

COUNCIL LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



THE NEW SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE COMMUNITY COUNCIL at 6008 Kingsbury. The office which is located in the heart of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area is easily accessible to area residents with ample parking available.



NEIGHBORHOOD WOMEN CLEAN UP the new Pat Kohn, Marlene Mostres and Betty Newsham (not shown). The new roomy headquarters will be available to community groups such as THE PAPER'S staff. Cleaning up are Bill Kohn (painting the sign), Joan Bender, Pat Kohn, Marlene Mostres and Betty Newsham (not shown).

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council is launching a house to house canvas for members on Sunday, October 18, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Members of the Council, representatives of Washington Heights Neighbors and Skinker-Rosedale Neighborhood Association and block chairmen are inviting any interested individuals in the community to participate in the drive.

The reasons behind the canvas are basically three-fold: operating funds, a door-to-door census to find local talent and interest, and the hope that residents of the community will take the opportunity to find out about the organizations and become more involved in the activities and problem-solving of the Council.

Several membership prices are available. Students will be offered a special \$1.00 membership; businessmen may join for \$25.00; non-residents such as Grace Methodist or Dlemar Baptist members who live outside the neighborhood may join for \$5.00 non-participating membership. The membership fee for area residents is \$3.00.

The membership fee will entitle the resident to membership in both the neighborhood association and the Skinker-DeBaliviere Council.

The Council's share of the fees will be determined by the associations. Appeals will be issued from the church pulpits on Sunday morning for participation in the canvas.

All members will be invited to a special area-wide meeting on November 1, 2:30 p.m. in St. Roch's gym. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to solicit a particular block should call Sharon McPherron, chairman of the drive, 721-6649, or Pat Kohn, 863-9259.

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Serving residents of the area bounded by Lindell to Delmar & DeBaliviere to the city limits

L'Ecuyer Resigns

By Dempster Holland

James L'Ecuyer, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Association since 1966, has resigned effective Nov. 27. The association's board of directors accepted his resignation Sept. 17 "with sincere and heartfelt thanks."

L'Ecuyer, who says he intends to remain a resident of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, has no immediate plans for other employment. He has vacation time coming from the job he resigned.

In his letter of resignation he stated he has been "dissatisfied with working conditions and resources of the Council" and his primary interest is in housing, which the Council "is not going to be directly involved in developing."

He recommended that the board develop a full personnel code for all employees. For efficiency he also urged that the new director be given a private, air-conditioned office, a full-time secretary, and office equipment.

Calvin Stuart, president of the association, said that "Jim's devotion has helped the Council keep going." John Roach, a former president, described the job as requiring 24 hours a day and as "very bittersweet."

At the Sept. 17 meeting of the Council, Arnold Dreyer of Grace Methodist Church reported that the proposal for a Danforth Foundation Grant for the neighborhood will be submitted in the near future. He said he feels that the foundation's refusal of the grant last spring did not indicate an irrevocable decision or that the proposal was considered undeserving.

The sum asked for has been reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000 over a three-year period. The money would be used to hire a program coordinator, group leaders, and secretarial help, as well as to finance various neighborhood projects.

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Community School Opens; 73 Residents Enrolled

The Community School has become a reality!

The lights in Hamilton School are now on every night of the week when over 73 area residents take classes in everything from slim-nastics to tenant-landlord laws at the school at 5819 Westminster Pl.

The program is operated in cooperation with the already-established VIP program for adults needing high school equivalency classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the other three nights' classes are operated by the resident-elected Community School Board headed by Jane Davis.

All teachers in the program are volunteers. All classes are FREE. Interested residents may still enroll in the classes, which began the week of October 5, by coming to the school and enrolling on the night when the class meets.

On Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. the following classes are offered: welfare law, black history, automobile maintenance, preventive medicine and home nursing, home management, tumbling and slim-nastics, typing and sewing. On Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. the following classes are offered: treasures from trivia, black literature, charm and personality development, tenant landlord laws, college tutor-

ial preparation, community issues, painting, sculpture and art. Fridays have been set aside for adult (men and women) physical education classes.

Our community school is unique. As far as we know it is the first resident-initiated community school in the city and the first to have its board members elected in a community-wide meeting rather than selected by the principal of the school. It is also unique in that the courses were painstakingly selected BY AREA RESIDENTS in a series of community-wide meetings. The school has no financial backing. All teachers are volunteers with the coordinator's services loaned by Washington University.

Since the first meeting in May, the community has shown unusual interest and desire for the school - a desire that has now materialized through the hard work of the very active board. We thank the board for its work and remind the community that the school will be what we make of it. So why not volunteer to teach or at least attend the classes. Call Jane Davis at 862-4507 or Shellie Jordan, 863-0100, ext. 4608 to volunteer your services to make the community school a vital part of our community.

Course offerings for the community school were drawn up from suggestions of the residents in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. The program was decided on the basis of individual needs and wants of the community as presented in several community-wide meetings held by the board.

As Mrs. Davis comments, "Even course materials will be chosen by those taking the classes. It is a program where learning is fun because the participants learn what they

want to know, not what someone tells them they must learn. And best of all it's free for everyone. The community school will be what the community makes of it."

Shellie R. Jordan is the coordinator of the community school in the evenings. Mr. Jordan is project director for the development of a junior high level black studies curriculum under the federal Triple T program operated by Washington University at Hamilton School.

Mr. Jordan attended McReynolds School in his native South Pittsburg, Tennessee, and Hampton

For a list of courses and continuation of the story see page 9

Council Office Moves To New Location

By Pat Kohn

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Council office has been moved from its De Baliviere location to 6008 Kingsbury (at the corner of Kingsbury and DesPeres). The storefront, formerly a record store, has been temporarily loaned to the Council by West End Townhouse.

Council members hope that since the new office will be located in the geographical center of the neighborhood with ample parking, residents will feel more closely associated and aware of its activities. Communication, the Council believes, should improve because the office has been relocated in a convenient location where people may walk in for help or information.

Twenty neighborhood women have volunteered to man the telephone from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number will remain the same - 862-5122. The women will answer the telephone and perform secretarial functions in the absence of a secretary and executive director. The residential service will also operate out of the Council offices.

The Council plans to hire a new director and secretarial help in the near future.



A Plea For Black Pride

Editor's note Robert Brown, who lives in the 5700 block of Westminster, will be a regular columnist in THE Paper writing about things such as the black studies program at Hamilton School which concern the residents in these blocks and black people in general. The following article is a statement of his position. We welcome opinions to the contrary, and if anyone has any topics to suggest to Mr. Brown or comments on his column, please write him at 5747 Westminster or address letters to the editor at 6117 Westminster. He would welcome your interest.

By Bob Brown

We the people of the Black race in order to form a more perfect community must seek ways and means to correct the shameful condition of our neighborhoods.

I believe for every drop of rain that falls a flower grows. I also believe that for every undesirable aspect of any neighborhood there's someone who is ready, willing and able to do something about it.

There is always one. I am one person. You are one person. Many people are saying what can I do, I'm only one person? Well, so is Jesse Jackson and Shirley Chisholm.

I am very proud of my heritage, but I must admit that I am ashamed of some of the attitudes and outlooks of our modern day brothers and sisters. I am willing to walk hand in hand with my people in a conscientious effort to beautify our neighborhood.

One of the reasons I would like to solve community problems and improve living conditions is to instill racial pride in our young people. Is that black enough for you? Whatever course a parent pursues his child will pursue also. I want to be like daddy or mommy when I grow up!

Whether it's narcotics addiction or singing in the chorus will largely depend on the example that you as parents have set.

From my heart I would like us to unite in common cause to blot out our fears, anxiety and social hang-ups and start doing our share. The decision is yours, and you alone must wake up and realize that you are somebody.

EDITORIALS

On The Ballot Nov. 3

The Paper wishes to state its support for educational amendments three and four and the library tax proposition to be voted on in the November 3 election. Below is a brief explanation of the amendments and the proposition.

I. Amendment Three

- permits school board to levy \$1.85 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation without voter approval. (presently boards can levy \$1.25)
- permits an additional levy of \$3.70 with a simple majority vote. (presently an additional \$2.50 can be levied with a simple majority vote)
- total levy possible with majority vote with the amendment is \$5.55. (presently \$3.75)

II. Amendment Four

- permits districts not proposing increased tax rate to maintain last approved rate.
- permits districts with a defeated tax increase to revert to the last approved rate. (For example, if St. Louis City schools should propose a ten cent tax increase and meet with defeat, the tax rate would go back to the present rate. Presently the rate becomes \$1.25 in the case of a defeated levy. This would not allow a school to continue operating.)

Missouri public schools are in trouble, and on November 3 the voters will have an opportunity to improve the schools by voting for amendments three and four.

THE PAPER believes that these amendments are realistic measures to help correct the crisis facing education in Missouri.

Although St. Louis City has not yet been forced to propose a tax levy to the voters that requires a two-thirds vote for passage, the county schools have. From anyone's viewpoint the results are appalling.

We suggest you vote for amendments three and four and avoid the problems of resentful students, curtailed services, reduced programs, closed schools and loss of competent teachers for St. Louis Public Schools.

THE PAPER supports the amendments for the following reasons:

(1) A good education is one of the few avenues to success open to the poor in our society, and the amendments would help to provide quality education in Missouri.

(2) When, due to inflation, the cost of living rises six per cent annually, we can no longer expect education to operate on an outmoded budget. The proposed maximum \$5.55 rate is more realistic for most districts than the present \$3.75 rate is.

(3) Our government is based on the principal of majority rule. Our governing officials — even the president — are elected by a simple majority vote. We feel it is time we put support of our public schools on the same basis.

III. Library Tax Proposition

calls for a ten cent tax increase over the present fifteen cent tax for the free public library

The St. Louis Free Public Library is requesting a ten cent tax increase in the November election. This may sound steep, but consider the fact that the last tax increase for the library was in 1962. Inflation has done much to raise operating costs since that time.

According to the library's public relations department, the library has been operating from reserve funds for some time. The reserves have naturally become dangerously short.

The proposed tax increase would be raised to cover such operating costs as employee salaries, new books and maintenance.

Local libraries would benefit by increased staff and longer hours of service.

THE PAPER urges you to support the library tax proposition. Our Des Peres Branch Library has done an excellent job. Consider the adult and children's film programs and the summer's wandering story lady. With the increased revenue we can assure ourselves that such services will continue.

Please support amendments three and four and the library tax proposition on Tuesday, November 3, by voting YES.

Mary Parker

235 In Our Area

Almost all businesses attract a small minority of dishonest, or at least unprincipled, practitioners. The real estate business is no exception.

These men, aided by complex laws and a lack of governmental supervision, have made fortunes for themselves and a lot of misery and trouble for the general public.

Perhaps the best example of how some men bend laws to their own advantage can be found in the recent use of the 235 program.

Originally, 235 was meant to help moderate income families build new homes in the suburbs by subsidizing the interest payments on FHA loans. A subsection of the bill, however, said that the same service could be provided for the purchase of houses already standing. And it is this subsection, plus the whites' migration to the suburbs, that has allowed unscrupulous real estate operators to cash-in heavily. Here's how it works:

The real estate operator looks for a neighborhood where integration is underway (as in our community) or will soon begin and where the homes are still worth a good deal of money.

A white, fearing integration, sells his home to the real estate company for much less than it is actually worth. The operator then has the home appraised and is usually given a figure equal to or greater than the worth of the home under ideal circumstances. He then asks that price for the house.

Quite often he is able to find a black man with a low income (or on welfare) who would like nothing better than to have a good house for his family and wife. If the black man can come up with a nominal down payment and is willing to assume a 30 or 40 year mortgage, the FHA will pay a portion of the interest (up to all but one per cent of it, depending on the buyer's income level) and guarantee the loan — at the inflated price. Since the interest is often a major part of the cost of buying a home, and since the loan is available on 30 or 40 year terms, the monthly payments on even a \$20,000 home may be well within the reach of low income or even welfare families. Under the provisions of 235, a family cannot buy a house that will cost them more than 20 per cent of their monthly income in house payments.

Well, you say, that doesn't seem like such a bad deal. The black man got his house, the real estate man got his money and everybody's happy. Right? Wrong!

First of all, the operator is playing on the fears of the white population in order to drive the property values down.

Secondly, as all homeowners in our neighborhood know, the buyer's "dream house" can turn out to be a nightmare.

What happens when a roof begins to leak? What about the plaster cracks? What happens when the mortar falls out from between the bricks or the beams rot or a million and one other things go wrong?

Three things might happen. (1) The buyer goes into debt to keep the house up (for the moment); (2) He gives up and lets the house rot out from under him or (3) He gives up and tries to sell the house, often finding that the same real estate man will tell him that the house is now in a "blighted" area and isn't worth very much.

This, of course, makes it easier for the operator to jump in, buy more houses in the area at lower prices, get higher appraisals and start the whole cycle all over again. It has happened and is happening today right here!

A citizens' committee of 75 residents has filed a suit citing the real estate practices associated with the 235 program in our area. The suit, as we understand it, in no way was directed against poor people who want homes through the program. It was directed toward and pointed out one major flaw in the administration of the program — namely that the control of 235 ends when the real estate broker takes over. All 235 does is provide the loan and approve the house for the applicant. FHA does *not* approve the house on the basis of whether the client can afford the upkeep.

By ignoring this factor, FHA is unfair to the client who must either struggle to keep it up or see it deteriorate and the 235 program which gets a bad name.

Contrary to some community opinion, we do not think that 45 families under this program are too many in our neighborhood of 5,000 housing units. We do think that concentrating 235 homes in one small area as the real estate dealers have done here is a form of block busting which leaves all of us the losers.

It seems that whenever the poor get a good program, it is misused or improperly administered, with resulting public indignation, so that the government, instead of correcting the program's flaws, decides to chuck the whole thing. And, as always, the poor end up holding the short end of the stick.

We feel that the 235 program is basically good and should be continued with the following changes: a regulation limiting a large concentration of 235 homes in a small area, and that funds be provided either from a reduction in the client's mortgage payment or a direct payment for the upkeep of the home.

We think the program with these changes deserves our support. If you agree, write your senator or representative and tell him so.



REHABILITATED APARTMENTS BY WEST END TOWNHOUSE. West End Townhouse to date has improved and rehabilitated over 14 apartments and homes in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area and is in the process of rehabilitating or has contracts on nine more. These attractive apartments at 6182 and 6162 Waterman are typical of the work done by the corporation. The organization leases some buildings and sells others.

Delmar Baptist Gives \$18,000 For Projects

A Comparison Of Aldermatic Candidates

By Sue Hudspeth

The congregation of Delmar Baptist Church has voted to allot \$18,000 to underwrite several experimental community projects.

Despite the fact that the church is typical of many inner-city churches with its membership and therefore its budget in decline, the congregation (many of whom do not live in the area), under the community-minded leadership of the pastors Reverend Ramsey and Reverend Dismuke will offer several programs for neighborhood children as soon as they can be organized.

The pre-school program will be expanded and tuition will be eliminated. In the near future an afternoon session directed toward former pupils who might need additional help will be offered.

A program involving social commentary will be arranged for college students. Films such as "Lord of the Flies" and "One Thousand Clowns" will be shown with discussion afterwards. Refreshments will be provided preceding the film.

The church plans to arrange block parties for the Washington blocks and to begin a series of get-acquainted sessions with international students in the area.

There will be a children's choir on Sunday mornings from 9:15 until 9:50 a.m. Also a Sunday class for adults will be started to allow parents and their young children (6 through 12) to get together for coffee and a fellowship program.

More information will be available concerning the times and dates of the projects in later issues of THE PAPER.

by Mary Parker

In order to refresh your memory before the November 3 general election, we are printing a condensation of the positions held by the democratic and republican aldermanic candidates as reported in the August issue of The Paper.

EDWARD WALSH

Mr. Walsh advocates stricter enforcement of housing codes and tenant-landlord agreements. These two measures would free revenue to hire much needed building inspectors.

For better law enforcement Mr. Walsh believes improved community-police relations, job training programs and employment opportunities are necessary. Although he feels that control of city services should be left in the hands of the city administration, he feels that the citizens, working through the alderman, should see that these services are administered efficiently.

With proper control and management of such programs as West End Townhouse and 235, Mr. Walsh believes that race relations can be improved.

On the issue of income sources for the city, Mr. Walsh believes that recovery of more state revenues for the cities is the answer.

He feels that more money for the cities should come from state and

federal sources. To accomplish this St. Louis and other urban areas such as Kansas City must consolidate their efforts in the legislature. He believes the present tax structure should be revised to encourage urban businesses and to end discrimination against people on low and fixed incomes.

JOHN ROACH DEMOCRAT

Mr. Roach believes in more efficient collection of real estate taxes, stricter housing code enforcement, strict penalties for code violators (either tenant or landlord), demolition or reclamation of derelict buildings and implementation of the State Slum Receivership Bill.

He feels that crime prevention must be coordinated with recreation, job training, employment opportunities and youth programs. Improved police facilities and closer police-community ties are also needed. In the area of city services, Mr. Roach advocates closer contact between the community and the public service supervisors. He feels district city halls, neighborhood grievance forums and good correction programs could help accomplish this.

To improve race relations Roach suggests equalization of employment, recreation and housing opportunities and more effective youth programs.

PRECINCT POLLING LOCATIONS

- 8 - 201 South Skinker (Memorial Presbyterian Church)
- 9 - 6198 Washington (Delmar Baptist Church)
- 10 & 11 - 6044 Waterman (St. Roch's Church)
- 12 - 281 DeBaliviere (Velvet Freeze)
- 13 - 5817 Waterman
- 14 - 5707 Westminster (Barber Shop)
- 15 - 5819 Westminster
- 16 - 6123 Delmar

ON THE BALLOT NOVEMBER 3:

UNITED STATES SENATOR	
Democrat	Stuart Symington*
Republican	John C. Danforth
UNITED STATES SENATOR - 3rd DISTRICT	
Democrat	Lenore Sullivan
Republican	Dale S. Troske
STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 72nd DISTRICT	
Democrat	Fred Williams*
Republican	Milton Gardner
ALDERMAN - 28th WARD	
Democrat	John Roach
Republican	Edward Walsh
LICENSE COLLECTOR	
Democrat	Benjamin L. Goins
Republican	L. B. (Mike) Sendlein
RECORDER OF DEEDS	
Democrat	Francis Slay
Republican	Lee W. Webber
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	
Democrat	Tom S. Shannon (unopposed)
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT	
Democrat	Joseph P. Roddy (unopposed)
CLERK OF S.L. COURT OF CRIMINAL CORRECTION	
Democrat	James Patrick Lavin
Republican	Elizabeth L. Carmick
CLERK OF ST. LOUIS COURT OF CRIMINAL CAUSE	
Democrat	James McAteer
Republican	Arthur O. Martin
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE	
Democrat	John Travers
Republican	James L. Dickey
MAGISTRATE - 9th DISTRICT	
Democrat	Daniel Tammany (unopposed)
CONSTABLE - 9th DISTRICT	
Democrat	Joe Panneri
Republican	James W. Coe

*Incumbent

(See editorials on page 2 for the three important propositions on the ballot.)

AN EDITORIAL

Block Parties—A Way To Make Money, Have Fun

On July 25 the 6000 and 6100 blocks of Westminster held a block party.

The event would be of no special significance except that its success could point the way to a new role for block organizations — fund-raising.

Without meaning to, the Westminster blocks made money on the party. Charging only for the beer, soda and hot dogs, the blocks made a profit of \$73. Women brought homemade potato salads, desserts and other delicious dishes all free. There was a spook house designed by the teenagers, a free magic show by an amateur magician, races, volleyball, dancing for the teenagers, bingo — no charge for any of it. However, if the blocks had so wished, a nominal charge for the booths, food and games could have made a healthy profit. (The captions on page describe some of the other activities.)

There were other intangible profits. EVERYONE in the block contributed their talents and got to know each other in the process. In this way the party resembled the old-fashioned pioneer barn-raising. The teenagers organized the spook house for the younger children, and some teenage girls got to see their first culinary efforts appreciated by the adults. The neighborhood nurse stood by to bandage knees. The magician displayed his talents to a group of fascinated children. All the children ran for prizes in the races — even the toddlers had a tricycle race. The ladies received well-deserved compliments on their food. The men manned the barbeque and supervised the race. In all it was a lovely day. Everyone went home feeling good about each other, the block and the neighborhood — a feeling rarely achieved in these days of fragmented city neighborhoods.

It was a day which could be duplicated in any block in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. The Westminster experience could point the way to a method of community fund-raising that would have the virtues of making the blocks more 'neighborly', uniting people in a project and still making money which could then be turned over to such worthy community-wide projects as the day care center or the community school. Or how about a recreation center for teenagers with a paid staff? Sure, the money from the block parties would only be a drop in the bucket, but it would indicate a degree of community involvement which could attract larger contributions. Whatever project the blocks decided to adopt, we think the idea of fund-raising through block parties is worth a try.

How about it, block units?

(If your block unit is interested call the chairman, Jim Mayberry, 863-7738, or Rich Bowe, 727-4893 for details on the organization of the block party.)



Willis Greeley, then president of the Westminster blocks places a crown on the king of the Westminster block party.



Elaine Atkinson and Menninger head up the food line set up between the two blocks. In the foreground is the barbeque.

Photos by Doug McKee



Jim Creighton, an amateur magician, gives his show from the steps of his home at 6117 Westminster.

West End Businessmen Start Tenant Screening Service

By Mary Parker

"It's amazing how that piece of property has gone downhill." Sound familiar? It should, you've probably said it yourself recently. But, like people in general, you made the comment and immediately forgot the problem until the next time you passed the property. Fortunately, the West St. Louis Businessmen's Association at 325 DeBaliviere is aware of the problem and has decided to take action.

At its last meeting the association voted to provide a tenant screening and maintenance service for area landlords and to help upgrade the area through local businesses. In addition to association members, the meeting was attended by ten to fifteen business representatives from adjoining areas.

Mr. Bryon Tompras, an active association member, stated that at present the two services are not profit-making ventures. Within a few months, however, they hope that the projects will be self-sustaining and eventually show a small profit.

Describing the association's motives, Mr. Hyman Kaufman, executive secretary said, "Our area doesn't deserve what has happened to it. We are close to the park and to transportation, we have easy access to downtown and shopping." With this in the area's favor, he feels that with care and concern the business district could again be built up to what it once was.

Basically, the aim of the screening service is residential improvement. According to Mr. Tompras, landlords recognize the need for screening tenants, but few of them do it. Once they have a deposit, their screening is at an end. Taking over from the landlord who perhaps hasn't the time or the knowledge the association screens prospective tenants through use of references and credit applications. An interview is also conducted and a follow-up study is done. Landlords using the service are charged a fee; there is no charge to the tenant.

To insure that both landlord and tenant fulfill their obligations, an agreement, drawn up by the Municipal Businessmen's Development Commission, is signed by both

parties. Mr. Kaufman feels that good landlords using the service can obtain reliable tenants and thereby improve the quality of rental property in our area. In return the tenants are assured of well-maintained apartments and responsible management.

For budgetary reasons the screening service has not yet been advertised, so information about it passes by word of mouth and telephone calls. Mr. Kaufman says, however, that at the next meeting funds will be allocated and an advertising campaign will be launched.

In addition to the screening service, the association is also working with businessmen in the area to try to improve and maintain the neighborhood commercially.

The businessmen have voted to pay a \$20 a month subscription fee for the next four months (September to December) to try to accomplish this goal. At the end of the four month period, Kaufman says the program should be on its feet so that the monthly fee could be replaced by annual membership dues. In the interest of fairness, each

business would be charged according to size. It was emphasized that members expecting to vote and take active part in association meetings must have paid their dues at the time of the meetings.

Of the estimated 100 merchants in the area served by the association (Delmar-Lindell-Skinker-Union), Kaufman says there are 20 paid up members. By December he hopes to have 70-80% participation.

In order to get this participation Kaufman has launched a three-way campaign. He plans to contact each business by letter, by telephone and personally. In these contacts he emphasizes that conditions in the area must be improved and that improvement can only come through a joint effort. He also makes it clear that both the financial support and the suggestions of the businessmen are needed. At the same time he wants them to know that this is more than a one time contribution. Only by continual, collective work can the job be done successfully, and only then will new businesses feel confident to move into our area.

Volunteers are needed to man

the office for one to two hour periods while Mr. Kaufman is making personal calls on businessmen. Duties would be restricted to answering the telephone, taking messages, and calling people to acquaint them with the screening service. People who would like to volunteer time, but who must stay home, are needed to phone about the screening service. A listing of names and numbers are available at association headquarters. Anyone interested may contact Mr. Kaufman at 325 DeBaliviere, 862-6945 or at home, 863-1107.

Mr. Kaufman says the association has tenants applying for apartments and at present none are available. Any apartment owner interested should get in touch with him. Also the association has union maintenance men for plumbing, electrical service, carpentry, etc. willing to work for apartment houses or businesses at reasonable rates.

Coffee House For Teenagers



By Tom Flynn
Teenage Columnist

Suffering from a severe case of poison ivy but not wanting to stay home on a Friday night, I called up some friends and we decided we'd go to the Underwater Coffee House at 6194 Washington (at Skinker).

We went in the front door where we paid our 55 cent cover charge then we went underground. It's dark in the basement, the only light coming from the spotlight (for the singers) and the citronella candles on the tables. There are fish nets hanging on the ceiling, and the tables are arranged in no particular order. There's even a small dance floor!

We took a table and were brought potato chips and pretzels. The girl told us that the coffee and tea were free, then asked if anyone wanted drinks. When she brought the drinks, I asked her what her name was and started the interview.

Her name is Diane Rathert, and from her I learned that the coffee house is sponsored and run by an organization called Christ for Youth Today. Christ for Youth Today is a group of high school and college kids who believe that God is alive and relevant to youth. Five members of this group make up the committee that runs the coffee house. Diane then explained the letters on the menus and signs.

They are the Greek letters IZΘYC. When translated into English letters it comes out as ICHTHUS. Ichthus is Greek for fish and the fish was a symbol used by the early Christians. That's the reason the place was named the Underwater Coffee House. Also, the Greek letters stand for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Lord and Savior.

I asked about the Monday night rap sessions mentioned on the signs. Diane informed me that there is no entertainment on Monday nights but that people sit around and talk to each other, even if they don't know each other. Anyone who wants to can give a poetry or prose reading or put on a play or do anything really, but the management doesn't plan anything. Sounds great doesn't it?

The last things that Diane told me were that they need more clientele, customers on any of the nights they're open. They also need volunteer workers. If you're interested in working at the coffee house, please call 721-1517. The Underwater Coffee House is open on Friday and Saturday nights from 8 to 12 and on Monday nights from 7 to 10.

I really like the place and you will too. Give it a try!

Day Care Plans To Be Year-Round

By Mel Archie

Since the success of the summer day care center, many parents have expressed a desire to extend the center into a year-round operation.

In accordance, the Community Day Care Program's Board of Directors is preparing a proposal to be submitted to the resources committee of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council.

The proposal outlines a plan to make the Center a year-round operation and what resources will be necessary. The program will specify the amount of money needed to finance a year-round operation, the type of building or buildings to house the program and meet government regulations and safety standards, the type of playground and equipment needed. Furnishings, toys and educational materials will also be needed.

The proposal is still in the development stage. The Council has

received a preliminary report from Miss Carolyn Harnett, the summer program director, concerning the summer program. The Center's Board of Directors is now awaiting a finalized, in-depth report from Miss Harnett in order to complete the proposal.

Mr. Garrett, Chairman of the Board, comments, "A program such as the Day Care Center is a needed community service. Not only does it provide the parents with a safe and responsible place to leave their children while they are at work, but it gives the child a chance to become aware of the people and things around him. What's more important, he will have an opportunity to discover himself and to relate to others. I feel this is very much a need in today's society."

To make donations and/or suggestions, please write Mrs. Robert Moore, 6051 McPherson, or Jetty Magrath, 5915 Pershing.

WHO'S LIBERATING WHOM?

By Donne Lottes
Middle-Age Columnist

Boy — am I slow to catch on! I thought marriage was the "great Liberator."

No longer to get up at 6 a.m., run for the bus, shop during lunch hour and smile at the boss (but not too much because he was always a married man). No more struggle with the girdle and bra and stockings (who can find a supporter at 6 a.m.?). No more curlers and the "latest fashions," which were standard equipment for working girls in my day. No more sleepless nights worrying about the airline passengers blithely sent off to far away places with strange sounding names; wondering if they would be lucky enough ever to return to St. Louis (with my help some of them didn't return — at least not on time).

As the wedding march played and I walked down the aisle at St. Roch's, I felt "now I can be me" — I can cook and sew and play with babies; mold little minds and fix breakfast in my bathrobe; go bare-foot through the grass and feel warm and protected. I could contribute my own special talents in my own special way. And, in my innocence, I thought most women felt this way.

Now, after 13 years, I find we've all been living in a fool's paradise. This freedom and liberation are only an illusion.

It took stout-hearted women like Kate Millet to point out that actually we've been oppressed and did not know it. She has picked up the gauntlet (and probably a tidy sum of money) with her book "Sexual Politics." No more will women be simple-minded sex-symbols.

According to Millet (how does one address a liberationist? Miss Millet? Mrs. Millet? Ph.D. Millet? or perhaps just "Hey you?") we've been brainwashed by our parents, our peers and society at large. "The only author who really understands the feminine role in society is Jean Genet, a homosexual." (From an interview in LIFE magazine.)

No one has allowed us all the wonderful opportunities men have. The thrilling experience of ulcers and early coronary attacks. We've been denied the marvelous dog-eat-dog competitive spirit of participating in industry at the Executive-Executive level — and we've been discriminated against because no one has tried to draft us, employ us to dig ditches or drive a 10-ton truck. We're not people at all, just "second class" citizens.

If that's not bad enough, we've been perpetuating a degrading myth. Instead of teaching our boys to play dress-up and house and our girls to buck-that-line and lift weights, we've been training our children to believe that there IS a difference between boys and girls. Boys empty trash, cut grass, wash cars, run to the store, play soccer and build things with hammers and nails. Girls dry dishes, make beds, help sort laundry, feed pets, play dolls and string beads. Forgive us, women liberationists, in our stupid-

ity we thought there were two sexes, each with its own sphere of influence, neither superior, but here to work together, help each other and make a great team.

Well, now that the Women's Lib has shown us the light in return I'd like to suggest something for them, get out there and dig those ditches, empty the trash, become pro-football players, join the Army — build something useful — and leave the rest of us alone!!



Women's Liberation Questions Housewives

Editor's Note: In the interest of fairness, we asked the Women's Liberation group, which is located at Washington University, to reply to Mrs. Lottes' column. Their reply was the following questions:

Some women, when initially approached about Women's Liberation like Mrs. Lottes, feel they are not oppressed. However, upon searching a little deeper into the subject, they find that, indeed, they are oppressed and that they share this oppression with other women. These are questions to provoke thought about the oppression and exploitation of women — in areas which you may not have thought about before. Consider each one carefully, applying it to yourself and to women in general. Perhaps you will come to some new conclusions about yourself and the need for a Women's Liberation movement.

- (1) Do you feel that no matter what your intellect, education or interests, you are naturally suited for housework and/or child care?
- (2) Do you sacrifice your personal interests in order to get and keep a man?
- (3) Do you think that you must be married and have children by a certain age? Have you ever panicked thinking that "this guy is your last chance?" Could this happen to you in the future?
- (4) Did you ever want to be a boy? Were you proud of being called "tomboy"? Do you think boys ever want to be girls?
- (5) Do you dump a girl friend when a man friend calls, feeling that your girl friend has no right to object?
- (6) Do you have to ask permission from the man in your life in order to go out on your own or with your friends?
- (7) Do you ever feel that other women are rivals? Do you think that the saying "women just can't get along with each other" is true?
- (8) Do you feel that it is neces-

sary for a man to pay for taking out a woman? Do you feel that the present "courting" or "dating" system over-emphasizes sex-roles in men and women?

(9) Do you think in terms of working only until you get married or have children? Do you think that it is impossible for a woman to be a good wife and mother and have a meaningful career at the same time?

(10) Do you work full-time and do all the housework, too? Even if your husband helps you out, is the housework still primarily your responsibility?

(11) Are you insulted by commercials and advertisements for household and beauty products?

(12) Are you afraid to leave your children with others because only you can understand them?

(13) Do you take your husband's/boyfriend's opinions on world affairs as your own?

(14) Do you feel that life for the unmarried woman is meaningful? Have you ever felt sorry for women who never married?

(15) Do you feel that women have less meaningful jobs than men?

(16) Do you feel that it is unjust that women make much lower wages than men?

(17) Have you ever done significant work — only to have the credit for it be taken by a man? Do you think that men should make almost all important decisions, while women do the "dirty work"?

(18) Do you feel helpless when something mechanical breaks down? Do you feel that you can never understand mechanical things?

(19) Do you feel uncomfortable about your body?

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Meet Your Neighbor

The Walshes--Longtime Residents Recall Neighborhood Events

By Jean Eberle

When you talk about urban changes and the Skinker-DeBaliviere area with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walsh (properly Mr. and Mrs. William D.), you are apt to get a smile and a question, "Which changes?" The smiles are second nature and the question a sincere inquiry into your interest. It's just that after fifty-two years in the neighborhood they recall changes and developments that most of us would have to go to a library to find out about.

"We moved into a house on DeGiverville in 1918 and loved the convenience of street cars, churches and shops." Mrs. Walsh adds, "We still enjoy the convenience." When they needed more space to house a growing family, they moved into Parkview in 1925 and are still there today. "St. Roch's had finished the church and school then, so we decided to stay right in the area we knew and liked."

It was a happy choice for all concerned. Outgoing, interested in others, with deep convictions about sharing their good fortune, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh launched in to civic, neighborhood and parish activities in the formative years of the area. "Young people may laugh and not quite believe it, but the biggest improvement in this neighborhood was the building of DesPeres Avenue over the old River Des Peres. You know, it used to be an open creek, smelly and buggy, with the streets running across bridges. This is a much nicer place to live with that water running underground." An active walker, Mr. Walsh has covered this neighborhood on foot many, many times.

During his long residence in the area, Mr. Walsh has had a distinguished career as a St. Louis businessman. He ran the Walsh Motor Company, then became associated with Easton-Taylor Trust, then Mississippi Valley Trust, and when he retired some years ago he was a vice-president of Mercantile Trust Company.

At this same time he managed what amounted to a second career in charitable and social welfare work. He has been treasurer of Catholic Charities of St. Louis for forty years and still performs this job. He served on the board of directors of United Charities, beginning with work in St. Roch's chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, a lay organization devoted to helping the poor and the troubled. Mr. Walsh got involved in this group's city-wide efforts and served as its treasurer for years.

"Since there are many government programs in these fields now, our work today is basically supplemental. I think I liked it best when it was simple, direct and personal. I remember the men, most of them gone now, who personally visited families needing help at Christmas. We seldom had anyone that needy

around Skinker-DeBaliviere then, but there were always families around town who needed help in bad times."

Mrs. Walsh remembered bad times with a touch of humor. "During the depression the Rock Island Railroad still ran down Millbrook, and the trains slowed down at Skinker. The hoboes would hop off and make the rounds of the neighborhood. We housewives used to search that corner trying to find whatever signal other hoboes left to spread the word that this was a good neighborhood to eat in. We never did find out how those men knew where to go.

"It sounds strange now, but none of us ever thought of being afraid. Times were bad, and if you had enough food, you just naturally fixed a plate for anyone who turned up on your doorstep."

During the depression years and after, the five Walsh children, Bill, Jr., Bob, Rosemary, Pat and Jim went to school at St. Roch's, then on to high school and college. Mrs. Walsh now had her hands full of Mothers' Club, Sewing Guild, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, high school and college booster groups. "The schools needed a lot of help then, but we also made friends and had a lot of fun while we worked for the schools."

Mr. Walsh continued his career in banking and his second career in charitable work, serving on the board and as an officer of the National Conference of Catholic Charities. He got interested in the work of the USO and devoted time to their efforts. In 1949 his church recognized his thirty years of service when Pope Pius XII named him to the order of the Knights of St. Gregory for his service to his fellowmen. In 1961 the board of governors of the USO presented him with the highest award given to non-military personnel.

He took the treasurer's job for the Greater St. Louis Community Chest and served on the board of the National Catholic Community Service Club in St. Louis. He served three terms as president of the TB Society. He has retired from his business career but continues active with the TB Society and Catholic Charities.

At home, too, retirement is active. With twenty-nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, a birthday, a graduation or a wedding is always looming up. They also have a built in pipeline to younger generations. Up-to-date and always interested in what's going on among young people around the parish and the neighborhood, it's hard to see them and believe they have lived here for fifty-two years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Walsh (Bill and Marie, in one word, to their friends) are noticeably silent about

their careers in community service. They allow as how they've been associated with this work or that, but for details of their years of service, you have to look elsewhere. They would be polite, but embarrassed, if you suggested that their example has led a lot of young and not-so-young people into active charitable and community service. Perhaps we should say not only led younger people, but occasionally shoved them into service, since the Walshes preach and practice the idea that young people have to pitch in and take over "from us old duffers."

With all their wealth of experience behind them, they are far more apt to listen than to speak at neighborhood meetings, learning what the problems are and what possible solutions might be.

After fifty-two years, they still like the convenience and the privacy of Parkview and in the midst of their family and organizational activities, take a keen interest in what's going on around the neighborhood.



THE CHURCH NEWS

By Sue Hudspeth Church Editor

ST. ROCH'S Smorgasbord, Set Oct. 10

St. Roch's will have a smorgasbord on Saturday, October 10, at 7 p.m. in the church basement with a social hour beginning at 6 p.m. The tickets are \$1.50. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Vossen at 721-0052. Tickets may also be obtained at the door.

The Parish School of Religion opened on September 27. Catholic grade school children who attend public school may receive their religious instruction on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at St. Roch's. The fee for the series of classes will be \$4.00.

Instruction classes for high school students attending public school began on September 30 at DuBurg High School. These sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.

DELMAR BAPTIST

Each Baptist Church, unlike many other sects, is a separate entity unto itself, with no hierarchy. Each individual church sets its own secular policy.

In accordance Delmar Baptist congregation has voted to accept members of the other Evangelical religions into the church without having to be re-baptized by immersion.

Sumner Choir

The Sumner High School choir will sing at the morning worship service on October 25.

GRACE METHODIST

Grace Pre-School

Grace Pre-School still has a few openings for children who are three, four or five years old. Mrs. Countney will welcome any inquiries.

Invitation to Community

The Tuesday Men's chapel and breakfast meeting is a regular part of the church's program. The meetings are open to the men of the community. Adjournment for the

7 to 8 a.m. meetings is prompt for those who must leave.

Enrichment Program

The Grace Enrichment Program for neighborhood children attending Hamilton School began Saturday, October 3. These clubs, which will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturdays, need adult leaders. Anyone who is free to give two hours on Saturdays should call Mrs. Edward Renner, 727-2547.

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Mail your news to 6117 Westminster, St. Louis, 63112, or call one of the editors.

NEWS BRIEFS . . . NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS MEETING SET OCT. 22

Washington Heights Neighbors will have its fall meeting Thursday, Oct. 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in St. Roch's gym. The cash bar will be open at 7:30, and the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Guest speakers will talk about the community school and the day care center.

Entertainment will be provided by the Checker Board Squares. Election of officers will also be held. Candidates selected by the nominating committee are: Mrs. Joyce Warren for president; Mrs. Mary Jane Hall for vice-president; Eddie Sanders for vice-president; Saul Williams, vice-president; Mrs. Marie McReynolds, recording secretary; Leonard McLucas, treasurer and Mrs. Glori L'Ecuyer, corresponding secretary.

WANTED: BRIDGE PLAYERS

Partners and singles are welcome to play sixteen hands of party bridge at 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8 in St. Roch's large assembly room in the church basement. Entrance is on Rosedale just south of Waterman. A cash prize is awarded to the winning team. Admission is one dollar per person.

'GIANT BEAN FEED' TO BE HELD OCT. 17

The community is invited to the New Democratic Coalition's answer to \$100 a plate political dinners — a \$1.25 'giant bean feed.'

The 'feed' sponsored by the 28th Ward New Democratic Coalition of St. Louis will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. at 6141 McPherson Ave. Local, state and federal political candidates have been invited to meet and talk informally with residents. Cost is \$1.25 per dinner. The Coalition promises that the food will be tasteful, ample and blessedly cheap.

The 'feed' is the beginning of a series of meetings at the local level to inform the community of the Coalition's activities and candidates.

For tickets phone 862-0182 or write: 28th Ward New Democratic Coalition, P. O. Box 567, Cabanne Station, St. Louis, Mo. 63161.

ROSEDALE-SKINKER TO MEET OCT. 15

The regular meeting of the Rosedale-Skinker Improvement Association will be held on Oct. 15, 8:00 at Grace Methodist Church.

Business to be covered at the meeting will include plans for the upcoming Halloween Party and a review of Council activities.

NEEDED: VIP TUTORS

Hamilton School's V.I.P. program needs volunteer tutors for 65 to 70 adults studying for the High School Equivalency Exam. The volunteers would work at the school from 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the following areas: math and math clinics, social science, reading, English and reading clinic. Students needing help are presently working on both elementary and secondary levels of efficiency. A training program is provided for volunteers.

If you can help, call Mrs. Juanita Martin, project director, at PA 7-6170 between 8:45 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

EXERCISE SESSIONS

Ladies looking for exercise and enjoyment should come to the new series of classes with Dorothy Reed. Regular exercise sessions are preceded or followed by volleyball, basketball or tennis depending on the wishes of the group. High school students and adults are eligible. Classes start promptly at 8 p.m. at St. Roch's gym, 6040 Waterman. Cost for the ten-week series is \$6 to be paid in advance to Barbara Schmidt, 863-4512. Come and meet your neighbors.

ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY OCT. 30

St. Roch's will have an adult Halloween Party Friday, Oct. 30, beginning at 9 p.m. in the large assembly hall of the church. Live entertainment will be provided. Refreshments and set-ups will be available. Costumes are optional. The community is invited. Tickets cost \$3.00 and may be obtained by calling Mrs. Maverine Wilson, 725-7026, or Mrs. Nan Thomas.

HOLLEY, ARCHIE

NEW BLOCK CHAIRMEN

Mrs. Genevieve Holley, 5822 Pershing, is the new block chairman for the south side of the 5800 block of Pershing for Washington Heights Neighbors — Mr. Melvin Archie is the block chairman for the 5800 block of Nina Place.

Mrs. Blanche Reel, who coordinates the organizing of block units, states 'we welcome Mrs. Holley and Mr. Archie and know that all residents will be glad to cooperate with them. We are most grateful for their leadership.'

Anyone in the Washington Heights area who is interested in helping form a block unit should contact Mrs. Reel at PA 1-8307.

BEAUTIFICATION GROUP

TO PLANT TREES

FOR TEN DOLLARS

The Beautification Committee of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council is having its annual tree planting drive. The City of St. Louis Forestry Department will plant a tree between the sidewalk and street of your house for \$10. They plant and guarantee the tree for one year. Tree planting begins in November, so call now for fast service. Anyone desiring a tree should call: (Washington Heights) - Gloria L'Ecuyer, 863-7521, or (Rosedale-Skinker) - Art Santen, 863-6798.

When the list of purchases is submitted, the Forestry Department will come to your home to help determine placement of the tree. In this way interference with sewer, power lines and sidewalks can be avoided. At this time a form requesting the tree is filled out, and the ten dollar payment is made.

**Support
The Council
Join October 18**

JIM L'ECUYER -- four years of service to SDCC

By Jady Creighton

Jim L'Ecuyer has a great fondness for condemned buildings.

Jim, who has recently resigned as executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Council, gets a glow in his eyes when he describes the dilapidated state of the apartment house he and his wife bought in 1966 when they first moved to this neighborhood.

"The building was condemned — nothing but a shell," he recalls. Today the apartment is one of the more attractive buildings on the 6000 block of McPherson with gold-painted brick and attractive black trim.

If he rhapsodizes over his own property, he gets positively ecstatic when he describes one of the Council's first housing ventures in the 5700 block of Westminster.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Council got into the housing business in a rather round about way, according to Jim. "The Council was helping relocate people in derelict buildings and got a complaint about a family of 12 in a building without heat. When we put pressure on the landlord who was in violation of the building codes, he sold to a speculator who intended to gloss over the building's serious faults and rent it. So we bought the buildings for \$6,000 each — a very cheap price at that time," he stated.

Then in the renovation of the buildings Jim discovered his avocation. "I enjoyed it so much that I began to wish I had studied to be an architect."

He has some definite theories on so-called public housing: "Too much rent-supplement and public housing is sterile looking, when for a few dollars more and sometimes the same amount, the contractor could create a much more attractive

place to live."

Jim practiced what he preached in the Westminster apartments. Using his extensive knowledge of building materials and costs, he directed the contractors to install copper-tone kitchens for only \$15 more, had them lay an attractive dirt-hiding tile floor rather than the light-colored cheap marble floors common in most housing. It's these little details that make the difference he maintains.

Because of the backwardness of the FHA office in St. Louis, rehabilitated housing has not been pursued the way it has in most other cities according to Jim. In fact, the Skinker-DeBaliviere area has 18 of the 27 units of rent-supplement apartments in the city of St. Louis. Other cities such as Boston have as many as 600 units.

Jim's love of developmental housing is partially his reason for resigning from the Council after four and a half years. "West End Townhouse will now feel the need for rehabilitation with the Council sponsoring the work. West End will be doing the part that I like the best, working directly with the contractors, selecting materials and overseeing the property. West End has the virtue of being big enough and having enough money to make significant changes."

Another hopeful sign as far as improving property in the area is what Jim sees as a change in attitude by the FHA office. "They are now considering rehabilitating housing where before they rejected it completely. Doors seem to be opening there."

According to Jim another potentially good program which could help the area is the blight proposal up before the Board of Aldermen. Under this proposal the city de-

clares a certain area "blighted" and organizations such as West End Townhouse then submit competitive bids for redeveloping the area. Non-profit groups such as the Council could be the sponsoring organization.

Of his four and a half years he counts the support and organization of block units as one of the most important works of the Council. He recalls when he and Mrs. Blanche Reel were organizing blocks in the Washington Heights area. "Our lives were just one meeting after another," he remembers. "Often each block would have two units, one for each side of the street. That has changed now."

He also cites the work of the Police-Community Relations Citizens Committee as performing a necessary function in the community. "Burke Mees did an extraordinary job of heading that group. His statistics on crime helped us squelch rumors more than once." To help cut the area crime rate Jim began a letter campaign to the Police Commissioners which eventually resulted in beat patrolmen for the area.

As could be expected Jim has some very definite ideas on the operation of the Council offices. Number one — there must be adequate money, a full-time administrative secretary to help the executive director and as many community developers as possible. "You cannot expect a skeleton crew to solve \$30,000,000 problems. Volunteer groups are necessary but they cannot be expected to maintain the momentum necessary to follow through on everything.

"The neighborhood institutions, while giving outstanding support, need to have more faith in the Council. Instead of setting up their

own programs, they should first go to the Council and ask where the needs are. When they assign a person to work for the Council, that person should be directly responsible to the Council not to both the Council and the institution," he says.

"We are lucky here," he states, "to have churches and Washington University vitally interested in the Council and supporting it financially."

"In order to progress, everyone



A 'Historic Occasion -- the Kingsbury Time Capsule

By Jim Hitchcock

One of the city's major construction jobs spontaneously occurred September 27 at the corner of Skinker and Kingsbury, when a World's Fair era column which had fallen was rebuilt by a handful of amateur Kingsbury street craftsmen.

The seven-foot-tall column, adjacent to higher columns which "guard" Kingsbury from the roaring traffic of Skinker had mysteriously collapsed late the previous Saturday night.

Most persons passing by simply observed and commented. Old-time resident Jim McCarthy, however, decided that action had to be taken, and early in the day started scraping the turn-of-the-century mortar off the stones. He was joined by engineer Burk Mees, visiting for a week from building tunnels in West Virginia, and the move for reconstruction was on.

To recreate the column involved carefully piling about twenty-five stones weighing at least fifty pounds each. Mortar had to be properly placed between each one, the lines had to be parallel from level to level, and care had to be taken that the whole thing would not fall on the heads of about thirty observers of all ages.

Assignments were developed according to interests and ability. John Roach and Dick Lottes were best at putting the mortar on the rock. Mees wielded a mean hose in cleaning off the rock. Rick Bender was good at carrying rocks and discussing engineering theory with Mees.

Cement was provided by Jack Flynn, from over on McPherson. Bob Newsham did an excellent job of stirring the cement and water.

The writer had to mediate by telling the cement makers when the rock cleaners needed the hose, and vice versa.

The wives, realizing the limitations of the Women's Liberation Movement, performed supportive services. Joan Bender, Betty Newsham and Phyllis Mees took pictures. Jody Holland consented to the use of an old wash-rag to smooth the mortar. Susie Roach fetched refreshments. All gossiped.

Passersby indicated great interest. The local police, rather than cite the workers for building without a permit, gave the group the peace (or possibly the victory) sign.

Disagreements occurred. Was it

better to put bottlecaps between levels to stabilize or to simply rely on the mortar? Special interests favored bottlecaps, particularly persons who supplied them by drinking the beer.

Recognizing the historical significance of the event, many persons entered items into the hollow shell of the column which, therefore, became the block's time capsule.

The Committee for Environmental Information, on whose property the column had stood broken and unattended for a week, made up for its lack of practicing-what-it-preached by donating a copy of its magazine. A list of the day's participants, appropriately placed in a beer bottle, went into the column cavity. There was great sentiment for including one of the block's more popular dogs, but at the insistence of Joan Bender the little rascal was left free to cavort happily about.

Topping-out required lifting a 500-pound stone six feet in the air. This was accomplished by putting the stone on top of a Volkswagon, rigging a rather complicated set of timbers and rope under the stone,

driving the VW out and all males heaving the rock to the top of the column.

The six-hour struggle resulted in victory, and careful comparisons revealed the job was at least as good as that done on companion columns.

Having become more appreciative of the efforts put into building the Pyramids, the happy workers wandered home, their monument (hopefully) secure for another half-century.

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE NEWS

The Residential Service has just received news that West End Townhouse will let the community use the property on Pershing and DesPeres for a vest pocket park.

The committee plans to work in cooperation with the Washington University architectural school in planning the playground. The committee is now in the process of determining the potential use of the playground and discussing ways to solve the problem of supervision.

Marlene Mestres is on vacation from the Listings Service and Pat Kohn is temporarily handling them. The Residential Service will move into the new Skinker-DeBaliviere office at 6008 Kingsbury on October 5 and all listings will be handled at that telephone number, 862-5122 after October 5.



JOHN **ROACH** **28th**
ward

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD MUST HAVE:

- improved community services to make our environment liveable.
- a plan for the future to preserve what is desirable and create new attractions for our neighbors of tomorrow and ten years from now.
- community interest and involvement in the problems of today and the plans for tomorrow - partnership between citizen and government.

JOHN PROPOSES:

- review of budgetary priorities and administrative techniques to bring more effective police protection, sanitation and recreation to the neighborhoods.
- expansion of the city planning effort to reach community groups and the neighbor on the block to plan for our neighborhoods of tomorrow.
- an open door policy at all levels of city government from the 28th Ward to the mayor's office, translating neighborhood needs into problems solved.
- the Community and Government must become partners to make neighborhoods better places in which to live.

**VOTE FOR JOHN ROACH,
DEMOCRAT, FOR ALDERMAN
28th WARD**



A BEFORE PICTURE OF THE NEW COUNCIL OFFICE. West End Townhouse has bought the entire building for rehabilitation.

Community School Sets Courses

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Institute, Hampton Virginia. After being graduated from Tennessee State University he taught and was a counselor in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Last year he was awarded an Experienced Teacher Fellowship at Washington University.

Among organizational involvements of Mr. Jordan are: Black Activists, N.A.A.C.P., Junior Chamber of Commerce, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, N.E.A., Masons, and Kappa Delta Pi.

A description of each course follows:

Tumbling & Slimnastics — Physical exercise and recreation designed to revitalize those muscles and areas of your body that have lost their p-zazz.

Sewing — the basic fundamentals of sewing.

Welfare Law — participants will discuss and study what services and assistance you are entitled to as a recipient; how to get them; what your rights are as a recipient. (Note: if there are more registrants than available space, preference will be given to recipients who want to enroll in the class.)

Tenant-Landlord Laws — participants will discuss, study and share their experiences regarding the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords; the process of eviction; what to look for in a lease or rental agreement. (Note: if there are more registrants than available space, preference will be given to tenants who are presently renting.)

Typing — basic fundamentals of typing.

Automobile Maintenance — the important things to know that are necessary to keep your car running well. (eg. changing oil, lubrication,

how to give your car a tune up, etc.)
Black History — participants will study and discuss the origins of Afro-American culture and how it relates to the development of black identity.

Community Issues — participants will discuss vital issues and how they effect the community (e.g. drug abuse)

Preventive Medicine & Home Nursing — simple precautionary measures you need to know to be on the alert for danger signals around the home.

Painting, Sculpture & Art — to be arranged.

Home Management — participants will discuss and share their ideas

and experiences regarding family budget, tips on home financing, types of insurance needed in home or apartment; safety precautions in the home, etc.

Treasures From Trivia — learning how to make treasures from scraps of wood, fabrics, trimmings, snapshots, magazine pictures and ads, etc. These will be things to use as gifts or keepsakes when they are completed.

Charm & Personality Development — the essentials of appropriate grooming and self-expression.

Black Literature — discussions centered around black authors and their writings.

College Tutorial Preparations — to be arranged.

Know Your Community

By Joan Bender

Is crime an accepted practice these days? Not if the Police Community Relations Committee has anything to say about it. Consisting of Virgil Wright, chairman, Ed Saunders, Ed Kammerer, Anna Busch, Blanche Reel and Bob Newsham, the committee acts as liaison to promote better understanding and cooperation between the community and the police department.

Since block leaders are ex-officio members of the committee, Mr. Wright hopes the block units will reactivate after their summer slumber. He also urges blocks that have not organized to do so because an organized block unit has a network of communication to deal with difficulties and provides a sounding board for local problems.

Mr. Wright stresses the need for "neighbor awareness" if ours is to be a safe community. The block watchers, by being aware and concerned, have proved an effective crime deterrent. They keep tuned in for strange noises and unfamiliar people wandering through the neighborhood. Frequently, as they go about their housework, they look out the window to check for anything unusual. Block watchers have attended training sessions to acquaint themselves with methods of recognizing and reporting crime.

Another project of the Police Community Relations Committee is a study of the effectiveness and availability of burglar alarm systems. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Kammerer are presently preparing information on various systems. In the meantime, the committee reminds us that a good neighbor is his brother's keeper.

What's In The Pot

By Jane Davis

Need a quick dish for a Saturday night supper, or for that matter, any night? Well, here's one that you can whip together with ease. Pair it with tangy cole slaw, and a quick peach shortcake made with canned peaches, sliced pound cake and whipped topping (your choice).

Chili Tamale Ring

3 eggs, 3 c. canned cream style corn, 3 tbsps. melted shortening, 1/3 c. chopped green pepper, 1 c. & 2 tbsps. evaporated milk, 3/4 c. corn meal, 4 1/2 tbsps. chopped onion,

1 1/2 tsp. salt, and 3 c. canned chili carne.

Slightly beat eggs. Mix in corn, milk, corn meal, shortening, onion, green pepper and salt. Pour into well greased 6 cup ring mold or baking dish. Bake in 375 degree oven 1 hour or until firm and light brown. Loosen inner and outer edges of corn bread ring with knife. Turn out on serving plate. If ring mold is used, fill center with heated chili and serve. If baking dish is used, serve from the dish with the chili con carne poured over each serving. Serves 6.

*Note: Sometimes I substitute self rising corn meal for regular corn meal, then I eliminate the salt called for in the recipe.

Let me hear from you, if you have any comments on the recipes so far. Last week one of my neighbors suggested canned Apricot Pie Mix as a substitute for the canned apricot halves called for in last month's recipe for Apricot Sweet Rolls. I haven't tried it yet, but I'm going to and I will tell you how it turns out. See you next month.

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The key factor in the success of our programs will be a high-powered, well-paid director," Dreyer said, adding that the Council would attempt to hire someone with experience in successful urban programming in another city, if the grant is received.

The Danforth proposal centers on the organization of the block units throughout the whole area and also "problem-oriented groups" concentrating on specific projects, which will be bi-racial. Dreyer said the overall aim of the program would be to get residents to identify their problems and also resources available to solve them.

Roach reported to the Council that West End Townhouses, Inc. has been extended \$75,000 in credit by the St. Louis County National Bank to handle its immediate financial needs. A Committee has been appointed to look into sources of long-term capital.

He also reported that the city of St. Louis may declare blighted any area bounded by: Delmar, DeBaliviere, the alley between Waterman and McPherson, Laurel, the 5800 block of Westminster, the rear of Hamilton School, the alley south of 5900 Washington, and DeGiverville. The declaration will make the area eligible for redevelopment. There are no single-family homes in this area and few two-family buildings, he said.

Many property-owners in the area are delinquent in their taxes, and a declaration of blight would provide certain tax benefits for remodeling and demolition work. The proposal is not up for immediate consideration by the city, and public hearings will be held when it is. (THE PAPER will announce the dates and times of the hearings when they are available.)

Sharon McPherson reported that the joint Washington University-Skinker-DeBaliviere Social Development Committee is planning to ask the national United Methodist Church to support a full-time worker in the neighborhood for two years. The support would come from the church's Fund for Reconciliation. If authorized, such a worker would concentrate on block units and special groups like that concerned with starting a day-care center.

She also announced that WU students had donated \$1000 to the day-care fund from the proceeds of a carnival held last spring. The University is also planning to pay a graduate student to work with the community school board. Grace Methodist has promised to give six typewriters to the community school.

Stuart said he hopes the neighborhood association can reduce its deficit to nearly nothing by January. Washington University has increased its annual dues from \$1000 to \$2000.

Births

(Beginning with this issue we will regularly report births, marriages and anniversaries in THE PAPER. If you have any news of these events please contact Cherie McKee at 862-2351 or one of the editors.)

EILEEN REGINA BERGMAN, daughter of Ann and Hugh Bergman, 5826 Pershing. Born Sept. 5 at DePaul Hospital. Weight: 8 lbs., 1 oz.

CHRISTOPHER AVERILL L'ECUYER, son of Jim and Glori L'Ecuyer, 5777 DeGiverville. Born August 16 at St. Mary's Hospital. Weight: 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

PETER McCARTHY, son of James and Ann McCarthy, 6143 Kingsbury. Born Sept. 11 at St. John's Hospital. Weight: 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

ROGER RUFES WILEY, son of Rosaline and Mr. Wiley, DeGiverville. Born Sept. 1 at St. Louis Maternity Hospital. Weight: 7 lbs., 9 ozs.

Baby Tooth Survey Underway to Study Radiation Content

The 12th annual Fall Tooth Roundup of the Baby Tooth Survey began October 5 and will continue for ten weeks until December 11. "Operation Tooth" has been part of the St. Louis scene for the past twelve years. The enthusiastic community cooperation that launched the project continues to carry it on successfully today. Crucial to the success of the Survey has been the cooperation of all the schools in the area—city and county, public, parochial, and private. Dr. Harold L. Rosenthal heads the team of scientists who analyze the strontium 90 content of the baby teeth in the laboratory at Washington University School of Dentistry.

St. Louis has the first Baby Tooth Survey in the world; the biggest; the longest without interruption (which is very important from a scientific point of view); and the project is St. Louis' very own. The data obtained by the Baby Tooth Survey has stimu-

lated the formation of similar study groups in Canada, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Japan and Russia.

Studies of the strontium 90 content of baby teeth are necessary to thoroughly document a potentially hazardous, artificially created condition which occurred when large amounts of strontium 90 radiation were released into the atmosphere by nuclear explosion. Studies of teeth, bone, milk, and the environment need to be continued and compared for the betterment of future human welfare.

Tooth forms have been distributed to all schools in the St. Louis area. Thus, when a child loses a tooth, he can pick up a tooth form easily from his classroom, and have his parent fill it out. Each question the parent answers is of utmost importance to the scientists who process the teeth. Therefore, parents are asked to fill out the simple form completely before mailing it to Operation Tooth, Box 222, Clayton 63105.

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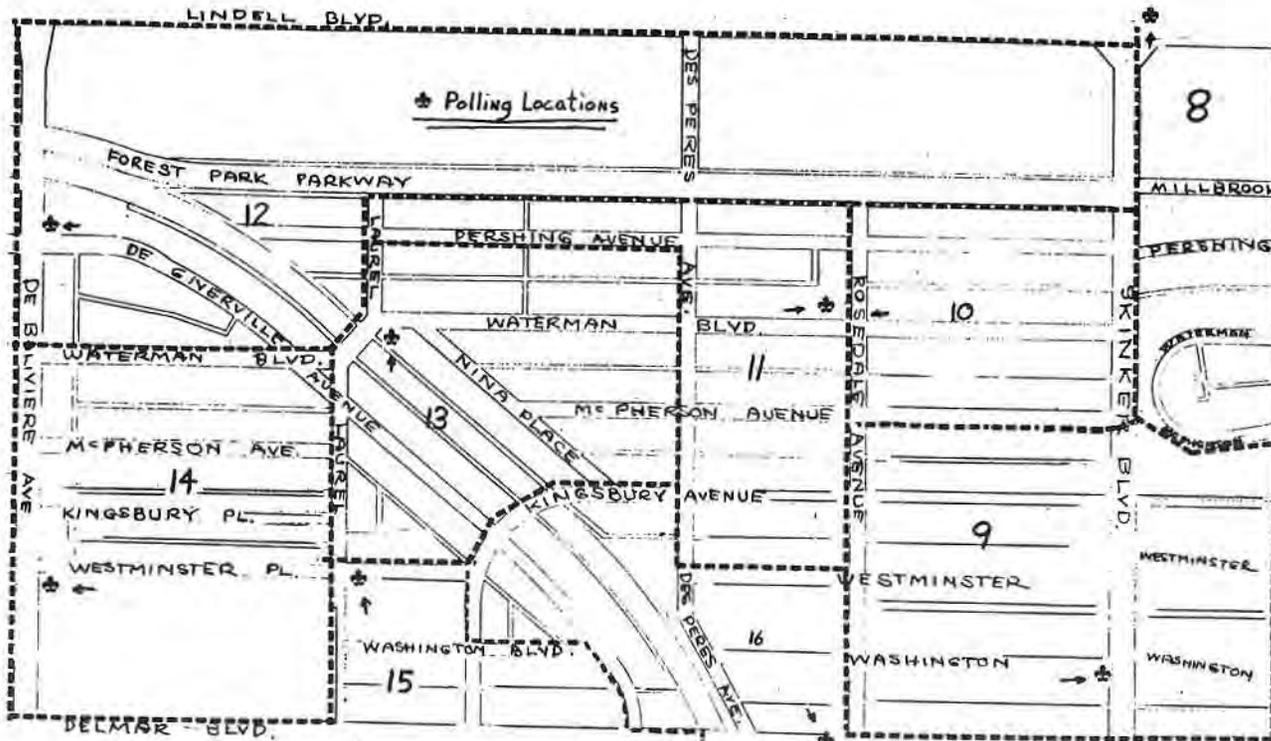
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THE KING'S CREAMPUFFS, a play produced by neighborhood children. Left to right are Nick DiLorenzo, Gabriel DiLorenzo, Kitty Newsham, Kerry DiLorenzo, Monique Leguey-Filleux.

Kingsbury Children in 'The King's Creampuffs'

Carrie DiLorenzo

"Quiet on the stage! 'The King's Creampuffs, A Royal Recipe Goes Astray,' by Martha Swintz. Characters: Carrie DiLorenzo as King, Gabrielle DiLorenzo as Queen, Nicholas DiLorenzo as Algernon, Monique Leguey-Feilleux as Princess, Debbie Wilmering as Page, Peggy Newsham as Witch of all Witches, Molly McCarthy as Second Witch, Jane Newsham as Herald, Peter Cantwell as Baker and Kitty Newsham as Lady-in-Waiting. Leo DiLorenzo, Hughie Bender, Dan Mestres and Joe Newsham, Theater Staff."

This is what you would have heard if you had been part of the happy audience at our play late this summer. Then you would have seen each character in fine costume introduce himself with a bow. And quickly followed the play in three acts.

"Practice makes perfect" well describes the effort that we all put into this production. It began in June when my sister Gabrielle and I decided to put on a play. We found a good one in the Des Library. We decided on some neighborhood friends for characters but didn't realize the upcoming perils of choosing so quickly.

First our father made some Xerox copies of the script. Then we tried to get the cast together for practices, but many times it was hard to get everyone at once.

All of us struggled to learn our parts. And before we arrived at a permanent cast we went through 2 Pages, 2 Princesses, 5 Bakers, 5 Heralds, 3 Witch-of-all-witches and 4 Second Witches. Then everyone had to leave for vacations, so we had a temporary cancellation of practices and postponed the play five weeks.

Next I think we worked on the scenery. We used a raised platform in our basement for the stage. For the throne-room scene we decorated the wall with hangings and draped two stools to make thrones. The next scene called for a witch's mountain den. We wanted a cobweb effect, so we tie-dyed some sheets black and draped them over the stage. Against the back wall we used a board decorated with drawings of many colorful potions. Finally we set up stage curtains which we even got to open and close. We also curtained off a back-stage area for the cast to use when waiting to go onstage.

All of us got to like the story of the play. It's about a king who craves creampuffs. When he sentences a witch to her den for life, she steals his recipe. He has planned to have the princess marry a certain royal personage, but she informs him she will recover his recipe only if she will be allowed to marry the Page in his court whom she truly loves. She cleverly forces the witch to hand over the book and returns it to the King. The witch suddenly appears at the castle and tries to get her to drink poison but her sister witch comes in just in time to save her life. The first witch is ordered to take the poison and the second witch takes over her job as chief witch. Her first accomplishment is discovering that the lowly Page is really a wealthy Prince. The play closes in happiness and triumph as the Princess goes off with the Page-Prince to a life of royal wedded bliss. Life at the court returns to normal as the King urges the Queen to stop reading novels and learn to make creampuffs.

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