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Serving residents of the area bounded by
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FEBRUARY 1975

Historic District Status Under Consideration For S-D Area

What is a Historic District? It is a specific, delineated area of the City which promises to maintain itself, in looks, much as it was when it was built. In return, the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission of the City promises to carefully monitor applications for rehabilitation or new buildings to be sure that they do not destroy the atmosphere of the Historic District, using the standards set by the residents of the district.

Becoming a Historic District in itself implies that there is something about the area which is valuable to preserve for future generations, either architecturally or historically. Americans have long been impressed with the architecturally-unified areas of cities in Europe and elsewhere, and this is an attempt to preserve the best in our country. A Historic District is set up by an

ordinance of the City and must be approved by the St. Louis Community Development Commission (formerly City Plan Commission).

Skinker-DeBaliviere has been considered as a potential Historic District not because of its great architecture or its earth-shaking historic events, but because of its development as a relatively unified whole - a slice of St. Louis residential architecture from the early 1900's. There is an extremely wide range of sizes in our area, from the largest mansion on Lindell to the smallest bungalow in Washington Heights, all important because of the relation of one to another while built within a ten-year period. To a great degree, this area has been very well preserved, and little exists which was not built to fit with everything else.

Look out your front window. *There's nothing special there, you may say; most of the houses look like mine does.* That's the point. It is the view down both sides of the street from the middle of the block that is deemed architecturally important about our neighborhood. That is why we need some form of community control.

Look again out your front window. Picture in your mind, right across the street, some of the houses you see in suburban developments. Two-story houses or split levels or ranch houses - the eight-foot ceiling kind. There, across the street from you, flush with the ground. It would look silly, you say? Of course it would. Not because the design is silly - it might be a marvelous use of a 35' lot - but because such houses do not fit in with the overall "look" of the rest of the street. Such houses could be built, and they would decrease the esthetic

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BRIEFS

To those Friends, Neighbors, and Customers of Fitzpatrick Pharmacy who contributed to the Neighborhood Project concerning our misfortune I wish to say THANKS. It was not necessary but sincerely appreciated.

William A. Fitzpatrick
Owner

Adult volunteers willing to help on various committees on Art Fair day, May 11, 1975, are needed. If you would like to participate, contact Mrs. Gee Stuart, 721-0053.

Anyone interested in the use of a Retreat Camp with sleeping quarters for up to 400, complete kitchen, and dining room facilities can contact Robert Bass in Steelville, Mo. at 1-786-3437. Cost is 50 cents per person per week.

The ten week series of Monday Night Women's Exercise Classes begins at 8:00 p.m. on February 3rd at St. Roch's Gym (6030 Waterman). Cost of the series is \$6. Volleyball is available at 9:00 p.m. Call 863-4512 for further information.

Boy Scout Troop 98 has donated \$39.20 in profits from their sale of Scout Skillshow tickets to The Paper. We sincerely appreciate this expression of regard for our publication. With costs constantly rising in this area of the economy as well as every other, we can really use the money! Thanks a lot, fellas.

Paper Dates and Deadlines for March Issue

Feb. 3 Staff Meeting, Weirs, 6120 Westminster, 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15 Copy Deadline

RESIDENTS HELP TIPTON INMATES

After reading an article in the St. Louis/Post-Dispatch written by Jake McCarthy describing the conditions at the State Correctional Center for Women at Tipton, Mo., Rev. and Mrs. Lee Hall, 6000 Block of Kingsbury, and Mrs. Shirley Deavens, principal of Hamilton Branch 111 School, initiated the Tipton Project.

The purpose of this project is to instill in the women inmates a renewed hope in mankind and to help them become productive citizens upon their release. Our program also stresses the need for inmates to be model prisoners while they are serving their sentences. On our first visit to the center we delivered a 7 ft. Christmas card which was designed by Mrs. Barrett, a teacher at Hamilton Br. 111. The card featured little windows in which each class inscribed their names, Bible verses, and words of encouragement.

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EVENTS

Feb. 7
Feb. 8
Feb. 10 & 11
Feb. 13
Feb. 22

last day for contacting Sharon Nelsen about St. Roch's Revue
LAST DAY FOR CITY STICKERS!!

Meeting for participants in St. Roch's Revue, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
WHN Board Meeting, 7:30, SDDC office

Rosedale Neighborhood Assn. Las Vegas Party, St. Roch's, 8:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Prayer Group at St. Roch's, Old School Cafeteria



ART FAIR HOUSE TOUR

'75

House Tour Committee News

The 1975 House Tour Committee has been making plans for this year's House Tour. The committee has established that the philosophy of this year's tour is to show the diversity of people, homes, and lifestyles that make our neighborhood a vibrant and exciting place to live.

Houses shall be chosen from suggestions subject to the following criteria:

1. Maximum of five houses or apartments to be shown.
2. Geographical distribution throughout the entire neighborhood.
3. A house should have a specific architectural interest, interesting feature, or special historical importance.
4. One house to feature an outdoor area, garden or patio.
5. Any unoccupied homes recommended must be ready for occupancy and will be limited to one on the tour.
6. No major projects underway in tour area.

Anyone wishing to submit recommendations for homes to be considered should contact one of the House Tour Co-Chairmen or the Council office at 862-5122.

Anyone wishing to contribute manpower, either prior to the tour or on the day of the tour (May 11, 1975), should contact Cherie McKee at 862-2351.

Deborah Bracey
Pat Kohn
Chris Lange

Any non-profit neighborhood organization in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area wishing to operate a fund-raising booth at the Art Fair on May 11, 1975, should contact Elaine Moore, 862-6897, or Sue Tepas, 862-3783, for applications and information. In an effort to avoid duplication in the types of fund-raising booths at the Fair, the Fund-Raisers Sub-committee of the Art Fair Committee will accept and approve applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Application may be submitted after March 1, 1975.

GET IN SHAPE FOR THE REVUE



Get in shape for the Revue!

Bring dance and song
All laughs along
Get in shape for the Revue!

If you can talk, you can act. We've got
skits that need actors.
Get in shape for the Revue!

If you've always wanted to dance, we've
got a choreographer-teacher
who will show you how to adjust your
gait.

Get in shape for the Revue!

If you've always wanted to sing with
your neighbors, pitch in your voice;
we've got duets, trios and quartets just
waiting to be sung.
Get in shape for the Revue!

If you want to work on production, write
skits or happen to have an
old piano with a ragtime musician
attached, we need you.
Get in shape for the Revue!

If you're living in Washington Heights,
Rosedale-Skinker, Skinker-DeBal
Neighborhoods, St. Rochs, All Saints, or
St. Catherine of Siena Parishes,
your in the right place.
Get in shape for the Revue!

If you need ideas, there's 60 years of
material to draw from; the theme is
The Neighborhood-Parish Over the
Years, from World's Fair to Present
Day.
Let us know what you want to do by
February 7, call 862-2573.
Get in shape for the Revue!

Bring your ideas ready in the rough form
to us at St. Roch's old school building,
Monday or Tuesday nights, February 10
and 11, between 7 and 10:00 p.m.

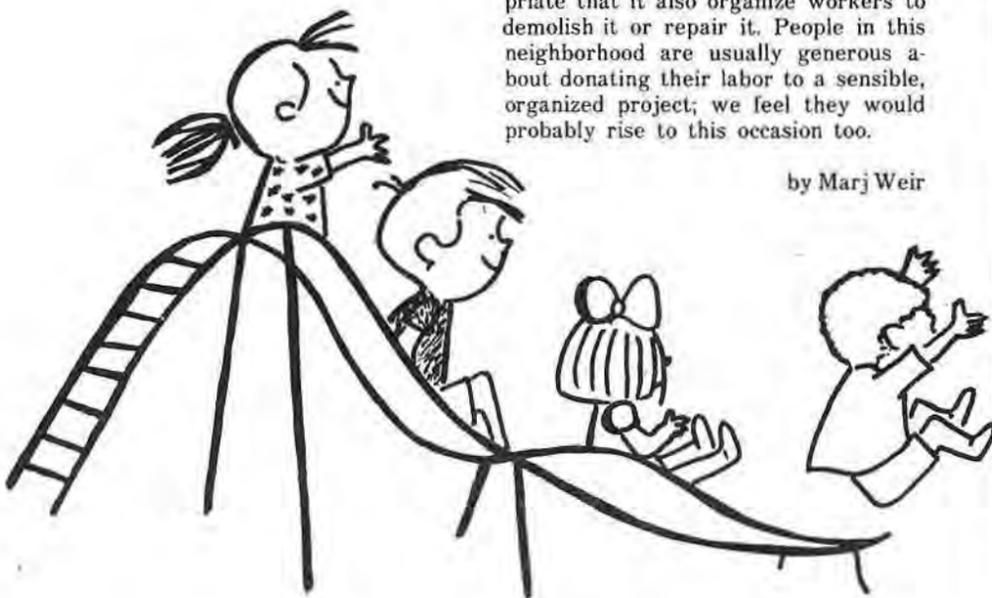
The St. Roch's Talent Revue will be held
on April 25 and 26, 1975,
at 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.
For information call John or Sharon
Nelsen, 862-2573.

Get in shape for the Revue!

Comment

No doubt everyone in the neighborhood is by now aware of the sad condition of the Tot Lot at Pershing and DesPeres. It is SOMEONE's responsibility to rehabilitate or raze it. (Much community sentiment favors the latter course.) The Residential Service was the original sponsor behind the Tot Lot's construction; therefore, it seems appropriate that it also organize workers to demolish it or repair it. People in this neighborhood are usually generous about donating their labor to a sensible, organized project; we feel they would probably rise to this occasion too.

by Marj Weir



Skinker-DeBaliviere as Historic District continued

value as well as the monetary value of your house and all the others on the street. Because they wouldn't "fit". We've all seen neighborhoods where this has happened, where it is obvious that the houses on the block were built at very different times, to very different scale. There are some along Des Peres Avenue, replacements for buildings which literally fell into the Des Peres River before it was covered over. With the exception of those houses and the gas stations, etc. along the commercial streets, our neighborhood is presently pretty much the same scale, single and two-family homes as well as apartment buildings. The idea of a Historic District is basically to preserve that, and to see that new buildings are built to conform to the "look" of the area.

Unlike restoration projects, Historic Districts have nothing to do with the inside of your house, or even with your back yard, unless it can be seen from the street. The "streetscape" is what is to be preserved or restored, if necessary and possible. No more would be asked of us, and the "aura of gracious living just after the turn of the century" which our area conveys would continue to fascinate those who happen through. The fact that stark modern interiors live next to Early American interiors and interiors of the "early newlywed" period would be no one's business but our own. But there would be control over any attempts to "modernize" exteriors. Such plans would have to be approved by the Landmarks

and Urban Design Commission according to the standards which we would set up here, ourselves, as a community, and have written into the ordinance.

The first step to even considering to idea of a Historic District is the completion of the Heritage/St. Louis survey. Parkview has completed their work on this. Rosedale Neighborhood is in the process and will be completed by the time you read this, as well as Lindell. Washington Heights has not yet begun their survey because of lack of volunteers. Once the survey is completed, we must officially ask Heritage/St. Louis for a map of the proposed district. Every building will be shown on this map, and land use maps can be developed using the master map. Eventually, a "general plan for restoration and suggested new development" map will be devised by the community in cooperation with the Community Development Commission. Once approved it all goes to the Board of Alderman. There are many steps to be taken between now and then, and all residents will be notified of each step and how to participate. Rosedale Neighborhood Association has formed a committee to explore what is involved, and Sue Tepas has been elected its chairperson. Once the committee knows the best way to proceed, and all the surveys are complete, there will be an informational on where to go from there. Watch for news in future issues, and interested workers should call 862-3783.

Sue Tepas

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With this issue we bid a hopefully temporary farewell to Chris Lange, who has well and faithfully managed both the business and layout of The Paper for nearly two years. She is not leaving the neighborhood, just The Paper, in order to return to school. We wish her such success and satisfaction in her studies that she will eventually be able to find time again for local journalism.

Special thanks go to Susan Storey, who bailed The Paper out of an emergency by setting type for us after a mechanical breakdown at McGraphics. Special thanks also go to Vince Schoemehl, Jr. and Apartment Living for their generous assistance.



Library Info Service

Questions on the many services offered by community agencies in the St. Louis area are now being answered by librarians in the city-wide St. Louis Public Library system through CRIS, the Community Resource Information System developed by the Health and Welfare Council of Metropolitan St. Louis. Access to the comprehensive index of human care and specialized educational resources is provided to each of the eighteen branch libraries through a central directory located at the Main Library.

Persons seeking specific information concerning where and how to get aid for their problems-including inquiries related to income and economic opportunity, basic material needs, health, knowledge and skills, family and individual assistance and development, and community services-may visit or call their nearest St. Louis branch library of Main Library, 1301 Olive Street. Addresses and telephone numbers of branch libraries are listed in both sections of the telephone directory under Libraries-public. Information is provided also at the Main Library, 1301 Olive Street, telephone 241-2288, extension 301. When libraries are closed, telephone inquiries to library's night reference number, 241-2277, will be recorded and answers called back the next business day.

The comprehensive index in microfiche form provides an alphabetical and cross-referenced listing of more than 1,000 agencies and their 5,000 services, including hours, parking information necessary to enable persons to determine which of several possible resources best fit their needs.

CRIS service is provided free to all persons by the St. Louis Public Library system in an effort to make the information more widely and easily available throughout the community. Continual updating of the index is provided by the Health and Welfare Council to the library system and 25 other subscribers to the service. CRIS serves also as a resource adjunct to the library's new Live and Learn educational referral and counseling program.

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Virgil Wright, President

Rust & Bender Receive Award

Ermin G. Rust, Jr. Scoutmaster of Grace Methodist's Troop 31 and Andrew B. Bender, Assistant Scoutmaster of St. Roch's Troop 98 received Vigil Honor Recognition at the Shawnee Lodge banquet, December 30, 1974. The Vigil Honor is the highest award given in Scouting's camping Brotherhood.

Ermin Rust received his Brotherhood Honor in 1968, and for the past three years has been Advisor for the West District Chapter. He has been Scoutmaster of Troop 31 for seven years, and has been a leader in maintaining boy oriented Scouting programs in his troop and in the district. The award concluded with the statement: In an organization of honor Scout Campers, Ermin Rust deserves its highest honor.

Andy Bender received his Vigil Honor for his untiring service to his troop, his district, his lodge, and the council camping program. He is an Eagle Scout, has been chapter program chairman, served two terms as Chapter Chief, worked on council camp staff for two years, was Order of the Arrow Coordinator for Camp May in 1974, worked on JLTC staff in 1973 and TLD staff in 1974, was West District Camporee's first Scout Campmaster, and is currently Lodge Service Chairman.

WHN NEWS

The January meeting of the WHN Board looked back at some activities of the past year and made some plans for the New Year. The joint social sponsored by WHN and Rosedale Neighborhood Assn. on December 14 at St. Roch's, while not a financial success, brought together residents of both areas of the Skinker-DeBaliviere community. Hopefully we will plan other activities together.

Reports on the progress (and sometimes the lack of it) of the Manpower proposals and SDCC's Community Development Proposal for a housing rehabilitation program were discussed.

For 1975, the Board hopes to build more neighborhood involvement. First, by getting more residents to take an active part in planning and participation in the Art Fair, and secondly, by creating more community awareness of the ways individuals, families, and blocks can work to improve the neighborhood for everyone. More specific ways of involvement will be discussed at the next Board meeting, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the SDCC's office at 6008 Kingsbury. Mike Magrath, WHN Board Pres. or your block chairman will welcome any calls from volunteers.

Venita Lake

Scout News

SCOUT NEWS

Senior Girl Scout Troop 2886-During January the girls participated in the Big Cat promotion. Four girls attended the Career Development Workshop at Florissant Valley Comm. College.

Looking ahead is Senior Week-end at Cedarledge, a float trip and the district Spring Thing.

...Betty Klinefelter, Leader

Junior Girl Scouts Troop 2342, St. Roch's-had an active holiday season. The Blue Patrol presented an original play called *Sneaker Squeaker* written by K.K. Thomas. It was a great success. Favors (250 of them) were made for the Firmin Desloge Hospital and ten girls made a visit to present them. Merit badges are being earned in housekeeping, cooking, dramatics and toymaking.

...Rita Magyar, Mary Alice Krieger, Leaders

Cub Pack 31, Grace Methodist-The boys were given Space Kits at the first den meeting in January. The space ships are made at home and the Space Derby Pack Meeting on Jan. 29 will determine the winner. Trips to the planetarium and Jefferson Memorial added to the boys space knowledge.

February is the 65th anniversary of Scouting in America. Pack 31 will celebrate with its annual Blue & Gold Family Pot Luck dinner in the Grace Church Fellowship Hall.

...Betty Klinefelter, Den mother

Cub Pack 98, St. Roch's-meets every Monday at 3:00 p.m. in Scariot Hall. They are planning a Blue & Gold Banquet for February.

...Peg O'Brien, Den mother

Troop 31, Grace Methodist-participated in the Scoutskills show and went on a cold campout at Beaumont Reservation. February plans include another camping trip and a Court of Honor. Meetings are Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Methodist.

...Ermin Rust, Scoutmaster

Troop 128, Hamilton School-enjoyed taking part in the Scoutskills show at the Armory in December. The Leaders council is planning the spring and summer program which will include several camping trips. Meetings are on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hamilton School.

...Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster

Troop 144, Delmar Baptist-demonstrated First Aid Skills at the Scoutskills show and are now working on plans for Spring activities. Summer camp plans have already been made. Meetings are on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

...Ed Creek, Scoutmaster

Troop 98, St. Roch's-hiked the Gateway Trail in January. It goes around the riverfront and historical downtown. Meetings Wednesday at 7:30 at St. Roch's.

...Hugh Bender, Sr. Patrol Leader

**CASINO NIGHT
OR
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8 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1975
ST. ROCH'S SCARIOT HALL**

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Admission includes \$500 in play money

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PEOPLE'S CLINIC

In June 1972, the People's Clinic began in response to a growing demand among some neighborhood people for accessible, primary health care services. The project was initiated by neighborhood people, who then enlisted the support of medical professionals. Why did the consumers take the initiative in meeting the problem? If there was a need then where was the regional health department? Where were the regional health planners, the hospital administrators, or the doctors? When in 1972, the Clinic's founders were trying to enlist support for the project a local doctor argued, *Look, if there really were a need for a neighborhood clinic, the Board of Directors of nearby St. ... Hospital, being informed and concerned people, would start one. Well they haven't started a clinic so there must not be a need for one.*

His argument, aside from being illogical, is an example of just how out of touch the health care establishment is with people's primary medical needs. With an annual budget that is rapidly approaching \$100 Billion, the American Health Empire is caught up in *future shock* of its own. The central issue of this *future shock* is that the system has become increasingly specialized, fragmented, and costly to the point where it can no longer keep up with the changing health needs and demands of our citizens. The American health system is deeply in trouble and is frantically trying to figure a way out of the mess it has created. There seems, these days, to be an almost endless proliferation of new proposals for reorganizing the system, and among these are proposals for returning the focus for services out of the big medical centers and back into the neighborhoods. These proposals are almost invariably initiated by consumers who are demanding reforms from a health care system which appears, to many people, to be more concerned with its own well-being than with the public's health. This article will trace the historical development of the process by which the system got itself in the mess it is in today.

In 1910, the Flexner Report exposed the largest problem facing medicine at the time—the incompetence of its practitioners. As a result of this report, a large portion of the diploma mill medical schools and apprenticeships were closed down and surviving medical schools were integrated into the universities, where medicine could take advantage of the knowledge of modern science. The resulting explosion in knowledge caused new problems. One outcome was that it has become impossible for any one person to learn everything known about medicine. So medical students had to specialize.

Another outcome was an increase in the need for medical care. New knowledge saved lives, so people now tended to live long enough to experience chronic diseases. Also, new knowledge meant that more diseases were not treatable instead of being in the, Gee, that's too bad department. Also, since the physician is more knowledgeable than he was fifty years ago, people now seek medical care for things that earlier would have been left untreated.

The growth of technology has resulted in highly sophisticated diagnostic equipment, and new, skilled medical personnel. One result of this intensified work has been to increase the scale of organization. The typical location of medical practice has shifted out of the home and into the office; and out of the office and into the hospital and large clinic. The main reason for this shift in location is greater efficiency for the doctor. In the hospital, he wastes little time traveling and has scores of technicians, with elaborate equipment, to assist him.

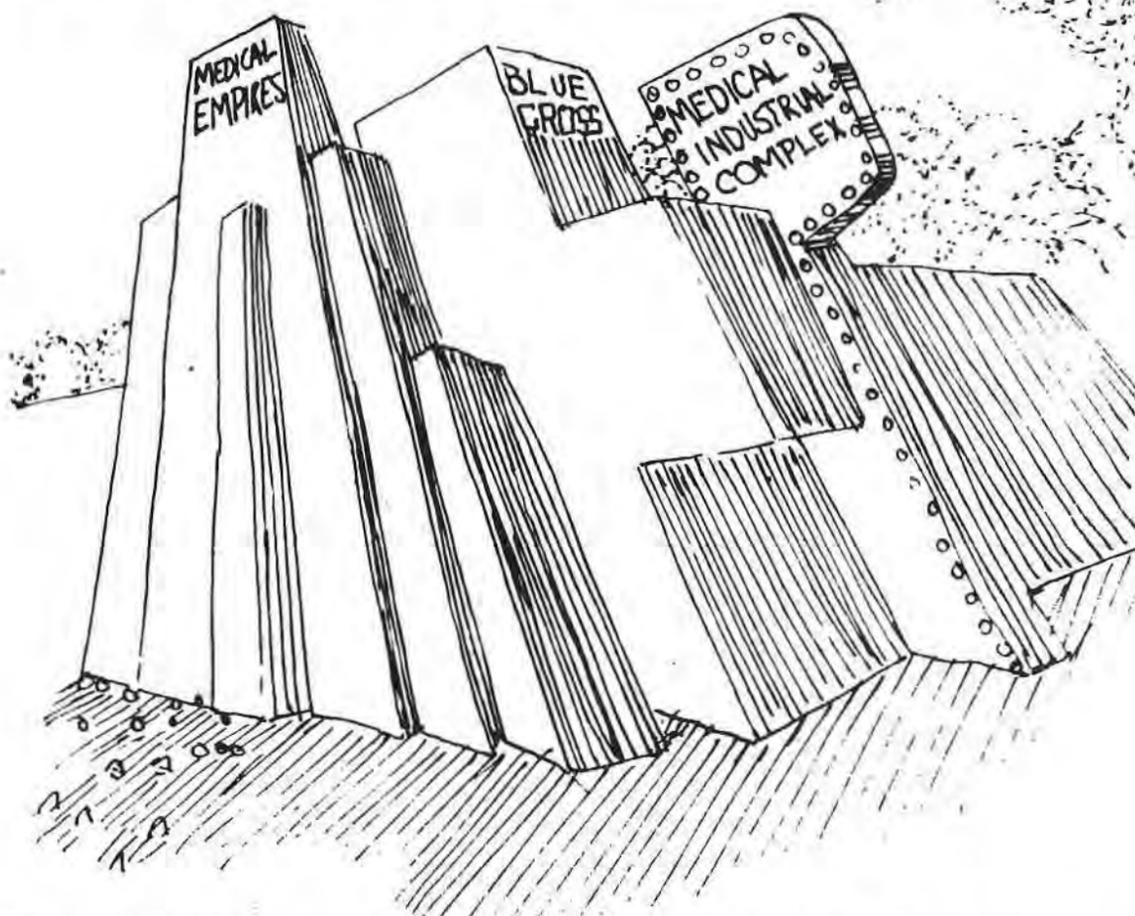
From the standpoint of the person seeking care, a by-product of the increasing complexity of care has been the fragmentation of service. Getting medical attention is no longer a simple task of seeing a physician. Now, the client often has to be able to make a preliminary diagnosis of his problem and be pretty knowledgeable of the system so that he can be able to determine the most appropriate place to seek help. Ahh this is to say that in spite of greater technical knowledge and more sophisticated organizations for mass processing patients, medical care has become more and more remote for the public.

We have seen that the focus of health care has shifted out of the home and neighborhood and into the hospitals. The resulting fragmented and expensive hospital-based services are becoming less and less appropriate to America's changing health care needs. Can we expect the providers of care to lead the way in developing neighborhood-oriented health care services? Many people feel that the providers, preoccupied with their status in a competitive health care market, have already lost the initiative to consumers. People in thousands of communities throughout the country are beginning to vigorously demand that the health care providers either serve the public's needs—or get out of the way. In many communities, such as our own, people have started their own health services. These neighborhood clinics are not adequate for ALL our health care needs. They ARE a realistic place to start, however, and they can provide an organized base for educating hospital administrators and Boards of Trustees about their responsibility to society.



"I bled on this form.
May I have another?"

Transforming The



Health Care System:

Another problem is that costs have skyrocketed beyond belief, especially hospital charges. Hospitals, as the centers of diagnostic expertise, compete tremendously with each other for your (and your doctor's) business. How do they compete? By building luxurious new buildings and installing elaborate equipment to keep ahead of the hospital down the street. So, instead of cooperation with each other by sharing equipment and services, the hospitals are caught up in wasteful overconstruction and duplication of services. Vast amounts of your health dollars are wasted in this way. And your cost of running from specialist to specialist, and then waiting for hours, is probably considerable. Medical costs are rising so rapidly that even the insurance mechanisms are threatened with bankruptcy. As long as the people who run the health care system insist on keeping the system competitive instead of cooperative, working Americans will continue to bear the heavy burden for this waste. But the consumers are becoming increasingly unwilling to support a health care establishment which is too slow in responding to their needs.

The health care system exists under the pretext that it is a social institution created by our society to serve our people's health care needs. Instead, it has developed into a costly (and highly profitable) business which protects its self-interest behind a veil of mystique. And the mystique is wearing thin. If we are to remold this social institution to serve people's needs, perhaps the first step for us as health workers is to continuously dispel the myth that medicine is difficult. The most fundamental task of any health worker should be the education of the client. In the People's Clinic, by encouraging the patient to actively participate in his own treatment and to ask questions, it is more likely that the problems which CONCERN him will be treated and that the treatment will be understood. Best of all, the person learns what he has a right to expect from people whose job it is to serve his health care needs, whether that occurs in our neighborhood health service or in a hospital. An awareness of our health rights leads to demanding our rights. And its going to take all of us pushing from all sides to turn this wayward health care system around.



Reluctant Writers

continued

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.

Local Residents Help Inmates

On Dec. 21, 1974, through the efforts of Mrs. Deavens, Grace Methodist Church, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, and Westside Baptist Church Sunday School class, a bus was chartered in which we were able to take 29 children and 11 adults who were the children and relatives of the inmates to visit with them at Tipton. The selection of the bus and its driver was arranged by Mr. Randy Nabors, Sutter Presbyterian Church.

When the children and relatives arrived, the long awaited reunion was a most joyous occasion. Many of the women wept unabashedly because most of them had not seen their children for years.

Since then we have visited the Center every two weeks on Saturdays, taking with us such hard to get items as sewing and knitting materials, soap, lotions, face cloths and towels, cigarettes, coffee and sugar, toothpaste and brushes. These items are still needed.

There are thirty-five women in the Center who never receive visitors or who rarely receive mail. These are the ones with whom we are concentrating our efforts.

Jim Kern of Grace and Peace Church donated some New Testament Bibles and has promised to help us gain more items through his congregation.

We will be going to Tipton again on January 18, 1975, and we will be accompanied by several volunteer workers including Mr. and Mrs. Randy Nabors, Mrs. Shirley Deavens Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherow, Mrs. Bernice Brooks, Mrs. Carol Rhem, Mr. Ken Fuchs, and Rev. and Mrs. Lee Hall, Mark and Debbie.

If anyone would like to contribute any of the above needed items they can be left at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office or call Rev. Lee Hall, 725-2741 for pickup.

Rev. Lee Hall

The following letter was sent to the Council office after the Christmas visit described above:

To Whom It May Concern,
I would like to thank you all on behalf of all the women here at SCCW for the wonderful thing you did for us.

All too often people come through here with much talk in regards to what they would like to do for us and all too little action. Again thank you. Take care. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Ute Honzell

HEALTH COUNCIL COMPLETE

The election of the People's Clinic Community Health Council is now completed. For the first time since its beginning, the Clinic has a specific, regular body to tie it to community attitudes and perspectives.

The Council is now the "highest" level of the Clinic administration. Its duties include dealing with Clinic policy, programs and direction. Its fifteen members are composed of the seven-member Board of Directors and eight persons elected from the community, clinic workers, etc., in defined proportions.

The Board was elected several months ago and the rest of the Council was just elected last month. Here is the list of the Clinic Community Council:

George Brown
Anna Busch
William Bolden
Mary Boyts
Catherine Sullivan
Morty Glanz
Marge Weir
Maverine Wilson

and the Board:

Barbara Bailey
Arline Burgdorf
Kathye Gentry
Doug Strong
Vinod Seth
Christine Smith
Mary Webber

These people will be meeting once a month in open session. All are invited and the first meeting will be Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Clinic.

The Board of Directors and the administrator are still the ultimate source for the resolution of inside-the-clinic problems and day to day issues.

All of the people on the Council are active community or Clinic participants and should provide the balance as well as the initiative we need. This is the Clinic's first real chance to begin to be "of" the community as well as "for" it. It looks like we'll make it.

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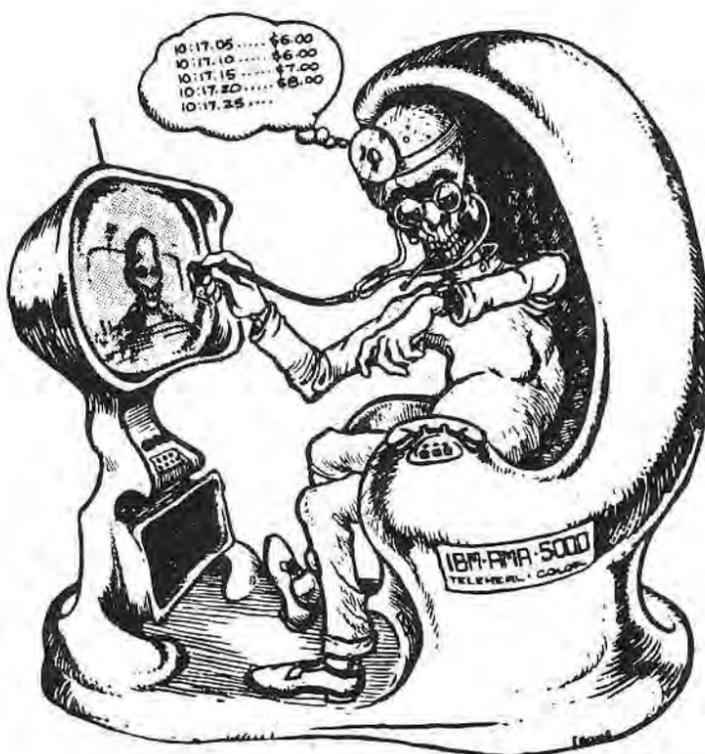
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Would you like to put an end to this unfair tax burden? If you're a registered voter in Missouri, you can become part of the action now. You may sign a petition or pick up a petition and get the signatures of your friends and neighbors. If you agree that we can't afford to wait any longer, come join us in this action. For petitions or more information, call Judy at 721-5577. If she is out, leave your name and number so she can return your call.

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St. Roch's School

Is the proper role of the school merely to teach the three R's? Most educators and those interested in education think not. This year, in order to broaden the student's learning experience, St. Roch's is offering a series of mini-courses during the spring semester. In most cases the subject matter is not that traditionally found in the school curriculum. These courses will be held once a week on Thursday afternoons, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Since this is the school's first attempt at this sort of offering it was decided by the faculty to begin with a rather limited selection of courses, geared to three age groups: Primary (grades 1-4), Intermediate (grades 5-6), and Upper (grades 7-8).

The initial courses will be taught mainly by current faculty members who volunteered their services in the fields in which they themselves felt an interest and expertise. Some parental help is also being sought. In addition, two students, Alan Fiquette, and Jim Storey, have offered to supervise model airplane and car construction for the 5th and 6th grades, and chess lessons for the 8th grade.

Each child has been given a list of courses for his level and asked to make a first and second choice. Since classes will change at the quarter, each student is assured of one quarter in his first choice.

Popularity of courses chosen may necessitate changes in the following tentative scheduling. Two courses are offered at all three levels: knitting and crocheting, taught by Sr. M. Elena, primary, and Mrs. Mae Kester, intermediate and upper. Also, Creative writing—Sr. Catherine Edward, primary Sr. Charles Helene, intermediate and Mr. Ed. Martin, upper.

Puppetry, conversational French (Mrs. Burke) and Drama (Mr. Martin) round out the primary level.

Puppetry, sewing and embroidery (Sr. Anna John) and model making complete the intermediate courses.

Chess, bridge with Mr. Martin, model making, sewing and embroidery (Sr. Anna John) and typing for 8th graders only (Mr. Burke and Sr. Dorothy) are the other upper grade offerings.

Thursday, January 15th is the first meeting of the new classes. With the enthusiasm already displayed by the teachers and students, Thursday may quickly take Friday's place as the most popular day of the school week.

Ann McCarthy

Board of Ed. Petition Circulated in Area

Several people in our neighborhood have been actively involved in Citizens for Progress in Public Education, a coalition of members of parent groups (Creative Education; Nottingham PTA), a teacher group (St. Louis Teachers Assn), and various neighborhood and political organizations (Montgomery-Hyde Park; West End Community Development; 8th Ward Democrats).

Organizing a very successful petition drive in our area were Joe and Mary Boyts, Ted and Karen Bynum and Dan Schesch. The slate of candidates picked by Citizens for Progress in Public Education was able to secure the first position on the ballot in the April election by launching a weekend vigil outside the Board of Education building. Either the candidates (Gordon Benson, Don Cross, Anna Forder, Gerry Thurman Harold Light) or someone representing each of them stood in line at 9th

UnSchool

Life in the Fourth Estate

The Unschool has been publishing the UnPaper for several months now. The following article is in response to inquiries about working conditions at the UnPaper.

My Feelings About Making the UNpaper
I work on making the UnPaper. I think it is fun except for one thing. That is people goofing off. I admit I goof off too. And I am trying to stop. But, I work on Paul's Believe It or Not's. I have only been workin on Paul's Believe It or Not's for two Week's. It is not very frustrating but Iv had my monents.

by Paul Steffen



Christmas With Hamilton

"Christmas with Hamilton" was a complete, inspiring success. The program was held at the Grace Methodist Church under the direction of Ms. Consuella Jackson and Ms. Margaret Thompson. The program was a combination of musical numbers and choral readings held together by Kevva Davis, the M.C.

The program started and ended with a procession by the middle grade choir. The choir was a select group who sang several Christmas selections. An instrumental group consisting of Milton Ingram, Quinton Ingram, Michael Haddox, Tyrone Reid, performed several familiar carols. Also the talented Tyrone Reid played piano solo and accompanied the choir.

Students of Room 115 and 116 told the audience their Christmas ABC's. Room 210 told the story of "The Friendly Beast" and "It's Christmas Time". Mr. Cleveland Young stole the show with his version of "The Night Before Christmas".

Thanks go to all who cooperated toward the success of the program. We'll be looking forward to next year's program.

Joyce White

and Locust from noon Friday, January 3rd to Monday morning, January 6th.

The process for getting on the ballot is very different from running for other public offices. A candidate cannot simply file. He/she must have signatures of 22 of the city voters in the last general election on petitions notarized by a city notary public. (For this election that was 2,695 signatures.) The period for filing is from 85 to 63 days before the city election. The petitions must be presented to the treasurer of the Board of Education, Dr. Sam Lawson, who is in a unique legal position. He is an employee of the Board of Ed. and yet he alone determines whether a candidate's name appears on the ballot.

The five candidates were very grateful to everyone who helped canvass during the hectic New Year's week. A large portion of the necessary signatures were gotten in our neighborhood.

Hamilton School

Hamilton School Kindergarteners Startled by Sudden Bonanza

Some of the Hamilton School Kindergarten had an extra surprise while on a trip to Famous Barr to see Santa Claus and the Christmas Fantasy Land.

After seeing Santa Claus, the children waited for their bus by one of the entrances. It happened to be by a vending machine that was not working properly.

The children began to hear money dropping. They picked up several big handfuls of coins and gave them to their teacher. She returned them to the woman in the Eagle Stamp cage nearby.

STUDENT WRITING

"Tree"

Well, when Hamilton School was being built, I didn't want it to be built. I thought the children were going to kill me by climbing on me. But they didn't for awhile but then they started to climb me. All of my bark came off. The people brought some basketball baskets. When about five hundred were here, that's when the fights began. Boy - I hated when they would fight; boys and girls bumped into me. A lady named Granny Fanny planted me here. I have been in this spot for a very long time.

Kelly Alexander
Grade 4

"Sounds"

The grass is tall; the leaves are green.
That's when you think you can't be seen.
Many little sounds scare you all day.
Some little sounds might scare you away.
Standing in the middle of nowhere,
thinking nobody cares.
Thinking of all the sounds around just
looking in the air.

Joyce White
Grade 5, Room 211

"What Is a Baby?"

What is a baby?
A baby is something
To be cared for.
That's not all
Of course, there's more.

A baby is very,
Very small.
If you glance over him,
You can hardly see him
At all.

Some people say he's nothing
but a child.
But that doesn't mean
You can treat him wild.

A baby is very,
Very small,
But someday he'll be
Very, very tall.

All through this poem,
I've called it a he.
But I must tell the truth,
It really is a she.

Joyce White
Grade 5, Room 211

Room 114 programmed a project called "Folk Tales." It consisted of 4 stories. "The Three Bears," the book, "The Speckled Hen," and two African tales, "A Story, A Story," and "The Magic Tree."

After the stories were read and discussed, Fernandez Mitchell, a seven year old, narrated the story, and three children, Joyce Jackson, Vincent Brown, and Ollie Green accepted the roles of the three bears. Goldilocks was Melody Skinner. She looked beautiful in her part, complete with golden hair and her costume made by her of construction paper.

The entire class repeated the lengthy poem of "The Speckled Hen." Little seven year old James Love told the story of "A Story, A Story" or how stories became known around the world.

The stage for the setting of "The Three Bears" was a huge backdrop made by Mrs. Gibson's special education class with the pictures of Goldilocks, the three bears, their house, and the trees.

The entire program was a complete success to the delight of the first graders and their parents. The program was taped and played back later for the children. Bervyl Evans was the narrator for the entire program. In class, pictures of each story were given the children, who colored them, cut them out and put them in sequence on construction paper. These were put together in book form and labeled "Folk Tales" by each child's name.

From this project the children gained fine motor skills, cutting, coloring and pasting, learning new words, recognizing words, expressing orally a sequence of events, distinguishing fact from fiction, dramatization, art and costume making.

Helen J. Hearn
Teacher, Room 114

(Because of an editor's oversight this story was not taken to the typesetter. We at The Paper apologize to Mrs. Hearn and her class for the typed copy.)

5700 DeGiverville

February is the month for elections on the 5700 block of DeGiverville. It is a time when you the voters choose your leaders for the coming year. Plan to attend the election meeting on Feb. 2, 1975, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weddington, 5721 DeGiverville, at 4:30 p.m.
Shirley Polk

Gardening Where We Live

The state of the economy has nearly everyone wondering what to do to reduce expenses. A necessary expense most of us would like to cut is food. One way is to grow your own. Moving to the neighborhood from southern Illinois, the only sacrifice we felt we made was giving up a large yard and garden. At first it looks like a city lot is too small for growing food, but it's not. For those of you who have been thinking about a garden (and those who haven't), we would like to share some ideas on what can be grown in a limited space.

not the whole bulb. While it is growing, it looks like an onion, though not quite as tall. After the tops turn yellow and dry (about August), dig up the clove you planted in March, and there will be a whole bulb of garlic.



Let's start with sidewalks - not to tear them out, but to border them with something good to eat - like strawberries. The plants are low-growing, green the year-round, require a minimum of care, and the year after they are planted will produce about one quart of berries per plant. Strawberries planted 18 inches apart on both sides of a 10-foot walk will produce about 14-15 quarts for less than one-fourth the cost at the supermarket. Mulch the plants with grass clippings during the spring and summer and cover with leaves after the first freeze; strawberries then will bear year after year.

Another fruit that costs only slightly less than gold in the stores is the blueberry. But if you have a place where you have been thinking about a hedge, why not think about a blueberry hedge? The plants are attractive and may grow as high as seven or eight feet. Blueberries like an acid soil, so mulch them with pine needles and in three or four years pick blueberries.

Everybody likes tomatoes, and, although you can't plant enough to make ketchup (we made it once and figured the cost at over \$1/pint.), three or four plants will produce lots of tomatoes. The plants like sunshine and will grow pretty tall! The back edge of the flower bed might be a good place for them. There are a couple of varieties that produce smaller tomatoes that will grow in large pots. Patio is one which produces smaller than average tomatoes, and Tiny Tim is an easy-to-grow cocktail tomato.

Green peppers will grow just about anywhere that a tomato will, but the plant will only get 2½ to 3 feet tall. It is a beautiful dark green, and four or five plants in a flower bed will give lots of green peppers. If you have too many, freeze them and use them for stuffed peppers next winter.

If you are a rose fancier and would like to reduce the insects that attack roses and grow something to use in the kitchen then try garlic. Insects hate garlic! The bulb you buy in the grocery store is fine for planting. Plant the individual cloves,

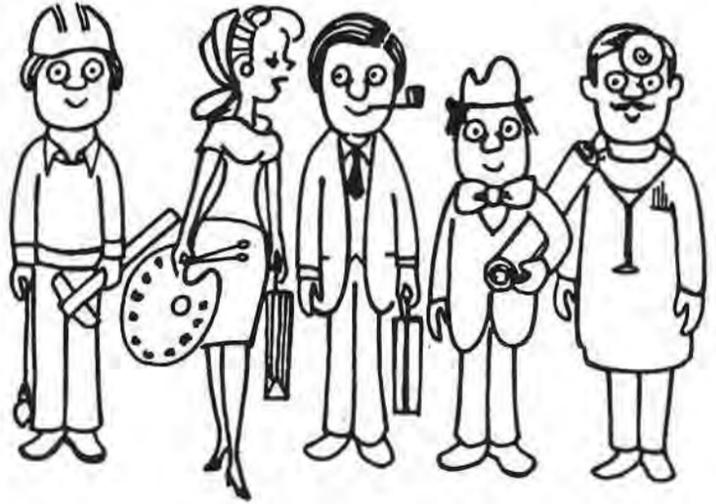
How about salad? Radishes and lettuce both like cool weather, grow fast, don't mind shade, and taste delicious. Plant them anytime after March 1 (They will stand a frost or two.), and thirty days later, they should be ready for harvesting. Along the fence, the edge of a flower bed, or that little square of ground by the back steps that is hard to get the lawnmower into are good places for either of these crops.

If your yard is fenced, you might try pole beans (snap or lima) or cucumbers. Pole beans are supposed to climb, and with just a little encouragement and an occasional piece of string, cucumbers can be convinced to climb. Chain link fences are perfect, but a wooden privacy fence with nails and heavy twine to form a trellis will do just as well.

Fresh herbs add a lot to flavoring to a meal and take up very little space. Our favorite is basil, the lettuce-leaf variety, which can be grown in a flower border in full or partial sun or in 12-inch clay pots. Try it in spaghetti sauce, pizza, green beans, or brew in iced tea for a start. Another herb that grows well in pots is parsley. Set the pots on the porch steps or anywhere else you might put ornamental plants and ship fresh herbs all summer and fall. We also grow thyme, chives, sage, marjoram, oregano, and borage which, if permitted, all produce blooms in shades of blue or purple. In addition, mints and lemon balm can be grown in pots or borders. A square foot or less for each will probably produce enough for most families and possibly enough to dry for winter. The aromas are at least as appealing as most flowers, although for some reason, insects dislike the scent and stay away.

Now is the time to do the planning. Look at the back, front, and side yards, the front porch or balcony for those little odds and ends of space where a lettuce patch or two or three tomato plants could go. Think about your fence covered with beans or cucumbers. Think about your lowered grocery bill. Strawberry shortcake for everyone!

Rich and Venita Lake



VICISSITUDES

Amid winter winds and the ubiquitous flu, **The Paper** presses onward, with news of our neighbors that may have escaped your notice...

Were You There? A few of you missed the joint WHN-RNA Christmas party, where high spirits and a truly inspiring band made for a merry evening. You shouldn't have missed this one.

Welcoming many new neighbors this month: a new friend on McPherson, Leon Gordon, and a belated welcome to those busy renovators of McPherson, the Hoefels. Ron and Phyllis Stutzman and their two children Ben and Becky, already neighbors on Pershing, soon to move to Jim Mitchell's newly renovated house on Westminster. Welcoming to Parkview, Lawson Phaby, recently moved to a new home, and Dr. Tiejien, joining a great group of new neighbors from Seminex settled in our environs. And in the 5900 block of Waterman, Randall and Paula Grauer and their two young children join us.

Happy News: on Westminster, Paul and Kathy Woodard and their two daughters Kim and Kelly welcome a baby boy, Jonathan Paul, born Jan. 10. Grace Pre-School heralds the return of Miss Berry, now well and back teaching many of our three year-olds after a recent hospital stay. We hear also that

Jerry Flynn's mother, Mrs. Dryden, is recuperating from an operation and doing great. We all wish her a happy recovery in the best possible surroundings, our neighborhood, of course!

Exciting Travel News--the Sheas off to Europe with all of the family. We all envy you! And Dennis and Donna Johnson soon going to Finland in a teaching exchange. Interesting for us too, as we gain a Finnish family as neighbors for awhile.

Have you seen...any signs of a new pizza place hereabouts? A Greek Food Shop rumored to be locating here? The snappy new Hamilton School sweat-shirts, popping up everywhere? Our many new trees, made possible because of RNA matching funds with homeowners?

Only one pregnancy discovered since our last issue...out congratulations to Pat Kohn. Are there more? Someone out there must be willing to divulge a few secrets. Remember, the identity of our informants is kept strictly confidential, so let us know what you know. Call JoAnn at 726-6974.

And happy recovery to everyone out there suffering from the latest flu epidemic! See you next month...

by J

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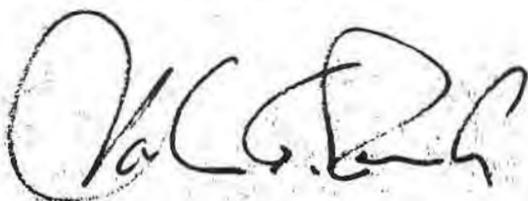
If my experience on the Board of Aldermen has taught me one thing, it is that things can only get better in our City.

We are beginning to attract a large number of younger people who are buying homes and renovating apartments who see the obvious economic benefits of living in the City of St. Louis. They are interested in living in urban neighborhoods in contrast to the suburban areas which they are leaving.

I think we are just at the beginning of this trend and that we are going to see more and more people moving into the City over the next few years.

However, our policies in City government must be oriented toward increasing this trend. That means we must have a more open government, a government less dedicated to some of the traditional ways of doing things. It is important to continue electing younger and more innovative public officials who can bring the City's advantages to the attention of those who live in the suburban areas and attract them back into the City with their talents and financial resources. This is one of the functions which I have tried to perform as your Alderman, and which I want to continue performing during the next 4 years. It is through this movement of people back into the City that we can revitalize our neighborhoods and regain the confidence of the business community. A growing, financially stable City population will stimulate new investment in the downtown and outlying areas of the entire City. If we are able to continue working on this in the next 4 years, we will be that much closer to achieving a brighter future for the City of St. Louis and we will meet the decade of the 1980's with a firmer base and confidence about our future.

John G. Roach



Alderman, 28th Ward



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WANT ADS

WANT ADS ARE FREE! to all residents of the area served by The Paper.

LOST: male black and white long-haired domestic cat, yellow collar. 1 1/2 years old. If you have any information call 726-5967.

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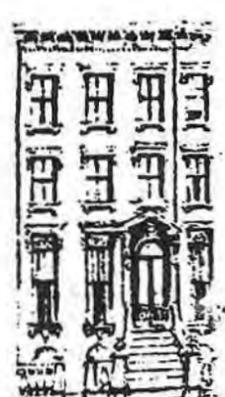
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