

Crime Committee Considers Mobile Patrols in Area

by Ted Gest

Virgil (Jack) Wright, crime committee chairman, said the group was considering the formation of a mobile patrol in which area residents would conduct patrols in automobiles and report crimes to the police.

"The residents would not carry guns or make arrests," Wright said. "This would not be a vigilante group — just a method of greater observation of what goes on in the neighborhood."

Wright said the mobile patrol would be patterned after a similar project in the Compton Heights neighborhood in south St. Louis. He said the Skinker-DeBaliviere committee was in the process of obtaining the Compton Heights patrol's rules of operation.

The committee will continue discussion of the mobile patrol idea at its next meeting, Wright said. He urged area residents interested in the project to talk to their block leaders, who would co-ordinate the patrols.

Crime Figures Down

Crime in the St. Louis Police Department's Seventh District, which includes the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, was down in January compared to the same period a year ago, the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council's crime committee was told in a recent meeting.

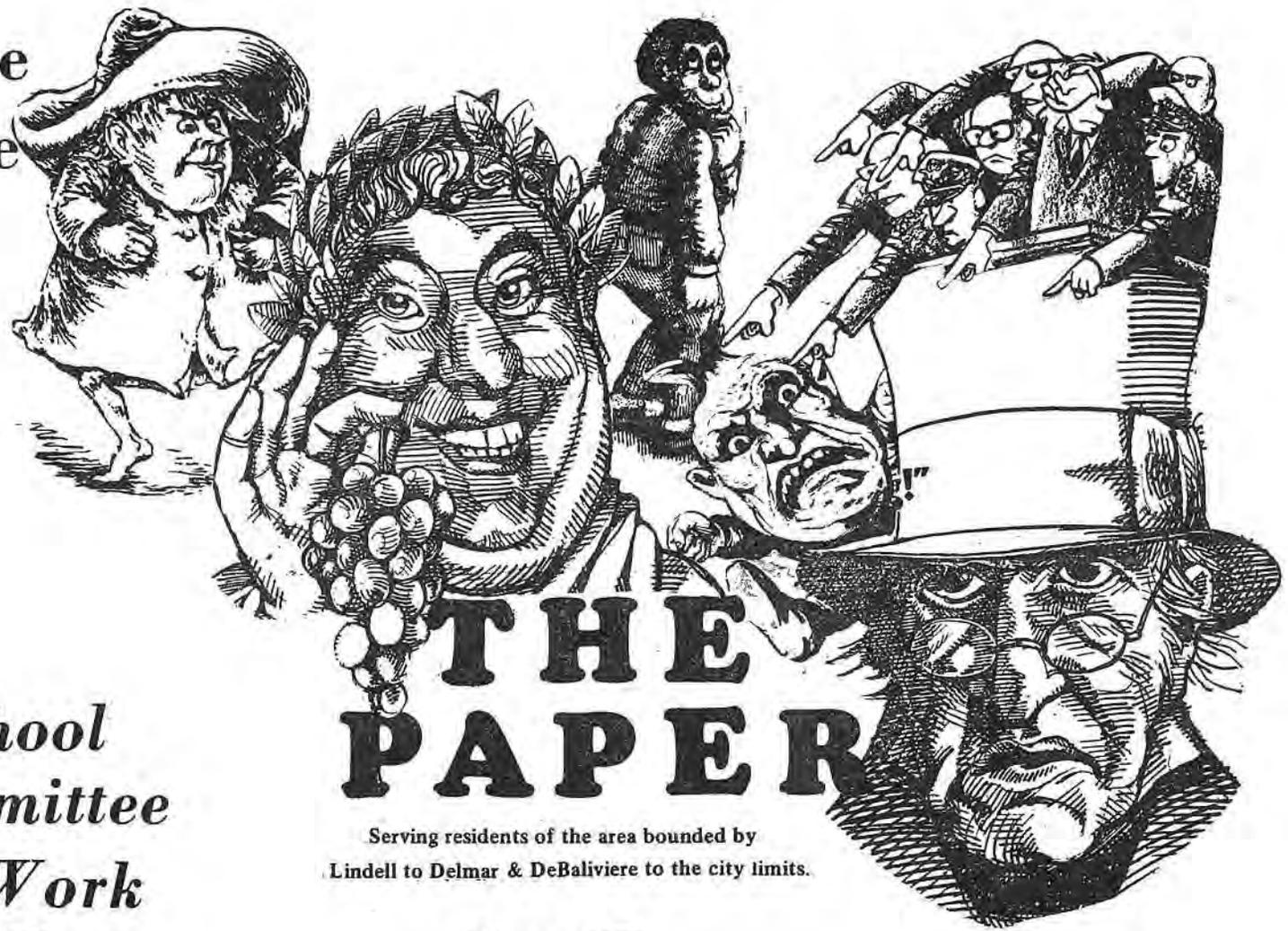
Figures for the period Jan. 1-21 show that 53 crimes were reported in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area, including 16 residence burglaries, 12 business burglaries, 11 auto thefts, 8 robberies, 4 assaults and two cases of stealing more than \$50.

The Seventh District crime rate showed a great drop over the January period last year, police statistics show. Crimes reported in the Seventh District dropped from 733 to 384, a 52 per cent decrease.

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COMING UP

- Feb. 6
Card Party, St. Roch's Gym, sponsored by the St. Roch's School Association
- Feb. 14
SDCC Board meets at the Council office, 7:30 P.M.
- Feb. 15
Aldermanic Hearing on Redevelopment
- Feb. 16
Hamilton School PTA, 7:30 P.M.
- Feb. 17
Washington Heights Neighbor Meeting, St. Roch's Church basement, 7:30 P.M.
- Feb. 17
Deadline for items for THE PAPER (let us know what your block is doing)
- Feb. 21
Celebration of Washington's Birthday



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School Committee To Work on Two Fronts

by Jody Creighton

The initial meeting of the expanded Skinker-DeBaliviere Education Committee met at Hamilton School to organize to find more classroom space for the school and to provide supportive services for the school staff.

Approximately 60 people attended the meeting including the principal and approximately 14 teachers. Members of the committee expressed disappointment that more Hamilton parents did not attend, but stated that they were pleased with the high interest in the school shown by the general community.

The meeting divided into two groups to discuss the need for more classroom space at the school and to seek ways to channel community resources into the school.

The group discussing the need for space mentioned the following: seeking additional buildings in the community such as Delmar Baptist, Bettendorf, portable classrooms; using Hamilton on the 12-month basis such as the St. Charles plan; adjusting the school's boundaries; using split shifts or Saturday classes; busing by family units; publicizing permissive transfers outside the public school system; seeking a community study budget for this district and let parents consider priorities; intervene in the Kinloch suit; file suit against the Board of Education, support the election of Board of Education members by district as is before the State Legislature. It should be emphasized that the group only discussed these items. They did not decide support of them.

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FEB. 15 Public Hearings on Redevelopment Plans

by Jim Hitchcock

February 15 has been set by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen for public hearings on four West End redevelopment proposals, including the one planned for our neighborhood. Alderman John Roach of the 28th Ward expressed optimism about aldermanic approval for the proposals, each of which has been recommended by City Plan Commission.

Union - Sarah

The eastern most redevelopment proposal was submitted by the Union-Sarah Redevelopment Corporation and concerns a site on Washington just west of Euclid. Plans call for two three-storey apartment buildings, plus parking facilities, swimming pool and other recreational facilities and extensive landscaping. The developers are seeking a zoning change from "F"-local business to "D"-multiple family.

Union-Sarah Community Corporation and its sub-group, Union Sarah Economic Redevelopment Corporation, have already received large federal grants to establish and assist resident-owned businesses in their area. Prolific Designs, a manufacturer of African and American Black Art reproduction; Mid-City Rentals; Precision Tool Co., Libra Laboratories and Quantum Plastics have all been investments of Union Sarah Economic Development Corporation. Union Sarah is also

cooperating in the construction of 72 units of turnkey housing in that area.

5600 Pershing

Another redevelopment plan for the 5596-5600 blocks of Pershing calls for extensive remodelling of existing apartments but no anticipated demolition. This project was proposed by Forest Village Redevelopment Corporation, organized by Lipton Realty Company which manages many multiple family dwelling units in the area.

Forest Village

Forest Village Redevelopment Corporation has also proposed an extensive development between DeBaliviere and Clara and between Waterman and Delmar. Forest Village calls for substantial rehabilitation of existing dwelling units. New construction will consist of two parking decks, an indoor and an outdoor swimming pool, a pond, a fountain, a playground, basketball courts, an outdoor theatre and restaurant and extensive decorative landscaping.

On this 25 acre site few standing structures would be demolished and at the present occupancy rate relocation of residents would not be a serious problem.

Triangle Area

The plan for the "triangle area" of Skinker-DeBaliviere was submitted by Kingsbury Development Corporation, an

offshoot of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc. This proposal calls for three stages of redevelopment, the first concerned with residential buildings from the north side of McPherson to the north side of Washington, between DeBaliviere and DeGiverville. When the first stage is completed development would begin on the west side of DeBaliviere between the Bi-State property and Norfolk & Western railroad tracks. This second stage does not call for any demolition, only remodelling of existing structures.

The third stage would improve the south side of Delmar from DeGiverville to DeBaliviere.

Approval of these four redevelopment proposals and their successful completion would constitute a tremendous rejuvenation of the city's central corridor, running from Sarah to the city limits. Each area has a strong neighborhood association, Union-Sarah, Central West End, the Waterman Association and Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council. Plans were being made in the fall for an organization, The Grand Prairie Common Fields Association, to concern itself with the old Gaslight area along Olive Street.



ANOTHER SAD LOAN STORY

LETTERS

Dear Editors,

As students who use the walk light at Skinker and Waterman every day we'd like to know if Bi-State busses have some special privilege to turn when traffic lights are red. At least twice a week west bound busses turn left from Waterman onto Skinker while we have the walk light. More often east bound busses turn right on to Waterman before we can get across.

What good is the walk light if busses ignore it?

Sincerely,

High school students
(This letter is being forwarded to Bi-State and to the 7th District Police Department.)

To the Editor:

(Larry Kotthoff, 5925 Pershing sent the following letter to Mayor A. J. Cervantes.)

Dear Mr. Mayor:

A recent morning's mail brings a terse ultimatum from the City Dept. of Public Safety . . . your premises have been inspected and violations have been revealed . . . to be corrected in 15 days . . . or prosecution will follow. The "violations:" tuckpoint a chimney, paint exposed wood trim, paint a rear fence!

When did St. Louis become a police state, and am I some sort of criminal? I'm afraid Mr. Mayor that it is up to you to quickly explain or correct commissar tactics in the name of City business, and such stupidity as calling for the painting of a house or fence in mid-January (or any time for that matter). How about the courtesy of explaining to peasant home owners what sort of program is in progress, and the authority for it? I assume it is a make-work project with Federal

funds to put some hard-core unemployed to work, hastily conceived and clumsily administered, with the Skinker-DeBaliviere area again the guinea-pigs . . . also a make-work ploy for generating some fast bucks for deserving trade-unions and building repair companies.

People in this area are putting up with a myriad of problems — some of them deliberately brought about by government as Sec. 235 for subsidized housing — but they will not tolerate for long citizen harassment by City Hall, and invasion of private rights. I will do my utmost in that direction.

Regarding above . . .

Copies of this letter were sent to Mr. Badaracco, Mr. Roach and Mrs. Leonore Sullivan. A reply by Mr. Nerviani was received, which dwelled at some length on minimum housing laws, efforts to preserve and improve neighborhoods, etc. However, Mr. Nerviani avoided the obvious intent of the letter, which was to object to the harassing, nit-picking aspects of the program — 'paint your fence . . . in 15 days . . . or . . .' — and even worse the crude, high-handed, commissar attitude in the administration. Mr. Nerviani also says this program was requested by our neighborhood organizations, which I question, since 'The Paper' at no time publicized it.

In my opinion the whole thing is a sad commentary on St. Louis government as it has deteriorated in quality and grown in brazeness. As St. Louis is now largely shunned as a site for location of business and industry, so also responsible homeowners, potential and present, will come

to know our once gracious City as a place to avoid, or flee from at the first opportunity.

L.A.K.

A call to Mr. Nerviani revealed the following:

**The "authority" for the program is the minimum housing standards law which has been in effect since 1948.*

**The Skinker-DeBaliviere area and three other neighborhoods in the city are currently undergoing inspection. The department inspects 15 to 18 neighborhoods a year. The area under inspection in our area extends to Kingshighway. In these areas the houses and apartments are inspected on a house to house basis. Then the owners are given any notice of violations and a certain amount of time to finish the work. If there is good reason, the time is extended as was done in Mr. Kotthoff's case. "We don't try to be unreasonable, but we have to be specific on the time otherwise most owners would put off the work indefinitely. In Mr. Kotthoff's case we gave him a 90-day extension until it is warmer." The law does not give a specific time limit. Strictly speaking, the work should be done immediately.*

Mr. Nerviani reported that the building office likes to be invited into neighborhoods, but that is not necessary since the law applies equally. One of the purposes is to prevent neighborhood deterioration which causes the kind of panic Mr. Kotthoff speaks of. Mr. Nerviani also reports that he rarely receives a complaint since most residents are quite glad to see the law enforced because all the painting and fixing up gives the neighborhood a much better appearance.

Recent reports indicate that St. Louis will be obtaining special federal funds because it is a city whose residents have fled the central city with unusual speed.

To harp and harp again on the same subject, when will officialdom acknowledge the fact that citizens did not flee the central city: they were steered out by real estate agents and lending institutions, forced out by city zoning and service agencies, discouraged by everlasting stalling of the Board of Education, and irritated into moving by the FHA and its policies.

The savings and loan companies have been running large advertisements patting themselves on the back for helping more than 400,000 people buy homes. What they don't itemize is how many of their clients tried to buy a house within the city limits and were refused financing. Unquestionably many homebuyers looked first in the county, as is their privilege, but we'll never know how many buyers wanted to settle in the city and were politely, and sometimes not politely, steered across the county line.

It is time officialdom stopped blaming citizens for its mistakes.

We have had another instance of a person seeking conventional financing for a home in our area and again coming up against a blank wall.

Unless we, as a neighborhood and individuals, start complaining to these savings and loan companies, responsible people seeking a home in our area and those selling homes will have only one recourse, FHA financing.

This discrimination against our area must end! Therefore, we are urging every area resident who has money in any of the following savings and loan companies to write these companies and express your feelings. For that matter let your feelings be known even if you don't have money in these companies.

The following is a listing of the companies which refused a loan for Joseph Flynn who with two friends is trying to buy a house on 6100 Washington. Both Jo and his two friends have steady jobs and if one would default on the loan the others would be liable. At no time were they refused on the basis of their credit rating. Instead at least one company led them to believe that their loan would be approved, so that they gave notice on their apartments. They have been seeking a 20 per cent loan since November.

They were refused at the following companies for the following reasons:

Mutual Federal — could not get past secretary, was told that company did not accept loans for this area.

Roosevelt Federal — The company approved their credit application and set out an inspector for the house. Since the company gave no notice of the visits, the inspector was not able to get into the house, but came back and reported that the house was in a terrible neighborhood. A bank vice president relayed this news and the refusal of the loan to Mr. Flynn.

Missouri Savings and Loan — The three seeking the loan paid the company \$10 a piece to run a credit check which was approved. An inspector then went out to appraise the house. The company sent a three-line letter stating that they could not accept loan application and gave no reason for the refusal.

Cass Federal — Could not get past the first stages — no loans for this area.

The sequel to this sad story will be reported in the next issue. Meanwhile, write these companies.

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Board Hears Critics

The first feedback on the redevelopment plan for the "triangle area" indicated to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Board that the issue of subsidized housing was going to be criticized both by those who think the projected percentage of such housing too high, and also by opposing groups who think the percentage too low.

This problem was the central issue at two January Board meetings. In the original plans, approved last summer, the Board agreed to subsidized housing in the redevelopment area at a rough estimate of 10% to 20%. In the formal plan submitted to the City Plan Commission this was expressed as "up to 20%, dependent on financing." Some representatives of neighborhood associations voiced concern that if the 20% figure became a reality, the number of low income families might inhibit the growth of commercial businesses which would both serve and revive the surrounding blocks.

Opposition came from those who felt that the desperate need for suitable housing for low income groups should be a prime consideration in redevelopment.

Board members generally agreed that subsidized housing was both a political and moral issue. The political aspect concerned what percentage could be approved and financed. The moral issue concerned the needs of people for homes. Most Board members accepted the fact that this neighborhood could not take on the city's entire burden of low income housing, but felt that if other areas would plan for matching percentages the housing problem would be well on the way to solution.

(Subsidized housing is not the same as public housing. Subsidized housing refers to privately built and managed units. One form is a rent supplement which makes up the difference between what the tenant can pay and the rent necessary to maintain the building. Another form is a special low-interest construction loan which allows a lower rent to be charged. One building can have both of these subsidies operative at the same time.)

As a practical matter, Cal Stuart, SDCC director, pointed out that the actual amount of subsidized housing to be built cannot be determined until the plan has been approved by the Board of Aldermen and negotiations for financing are underway. At that time, federal and city guidelines regarding subsidized housing in any given area, will come into the picture as a deciding factor. In other words, if federal lending and insuring agencies, will make

construction loans for subsidized housing of 5% or 8% or 10% or whatever, it is not likely that more than that can be built.

Along with subsidization, the problems of relocating present occupants, was stressed as a serious problem to the Board. Even with the assistance of the city relocation agency, and the possible acquisition of some funds to help, the location of housing units for the very poor is extremely difficult. Board members agreed that despite this difficulty the rapid deterioration of most structures in the redevelopment area make it urgent that redevelopment proceed as rapidly as possible.

The plan submitted by the Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation was approved by the City Plan Commission and a bill to authorize its construction was introduced to the Board of Aldermen in early January. Public hearings on this bill will be announced in the metropolitan press and by flyer through the neighborhood.

Etching tools available

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The etching devices being made available to residents to engrave their driver's license numbers on valuables in an effort to prevent burglaries are not being used extensively, Wright said.

Residents may rent an etching device for two days from the Skinker-DeBaliviere office, 6008 Kingsbury, for a \$1 service charge and a \$2 deposit. Reduced rates may be obtained for persons without sufficient funds.

After a resident has etched valuable property, he is given a sticker that may be posted on his residence to signify that the property is marked. Police authorities have endorsed the etching idea as a means to identify stolen property and discourage potential burglars.

Complaint Procedures

Brown said residents should bring any complaints about police or requests for follow-ups of previous police report to the attention of the Lieutenant of the Seventh District.

On the question of police patrols in the 6100 block of Pershing, where a rapist was shot to death by police last fall, Brown said beat patrolmen were covering the area between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Police-Community Relations

Chief of Police Eugene J. Camp has been invited to speak at the meeting of the Seventh District police-community relations group at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Wohl Center, Kingshighway and Easton, Wright said.

Chairman of the police-community relations group is Bruce Smith.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere crime committee is not actively involved in the effort to retain the Seventh District police station at Page and Union, Wright said.

Curfew Laws

After the last crime committee meeting, a delegation consisting of Ken Cohen and Vince Schoeml of the Rosedale-Skinker association and Anna Busch of the Skinker-DeBaliviere office met with Capt. William Brown of the Seventh District Nov. 23 to discuss committee questions about the police practices in the area.

Brown assured the delegation that the police enforce the curfew law to the best of their ability. He said flyers explaining the curfew law could be obtained from the district's police-community relations office at 5884 Easton Avenue. The police often have difficulty with the law because parental responsibility and other social problems are involved, Brown said. He suggested that the flyers on the curfew law be distributed around the community so that parents understood its meaning.

He said, however, that the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council had adopted a position favoring retention of the Seventh Police District.

Recent news accounts have indicated that the Board of Police Commissioners is likely to continue the current district plan but may move the Seventh District Station to a new location, four blocks away from the present station, because of cramped and poor quarters at the current district station.



'Sure this neighborhood is integrated. I live in it myself; just 10 miles down the road.'

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

The Residential Service has filed a complaint with the Justice Department regarding a real estate speculator who has operated in the neighborhood in a discriminatory manner.

The complaint states that an agent for the Armin Bain Realty Co. spoke with a neighborhood resident and claimed that no white people would ever buy in this neighborhood. He further claimed that the neighborhood was "gone."

Consequently, that Company advertised the property for sale only in black newspapers and showed the property solely to black clients. Mr. Andrew Ruzicho of the Justice Department said that after the complaint was forwarded to Washington, D.C., the Residential Service would hear the decision of that Department.

On Jan. 11th, at an open meeting, members of the Residential Service decided to try to discourage neighborhood residents from using speculator real estate companies, and to instead concentrate on finding men and women from the community who have real estate licenses to work for them in the

event that they wish to sell property. A list of residents who have licenses is being compiled and if there are additions to it that information can be given to Anna Bush at the SDCC office, 862-5122. The list will be published with an article on the role of speculators in neighborhood deterioration in the next issue of The Paper.

Joan Bender and Suzanne Hart were selected co-chairmen of the Residential Service at the meeting, and the decision taken to strengthen the block information-gathering resources of the Service. With the Spring real estate season approaching many members felt that a big public relations push on the neighborhood is in order.

The files of Houses for Sale and Rent is active and can be used at the Skinker DeBaliviere CC Office. Anna Bush will take information regarding property or prospective buyers.

The next meeting of the Residential Service will be on Feb. 7 at 7:30 in the SDCC Office at 6008 Kingsbury. The main topic will be the Kingsbury Redevelopment Plan and the meeting is open to all interested residents.

WHN Meets for Election

Washington Heights Neighbors will hold a general meeting February 17, 1972 at St. Roch's Church basement (Rosedale Entrance). The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three representatives from three areas in Washington Heights Neighbors to the Skinker-DeBaliviere

Community Council. A slate of nominees is being prepared from recommendations of block units. There will also be nominations from the floor. Other matters of interest will also be discussed. Please watch for a flyer with the list of nominees and further information concerning the meeting.

DO YOU KNOW?



Kenneth Cohen, chairman of the Rosedale-Skinker Association is a young old-timer in the neighborhood. He lived on Delmar as a youngster and his wife had lived on Waterman. After schooling in Ladue and Kansas City, he attended Duke University in North Carolina, then returned to St. Louis to work for Glasco Electric Company.

While living in an apartment on Laurel and tutoring at the Hamilton V.I.P. program, he became re-acquainted with the neighborhood. When he and Nancy decided to buy a house, they wanted to stay on in the neighborhood and now live on McPherson with a large friendly puppy and a remarkably friendly cat, who tolerate each other gingerly.

Ken thought that Rosedale-Skinker had no unique problems, only those of the entire area. As far as priorities went, he put the improvement of the public school (Hamilton School) at the top of his list. "Good people are moving into the neighborhood and they are entitled to something better than the Board of Education is supplying in this school district."

RECYCLE!

Cans with labels and ends removed and flattened, also bottles, can be deposited in containers behind the Council office, 6008 Kingsbury at any time.

Watch for flyers for the next paper drive

Equally important, he said, were that reliable real estate companies and all local institutions take a positive attitude toward the Rosedale-Skinker area. City and federal officials, banks, and savings and loan companies, the Board of Education, have ignored or written off this neighborhood for too long.

Ken's wife, Nancy, is the force behind the drive to recycle cans, bottles, and papers with the proceeds going to the SDCC. Asked about hobbies, Ken remarked, "I used to have a lot of hobbies, but now neighborhood projects keep me busy."

by Jean Eberle



(Joyce Warren: President of Washington Heights Neighbors) Joyce Warren leads a busy life. Her first concern is with husband and home. She holds a full time job as counsellor in the St. Louis Public Schools, where she has worked for fifteen years. She is also a member of the Third Presbyterian Church, and sings in the choir. Besides all of this, she is active in many levels of community organization.

She is hopeful that this year WHN can play a part in bringing about greater unity in Washington Heights. The kind of unity she hopes to foster is the kind that makes a person feel that he should be concerned enough for his neighbors to see to the repair of a hole in the street, even if it is not the street he lives on, or to attend a meeting about the triangle development even if he may not live there himself.

Joyce is now serving her second term as President of Washington Heights Neighbors. She first became active in neighborhood groups as a resident of the Grant Forest Apartments. When she moved to Washington Heights in 1966, she joined her block group, and eventually became block leader. In 1969 she was elected to the

Busy Neighborhood Boosters



The chairman of the Parkview Agents is Gerard McMahon, Jr., a native St. Louisan who spent much of his life elsewhere, before settling in Parkview nine years ago. He went to grade school in Ohio, high school in Wisconsin, served two and a half years in the Navy, and graduated from Fordham University in New York.

His employment with Dow Chemical Company took him to Lexington, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Midland Michigan; and then back to St. Louis. At present he is an account manager with that firm.

Asked what attracted him to the Skinker-DeBaliviere area in general and Parkview in particular, he replied, "The location, and the reputation of St. Roch's Grade school. I made sure there was space for my children at St. Roch's before I closed the deal on the house." Another attraction, he said, was the quality of home he found in Parkview at a reasonable price. "I don't think there's any place else where I could get so many cubic feet of space for the money, along with convenience and privacy."

Once the McMahon family, Mr., Mrs. and seven young McMahons settled into their new home, all plunged into school and neighborhood activities. Mr. McMahon served on the St. Roch's School Board for three

years, and on the St. Roch's Building Committee. He was elected agent for McPherson in 1964 and took particular interest in the physical maintenance of Parkview, streets, alleys, lighting, landscaping. Mrs. McMahon served in numerous jobs for the Parents' Association and has been for four years in charge of the primary grades library.

To the question, "what do you see as the problems facing Parkview?" Mr. McMahon answered, "Basically the same problems facing the rest of the area. I know all the agents feel that Parkview is part of a larger neighborhood community that must work together to make itself a good place to live." One example of this 'all hang together' attitude is the instruction given by the Parkview agents to their representative on the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council to cooperate as fully as possible with representatives of other neighborhood associations. Another is the decision of the Parkview Budget Committee to allocate funds to underwrite one issue of The Paper in its 1972 financial planning.

When he can get away from his Parkview chores, which amount to a hobby in themselves, Mr. McMahon likes to get outdoors and do a little bird hunting.

by Jean Eberle

Washington Heights Neighbors Board as a Vice-President and the following year, she was elected President.

But Joyce tackles her presidency with the energy and efficiency of someone who has nothing else to do. As other presidents of neighborhood associations, she is automatically a member of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council's Board of Directors. There are regular WHN Board meetings once a month and meetings and phone calls to confer with Board members in between.

Joyce Warren loves the area she lives in and she is willing to take time out to help keep it nice. She hopes many people will share her concern for the community. If the goals of Washington Heights are achieved as Joyce sees them, this area will make everyone living in it proud to compare it with any other neighborhood.

by Glori L'Ecuyer

**IT PAYS
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SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS (grades 9 thru 12) have been taking training with adult leaders to give service to younger troops. Summer offers many varied opportunities for this age group, both national and international. They are busy working at their project of preparing and serving dinners to earn money for a trip west this summer. They catered two luncheons at I.R.S. Offices between Christmas and New Years. Any girl interested in joining this busy troop may call Mrs. Klinefelter, 863-8201, for the date and time of the next meeting.

TROOP 98, BSA, St. Roch's began 1972 with a brisk 10 mile hike on the Green Rock Trail, Rockwood Reservation, on Jan. 15th, the weekend of the big freeze. The bag lunches turned out to be feasts of frozen baloney and peanut butter sandwiches and other delicacies.

CUB PACK 31, Grace Church held its regular monthly pack meeting on Jan. 27th in the Fellowship Hall. The Jan. theme for Cubs was "Physical Fitness." Four Webelos Cubs (10 yrs. old) received the "Athlete" pin for completing the requirements. They are Jim Crudden, Galen Johnson, Reginald Seay and Crigler Meininger. A "Genius Kit" will be given to each Cub for completion by the date of the annual Blue and Gold pot-luck supper in February.

CUB PACK 98, St. Roch's attended the "Disney on Parade" on Jan. 29th. They plan to have occasional Sunday afternoon movies in Feb. and March at St. Roch's.

GIRL SCOUT JUNIOR TROOP 2472 will have their investiture on February 20 at Grace Methodist church. The girls will receive their pins and badges. They will entertain their parents at the meeting.

TROOP 31, BSA, Grace Church went winter camping Jan. 14, 15, 16, and it was really more along the line of Arctic Survival Training. However, a good time was had by all.

BROWNIE TROOP 533, Grace Church had such a successful Pizza making meeting that the girls want to do more cooking in preparation for becoming Junior Girl Scouts. (The leaders suspect they are all really big eaters.)

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The other group discussed the lack of parent participation and one committee plans to get lists of parents and have each member of the committee call six of them to encourage more parent participation. The need for more information on the school and its programs was explained to Mr. Cleveland Young, principal. A representative of THE PAPER promised to report current programs at the school in the next issue of THE PAPER. The group also discussed asking the staff of the school to list needs so the group could then begin to look for resources for the school. A committee was formed to begin compiling a list of neighborhood resources for use by the school staff.

The group reconvened as a whole and made plans to meet again in two weeks to begin setting priorities and plans of action.



The Rosedale-Skinker Association will schedule a meeting in late February or early March to elect two representatives to the board of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. The terms of Bob Moore and Sharon McPherron expire this month.



The 6000 and 6100 McPherson Block Unit had their second annual Christmas Party at Gee and Cal Stuart's the Sunday before Christmas.

The Thursday before Christmas some members of the McPherson Block Unit met at their barricade to trim the tree with homemade ornaments, then treated other members to some Christmas music as they caroled in the 6000 and 6100 blocks of McPherson. After caroling, refreshments for the children were served at Joe and Mary Boyts. Refreshments for adults were served at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Weltin.

Mr. James McClellan of the 5700 block of Lindell was recently named chairman of the new board of trustees for Maryville College. An attorney, Mr. McClellan is a former member of the St. Louis School Board.

Christmas Contest Winners

The area was lit up like a Christmas tree this year, making it harder and harder for the WHN judges to decide on winners in the annual lighting contest. After they put their heads together several times, judges decided on the following winners.

Winners of cash prizes were: Mr. and Mrs. Devers of 5960 DeGiverville, the Moody's of 5963 Waterman, and the Harlan's of 5847 Pershing.

Honorable mention went to Thomas Jordan of 5859 Pershing, the Browning's of 5839 Waterman, the Hollis' of 5956 McPherson, the Jones' of 5744 McPherson, the Minor's of 5925 DeGiverville, and the Gar's of 5939 DeGiverville.

Winners of the Rosedale-Skinker Christmas decoration Contest:

1st Prize
Mrs. Rena Barksdale
Mrs. Thomas
6012 Westminster

2nd Prize
Edith Coleman
Jamie Wheeler
6135 Washington

3rd Prize
Art and Dottie Santen
6125 McPherson

Prizes were 2 pizzas from Talayna's, box candy from Barry Drugs; and a gift certificate from Bookmasters.



public education

Following is a brief report on the efforts of the Education Committee during the past year. Chairman Chris Wright stated: "All we got after a year's work, were some basketball hoops on the Rooms of 15 yard."

At the time of the first meeting with Clyde Miller, Acting Superintendent of Schools a year ago, the Committee was concerned with children walking from the North side of Delmar and families being split by the bussing. Miller promised to look into it and referred the group to District Superintendent, Charles Brasfield.

Mr. Brasfield said that the District office was working on the problem of families attending several different schools. The Committee then approached him with the need for more classroom space.

Brasfield stated the often-repeated refrain that the Board has no money and also that the Board had investigated the use of the old Bettendorf Store on DeBaliviere but was unable to lease it. Asked whether space in churches would be acceptable he said that the Board would look at any space the Committee could find and make an engineer's report on it.

Delmar Baptist Church indicated that they would be willing to consider leasing their school facilities to the Board of Education, space that would accommodate approximately 250 children. The Committee took this information with the idea of creating a primary center in the Church to Mr. Brasfield. A Report of the building was issued in May which estimated an expenditure of \$35,000 would be necessary to bring the building up to public school safety standards and Mr. Brasfield eliminated that possibility by restating the fact that the Board has no money for renovation of facilities.

In conclusion, the Committee felt that expanded interest and extreme community pressure on the Board and the District Superintendent would be necessary

CHURCH NEWS

by Cherie McKee

ST. ROCH'S
 Card Party
 February 6 12:30 in gym
 Admission: \$1.50 at the door.
 Door prizes, cherry booth.

Ash Wednesday February 16
 In addition to regular masses, there will be an additional mass at 7:30 p.m. Blessed ashes will be distributed at all masses to signify our common Christian aim of Lenten penitential purification.

Women of St. Roch's will meet the second Sundays of each month.

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Library News

Because of the intense cold over the weekend of January 14-15, the Martin Luther King Day observances of the Library were lightly attended. However, there was favorable comment on the poster and book displays exhibited in the Library to the memory of this great American. The Library was closed a half-day on January 15th in memoriam.

The film shown on January 15th, "Black History - Lost, Stolen or Strayed" was an excellent one, and we hope that we will be able to have it again for showing during Black History Week in February.

Both adult and juvenile film series will start in February. Our juvenile film series will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 5th and films will be shown on both the 12th and 26th of February. The adult film series will start the 22nd of February with the chiller, "Dracula Has Risen From the Grave." Starting time for the adult films will be at 5:30 p.m., immediately after the Library closes.

Our regular crafts class, held each Tuesday from 4-5 p.m., is steadily growing and we would like to invite all children to "come on down." Miss Anastasia, the class leader, has led many interesting sessions, and we are sure that February will offer opportunity for the creation of some seasonal decorations and juvenile "objets d'art."

(The following statement of purpose is being considered by the S-D Board)

PURPOSE OF THE SKINKER DEBALIVIERE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council serves as an umbrella organization in an area bounded by Lindell, Parkview, Delmar and DeBaliviere in the West End of St. Louis. Working with the people, neighborhood organizations, churches and agencies in the area, it is the hope that the Skinker-DeBaliviere area will continue to maintain the heterogenous and desirable urban environment it presently enjoys.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council should in no way attempt to control all that happens in the area. On the contrary, the strength of this area lies in the ability and freedom of independent groups and individuals to come together and share their resources to meet particular problems. The Council, through its Community elected Board and staff, can serve these groups in many ways, but the key words must be serve and not control. Two examples of many such groups that operates independently but in a cooperative relationship with the Council, are the People's School and The Paper which have called upon the Council when necessary but doing so as a autonomous and independent organizations. The word confederation best describes the situation in the community with the Council serving when called upon.

Still certain situations do exist that are best met with an area-wide effort. These areas of concern; Housing, Crime, Education, Commercial Redevelopment and Communications are properly the direct task of the Council, but once again, only in close cooperation with the entire community. The success of any program demands as full a participation as possible.

The mission of the Council, is then, to serve the community through coordination, support, organization and formulations of new programs and direction to meet particular area concerns.

THE PROGRAM

1) **HOUSING:** By Board agreement in November 1970, the staff of the Council was to devote 60% of it's time for Housing Redevelopment.

2) **EDUCATION:** To work with Education Committees to meet the need in our area for increased classrooms. Also to seek ways and methods to offer alternative forms of education. Investigate feasibility of Danforth Grant.

3) **CRIME:** Although the Crime Committee can not be expected to end crime in our area, the task of the Committee

will be to increase the Block-Watchers Program, maintain a good relationship with the Police Department, maintain crime statistics, assist groups in anti-crime programs and encourage the use of Etching Machines.

4) **CREDIT UNION:** Develop an area credit union with a major emphasis on low interest loans for home and building repairs to area residents. Feasibility by March 1, 1972.

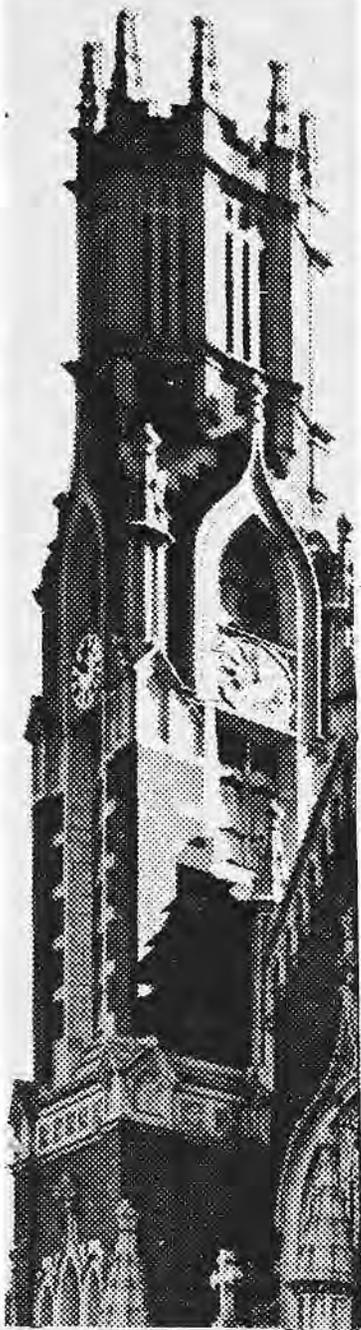
5) **YOUTH COMMITTEE:** Work closely with Dorothy Garrett's Youth Committee in establishing the following:
 (a) Summer Program Funding,
 (b) Funds for full year youth program

6) **NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS:** Support the local organizations and groups where ever possible in their efforts to organize and maintain their neighborhood and programs. Also, seek effective ways to increase the line of communications between these groups.

7) **NEW INVESTMENT:** Continue to seek methods to attract new investment in the area through home purchase and improvement, apartment purchase and improvement and commercial development.

8) **GROUP SUPPORT:** Continue to support and help create groups that are formed to meet a particular need or problem.

9) **RESPONSE TO REQUEST:** Be prepared to respond to requests presented to the Council or aid or assistance. These kind of requests are best classified as those demanding an immediate and not long term response such as finding housing or investigating code violations.



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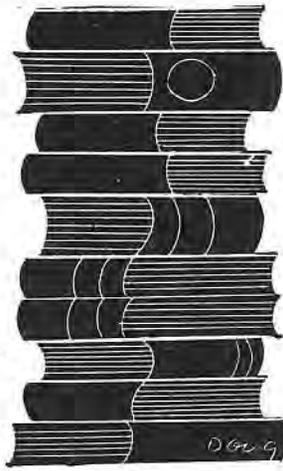
In response to reports of cutbacks and closings in the St. Louis parochial school system, a spokesman for St. Roch's school commented that the changes would not affect St. Roch's School, which expects to operate a full eight grades plus kindergarten for 1972-73. (There is some discussion of a possible community kindergarten sponsored jointly by the three major churches in the area but this is in the very early stages.)

Present policy is that where space is available qualified students will be accepted at St. Roch's on a tuition-paying basis. Questions concerning enrollment should be directed to the principal, Sister Leo Ann, PA1-2595, at the earliest possible date since many arrangements for the fall term must be completed by April.



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Bob Moore, chairman of the S-D Board of Directors has submitted his resignation because of a time conflict.

Mr. Moore is currently a member of the photography staff of the St. Louis Globe Democrat and his working hours prohibits his attendance at Board meetings.

He has also been a volunteer chief photographer for The Paper



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The 5700 block of DeGiverville was busy over the Christmas holidays helping Santa do his work. On December 23rd Santa and his DeGiverville helpers visited each home on the block and gave every child an attractive gift. The teens of the block sang Christmas Carols and then partied on cookies and hot chocolate.

The New Year was started right on this block with a party for the adults. Music, good food, and friendly conversation added up to a pleasant evening.

The 5800 block of Pershing has consolidated the North and South side units to make the block club. Jim Garrett is the new chairman. Jim is a long time resident of the area, and we are delighted to see him accept the job. Mrs. Holley, former chairman of the 5800 Pershing South, will remain active as co-chairman. Other new officers are Mrs. Goodum, treasurer, and Mrs. Ann Bergman, secretary.

Mrs. Billy Holland is the new chairman of the 5800 block North of Waterman. She replaces Mr. Curtis, who has been outstanding in his service and concern for his block and the whole community. Mrs. Holland has been actively interested in her block for many years, and she will certainly keep up the work Mr. Curtis has done.

Mr. Murrell Jones has been elected new block leader of the 5800 block of DeGiverville. Mr. Corliss Billups, former chairman, remains as co-leader. Last year this block focused on cleaning the railroad right-of-way. While co-operating with other blocks along the right-of-way, they met some success in having debris removed from the tracks.

Miss Marianne Schenck of the 5800 block of Waterman was married in December and moved with her husband to Columbus, Ohio. Miss Schenck was written up by one of the metropolitan papers in June, when she received her Master's degree in Pediatric Nursing from St. Louis University despite being confined to a wheel chair.

The Pershing Christmas Carolers were out again this year. They made the rounds of their own street and were treated to hot chocolate and other goodies afterward.

Sewing Exchange Welcomes Problems

The Sewing Exchange is open again. St. Roch's Gym, Monday nights, 6 - 9 P.M. (during women's gym classes). Neighborhood women with sewing problems, or with sewing tips they'd like to share, are welcome to stop in and consult with other seamstresses.

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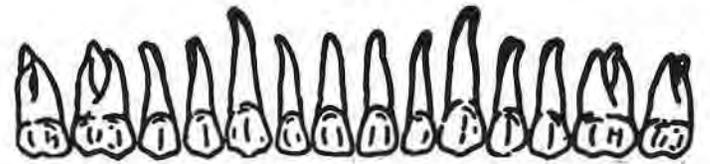
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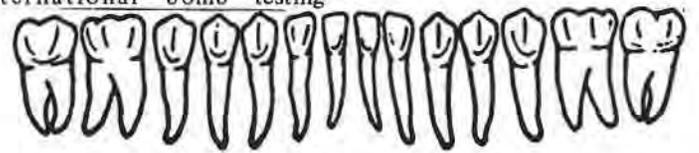
The St. Louis Baby Tooth Survey, the largest strontium 90 absorption study in the world, begins its ten-week Winter Tooth Roundup this week. The drive will end March 17, but the Survey hopes that teeth will continue to be sent in long after the drive is completed.

According to Dr. Harold L. Rosenthal, project director in the analyses being carried out at Washington University School of Dentistry, it is important for children now losing their teeth to contribute these teeth to the Survey. Baby teeth reflect strontium 90 absorption. Teeth of children born in 1966 and 1967 are especially wanted because they provide data during decreasing fallout that occurred after the initiation of the international bomb testing

moratorium. This moratorium was agreed to by all countries except China and France.

However, all baby teeth are wanted and needed what ever year the child was born.

Tooth forms have been distributed to all elementary schools in the city and county. They are available in each classroom and the children are asked to bring a form home when needed. Parents are asked to complete the forms and mail the teeth to Operation Tooth, Box 222, Clayton, Missouri 63105. Each child who sends a tooth receives a button saying, "I Gave My Tooth to Science," which he can wear proudly because it means he has helped science find the truth from a tooth.



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