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Art Fair, House Tour, Set For May 9th

The annual Art Fair and House Tour will be held this year on Mother's Day, May 9, in the 6100 block of Kingsbury from 12 noon until 5 P.M. The Art Fair will, as usual, line the street and sidewalk. Categories of art to be judged are Children's, Teen-age, Oil and Acrylic, Watercolor and Gouache; Drawings, Pastels, Prints and Mixed Media; Sculpture and Crafts. Cash prizes will be offered in all categories. Judging will be by Peter Marcus, Bill Kohn and Dan Dries of Washington University. In case of rain, the Fair will be held May 16. Some of the works displayed will be for sale, but there is no charge for browsing along enjoying art works, the craft makers at work, and visiting your neighbors along the way.

Refreshments in a street cafe and a garden cafe will be served by local young people. There'll be coffee and cold drinks, cake and sandwiches, and chairs to relax on while "doing" the Fair.

Entry blanks in all categories are available at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office, 6008 Kingsbury.

Tickets for the House Tour will be available at the official's desk at the Fair. As in the past two years, local houses in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood will be included on the tour. Many of these have distinctive architecture and date back to the time of the 1904 World's Fair. Solid and substantial, they have seen a lot of life move up and down the tree-lined streets of the neighborhood. Owners have exercised creativity and ingenuity in adapting them to today's life style, and a number of them will open their doors on May 9 and show them off to the public.

The Art Fair and House Tour have proved themselves one of the most popular local events. Each year the number of artists renting space to show their works increases and the crowd of viewers grows larger. The addition of the garden cafe where snacks and soda were available to viewers has added to the festive atmosphere and provided a welcome rest for weary strollers.

Questions concerning either the Art Fair or the House Tour can be directed to 862-5122.



ART FAIR - PLANS BEING MADE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Expanded summer programs for youth in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood are being considered this month by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and the West End Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Cal Stuart, Skinker-DeBaliviere executive director, said that the council's resource committee has been considering programs that block clubs could sponsor, such as softball teams, block parties and planned recreation for younger children. "Mothers might be able to get together a group of kids for two hours a day, or we might be able to occasionally close off a block for an activity," Stuart said. The planned Tot Lot at Pershing and Des Peres should be ready by summer, Stuart said. Other facilities might be obtained from churches and private citizens, he said.

"Our main problem is that we're out of money," Stuart said, "So we'll be surveying what resources are available both in the neighborhood and in the city as a whole." The resource committee, headed by Mrs. Sharon McPharron, was scheduled to meet in April to consider possible summer youth programs. Ideas are welcomed at the council office, 862-5122.

Stuart said the council hoped to obtain some federal funds for summer programs through the

of St. Louis are slight. Irving Clay, city recreation commissioner, said in budget hearings this spring that the city's summer recreation program for youth may have to be curtailed if his budget request is not approved.

Stuart said that the Skinker-DeBaliviere area would be affected if the summer program usually held at the Hamilton School is cancelled. He said that the program, which consists basically of daytime arts and craft activity, is participated in by some youth in the neighborhood.

Stuart said, "If the summer program is successful we hope to develop a year-round comprehensive program for youth."

Dorothy Garrett, a consultant to the youth committee of the West End Neighborhood Advisory Committee, said the committee has proposed a full youth program for the summer to be financed by federal funds. The proposal includes a 10-week breakfast program for youth between the ages of six and 21 at both the St. Paul AME Church at 1260 Hamilton and the Page Park YMCA at 5555 Page. Mrs. Garrett said the fact that young people would be hired to work in the program represented an innovation this year.

Other programs in the West End proposal include the following:

Movies, arts and crafts

SCHOOL TAX ON BALLOT MAY 13

On Thursday, May 13, a special school election will be held submitting to voters a 37-cent tax increase for the St. Louis public school system. If the proposal carries it will bring the operations school tax levy to \$3.06, which plus the 17 cents required for debt reduction is still the lowest school tax in the metropolitan area.

If the proposal carries, the Board of Education plans to use the extra money to put back the services cut out last year, reduce the elementary teacher-pupil ratio to 31 pupils to one teacher, and return to normal maintenance of school buildings, which now average 50 years of age and must therefore have good maintenance if they are to be kept in service.

It is planned that if the levy carries the teacher-pupil ratio in kindergartens will be 25 to one and in high schools 27 to one. The proposed budget also provides for

badly needed additional personnel: 12 new remedial teachers, 12 security guards, 6 social workers, 7 librarians and 5 counselors. The Board also hopes to make gains in Special Education by budgeting for 25 elementary teachers and 12 secondary teachers for slow learners.

Average salary raises of \$430 for experienced teachers are included in the budget, while non-teaching employees would get cost-of-living increases of 6 to 8 per cent.

All of these plans are terribly important for Hamilton School, as is also the plan for continuing the community schools. It is hoped that everybody in our school district will turn out to vote. Only a simple majority is required.

by Avis Carlson

Parkview Annual Meeting

The Parkview Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday, May 10th at 8 p.m. in the assembly hall of Grace Methodist Church.

CLOSING DATES OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

Delmar Baptist Pre-School
June 11

Grace Pre-School June 4

Hamilton School (all
branches) June 18

St. Roch's June 4 at noon

UNUSUAL CONTEST AT LIBRARY

An unusual art contest will be sponsored by the Des Peres Branch library this month. An Environmental Art Contest, it requires that all entries must be created from discarded materials. Dates for the competition are May 17 through May 29. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Kindergarten to third grade; fourth to sixth grades; seventh & eight grades; and adult.

Inquiries about the contest may be made at the library, 5960 Kingsbury.

Want ads are free to all residents of the area. Please call VO2-5122 or drop your ad off at 6008 Kingsbury, or telephone one of the editors. Ads must be in hand by the fifteenth of the month before they appear; an ad for the June issue must be in by May 15.

by Ted Gest

Plans on Redevelopment Work Continue

The 353 Bill which will allow for the redevelopment of an area just west of DeBaliviere was approved by the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor in early April.

Calvin Stuart, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, said the Council hopes by the end of May to have several alternate plans of development for neighborhood scrutiny. These will include prototypes of possible new housing. The plans are being devised with the help of Washington University architecture students.

The area affected by the bill is bounded by DeBaliviere on the east, the alley between Waterman and McPherson on the south, Laurel to Washington on the west, and Delmar on the north. It does not include DeGiverville.

Under the 353 Bill certain property may be declared blighted, making it easier to get it razed. There will also be tax benefits for developers erecting new structures. Stuart emphasized that SDCC has no intention of seeking to blight any owner-occupied dwellings and hopes to offer incentives to owner-occupants to get them to cooperate with the redevelopment to the extent that they see fit.

At present SDCC is gathering data on building ownership, tax assessment, and building conditions. There are no single-family residences in the redevelopment area. Of 260 multiple-family dwellings, Stuart said a preliminary survey has found about 50 to be derelict, ten vacant or abandoned, and 35 nearly vacant and in need of major repairs.

SDCC also intends to assist in relocating tenants who may be forced to move, Stuart said.

SDCC hopes to have a final and acceptable redevelopment plan by the end of the summer. Stuart described Bill 353 as "extremely complicated" and said redevelopers are required to follow its provisions very carefully, step by step.

by Jim Hitchcock

Send us your
news by the
15th
of the month



New Board Members



Top row: Mrs. Glori L'Ecuyer, Mr. Ed Walsh. Bottom row: Sr. Virginia Williams, Mr. Dan Schesch, Mrs. Cherie McKee. Mr. Steve Saller and Mr. Leonard McLucas were not available for pictures. photo by Bob Moore

ON EDUCATION

Mrs. Dolores Register, second grade teacher at Hamilton

"In the first place too many people are looking at Hamilton from the outside without any actual knowledge of what is going on inside. I think these people should visit Hamilton before they criticize.

"We are involved in many different programs in teacher training. Many institutions such as Washington University and Harris Teachers College use the school as a training ground for prospective teachers. We have such programs as EPDA, COP, Triple T. My point is that if these institutions see fit to send their interns to work with the regular teachers, they must feel that the interns can learn something of value, something which they can use later as teachers.

"The staff of the school is dedicated. It's not to say that we don't have our problems. But we do have an administrator who doesn't get uptight and this creates an atmosphere that helps lessen tension and helps us provide a better education.

"Class size this year has been alleviated by bussing. I feel that it's down to a manageable level now."

Mrs. Jane Davis, Hamilton parent

"In my opinion Hamilton's number one problem is overcrowding. If we could alleviate this it would give the teachers a chance to really develop quality education. I say, give us a new school or two adults per class.

"The number two problem is discipline. Teachers have to spend too much time on discipline.

"Hamilton needs more innovative programs and the load taken off the teachers so they could handle the programs. I'd like to see something done for the children with problems, emotional and behavioral — some new approaches to handling these children. The old way obviously don't work.

"More teachers aides would free the teachers to really develop some of these programs. I'd especially like to see a crafts workshop for the children teaching them cooking, sewing, art, appliance repair, crafts. We complain about education being irrelevant; this would be one way of making it relevant. Most of the parents of Hamilton children work and the children have to do a large share of the work around the home. A crafts workshop would give them knowledge which they could use and results they could see.

"Why I don't know, but Hamilton has a bad reputation in the community. I think the answer to this is a closer relationship between school and home. That's why I'm gung ho on the community school (Mrs. Davis is chairman of the community school board). I think it's a means of getting the parents involved. Another means is the mothers club which is doing many worthwhile projects for the school." by Jody Creighton

Students To 'Walk for Development' In May

On Sunday, May 9, (that's Mothers' Day) there will be another Walk for Development. I'm sure that you heard about the Walk of last year and how successful it was. We'd like to make this year's just as much of a success.

The route this year is twenty eight miles long. It starts at St. Louis University High School, goes west through Ladue and ends up at Shaw Park in Clayton. The purpose of the Walk is to raise money for several causes. Among those who will benefit are Cooperacion, an organization in Honduras which will build houses and buy shoes for children; Providence Inner City School and Halfway House, a St. Louis set-up; Open City, another city group which wants to set up a free health center; and some money will be given to an Indian reservation near Granada, Arizona so that they can establish a day care center.

As you've probably figured out for yourself, just walking twenty eight miles is not going to raise a red cent for these folks. But the object of the Walk is to get as many people as you can to sponsor you. Say you get your mother to give you a nickel for every mile you walk. That's not bad, but you could probably get your father to give you a dime for every mile, you can probably get your granny to back you, etc. . .

Then on May 9 you walk as far as your legs'll carry you and any money you earn gets turned in and sent to these various places. There should be applications for the Walk at your school. If you can't find one with the Student Council, the head office or anybody else, call this number for information: 361-8148.

Cadette Job Service

By Shirley Rowell

Never fear the Girl Scouts are still here! Through wars and years of national unrest, this shining example of womanhood remains ever present. Yes, that illustrious institution which is as sacred as Mom and apple pie is represented in our community

Girl Scouting offers girls of all ages opportunities to grow into mature, responsible individuals and to form definite ideas about their life, home, and community. There are a number of troops in our community, all administering to the needs of girls.

One such troop is Cadette Troop No. 1295, which is led by Mrs. Vernon Wright. The cadettes are working on a number of projects. One project, besides their annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale, is their trip to Mexico in 1972. The girls are trying to earn money for this trip by doing everything from domestic work to walking dogs. The girls are also planning to visit Six Flags over Mid-America this summer. If you would like to receive some trustworthy and honest service, just contact Mrs. Vernon Wright, phone: 542-1534, Cadette Troop No. 1295.



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They Cooked Their Way to Europe

by Avis Carlson



Meeting at Grace Methodist Church to finish up their plans for Europe: Mrs. Betty Klinefelter, Colleen Kelley, Mary Bertrand, Karen Hyman and Becky Ballard.



Getting ready to go: Back row: Shelly Fleck, Mrs. Graydon Ballard; front row: Karen Barnard, Susan Stech.

On July 29 fifteen excited girls from our area will take off from Lambert Field for Europe on money they earned themselves.

The group is the Senior Girl Scouts Troop 2886, sponsored by Grace Methodist Church. What is remarkable about them is that half of the \$583 each girl had to have for the trip was acquired by cooking and serving meals at the church. The rest of the money was hoarded together over a period of two years of baby-sitting and other youthful enterprises.

The girls themselves are an interesting lot whom their leader, Betty Klinefelter of 6165 Kingsbury, declares to be "the greatest bunch of girls in the world." They're a good mix: black and white, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant, ages 14 to 18, and from quite a spread of family income. But for three years they've been working together as a team, planning, cooking and serving dinners for up to 250 people.

Now they have their passports and only a few more dinners to go before tooling out to the airport. Then it's through six countries in a Fiat bus in charge of a courier and their two adult leaders, Mrs. Oscar Klinefelter and Mrs. Graydon Ballard.

In even "the greatest bunch" such feats do not just happen among the young — or anybody else, for that matter. Back of them is always some one with endless enthusiasm and a good store of both practical and leadership skills. In this case the spark plug is Betty Klinefelter, who has been a volunteer but close to full-time youth worker at the church for years. (At present she works in the nursery school. A real dynamo, this neighbor of ours. Several years ago she was honored by St. Roch's Parish as the Good Neighbor of the Year.)

The travel project came about gradually. It began when the girls were cadet scouts and took a little trip to visit the State Fair at Sedalia. It continued in the summer of 1967 when they went to the Exposition in Montreal, taking along their sleeping bags for bedding down on church floors en route and in a Girl Guides Camp while in Montreal.

In the summer of 1969 the girls decided to use the money they had earned to charter a bus for a tour of Washington, Philadelphia, and New York, again sleeping on church floors. The three days in Washington, one in Philadelphia, and three in New York plus time in the bus cost each girl the sum total of \$50.

After that they were ready for Europe, but it took two years to get the money together. Now, even before they leave for Europe, the girls are asking, "What shall we do next?"

The catering project came about in this way. Partly because it has good kitchen and dining room facilities and a central location, Grace Church has

always been one in which many meals are served not only to membership groups but also to general Methodist groups and others with a religious base. In fact, so many meals are served there that the women of the church wanted forced either to cook for themselves or have their meal catered was the Wesleyan Service Guild, composed of business and professional women. So three years ago, just when Betty and her girls were casting about for a "service project," the Guild asked them if they would like to cater a dinner and earn some money for their Troop treasury. They would.

The meal was such a success that the Guild asked them to take on its monthly dinner meetings, and the project was launched. Everyone liked the meals the girls served under Betty's and Mrs. Ballard's supervision. Everybody enjoyed watching the business-like youngsters flit around serving the food. Before long the Troop was in steady business. Then followed Expo 67, the East Coast bus tour, and now Europe. The Girl Scout Council has rules that troops must have a purpose for money-making. What better purpose than travel? There is another rule that no more than half of the amount required for a project can be earned by the troop, the rest of it to be earned by individual Scouts themselves.

The European jaunt will be great, no doubt, but in the long run the principal value of the project is not likely to be the travel. The girls have been having an intense learning experience in food buying and preparation and at the same time acquiring some marketable skills. Two of them recently got jobs at St. Mary's Hospital in the food handling department because of the troop experience. Some of the others have catered meals on their own in order to earn part of the amount they must get together individually.

And beyond that they've been picking up all sorts of valuable know-how. Right at the beginning Betty inspired them to cut costs by cutting out deliveries and convenience foods. So they're probably the only girls in St. Louis who can market on Produce Row or wholesale grocery stores. One of the fathers, whose own father is a hotel chef, taught them such thrifty tricks as making biscuits by weight and how to make rolls for 200 people and time said rolls to come out of the oven at exactly the right minute. They've learned to make pies "from scratch" and that a meal is *made* if it includes good "home-baked" bread and pies. For the larger crowds, parents of the girls come in to help, but on the small ones, the girls and their two leaders manage alone. The leaders' feet may wear out, but the girls have a ball.

Troop members who will make the trip are: Becky Ballard, Joyce Barnard, Karen Barnard, Mary Bertrand, Barbara Boyd, Leslie Doyle, Susan Feldman, Denise Fleming, Karen Hymen, Christine Kelly, Daphne Macklin, Sue Miller, Sandy Nelson, Susan Stech, and Debbie Stobaugh.

Trees Replaced on Two Streets

The City Forestry Division has completed the planting of hardy varieties of trees along Des Peres and DeBaliviere. The trees were provided by the City Beautification Commission.

Now that the trees are planted, it is up to the community to see that they remain in tact and able to grow. Mrs. Blanche Reel, Chairman of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Beautification Committee, asks that residents and businessmen watch the trees to see that branches and bark are not pulled off. Parents should remind their children that the trees are easily damaged and can die from abuse.

The Forestry Division will water the trees only twice this year. Since dry weather may persist, it may be necessary for individuals to water the trees. The ground should be soaked thoroughly to benefit the tree being watered.

These trees will add greatly to the appearance of Des Peres and DeBaliviere, but they need our help to get a good start.

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St. Roch's Pastor Honored

Rev. Robert M. Peet, pastor at St. Roch's Church, was honored this month by being given the status of Monsignor Peet. The honor was conferred by Pope Paul VI in recognition of Father Peet's pastoral work.

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Minister of Education Leads Busy, Varied Life

It takes a varied background to do a varied job, and Reverend James Dismuke, whose work as Minister of Education for Delmar Baptist Church requires great flexibility, has the proper training for his job. Born in Florida, he considers himself a native of Tennessee, where he attended high school and graduated from Union University. He obtained his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. During college days, he worked part time for the Coca-Cola Company as driver, salesman, machine operator.

During his tour in the U.S. Army, he trained as a medical aid and later worked in engineering supply. Back in civilian life, he worked summers selling Bibles and other books door-to-door, an experience he considers not only profitable, but valuable for a future minister.

He began his ministerial career as Minister of Education for the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He came to St. Louis ten years ago to serve as minister of youth at Third Baptist Church and has been busy with young people ever since. His work at Delmar Baptist Church started in 1966 and has centered on designing and implementing learning experience for the religious education program.

Seeing the quiet dignity of the Delmar Baptist Church buildings as you walk by, you might not be aware of all the activities besides worship services going on inside. The Sunday religious education program has about 240 members, ranging from infants to adults. The Tuesday-Thursday Club designed for young people aged 6 - 12 but including a number of teenagers, meets from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. The young people have religious training, Bible stories, recreation, and occasional dinner trips. Volunteers and college students help staff the program.

On Saturdays a teen-boy club meets. This winter they had their own basketball league, four teams from the immediate area and two from other neighborhoods.

The Delmar Baptist pre-school, a non-tuition, four-day a week school, is manned by volunteer nurses and mothers, directed by Mrs. David Humphrey. Mr. Dismuke reports that this class is always filled up and that he is astonished at the activities of even three year-olds in the program.

In his comfortable office Mr. Dismuke expressed his opinion that youth programs have to be large part of church work, especially in urban churches. Last summer Delmar Baptist conducted a large scale youth program and he hopes to continue his efforts in the summer of 1971. He commented that it is harder to run these programs when many of the congregation must commute some distance to the church for services and for volunteer activities.

The effort is worth it, in his opinion. "Not only in the pre-school, but in all the programs, the young people are warm, affectionate, just great." If he had a recommendation for the neighborhood, it would be to emphasize what he does among young people and adults in the church programs . . . to learn people's names and use them. "It is so easy to feel anonymous in a big city environment. If people call each other, 'hey, you' or think of 'that kid down the block,' the relationship will never be on the same basis as if we say 'John Smith' and think of 'Willie Doe' as individual persons. No one can feel lost and anonymous if people learn his name and use it." With the number of people involved in the programs at Delmar Baptist Church it will be a minor miracle of Reverend Dismuke, and the pastor, Dr. Brooks Ramsey, can keep all the names straight.

cont.



Rev. James Dismuke

Along with these youth and education programs, Rev. Dismuke is doing graduate work at the St. Louis University Center for Urban Affairs, is a member of the Missouri Association of Social Welfare, the Adult Education Association, the Religious Education Association. He is co-president of the St. Louis Association of Christian Education Workers and is active in a number of other church-related organizations. He lives in Ames Place with his wife and two children, Steven and Lisa.

by Jean Eberle

Lawns and Gardens Need Care Now!

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

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

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

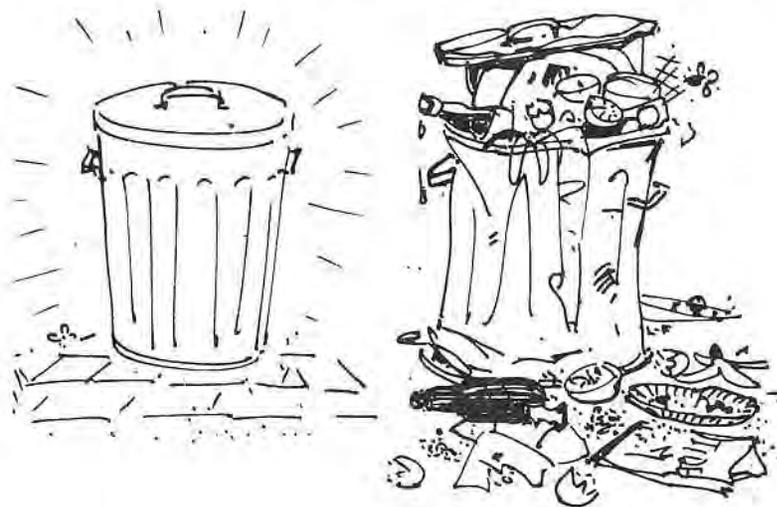
For back porch and balcony screens tie string from railing to ceiling and let a scarlet runner bean, morning glory, moonflower, or even a cucumber or squash vine, climb up the string.

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

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

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EVERYONE LIKES TO BE KNOWN BY WHAT THEY CAN DO ~ NOT WHAT THEY CAN DON'T



How to Bug the Cochroach

Keeping creeping pests from getting into the house is simpler than battling them once they are in, according to the manager of Khem's Pest Control Service. Even in a brand spanking new house, after a few weeks vacation, you can end up with roaches running wild.

Check all incoming grocery bags and potato sacks. Inspect soda and beer cartons as they come into the house. If you collect antique furniture, look it over for roaches before you bring it in. The same applies to used furniture. If you buy a new appliance or a used one, try and inspect the motor area.

And when you clean the kitchen shelves, you would be better to wash the shelves with full strength Lysol and leave them bare. The starch in the shelf paper that looks so pretty is one of the roach's favorite foods.

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Mrs. Keiffer stands near a hybrid tea rose that is loaded with buds. (Upper corner) Stone remnants of demolished neighborhood buildings, like this one from the old Winter Garden, are a pleasant contrast to living plants.

photo by Richard Deposky

A Garden For All Seasons

A garden is a place set aside from the hectic world. It is pleasant to see and to smell, and as a real bonus, it may yield up something that is good to eat. Mr. and Mrs. William Keiffer enjoy this kind of garden behind their well kept six-family apartment building on the 5700 block of McPherson. Their garden oasis is an inspiration for those who believe urban living can be pleasant and even beautiful.

The Keiffers acknowledge that the area around them has experienced a decline in the past few years, but they remain very defensive about their block. "There are many fine people on the block and some are doing a good job of keeping up their property. In fact, an increased number of vacancies has improved the street, making it less crowded," the Keiffers say with enthusiasm. "If we didn't have faith in our street, we wouldn't be here."

The Keiffers came to McPherson in the winter of '55. At that time the only evidence of greenery in the back yard was the dormant grass and markings that indicated ivy had once grown on the garage. Thanks to a brief thaw that year, Mrs. Keiffer was able to

bring a few rose bushes from her old back yard and a variety of bulbs including, hardy dahlia, tulips, iris, and daffodils. Not all of the roses survived the transplant, but the bulbs prospered and multiplied. Many of them have left as gifts to other gardeners with plenty left over.

Although Mr. Keiffer was busy remodeling the kitchens and bathrooms of his newly acquired building, he shared his wife's interest in flowers enough to lay the ground works for the back yard garden. He constructed a wooden arbor for grapes as a unique focal point of the garden. Underneath the arbor, he set concrete borders to define flower beds for plants that love the cool shade provided by the grape vines. It is here each March that the yellow and white crocus become the first flowers to blossom, marking the beginning of continuous bloom in the Keiffer's garden.

The planning and care Mrs. Keiffer displays in her garden is a credit to the neighborhood chapter of the Garden Club she belonged to before it dissolved. She disdains fancy techniques and refers to herself as a "plain

dirt gardener." "There is no such thing as a 'green thumb,' however," says Mrs. Keiffer, "A good garden is the result of hard work."

By the end of the summer when many gardens are dying out, the Keiffer's still have chrysanthemums to look forward to and a number of annuals that will bloom until the first hard frost. The most rewarding event in the garden comes in August when it is time to harvest the grapes. The six grape vines in the arbor yield from three to five bushels of grapes. Mrs. Keiffer makes her own jelly, and always has plenty to give to friends. A patch of mint and a bed of asparagus are other delectable edibles that come from the garden.

When the weather begins to turn cold, the bulbs are fertilized and roses are bedded down. For the remainder of the year, the Keiffers will enjoy a wide variety of house plants. The greenery of an array of house plants and jars of homemade jelly in the kitchen cupboard will brighten the gray days of the winter season until warmer weather invites the crocus to bloom once more.

by Glori L'Ecuyer



The grape vines here will soon leaf out and shade the pansies

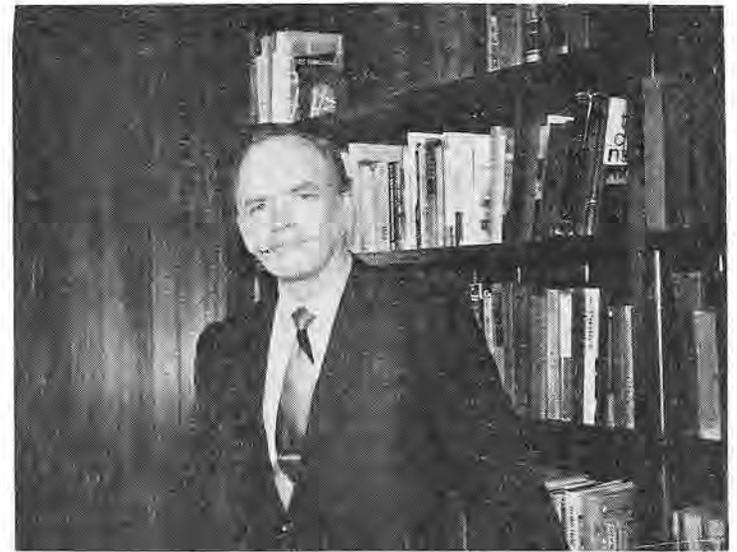
photo by Richard Deposky

'Local Boy' Returns as Pastor to Grace Church

A local boy returned to the neighborhood last August when Dr. Robert W. Gordon came to Grace Methodist Church as its pastor. Dr. Gordon grew up on McPherson and attended Grace Church as a young man. He obtained his B.S. in Business Administration from Washington University and worked for a number of local firms before a tour of Navy duty during World War II.

He graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary with distinction and had served at United Methodist churches in East St. Louis, Naperville, Illinois; and Joliet, Illinois. In 1969 he joined the faculty at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, where he served as associate director of the Center for Parish Development.

"The astonishing thing to me has been not the changes in the neighborhood since I moved away in the '40's, but the lack of change. It all looks very much the same," Dr. Gordon smiled. "When any friends talk about the recent crimes, I tell them that I still vividly remember someone breaking into our old house on McPherson and that was around 1940."



Rev. Robert Gordon

As pastor of such a large and established church, he is of course professionally concerned with keeping up with changes in the urban neighborhood. Some eight Boy and Girl Scout Troops are sponsored by Grace Church, most of the members being neighborhood young people. Grace Church also sponsors a Saturday Club program which recruits fourth through eighth graders from Hamilton School for an activity-centered enrichment program. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Renner, of Grace Church, give every Saturday morning to this project, assisted by members of the congregation and people from the Skinker-DeBaliviere area.

Dr. Gordon spoke of Grace Church as primarily a metropolitan church, drawing its congregation from the entire area. "When we discussed Wednesday night Lenten services, we decided not to cancel them with 'fear of crime in the streets' as our reason. We had six weekly supper and religious service programs and everyone concerned was delighted with attendance."

In his monthly newsletter Dr. Rev. Gordon saw Grace Church in this light, "The very best description of us is that we are a metropolitan church, located uniquely in the center of the metropolitan area where city meets county, campus meets town, black meets white, and (we hope) people meet God."

With this in mind, he and his associate look forward to providing not only the customary worship services, but continuing the bustle effort and involved in programs like the scout troops and the Saturday morning club.

Dr. Gordon and his wife have four children, one son and three daughters. They live on the 6300 block of Waterman.

by Jean Eberle

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Shaw's Garden (the Missouri Botanical Gardens) has planting courses for children and adults. Call 865-0440 for information. The Garden is on Tower Grove Avenue and can be reached by taking the Lindell bus east to

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Editorial

Our columnist Bob Brown, called early in April and said he'd heard something about the Job Corps Center site on Delmar and wanted to do a column on it. A far-sighted editor assured him that it was a dead issue and that even if it rose to the surface it would be stale news by May 1.

It never occurred to us that a site so resolutely opposed by the voters of the neighborhood could be seriously reconsidered. Added to which, is the so-far-undisputed fact that of all of the publicly mentioned sites, the Delmar location is in every way, sociologically, esthetically, recreationally, demographically, the most unsuitable.

It would be no good for the community and no good for the young people with problems that the programs talks about helping.

Still, Senator Eagleton is on record as favoring the training center. The Post Dispatch reports that eight state legislators and Congressman Clay all signed a telegram urging Governor Hearnes to reconsider his veto of the Delmar site. Many citizens reacted with intense concern and opposition to lifting of the veto.

There are citizens who are not only concerned but curious. Normally, savvy politicians do not publicly express such contempt for the wishes of a community. So why are they pushing for the Delmar site? They did not urge the Governor to save the Job Corps for the metropolitan area, but specifically to allow it to be placed at 5621 Delmar. No one seems to know why.

The question seems to be "Who is Making What on This Deal?" Is a real estate operator capable of exerting this kind of pressure on our elected representatives? Are there enough patronage jobs connected with the Job Corps Center to justify the risk of offended voters? What is going on behind the scenes to put pressure on the governor of the State of Missouri?

No one from the federal government has ever suggested that the reputation of the previous Job Corps Center in St. Louis was anything but a public scandal. When citizens suggested that the large amount per trainee be paid to the vocational programs of the St. Louis public school system, who could do the job and use the money, the suggestion was ignored.

Everyone in the agencies concerned seems to think that opinions of the voters who must live around this training center do not count. We are supposed to have short memories. Next year when election time comes around, our representatives will sally forth to assure us that they will take care of us and our communities. Are we supposed to forget how they took care of us on the Job Corps Site issue?

The state legislators listed in the Post-Dispatch, dateline April 7, as urging the governor to approve the Delmar site are State Senators Raymond Howard and Franklin Payne; State Representatives Fred Williams, J. B. Banks, Nathaniel Rivers, Mrs. DeVerne Lee Calloway, Fred Brown and John Aikens. Also signing was U.S. Representative William L. Clay. Let us remember how these ladies and gentlemen took care of our interests the next time we see their names on a ballot. 1972 is not too long to keep these names in mind.

Meanwhile, if anyone ever figures out how this particular pressure play got started and what is in the pot at the end of the rainbow, please let us know. Even if we can't print it, we'd surely like to know what's going in those high and hazy places where us ordinary folks are not supposed to peek.

The Paper's Annual Report

The Paper is published by West End Publishing Company, Inc., incorporated under Missouri law as a not-for-profit business. Not-for-profit, as the following report indicates, is a very good description of The Paper.

The Paper has a circulation of 6000 copies, delivered door-to-door between DeBaliviere and Westgate and between Delmar and Lindell, by volunteer distributors. Where distributors cannot enter, extra copies are usually left in lobbies, at drug stores, filling stations, grocery stores. Copies are available at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Office, 6008 Kingsbury, and at the Des Peres Branch Library.

Research, writing and photography are all provided by volunteers. We pay for typesetting, printing, photographic expenses and the usual business expenses, postage, stationery, etc.

A typical eight page issue costs about \$300.00.

A typical twelve page issue costs about \$400.00.

All costs are met by selling advertisements in The Paper. This too is done by volunteers. We would like to offer our ad-getters at least a stipend, but as the figures below indicate, the cash is never in the cash box in time to offer them anything.

Our usual procedure is to give out assignments, set deadlines, get the type set, then see how many pages we can afford to print. Normally we have plenty of copy, but if we can't see close to \$400.00 in ad money we print eight. As of layout time this month, our financial position was as follows:

Cash on hand \$80.00
Bills we owe \$124.00
Accounts owed us \$350.

There may be residents or business men in the area, whose policy is not to advertise. We urge them to take compliments of a friend or some other form of ad, or make a contribution. \$5.00 buys a 1-inch by 2 column ad. \$9.00 buys a 2-inch by 2 column ad. Checks can be made to West End Publishing, Inc. and mailed to 6205 McPherson, 63130.

Letters to the Editors

The following letter was referred to The Paper by Mrs. Busch who wanted to publicly express neighborhood appreciation for excellent police work.
Captain Thomas Brooks
7th District Station
Page & Union
St. Louis, Mo. 63113

March 25, 1971

Dear Captain Brooks:

The residents in the 5700 block of Pershing and all others in the area that knew about the rapist before it hit the newspaper, are very fortunate to have the cooperation that we have from the 7th district.

Patrolmen Jessie McClanahan and James Wear should be commended for their alertness and hard work they put in to apprehend Richard Jones.

We all know that a lot of hours and time was spent on this case, and only hope that the Judicial System will carry out it's duty so that these officers job have not been in vain.

Please inform Mr. Eugene Freeman, Mr. Eric Jefferson, Mr. James Wear and Mr. Jessie McClanahan that we appreciate them and all the men on the force very much.

Also, they should feel free to call on us anytime if we can assist them in any way.

Sincerely,
Anna Busch & Residents

'Forrest' Retires



Forrest Eggenberg, who for 22 years worked at the Parkview Barber Shop, retired in April. His shop was a 'hangout' for a lot of local youths during those years. On his last day of work, a group of young men marked the occasion with a remembrance party.

Info Center

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood Information Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 6008 Kingsbury. The Center aims to provide information, counselling, referrals, etc., on such subjects as health, social welfare, recreation, education, employment, day care, problems of senior citizens.

Miss Pamela Waidler, a student from the Washington University School of Social Work, could use volunteers to help with the Center. She can be reached during Center office hours at VO2-5122.

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by Jeff Mauvais

Music

Tuesday, May 4 Washington University Civic Chorus concert. Graham Chapel at Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Friday, May 7 Washington University Madrigal Singers concert. Orland W. Johnson, conductor. Steinberg Hall, Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Sunday, May 9 Recital by Linda Gilliam, graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Steinberg Hall, 3 p.m. Free.

Harpichord recital by Bob Danes, a graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Steinberg Hall at Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Tuesday, May 11 Piano recital by Professor Robert Wallenborn of the music department at Washington University. Steinberg Hall, Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Thursday, May 13 Recital by Linda Preece, soprano and a student in the Washington University music department. Graham Chapel at Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Friday, May 14 Washington University Civic Chorus concert. Graham Chapel, 8 p.m. Free.

Saturday, May 15 Washington University Opera Studio program. Steinberg Hall at Washington University. Director, Frank Wersching. 8 p.m. Free.

Sunday, May 16 Washington University Civic Chorus Concert. St. Louis Priory School, 500 Mason Road, South, 4 p.m. Free.

Concert by the St. Louis String Quartet in residence at Washington University. Steinberg Hall at 8 p.m. Most seats free.

Monday, May 17 Harpichord recital by Jim Sparks, a graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Steinberg Hall at Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Tuesday, May 18 piano recital by Frank Schindler, a graduate student in the department of music at Washington University. Graham Chapel, Washington University, 8 p.m. Free.

Sunday, May 23 Washington University Chamber Music Ensemble concert. Graham Chapel at Washington University, 2 p.m. Free.

EXHIBITIONS

Through May 14 An exhibition of works by the intellectually distinguished James Family: Henry Sr.; William, the psychologist and philosopher; and Henry Jr., the novelist, at Washington University's Olin Library, main level. Hours: weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 6 p.m.

Through May 15 "Washington University's Chancellors, 1858-1971." Washington University's Olin Library, fifth level. Hours: weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 2 through month Special exhibition of works by students in the Washington University School of Fine Arts. Steinberg Hall at Washington University. Hours: weekdays, 9 to 5; Saturdays, 10 to 4; Sundays, 1 to 5.

Movies

Friday evening, May 7 and Sunday, May 9 Last in the series of Film Art flicks presented by Washington University. "The Sleeping Car Murder," (French), 1965. Stars Simone Signoret, Yves Montand, and Catherine Allegret. Brown Hall at Washington University. Friday evening, May 7 at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m. 75 cents admission.

FILMS

(Tentative Schedule)

5/4 "Diary of a Chambermaid" will shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.

5/6 "Hiroshima Mon Amour" will be shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.

5/7 "Lion in Winter" will be shown in Wohl Center at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

5/8 5/10 "Johnny Guitar" will be shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.

5/11 "Masculine/Feminine" will be shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.

5/12 "Children of Paradise" will be shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.

5/14 "Gold Rush" will be shown in Wohl Center at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. The midnight movie is "The Bad Seed."

5/15 "Camelot" will be shown in Wohl Center at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

5/16 "Rising of the Moon" will be shown in Wohl Center at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

5/17 "Left-Handed Gun" will be shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.

5/19 "Homage to Ho Chi Minh" will be shown in Wohl Center at 8:00 p.m.



Courtesy St. Louis Beautification Commission
Workers constructing the long-awaited Tot Lot at the corner of Pershing and DesPeres.



One of the Washington University Street Revival members and Bill Kohn, area resident, put the finishing touches on some framework at the Tot Lot. Response from the immediate neighborhood has been good. Nearly all the materials for the lot were donated and Washington University students have helped greatly in building the lot.

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LIBRARY NEWS

May Films

Des Peres Branch Library, 5960 Kingsbury, will continue to show children's films through the spring months. The movies will be shown free of charge on Wednesday afternoons at 3:45.

- May 5: Adventures of Chico - Part I, Aesop's Fables, The Frowning Prince.
- May 12: Adventures of Chico - Part II, Georgie, The Little Tin Soldier.
- May 19: The Little Mariner, Make Way for Ducklings, Paddle to the Sea.
- May 26: The Chicken, Johnny Appleseed, Madeline's Rescue, Many Moons.

Volunteer workers are sorely needed at the Des Peres Branch Library, 5960 Kingsbury (at Des Peres). Many tasks, besides shelving books, need to be performed, so knowledge of library classification is not essential.

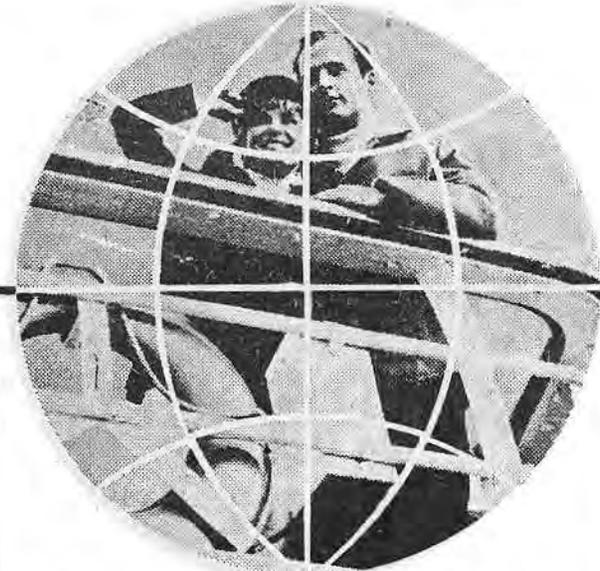
Anyone who can volunteer an hour or so of service regularly, are asked to call the library, 726-2653.

Strolling Story-teller

Miss Sherry Eckrich, Des Peres Branch children's librarian, will repeat her popular strolls through the neighborhood during the summer months. Carrying her bag of books, she'll be ready to stop on porch or steps and tell a story or two to any of the neighborhood youngsters who gather around.

Miss Eckrich tried the 'bring the stories to the children' approach last summer and found it an entertaining way to acquaint youngsters with stories and books.

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- The films to be featured are: Tuesday, June 22 - 10:30 a.m. "BORN FREE" 2:00 p.m. Jules Verne's "MYSTERIOUS ISLAND"
 - Tuesday, June 29 - 10:30 a.m. "KING KONG ESCAPES" 2:00 p.m. "WAIT UNTIL DARK"
 - Tuesday, July 6 - 10:30 a.m. "CAT BALLOU" 2:00 p.m. "VIVA MAX"
 - Tuesday, July 13 - 2:00 p.m. "WHEN COMEDY WAS KING"
 - Tuesday, July 20 - 10:30 a.m. "PIT AND THE PENDULUM" 2:00 p.m. "HORSE FEATHERS"
 - Tuesday, July 27 - 10:30 a.m. "A MAN CALLED FLINTSTONE" 2:00 p.m. "ME, NATALIE"
 - Tuesday, August 3 - 10:30 a.m. "DRACULA HAS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE" 2:00 p.m. "ENDLESS SUMMER"
- Admission to film programs will be by ticket only. Tickets may be secured at the library free of charge.

Charles Brown Leaving City



Charles Brown, librarian at the Des Peres Branch since March 1970, whose efforts have made the library somewhat of a neighborhood center, left the Des Peres Branch in mid-April. He is taking a position with the public library system of Newark, New Jersey.

A native of St. Louis he attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and while librarian studied at the Washington University night school. During

his term at Des Peres Branch, a teen corner was introduced as well as a large space for the younger children to spread out in, a Black History Club and a Young Writers' Club began.

Mrs. Patricia Smith, who has been at the Carondelet Branch is replacing Mr. Brown. She lived in Kentucky before coming to St. Louis and reports she is looking forward to working at the Des Peres Branch.

Want Ads

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