if she would have sent her children if they were young enough, she said that she would have.

Mrs. Hatch believes that a Day Care program is an excellent opportunity for the children in our area to learn to play with other children, and to develop the correct behavior pattern necessary for the children to function well once they start grade school.

Mrs. Hatch's interest is so great that she is volunteering her knowledge and experience to the group now working on the Day Care project. She has a 16 year old daughter who hopes to be one of the teenagers hired as an assistant to the teachers.

Mrs. Nellie Hughes has a slightly different idea on what Day Care services should emphasize. Mrs. Hughes' youngest child is nine years old, however prior to entering grade school he was in a summer program similar to the one being opened in our area.

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combined in homes built for real living.

While the Curtis home has been maintained close to its original form, the Burke Mees home, 6189 Kingsbury, has been completely renovated from city sidewalk to the garden gate. Here, modern convenience has been uniquely blended with the old charm, which is now considered too expensive to incorporate into newer dwellings.

Besides a variety of styles and architecture, in every home on the tour there is evidence of personal interests from hand-quilted bedspreads to art collections and displays of unusual artifacts collected on many travels. Among the more interesting antiques on the tour is a hand-carved secretary that was

hand-crafted generation ago for a new bride and is passed along to the person who bears the full name of the original designer.

Other homes on the tour include: Hutchisons, 5930 Pershing; Stuarts, 6112 McPherson; Lowensteins, 6136 Waterman, and Bells, 5733 Waterman.

The Art Fair has become an increasingly popular event each year. It has grown from 40 entries in 1968 to more than 100 artists and craftsmen displaying their work in the 6100 block of Kingsbury this year. Displays will be set up on tables and snow fencing, and the street will be blocked to cars. Two cafes will provide refreshment for the viewer. All makes the area worth seeing on May 10.

Football Star at Library

Bill Triplett, star halfback for the Detroit Lions football team, will be a featured guest at the Des Peres Branch Library, 6003 Kingsbury Ave., at 4:30 Thursday afternoon, May 7th.

Triplett will discuss his participation in amateur and pro-

fessional sports and will also speak on programs sponsored by Police Community Relations Department, of which he is an off-season member.

Charles M. Brown, manager of the library, said the program is free and open to the public.

New Look at St. Roch's With Open Enrollment

By Jim Hitchcock

A placement examination for non-Catholic students wishing to attend St. Roch's School will be given Saturday, May 2, from 10 a. m. to noon at the School. All prospective new pupils are required to take the test and acceptances will be mailed out on or no later than May 17.

St. Roch's announced last month that it would begin accepting non-Catholic pupils beginning in September, subject to available space and successful completion of the placement exam.

Tuition for new pupils will be \$300 per year, payable twice yearly, and \$200 for each additional pupil from the same family. There will also be a \$15 annual book fee, and parents are expected to pay the cost of school uniforms.

Dr. Jose M. Sanchez Jr., president of the St. Roch's School Board, said these fees compare favorably with those in other area private schools such as Forsyth and the New City School. Parishioners of St. Roch's

are not charged tuition but are expected to contribute to the weekly parish collection in equivalent amounts.

Non-Catholic pupils will not be required to attend religion classes. The school hopes to arrange art instruction during these periods, taught by an art instructor from Washington University.

"St. Roch's intends to become a genuine neighborhood school, while continuing to maintain its traditional high academic standards," Dr. Sanchez said. The school has consistently had the best record of any parochial school in the city. This year 38 of the 40 eighth-grade graduates have been accepted by the first high school of their choice, and the school ranked first in the archdiocese in the Iowa Basic Tests.

The school also boasts some distinguished alumni, including the late Dr. Tom Dooley, the famed Laos surgeon, and Michael Harrington, author of *The Other America*, a book credited with focusing national attention on the problem of poverty in the 1960's.

At present no class in the school exceeds 35 pupils, and some are below 20. Double sections are maintained in about half the grades. Slightly more than half the faculty are lay teachers, with the rest supplied by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

This year enrollment is about 80 per cent white and 20 per cent black, with few non-Catholics. The school occupies two buildings next to the church at Waterman and Rosedale avenues. Besides its rigorous academic programs, it offers extensive athletic competition.

Sister Leo Ann is principal and school policies are the responsibility of an elected school board of parents with enrolled children.

Free Diabetes Kit at Barry's

Sidney A. Goldberg, owner of Barry Drugs at the corner of Skinker and McPherson, has announced that his store is cooperating with the St. Louis Diabetes Association in this year's Diabetes Detection Drive.

Barry Drugs is distributing to all interested adults a free diabetes test strip to be used in the privacy of the home and mailed directly to the Association.

Those sending in the test strip will have the results returned to them in confidence.

ARTS FOR CHILDREN THEATRE OFFERED IN SUMMER FOR AGES 4-16

Applications are being accepted for an Arts For Children Theatre to be held this summer from June 15 through August 12 for children from 4 to 16.

The Arts for Children Theatre will be taught by Mrs. Nancy Harvey, head of the drama department at Mercy High School. In her classes she attempts to combine arts, singing, dancing and acting as it relates to the theatre.

At the end of the summer session the children will put on a musical such as the Wizard of Oz with Mrs. Harvey providing the costumes. The children design their own sets.

The classes will be held in the basement of St. Roch's Church one day a week. The day and time will be announced later. Cost is \$15 per child for nine one hour and 15 minutes lessons. Classes are limited to 20 girls and boys. Mrs. Harvey will set up as many classes as there are applicants.

Mrs. Harvey who has been teaching the classes for 15 years is a certified teacher with a masters in theatre from St. Louis University. She has had 15 years of dance, six years of voice lessons, and has performed in the Municipal Opera.

Mrs. Jody Creighton, who arranged for Mrs. Harvey to come to the community, stated, "I think that such a program could well make the summer something exciting for many children. St. Roch's has been most generous in loaning us the use of the basement. And we are grateful that Mrs. Harvey has agreed to come to our community."

Anyone interested in applying should call Sue Hudspeth 863-1976 during the day or Jody Creighton after 5:30 p. m. 863-3037.

New Block Chairmen

New Washington Heights block chairman are:

- Mr. Corliss Billups, 5800 block of DeGiverville (south side);
- Mr. Percy Armstrong, 5800 block of Pershing (North side);
- Mrs. Jane Davis, 5800 block of Pershing (North Side);
- Mrs. Sarah Whitehead, 5900 block of Pershing, (south side);
- Mrs. Ruth Devenport, 5900 block of Pershing (north side)
- Mrs. Justyne Davis, 5900 block of Waterman, (south side);
- Mr. Steve Lukens, 5900 block of Kingsbury,
- Mr. Robert Arbuthnot, 5900 block of McPherson.

SUGGESTED COMMUNITY SCHOOL COURSE

List classes you would like to take in a community school

List activities or community programs or services you would like to see offered in a community school

Do you know anyone who might be able to teach the courses (they do not have to be certificated teachers) If so, who?

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail this form to Mrs. Jane Davis, 5825 Pershing, St. Louis, Mo. 63112 or bring it to the May 13th meeting at 8:00 p. m. in St. Roch's basement. (see article on page 3)



HAMILTON SCHOOL CHAMPION BOXERS, Marshall Franklin, Clifford Westbrook and Steven Westbrook pose with their trophies which they won in the Springfield Golden Gloves Downstate Tournament of Champions. Clifford Westbrook won the top trophy for lightweights. Steven Westbrook won two fights in the welterweight division and Marshall Franklin won a fight in the light middleweight division. In the background is the large traveling beautification trophy which Hamilton School children won for their clean up campaign. They won the trophy over all the other schools in the Enright District.



Mrs. Anna Bergman with children and an about-to-be-devoured prize coffee cake.

WHAT'S IN THE POT

by JANE DAVIS

Hi neighbors. This is our first get-together, but I'm sure it won't be our last. I hope it will be a long and profitable experience for all concerned.

As THE PAPER becomes more widely circulated and people begin to know us better, I hope to hear from every corner of our community. We have in area a unique blend of culture and talents and I'm going to do my best to get them all represented in this column. I hope to share with you some of our other readers' favorite culinary treats.

Each issue of THE PAPER feature a "Cook of the Month." Her ideas, and some of my own may help you prepare better meals -- at a lower cost. I will also try to answer the often asked question, "How do I manage to feed a family of six on \$40 a week."

So keep reading and by all means get involved. If you have a favorite recipe you wish to share, or a friend or neighbor that you believe to be a good cook, contact me, Jane Davis at 5825 Pershing, or call VO 2-4507.

I'm also in the market for money saving tips of all types. Remember this is your paper. To make it a success, we need YOU. See you next month.

COOK OF THE MONTH-COFFEE CAKE RECIPE

Mrs. Anna Bergman, 5826 Pershing, is our cook-of-the month. Mrs. Bergman, besides having considerable experience as a cook (she has five children and is expecting another in September), has a degree in home economics from Webster College. Before her marriage she worked for an interior decorating firm. Knowing how to cook well, however, has not necessarily made her love cooking. "It's having to do it three times a day that takes the glamour out," she says echoing the sentiments of many housewives, "so that's why I like recipes such as this coffee cake which is good hot or cold and can be frozen later for company."

The coffee cake, which is a tradition for Christmas and Easter in the Bergman family, can be varied greatly with different toppings.

PRIZE COFFEE CAKE

- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ cup shortening
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk
- 1½ cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Streusel Topping:

- ½ cup brown sugar (packed)
- 2 tb. flour
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tbl. butter (melted)

½ cup nuts

Mix sugar, shortening, egg and stir in milk. Blend the dry ingredients. Spread batter in a greased 9 inch by 9 inch pan. Sprinkle streusel topping on the top. Bake 25 to 35 minutes in a 375 oven. Makes nine, three inch squares. Be prepared to see it disappear quickly.

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Gardening

What To Plant And How To Do It

by Jean Eberle

Now that the April clean-up campaign is over and the grass seed sown, it's time to think about your garden. If every resident plants a little something Skinker-DeBaliviere will be the best blooming neighborhood in town.

Your garden can be anything from a couple of coffee cans or plastic ice cream containers on a window sill, to a window box or a fire escape shelf, to patch of earth in the front or back yard. Your garden doesn't have to be flowers. Sweet Bell peppers make a pretty plant. Radishes and lettuce and spinach will grow in sunny spots if you feed them regularly. Patio Small Fry or Tiny Tim cherry tomatoes will grow in two to five gallon cans of good growing medium if you give them a sunny spot.

But nothing is going to grow until you plant it! You needn't worry about cost or time. Plants need a growing medium (earth or a substitute), water and light. The growing medium supplies the food; you supply water when the rain doesn't; the sun supplies the light.

For back porch and balcony screens tie string from railing to ceiling and let a scarlet runner bean, morning glory, moonflower, or even a cucumber or squash vine, climb up the string.

For the children try dwarf marigolds, the little thimblelina and lilliput zinnias, radishes four o'clocks, daisies. Be sure children don't drown the plants with too much water; and while the containers are in the house put them on plates, cookie sheets etc. so they don't mar table tops.

For yards. Individual choices will depend on sunny spots, shady spots, etc. In general plant the taller plants to the back of a flower bed and the smaller ones to the front. The seed package will tell you how tall they'll grow and about how long they'll bloom, and whether they like lots of sun or will stand some shade.

Shrubs and trees. Consult a garden book in the library to see what bush or tree will do what you want. Make sure it isn't

going to grow taller or wider than the spot you've picked for it. You may want an evergreen for one location and a flowering shrub for another.

Shaw's Garden (the Missouri Botanical Gardens) has planting courses for children and adults. Call 865-0440 for information. The Garden is on Tower Grove Avenue and can be reached by taking the Lindell bus east to Sarah and the Sarah bus south to Tower Grove and Flora Blvds. This is a beautiful spot for a weekend walk and they have labelled their trees and flowers so you can tell what you're seeing.

The Des Peres Branch Library has books on gardening, planting, plant care etc. THE PAPER has put a supply of free pamphlets from seed and fertilizer companies at the Des Peres Branch where adults of the neighborhood can pick them up.

The St. Louis Beautification Commission, 115 Union, has supplied some pamphlets on saran wrap gardening which you can read at the Des Peres Branch. The newspapers in their weekend edition print a garden column which may solve any problems you have.

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The at-large representative of each neighborhood may come from any section.

Seats on the Board are also held by Delmar Baptist, Grace Methodist, St. Roch's and Washington University. Thus the breakdown is: Churches and Washington University, four seats; Parkview, one seat; Rosedale-Skinker, five seats and Washington Heights, seven seats;

Operation NEAT

Operation Neat, Neighborhood Effort in Action Today, will begin a 90-day program in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area this month. "The program," said Robert Stoffle of the St. Louis Beautification Commission, "avails city services in an effort to change the physical environment of the neighborhood."

Operation Neat is a joint service of the City Health, Forestry, and Police Sanitation Divisions, the Building and City Planning Commissions, and the Street Department. The Beautification Commission is the major information source, and James Shea of the Street Dept. is chief coordinator of the program.

The program will function in a sequence, beginning with inspection of property by the Rat and Health Divisions. Rats burrows will be fumigated and buildings inspected for violations of the sanitation codes.

Tenants and property owners will be informed of violations, and failure to comply with recommendations will result in summons to night court.

Sheds and fences beyond repair will be torn down at the city's expense. Three dates will be set for trash pick-up in the area later in the month.



THE GARDNERS OF THE MONTH*, Captain and Mrs. William H. Ferguson, work on an early display of spring flowers at their home on 6161 Kingsbury. Captain Ferguson, a long-time resident of the area, advises beginning gardeners to fertilize the ground heavily. Before the houses were built some 40 or 50 years ago, he explains, the builders carted in rock and other filler and used poor soil for top soil. Most of the earth in the area is played out.

The City Beautification Commission has donated 1600 pounds of grass seed for the use of the community in spring planting. Don and Sue Tiepas, 6141 McPherson, offered their garage as a distribution center for the seed.

Free paint and pots of dianthas (pink) will also be available from the Commission this month. Requests in writing from any organized block group or community council may be addressed to the St. Louis Beautification Commission, 115 Union Blvd., St. Louis 63108

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Residents Confront Realtors, Landlords

by Jean Eberle

Neighborhood issues, such as clean up campaigns, beautification, even the lingering Jack-in-the-Box problems, took a back seat to the panel discussion on real estate practices in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area at the joint meeting of the Rosedale-Skinker and Washington Heights Neighborhood Associations, April 14 in the St. Roch's Assembly Hall.

Mr. Rimmel countered that if Title I, FHA loans were made available to property owners on a long range basis with the amount limited per building rather than per landlord, more could be done to keep property in good condition.

He also stressed the need for a landlord-tenant ordinance which would make a clear cut agreement of responsibility between tenant and landlord a valid contract.

Mr. Bill Thomas, of the local FHA office which serves the eastern half of Missouri, explained the background and current standing of the locally controversial 235 program. He gave the guidelines and criteria for applicants and emphasized its basic thrust toward new standard housing units. In 1970 only 10% of the available funds can be used for existing properties.

Virgil Wright, of the Neighborhood Citizens Committee expressed concern about the effect of the 235 program in this neighborhood. Despite the noble purpose of the 235 program to make home-owners of the financially depressed, he doubted the value of the program when it placed them in drastically overcrowded housing, giving the examples of 13 people jammed into a 3 bedroom home.

Mr. Wright's questions were echoed in many ways by members of the audience when the discussion period opened.

Why are landlords suddenly not screening tenants so that unemployed are crammed into privately owned apartments? Why are rents higher now that Negroes live in the area? Why are the FHA 235 real estate ad all in currently Negro neighborhoods, with not one in the county, much less near any of the large employers in the county? Is someone in the FHA making arbitrary decisions as to where people can live? In our neighborhood why are there not FHA loans to upper limit families under 235, both Negro and Caucasian?

These questions were put to the panel by Mrs. Susie Roach, co-chairman of the local residential service, Mrs. Joyce Warren, Mrs. Loretta Lewis, Mr. Mike Wilson, Rev. Cal Stuart, Mrs. Jane Davis and Mr. Doug McKee and others continued to be discussed even after the visiting panel members left at 11 p. m.

Mr. Streadal explained that the Real Estate Board could interest itself in these problems but would have no particular authority to act. Mr. Feigenbaum urged that those present consider the moral responsibility of someone beside the real estate industry.

He strongly stated that in residential property under the \$25,000 price level, the FHA is practically the only source of loans. The FHA appraises and sets a value on the property, sets the amount of the loan and the amount of the down payment.

He expressed enthusiasm for the experience of home ownership but not under a give-away program which made homeowners of citizens unable to maintain the property, to repair it, or



Primary children are "ringing the chimes" in Mrs. Dolores Registers' class at Hamilton School. The children in Room 119 have formed a xylophone band and plan to present several numbers at an upcoming parent meeting.

to raise their children at a level of living comparable to that of their neighbors.

Mr. Walter Streadal, executive secretary of the St. Louis Real Estate Board, urged that residents with complaints concerning realtors who are members of his organization, bring these complaints to the attention of the Real Estate Board which has its own grievance procedures.

Mr. Aaron Feigenbaum, 1st vice-president of the Real Estate Board, who grew up on Nina Place, saw overcrowding as the great stumbling block to the neighborhood's potential. Speaking as a private citizen, he observed that in the 5700 blocks the answer to the problem was large scale demolition to provide off street parking and play space for children. The immediate response from the audience was where would tenants go if such a program began.

Where few new buildings have been added to a neighborhood yet the local school population doubles, Mr. Feigenbaum saw little for anything but a downhill path. Much of the area from the track wets, he saw as basically stable, though prompt rapid redevelopment on a large scale would greatly enhance neighborhood stability.

Mr. Henry Lewis and Mr. Al Rimmel, local property owners, had differing approaches to the

question. Mr. Lewis said out right that he considered the 57-00 blocks as cancers sending tentacles throughout the area. Crime and vandalism far outweigh any other problems in his mind. He said that certain blocks are almost blacklisted by organizations like the Washington University Housing Officer because of crime against student and faculty tenants.

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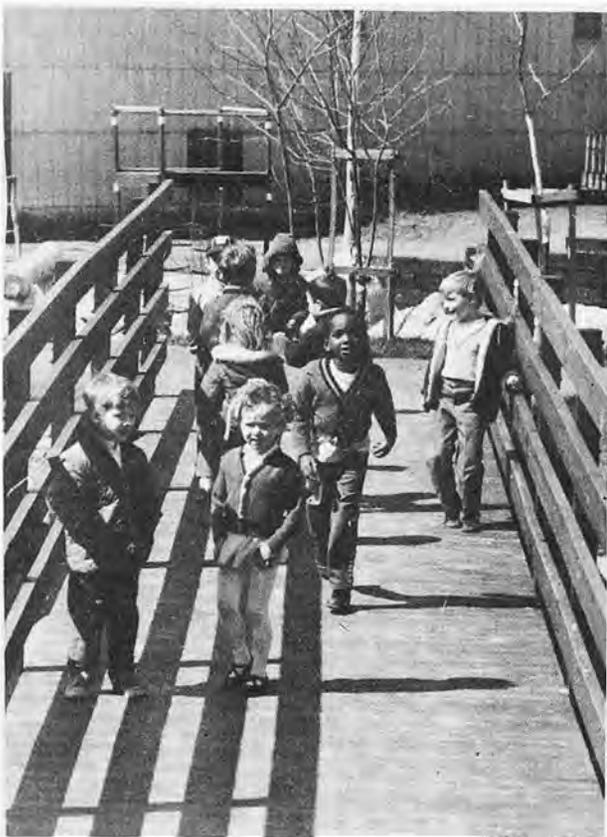
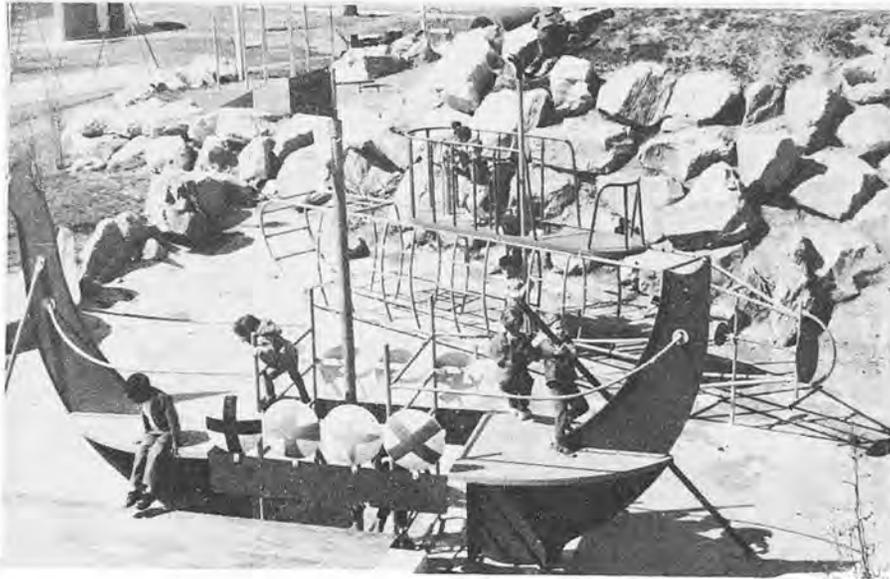
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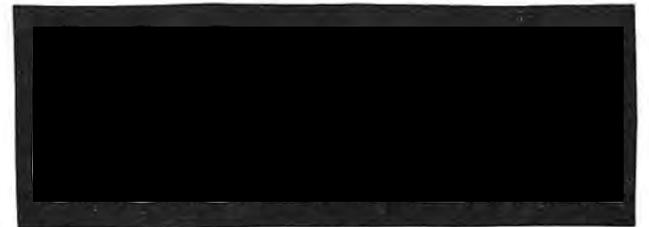


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live and breathe.

Locally, the organization is probably best known for its by-tooth survey which has been carried out each year since 1959. This year's survey, which began March 30 and runs until June 1, again attempting to determine the amount of strontium 90, a radioactive material, the human body collects in the course of normal life.

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The scientific division of the committee is composed of scientists from the St. Louis area and the Science Advisory Board is made up of well known doctors and scientists from all over the country.

The most outspoken member of the committee has been Barry Commoner, a microbiologist at Washington University. Featured on the Feb. 2, 1970, issue of Time Magazine, Commoner has been called a "Paul Revere, waking the country to environmental dangers."

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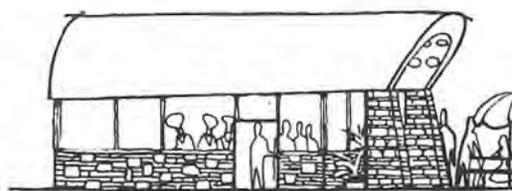
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