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

## Happy Holidays



## White Influx

Why are whites moving back into the Skinker-DeBaliviere area?

This question is answered in a report done by Daniel Jaworowski, a St. Roch teacher and graduate student at the University of Missouri. The report was part of his classwork in an urban affairs seminar in the political science department at the University.

The subject of his report was "Why White Families Would Buy A Home In A Heavily Integrated Area." Mr. Jaworowski interviewed 17 out of the 31 buyers who have moved into the area since March 1970.

The answer? Far outstripping any other reason, the economic factor was the principal cause for buying a home. Just under 50 per cent of those interviewed stated that in no way could they even consider purchasing a comparable home in the suburbs at the same price. Many of them were of the opinion that as far as the building structure goes, the \$30,000 to \$40,000 suburb home cannot stand up to these turn-of-the-century edifices. "The craftsmanship displayed in these houses was buried with the death of the last bricklayer who built them," was the comment of one individual.

Prices paid for the homes went from a high of \$21,000 down to \$7,000 with a median price of \$15,000. One of the \$7,000 homeowners estimated an investment of \$14,000 in renovation costs. Another who spent \$18,000 for his home has not yet had any expense.

Only two experienced difficulty in getting loan approval.

"The people themselves were the second highest selling factor. Eleven buyers mentioned this, with five placing it as the primary factor for buying. Closely allied

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## Education

A committee of approximately 23 residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area is being formed to seek ways and make recommendations to meet the educational needs of the area.

The committee was formed by the suggestion of the superintendent of schools, Clyde Miller, at a community meeting where he spoke Oct. 22nd.

As residents expressed their concerns about public education in the area, Mr. Miller stated that the Board and administrators were fully aware of the problems and wanted to seek ways to solve them. The committee, he suggested, was a way of securing community input into the Board of Education's decisions.

Mr. Miller spoke at the invitation of the Washington Heights Neighbors' former

president Joyce Warren. He attended the October meeting at a time he was on vacation, traveling 100 miles to and from the meeting.

The committee was formed with the district superintendent, Charles Brasfield, the Hamilton PTA president, the Hamilton Principal and the executive director of the Council selecting members.

To be named to the committee will be two representatives from Rosedale-Skinker (including one parent), one from Parkview, two SDDC members, two from Washington Heights, three Hamilton School administrators, two teachers, the presidents of Hamilton's PTA and Mother's Club, two parents at large and five other at large members.

The committee is to seek community opinion through surveys or public hearings.

# EVE

- Dec. 5-Police Community Relations Meeting
- Dec. 8-Grace Methodist Church Dinner  
No school at St. Roch's
- Dec. 10-Women of St. Roch's Meeting, after 8:30 Mass
- Dec. 20-Hamilton School PTA Meeting, Christmas Program, 7:30 P.M.
- Dec. 22-St. Roch's School vacation begins at 10:00 A.M.  
  
Hamilton School and Hamilton Branch 3 vacation begins
- Jan. 3-School again at St. Roch's, Hamilton and Branch 3
- Jan. 15-Deadline for copy for February, The Paper
- Jan. 18-St. Roch's Parent's Assoc. Meeting, 8:30 P.M., Scariot Hall
- Jan. 19-St. Roch's Semester Holiday

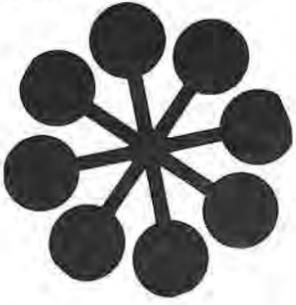
# NTS

## Seen & Noted



The Urban West Senior Citizen's Center opened at 5370 Pershing on October 16.

The Center, sponsored by the Urban League of St. Louis, is open to citizens 55 and over and retired, or of any age if disabled.



## LETTERS

November 14, 1972

Dear Editor:

The time has come to make a decision on moving the 7th District Police Station to Yalem Center at Union and Enright, which we understand is under consideration by the Police Department.

Far too long have our police officers been relegated to the miserable conditions at Union and Page - a building that should long ago have been condemned by the City Building Department.

The former Yalem Center is a large building which could well house the Police, Juvenile Court offices, and City Services - a real boon to the neighborhood and the district - and only a few blocks from the present station.

Citizens of the 7th District, particularly, should make known their support for this move for better services.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Renard  
(Mrs. Robert)

## Follow Through

As someone whose home has been burglarized, I know the frustration of talking to the police only to be told both in word and attitude that I needn't expect to get anything back and that I should know better than to live in this area and so I deserve it. The psychology behind this attitude is, itself, worthy of analysis and discussion, but that is not my purpose here. The police are supposed to be able to solve crimes; when they can't, we are frustrated. But what about the times that they do succeed and then the victim refuses to press charges because he has made a deal with the burglars to get back his stolen property or witnesses refuse to come forward to testify? The next burglary is encouraged by this kind of action. As neighbors we owe it to each other and to the community to follow through. Potential burglars will not be deterred from crime by compromising, indulgent victims and silent witnesses.

Marj Weir

## Editor's column

### Globe Hatchet Job

Globe-Democrat circulation must be 'way down in the West End. What other reason could there be for the hatchet job they did on us after the recent murder on Pershing. The "crime-ridden" West End was tried, convicted and sentenced by a "crusading" newspaper. Emphasis was placed on where this sad event occurred, as if the location were responsible for it. Subsequent developments indicate that it was the act of a sick child who does not even live here. Couldn't this have happened anywhere? Obviously, but sick minds in other parts of our city and county do not seem to interest the Globe-Democrat nearly so much. Perhaps we are on their "list" because we don't buy their yellow journal, but I suspect it's because we sell it. The magic phrase "West End," conjuring up lurid images in the minds of timorous suburbanites, is good for circulation. The Globe sure is a high-crass paper.

Marj Weir

### Clutching at Straws

by Jean Eberle

It probably didn't surprise anyone in this neighborhood to read a recent article in the daily press stating that the ordinance requiring real estate companies to register the names of the straw parties they use in real estate transactions was being ignored by the real estate industry.

Anyone who has studied property blight knows that real estate owners can avoid court action on their violations of the real estate and housing codes if they change straw parties often enough. It is a neat system. If 6000 Blank Street is cited for violations by a city inspector, the legal procedure is begun and paper filled out citing Joe Doe, the owner of record. Only when the process server arrives, he finds out that John Doe has deeded the property to Richard Roe, so the procedure starts again. Roe deeds the property to Smith, who deeds it to Jones and so on, and months and years pass while the building continues deteriorating.

The Board of Aldermen can do nothing more important for the future of this city than to see that this ordinance is enforced and the real estate interests, which have contributed so mightily to urban blight, made to register the names of the straw parties they control. Then tenants and neighborhood groups need not spend years just looking for the name of the true owners of local property. As Mort Sahl once put it, "You can't reform 'em if you can't catch 'em."



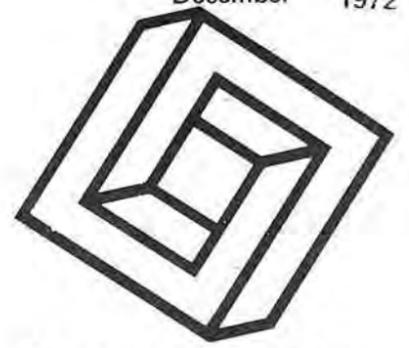
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(There will be no January issue of The Paper so our volunteers can enjoy a

Christmas Holiday. Next issue out on February 2nd - copy deadline, January 15th).



## NEW CAR BLUES

In manufacturing the 1971 and 1972 automobile, it would appear as if the automotive industry has taken one step beyond -- beyond belief!

In the first five months of 1972, the industry recalled more cars than it sold. More recalls came later in the year. That should give you pause for thought; particularly if you're thinking "new car" thoughts.

Engines twist loose, wheel-axle assemblies come off, flash fires occur in the air filters, bumpers crumble like creampuffs. All of this is due, we read, to "engineering decisions"; makes you wonder where these engineers received their degrees, doesn't it?

Anyone who has ever owned a car expects a certain amount of annoyance; the usual squeaks and rattles, windows that stick, clocks that don't work, etc. But, after 50 years of experience, wouldn't you think they could get rid of the old "bugs", instead of creating new, more dangerous ones?

Of course, the automobile industry doesn't like to advertise its failures. They prefer to talk about how sexy, solid, simple and honest the new cars are. They advertise sleek styling, attractive design and roomy comfort. And then they name them -- The Thunderbird, The Spitfire, The Matador, The Pinto. Names that conjure up mental images of unbridled speed and daring; daredevil drivers off on a fantastic adventure; knights in steel armour, barreling down the highways in search of who knows what?

If all the time, energy, and money that went into advertising and styling was channeled into the manufacture of a SAFE automobile that would be guaranteed to run for five years, without recall, we'd all be better off financially and physically! They could call it something drab like The Workhorse, The Surefire, or Old Reliable. After all, a name is a name! It's performance that counts!

So, for all of you who enjoy driving, we wish you a seat belt that won't give way under stress, undented fenders, and an axle that remains on your car.

May God bless and protect you, I don't believe Detroit has any intention of doing it!

Donnie Lottes

# West End Receives Money

West End Townhouses, Inc., a limited dividend firm, founded by the late Phillip Lucier, to buy, renovate, rent and sell multiple family dwellings in the neighborhood, reports that it is completing readjustments caused by Mr. Lucier's sudden death in 1970.

Through the fore-sighted help of the Washington University trustees, West End Townhouses has guaranteed credit of \$150,000 and hopes to soon have another \$150,000 guaranty from another donor. At present a long term mortgage has been obtained from Commerce Mortgage, a subsidiary of the Commerce Bank of University City, to retire some outstanding debts and to complete renovation of certain West End owned buildings.

West End Townhouses own some 26 parcels of real estate in the area. The two apartments on 6000 Kingsbury, immediately west of the SDCC office and Peoples' Clinic are scheduled to be demolished soon and the ground used as a small green space. By spring of 1973, the firm hopes to be once more actively acquiring and renovating local buildings, then selling or renting them to responsible parties.



# Playground Schedule

The after school recreation program at Hamilton #3 is acquiring more youngsters each week. 175 enrolled in the first two weeks after the program opened. The neighborhood committee which works with the city Department of Parks and Recreation on the program is anxious to have teen-agers, young adults and adults volunteer to help with the program so that a variety of sports and crafts can be managed at one time. This is especially true as teams are formed because the two parks and recreation staff members assigned cannot be coaching and supervising other activities at the same time. Transportation to games will also require adult help.

Parents are urged to read and clip the following schedule of daily activities and advise their children when the playground is open to their age group and when it is not. Negotiations are under way with the school administration to utilize other space besides the gym so that the range of activities can be expanded.

Monday night; 7 P.M. dancing class for boys and girls.  
 Monday: 3:30 to 6:45, boys 12-16 years only, sports.  
 Tuesdays: 3:30 to 6 P.M. boys and girls - 4 to 12 years  
 Tuesdays: 6:15 to 9:00 P.M. boys and girls  
 Wednesdays: 3:15 to 6:15, younger children's activities  
 Wednesday: sports for women, except every second Wednesday of the month which is movie night from 5:30 to 7:00. Women wishing to use the gym on the second Wednesday of the month may do so from 8-9:00 P.M.  
 6:15 to 9:15, women's sports, volleyball and basketball  
 Thursdays: 3:30 to 6:00, boys and girls, 4 to 12 years  
 6:15 to 9:15, men's night, volleyball, basketball  
 Fridays: 3:30 to 5:00, boys and girls, 4 to 12 years (every other Friday)  
 a movie/5:30 to 8 P.M., boys and girls, 12 to 18 years.  
 Every day: 3:00 P.M. set up equipment, 9:15 Clean-up  
 No activities on Saturdays and Sundays.

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to this was "the sense of neighborhood" that pervades the area. The former meant having one or two close relationships and casual acquaintance with others. The latter had the connotation of a feeling that was larger than any individual. Perhaps, the best way to classify this intangible sense of neighborhood might be to call it an esprit de corps.

"Integration was a factor in buying a home in eight instances. Of the eight, three said that this was the primary cause of purchase

"The last reason was the idea of a 'big old house.' First of all, for some families it was practical. For others, aesthetics seemed to be a determining factor. They appreciated the beauty and craftsmanship of the homes and were willing to invest because of this.

"In addition other factors were (a) convenience to job, church, school, cultural areas, etc. (b) this was a balanced, real world. The world is diverse and people have to accept it as such. Furthermore, people profit from exposure to diversity -- religious, ethnic, economic, social -- for their world is broadened. (c) Four buyers wanted to renovate a home and fulfill a personal ambition in doing so. (d) For two people it seemed to be simple love of city life."

What kind of people buy these homes? Of the 31 people interviewed (husbands and wives considered separately) 27 came from what would be defined as predominately white backgrounds. Four had lived in integrated neighborhoods previously. Eleven of 17 had lived in the area before buying into it.

Occupations varied from professor to student, lawyer to blue collar worker. Of the 17 heads of household, 13 had received a college education. Only one of the persons interviewed was over forty. Most had become interested in the area because they knew someone who lived here. In five cases Washington University was the motivating force. Most of the homeowners were well acquainted with the area.

In at least ten cases the Resident Service was helpful, citing their friendly "sense of recruitment".

Mr. Jaworowski states that one of the groups most instrumental in maintaining the neighborhood is the Residential Service headed by Joan Bender and Suzanne Hart. The voluntary organization has been successful because of "the friendly sense of recruitment, and the informal word-of-mouth advertising."

# Wash. U.

Since last April, Roundhouse, a student operated, non-profit community resource center at Washington University, has offered a placement service for area students who want to volunteer in any of 200 community organizations ranging from the Red Cross to the juvenile court.

Roundhouse also serves as an information center for Washington University and the community. For further information, call Project Roundhouse at 863-0100, ext. 3120.



## HELP WANTED

Columnists and ad salesmen for The Paper. We need youth columnists and an apartment dwellers' column.

Ad salesmen make five or six calls a month. Volunteers only.



West End Townhouse Inc. is demolishing these apartments at 6018-26 Kingsbury, since renovating them would be too costly. The apartments have been boarded up for some time.

# CRIME DOWN

by Jim Hitchcock

The incidence of crime in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area followed an irregular pattern from May to October of this year, with no clear evidence of long-range increase or decrease except in home burglaries.

There were three murders in August and one in October, but none in May, June, July or September. There were no reported rapes during the summer but two in September and one in October. Assaults reached a high of seven in May and have since fluctuated, with five each in September and October.

Residential burglaries reached a high of 33 in September and dipped sharply to 17 in October. Summer totals had fluctuated between 24 and 32. Thefts of more than \$50. reached their peak in May - twelve. There were five each in September and October, which was close to the low for the entire period. Auto thefts were at a high of 15 in July and have since declined steadily - 14 in August, 11 in September, and ten in October.

There were eight business burglaries in October, the high for the six-month period. The low was two in August. Other categories of robbery and burglary showed no consistent pattern.

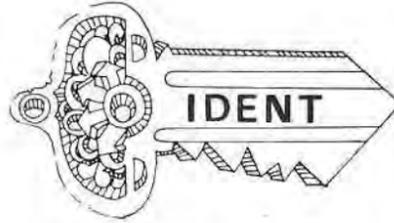
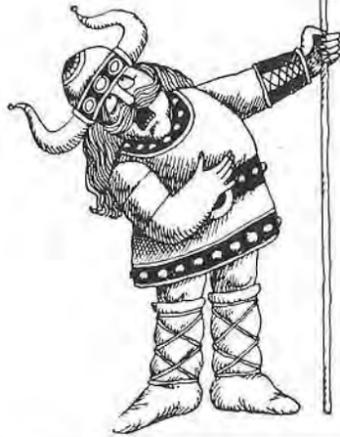
During the summer months, the latest period for which figures are available, the Skinker-DeBaliviere area accounted for only a small minority of the crimes committed in the Seventh Police District - 14 per cent of the murders, 20 per cent of thefts over \$50 - 10 per cent of residential burglaries, less than one per cent of rapes, assaults, and auto thefts.

During the same summer period the number of crimes in most categories decreased in the Seventh District over the same period in 1971, and the total number of crimes decreased by nine per cent.

## PCR

The Union-Page Police Community Relations Center, 5884 Easton, is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. If you have any questions, the telephone number is EV 5-0290.

Police Community Relations meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 P.M. at Wohl Center, 1515 N. Kingshighway. The Businessmen's Club meets every second Thursday at 8:30 A.M., at the Center, 5884 Easton.



For the first time this year the crime rate for house burglaries is up five per cent in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. One burglar has admitted to 91 house break-ins in this area. Reason for the increase: Jack Wright, chairman of the crime committee, speculates, "The area south of Forest Park has participated heavily in Project Ident, and I think the burglars are moving this way."

Project Ident is effective only if a community participates fully. The project, begun by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Council, involves the use of etchers to etch each person's driver's license number on an irremovable part of his valuables. A sticker is placed in a prominent place warning burglars that the goods are permanently marked.

Communities which have used this method report it is effective because it prevents the burglar from fencing his goods. They are too easily identifiable.

With the holiday season approaching, it is imperative that more residents participate in this project. The use of the etcher is free! Simply call or go to the Skinker-DeBaliviere office, 6008 Kingsbury, 862-5122. Residents can also obtain etchers from the Seventh District Police Department and the Women's Crusade Against Crime.



BE A BLOCK WATCHER

The Block Watcher program, a cooperative venture of police and citizens, has proved an excellent crime deterrent. Citizens are given a one hour training session by the police, a short briefing on activities to notice, etc., and are then given a special telephone number at police headquarters which they use to report suspicious activities.

Training sessions are given at intervals throughout the year. If you are interested, leave your name at the SDCC office, Vo. 2-5122, and you will be notified when the next training session is held.

Block watchers are not publicly identified. They do provide their blocks with a crime-preventing service, since they are alerted to watch for suspicious activities. This is a city-wide program. Information can be obtained from SDCC, the Police-Community Relations Office and the Women's Crusade Against Crime.

## Block Mothers

Block Mothers, a nationwide movement for the protection of school children, is not in effect in this area. The program provides for one or two residents on each block who will be home at the hours that children come and go from local schools. Residents are certified reputable and given a sign to post in their windows during school hours. Youngsters are then informed that if they are harrassed or frightened on their way to school, to go to the Block Mother for assistance.

Parents interested in the Block Mother program are urged to bring the matter to the attention of the PTA.

## HELPING TRUANTS

An office for a new project called The Project for the Improvement of School Attendance (PISA) will be opened at 1153 North Kingshighway late in October. Five store-front centers will be opened throughout the city.

The project is part of a city-wide effort by school officials, juvenile authorities and the police department to locate truant youngsters and provide counseling for them.

Truant youngsters will be brought to the Center on Kingshighway instead of returning them to school or detaining them in a police station as has been the practice in the past. There a police officer, school social worker, and juvenile officer will cooperate in getting to the causes of the student's truant behavior, notifying parents and the school. Generally truant students will be kept at the center all day and return to school the next day.

The project is funded by the Missouri Law Enforcement Assistance Council. The project objectives are to apprehend chronic truants, identify problems leading to truancy, provide needed services through counseling, education, recreation, health and welfare and reduce truancy and crimes by juveniles. Miss Rita Kough is the school social worker assigned to the center serving the west end.

## Etching tools available

Electric engraving tools for marking valuables are available from the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., 6008 Kingsbury, and from the Police-Community Relations Office, 5884 Easton. Tools can be borrowed for three days, after a small deposit which is refunded when the tool is returned.

Residents are urged to etch their driver's license numbers on all valuables and to put the stickers available with the tools on their windows so that would-be thieves know that items stolen from the home will be hard to dispose of. Pawnshops have been warned not to accept etched goods unless the person who brings in the items can show a driver's license with a matching number.

The tool itself is no more difficult to use than any other writing instrument and will mark metal, wood, glass etc. In areas all over the country where the Operation Ident program has been used on a wide scale, burglaries have diminished in number by as much as 50% to 60%. Since break-in burglary of empty residences is the major offense in this neighborhood, the use of the etching tool should be a most useful preventive measure.

For further information and to reserve an engraver for your use, telephone Vo. 2-5122.

# Wake Your Own Peace



Crime is down in the 7th District and in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area (though the West End keeps its image as a high crime area). Monthly statistics for the last year or so, have steadily declined as quoted in another article on these pages.

Our job is to bring them down to zero, by making any kind of crime risky and unprofitable in our neighborhood. Printed here are some steps we can take to discourage criminal activities in our community.

## Apartment Dwellers

GET TO KNOW WHO LIVES IN YOUR BUILDING, or, in the larger buildings, those who live on your floor. Keep an eye out for them, and a suspicious eye on strangers. Be especially thoughtful of elderly people or invalids, checking to see that they are all right. Let them know you are available if they need help.

INSIST THAT YOUR LANDLORD PROVIDE... good door locks, front and back. Door chains or peepholes. Adequate lighting in halls, gangways, garages. Locks on all basement entrances, that are kept closed and locked at all times. Heavy mesh screening for windows on the first floor and fire escapes.

If your landlord refuses to do any of these, notify him that you are attending to them and will deduct the cost from your rent. This is particularly effective when done by all tenants in a building as a group. If you have any questions, call the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Office, VO. 2-5122

WHEN YOU ARE OUT leave a radio and some lights on.

IF YOU MUST COME IN AT NIGHT, call a neighbor and ask him to keep an eye out for you.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE AWAY FOR SOME TIME let a neighbor know. Stop mail and other deliveries.

DO NOT WALK ALONE AT NIGHT  
KEEP THE ST. LOUIS POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT HAND.  
CE. 1-1212.

## For The Children

KNOW YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

DO NOT TALK TO STRANGERS, OR ACCEPT CANDY, GUM, OR OFFERS OF A RIDE.

MARK YOUR BIKE AND KEEP TRACK OF IT. Do not ride alone far from your own neighborhood.

AVOID GANGS OF KIDS. If followed, or worried, go to the nearest house you know and ask a grown-up to call the police.

DO NOT SEND CHILDREN ALONE TO THE STORE WITH MONEY.

TEACH CHILDREN AND BABY SITTERS NOT TO GIVE OUT INFORMATION ABOUT WHO IS HOME AND WHO IS OUT, ESPECIALLY OVER THE TELEPHONE.

## Homeowners

CHECK YOUR LOCKS ON DOORS AND WINDOWS. Keep screen and storm doors latched. Keep outside basement doors, and entrance from basement to house locked at all times. Use grills or heavy mesh screen on basement windows, or nail them shut. Pay attention to balcony windows, french doors, etc. Keep your garage locked.

KEEP FRONT AND BACK OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON DURING THE EVENING HOURS.

KEEP A LIST OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS OR OTHER MARKINGS ON VALUABLES.

DO NOT LEAVE LADDERS AND TOOLS OUTSIDE.

POST POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS NEAR YOUR TELEPHONES.

WHEN AWAY, stop all deliveries and ask a neighbor to turn lights on and off daily.

## For Women

DO NOT WALK ALONE AT NIGHT.

LEAVE YOUR PURSE AT HOME WHENEVER POSSIBLE, and then do not carry valuable papers or credit cards when walking.

A new booklet, "Lady, Be Careful", is being printed by the Women's Crusade against Crime. Get a copy and read it.

KNOW WHO YOUR BLOCK WATCHER IS.

IF SUSPICIOUS of a burglar when returning home, go next door and telephone police.

## All Residents

DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR TO STRANGERS: TEACH CHILDREN, GUESTS AND ROOM-MATES NOT TO OPEN DOORS TO STRANGERS. Use a door chain or a peephole to identify anyone at your front or back door. Be suspicious of anyone who seems to be going door to door looking for a "friend". He can be checking homes, waiting to find one with no one in it, and will break in there. If in doubt, call the police, CE.1-1212, and ask to have a patrol car check your block.

REMEMBER THE POLICE WOULD RATHER PREVENT CRIME, THAN INVESTIGATE IT. Call them when you see or hear suspicious activity.

WHEN YOU ARE HOME, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS. Investigate strange sounds, barking dogs. When the children are coming and going from school, look out the window and see that no one is disturbing them. Report unidentified trucks or vans. If what seem to be workmen are carrying materials out of a house, call your neighbor and be sure the workmen are not thieves. Notice if strangers are loitering on sidewalks or in alleys.

## Car Owners

(Automobile theft by gangs of professionals is nationwide). To discourage professionals and amateurs.....

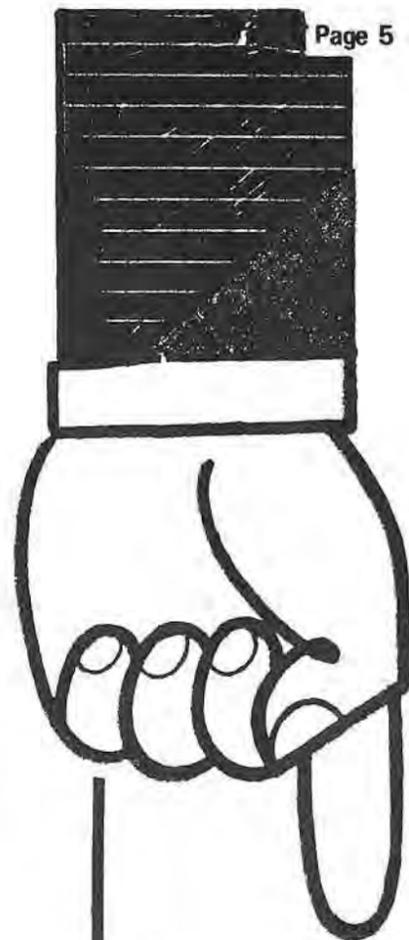
LOCK IT AND POCKET THE KEY AT ALL TIMES.

RIDE AND DRIVE WITH DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

BE SUSPICIOUS OF ANY RUSE TO GET YOU OUT OF YOUR CAR.

BE ALERT ON PARKING LOTS (CITY OR COUNTY). Don't get out of your car if you suspect persons loitering on a parking lot. Drive to a safe telephone and call the police, or call someone in the building to come and meet you.

DO NOT PICK UP HITCHHIKERS.  
DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN CAR.



GOOD NEIGHBORS ARE YOUR BEST SECURITY! BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

# Opportunity

These days we tend to think of education as an expensive commodity as, of course, it is. There are, however, educational services available in our area whose cost is nominal or non-existent. The People's Community School, the Craft Alliance, and the Missouri Historical Society all offer classes, programs, or tours which may interest all age groups.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL,  
HAMILTON SCHOOL, after 6 p.m.  
Mon., Wed., Fri., 863-2600

Mon. Eve.: Charm  
Millinery  
Typing

Wed. Eve.: Typing  
Sewing  
Knitting, Macrame,  
Crocheting  
Bookkeeping  
Drama Instruction

Fri. Eve.: Interpretive Dancing  
Black American  
History

CRAFT ALLIANCE CENTER,  
6640 Delmar; 10 - 2; Tuesday -  
Friday... 725-1177

### For Kids:

Dabbler Workshop-  
(ages)2-1/2-5  
Workshop A (6-8)  
Saturday Studio (9-13)  
Ceramics (8-11)  
Workshop B (9-12)  
Ceramics (11-15)  
December Studio (8-10)  
Design in Papier  
Mache (11-14)

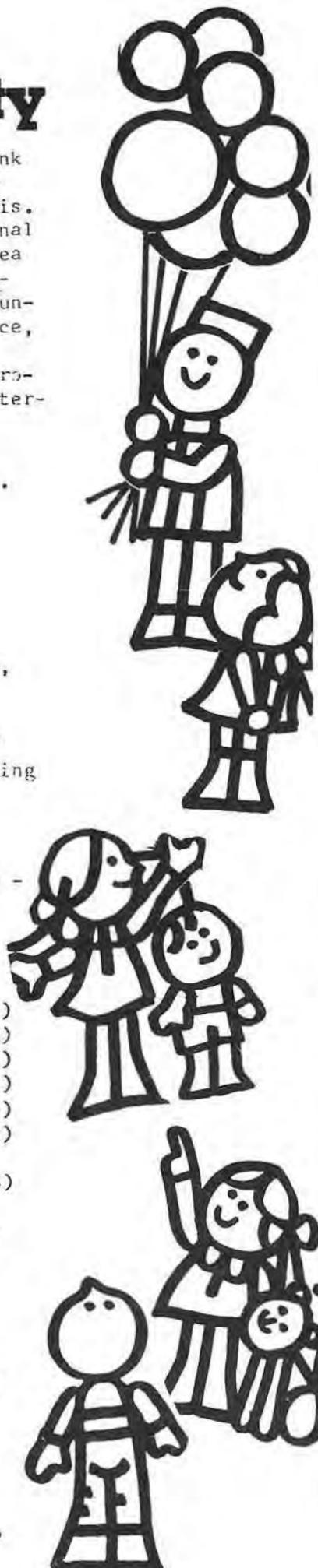
### For Adults:

Ceramics, Jewelry, Etching,  
Figure Drawing, Spinning,  
Christmas Ornaments, Land-  
scape Painting, Weaving,  
Macrame, Photography,  
Sculpture.

MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
Jefferson Memorial, Lindell  
at DeBaliviere, 727-9265.  
(Talks and tours for groups  
by appointment)

Saturday talks and crafts  
hour, October through April,  
ages 7-12.

Nov. 4-Stagecoach Sam  
11-Kidnapping of  
Jemina Boone  
18-Pigeon Pie  
25-California or Bust



## Hamilton

The December P.T.A. Meeting will be December 7, 1972, at 6:30 p.m.

The school is taking part in the development of a series of units designed to acquaint upper grades with practical applications of the law as it relates to consumers, neighborhoods, citizens and professional legislative components i.e. alderman, judges, congressmen, and lawyers.

The major thrust is to assist junior high level students to think critically about the legal consequences of their actions, as well as to assist in helping younger persons view the law in realistic settings or situations where the law most directly affects them as students and teenagers in a complex society.

# HAMILTON REPORT

### Teacher Assistant Program (Board Sponsored)

The focus in this program is to make use of professional and semi-professional persons from the community at large. These adult persons (six in number at the Hamilton School) assist teachers in rooms where the pupil teacher ratio exceeds 34 to 1. Their major job function is to assist the teachers in individualizing the instructional program in rooms with large numbers, as much as possible.

The teacher assistants also instruct in areas where they possess some knowledge and skill. The intent is to give pupils an opportunity to come in contact with persons who have valuable services to offer in addition to the regular teacher.

All teacher assistants have sixty or more hours of college credit. Four of Hamilton's assistants have degrees in English, Anthropology, Fine Arts and History.

Plans are to develop this core of teacher assistants into a unified task force to explore avenues to additional resources for the Hamilton School.

### Career Opportunity Program

This program is not as new as the two previous ones, but its contributions to the Hamilton School has been considerable.

The program is designed to help persons become contributing members in the field of Education. These persons also function in an assisting role within the classrooms and school in general. They take care of much of detail that prevents some of the teachers from spending more time with youngsters who need teachers' special help. COP persons, as they are called, also become instrumental in helping with tutoring, excursions, pupil oriented activities, and project developments as these projects evolve from classroom in which COP persons are working.

### Project Stay Extension Program

This program is centered around the seventh and eighth grade pupils. The purpose is to help upper grades begin making the transition from the elementary level to the secondary level. Steering this program is a half day counselor who counsels pupils about their problems whether these problems be personal, social, or academic.

In addition, programs are being developed for pupils in the areas of hygiene, drugs, social relations, study habits, and prospective employment opportunities. The teachers, administrator, counselor and pupils act jointly in hopes of getting the best results from this new endeavor.

### R.I.T. (2) Program

The R.I.T. 2 program is Hamilton School's way of announcing that an additional Reading Improvement Team has been instituted at the school.

As many may know at this time, the Reading Improvement Team consists of a Reading Specialist, a Reading Aide, and the classroom teachers who are involved (usually ten in number). Also a Remedial Reading Teacher works with both teams to serve the most severe cases of reading problems.

Because of the impressive gains made by the Reading Improvement Team last school year, larger schools such as the Hamilton School received a second team in hopes that the improvements in reading will be twice as great.

### Hot Lunch Program

Slated for early December or late November, the Hamilton School will be providing a hot item lunch program. A series of hot items will be offered; pizza burger, meatballs and spaghetti, hamburger, and cheese-dog. With these items milk, a vegetable or salad will be served. An ice-cream bar also may be purchased for six cents more over the cost of the hot lunch which will be thirty-five cents.

This, to say the least, will be a welcome change from the usual vita-lunch program.

children were all delighted with this new learning experience.

Now at Hamilton Branch 3 everyone is raving and buzzing about its 4th Annual Book Fair. Books of many interesting and varied topics such as biographies, adventure stories, science, crafts, and mystery stories will be included. The books will be on display and may be ordered on November 13, 14, and 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Notices and invitations have been sent to many near and far parts of the city. You, too, are invited.

## Hamilton III

Goblins, clowns, Spanish senors and senoritas and even a robot paraded, danced and ate hot dogs, cup cakes, and drank soda on Halloween afternoon in the gym. All the goodies were donated by the parents, as was the presence of some mothers who participated and enjoyed the festivities with the children and teachers.

That same week notices had been posted that registration dates, time, and place were all week, during the last half hour of school in the office. Most pupils performed their civic duty and registered, thereby enabling them to climax the experience by casting their ballot on election day in a beautifully patriotically decorated hall polling place. The

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**HALLOWEEN:**

**Wet but not Wild**

The Rosedale-Skinker Association can take credit for the wettest party of the year, their fifth annual Hallowe'en Party, held in St. Roch's Gym at 5:00 P.M., before the youngsters went trick or treating. The party brought out soggy ghosts and goblins. Mr. Dale Portner, from the Des Peres Branch Library, provided movies. Costume prizes were won by Chris Mudd, Carrie Mudd, Rebecca Buckley, Gina Crawford, Kitty Newsham, Stephen Buckley, Sue Lottes, Mary Lou Breneisen, Tim Storey and Dennis O'Brien.

Those manning the coffee and doughnut stands on the street barricades fled to nearby front porches to escape the rains. Art Santen, Kitty Buckley, Joe and Mary Hoyts, Roy White and Rick Bender served on the Hallowe'en celebration committee.

**WINTER IN THE CITY**

Steinberg Rink is open for ice skating.

The Jewel Box is finishing up its Autumn display and will have its Christmas display of flowers ready for the holiday season. Admission is free Monday and Tuesday from 9 A.M. till noon. .25¢ other times.

The Art Museum is exhibiting a series of paintings on the American West through December 31st. An admission charge of \$1.00 for adults and .50¢ is necessary for this, but school groups can be admitted free if reservations are made in advance.

If it snows, hopefully, the Park Department will not repeat last year's boo-boo and chase citizens and sleds away from their traditional sledding grounds on Art Hill.

At Shaw's Garden you can walk in a tropical setting through the Climatron.

If the weather is fine, the bike trails in Forest Park are close to S-D residents.



**CHURCH NEWS**

By CHRIS LANGE

The Churches in the area will have an interesting and varied array of Christmas services and activities this season, ranging from the traditional carol service to an Art Festival.

**GRACE METHODIST**

Grace Methodist Church will conduct an Art Festival, November 26 through December 17. Works of Art will include contemporary art in forms such as painting, sculpture, dance and music, centering around the theme "Reconciliation." For information, call the church office at 863-1992.

Grace Methodist Church, at 6199 Waterman, will hold an annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 8. Reservations are necessary. Information and reservations may be obtained by calling the church office at 863-1992.

Starting on Sunday, December 3, Grace Methodist Church will have, in addition to the regular Sunday service, a Contemporary Service at 4:30 p.m.

Grace Methodist Church will have a Carol Service on Sunday, December 17 at 4:10 p.m. A special Christmas candlelight musical service is planned. A handbell choir will sing and ring carols. The neighborhood is invited. Children and adults choirs will be featured.

Grace Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 11 p.m.

**ST. ROCH'S**

The season of Advent begins on December 3. Advent Wreaths will be sold at St. Rochs Church on November 26 and December 3, after the Sunday Masses, by Seminarians from Kenrick Seminary. The sale of the Wreaths will benefit an Appalachian Parish.

On Saturday, December 23, The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Rochs Church will distribute Christmas Food Baskets to needy families in the area who have made application to the church at 6052 Waterman.

St. Rochs Church will also have a Penance Service December 23 at 3:30 p.m. in preparation for Christmas.

Blessing of the Crib and traditional Christmas Carols, at 11:30 p.m. December 24, will precede the Midnight High Mass at St. Rochs Church.

**DELMAR BAPTIST**

Dr. Morgan, Pastor of Delmar Baptist Church, will preach a series of Advent sermons beginning December 3. The Services are at 11 o'clock Sunday mornings.

On Wednesday, December 20, Delmar Baptist Church, at 6195 Washington, will hold an All Church Dinner at 6:15. The dinner will be followed by a Youth Drama. For reservations and information, call the church office at 725-2311.

Christmas Eve, December 24, will be celebrated by Delmar Baptist Church with Candlelight Vespers at 5 o'clock in the evening.



**REDEVELOPMENT**

Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation, a subsidiary firm wholly owned by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, is continuing work on plans for redevelopment of the "triangle area". At present seed money is being sought to finance those professional services necessary for final presentation to HUD in January. That presentation will include all five projects approved for the west end by the Board of Aldermen last spring.

Most of the seed money pledges are contingent upon other pledges so it is necessary for Kingsbury Redevelopment to get all the necessary pledges before any money is released for use.

**REPOSSESSED HOUSES**

A number of local block units, as well as the Council, are inquiring of federal mortgage insuring agencies about the disposition of repossessed homes in our neighborhood. If the federal agencies find the cost of rehabilitation excessive, repossessed homes are scheduled for demolition. Three such homes are causing concern in the neighborhood and, so far, efforts to find information and procedures for local people to acquire the lots are meeting little cooperation from the federal agencies.

Block units are especially concerned that after demolition the vacant lots may pass into the hands of speculators who will build houses not at all in keeping with present neighborhood structures.

Beginning in the January semester, 10 students sponsored by the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Washington University will be working for college credit in our neighborhood, particularly in the field of housing and real estate. The young people will locate and make available records of ownership of local property and bring up to date the Council cross file on real estate activity in the neighborhood, both of which are valuable tools in determining trends in local property movement.

The students will also assist SDCC Housing Committee and the three supporting churches in improving upkeep of deteriorating properties; and will become familiar with those city agencies dealing with housing. Eventually it is hoped that programs such as these will lead to improved quality in the housing of the many students who live in the neighborhood.



**residential service**

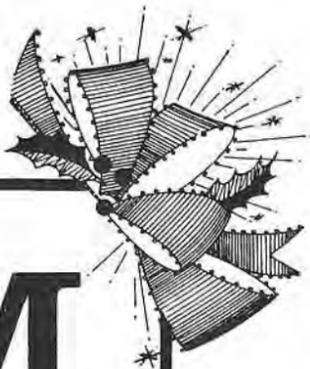
The Residential Service reports that since February 1, 1972, it has been involved in the sale of 18 houses in this area. According to one of the volunteers, more people are looking for houses here than there are houses for sale. If your house must be sold, contact the Residential Service through the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council.

**Wash. Heights Officers**

Washington Heights Neighbors elected new officers at their fall meeting. The new board will consist of Michael Magrath, president; Eddie Sanders, Bruce Smith and Bernard Gray, vice-presidents; Mrs. Nancy Wagner, recording secretary; Mrs. Doris Pickett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Blanche Reel, treasurer; Mrs. Anna Busch, membership; and Mrs. Joyce Warren, past president.

Washington Heights Neighbors is a community association for residents living between Des Peres and DeBaliviere.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



**WANT ADS**

WANT ADS ARE FREE! to all residents of the area served by *The Paper*. Ads can be placed by calling Pa. 1-2124 or Vo. 2-2351 before the 15th of the month.

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