

# the paper

for the Skinker-DeBaliviere residents

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## IMPROVED SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE HOMES TURN REALTORS' EYES

Fifteen members of the Real Estate Board of Metropolitan St. Louis, including the Board's Executive Director, Walter Stradel, visited the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood Sept. 12, on a tour that included stops at seven area homes that have been partly or completely rehabilitated. "The purpose of the tour," said Cal Stuart, Executive Director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, "was to show off significant improvements in our neighborhood. The fact is that older established neighborhoods like ours can keep themselves on the market and don't have to be written off as they have in the past. "Our hope is," Stuart continued, "that the Board will see reason to promote this area as a good place to live. And we think

we succeeded." Stuart added that since the tour some people have inquired about investing in the local real estate market.

The tour lasted for two hours and included stops at homes on Waterman (1), McPherson (3), Westminster (2), and Kingsbury (1) Avenues. The Board members were taxied through the neighborhood in station wagons driven by Stuart, Alderman John Roach, and State Representative Steve Vossmeier. After the tour a social hour was held for the Board to meet with local homeowners for refreshment and conversation. Also present for the social hour were Jack Wright, Chairman of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, and Suzanne Hart and Blanche Reel, representing the local Residential Service.

by Rocco DiLorenzo

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## INFLATION SLOWS KINGS- BURY REDE- VELOPMENT PLAN

A combination of rising costs and tight mortgage money has combined to delay Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation's plan to improve the "triangle area", between McPherson, Delmar, DeGiverville and DeBaliviere. This report was made at the September 9 meeting of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Inc., parent organization of KRC.

At present the cost per unit for the planned low-rise townhouse apartments is 19,000 dollars, necessitating a rent of 230-240 dollars per month for two bedroom units. Sponsors feel that the Department of Housing and Urban Development would not approve these rents. When the cost factor can be overcome, the plan will be submitted to HUD.

Board members also learned that there is a possibility that some revenue sharing funds in the area of housing may become available to help get the redevelopment going. The KRC plan has been approved by the city Plan Commission and the Beautification Committee, with a maximum of 20 per cent subsidized units. KRC hopes to stick to this number in their attempts to obtain funding for the redevelopment plan, which has been three years in the making.

# League

Did you know that one of the St. Louis League of Women Voters discussion groups meets regularly in our neighborhood? At these meetings, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, current governmental issues are discussed on the basis of factual materials assembled by the League.

For instance, the September meeting, held September 24, featured a true-and-false quiz to

test knowledge of Missouri voting procedures. In October the subject will be juvenile justice.

These meetings are lively affairs when we get to know each other as well as thrash out some burning issues. If you would like to be with us, consider yourself invited. Call Sue Tepas, 862-3783 for information about the place of meeting and the babysitting service available at Grace Methodist Church for a small fee.

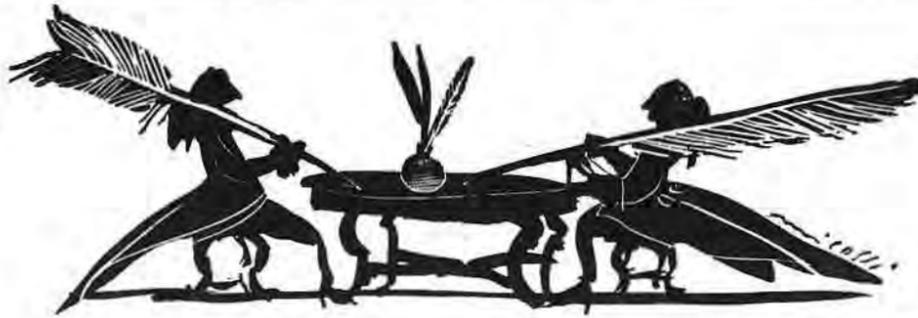
## Calendar of



## EVENTS

- Oct. 1 . . . Swimming Classes Begin  
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- Oct. 3 . . . . . Paper staff meeting  
6175 Kingsbury 8 p.m.
- Oct. 5 . . . . . Voter Registration  
Des Peres Branch Library
- Oct. 7 . . . Women's Exercise Class  
St. Roch's Gym
- Oct. 13 . . . . . Sidewalk Sale  
Kingsbury & Des Peres 12-3
- Oct. 13-20 . . . . . Arts Festival  
Grace Methodist Church
- Oct. 15 . . . . . St. Roch School  
Board Meeting (see p. 7)
- Oct. 23 . . . Medal of Valor Awards  
Old Courthouse
- Oct. 30 . . . WHN General Meeting  
Mayor Poelker  
presents bond issue proposal

# LETTERS



Dear Editors,

I have lived in this neighborhood for almost a year now and like it very much. There is only one problem which bothers me greatly: the honking of horns at all hours of the day and night.

Don't taxi cab drivers realize that it is illegal to blow their horns? Don't people realize that when they call two or three cab companies and take the first arrival that their neighbors have to listen to the other cabs sit out in front and honk for a fare that has already left? Don't people realize that when they blow for their friends that all the neighbors hear them, not just their riders?

There are people in this neighborhood who have babies and small children who take daytime naps. There are people who work at night and must sleep during the day. There are also elderly people who must rest. It seems to me that the honking could be cut down if the people who call cabs and have friends pick them up would tell the drivers not to honk. It would also help if riders were ready on time.

We formerly lived in the Loop area in U. City. It was a commercial district and we lived at a major intersection. But it was quieter than our one-way residential street is here! I hate to be crabby and call the police on these disturbers of the peace, but I think it is probably the only way to get tranquility on our streets.

A Resident Who Loves Quiet

Dear Editors,

I am new to this area and I would like to know what Skinker-DeBaliviere Council is. Who is on it and do they have dues? Am I supposed to join?

A Neighbor

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council is a community corporation, funded by Washington University, Delmar Baptist Church, Grace Methodist Church, and St. Roch's Church. It is composed of representatives from those four institutions and representatives elected by the neighborhood associations—Washington Heights Neighbors, Rosedale Neighborhood Association, and Parkview Association. There are no dues, and no one need join in order to avail himself of its services. Quoting from the Council's purpose statement, "The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council serves the residents, institutions, and organizations (of the area). The Council identifies problems and issues and seeks to mobilize the necessary internal and external resources to meet and solve the problems or issues. In general, the work of the Council is focussed on maintaining an

urban neighborhood that is enriched by its diversity in population and housing. As well, it is very clear that it is the efforts of many people working together that make a simple geographical area into a vital neighborhood and community."

Dear Editors,

Strapped for time, school opening approaching, my son needed a physical for entering high school. The only solution for seeing a doctor in the evening seemed to be the "People's Clinic", 6010 Kingsbury. Kind, courteous, efficient service greeted us upon our venture to the "People's Clinic". Many thanks to the staff, doctors, and nurses who give so freely of their time to service our community.

Mrs. John G. [Rose] Storey

## CIRCULATION

Mary Boyts, Circulation Manager for THE PAPER, has offered her services as an advertising solicitor.

In order to allow her to pursue her new duties, we must relieve her of her present responsibilities of distributing THE PAPER. It takes just a little time each month. If you could give us a little time once each month to get THE PAPER to its readers, call Chris Lange, 863-2164 or Marj Weir, 863-755

## Challenging Proposition

Cal Stuart has graciously promised to get 4 new ads for THE PAPER. He challenges each of our readers to get at least one new ad or to match his promised four. Contact Karen Bynum, for ad rates and information. If you can bring in more advertising, THE PAPER will be on a more solid financial footing, which will ensure our continued existence.

## Reluctant Writers

If you have a story for us, but you feel you cannot write it up for some reason, please call Rocco DiLorenzo, 721-0549, give him the information, and he will compose it.

## MAYOR comes to Washington Heights

Mayor John Poelker will be personally presenting the city bond issue to our neighborhood residents at the Washington Heights Neighbors meeting October 30, 1974. Washington Heights Neighbors board members initiated plans for this pre-election general meeting. If a school tax increase is also on the November 5 ballot it will be discussed also. The place will be decided at the next WHN board meeting October 10. Interested residents are always welcome to the meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the Council office, 6008 Kingsbury.

In other business, George Brown shared his experience in purchasing a HUD repossessed "as is" house and encouraged others to try it. The board will continue to be concerned about repossessions in our area and work with the other neighborhood organizations and Alderman John Roach to encourage community concerned buyers.

Inquiries into the cost of replacing the stolen projector for the Des Peres Branch Library are being made. The WHN board then may contribute from the Flower Sale and Bar-B-Que profits.

The residential committee for WHN plans to meet this month. Interested residents should call Blanche Reel or George Brown.

Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council news of the development of a landscaped parking lot at the corner of Des Peres and Kingsbury was well received as relieving church, clinic, and council traffic.

by Nancy Waggoner

## NEW LOOK

Like our new look? We are very proud of it, too. It comes to you through the hard work of our newly re-organized staff, and especially, the generosity of Bob Moore, Betty Magrath and Sue Storey of McGraphics.

## Staff Meeting

The next meeting of THE PAPER staff will be held on October 3, at Chris Lange's house, 6175 Kingsbury, at 8:00 p.m. If you are currently working on THE PAPER, or if you are interested in getting involved, please try to attend.

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## RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Another chance for a community that is already knee deep in helping its fellow man will be made available through the annual Bloodmobile at St. Roch's Church. Scheduled date Saturday, November 2, 1974 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last November, one cold morning, the Bloodmobile made its first stop at St. Roch's Church, 6042 Waterman. Fifty-four people gave a pint of their blood that day in order to help save the life of someone unknown to them. In due course the St. Roch's Bloodmobile was instrumental in prolonging the lives of three senior citizens in our community.

**PLEASE** sign up for the 1974 St. Roch's Bloodmobile by calling either Rose Storey, 727-1727 or St. Roch's Rectory, 721-6340 for the time most convenient for you to donate your blood.

Hats off to the folks who have given more than once already this year, especially Art Santen, Ed Walsh, and Bob Horner. Thanks Fellas!

by Rose Storey



The shop at the corner of Skinker and McPherson seems to stock almost everything. Beer and bread compete for space with pantyhose and popsicles, but as you move to the rear, knocking over toothpaste and toilet paper with your elbow, you find the most important part of the shop.

Behind a tall counter you find a stock of pharmaceuticals and a quiet Irishman.

Quiet, dark-haired Bill Fitzpatrick has just celebrated his first anniversary in our neighborhood and has just been elected National President of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, the country's largest such organization. He is the youngest national president in the fraternity's history and the first community pharmacist to hold this position.

"My election as national president will help break down barriers on campuses," he said. "About eighty per cent of the students now studying pharmacy will work as community druggists, but a lot of them lose touch with national organizations. It's not until ten or twelve years go by that they realize the value national organizations can have for them."

## PROFILE

Bill Fitzpatrick believes that the community pharmacist is the heart of the country's drug business, and the soul.

"What I can offer is a level of personal service and consultation that a chain cannot. What most people don't realize is that at a chain you're probably not even talking to a pharmacist, just somebody in a white coat. The professional pharmacist is in the back."

Bill has put his home phone number on his business card and says he is happy to come back in the evening to fill prescriptions.

"I know that when I have to do is provide service to the neighborhood," he said.

What kind of service does the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood need?

Bill reports that of the twenty prescriptions he averages each day most are for either birth control pills or remedies for high blood pressure. The remainder are mostly for antibiotics.

by Joe Boyts



## FALL CLASSES AT CRAFT ALLIANCE

Seventeen courses for adults and six classes for children are being offered at Craft Alliance, 6640 Delmar in University City, during October, November and December.

Daytime adult courses include Weaving, Figure Drawing, Macrame, Ceramics, Stone Lithography and Spinning. Evening courses are Macrame Belts, Painting, Etching, Ceramics, and 3-Dimensional Macrame. A Stitchery Workshop is scheduled for October 5 and 12. Other offerings include Chair-caning and special holiday workshops in Italic Handlettering, Macrame Plant-hangers and God's Eyes.

Craft Alliance's popular lecture series **Wednesday Conversations** features Dorothy Farley discussing the "World Craft Council Convention" in October, potter Jack Cannon's "Embellishments on Clay" in November and Nancy Pate sharing ideas about "Designing on Textiles" in December. The conversation begins at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

CA's Saturday children's program offers a variety of activities for all age groups: Pottery for 6 to 8 year olds; Painting & Drawing for 7 to 10 year olds; and Ceramics for Junior High students 11 to 15. A Mixed Media Studio for ages 9 to 12 will explore printmaking, drawing, and batik and 3-dimensional pieces in clay and wood. Candle-making (ages 10-13) will meet two Saturdays in December, in time for kids to make holiday gifts. During the week, Parents & Dabblers for 3 to 5 year olds will discover many different ways for that age group to express their budding creativity working in various media.

For more information, or to receive a brochure of fall courses, call Craft Alliance, 725-1177 weekdays mornings. Craft Alliance Education Center is a member of the Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis.

## 7th DISTRICT CRIME SOARS IN AUGUST

Crime figures in the 7th district rose higher than they have in the last two years during August, 1974. A breakdown of the statistics by neighborhood was not available, but overall figures indicated that residential burglaries continue to be the leading crime in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. Purse snatchings also rose in number in August.

Figures for the first week in September indicate a general lowering of the crime rate in the 7th district.

## PEOPLE'S CLINIC RE- CEIVES FED- ERAL GRANT

The People's Clinic, at 6010 Kingsbury, is the recipient of a 20,795 dollar grant from Bi-State Regional Medical Program. The grant will finance the expansion of health care services to residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere and Loop communities.

Expanded services will include the opening of a daytime clinic session every Wednesday or Thursday. Shuttle-bus transportation for older adults will be provided between their homes and the Clinic. The day clinic will be in operation by this December. In addition, at least one "Outpost" Clinic will be opened at one of our local senior centers, by the middle of January. The "Outpost" Clinic, staffed by volunteer health workers, will be set up once or twice each month, and will screen for hypertension, diabetes, and other chronic disorders.

## THE LONELY WORLD OF SILENCE

Having a son who has been deaf since birth, I would like to help people become aware of the frustrations that a deaf person might experience and thereby make us all a little more understanding to this most unnoticed handicap. I quote from the August issue of the Readers Digest in an article from the Christian Herald by Ronald Schiller:

"The world of silence is inhabited by two or three million Americans. Of these, some 47,500 are 'prelingually deaf,' meaning that they were born deaf or lost their hearing before learning to speak.

Most people with normal hearing assume that deafness is a far less serious disability than, say, blindness. Yet Helen Keller, who suffered from both, found deafness to be much the greater handicap. A deaf teacher with whom I conversed on a typewriter told me: "When your ears stop functioning your world shrinks enormously. You live with loneliness and frustration, ignored by society, unable to communicate with police in emergency or the doctor when ill. Watching movies or TV is an empty experience. You can't understand strangers' greetings or civil questions. Eventually you shun the hearing world altogether, and associate only with the deaf. You become a stranger in your own land.

Of all the major physical disabilities, deafness arouses the least sympathy or concern in our society (not that the deaf want pity). Those afflicted receive none of the tax benefits afforded the blind and crippled: they are protected by no anti-discrimination employment clauses: and when programs are devised to aid other disadvantaged groups, the deaf are too often overlooked. They are America's forgotten minority.

Why? "I suppose it is because you cannot see deafness" explains Frederick Schreiber, executive secretary of the National Foundation for the Deaf. It's only when you talk to us and we can't understand you, or when you hear the funny sounds many of us utter when we try to speak, that you realize we're different. And your first reaction is that either we're putting you on or we must be morons. It is no coincidence that 'dumb' has become synonymous with stupid."

All of the major psychological, vocational and educational problems of the deaf are rooted in their inability to communicate with the hearing. An infant's education begins almost at birth. By the time he enters school, a normal child has effortlessly absorbed 80 per cent of the words he will use during the rest of his life, along with a functional understanding of grammar, syntax and sentence construction. But the deaf child enters school with an average vocabulary of ten words and no grammar, and is unable to associate alphabetical letters with sounds he cannot hear. It takes him years to acquire even rudimentary reading and writing skills-often with disastrous effects on the rest of his education. How long after birth a child loses his hearing is of crucial importance."

I strongly urge each and every hearing person to acquaint himself with some form of deaf education, if only to observe for a short period of instruction. I am sure that you will come away from this experience a richer person and more understanding for those of the "world of silence".

by Joe Botz

## 1975 ART FAIR-HOUSE TOUR PLANNING OFF TO ROUSING START

Some thirty "involved" members of Washington Heights Neighbors (WHN) and Rosedale Neighborhood Association (RNA) met at the home of George and Karen Brown, 5826 Pershing, on Monday evening September 23rd to evaluate the needs of the 1975 Skinker-DeBaliviere Art Fair-House Tour (AF-HT) and how best to meet these needs. General Chairperson, Gee Stuart opened the meeting by presenting for discussion the newly-written "goal" of the AF-HT:

*"The Skinker-DeBaliviere Art Fair and House Tour was designed to advertise, highlight, and promote the charm and livability of our neighborhood, with a minimum amount of aggravation to its residents. The Fair has been continued for seven years with this as our goal."*

In explanation of this statement of purpose, Susie Roach (one of the founding mothers) presented a brief history from the origin of the Art Fair in 1968 with 32 artists on St. Roch's churchgrounds, through the addition of the House Tour in 1969, to the 1974 AF-HT with 132 artist and 7 houses and apartments on display. Mrs. Roach's account dealt with various decisions which had been made through the years in response to new problems which arose each year, and she informed the group of the latest problem which must be dealt with: the feeling that neighborhood fund-raising efforts are encroaching upon the basic idea of fine arts exhibit and sales. Stressing that the Art Fair-House Tour is approved by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council but has never been controlled by anyone but neighborhood volunteers, Mrs. Roach concluded her presentation by explaining that all additions which had ever been made to the AF-HT had come from volunteers who were willing to take on a new and different responsibility and see it through (such as the Boy Scout Hot Dog stand, the Washington Heights Plant and Flower Sale, the neighborhood history, the Fat Crepe Cafe, etc.). Because the real work is done only by enthusiastic volunteers, a good idea is not really good unless its creator is willing also to create a working committee and carry the idea through to its finish, Mrs. Roach explained.

Mrs. Stuart followed this immediately by informing committee chairpeople that: (1) they would be expected to form and run their own committees and report to her; and (2) each committee's chairpeople are expected to write down what they do and how they do it, for a future reference file to be kept at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council office.

The Art Fair Committee, the Neighborhood Fund Raising Committee, and the House Tour Committee reported on their preliminary discussions to date of how

they wanted their committees to operate. The House Tour Committee will hold an Open Meeting at the SDCC office on Wednesday, October 16, at 8:00 p.m. Deborah Bracey, Pat Kohn and Chris Lange ask that ANYONE wishing to work on this vital committee please attend. After this meeting, the House Tour Committee will organize itself into several sub-committees to carry out the diverse activities demanded.

At this point, further committee reports were suspended in favor of discussion of the suggestions contained in the September 1, 1974 letter to the Art Fair Committee from the board of Washington Heights Neighbors which expressed the desire of WHN for more AF-HT involvement. The letter's first suggestion, that of expanding the physical area of the Art Fair, resulted in an extended discussion of where the Art Fair should be held, whether or not eastward expansion of its present location would promote a greater feeling of neighborhood unity, and whether area expansion was physically necessary or indeed possible without an addition of up to 100 per cent in number of volunteers involved. Joyce Warren volunteered to create a committee to study all the facts involved in an expansion of physical area and the necessary services and costs which might be involved. Mrs. Warren's committee report will be made at the next meeting of the AF-HT Committee on October 21, and a decision on the expansion will be made on the basis of this report.

Within the discussion on expansion, there arose a tangential discussion on the need for a total neighborhood social gathering of some kind, where WHN, RNA and Parkview residents could get together for some fun with little burden placed on any single person or group. Joe Lange (RNA president) and Mike Magrath (WHN president), both of whom attended the Art Fair-House Tour meeting, were asked to meet with Lee Judy (Parkview Agents president) to institute planning of such festivities.

Volunteer workers and co-chairpeople are desperately needed for ALL committees. ANYONE interested in doing ANYTHING for the Art Fair-House Tour on Mother's Day, 1975, is asked to call Gee Stuart at 721-0053 as soon as possible. She will see that you get in touch with others on your committee of interest. The ideal that Skinker-DeBaliviere residents, as well as outside visitors, should enjoy their Art Fair and House Tour can only become reality if many people become involved in the early planning stages and share the work as well as the fun on Mother's Day.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Horace and Anna Busch, 5765 Pershing. PLEASE BE THERE!

by Sue Tepas



# Art Fair





Photos by Joe Boyts & Pat Krippner



# Art Fair



## VICISSITUDES

by P.

Monthly this column will explore the new, the juicy, the red hot items in the neighborhood...or the hidden old secret that may slip from a neighbor's lips!!! Whatever comes to our notice and yours. We invite you to join a grapevine, form a network to plug us into the secret recesses of your block. Write us anonymous notes c/o The Paper, 6008 Kingsbury...call 862-5122 and give us tips, leads, or just plain gossip. This noisy, nosey snoop will love and print it. This month we're going to expose all the new families we've heard about who have moved into the area since about last May. We've searched for the names of new homeowners, flatowners or building owners who are making a contribution to the neighborhood by purchasing, renovating and living amongst us. If we've missed a new family or individual you know about, let us hear.

The 5800 block of Pershing welcomes the Wilkersons and the 6000 block of Pershing, Mike and Monica Orlando and the Bynums, Karen and Ted. Karen Bynum is the new Ad Manager of The Paper and has offered to provide free babysitting to anyone interested in laying out The Paper monthly. The 5700 block of Waterman has 2 new families, Mr. & Mrs. Council Smith, both teachers, and Mr. & Mrs. John May. The 5800 and 5900 blocks of Waterman gained three new homeowners this summer: Sandy Rothschild (who was State Rep Steve Vossmeier's Campaign person) in the center, The Lakes, Rich and Venita on the East and Janice and John Woods on the West. John is a teacher at the New City School. The 6100 block of McPherson has witnessed the largest turnover in the neighborhood...Gene & Dolores Hoefel and three medium sized Hoefels are renovating their 3-story home from top to studio garage. Gene has come from a Chicago Advertising job to teach Design and Graphics at Washington U. Rev. Bill and Betty Danker (the parents of Beth Mann on Westminster) have led another Semine family, the Dahlines, Dave and Margaret onto McPherson, so that after some years renting in the 6000 block, they purchased a home on the 6100 block. Ann & Bob Martin will be moving from Parkview into a home they recently bought. Joshua and Rubina Patton have added true pleasure to the Mc-

Pherson pedestrian with the exterior and apparent-from-the-side-walk interior decorating they have done to a long neglected home on the block. As this is his speciality, we hope to add his name to the list of talented neighborhood contractors. The 6000 block of Kingsbury has 3 new owner-occupants...Jim & Darla Templeton moved in just in time to give birth to their second child, Hannah. She joins 3 year old Gabriel. Jean Canfield, a Grace & Peace friend, has bought a flat in the center of the block and George and Miriam Green are responsible for more hard-working, just-beginning-to-show renovation on the East end. Bob and Linda Hagood have moved from South St. Louis onto the 6000 block of Westminster with their 3 children. They are interested in the idea of turning their flat into a single-family residence. The Giddings (he is a psychiatric social worker) are also moving into a flat on that block. Their 2 small children will keep Madge busy. More master renovators have moved onto Westminster...the 6100 block welcomes Bernard and Cindy Bodewes who face a formidable rehab job in coming months...good luck. John and Ann Geers have moved into the center of the block (John teaches at Childgrove) and Jeff and Nancy Shelton are also new residents. The Parkers on Westminster introduced them to the neighborhood. Jeannie Morrissey and Sue Goodenough (she's Kathleen Hamilton's sister) complete the new resident list on the block.

Remember, if anyone's missing let us know for next month, and the next...Another birth...Colleen, born June 17 to Bill and Nan Thomas on McPherson...Congratulations. And 2 recent pregnancies uncovered...aha. Francie Couch and Debbie Bracey, both on Kingsbury, both due in March. Aha. A minor snooper's scoop...a trash citation is coming to a particularly messy backyard on the 5800 block of Pershing.

We're so glad to have Anna Busch back from the hospital, walking about and receiving Honors with fellow neighborhood resident, Suzanne Hart. And Mike Harleman, after a long back bout, and operation, also shows signs of movement and improvement. Good wishes to you both. Whooooo knows more???? the shadow do.... and we would like to too....

## NEW LOOK FOR INTERSECTION

Members of the SDCC executive board at their September meeting, discussed plans to improve the appearance of the intersection of Kingsbury and Des Peres. They authorized the executive secretary to purchase the vacant lot on the corner and heard a report from the committee planning to brighten up the front of the building occupied by SDCC and the clinic.

Acquisition of the lot, which could be used for off street parking, will help residents of the 6000 block on Kingsbury, as well as those visiting SDCC, Grace and Peace Fellowship Center, the clinic and the public library.

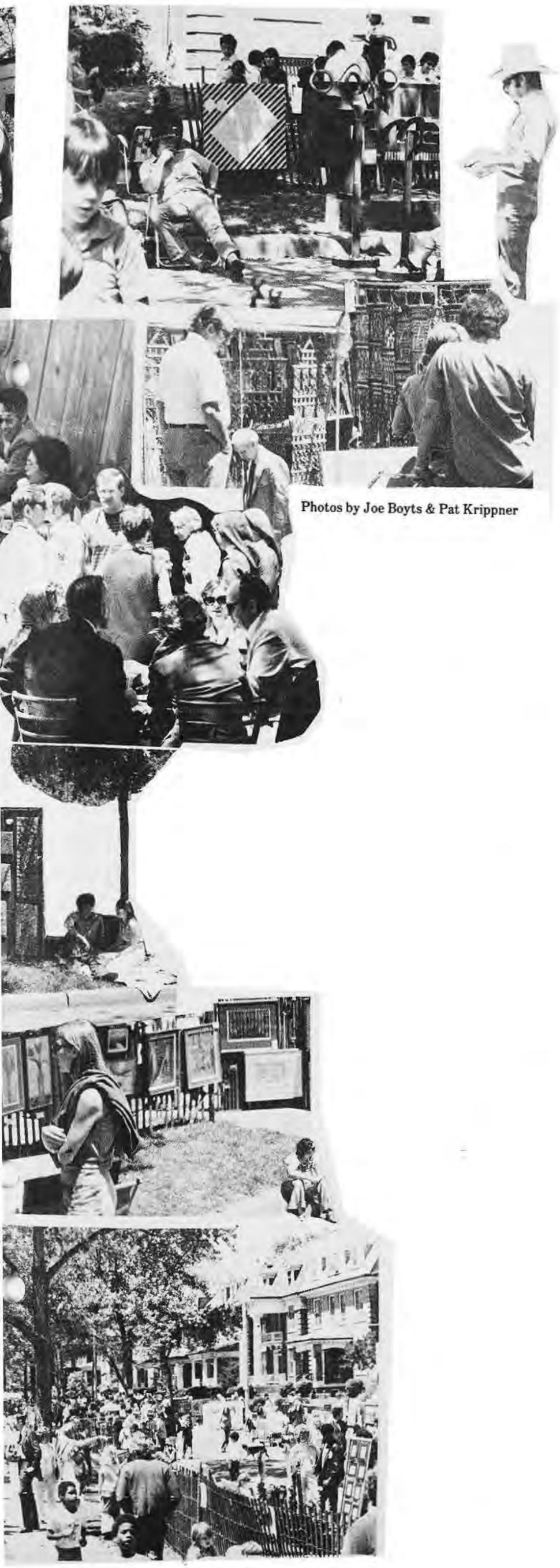
A group of residents from Washington Heights and Rosedale-Skinker along with some residents with art backgrounds will be formed to draw up a plan for improving the four corners in a unified manner. It is hoped that the National Foundation for the Arts will provide matching funds to pay for the improvements.

## HEC TO USE SDCC OFFICE SPACE

The Higher Education Coordinating Council, an organization representing all metropolitan area universities and colleges, will use two offices in the SDCC office space at 6008 Kingsbury during the current school year.

HEC will use the space for a satellite counselling and guidance center operating in the west end and in University City. Members hope to locate young people who have finished high school and need help in seeking a college education.

HEC will have a separate telephone number, but area residents with questions at the present time, can stop by the office.



Photos by Joe Boyts & Pat Krippner

## 1974 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS



Photo by Stu West

*Suzanne Hart, Chairperson  
Anna Busch, Co-Chairperson*

Mrs. Richard Hart has been named chairperson, and Mrs. Horace Busch is serving as co-chairperson of the 1974 Medal of Valor awards ceremonies to be sponsored this year, for the first time, by the Women's Crusade Against Crime.

The Medal of Valor was sponsored for five years by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis before its dissolution into the Regional Commerce and Growth Association a year ago. The St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association named the Women's Crusade to carry on this civic program.

Mrs. Richard Hart reported, for the first time, a citizen or citizens will also be presented a Medal of Valor award according to guidelines sent area police officials and based on the performance of a heroic act "Within lawful conduct and primarily motivated by an instinctive concern for the safety of a police officer, or prevention of a crime."

Beribboned medallions will be presented to a yet undetermined number of police officers, in the rotunda of the Old Courthouse, Wednesday, October 23, 1974. These awards represent "beyond the call of duty" performances by police officers throughout the metropolitan area.

Serving as judges of the twenty eight 1974 Medal of Valor nominees are Harold Thayer, chairman of the board, Mallinkrodt Chemical Works, and president of the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association; Judge Joseph Simeone of the Missouri Court of Appeals; Clyde Cahill, director of Legal Aid Society; Delmar Valine, Sr., vice-president, First National Bank of East St. Louis; and Mrs. James S. McClellan and Mrs. Ann Slaughter, co-chairperson of the Women's Crusade.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Mr. Lee Judy**, treasurer of the SDCC, resigned his post this summer, following his election as chairman of the Parkview Agents. Mr. Gary Kaiser will replace him as one of the Parkview delegates to the SDCC executive board.

**Mr. Robert Blackburn**, who represents Washington University on the SDCC executive board, has been appointed to the Community Development Commission of the Community Development Agency.

**Mr. Cal Stuart**, executive director of SDCC, served on the Mayor's screening committee for the proposed bond issue. He attended meetings in the areas of parks, forestry and recreation. He noted that officials tend to think of St. Louis as having a north side and a south side and overlook the wide central corridor of which the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood is the western limit.

**Mrs. Jean Eberle, Mr. Tom McPherron and Mr. Brad Weir** volunteered to serve on a SDCC committee to decide on a use for a one thousand dollar scholarship fund given to SDCC in memory of the late Mr. Breitmayer of Grace Methodist Church.

## CLINIC DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM BEGINS NEW PHASE

The Drug Abuse Multimedia show presented by the People's Clinic has shifted gears this Fall as the Clinic Drug Education Trainers began bringing the program before organized groups, such as churches and civic associations. After a presentation to the Seventh District Police Community Relations Association on September 3, an official remarked that it was the best program they had ever hosted.

This Summer the ninety-minute program was shown to nearly eight hundred residents of Skinker DeBaliviere and Parkview, at block meetings and gatherings of other small groups of friends and neighbors. Information on arranging a presentation of the Program may be obtained by calling the People's Clinic on weekdays, at 721-5577. The Drug Abuse Education Project is funded by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, through the National Institute of Mental Health, through the National Free Clinic Council.

## COME JOIN US!! GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

invites you to share in our CREATIVITY CELEBRATION-October 13-20. Our committee feels that each of us is creative in some way so we wish to display many different kinds of creative works such as painting, photography, macrame, ceramics, knitting, weaving, etc. Let us know what you want to share.

Just fill in our entry blank and either send it to our Display Chairman, Mrs. John Sant'Ambrogio, or to your own church office so that we may add your creation to our show. We will also be sharing together in an International Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite recipe from a faraway land or your speciality. The International Folk Dancers will liven up our evening by bringing us dances from several countries in traditional folk costumes. They may even teach us a few dances! On Friday evening, October 18, we will have a film - ZORBA THE GREEK- followed by a discussion led by Robert Gordon, Minister of Grace Church.

If you wish to participate in the show, or the other activities, please sign up now so we will be able to include you in our plans.

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GRACE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

Please fill out the form below and mail to Mrs. John Sant'Ambrogio, 12112 Creekhaven, Des Peres, Mo. 63131.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

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handicraft item (please describe in detail) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of work (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Work \_\_\_\_\_

For further information call Grace United Methodist Church, 863-1992

## NEIGHBORHOOD DISCUSSION GROUP

The recent flood of stories about conditions surrounding the local bail and jail systems has prompted the Grace Church Commission on Mission to acquire first-hand information. Accordingly, a "pot-luck" dinner has been arranged for 6:30, October 30. Speakers for the event will be: Jefferson Tallent, Commissioner of Adult Services, St. Louis; Herman Wood, Director of Welfare Services, St. Louis County; and Judge Theodore McMillan, long of the Juvenile Court.

The meeting is open to any one in the neighborhood interested in any phase of penal reform, particularly local reform. Feel free to bring a "covered dish" and be with us for dinner, or to come in later, at 7:30, for the discussion. If there are questions, call me at 727-2030.

by Avis Carlson

## REHAB FUND BEING SOUGHT

SDCC is working on acquiring money to set up a revolving fund which can be used to buy, rehab, rent or sell single family dwellings coming on the market in this neighborhood, especially those being repossessed by federal lending agencies. The tight money situation and inflated economy are hampering efforts, but some progress is being made. The revolving fund will be an assurance that local properties do not fall into the hands of speculative real estate interests interested in a quick profit rather than in neighborhood stability.

A number of local residents are rehabbing neighborhood properties on an individual basis. Anyone interested in learning more about this kind of investment can contact Mr. Stuart at the Council office, Vo 2-5122.

## GIANT TAILGATE SALE

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, October 5  
Nerix Hall  
Big Bend & Lockwood

Hundreds of new shoes at two dollars a pair. Cafeteria dishes, rummage, furniture, crafts, antiques, homemade baked goods, refreshments.

100 individual spaces available to sell your wares. Send \$10.00 to the school, 530 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo. 63119.

## NOT SO SUPER — MARKET

Also of concern to residents is the trash situation behind the store, sometimes overflowing into the alley.

### We-e-o

The condition of the neighborhood's only grocery store has been a source of dismay to area residents for some time. Due to many complaints, The Paper has made a preliminary investigation into existing conditions at the A & P store at Delmar and Des Peres. The following is a report of our findings.

The A & P store was visited on several occasions recently to assess the quality of shopping facilities available in our neighborhood. The building was found to be in basically sound condition. The walls seemed to be in good condition and appeared clean. Lighting was adequate. These factors were found to be consistent during each inspection. The floors, though, were found to be in a severe state of disrepair, and dirty. The store had been visited at various times of the day, and at no time was an attempt to remedy the dirt situation evident.

Prices of staple items were competitive with other stores elsewhere, although many items were difficult to find. Selection of some items, such as brands of canned tuna fish, was extensive while extremely limited in other areas, such as brands of noodles and pasta products and variety of canned vegetables.

The produce was found to be fresh and competitive in price.

The meat department, if not extensive in its variety, seemed to carry items of standard quality at competitive prices.



The dairy products, on the other hand, were questionable. Prices were, as far as we could determine, competitive. On all our visits, dates on dairy products were checked. Often the dates on milk had been smudged and were illegible. On one occasion when dates could be clearly read, the milk was stale dated by three days. On this same visit stale dates were found on other dairy products, including sour cream, which carried a date twelve days prior to this visit.

We were told that the store receives dairy items direct from the dairy. If they come from the dairy with old, or near old dates, why does the store manager accept them? If these products sit on the store shelf past the dates marked, why are they not returned for credit?

Also of concern to residents is the trash situation behind the store, sometimes overflowing into the alley. (Other store businesses in the 6000 block of Delmar are also guilty of this.) Some improvement has been noticed at A & P, but this still remains a problem.

A recent visit resulted in a conversation with the present manager of the store. During this exchange the manager expressed favorable sentiments toward this neighborhood, but denied knowledge of situations outlined above, with the exception of the trash. He gave assurance that the trash problem outside the store is being remedied, and that he is cooperating with the City Health Department in this matter.

by Christina Lange

# POTPOURRI

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Last chance to register for the November general election will be Saturday, October 5, 1974. You can register at the Des Peres Branch Library- Southeast corner of Kingsbury and Des Peres.

## exercise class

The ten week series of Monday night Women's Exercise Classes begins at 7:30 p.m. on October 7th at St. Roch's Gym (6030 Waterman). Cost of the series is 6 dollars. Volleyball is available at 8:30 p.m. Call 863-4512 for further information.

## GERMAN CLASSES

The German School Association will conduct a German language Beginners Class for children, 6 - 9 years, in St. Roch's Small Assembly Room (6052 Waterman) on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30. Registration and Information nights will be held on Wednesday (9/18/74 and 9/25/74) from 5:30 to 8:30 (enter by east side entrance). The tuition for 30 weeks of instruction, 3 hours per week, is 40 dollars for 1st child; 20 dollars for 2nd; 10 dollars for 3rd. Call 863-4512 for further information.

## School Board

The St. Roch's School Board is planning its first open meeting of the current school year on Tuesday, October 15th. Focal point of the meeting will be the presentation and discussion of the new Family Guidance Program to be introduced in all eight grades during the second semester.

Sister Zita of the St. Louis Archdiocesan School Office will explain the program and will be present for the discussion. Copies of each of the books to be used will be available for parental inspection. It is hoped that a large group of parents will attend so that the program will be fully understood by them before it is started in January.

## CROSSING GUARD NEEDED

Crossing guard needed at the corner of Waterman and Rosedale. Anyone interested please call Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, 862-5122. Average monthly salary; \$170.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL SIDEWALK SALE

The Neighborhood School Sidewalk Sale was a roaring success and parents are hard at work gathering goodies for the next one....

October 13  
Kingsbury & Des Peres  
12 - 3

Remember to send your "Goodwill" to the Neighborhood School Sidewalk Sale or call for Pickup... 863-9259. Donations are tax deductible.

## CALLING ALL CATHOLIC DOGS

That's right, Sunday the 29th of September marks the annual blessing of the dogs of St. Roch's parish and if you are a St. Roch dog you'd just better be there! Bring your owner or guardian though. (Those are the rules) and meet us on the steps of the church immediately after the 11:30 Mass about 12:20.

This annual event is in memory of the faithful dog of St. Roch, the 14th Century Frenchman who set out to save victims of the terrible Black Plague. On contracting the disease himself, he was kept alive by the efforts of his dog who foraged for food to keep his master from starvation.



## SWIMMING CLASSES

Free swimming classes for 5-14 year olds Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:45, beginning October 1st at CHEROKEE RECREATION CENTER (Wyoming at Jefferson) Why not get up a car pool???? Call: 863-4512 for information.

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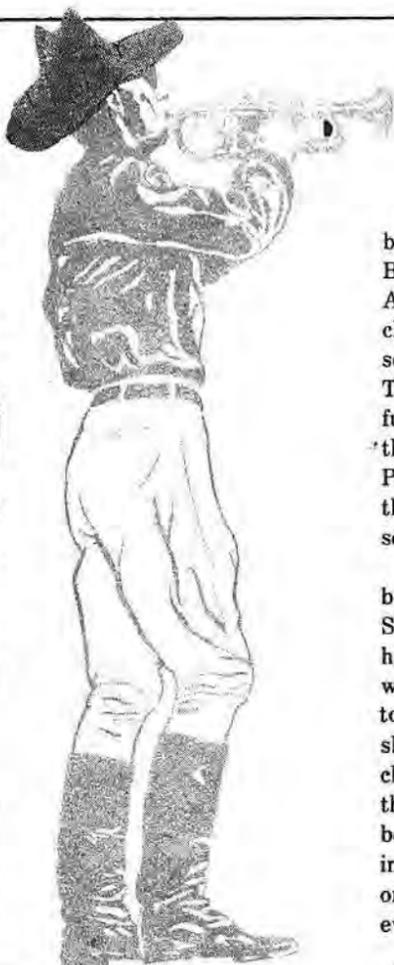
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# SCOUTS



### CUB PACK 31 GRACE CHURCH

Cubs were busy all of September with the theme: Muscle Builders. The activities relate to Achievement 1 for Wolf or Achievement 8 for Bears and several electives. The Siamese-Twin Relay proved to be the most fun. Parents will get involved at the regular fourth Thursday night Pack Meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m. as they match muscles with their sons.

The annual Scout Skills show will be Saturday, December 7 at the St. Louis Armory. Pack 31 will have a booth, Wolf Elective 1, which is "Secret Codes." Tickets to the show (really the greatest show in St. Louis) are \$1, two children on one \$1 ticket. Support the Cubs and Scouting when the boys begin selling on October 25, immediately following a TV show on Channel 2 telling about the event.

*John McEneny, Cubmaster*

**Troop 128, Hamilton School** also attended the Fall Encampment. They will hold a court of honor in early Oct. to honor those scouts who have advanced. Their troop leaders Council is now working on plans for the fall program. Meeting time has been changed to Wed. at 7:00 at Hamilton School.

*... Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster*

### BROWNIE TROOP 533

In case you missed the beginning of Brownie activities, it isn't too late. If you are 7 years old and in 2nd or 3rd grades, you are the right size and age. Brownies meet on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 to 4:30 in the Pine Room at Grace Church (we use the circle drive door). Chris Parfitt is leader and will welcome you.

### SENIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2886

Fall is off to a good start with a weekend camp, one dinner served and an "Arizona Reunion", which included a surprise \$5 refund from the trip. Seniors will aid handicapped children at the V.P. Parade on Sept. 28 in a reviewing stand for the children at the Old Cathedral.

Runways to wider opportunities this year include international events in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America; G.S.U.S.A. sponsored events in Wyoming for troops, Dig Mankind for individuals who are interested in archaeology; Folk Culture Festival, Saddle Straddle, Tote 'n Trek, Women in Wildlife--and many more. The opportunities in Senior Scouting are extensive something "extra" for every girl.

Two former Senior Scouts, Becky Ballard and Sandy Nelson are in England for a semester at Oxford. Their Girl Scout travels and records were an important part of references for the opportunity.

*Betty Klinefelter,  
Senior Scout Advisor*

**Troop 98, St. Roch's** attended the west district fall encampment, Sept. 20-22 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. The Troop Leaders Council has planned a court of honor for Oct. 2 and have planned at least one hike or campout per month until May. New officers will soon be elected to help in fulfilling the plans for next year. Troop 98 meets at 7:30 on Wed. nights in Scariot Hall at St. Roch's.

*... Andy Bender,  
asst. Scoutmaster*

**Troop 31, Grace Methodist** participated in the fall encampment and recently elected the following new troop patrol officers: Sr. Patrol Leader, Paul Christopher; Patrol Leaders, Bart Vossen, Larry Christopher, Quartermaster, Terry Kelly; Jr. Asst. Scoutmasters, Darrell French, Al Armstrong; Asst. Scoutmasters, Jim Pippas, Kenny Newland, Doug Durham. Plans for the fall so far include a court of honor on Oct. 10th and a "good turn" for Grace Pre-School. Troop 31 now meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 at Grace Methodist.

*... Ermin Rust, Scoutmaster*

**Troop 144, Delmar Baptist** attended the fall encampment and has formed a leadership corps including Sr. Patrol Leaders; Kevin Womack, Bobby Wallace, and Silas Ellis. All three scouts attended the Jr. Leader Training Camp this summer. New Patrol Leaders are Mike Womack, Blackfoot Patrol; Edward Ellis, Cobra Patrol. The troop leaders completing plans for the fall program and request that parents keep in touch with troop leaders and support the scouts. Troop 144 meets on Monday nights at 7:00 at Delmar Baptist Church.

*... Ed Creek, Scoutmaster*

### JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2472

Girls in grades 4, 5, and 6 are eligible for the Junior Troop, which meets on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8. This is a time which will not conflict with the various sports activities the girls are also in. The Troop meets in the Pine Room at Grace Church, using the circle drive door. Parents will be responsible for the girls' arriving and leaving at these evening hours. A full fun year with lots of learning, badges, and camping is planned. Carol Davis is the leader.

## WANT ADS

**WANT ADS ARE FREE!** to all residents of the area served by *The Paper*. Ads can be placed by calling 863-2164 before the 15th of the month.

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