

# Local and City-wide Issues in March Election

Another election day is just ahead of us, the municipal primary, on March 9. At that time aldermanic candidates in the 14 even-numbered wards will be nominated, a \$20,000,000 bond issue decided and two amendments to the City Charter accepted or rejected.

Our ward, the Twenty-eighth, is one of only four throughout the City in which there is an aldermanic contest. Opposing candidates in the Democratic Party are John G. Roach (incumbent) of 6106 Kingsbury Place, and Lawrence M. Costello, 6026 Pershing, former alderman. The unopposed Republican candidate is Edward M. Walsh, 6205 McPherson.

Candidates for President of the Board of Aldermen are more numerous. On the Democratic side are Alderman Joseph Clark of the Fourth Ward, Stephen Darst, a former Alderman and now reporter for the St. Louis Review, and Alderman John A. Joyce of the Twenty-third Ward. On the Republican side incumbent Joseph L. Badaracco is opposed by Theodore J. Fischer. Fischer's son, Gerald, is seeking the American Party nomination for the same office.

A sharp division of opinion is developing about the proposed \$20,000,000 bond issue for building an Exhibition and Convention Center. Proponents argue that Kiel Auditorium is no longer adequate to accomodate

many of the larger conventions and that the new Center will create many new jobs in St. Louis. Opposition, led by Alderman Raymond T. Percich, argues that the tax cost will fall on the property owner, who may or may not reap any benefit from what it costs him.

Two amendments to the St. Louis City Charter will also be on the ballot. No. 1 asks the repeal of the Charter provisions setting up limitations on salaries which may be paid to municipal employees and provides that such limitations be made by ordinance. It is always difficult and time-consuming to amend the Charter. In the recent past, Charter limitations have made it particularly troublesome to fill

medical and other highly professional posts in city government. As it competes for personnel in such posts, the City is badly disadvantaged by Charter limitations on salary.

Amendment No. 2 provides that separate eligibility lists be set up within the city departments for promotions and advancement of employees within the department, without their having to take and pass the regular Civil Service Examinations.

The League of Women Voters supports No. 1 but opposes No. 2 on the grounds that it would open the door to favoritism, nepotism, and patronage.

Unfortunately the registration

books at the Board of Election Commissioners office are closed until after the April election. Usually the vote is very light in the municipal primary election, but because of the importance of this one, it is hoped that every registered voter in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area will make it a point to vote on March 9. Polling place locations may be obtained by calling the Board of Election Commissioners at 453-4201 or the League of Women Voters at 534-3900.

The proposal to establish a city-county cultural district to support the St. Louis Zoo and Art Museum will be on the ballot in the general election, April 6.

by Avis Carlson

March, 1971

## the paper

Serving residents living in the area bounded by Lindell to Delmar and DeBaliviere to the city limits

## SDCC to submit plan for redevelopment

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council voted to submit a plan for redevelopment under the 353 program, pending approval by the Board of Aldermen.

Bill 240 under the 353 program calls for the redevelopment of the 5700 blocks and the DeBaliviere business area. After a second hearing in late February the bill is expected to be up for passage in March. If the Board of Aldermen pass the bill, organizations have six months from the date of passage to submit a redevelopment plan.

Ken Langsdorf of the St. Louis Municipal Business and Economic Development Commission told the Council that if a plan is developed it must be submitted to the Board of Aldermen by September. He advised setting up liaison with the City Planning Commission and allocating various portions of the plan to groups directly concerned. He said that the West End Businessmen Association will make some contribution to planning expenses.

Calvin Stuart, executive director, reported that a group of redevelopers who organized a major redevelopment in Chicago, Team 4, have volunteered to assist in the planning if the Council could supply funds for

out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Stuart estimated that the planning expenses would total approximately \$3,000. He also stated that Washington University School of Architecture has also volunteered to help in the planning.

Bob Moore, president of the Council, showed slides of buildings in the 5700 blocks. He pointed out the considerable deterioration of the buildings since just last year. Under the 353 plan this area would be completely redeveloped.

Mrs. Sharon McPherron, Council member, reported on an inspection tour which she and Mr. Moore made of the 18 housing units owned by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Development Corporation, which was set up under the previous Council. The buildings are in an advanced state of disrepair and the finances are in the red, she reported.

Lipton Realty has won the management contract for the buildings. Mr. Stuart introduced the man who will be responsible for managing the buildings, Clarence McClure, property manager for Lipton and former relocation manager for the Land Clearance Authority in the West End. He proposed a plan of action to clean up the buildings, to collect the rent in a more

effective way (13 out of the 15 tenants are delinquent) and to evict tenants who are not living up to their agreements.

In other action the Council commended Mrs. Joyce Warren, president of the Washington Heights Neighbors, for the excellent community-wide program on the 353 program sponsored by the organization.

Mr. Stuart introduced Mrs. Anna Busch, area resident, who will be the new administrative assistant and secretary for the Council offices.

The Council loaned The People's School \$100 for sewing machine repairs.

Mr. Stuart reported that area resident Dorothy Garrett has volunteered to work with the Committee of the Whole, an organization of area youth, to develop a year-round program for youth. by Jody Creighton

see related story, page 5

### Washington Heights Meeting

Washington Heights Neighbors

March 9 7:30

Place: See flyer to come

Cash Bar

Elections of representatives to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council

Have your nominations ready at meeting.

### Peoples School Meeting

The first annual election and report of The People's School will be held on March 16 at 7:30 pm in the Hamilton School. Nominations for the Board will be made from the floor and all present can vote for:

3 adults - 2 year terms

1 adult - 1 year term

1 teenager - 2 year term.

### THE PAPER TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

With the April 1971 issue, *The Paper* will begin its second year of publication. To celebrate this birthday, a stupendous "Brain-Drain" contest is announced on page 3. Winners to be announced in the April issue. Contest closes March 15.

### Students to Take Survey

Graduate students from the Washington University School of Architecture are prepared to assist our community in the development of the plan for the proposed redevelopment area. As students, their time is limited, but they hope to meet with some groups and conduct a survey in order to gather information as to what the residents of our area hope to see in the plan. We hope all will cooperate with the survey and also ask for volunteers to assist in a door to door effort. The first phase is designed to gather information, the second phase will be a preliminary plan which will be brought before the community for discussion. If there are any questions or comments, please call the Council Office, VO 2-5122.



The "Treehouse" is open! Eighteen pre-school children are enrolled in the center's full-day program. Dana Me Roberts, the center's director, and Mrs. Betty Mograth are the teachers. Volunteer parents and neighbors also donate their time. The imaginative interior of the center was designed by Washington University's Street Revival, a group of architecture students who donate their talents in designing. Brooks Bond of Street Revival was one of the key designers of the interior. The rooms are carpeted with movable platforms, slides, a revolving door, a kitchen where the children will learn to make their own food, cardboard furniture designed by the children. The children will also help design graphics for the walls with a Washington University art class taught by neighborhood resident Bill Kohn.

## Editorials

### Politics & Good Neighbors

"Differences of opinions is what makes horse racing." Differences of opinions also makes politics. In our corner of the 28th ward we are blessed with people who have opinions which they express and defend readily. This makes for a lively neighborhood, but as elections draw near it might also make for hard feelings.

Since we are all going to be living and working together before, during, and after the elections, it would be a shame if the heat of the campaigns left permanent rifts among us. After all a good neighbor is a good neighbor, and we must forgive him his regrettable lapse in supporting candidates other than our own. We have enough neighborhood problems without permanent political tensions.

As noted in the election story on page one, voter registration is closed until after the April general election. We urge any unregistered voters in our area to register as soon as registration opens again so their opinions will count in the next election. Eighteen to twenty-one year old young people who register will be able to vote in federal elections, and they can find out when and how to sign up by calling the Board of Election Commissioners, 453-4201.

### School Board Election

In the general elections to be held on April 6th, two places on the Board of Education will be filled. In the light of efforts made by citizens and taxpayers to make Hamilton school what it once was, a source of community pride and interest; efforts rebuffed and ignored by the school office, voters in this area might want to consider seriously the candidates for election to the Board of Education. The Board of Education, or the School Board, is responsible for setting policies under which the school office runs and the schools are administered.

As reported last month and in this issue, the Hamilton School P.T.A. is currently negotiating some improvements with the school office, with the enthusiastic support of residents of the neighborhood. It is late in the day to be negotiating. We will try and print an in-depth article on past and present neighborhood efforts for Hamilton school next month. Meanwhile as the candidates for the Board of Education are announced we urge local voters to study them carefully and to try to select candidates who will respond sincerely and promptly to citizen interest in our public schools.

If you are interested in the work of the Skinker-DeBaliviere citizens' committee for Hamilton School, call the Council office, Vo. 2-5122, and you will be notified of the next meeting. Mrs. Chris Wright is the committee chairman.

## Letters to the Editors

### Resident Objects

Dear Editor: The February issue of *The Paper* contained an editorial response to a letter about the recent Jack-in-the-Box controversy. The comment criticized resistance to Jack-in-the-Box on the basis that it tended to discourage new business in the area.

The editorial comment completely ignored the fact that the particular building involved in the controversy housed one nationally acclaimed restaurant, one bookstore, one theater, one chiropractor and one typewriter and office machinery company. It also failed to mention that there are practically no commercial vacancies available capable of use by anything but the smallest of retail businesses. The community support evidenced by the Jack-in-the-Box controversy should impress desirable new businesses with the hope that the strong loyalties of our area's consumers will affect new businesses beneficially. Since I rely yours,

Richard C. Hart

### Jack-in-the-Box

Dear Editor: Wow! Are you really talking about the same corner building and the same proposed Jack-in-the-Box as the one I know? If it really seems to you that all along our only alternatives were "a building in disrepair or a parking lot", clearly you were not very involved in the whole controversy. At one point there was a definite possibility of an offer for the building from within the community, which might have enabled us to keep the building intact.

The primary point of the campaign was to *save* a valuable center of neighborhood services which we *already had*, including an excellent Chinese restaurant, a friendly bookstore, and a theatre group. If this isn't encouraging to other businesses which might consider locating in our area, I don't know what is. "Stop Jack-in-the-Box" was a means to this end, and a catchy phrase that got us a lot of publicity. Anybody reading the newspapers could see that the negative aspect - stopping Jack-in-the-Box - wasn't the whole point.

In addition, many of us saw the issue as a larger, symbolic one, and a test case not only for our neighborhood. Could residents of an area have any control over the quality of their lives, when such control would conflict with large corporations, insensitive city government officials, and inadequate zoning ordinances? In other words, is it *possible* for us to, in your words, "have a say in the character of the business community"?

Your statement, that new businesses would not move into the building because of its bad condition, is misleading, to say the least. This building was

almost completely occupied before it fell into the hands of the Foodmaker Co., who terminated all leases and issued notices to terminate tenancy. Naturally many of these businesses moved elsewhere, but as their spaces became vacant, there were other businesses interested in renting them, including two boutiques and a photography studio, among others. Foodmaker *did not even reply* to any inquiries, and continued throughout our campaign to discourage those tenants remaining. At no time since Foodmaker's purchase of this building, over a year ago, have any of the tenants present had a lease, or had any assurance that they could continue into the next month, in spite of public announcements by both Foodmaker and Ralston-Purina with innuendoes to the contrary. I think you are confusing cause and effect. It is not that "the present building is in such a state of disrepair that...no new businesses would relocate in it." It is in disrepair because the businesses that want to locate there are not allowed to do so. It is easy to get all sour grapes about the campaign since we did not win it - i.e. we have not succeeded in saving the particular location for the particular businesses that occupied it, but please don't misrepresent what we did. Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Nigel W. Daw.  
6347 Waterman.

### Regrets loss

Dear Editor: It appears that the editor (Feb.) wields a strong and sharp pen against community concern in her reply to Ostrum's letter in the Feb. issue about the "Jack-in-the-Box" incident. I submit that editorials belong in the editorial column and not under the guise of "editor's note". She seems to have missed the whole point of the Jack-in-the-Box controversy.

However, since she broke the news, in the form of editorial comment, that the corner would be a parking lot for Southwestern Bell, many citizens have responded with favorable views. The telephone company does need a parking lot, and hopefully it will be constructed in good taste as many nearby lots are. This is still better than having Jack-in-the-Box!

Regrettably, the Lantern House restaurant will have to relocate, and it is hoped that it will remain in this area. They would be a real loss, as anyone who has enjoyed their excellent food will testify.

In closing, I suggest to the old editor that a community can't win 'em all, but we can keep trying; to the new editor...good news ahead! Sincerely,

Joan T. Bender,  
6150 Kingsbury

### Letters to the Editors

Since the idea behind *The Paper* is to keep each of us informed about what's going on in the neighborhood, we truly welcome letters to the editors. Letters and comments need not be related to subjects covered in *The Paper*. Opinions, comments, notice of worthwhile projects, notice of situations needing attention: any material you think might interest your neighbors will be welcome and published as space permits. All letters should be signed, but names will be withheld on request. Letters can be sent to 6217 Waterman 63130 or to 6008 Kingsbury, 63112.

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# TIDBITS

## WCC Gets Grant

The first issue of The Crusade Courier, newsletter of Women's Crusade Against Crime, reports that the group has been allocated \$25,000 by the Law Enforcement Assistance Council. This is a federal grant through the State of Missouri to help the Crusade's program for fighting crime in the metropolitan area.

## New Group Meets

Welcome to the Fray

Metropolitan newspapers reported in mid February a meeting of the Waterman Community Association, a neighborhood group working for traffic control between Union and Kingshighway, Delmar and Waterman. This is the area immediately east of Skinker-DeBaliviere and we wish the Waterman Community Association a long and successful life.

Correction: The article on the Hamilton School PPTA's Project Clothes Closet in the February issue should have been credited to Shirley Rowell.

The Paper staff frequently receives questions about the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., a name that often appears in neighborhood news stories.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., is a privately sponsored organization formed in 1965 to coordinate efforts for neighborhood improvement. It is financed by contributions from Delmar Baptist Church, Grace Methodist Church, St. Roch's Church and Washington University. Representatives of these institutions sit on the board, as do representatives of Washington Heights Neighbors, the Rosedale-Skinker Association and the Parkview Association.

Its purpose is to initiate programs for area improvement and to coordinate any other programs to prevent overlapping of efforts. Council committees concern themselves with real estate, education, social action, beautification, redevelopment, youth activities, almost any activity, that will make this area a more desirable living place.

As of 1971 the Council office is located at 6008 Kingsbury, the telephone number is Vo. 2-5122. Bob Moore is chairman of the board. Dr. Calvin Stuart is executive director. Though not directly connected with *The Paper*, the Council loans us space for storage and layout, for receiving mail as they do for a number of other local projects.

## Art Fair May 9th

The annual spring Art Fair is scheduled for the 6100 block of Kingsbury on Sunday afternoon, May 9th. Entries will be judged in three categories, children, teen-age, and adult.

If you want an entry blank, contact The Art Fair, Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., 6008 Kingsbury, St. Louis, Missouri 63112. Volunteers to help set up the displays and man the booths will be very welcome. Call the Council office at Vo. 2-5122, leave your name, and the Art Fair committee will put you to work.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rodgers, 5746 Waterman, are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Lisa Eileen Rodgers, born February 1, 1971. Lisa's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Rodgers, Jr., of 4833 Anderson.

## Trees for DeBaliviere

On the Shadey Side of Things

Mr. Beauchamp of the St. Louis Beautification Commission has informed the Skinker-DeBaliviere Beautification Committee, headed by Mrs. Blanche Reel, that trees are now available to be planted along Des Peres and DeBaliviere Boulevards. A pollution resistant, conical shaped, red maple has been selected for the planting this spring. The trees are supplied by the Beautification Commission and planted free of charge. They will be maintained by the St. Louis City Forestry Division.

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# Residents Study Redevelopment Plans of 'Triangle' Area

About one hundred fifty persons attended an open meeting sponsored by Washington Heights Neighbors to discuss redevelopment of the "triangle" area of our neighborhood under the state 353 program and the City of St. Louis' Neighborhood Incentive Program. Norman Murdock of the City Plan Commission was the principal speaker, followed by Richard Hart, attorney and former member of the Board of Directors of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council; and 28th Ward alderman, John Roach.

The 353 program is a state program designed to motivate urban redevelopment. Private developers are given tax privileges and the right of eminent domain to encourage private investment in neighborhood rehabilitation. Neighborhood residents are given a period of time in which to express their opinion, and redevelopment proposals must be approved by the City Plan Commission.

Mr. Murdock gave an optimistic presentation of the 353 program, calling it a means to end deterioration of the West End. Federal funds are difficult to obtain, and there are no municipal funds available for redevelopment. Mr. Murdock admitted that the program has its weak points, but it is not the bulldozer development that federal blighting projects have proved to be; it allows residents to have more involvement in the directing of the development than other programs. By working together, Mr. Murdock feels, the program can be a success.

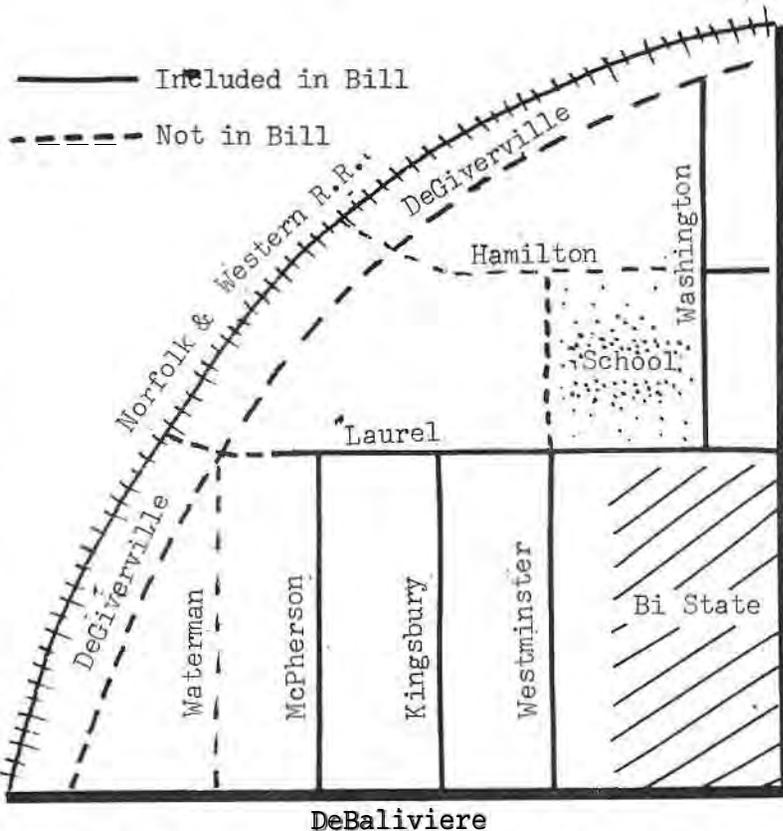
A long-time resident of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, Mr. Richard Hart, sees 353 as a practical solution to redevelopment. "Piecemeal redevelopment is too slow," Hart said. He remarked that some people are alarmed by the word "blighting" it is an unfortunate term for a legal step that forces the Board of Aldermen to consider redevelopment plans. The blighting is not permanent. If a redeveloper is not found after a reasonable length of time, the blighting can be lifted.

Alderman Roach said that no one can promise success of the program but that if it does succeed, it will stabilize the area for years to come.

During a question and answer period, Mr. Roach expressed the opinion that insurance rates might go up because of the blighting, but that this raise is inevitable if the neighborhood is not improved.

When asked if the blighting could come after a proposal is accepted, Mr. Roach stated that such a procedure has been tried in Kansas City and it failed. Mr. Hart pointed out that development firms are reluctant to do planning for an area that may not be blighted, providing attractive tax incentives.

Some people at the meeting were concerned with problems of relocating tenants and owners of buildings in the development area. None of the panel members foresees a great problem in this area. Mr. Murdock said that he is hopeful that a neighborhood based organization, with an ear to the residents of the area, would become developer of the



project. Thus many aspects of the program should work out more favorably than if an outside group were the developer.

Other residents at the meeting expressed a desire to see recreational facilities included in the plan for redevelopment. Several people mentioned that city services, especially the public school, should be improved to better serve the community.

Toward the end of the meeting, a long-time resident of the area said that he strongly endorsed the 353 program,

saying that despite its weaknesses it is the best proposal he has seen for the neighborhood in the eleven years he has lived here. Most of the people present seemed to agree with him.

Mr. Murdock said that he would like to hear from the people of the community as the program moves along. There will be more community meetings, but individual comments may be directed to: Mr. Norman Murdock, Director of Planning and Development, City Plan Commission, Civil Courts Building, St. Louis, Mo. 63101.

by Glori L'Ecuyer

## Residents Meet to Improve Hamilton School

The Hamilton School Committee recently formed by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council to work with the Hamilton School P.T.A. toward a better school, met last month with representatives of the school office. Committee members, with Mrs. Chris Wright as chairman, are trying to persuade school officials to relocate at least some of Hamilton School or to take one of their other suggestions to insure that education at Hamilton School will be truly integrated.

School officials have expressed surprise at citizen interest in the school but the committee is hopeful that some progress will be made. Mrs. Wright reports that the committee meetings so far have been concerned primarily with gathering information on conditions at Hamilton School and its branches but she hopes to announce soon a public meeting at which interested citizens and taxpayers can be brought up to date on problems at Hamilton School and some of the proposed solutions. Those interested in the work of the committee may call Mrs. Wright or call the Council office, Vo. 2-5122. "This is a program that can use all the community support we can muster," Mrs. Wright urged. "The school office talks about neighborhood stability but how are we going to attract stability without an outstanding public school?"

### St. Pat's Dinner

St. Roch's Church will have its annual St. Patrick's Day Supper on March 13, Saturday evening. For tickets, call Pa.5-4567.

### Exercise Class

High school and college students (female) will be welcome at the women's exercise classes in the St. Roch's Gym on Monday evenings. The classes began on February 8 but will continue on through March.

Tennis lessons at 7:15 P.M., exercises at 8 P.M., followed by basketball or volleyball for those interested. There is a fee for the lessons. Call Wo.3-4512 for

## Students Boost Local Projects & Premises

Renovation of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council offices and preparation of The Learning Tree, day care center, received a big lift from five high school seniors working on their senior project.

Tim Eberle and Joe Neill, both local residents; Jim Twombly, whose grandmother lives on the 6000 block of Pershing; Don Martini and Tony Pickel, all of whom will graduate from St. Louis University High School this

spring, spent three weeks painting and partitioning in the two buildings under the supervision of Mrs. Pat Kohn. Though the weather prevented them from doing their planned chores on the Tot Lot, the boys finished up their stint as community volunteers by surveying the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, locating derelict cars and sources of litter in local alleys.

This is a new program at St. Louis University High School, under which seniors take off three weeks early in the second semester and volunteer their time during school hours to community service projects. Mrs. Kohn reported that the day care center is opening at this time because these young volunteers pitched in and got the building ready for use. "We really appreciated the help these young men gave us," Mrs. Kohn reports, "and hope we can supply some of next year's seniors with challenging community projects."



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# Olive Chaffee 'Resting' after Exhibit



Mrs. Chaffee talks with her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker.

by Mary Parker

In February the first in a series of art exhibits was held at Grace Methodist Church on Waterman. Mrs. Olive Chaffee's exhibit of paintings opened Feb. 6, 1971, and run throughout the month. The paintings on exhibit were tranquil, soothing land or sea-scapes with a great deal of blue and green in their color scheme.

Born in Paducah, Kentucky, Mrs. Chaffee has been a St. Louis resident for 45 years. For two and one half years she and her husband lived in Webster. From there they moved to an apartment on Waterman. "I can still remember," she said, "the day I found our house (where she still lives on Westminster Place). She was returning from a Delmar market when she noticed the fruit trees in the backyard of one of the houses. "There were two cherry trees, an apple and a peach tree in bloom. The spectacle was breath-taking, and there was a for sale sign in the front yard. That settled it. I rushed home and told my husband that I'd found a house we must buy."

Olive, as Westminster's artist in residence prefers to be called by her friends, studied painting in St. Louis, Washington, Denver and New York. She has received a variety of honors for her art work, including eight prizes which she won in Illinois. One of these was for her picture painted to express the feeling in a musical piece by Greig called "Morning".

Mrs. Chaffee's works have been exhibited in major cities throughout the country. Her "Missouri Vetch Field", which now hangs in the Harry S. Truman Memorial Library in Independence, Missouri, hung in the White House during Truman's administration. It was also exhibited for a time in the National Gallery.

Mrs. Chaffee also has been honored by listings in Who's Who in American Artists and Who's Who in Kentucky Artists.

Together with her husband, Mrs. Chaffee held a summer studio and painting class on Lookout Mountain for 33 years. Her interest and talent, however, are not strictly limited to painting. "I love to dabble in drama and even wrote a play once," says Olive. Although it was produced, she maintains that it must have been very bad, and only laughed when asked its name. She says she enjoys amateur productions and is pleased with the talent these plays often reveal.

Responsible for the organization of the American Art Alliance and Women's Art Association, Mrs. Chaffee is also an active member of St. Louis Women Artist. On almost any day you choose, you may expect to see her either attending a meeting of some artists' organization, working on a painting or going in search of possible material for a picture.

As the interview ended, Olive mentioned that this was her first exhibit in several years and that all the work and excitement had tired her out. With eyes twinkling behind gold rimmed glasses, she assured me that she was going to take the day off and "just rest". Somehow I had trouble believing her.

Photos by  
Doug McKee



A LARGE GATHERING of neighbors and art lovers came to view a one-woman showing by well-known local artist, Mrs. Olive Chaffee.

## Group Seeks Care of R.R. Right-of-way

by Glori L'Ecuier

The city says the railroad should do it; the railroad says the city should do it; and the residents say only the railroad or the city is equipped to take care of it. The problem is the Norfolk and Western Railroad right-of-way that cuts diagonally through the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. At one time the railroad track was level with surrounding land, but the existing trench was dug and the track lowered in the 1930's for safety reasons. For years the Wabash Railroad maintained the right-of-way, until the Norfolk and Western purchased the railroad and began caring only for the few feet of land on each side of the track that belongs to them. The city owns the rest of the slopes, but the Forestry Division has no equipment to cut graded land.

Since the right-of-way has been neglected, residents have been plagued by unsightly weeds and trash and frequent brush fires. Mrs. Blanche Reel of the Skinker-DeBaliviere

Beautification Committee contacted Mr. Bone of the City Forestry Division concerning the problem. Mr. Bone suggested that the city apply a herbicide that prevents weeds from growing for one year. At a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Storey, residents of the area strongly disapproved of such a plan and were surprised Mr. Bone would make such a suggestion. They pointed out that a herbicide could be dangerous and that a loss of ground cover might cause serious erosion that could undermine alleys and yards along the right-of-way; piles of trash would become more visible.

The residents discussed the many facets of the right-of-way problem and decided on the following plan of action. Mrs. Reel agreed to inform Mr. Bone that his solution was unsatisfactory. Other residents are to contact various institutions and services to find alternate solutions to weed and fire control. Mr. Mel Archie of

the 5800 block of Nina Place agreed to work with managers and residents on his street to see if trash dumping can be eliminated. Residents of all blocks on the right-of-way, as well as businessmen, will be contacted concerning this problem. In the spring Washington Heights Neighbors hopes to sponsor a right-of-way clean up that will involve those neighbors most affected by the problem.

The Committee will also investigate available equipment in the Park Department that might be used by the Forestry Division to cut weeds on the right-of-way. Controlled burning of weeds by the Fire Department is also being studied.

Mr. Beauchamp of the City Beautification Commission has offered to plant trees as a screen along the right-of-way. Residents regretted that his offer could not be accepted until the general maintenance of the railroad right-of-way is greatly improved.



**NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTBALL CHAMPTIONS,** Earl Patterson and Tim Cantwell, work out in St. Roch's gym. Earl Patterson who lives at 6116 Westminster was one of the stars of St. Louis University High's championship football team. Earl was named to the Globe Democrats All City Team. St. Louis University High won the state championship for 4A schools. Tim Cantwell, 6117 Kingsbury, was selected to play on the all district football team and the all state football team. He played as a defense halfback on C.B.C.'s team.

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Apr. 29 - James Mason and Pat Boone in "Journey To The Center of the Earth" (rated G)

May 6 - Jim Brown and Raquel Welch in "100 Rifles" (rated R)

May 13 - Bette Davis in "The Nanny" (rated G)

Due to several recent, but minor, incidents, it has been necessary to employ a guard at the Des Peres Branch Library - 5960 Kingsbury.

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## Movies at Library

Mar. 3 - Walt Disney's Nick, Rapunzel, Stone Soup.

Mar. 10 - The Elves and the Shoemaker, Tall Tales, Help! My Snowman's Burning Down!

Mar. 17 - Adventures of Chico, Claude.

Mar. 24 - Fun Factory, And To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street, Whistle for Willie.

Mar. 31 - Walt Disney's Johnny Tremain (Part I), My Friend the Stork, The Ugly Duckling.

Mar. 4 - Jim Brown and Rod Taylor in "Dark of the Sun" (rated G)

Mar. 11 - Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason in "The Hustler" (rated GP)

Mar. 18 - Jerry Lewis in "The Disorderly Orderly" (rated G)

Mar. 25 - Fay Wray and Bruce Cabot in "King Kong" (rated G)

Apr. 1 - "Laurel and Hardy's Laughing Twenties" (rated G)

Apr. 15 - Julie Anderws and James Garner in "The Americanization of Emily" (rated GP)

Apr. 22 - Patty Duke, Barbara Perkins and Sharon Tate in "Valley of the Dolls" (rated R)

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—Post Dispatch, Feb. 17, 1971

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# Films, Concerts, Events, at Washington University

### MUSIC

Tuesday, March 2: Chamber music concert at Washington University. Graham Chapel, 8 p.m. Free.

Thursday, March 4: Washington University Band Concert. Graham Chapel, 8 p.m. Free.

Saturday, March 6: Voice recital by Sally Baker, soprano and a student in the music department at Washington University. Steinberg Hall, 3:30 p.m. Free.

Sunday, March 7: Voice recital by Jane Bernstein, soprano and a graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Graham Chapel, 4 p.m. Free. Also, piano recital by Professor Robert Wallenborn of Washington University's department of music. Steinberg Hall, 8 p.m. Free.

Sunday, March 14: Organ recital by Steve Cooksey, a student in the Washington University department of music. Priory School, 500 Mason Road South. 4 p.m. Free. Guitar concert by Ray Reusner, a member of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Steinberg Hall, 8 p.m. Free.

Saturday, March 20: Voice recital by Elizabeth Holly Outwin, a graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Steinberg Hall, 8 p.m. Free.

Sunday, March 21: Concert by the students of Professor Leslie Chabay of Washington University's department of music. Steinberg Hall, 8 p.m. Free.

Monday, March 22: Harpsichord concert by Jim Sparks, a graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Steinberg Hall, 8 p.m. Free.

Sunday, March 28: Voice recital by Angela Daly, contralto and a student in the department of music at Washington University. Graham Chapel, 8 p.m. Free.

Tuesday, March 30: Concert by the Washington University Madrigal Singers, Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 North Euclid Avenue. 8 p.m. Admission price undetermined.

### Exhibitions

Selections from the Washington University Collection of Art and the May Collection of Oceanic Art. Steinberg Gallery. Weekdays, 5; Saturdays, 10-4; Sundays, 1-5. All of March.

### Dance

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 26-28: Washington University Dance Theatre presents a special concert in Brown Hall on the campus. Choreography by artists-in-residence Joy Boutilier and Gregg Mayer, and Miss Mayer's husband, Ross Winter. Performances at 8 p.m. each evening and special Saturday afternoon performance at 2:30 p.m. Brown Hall. \$2.00 general admission.

### Films

Friday and Sunday, March 5 and 7: "Judgement at Nuremberg" (American film) 1961. Another in a series of movies which are part of the Regular Film Art Series at Washington University. 75 cents. Brown Hall. Friday evening, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

### Special Events

Wednesday, March 17: Second in a series of four lectures on "Encounters with Art '71" at Washington University. Richard H. Brunell, professor of art at Washington University, will speak on "Graphic Communication." 8 p.m. Steinberg Hall.

### Lectures

March 2: Dr. Ira Proffoff will lecture on Hermann Hesse in Graham Chapel at 3:00 PM.

March 3: Hon. William Clay, Rep. (Mo.) will speak at Graham Chapel at 11:00 AM.

March 5: Dr. Franz Schurmann will speak on China

at 8:00 PM in the Women's Building.

March 10: Dr. Houston Smith, Professor of Philosophy at MIT will speak in Graham Chapel at 11:00 AM.

March 17: J.R. Plumb, Cambridge University historian will speak in Graham Chapel at 11:00 AM.

March 22: Dr. William A. Williams will speak on American foreign policy in Graham Chapel at 8:00 PM.

March 24: Professor John Wheeler, Princeton University physicist will deliver the Arthur Holly Compton Memorial Lecture at 11:00 AM in Graham Chapel.

Rare Books from the Edgar Queeny Collection on display during March at the Olin Library, fifth level. Hours 8:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. weekdays; Saturdays and Sundays 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Art Exhibit from the Washington University Permanent Collection and the May Collection of Oceanic Art until April 29 in Steinberg Hall. Weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.,

Saturdays, 9-5; Sundays 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Villages in the Sun, Mediterranean Community Architecture exhibit through March 7 in Steinberg Hall. 8 A.M. to 11 P.M. daily.



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# Church News

Mr. James Elliot's art work will be on display in the parlors of Grace Methodist Church, starting on March 7th. Mr. Elliot is a high school teacher in the St. Louis public school system as well as a recognized artist. Among his works is the frieze around the board room of Grace Methodist Church.

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Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 24, and continuing on Wednesday evenings during Lent, Grace Methodist will sponsor a series of covered dish suppers at 6:30 P.M. After the dinners, dramatizations from the book *On Becoming Human* will be performed. This book concerns the events which begin on Ash Wednesday and lead up to Easter.

Everyone is welcome to the dinner, provided he or she brings a covered dish. Anyone who wishes to come only for the dramatizations should arrive about 7:30 P.M.

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United Hour of Prayer  
Inter-faith Service  
Grace Methodist Church

10:30 March 5

March 7-10 Joint Lenten Mission with Trinity Episcopal Church, at St. Roch's Church, 7:30 - 9:30pm.

March 21 St. Roch's. The first evening session of the Adult Religious Education Program. 7:30pm.

Send your idea to the Brain-Drain contest today!  
See page 3

## West End Townhouse

West End Townhouses, Inc., celebrates its first anniversary of operation in April. This limited partnership arrangement to buy, renovate, rent and sell properties in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area for the purpose of improving the neighborhood, reports briefly that all its properties are occupied at the end of its first year of operation.

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The City of St. Louis has numerous ordinances and regulations designed to preserve and improve city neighborhoods. Knowledge of these regulations and where to direct complaints about violations may be helpful to our readers so we will publish such information from time to time.

*Property owners* must provide sealed metal rubbish containers for buildings containing more than four units. *Occupants* must provide their own containers in other residential buildings.

*Property owners and tenants* are subject to prosecution if they permit conditions, such as debris, garbage or rubbish which attract rats in alleys, yards or garages. The same applies to weeds more than 12 inches high on occupied or vacant ground; also to the burning of trash or garbage.

*Property owners* are responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks and for keeping clean one-half of the alley abutting their property. (Ed. note: If property owners, tenants, and passers-by, including youngsters, made it a habit to turn trash cans upright when needed and to pick up litter wherever they see it and stick it in a trash can, the whole neighborhood would look better for it.)

The City is responsible for trees on public property. Individual owners must trim trees and shrubs on their property.

Violations of these and other health ordinances or questions regarding public health should be directed to: Health Division, Room 62, Municipal Courts Bldg., 1320 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

It is also helpful to write down the kind of violation, address at which it occurs, and date and direct it to your alderman and to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., 6008 Kingsbury, 63112.

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