

Tradition

ART FAIR HOUSE TOUR

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Nine undergraduates from Washington University are currently doing a housing survey of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area under the direction of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council and Ecumenical Campus Ministries.

The investigators are using city records to make the survey and are concentrating mainly on multi-family dwellings, according to Calvin Stuart, executive director of SDCC.

"When this is finished we will have a comprehensive record of land ownership, addresses of absentee owners, assessed valuations, code violations, and other important information", Stuart said. He hopes a map can be drawn up showing housing patterns around the neighborhood, which will help in identifying possible trouble areas.

One member of the task force is also doing a security check on multi-family dwellings - such as lighting, locks, and basement entries.

SDCC also hopes to keep a file on property for sale, which will help provide leads for persons interested in moving into the area. A file on property transfers will help locate areas of unusually high turnover which may indicate problems.

The survey began about April 1, and will continue until about the end of May. The students involved receive course credit for their work.

by Jim Hitchcock

GRAND OPENING 9:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 13th

Fat Crepe Cafe
6175 Kingsbury

PANCAKES
COFFEE
ORANGE JUICE
\$1.00
ALL YOU CAN EAT
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT

THE PAPER

GRAND CLOSING 12:00 NOON
SUNDAY, MAY 13th

Neighborhood History

MAY 13

Have you ever walked through our neighborhood and wondered how it came into being? Or speculated as to how Parkview came to be laid out on the circular plan which is so different from the "private streets" east of DeBaliviere? Or wondered how the streets came to be named Kingsbury, Waterman, Skinker, Nina, McPherson, Pershing, Westminster and so on? Or how the pasky little River Des Peres was brought under control?

Soon you will be able to satisfy your curiosity. A publication answering these and any number of other questions will be on sale at the Annual Art Fair held in the 6100 block of Kingsbury on the afternoon of Mother's Day, May 13.

After months of digging into old records and quizzing long-time neighborhood residents, three of our gals, Kathy Harleman, Gee Stuart, and Sue Tepas, have put together a detailed story of the neighborhood, beginning with its ownership by Marie Louise Chouteau Papin and coming right up to a new school plan decided in early April, 1973. It is also well illustrated with maps and charts.

It is a little book which everyone interested in the neighborhood will want to own. We really have a fascinating history, one which new-comer and old-times alike will enjoy knowing about. Publication comes at an auspicious time, the 100th anniversary of the subdivision of the Kingsbury Farm. Much of the material about the relationship of the World's Fair to the development of the area will be new to most of us, though we have always known that there was a connection.

Among the Chapter headings are: The Earliest Owners of the Land; the History of Our Landmarks; Subdividing for Residential Living; The Neighborhood Takes Shape; And Matures. And, of course, an optimistic peek into the future.

Be sure to see the book at the Art Fair. And our thanks to its authors! They have done us a real favor.

.. Avis Carlson

History sets the tone for the 6th annual Skinker-DeBaliviere House Tour-Art Fair, which will be held May 13, from 12-5:00 P.M., on the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

Since 1973 is the 100th Anniversary of the subdividing of the Kingsbury Farm and the subsequent building of the lovely old homes in the neighborhood, the Residential Service of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has prepared "The Neighborhood," a history of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood to be sold at this year's Art Fair-House Tour. The original ownership

of the land can be traced to many old St. Louis families: Chouteau, Papin, Gratiot, Cabanne, DeGiverville, Kingsbury, Waterman, Deaver and Catlin. Many of the streets of the neighborhood reflect the heritage of the Kingsbury family.

Tickets for the House Tour can be purchased at the houses and at the Art Fair. Buses provided by Washington University will transport those taking the tour.

There will be approximately 100 artists displaying their works for sale. Cash prizes will be awarded in various categories.

There will be a Children's Art Fair at the same time with works from neighborhood children, some of which will also be for sale.

For refreshments there will be the Men's Liberation cake and coffee stand and the Boy Scouts will sell hot sandwiches and cold drinks.

ART FAIR WEEKEND EVENTS

Saturday May 12

10 - 4 WHN Plant and Flower Sale, 5792 Waterman

Sunday May 13

9 - 12 Pancake Breakfast, \$1.00, 6175 Kingsbury

12 - 5 ART FAIR

Scouts' Hot Dog Stand, 6150 Kingsbury

Rosedale-Skinker Cake Sale, mid-fair

Flea Market

West End People's Clinic Open House

12:30 - 4 HOUSE TOUR, \$1.00

5 - ? WHN Barbecue, 5765 Pershing

the Paper

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

May 1973

Hamilton School Bazaar

The Hamilton School Spring Bazaar was the concept of four concerned parents who were interested in finding a way to help our School and teachers. To provide some of the modern teaching aids to assure our children of a first rate Education.

We, as Parents, feel that our School is inferior to the southside schools in this district, being that some of our teachers find it necessary to buy teaching aids with their own money to help some of our children learn, where as the conventional method has failed.

We have also found that our teaching materials are late, which works an inconvenience and hardship on our teachers.

This Bazaar will not be a cure-all for Hamilton's schools problems, but it is the beginning of a movement by the parents to help in whatever small way we can, to upgrade our Schools. Continued on page 8

LETTERS

6040 McPherson
St. Louis, Mo. 63112
March 25, 1973

Hi Neighbor's,

I am going to reach out to you. I am hoping that you will give me a hand. At the Hamilton School we have a very competent staff. They have a big job. Sometimes it gets hard but they carry on just the same.

I have been going over to the school two and three days a week and I know what they are doing for our children and it's a very good job. What I am asking for is for more Mother's to come out and check on your child's progress. The teachers will be more than glad to see you. You don't have to have children in Hamilton School to come in and get to know the people that are helping to mold our young ones who are the future of our world. We can help to improve relations between the school and the community. This would help improve the neighborhood and that is one of the things that we are all interested in one way or another.

We are, also, planning a spring bazaar for the school on June 2. We would like to have any donations that you are willing to give. The things that we want are any kind of sewing, crafts, home-made goods and canned foods that were put up at home.

This is an appeal for your help and I hope that you will respond with generosity to the Hamilton School. For further information call Dorothy Lloyd at 862-3273 after 2 P.M.

Thank you,

(signed) Dorothy Lloyd

Dorothy Lloyd
Pres. Hamilton School P.T.A.

Dear Editors,

I have just read the April issue of The Paper and want you to know how much I appreciate your warm note of thanks to Washington University for its work with the Skinker-DeBaliviere community.

In return, may I say that the University's efforts are only significant because of the work of so many involved residents who care about their neighborhood. This is particularly exemplified by those volunteers who work so hard to bring out The Paper which plays a major role in the communication necessary for achieving a real sense of community.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Wm. Danforth
William H. Danforth
Chancellor

Dear Paper:

I would like to share with you this letter that I received from President Johnson a few months ago. The reason I wrote President Johnson was to cheer him up. I saw a picture of him in the paper and he looked very sad and lonely. I told him that I appreciated all that he tried to do for America, and that I was praying for him. A few weeks later he passed on.

Thank you.

Rev. Robert C. Williams
5929 Waterman
St. Louis, Mo.

Austin, Texas

Dear Reverend Williams:

I'm grateful to you and your family for being good enough to think of me and write a very thoughtful letter. Thank you very much for your prayers... and for the generous way you remember me and my Presidency.

Sincerely,

(signed) L. B. J.

Editorial ? # ! * (* Comment

We've moaned and groaned for years. What to do about the schools? The problems seemed insurmountable -- overcrowding, busing, apathy partly caused by the busing, an un-integrated school in an integrated community. Everyone who tried to solve the problem ran into the problem of space -- there seemed to be none in our densely populated neighborhood.

Two years of community effort and frustration. Middle class whites and blacks moving back into the neighborhood to renovate the large, attractive homes, quite frankly, justified their investment by figuring the cost of a private school into their mortgage payments or sending their children to the parochial school or seeking permissive transfers.

Thus, a myth was born. Hamilton, which was located in the most blighted area of the neighborhood, somehow became, in the minds of many, a large, dangerous, overcrowded place. Some thought this line of reasoning was veiled racism, and the community divided into two camps. Thus, the truth about the school became obscured in rumor and innuendo.

Yet, whatever the myth, it is also apparent that the community cannot and will not survive without a school which belongs to the total community. We simply cannot afford a school which is segregated from a large portion of the middle class segment of our community. We need a school where everyone, black and white, rich or poor, feels safe in sending their children and where, most important, everyone feels real learning is taking place. The Hamilton staff, as those of us know who have taken the time to visit the school, maintains that the instructional program is educationally sound. But they are hampered by the myth and the overcrowding.

Now Mr. Brasfield and the district staff have offered us a solution to the overcrowding, and at the same time, an attractive way to significantly integrate the school. Even more important, he has provided an opportunity for us to develop a new kind of school-community relationship -- a working partnership where both faculty and community pool their resources to get the best for the kids.

Hamilton Branch III offers a good place to begin. For one thing, it's small, with only 227 kids and it will provide the kind of personal parent-teacher contact necessary. But big Hamilton parents must also begin to attack their problems, as illustrated by a letter from the parents in this issue. The community-school partnership must embrace both schools.

Integration at the school may be slow. Many of the new families moving into the neighborhood do not yet have school-age children, and whites are in the minority in the community. But as the community becomes more involved in the school, as the Hamilton myth is dispelled, as we all work to support the school, we should see a change in attitudes.

Will the white students graduating from Hamilton Branch III go on to big Hamilton? Many in the community think so. As one of the members of the Resource Committee states, "They'll be going on to Hamilton because they'll be graduating with their friends and neighbors." Integration, however, is significant in only that it will dispel the Hamilton myth and its segregation from the community. What really counts, in the final analysis, is what goes on in the classroom between the teacher and the pupils. And the school staff needs the support of the community to do their job.

Mr. Brasfield, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Miller came to our community meetings and listened to our pleas for consolidation and an end to the busing. They've made it possible, and not without considerable effort on their part. We owe them our thanks. We who worked on the committee last year to solve some of the overcrowding problems never thought it would happen. But it did, and partly because this community made its wishes known to the Board of Education. Now it's up to us. We can, if we try, make Hamilton a school for the total community, as Mr. Brasfield states -- "A source of community loyalty and pride."

To do this is going to take more involvement in the school than going to PTA meetings once a month. We happen to be a community rich in human resources with mechanics living next door to university professors. Let's utilize these resources and, under the direction of the school staff, channel them into the schools. As Mr. Brasfield points out many of the problems the school staff faces are community problems. Let's take the responsibility for these problems and attack them whether it's the safety of our children getting back and forth to school or whether it's organizing an after-school study hall.

Only this working partnership will give us the kind of school this community needs to survive. We can do it if each of us commits himself or herself to the task ahead.

by Jody Creighton

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this community and public education

Two long-time dreams of Skinker-DeBaliviere residents will come true in September. The busing from Hamilton School will be ended and a completely new primary school will be opened in the center of the neighborhood, according to Charles Brasfield, Jr., district superintendent of the Northwest-Soldan district.

The plans, which were announced at the first meeting of the Hamilton School Resource Committee, entail changing Hamilton Branch No. 3 on Des Peres from a federally funded Rooms of 15 program to a regular primary school with grades kindergarten through fourth. Approximately 227 primary children in the area bounded by DeGiverville which cuts an arc through the neighborhood to the city limits (see map) will be eligible to attend. Hamilton will continue to have its outstanding primary program for children in the rest of the district, as well as grades 5 through 8 for the entire school district.

BOUNDARIES REDUCED. Mr. Brasfield also announced to the group of community representatives that Hamilton School's boundaries will be reduced so that busing can be eliminated. The busing problem, with as many as 500 pupils bused daily, has long been a source of discontent in the neighborhood with parents complaining that they have children in four or five schools.

It might be necessary, Mr. Brasfield cautioned, to have some limited busing next year to Mitchell depending upon enrollment. However, Hamilton students will no longer be bused to Wheatley School which is near Vandeventer across Highway 40.

"As school population declines, and we project it will we plan to reduce the boundaries of Hamilton School to reflect those of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood. We want the school to be a source of community loyalty and pride," Mr. Brasfield stated.

The Rooms of 15 program will be transferred to two other nearby Rooms of 15 programs at Cook Branch and Hamilton Branch II. The Rooms of 15, which is federally funded and regulated, provides special remedial help for pupils who are more than a year behind in school. These pupils are assigned to the small classes and given intensive remedial instruction for a year's time. Thus, the proposed plans will not affect students presently enrolled at Hamilton Branch III. Mr. Brasfield reports

that enrollment has been dwindling in Rooms of 15 so that next year even fewer pupils are expected to be eligible. Those who are eligible will be assigned to the Cook Branch and Hamilton II programs.

INTEGRATION POSSIBLE.

Calvin Stuart, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, sees the new school as an opportunity for voluntary integration which would give the Skinker-DeBaliviere area one of the few, if not the only, integrated neighborhood school in a residential area in the city. "We have long said that the stability of the community is tied to the schools. For too many years realtors and loan companies have pointed to the over-crowding at Hamilton and steered prospective homeowners away. Now we have an opportunity to develop a whole new community-school relationship. It's going to take commitment to make it work and I am confident that this community which has, time and time again, given of its time and energy will work with the schools and take advantage of this opportunity," Mr. Stuart stated.

JUNE PARENT MEETING. In order to find out how many children, not presently enrolled at Hamilton, might be attending the new school, Mr. Brasfield will hold a meeting for parents in June. Full details will be announced in the June issue.

According to Mr. Brasfield, enrollment at Hamilton School is expected to decrease. He points to the low pupil teacher ratio, 22 to 25 per teacher in the primary and the higher numbers to 33 per teacher in the upper grades. Average pupil-teacher ratio is 31. This figure will not

be significantly changed by the boundary changes, although Mr. Brasfield expects it to go down in subsequent years. Another indication of the declining enrollment is the drop in busing. This year only 372 were bused compared to 526 last year. This fact and the enrollment decline enabled the school administration to make the changes and add the new school.

In addition, enrollment at the school should decline even more when and if the proposed Kingsbury redevelopment goes through. This area adjacent to Hamilton School is presently high density apartments. The redevelopment will be low rise with two to three units where now there are six to twelve. The redevelopment, which will cover ten acres of the most heavily blighted area in the neighborhood, will have two and three bedroom apartments and much more green space.

HISTORY OF EFFORTS. Two years ago the Skinker-DeBaliviere education committee contacted the district office to propose that they consider Delmar Baptist Church as a possible site for an additional school. Because of state regulations governing school buildings, the church was rejected. The district office also looked into leasing the Ann Raskas Co. 5967 Delmar, which was rejected because the owner wanted an unreasonable price, and the former Bettendorf store on DeBaliviere. However, the Missouri Division of Welfare purchased the building before the district office could negotiate.

The next year residents began mass meetings to seek ways of solving the over-crowding. At one such meeting, Clyde Miller, superintendent of schools, spoke in last October. He promised to

set up a neighborhood committee to solve some of these problems. The Hamilton Resource Committee was formed with representatives from the entire community as well as Hamilton teachers, parents and school officials.

The resource committee, which plans to meet the second Wednesday of each month, will continue to work on developing a school-community action to combat some of the apathy toward the school and to serve as a bridge between the schools and the community.

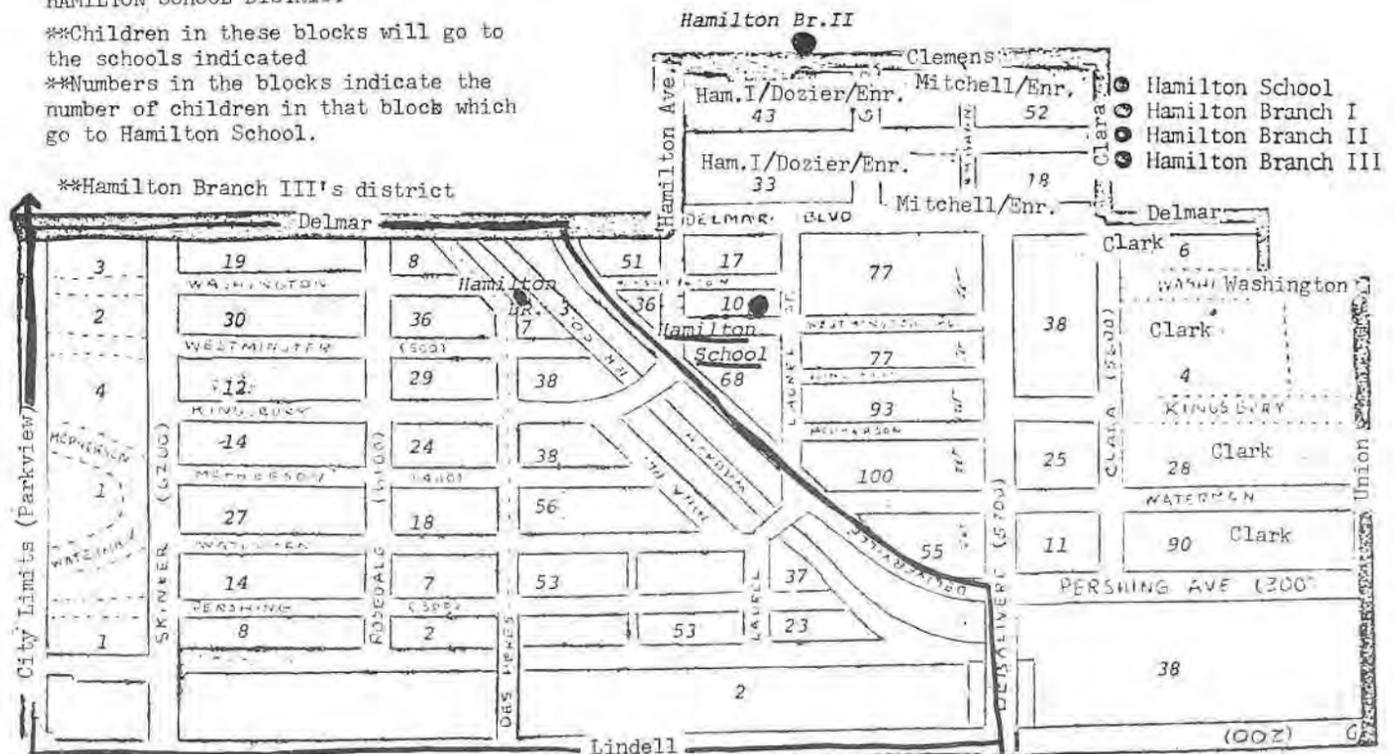
The following people are on the Hamilton School Reference Committee: Rick Bender, Associate Professor in the School of Education at St. Louis University; Charles Brasfield, Jr., district superintendent; Sister Leo Ann Bubb, principal of St. Roch's School; Mrs. Jody Creighton of The Paper staff; Mrs. Jane Davis, Hamilton parent; Mrs. Shirley Deavens, principal of Hamilton Branch III; Mrs. Magnolia Dorsey, Skinker-DeBaliviere resident and Hamilton teacher; Ozzie Flagg, Urban Renewal Office; Jim Garrett, Hamilton parent; Sam Gregory, district assistant; Allan Hamilton, president of Parkview Agents; Mrs. Clarice Haynes, head of People's Community School and neighborhood resident; Mrs. Pat Kohn, of the Neighborhood Un-School; Richard Krueger, president of Rosedale-Skinker Association; Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd, president Hamilton PTA; Michael McGrath, president of Washington Heights Neighbors; John Roach, alderman; Mrs. Louis Rogers, president of the Hamilton Mothers Club; Calvin Stuart, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council; Mrs. Eloise Wright, teacher at Hamilton and neighborhood resident and Cleveland Young, principal of Hamilton School.

by Jody Creighton

HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Children in these blocks will go to the schools indicated
 **Numbers in the blocks indicate the number of children in that block which go to Hamilton School.

**Hamilton Branch III's district





Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Millsap
6212 Waterman

The Millsaps' large 10 room home is unusual in several ways. All the rooms on the first floor are arranged off a long marble-tile hallway running from the front to the rear of the house and ending in an enclosed porch for informal entertaining. Another unusual feature is the sunken solarium which is attached to the living room. It provides another area for entertaining or conversation. The stairway and upstairs halls are papered with bright poppies. This cheerful tone is maintained in the bedrooms.

Cathy and Jim Hammond
6140 McPherson

The Hammonds have used the popular eclectic approach in decorating their 10 room home. The traditional features found in all homes in this area are quite compatible with the bold modern designs and styles the Hammonds have chosen for decoration. Cathy Hammond points out that they were able to move from a 2-room apartment to this house without buying any additional furniture. The living room demonstrates one way they accomplished this. Of particular interest in this home are the temple rubbings from Cambodia and a hand-painted Indonesian batik table cloth which Cathy Hammond collected while in the Peace Corps in Southeast Asia.

Don and Marilyn Wells
6101-3 Washington
2nd floor East

The Wells' apartment is truly individual. The mural on the living room wall, inspired by a novel, "Stranger in a Strange Land," was painted by Mr. Wells. Bright colors, posters, and decorating improvisation make this apartment especially interesting.

The 1973 House Tour features 6 homes in the Skinker-DeBali-viere area. The tour will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. This year two buses will shuttle between the tour homes which should eliminate waiting. This bus service will be free as before.

Tickets for the tour (\$1.00 per person) will be available at each residence and at a table on the barricade at Rose-dale and Kingsbury. Also on sale at tour residences will be "The Neighborhood," a history of our area.

The House Tour Committee was co-chaired by Gee Stuart and Marj Weir. The hard-work-ing committee included Georgia Barnett, Kathleen Hamilton, Chris Lange, and Betty Newsham.

Flowers have been donated by the following florists:

Alex Waldbart English Florists
7000 Clayton 4801 Page

Jos. Witek The Flower Shop
4732 McPherson 8209 Clayton

Pauline Klasing
7715 Clayton



Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Newsham
6142 Kingsbury

There is no wasted space in the lovely 12-room home of Betty and Bob Newsham and their nine children. At the same time it has a spacious airy atmosphere. It's not hard to tell that Betty's color preference runs to yellows and blues. The dining room, featuring an enormous bay window accented by curtains in a lively blue floral pattern, is especially charming. Some items to notice particularly are the mantle and clock in the living room and the antique wardrobe in the 2nd floor hall.

HOUSE TOUR



Gene and Karen Hanacek
6103 Westminster Pl.

The Hanaceks' 8-room corner home features four French doors in the living room opening onto a long porch with an old-fashioned swing. The dark unpainted woodwork throughout the house is very attractive, especially in the dining room.

Visitors should not miss the massive Victorian bedroom furniture on the second floor. Hanaceks have decorated their home with a very appealing simplicity using furniture harmonious with the period of the house which shows it off to good advantage.

Bruce and Nancy Agneberg
6136 Waterman, 1st floor

The Agnebergs' 5 room apartment reflects an interest in art and color. The dining room is done in warm pastels with two paintings by an Art Fair exhibitor. The two French doors in the living room are draped in a bold brown, black, and white pattern offering both privacy and a unifying focus for the room. The Agnebergs have used the "exposed brick" motif in a somewhat different way in their kitchen. Nostalgia and antique buffs will be intrigued by the old song sheets which the Agnebergs have framed for their entry hall.



WHN Barbecue

Complete your day by coming to the Washington Heights Bar-B-Que Social. Following the Art Fair there will be dinners sold featuring tempting ribs, chicken and hamburgers.

Relax, rest your feet, get to meet new friends and neighbors on the side yard at the home of Horace and Anna Busch.

5765 Pershing - 5:00 P.M.

The Washington Heights Neighbors plan to use the profits for projects to beautify the neighborhood, such as planting on the railroad right-of-way.

... Anna Busch



EVENTS

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| May 10-WHN Board Meeting,
7:30 Council Office | May 24-St. Roch's School
Picnic |
| May 13-S-D Art Fair & House
Tour, 12:00-5:00 P.M. | June 1-St. Roch's last
day of school |
| May 14-SDCC Board Meeting,
7:30 Council Office | June 2-Hamilton School
Bazaar |
| May 19 Rosedale Skinker
dinner meeting. | |

An Invitation To You

What: Washington Heights Flower Sale
Where: Home of George and Rose Marie Storey, 5792 Waterman
When: Saturday, May 12, 1973
Time: 10 am. 'til 4 pm.

We'll have outdoor plants including geraniums, azaleas, marigolds, petunias, and others plus a selection of small bushes for your driveway or whatever. We'll have indoor potted plants, which will make a lovely gift for Mother, also a selection of ceramic pots to choose from for your own at-home plants which have outgrown their original pots. We'll have some pamphlets on planting and maintaining your purchases.

For those who would just like to browse, we'll have coffee and donuts served by Boy Scout Troop 98. So please accept our invitation and come on over. I'm sure we'll have something of interest for all.

See you Saturday, May 12th.

Sincerely,

George and Rose Marie

PS-Washington Heights has decided to present all the proceeds to a very worthwhile group in our community, The People's Clinic.

First Families of our Neighborhood

Gould's Directory of St. Louis, in those volumes known as the "Blue Books", listed "prominent citizens" of the St. Louis metropolitan area alphabetically and then listed street addresses and those who lived there. The term "prominent citizens" is not defined, but these were the only source available to the authors of the just-completed history of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood. In the public interest (and perhaps curiosity), we begin here to present a listing of the "F.F.S-DeB." - the First Families of Skinker-DeBaliviere, as listed in the Blue Books. No one was listed north of Forest Park and Washington University nor South of the middle of Delmar Blvd. until 1908.

1908

Kingsbury Boulevard

- 6179 - Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Long and daughter.
- 6185 - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Barklage.
- 6189 - Mr. & Mrs. James F. Ewing; Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Van Buskirk.

McPherson Avenue

- 6185 - B.F. Hufft; L.L. Hufft; Miss Hufft; Mrs. O.H. Graham
- 6227 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Mansur; Charles I. Mansur
- 6237 - Mr. & Mrs. C.B. Johnson; Mrs. H.M. Kirkpatrick; Dean Johnson; Ernest Johnson.
- 6251 - Mr. & Mrs. E. Marquard Forster.
- 6303 - Mrs. Josephine Schlossstein; Mrs. Caroline Seitz & daughter

Washington Boulevard

- 6181 - Mrs. E.F. Quigley; Miss Maud Quigley.
- 6219 - Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Kansteiner & daughter.
- 6325 - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cella
- 6349 - Mr. & Mrs. George F. Haid

Waterman Avenue

- 6212 - Mr. & Mrs. Harry A. Linneman
- 6230 - Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Buck; Mrs. France Wharton
- 6231 - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smith; Fred Smith; Charles Smith.
- 6235 - Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Gordon.
- 6241 - Mr. & Mrs. F.D. Bennett; Mr. & Mrs. C.H. Campfield; Mr. & Mrs. W.I. Harrison
- 6242 - Mr. & Mrs. T.S. Obear & daughter.
- 6248 Mr. & Mrs. Adolphus G. Meier.
- 6249 - Mr. & Mrs. Alcee Stewart; Miss Mary Sargeant; Miss Martha Sargeant.
- 6255 - Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Vierling.

Westminster Place

- 6253 Rev. & Mrs. R.C. Cave; Elmore Cave; Rhodes Cave; E.P. Cave; Maury Cave; William D. T. Cave.

If your house has been listed here and you are interested in just who these people were, we suggest that you look them up in the Gould's St. Louis Directory under the year they are listed here, but in the Gould's called the "Red Book" which lists everyone in the metropolitan area with occupation and residence. These books are on open shelves in the History & Genealogy Room of the Main Library downtown. If your house has not been listed here, look for it next month, when we will continue this column, or the next or the next. We will keep going until every house is listed.

(Information from Gould's Blue Books is courtesy of the Missouri Historical Society and the Olin Library, Washington University.)

- .. Kathy Harleman
- .. Gee Stuart
- .. Sue Tepas

1909

Berlin Avenue (Now Pershing)

- 6177 - A.B. Hoffer; Mrs. A. Nacke & daughter.
- 6179 - Mrs F. Kreismann.
- 6185 - Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Whitton
- 6187 - Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Cole.
- 6208 - Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Conrad.

Kingsbury Boulevard

- 6119 - Dr. A.H. Vordick.
- 6127 - Mr. & Mrs. Frank N. Horn.
- 6131 - Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Rose; W. L. Rose.
- 6143 - Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Robinson.
- 6151 - Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Sultan.
- 6157 - Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Purdon; Arthur Purdon.
- 6158 - Mr. & Mrs. L. Bertram Cady.
- 6161 - Mrs. Laura M. Baker; Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Collins.
- 6171 - Mr. & Mrs. C.S. McKinney; Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Fisher.
- 6174 - Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Egan.
- 6175 - Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Diehm; Miss Bertha Diehm; Albert Diehm.
- 6192 - Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Frederick & daughter.

McPherson Avenue

- 6240 - Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Wright; Mrs. Mary R. Anderson.

Washington Boulevard - add

- 6139 - Mr. & Mrs. Lafayette D. Lytle; Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Lytle.
- 6215 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Williams.
- 6228 - Mrs. F.A. Hendrich & daughters; Walter F. Hendrich.
- 6244 - Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Klipstein.
- 6312 - Dr. & Mrs. P.C. Barnes.
- 6321 - Mr. & Mrs. A. Mackay; George C. Mackay.

Waterman Avenue

- 6102 - Mr. & Mrs. W. J. S. Bryan; Howard Bryan.
- 6236 - Mr. & Mrs. William A. Hirsch; Miss Fannie Large; Miss Grace Large.
- 6254 - Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Sullivan; M. F. Block.
- 6313 - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mead, Jr.

St. Roch's Day

Every year, around the middle of March, St. Roch's School holds a special event. Before this gala activity there is much preparation. Each class enters at least one booth. The booths are then designed and put on a floor plan. Following this, details are ironed out and special preparations are made for specific booths. Not only were faculty members and students involved, but many mothers baked items or even came to help out at the booths.

Getting back to the morning of the huge festival, you must compare it to the 1849 Gold Rush. Students from all grade levels dash into the gym and "stake out claims" with chairs. Chosen students and their teachers proceed in setting up their booths while those who were not chosen remain in their respective classrooms and play cards or other pastimes.

"R-r-r-ring!" screams the bell at eleven o'clock, signaling the start of the festivities. The students answer the bell by dashing into the gym from all directions.

"Hey! Come on and try our Hockey Shoot!" asks a voice.

"You there! Please buy a raffle ticket. We're raffling a big chocolate bunny!" pleads another.

"Do you want something to eat? Well, try the cake booth!" begs the next.

What fun it is to stuff your mouth with goodies and lick the morsels off your cheeks. Or buy back the white elephant you donated. It is definitely a fun time, but there is something much, much more. There is something deeper and more meaningful. There is a certain spirit that seems to knock out the grudges between people. Sure you might be upset because someone knocked over your goldfish bowl, or you could be a bit angry because your ticket to the "Vaudeville Show" was torn up and you're out a quarter. You have a certain sense of pride and thankfulness in knowing that you and your fellow students are able to get along with each other, for the most part.

"B-i-i-i-ng" clamors the bells. Amidst the joyous crowds, a hush comes. "Aw, darn it, and we were just having fun," sobs a voice. But the All Saints bus is here and they have to go.

While some are carrying tables back to the lunch room and claiming their belongings, like the angels of the Lord comes the sweeping brigade. That's what you call work, especially mopping up the dried-up peanut butter and jelly.

Soon everything is back to normal except Sister Leo Ann's nerves. Sister is in her office and when you leave you know she'll be there for some time, counting and putting in rolls the mounds of

coins. You guessed it, mostly pennies.

St. Roch's day is long over and Sister Leo Ann has regained her composure. The basketball court is waxed and shined and everyone wears a grin when they remember the gusto shared by everyone who participated in St. Roch's Day. Everything is over but the spirit which is most apparent at the annual celebration, St. Roch's Day.

Library Activities

Friday Mornings 10:30 A.M.
Pre-school story hour:
Stories, movies, finger plays
for 3 - 5 year olds.

Coffee, discussion of play-schools and of Montessori methods for Mothers.

-*- NOTE -*-

The Des Peres Library will be open from 2 - 4 p.m. on May 13th for the Art Fair.

Scanning the Shelves

Both of the National Book Award winners in fiction are available at Des Peres Branch. Augustus, by John Williams, is a serious, epistolary novel on Octavius Caesar. As the older Augustus reflects upon his life, the reader sees the growth of the Roman Empire mirrored and distorted by one man's ideas and activities. Chimera, John Barth's latest, is exactly what it says -- ambiguous. Both the tripartite monster and the will-o-the-wisp. Barth injects reality into myth in order to expand the realm of the fictional. Reading Barth is always an intellectual excitement; one of the 3 B's for young writers (with Borges and Barthelme), he is doing as much as any man to influence and shape the directions of modern American fiction.

Cecelia Holland's new historical novel, Death of Attila, maintains her high standards of excellence. Ms. Holland may be consistently writing the best historical fiction available today -- she manages to receive both critical acclaim and immense reader popularity, no easy feat.

For Tonight Show fans who would like to be more slender, Slimming Down by Ed McMahon is available. This book will not help you lose 150 pounds, but does offer a way to drop 10-20 pounds without suffering. The good-humored anecdotes offer something to do besides nibbling, which makes this a much easier book to read than the normal diet book.

Pete Seeger's semi-autobiography, The Incomplete Folksinger, is a book which is the true shadow of the man. Off-handed, happy, compassionate, joyful, it reminds me of a Seeger concert, and everybody clapping hands.

CHURCH NEWS

Grace Methodist

Beginning on April 29, Grace Methodist Church will present a series on Elijah the Prophet. The series will be presented in conjunction with the church choir with music and sermons coordinated. The series will run through May and will be a part of the Sunday morning, 11:00 A.M. service.

"Elijah" at Grace

What do you know about the prophet Elijah except that he was fed by ravens during a period when he was fleeing his angry king? On the last Sunday in April and the first three in May Grace Church, Skinker at Waterman) is offering a four part opportunity to become familiar with one of the great historical characters of the Old Testament.

On May 6 and 20 parts I and II of Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah will be sung at the eleven o'clock service by the Grace Church choir, one of the best choirs in the metropolitan area.

On April 29 and May 13, the Reverend Robert Gordon will preach on the character and meaning of the prophet's life and work.

The oratorio was written in 1846 for the Birmingham (England) Festival, at which Mendelssohn had been invited to conduct. It was an immediate success but the composer made several revisions before its first London performance in 1847. Excerpts are frequently sung by church choirs, but it is not often sung in its entirety. There will be only minor omissions in the Grace Church performance.

People in the Skinker-De-Baliviere neighborhood are cordially invited to attend any or all of the three services still to be held.

VICISSITUDES

"VICISSITUDES" will be a listing of births, marriages, illnesses, deaths and any other changes in the lives of our neighbors which may be brief but newsworthy.

Gerrit and Margaret DeYoung, 6215 Washington, became parents of their first child John Donald on March 6th.

Jerry and Nancy Waggoner are the proud parents of a baby boy, Christopher Glenn, born April 20 at St. Louis Maternity Hospital.

Mrs. Betty Klinefelter, 6165 Kingsbury, entered Jewish Hospital, in April.

Mr. Solomon Roy, 5735 DeGiverville, is in Veterans Hospital, Room #4, North.

Mrs. Ara Tobias, 5760 DeGiverville, is in Jewish Hospital, Room #344.

Miss Nellie G. Toney, 5752 DeGiverville, expired in March after illness in the hospital.

SCOUTS

BOY SCOUT TROOP 98 (St. Roch's) is planning for an active summer season. Dates are set for the following activities:

- May 4-6, Pre Camporee
- May 12, selling coffee & donuts on Storey's porch for the annual Washington Heights Flower Sale.
- May 13, (Mother's Day) Operate restaurant for Art Fair. Food and drink sold at 6150 Kingsbury.
- May 18-20, West District Camporee.
- August 5-11, Summer Camp at S-F.

Plans are being made for a father-son canoe trip and a conservation project. Troop 98 meets weekly at 7:30 on Wednesday at St. Roch's Scariot Hall. Boys interested in joining are welcome.

CUB SCOUT TROOP 98 - Mrs. Peg O'Brien, den mother, reports the cubs have had successful Sunday morning donut sales once a month with proceeds being divided between the church and cubs. A variety show was produced on April 30.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (Delmar Baptist) held its first meeting on April 30th. Ed Creek is the Scoutmaster and the troop has 13 members. They already have plans to attend Camp May this summer. Meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at Delmar Baptist Church. Troop 144 is now the fourth troop in our area and is welcomed by troops 31, 98 and 128 with the hope that this addition to scouting will reach more area boys.

Paper Drive Benefits Clinic

On Saturday, April 7, neighbors in Rosedale-Skinker and Washington Heights deposited over 9,000 pounds of newspapers on the curbstones of Waterman, Kingsbury, and most other area avenues. Now enter six muscled volunteers plus various spontaneous adolescent advisors and one enormous truck. Papers are placed with zealous efficiency into the enormous truck (a minimum are lost on Skinker Blvd.) and three hours later are sold for nearly \$37.00 to a commercial establishment of the highest reputation in downtown St. Louis. The proceeds are to go to the People's West End Loop Clinic, a truly worthy recipient. The next paper drive is to be held in two to three months, with the exact date to be published in a later edition of The Paper.

Donors are reminded that newspapers should be tied in bundles or put neatly into grocery bags. Loose papers or paper dumped into plastic bags are definitely unacceptable.

... Ken Cohen

Association News

RSIA UPDATE

A general meeting of the Rosedale-Skinker Improvement Association was held March 29, 1973 at 8:00 PM at Grace Methodist Church. The agenda consisted of elections for representatives to the Board of Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, two items of new business and two reports.

Brad Weir and Dan Schesch were elected by acclamation to serve two-year terms as representatives to the Board of Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. Both men have been active in neighborhood organizations for several years. Brad Weir, of the 6100 block of Westminster, is president of the Westminster Block Club and secretary of the Rosedale-Skinker Improvement Association. Dan Schesch, of the 6000 block of McPherson, is succeeding himself as representative to the Board and has also been active in his block club.

Two plans for raising money were announced by treasurer, Michael Harleman. The first is an immediate membership drive. A new association sticker will be designed to be used in this drive. People on record as having paid their dues for the current year will be given a new sticker without charge. The second money-raiser is a "Men's Liberation Cake Sale" to be held at the May 13 Art Fair. Although women will bake most of the cakes, the men will be in charge of the sales on the day of the Fair.

A second item of new business was a proposal made by President Richard Krueger that the name of the association be changed to "Skinker-DesPeres" since this is the actual area in which the association functions. A short discussion of the name change was held, but no vote was taken.

Alderman John G. Roach reported on the use of revenue sharing funds in this neighborhood. He suggested that the Rosedale-Skinker organization work with other neighborhood groups to develop a realistic proposal for recreational facilities, such as a swimming pool, to be located here.

Reverend Stuart also reported on the Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation plans. Although the necessary "seed" money had been raised, lenders changed the amount of capital immediately available. There is enough money to draw up a comprehensive plan for redevelopment, but funds to proceed beyond that point are not definitely committed to the corporation at this time.

...Kathy Harleman

The annual dinner meeting of the Rosedale-Skinker Improvement Association will be held this year on Saturday, May 19th, at St. Roch's Scariot Hall. A cash bar will be opened at 6:30 and food serving will start between 7:00 and 7:30. Tickets will cost \$2.00 per person. The dinner is to be potluck style and all participants are urged to bring a dish of food or dessert.

The main business of the meeting will be to elect officers for the '73-'74 year. Designs for a new members' window decal will be voted on. Members may also wish to select a new name for the organization. The Rosedale-Skinker Impr. Assn. needs a design for its '73-'74 decal. Please submit your design (in black and white only) to Brad Weir (6120 Westminster) by May 18. Designs will be chosen by a vote at the May 19th dinner meeting. For further information call 863-7558.
PARKVIEW GARDEN CLUB

What's so exciting about a new Garden Club today? It can be a very effective unit for solving neighborhood beautification or maintenance issues and provide a relaxed sociable environment for the exchange of information among the members of similar plant, soil and landscaping problems.

Several residents of Parkview recently organized a Garden Club along these lines for men and women. The membership's gardening knowledge ranges from novice to expert. What makes the gardening group somewhat unique -- all the members live within approximately a twelve block area, thus it is very neighborhood oriented. They are currently in the process of sprucing-up Limit Walk which bisects the neighborhood and placing yellow trash receptacles with flip tops at convenient intervals along the walk.

In addition to the local clean-up project, they meet once a month and usually have an in-depth discussion of a specific gardening topic of mutual interest to all, prepared for each meeting either by a guest speaker or one of the members. Other activities in the planning stage include trading plants, an informal garden tour and helping the Parkview Agents with park maintenance. Also, they wish to aid young people in developing an interest in gardening by explaining or demonstrating its impact on urban ecology, which is of such vital importance to everyone today.

Any Parkview resident that wishes to attend the meetings may contact Mrs. Joyce Hancock at 862-8943 for additional information about the club.

... Joyce Hancock

WHN NEWS

The April eve of Friday the thirteenth seemed charmed with good news and future hopes for Washington Heights Neighbors Board members.

Part of the spell was news from Mr. John Schilling that in 3 early morning rounds of our neighborhood, thirty-eight dogs were picked up by rabies control. More missions have been promised and we are thankful for some direct action following his participation at our March General Meeting. Block leaders have been encouraged by letter to creatively follow-up that "Trash and Dog" Meeting with a project on their block this Spring.

Ambitious plans continue for the Art Fair weekend including a Flower Sale on the Storey's porch Saturday, May 12, for the clinic's needs. Also, the Sunday evening WHN Bar-B-Que will feed hungry Fair viewers and finance some WHN beautification projects including planting on the railroad right-of-way.

Ideas for a neighborhood swimming pool provided pleasurable thinking and spurred board members to volunteer to decide on neighborhood priorities for the project with other area resident.

Joyfully the recent school board decision to redistrict Hamilton 3 and Big Hamilton and eliminate busing was presented and received.

So, stray dogs and school buses are being shed.

Peddling spring beauty will add "greens" to the clinic budget while buying a sandwich will finance a burst of color down the railroad embankments.

And visions of a swimming pool danced in our heads.

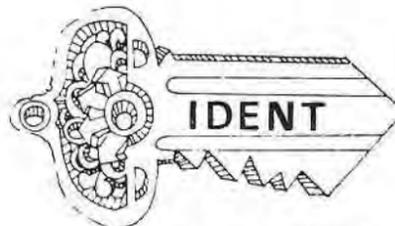
Meeting adjourned.

.... Nancy Waggoner

THANKS

From 5700 DeGiverville

The residents of 5700 DeGiverville are very thankful to everyone responsible for two street signs placed on the block. We can park parallel to the curb east or west.



A St. Louis University graduate student, Chris Thomas, is working with the SDCC office on Operation Ident. If you want to use the engraving tool to mark your valuables for easy identification, Mr. Thomas will bring you the engraver if you will call Vo. 2-5122 and request it.

Mr. Thomas will also be surveying the neighborhood for the Operation Ident blue hand stickers and encouraging residents to use this simple means to cut down on burglaries.

Aldermanic Vacancy Petition

Let us suppose our Alderman as he is wont to do, volunteers to work on the enormous truck used in the paper drive or on some other such neighborhood project, and let us suppose that he falls down and hurts himself to the degree that he can no longer fulfill his public duties and resigns. An unfortunate event, to be sure.

Almost as unfortunate is what follows. The other aldermen (can you name six?) of our city, on the advice of the Democratic Committeemen, will appoint a replacement. Fourth Ward Alderman Joseph Clark claims, "But we only make good appointments!" He should know. He and his colleagues have named fourteen members of the board in the last six years. At this rate, by 1979 every Alderman may come onto the board by appointment rather than by election.

This outstanding record notwithstanding, Citizens for Better Politics, a non-partisan organization interested in election reform, has begun an initiative petition that would change the city charter by calling for a special election to fill Aldermanic vacancies. Provisions have been made to take advantage of any scheduled local, state or federal primary and general elections. Moreover, a special election would not be held if the vacancy occurred within 150 days of the end of the regular term. All these complications are designed to save the taxpayer money. A special election would cost, according to the election board, four thousand dollars or less if permanent employees are used to staff the polls. Since the election board has a budget in excess of one million dollars it would take a great number of Aldermen falling off trucks to necessitate additional revenue. In short, the charter change would cause no tax increase.

Residents of the Twenty-eighth Ward who would like to help gather signatures on the petitions should contact Ken Cohen at 862-4432. It should, perhaps, be pointed out that the petition drive is necessary due to the refusal of the Board of Aldermen to place the issue before the voters.

... Ken Cohen

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The Hamilton School Spring Bazaar will be held on Saturday, June 2, 1973, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Hamilton School.

The booths will be as follows:

- Kindergarten-- Candyland
- 1st grade-- Penny Arcade
- 2nd grade-- Sewing
- 3rd grade-- General Store
- 4th grade-- Crafts & Hobbies
- 5th grade-- Sweet Shop
- 7th grade-- Snack Shack
- 8th grade-- Art

- Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd
- Mrs. Marilyn Jones
- Mrs. Loretta Lloyd
- Mrs. Maverine Wilson

The above names are the parents who organized the Spring Bazaar. However, we are gathering momentum, and our ranks have grown to include Mrs. Kathy Johnson, Mrs. Barbara Halley and Mrs. Jane Davis. We hope to interest more parents to help in our efforts.

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SCHOOL NEWS

St. Roch's

Under the direction of Father O'Donnell, the St. Roch's children have participated in a contest to select an emblem for the St. Roch's sweat shirts. This spirit project has resulted in over 230 St. Roch's children adorned in green sweat shirts. The winners of the contest were Vincent McCarthy and Suzanne Vossen for their emblem -- the St. Roch's dog perched on his hind legs and sporting boxing gloves.

Hamilton School

The regular meeting of the Hamilton School PTA will be held the third Wednesday of the month, May 16th.

The Hamilton School annual picnic will be held in June shortly before the end of the school term. Following a special "picnic survey", the students decided to have their picnic at Six Flags over Mid-America.

The 7th and 8th graders of Hamilton School have some budding journalists who have begun publishing their own newspaper entitled "What's Going On". The first edition was printed the first week of April and the next edition is scheduled to appear shortly.

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