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MARCH 1975

Market in the Loop to Open

The long awaited open air market in the Loop area of University City will open on March 1st. The market, which will have 15 stalls, was built by Company D of the 1140th Engineering Battalion of the Missouri National Guard. It will be open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Martin Mantia, proprietor of Martin's Market once located on the site of the new market, will be Market Master. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 1.

60xx Washington Residents Meet

On the 6th of February the 6000 Washington Block Unit #663 Area A met at Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. In attendance were many residents of the block as well as Alderman John Roach, Captain Gay Carraway of the 7th Police District, Cal Stuart, Del McClellan, Chairman of the Woman's Crusade Against Crime, and Mr. Ransom and Mr. Slayton of the St. Louis Federation of Block Units. Captain Carraway introduced two narcotics officers to the block unit. An informative discussion followed which was of great interest to concerned residents. Wilson, chairman of the Block Unit, ended the meeting by encouraging everyone to continue their unrelenting efforts to combat crime.

Paper dates and deadlines.
March 3rd, Paper Staff Meeting,
6120 Westminster, 8:00 p.m.
March 15 th, Copy Deadline.

BRIEFS



The Neighborhood School welcomes your clothing, furniture, or any used items that you would ordinarily call Goodwill to pick up. Please call to arrange a pickup and remember, your donated items are tax deductible.

March 2 is the next Sidewalk Sale — 12 to 3 p.m. at 5949 Kingsbury. Prices are cut on all winter items and Spring clothing will be featured. Past sales have provided a part-time teacher for Neighborhood School and it is hoped future sales will continue her salary until June. The parents and children of Neighborhood School are very grateful to residents of the area who have continued to donate goods and attend the sales.



Des Peres Branch Library has a preschoolers story hour on Friday mornings at 10:00. There are stories and movies for the kids, coffee and conversation for the moms.



COOKIE TIME is here again and all girl scouts will be selling the seven varieties offered this year. If you haven't been approached to buy some, contact your nearest neighborhood girl scout or leader and support a great cause.

THE FOUR CORNERS PROJECT



SDCC is cooperation with the Washington University School of Architecture Urban Design Center is working with neighborhood residents to improve the appearance of the "four corners" at Des Peres and Kingsbury.

An important step forward has already been taken. An offer by the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council to purchase the vacant southwest corner has been accepted. The current plan for this lot is to provide off-street parking for the Clinic. SDCC, Grace and Peace Fellowship, and the library. Providing this space for parking will help to restore the on-street parking

for residents of the 5900 and 6000 blocks of Kingsbury. In addition, consideration is being given to turning a part of this space into a mini-park with trees and flowers to further beautify the area.

Students from the Design Center are meeting on a weekly basis with residents and building owners of the four corners area and adjacent properties at the Council office on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Any other neighborhood residents who are interested in participating on a weekly basis should contact SDCC.

Pat Kohn
Rich Lake

EVENTS

- March 2 Sidewalk Sale, 5949 Kingsbury (across from the Library) 12-3 p.m.
- March 25 RNA General Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Grace Methodist Church.
- April 3 WHN General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., SDCC office, 6008 Kingsbury
- April 6 Sidewalk Sale, 5949 Kingsbury (across from the Library) 12-3 p.m.

St. Pat's
March 17



EASTER

March 30



Here today, gone tomorrow. The Residential Service has arranged for the removal of the fences and play

equipment at the lot at Pershing and Des Peres.

PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 4

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editors, dog owners, garbage men and Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council:

Subject: Neighborhood Pride has gone to the dogs.

Amid so much effort toward neighborhood renewal and revitalization, all the dogs permitted to roam at will are surely a barrier to progress.

Many of the alleys are a disgrace and have been for some time. The garbage men, of course, should do a much better job of collecting without spilling and damaging the cans. However, it must be very discouraging to them to come into an area that has garbage strewn all over the alley by dogs and careless residents. Many of us who don't enjoy living around filth recognize these alley dogs and know their owners. Some owners have reportedly been approached but, apparently, to no avail. Leash laws, health problems, aesthetics, etc. don't seem to impress these sterling citizens.

Admittedly, cared for dogs do occasionally get out and neighborhood children even discern which dogs are allowed to roam and which are accidentally out and bring the accidents back home.

Frankly, there is a contradiction between the negligence concerning the garbage strewn alleys and lawns and dogs running loose in a neighborhood that is trying to promote an image of considerate neighbors and lovely homes.

Joan T. Bender



This picture tends to speak for itself.

Young People Sponsor Marathon

A group of young people from the St. Roch's Pro-Life Committee are organizing The First—and Probably Last—Annual Basketball Marathon for Life. The non-stop basketball game will begin in the Visitation Academy Gymnasium, Ballas and Highway 40, at 8 P.M. on Thursday, February 27 and conclude on Sunday evening, March 2nd. Admission is a donation of 25c and up.

Margaret Hart, Gloria McCarthy, Mark McMahon and Michael Grady from St. Roch's have lined up male and

female teams from grade school through college age to wear green and gold pinnies and keep the game going for 72 hours. Each player is asked to get sponsors for himself and his team. Proceeds will go to Birthright, an organization that provides assistance to pregnant women, new mothers, and their babies.

One error is reported in the roster of teams: the team scheduled from 6—6:30 p.m. on Saturday is listed as the St. Roch's Old Ladies! The proper name for this team is the Durable Dowager Dribblers and will feature local stars such as Rose Storey, Sharon Nelson, Anne McCarthy, Jean Eberle, Jan Luckey, Gloria Broun, Rachel McMahon and other feature players to be acquired by game time.

Jean Eberle

Tipton Inmates Respond

In last month's issue of The Paper, we printed a story about the work done by Rev. and Mrs. Lee Hall, Mrs. Shirley Deavens, and others for the inmates of the State Correctional Center for Women at Tipton, Mo. The Paper received a letter recently which described the inmates' response to the efforts of the group, which calls itself the Alpha Omega Prison Ministry. Below are some excerpts from that letter.

Arethia Fultz: "The ministry is in the earliest stage but already they have done tremendous things in building the morale of the women as well as giving us articles that are badly needed such as soap, lotion, tooth paste and brushes, shampoo, towels, coffee and sugar, etc. This is especially good for women who have few visits or receive little or no mail."

Reanell Watson: "Mrs. Hall and the ministry have done a great deal for me by giving me material to make clothes. When I first came here I had no clothing and I am from out of state and I have no visits and very little mail. It's nice to visit with the Halls and the people that come with them. I really do appreciate what they have done for me."

Barbara Bailey: "I thank God for someone like Mrs. Hall. They brought my children and family up to see me and I have not seen them since I was incarcerated because my mother has no form of transportation to come up here."

Antonia Rice: "The Halls have brought my son to see me whom I haven't seen in two years since my day of confinement."

Josephine Davis: "As far as Rev. and Mrs. Hall are concerned, I feel as though they are wonderful people to devote their time to individuals who are less fortunate. It means a lot to have someone you can converse with. I hope and pray that in the future they will continue to come and give the women here at Tipton inspiring moments."

Mrs. Earlene Hicks is grateful to the

group and especially Mrs. Hall, who has made arrangements for communication with her son. Mrs. Hall has taken total responsibility for the custody care of the child on visits to see Mrs. Hicks. She says, "I think this is more than enough, and I thank God for her services and all who have helped her for what she has done in every respect."

Mrs. Fultz, writer of the letter, adds, "I can only say that we, the women here at the SCCW need just about all you can donate. We do not need recreational equipment, as we do not have proper staff to assist any type of recreation and we do not have proper facilities. We would like very much if your ministry could bring an up to date movie up here for us to see. Your ministry could offer counseling as far as drugs are concerned because we have no form of drug rehabilitation here and more than 60% of the women here have drug related crimes in some form or the other."

"And if possible would some of your ministry adopt women individually so that they may have something to look forward to. Someone that they know cares for them. This can do a great deal for the human mind and soul."

At the end of her letter Mrs. Fultz inserted a poem.

It Does Not Once Say Me

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say I.*

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say my.*

*Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer
and not pray for another;*

*For when you ask for daily bread,
you must include your brother.*

*For others are included in each and
every plea;*

*From the beginning to the end of it,
it does not once say "Me."*

Persons interested in helping with the work of the Alpha Omega Ministry should contact, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Hall, 725-2741 or Mrs. Shirley Deavens, 863-7266.

Dear fellow readers,

ERA has passed in the Missouri House of Representatives. The Senate now needs to hear from supporters. Write several letters!

An EgalitaRiAn

OUR OWN SLUM LANDLORDS

Although our neighborhood is steadily improving, there is still much to be done. There are many multiple family dwellings that need attention. It is especially upsetting to me to find out that the owner of a building in bad shape lives in our area. It seems to me that any Skinker-DeBaliviere resident who owns rental property should apply the same standards of excellence to it that he applies to his own residence. I have learned in my lifetime to expect very little from real estate agents and wealthy county residents who simply take from their city properties. However, my expectations for my neighbors are much higher.

In my area (the south end of Rosedale Neighbors) there are several apartments that are eyesores and have unpleasant interiors. One that I know of is owned by a Parkview resident. Another is owned by a Rosedale Neighbor who lives two blocks north. One particularly bad building on my street is owned by a woman who lives in the next block! Sometimes these buildings are managed by a professional agency. It seems they cannot always be trusted. I would hope that any Skinker-DeBaliviere resident who owns or holds mortgage on a building in this area would take a personal interest in it. How much effort can it take to check with tenants to see if the manager is doing his job properly?

An owner should ask himself if he would want to live in his rental property. Would he like to have to look at that building every time he left his house? Would he want it on his block? Would he want his own children to play in the yard? Would he want to drive down that alley or park in that garage? If he answers "No, I wouldn't," then he can be sure that his tenants and neighbors don't want to either.

A Neighbor

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VICISSITUDES

Have you noticed a few real live people out and about these days? We've seen election canvassers, gardeners scouting their yards, neighbors actually visiting each other on foot, even a few roller skaters. We hope that, as more of you venture out, there'll be a lot more gossip—at least, try and do your share. Reporting our latest findings . . .

There's a baby boom in our midst, at Grace and Peace Fellowship. First the Woodards, now Diane and Jack Binnington, of 5900 Kingsbury, welcome a third baby boy, Peter Bean, born Jan. 18 weighing 7 lb. 7 oz. Congratulations: And we missed one in December . . . Caroll and Kathy Boswell of 6100 Washington had a baby girl, Emily. Recent reports indicate that there are several more to come, notably, Linda and Peter Vaughn of 5800 Waterman, due to increase their number by August. Congratulations to all the prospectives at Grace and Peace. We'll soon see if it's contagious.

We are happy to share the news of Ed and Mary Bee Stout, who welcomed 7 lb. 8 oz. Daniel Patrick on February 6.

Miss Humphries, of Delmar Baptist Pre-School, has been missed by all the children during her bout with the flu. We hope she's well and back with the little ones by the time you read this. And we wish a speedy recovery to Anna Busch, hospitalized with an asthma condition as we go to press.

Good news from 6100 Kingsbury, as Joe and Betty Botz announce the marriage of their daughter Terry to Steve Mantooth. The wedding was Friday, Feb. 14 (how romantic can you get?) at St. Roch's. The Botz had a lovely reception at their home afterwards. Our best wishes to Terry and Steve, who will live in St. Louis county. And how exciting to have a wedding in our neighborhood.

We've nosed out nary a new neighbor this month. If any of you know something we don't, shame on you for keeping quiet. The toll-free number is 726-6974.

Don't forget to vote on March 4.



WHN

Meeting

A WHN general meeting is planned for Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Des Peres Library. Representatives to the SDCC from all three areas of WHN and alternates from areas II and III will be elected. Also, the possible Historic District designation will be explained. Announcements will be made concerning the Flower Sale, Bar-B-Q, and House Tour Art Fair participation.

The WHN board's position was in September to suggest the possible expansion of the Art Fair into the 6000 block of Kingsbury and since then to encourage the Art Fair Committee to plan that way. Soliciting the new helpers required by expansion was left to the WHN Committee members and the board.

At the February WHN board meeting names of some volunteers were submitted. The number of names did not meet the goal set, however, so the board decided to work for more involvement on committees and especially to recruit workers for the weekend of the event this year. A letter will be sent to the Art Fair Committee recommending that the expansion be postponed 'til 1976.

In other board business, George Bell reported seeing the rabies control truck in the neighborhood in response to President Mike Magrath's call to Mr. Jones.

Bruce Smith explained the crime statistics for our neighborhood. A motion was made and carried to write a letter to Alderman John Roach requesting that the fences along the railroad right of way be completed to Delmar to prevent the easy getaway of purse snatchers operating around the A & P lot.

President Mike Magrath presented a report on WHN houses—those bought or seen to be available. An encouraging possibility for renovation in the 5900 block of McPherson was mentioned. The SDCC proposal to solicit revenue sharing funds for neighborhood renovation was reported still pending, but with a high priority rating the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

The next board meeting will be March 13, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. at 6008 Kingsbury.

Nancy Waggoner

Aquarian Community Center

The Aquarian Community Center, at 6002 Pershing, has just begun its second year of operation. It is a non-profit organization which offers a variety of classes in techniques of self-improvement as well as many social and cultural events throughout the year.

The Aquarian Community Center is affiliated with the Universal Great Brotherhood, whose other local affiliates include the Yoga Center of St. Louis, Morning Glory Ashram in Arnold, and the Aquarian School of Yoga in Bridgeton. The Universal Great Brotherhood is a unique organization which is dedicated to bringing an era of world peace to humanity by teaching the individual how to fulfill his natural potential for living a richer and more creative life. The techniques we use are not exclusively from any one culture, but are rather, a synthesis of ancient and modern techniques from both the East and West.

We are currently offering classes in hatha yoga, meditation, Tai Chi (a Chinese system of meditation and self-defense), acupuncture massage, cosmobiology (i.e., astrology and astronomy), meatless cooking and Transactional Analysis. Other regular activities include a free children's group Wednesday afternoons at 4:00, a Cosmic Antenna (a non-sectarian devotional service) on Sunday mornings at 10:00 and a vegetarian dinner one Sunday in each month. A new semester will begin April 1st, and another in June. Tuition is \$25; residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere area receive a discount and pay only \$15 to enroll.

We invite you to come visit our center or call 726-5133.



Coop Seeks New Members

The West End People's Produce Cooperative is looking for new members. Staffed by members and workers from the West End Gateway Center (Hamilton and Delmar), the coop buys fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. Prices are low because of bulk buying and no salaries. Orders are called in on Tuesday and Wednesday, bagged Thursday morning, and picked up Thursday afternoon. Food stamps are accepted. For more information or to place an order, call 862-0952.



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ST. ROCH'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

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Dance 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
to jazz and ragtime music of Glenn Meyer and his St. Louis Jazz Band
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Happy St. Patrick's Day



by Karen Bynum

ARCHIE, Hurry over. The beer is turning green. KELSY.	GLADSTONE. Thanks anyway. PARNELL.	MAUREEN. Super green to you, darleen. TEDDY.	ROSITA. Te quiero much. Es una dia de cosus buenas. Canto un himo a la alegria. CHICO.
BOD, you are sure full of the old blarney. I guess I mean you are really stoned. HEAD	Happy St. Pat's Day to our Mom. From Kenny, Laura, Mike, Tommy, Heather, Rose, Frances, Mary, Molly, Eddie, Patty, Connie, Keith, Kevin, and Levi.	O'SHAUNESSEY, we have your pig. THE GRANTS.	RNA. We don't always say it or show it, but we appreciate you. WHN.
BRENDAN, I'd walk to Cork and back just to be with you today. RYAN.	HENRY K. Together we're everything. Without you I'm nothing. Don't ever leave me. JERRY F.	PADDY LOVES WAGON.	SDCC, may the Four Corners of your life be filled with success. Earl P. Creeley, Jr.
CHRIS, May you catch a leprechaun today. We need a pot of gold to pay UE. COLLEEN.	HONEYDEW. You are the shamrock of my life. CANDYCANE.	PAT. Happy Birthday! RMN	SNAKES, So long, farewell, auf Weidersehen, aloha. ST. PAT.
CORNED BEEF LOVES CABBAGE.	JOHN. We love you. We want you. We need you. 28TH WARD DEMOCRATS.	RED. One potato, two potato, three potato, four. WHITEY.	St. Bridget, Sorry I missed you on Feb. 1. I will try again next year. A FRIEND.
DICK DALY. I wish you a wunnerful St. Pat's Day. MIKE R.	MARGARET, May the wind always be at your back. DENNIS.	ROSIE O'GRADY, I need you. WINO.	WHN. We don't always say it or show it, but we appreciate you. RNA.



PROFILE

Joe Mensing

If you like your sports action both physically strenuous and mentally stimulating, you should investigate a sport growing steadily in popularity in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. Exciting for spectator and participant alike, it is played both indoors and out and is fast, sometimes furious, but always hard-hitting. The game uses hammers, trowels, saws, wrenches, in clever combination with wood, plaster, wire, pipe, and concrete. Any number can play. The name of the game is Rehabbing, but there are variant forms called Renovating and Remodelling.

In profile this month is Rehabbing Player-Coach Joe Mensing, probably the most experienced and knowledgeable proponent of the sport in this area.

About three years ago Joe, in partnership with Tom McPherron, bought a house on the 6000 block of McPherson Avenue. Together they stripped wood-

work, exposed brick, repaired and remodeled it, and promptly sold it. Since then Joe has bought five or six houses in various stages of dereliction and performed the minor rehab miracle. During the same three years he has worked on the rehab projects of a number of other neighborhood residents. Currently he is working on a house in the 6100 block of Westminster.

The neighborhood also bears the Mensing stamp in the form of fences and remodeled kitchens; he is particularly well-known for the decks he has built to replace geriatric back porches.

One might assume that Joe was a carpenter, contractor, or engineer by trade before getting involved in rehabbing. Like many other neighborhood rehabbers, however, he drifted into it from an entirely different professional background. He recently retired from the ministry. (A few other ministers in

the neighborhood have made a similar transition to rehabbing. It has been pointed out that this is not the big step it seems since the first Christian minister was a carpenter.) Joe's involvement was spurred by "lots of pushing" from rehab boosters, but he had always been interested in recycling old houses and had already done much work in his own home on Kingsbury.

Joe does much, but not all, of the work when he takes on a house in need of help. He contracts with others for electrical, plumbing, major plastering, major heating, and floor repair work which may be necessary. The average rehabilitation still takes from three to five months, however.

Joe's recommendations to prospective rehabbers are simple and direct; the house must be cheap and the rehabber must be willing to put it in top-notch shape in order to sell it. This can take

from \$6000 to \$12,000 depending on the house's condition. Because the housing market needs houses like these and property values are rising for good housing, rehabbing can be profitable, in spite of the investment one may have to make in labor and material. Joe Mensing certainly thinks so, having taken it up full time.

As if coping with post-operative houses were not enough, Joe teaches psychology at Florissant Valley and Forest Park Community Colleges. When he has time he also sculpts. Last fall those of you who attended the Dinner Theatre sponsored by Rosedale Neighborhood Association will remember Joe in the role of Lawyer Grudge, villain extraordinaire.

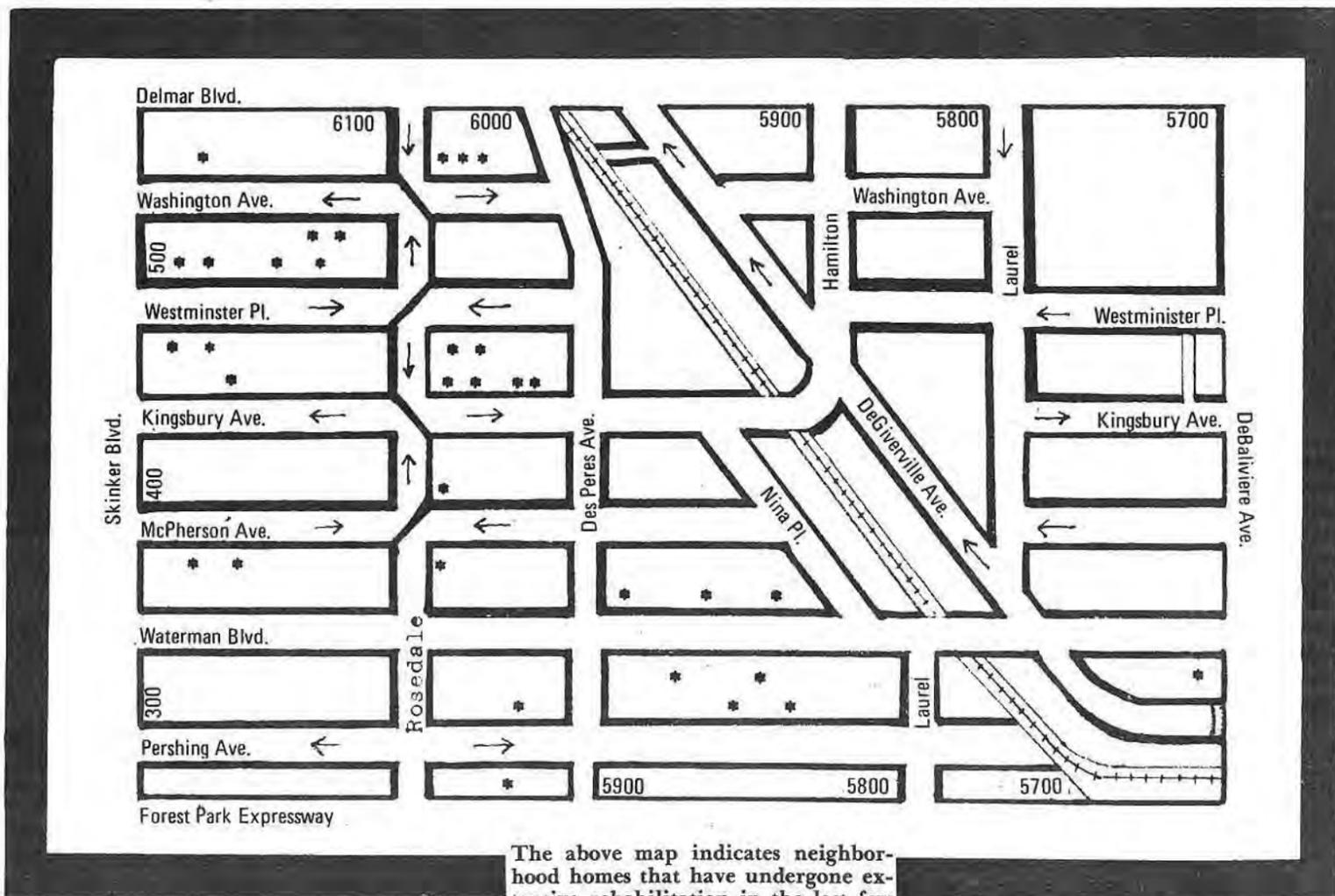
Our neighborhood is fortunate to be home for lots of versatile highly productive people one of the most individual of whom is Joe Mensing.

SKINKER DE BALIVIERE COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.



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Virgil Wright, President



The above map indicates neighborhood homes that have undergone extensive rehabilitation in the last few years. There are over 30 such houses.

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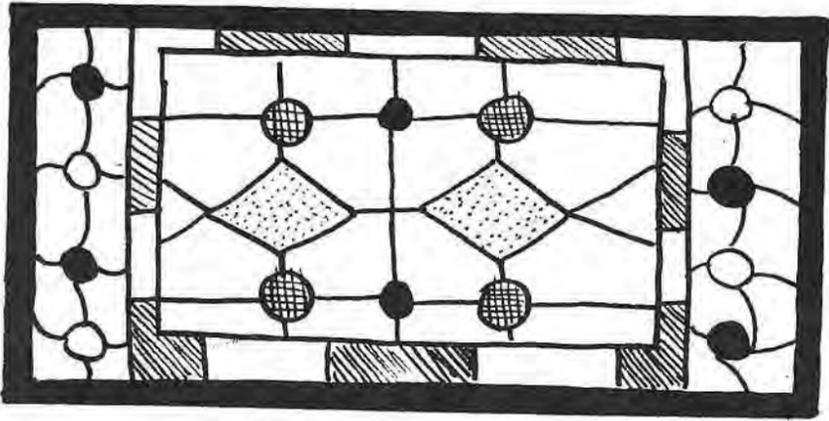
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If you want to keep looking through rose-colored glass . . .

Stained glass windows are among the most cherished features of houses in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area. We are not alone in our fondness for them, however. In recent years they have been coveted by decorators for use in creating novel and nostalgic interiors especially in restaurants. The demand for stained glass has apparently exceeded its legitimate supply with the result that its black market value is high.

It appeared that stained glass theft was declining recently, possibly because of heightened awareness of the problem among police, but thefts are still occurring.

An instructive example with a happy ending is provided by Randy and Paula Grauer, who live in the 5900 block of Waterman. A week before they were to move into their home, thieves broke in and attempted to steal a number of windows. They were only partially successful because half of each window proved too difficult to remove. The Grauers were left with the remaining halves for identification purposes. They immediately took photographs of them. The detective work on this case was done by Mrs. Grauer herself. First she spent several days on the phone with antique dealers trying to locate those who sold stained glass. (Several apparently civic-minded dealers will no longer handle it because so much of it is stolen.) At some of those stores where it was being sold she had to represent herself as a dealer interested in buying a large number of windows just to be allowed to look through their stock. In some cases this "stock" did not consist of just a few windows; one dealer had a whole basement full. During her search Mrs. Grauer learned that there are several dealers in town who are notorious for dealing in stolen windows. Although they were unwilling to be too specific about any criminal activity of which they were aware, some dealers suggested places she might look.

After two weeks searching through 14 stores Mrs. Grauer arrived at a small store on Manchester near Rock Hill Road identified only by a sign reading "Antiques." There she found all of the missing windows. The owner, a Bob Holz or Holtz, claimed to have had these windows for a year until the policeman, whom Mrs. Grauer had called, informed him that she had pictures of them. He then produced the check with which he had paid his supplier. By that time the supplier was in jail on another charge. (Although he appears not to live in this neighborhood himself, he has a "helper" who lives several blocks east of DeBaliviere on Waterman.) Mr. Holz has also had his problems since this encounter. His license to operate a business in Rock Hill has been revoked for reasons other than this one. He can be expected to open a similar operation elsewhere.

The police were eager to keep the windows as evidence in any subsequent prosecution, but Mrs. Grauer, feeling that the photographs were adequate for police purposes and unwilling to live with plywood covered windows for months, took possession of the windows and returned them to their frames.

After three weeks of exhaustive work to find their glass the Grauers were not about to be content with a flimsy re-installation of it. They have taken several steps which will make another theft more difficult and time-consuming. (These thieves are in a hurry, so anything that will slow them down helps the home owner.) The windows have been sealed shut with nails which were then countersunk. Then the depressions were filled with spackling.

We hope that the lessons of this story are obvious, but here are a few tips in summary for those of you who would hate to go through what the Grauers did.

1. If you cannot move into your house as soon as the previous owners leave and it must remain vacant for any period of time, you would be wise to have the stained glass windows boarded up FROM THE INSIDE. Of course, other security measures should also be taken, such as installing dead bolt locks on all doors and securing regular windows, especially those in the basement.

2. Photograph all your stained glass windows and have several sets of prints made. If the worst happens, you will have enough prints to share with police and helpful friends.

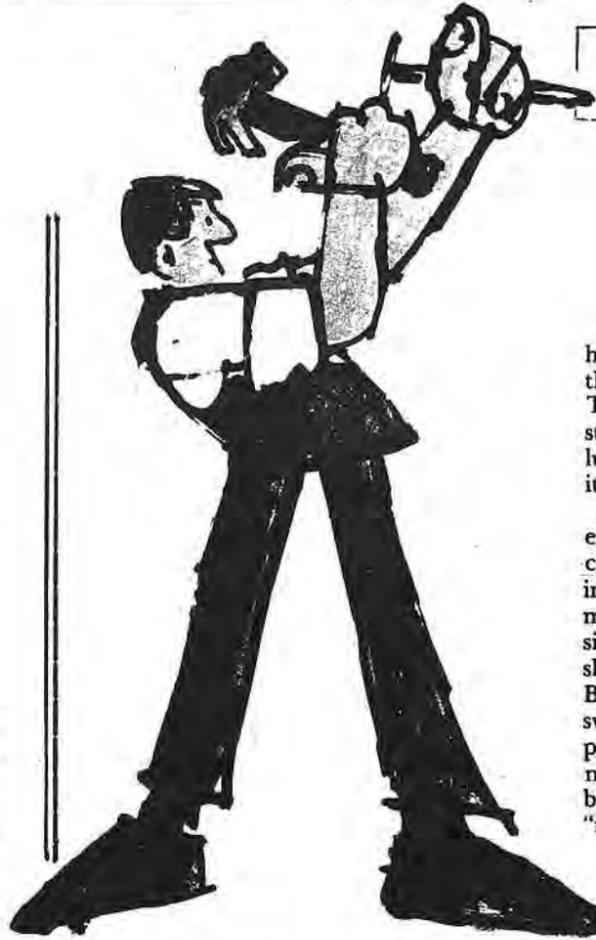
3. Etch your name or driver's license number on the lead of the window in some inconspicuous place. It is a moot point whether it would be better to be conspicuous about this identification in order to discourage the theft in the first place, or to be inconspicuous so as to prevent thieves from removing the markings thereby thwarting legal identification.

4. Seal the windows as the Grauers did. It is probably not good for such old art work to be opened and closed constantly anyway.

5. If your windows should be stolen, follow through to the best of your ability. If you find them, MAKE NO SECRET OF WHERE YOU FOUND THEM. After you notify the police, inform The Paper and we will spread the word about these "fences". Only if we make their efforts unrewarding can we hope to discourage them from receiving stolen merchandise.

6. Do not buy stained glass windows if there is the slightest doubt in your mind that they were obtained legitimately. To do so simply encourages the fence who encourages the thief.

Marjorie Weir



The Rehabit

by Susie Roach

Rehabing and remodeling structures has become more and more common in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood. The question is, with hands coated with stripper, hair matted with paint, and lungs filled with plaster dust, is it worth it?

A great number of people are attracted to old homes because of their grace, charm and antique fixtures. Woodwork in these homes must now be custom milled at enormous costs. An average sized leaded glass window at an antique shop costs from \$50.00 to \$120.00. Brass window pulls, door knobs, and switch plates cost from 75c to \$8.00 a piece, depending on size and quality. A new, two story plain porch columns can be purchased for \$1000. As you can see "replacement costs" are high.



This house on Westminster is undergoing extensive rehabilitation. An entirely new porch platform and stairs had to be built. The columns and roof had to be raised and suspended in order to do the job.

Aside from the basic architectural worth, how do the figures work out? A "good" derelict house, with about 2300 to 3000 square feet can be purchased for from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Basic repairs, i.e. plumbing, electrical, furnace, roof, carpentry, plastering, painting, etc. can be done for about another \$10,000. to \$12,000. For example, a house with about 2200 square feet, purchased for \$6500. and renovated with another \$12,000. costs about \$8.40 per square foot. Today, new residential construction costs about \$22. per square foot. Clearly, rehab in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood

is a bargain in terms of comparative costs.

Is there a market for these old houses? The experience in this neighborhood has been that there is. So far, all the rehabs have sold easily and there seem to be purchasers waiting for more to be completed. The trick in attracting purchasers and selling rehabs is to provide good modern systems, kitchens, and bathrooms; lovely old woodwork, leaded windows and fixtures at a reasonable price.

Looking at replacement costs, comparative costs, and demand, rehab in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood is "worth it".

Parkview Residents Meet Police

Parkview residents met with representatives from the St. Louis and University City Police Departments late in January at Betty and Bob Renard's house for a discussion of crime prevention in the area. The audience, some 75 Parkview neighbors, were so enthusiastic the St. Louis Police gave a quick block watcher course and signed up a large number of new crimebusters, as blockwatchers are now called.

Burglary prevention was the principal topic for discussion and both St. Louis and University City police officers urged residents to be alert and to

call either police force if there was any doubt about jurisdiction in Parkview, which sits on both side of the St. Louis-University City boundary line.

The recently begun Burglary Prevention Survey program was explained and many residents signed up to have police officers inspect their homes and make suggestions about home security. At the meeting and again on the home surveys, police representatives had interesting booklets on locks and home security, copies of Lady, Be Careful, distributed by the Women's Crusade Against Crime and other literature that would be of interest to all S-D residents.

SCOUTS

Troop 144, Delmar Baptist has been selling candy recently to raise funds for camping activities. Plans for the spring and summer include pre-camporee, the West District Camporee and a week at Camp Famous Eagle. Meetings are Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Ed Creek, Scoutmaster

Troop 31, Grace Methodist held a Court of Honor on Feb. 20th. Mike Mc Eneny and Larry Christopher received their Star Rank. Fourteen other boys received skill awards. On Feb. 8th the troop did a good turn for Grace Church by cleaning their parking lot and around the church grounds. On Scout Sunday, the troop was in attendance at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Paul Christopher, Sr. Patrol Leader

Cub Pack 98, St. Rochs will travel to Springfield, Ill. and New Salem on Easter Monday, which is their annual excursion. They will wear the green on St. Patrick's day in the parade and ride on a big red fire truck.

Peg O'Brien, Den Mother
Sam Green, Cubmaster

Junior Girl Scout Troop 2342 will attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 9th for a blessing of the troop and their flag. This is the main celebration during girl scout week. Juice and doughnuts will be served in Scariot hall after Mass.

Mary Alice Krieger, Rita Magyar,
Leaders

Troop 98, St. Roch's held a Court of Honor on February 12, 1975, admitting new Scouts Michael Evans, Mike Hagood, Myron Horton, and Larry Landon. Bob Hagood was accepted as a transfer Scout. Tenderfoot Progress awards were received by Damon Cross and Steve Williams, Second Class was earned by John Flynn, while Barry Thomas and Virgil Wright were awarded their First Class Progress Awards. Seventeen Merit Badges were presented to various Scouts.

Scouting's second highest rank, the Life award, was presented to Steve Santen. Mr. Willie Chapman presented Hugh Bender his Eagle Progress Award, the highest rank in Scouting.

New patrol leaders are Virgil Wright and his assistant, Barry Thomas; John Flynn, with Lewis Starks as assistant; and John Botz, and assistant Spencer Lewis. Bill Thomas and George Starks became members of the Leadership Corps.

Troop 98's winter campout is February 28, March 1 and 2 at Camp Staley, and the spring pre-camporee is also going to be at Camp Staley, April 4, 5, and 6.

Hugh Bender, Senior Patrol Leader

Troop 128, Hamilton School has made partial plans for the spring and summer. Their pre-camporee will be in April and they plan a week at summer camp.

Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster

Brownie Troop 533, Grace Methodist had a wonderful Slumber party in a staff lounge at Washington University with many of the University students participating in the treats, storytelling and fashion show. They attended the Methodist Men's dinner and held a Valentine's Day tea party for their mothers.

Chris Parfitt, leader

CUB PACK 31

The theme for January being "Space" the Cubs had a Space Derby for the January Pack meeting in Grace Church Fellowship Hall. The Dads really get involved in this one, not only in the building of the space ship but in the racing. In the speed category, Robert Waskow came in first, Willie Winter, second and Andy Renard, third. Two people tied for having the best decorated ship, Conan McPherron and Rodrigo Sanchez. The most unusual prize went to Nolan Sanders. And a good time was had by all.

February is the month for celebrating the organizing of the Boy Scouts of America. This is the 65th anniversary for Boy Scouts and the 45th for Cub Scouts. The month started out with Cubs and parents attending the Grace Church Methodist Men's annual dinner. Each group invited presented a skit. Cubs did "St. Louis Scouting Has It From A to Z." On the 9th, Boy Scout Sunday the Troop and Pack attend the 11 a.m. worship service together at Grace Church, their sponsoring institution.

February is always the Annual Blue and Gold Pot luck supper. This year it will be the 25th. A high light of the program will be the graduation of Peter Watkins and Andrew Cross into Boy Scouts.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 2886

Karen Grady of the Senior Troop and Beth Bender, a Junior Girl Scout appeared on the Mr. Patches TV program the 14th to tell about Girl Scout Cookie and Cracker sale and to sell him some of each. All Girl Scouts are now taking orders for cookies. They are paid for when delivered. It will be necessary for parents to go with girls on the deliveries judging from the fact that on the day orders were being taken, two girls had their order cards taken from them along with being roughed up. If this happens when they have cards of no value to anyone but the order taker, a plan for delivery must be worked out with parents.

Spring will be a busy time with Senior Week-end at Cedarledge, Planning Board annual banquet, the Union Station Day and the Spring Thing. And March is Girl Scout month and Scouts will be expected to attend a church service the 9th of March, at the church which sponsors them, or at their own church if they are sponsored by other organizations.

Methodist Men Entertain Scouts

The active group of Methodist men invited the scouts, and their families, of all the troops sponsored by Grace Church to share a dinner on Feb. 5th. While the church is the sponsor of these troops, the Men's Club contributes to the treasury each year.

John Strassburger, Don Culberson and Glenn Sikes produced an entertaining program and evening. The brownies and cub scouts participated in skits. The Saturday Club presented an original film on drugs "Getting High - Falling Low" which was produced, directed and acted by club members. The Senior Girl Scouts provided the singing for the evening. Ben Ross addressed the diners about looking on the bright side of living in America even when times are tight and the Rev. Gordon closed the evening with a prayer.

Joan Bender

Warning!

Notice to the public: For several years boys have been going door-to-door selling merchandise which they say is for Troop 98, Troop 31, or Pack 31. None of these groups sell anything except Scout Skill Show tickets, which they hand to you when they accept your dollar. Should any of these groups decide to earn money another way, notice will be given in the Paper.

The boys, from a neighborhood family, have been selling fictitious merchandise for several years, and with great success. They are con-artists. Their parents have been approached, but either cannot or will not do anything, except cover for them. The Juvenile Officers at the Seventh Police District know the boys well, but the dollar you give to these boys is hard to trace.

Several rules are suggested to combat this rip-off. In following these rules you will make it difficult for honest groups, but they are rules which honest groups can follow. 1, give money only in exchange for merchandise, and not in exchange for promises; 2, get the name and address of the person and check in the phone book to see if the address is correct [the two boys give the right name, but the wrong address]; 3, if you don't know the child, demand organizational identification and check it out with his scout leader, it will only take a second; and, 4, these boys have been known to be physical, so be careful and prudent if admitting them to your home.

Betty Klinefelter

Bender Receives Award

Hugh T. Bender received the Eagle Progress Award, the highest award in Scouting, at Troop 98's February Court of Honor. The Eagle was presented to Hugh by Mr. Willie Chapman of the West District.



Hugh is Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 98 and has held many other troop offices. In 1973 he attended Junior Leader Training Camp, and in 1974 he was at Troop Leader Development Camp, both at S-F Reservation. Also during the summer of 1974 Hugh was a Junior Leader at Camp May for several troops who had no leader of their own.

An active camper and leader, Hugh was elected into the Order of the Arrow as an Ordeal member in 1972, and became a Brotherhood member in 1973. He is currently Vice Chief of West Chapter and Camp Promotion Chairman.

During the summers of 1973 and 1974 Hugh attended the SLUH Upward Bound Program, receiving an award as the student who contributed most to the program. He is a Freshman at SLUH and is a member of the Chess Club.

For the summer of 1975 Hugh expects either to be on summer camp staff or to be a junior leader at camp, but he will take time off to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Hugh's two brothers and his father are also Eagles.



On March 25, 1975, there will be a general meeting of RNA at Grace Methodist Church. Agenda items include election of officers and a progress report by the Historic District committee.

Nominations for officers in RNA should be submitted to Joe Lange who will forward them to the nominating committee. Nominations will be in order at the general meeting as well.

Following the election the Historic District Committee will outline its work to date and answer questions in discussion.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting at a home to be announced at the meeting.

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.

Block Election Results

On February 2, 1975, residents of the 5700 block of DeGiverville elected their block club officers for 1975. They are James Coneal, Chairman; Leonard McLucas, Vice-Chairman; Bertha Hughes, Treasurer; and Louise Caine, Secretary. They all wish to thank their neighbors for the confidence they have shown by re-electing them.

James Coneal

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Clinic Needs Volunteers

The Clinic is a community-based organization—have you heard that before? But the idea goes somewhat further than having the community guide the Clinic through elected representatives. It also means providing a way whereby community members can become a part of the health care team that is actually providing the services.

People often respond to this idea by saying "Well, but...I'm not a doctor (or nurse). I don't know anything about medicine." To which we reply that the Clinic has some training programs for those who want to learn more about health care, as well as some jobs that don't require health training at all!

In April, we will be starting a new Advocate Training Program. An *Advocate*, in Clinic language, is the patient's on-the-spot-helper, who has learned to take pulses, temperatures, blood pressures and medical histories; who knows what the Clinic can do, and what it can't and where to go for what can't be done at the Clinic; who can help the patient in the examining room; who knows something about the lab—and through all of this, who speaks on behalf of the patient to make sure that things go smoothly, that medical instructions are understandable, the reasons for lab work are clear, and that the choices that the patient has to make about his own health care are openly laid out. In short, the Advocate is part technician, part social service worker, and largely patient's friend.

The Advocate Training Programs will take a month—two very full Saturdays, with the Saturdays in between devoted to review. The class titles sound dull—interviewing and communication skills, physiology, vital signs, clinic procedures, referral systems—but our last training group seemed to have a ball!

To qualify for the Training Program, a person must be 21 years old, sound of wind and limb (we will work you like horses), and be willing to work a short apprenticeship as Greeter Assistant. This will give you a taste of what it's like on the front desk, teach you where the vital paperwork is hidden, and give you a chance to decide if you really want to devote the time to the training program.

Our non-medical jobs are the jobs that every organization, medical or not, has to do—moving things, writing things down, keeping track of things.

Right now, we need someone who heads downtown about three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) between 8:30 A.M. and noon. Some of our lab work goes to a downtown lab, and the specimens freeze in winter and broil in summer if left in their outside dropbox overnight. So, we need a mover-of-things, in this case, a lab-specimen-mover.

Although the Clinic is most apparent as a medical service at night, there is a daytime staff who keeps the paperwork moving. One of the important pieces of paper is the volunteer record slip; we have over a hundred volunteers, and they move and change phone numbers just like other people. So, we could use a writer-down, in this case, a person who could devote four hours weekly to helping us keep records on our volunteers, typing cards and filing.

If you are interested in being a part of the Clinic's community team, give us a call—721-5577. There is an orientation program on the first Saturday of each month at 9:45 A.M., and you are invited. The next date is March 1—but wouldn't it be wonderful if we had many volunteers we had to do an extra one!

Gardening Where We Live

If you have decided to try gardening in whatever limited space is available, the next step is to provide a soil which will grow the plants you want. With ground that ranges from clay to concrete, depending on the rain, more than spading up the garden and planting seed is necessary. We have found composting to be the best answer to building fertile soil.

Compost is, very simply, decomposed organic matter. It is cheap, non-polluting, and natural. It is also easier to use and safer than commercial fertilizers. The best and most plentiful materials are leaves and grass clippings. Any kind of animal manure is helpful in generating heat to break down the other materials and to provide a source of nitrogen. Other sources of nitrogen, such as blood meal, cottonseed meal, or garbage, encourage a more rapid fermentation, building the compost heap to a temperature of 150-160 degrees, which kills disease organisms and weed seeds. Basically, a compost heap can include just about anything that will break down and is organic—weeds, wood ash, straw, finely ground limestone, rock phosphate, potash rock, sawdust, newspaper, and soil.

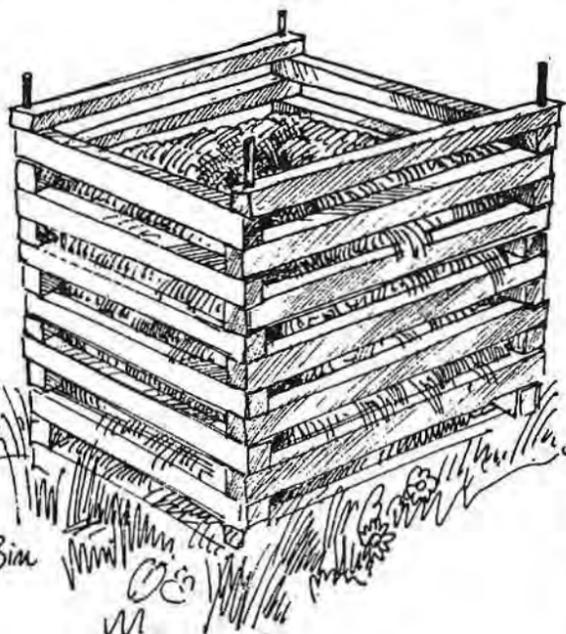
Composting does, however, require some forethought and time to prepare, particularly in urban areas where the compost heap is closer to your home and those of your neighbors. A compost pile is built in layers, the top layer always being soil or green matter. In the city, a simple compost bin of wooden slats, fencing, concrete blocks, or even a trash can with a perforated bottom set into the ground can be used to discourage dogs and squirrels from digging. With these precautions, composting should not be a nuisance or a health hazard. If it is, you're doing something wrong.

The pile should be turned over once a week to digest all the materials and should be kept moist, though not soaking wet. Depending on the weather, a good compost heap will produce useful fertilizer in 2-3 weeks in summer and progressively longer times in cooler weather. The real advantages to compost is that it provides a cheap but effective fertilizer which improves your soil in texture and nutrients with every shovelful that is applied. It turns garbage to groceries.

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February at Hamilton Branch #3

Good ole' February! It's a favorite month and those of us at Hamilton Branch #3 had good reason to believe it. We read stories about Ground Hog Day in January so that, even though we'd be at home on Ground Hog Day, we'd know to look for our shadows on February 2. We didn't see it, so we were supposed to have six weeks of good weather. Something went wrong! Then came a very full week with a Shrove Tuesday Luncheon when the Faculty had a scrumptious Pancake and Ham observance ala New Orleans when Mrs. Deavens, our principal, explained the custom as observed in her native town, New Orleans. We were ably assisted by parents from each room who came and had lunch with the children and took "noon duty" so the entire staff could participate. This was also the beginning of Black History Week, so we all wore black, white, or handsome combinations of black and white.

The gym was beautifully decorated all during February with huge silhouettes of Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and St. Valentine's traditional Red Heart. Students made very attractive boxes which sat outside each door to receive Valentines from other rooms and each other. The big day was observed by everyone who remembered wearing Red and White on February 14. We opened Valentines after lunch and ended the day with an All-School-Hop in the gym. Each child received a box of candy hearts as he reluctantly left the Hop to return to his room where there was additional treats for them.

Every class had a lesson on Lincoln and Washington with stories, films, poems, and songs.

Our last February Activity is observance of Brotherhood Week. We strive to keep this constantly before the children so each room with "do his own thing" with this celebration. Together, we had the privilege of having the well-known Metropolitan Opera baritone, Robert McFerrin, come to our school and sing for and with us as we learned more about folk music. This was a rare treat and was very much enjoyed by our children and staff, parents, and especially invited guests from the District Office. Mrs. Marian Morgan, our Vocal Music Supervisor, assisted with this program.

On our first and second floor walls are huge collages of famous black Americans. We invite you all to come view them.

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STUDENT WRITING

INFLATION!

We have something called inflation
And it is happening to our nation.
As the big blue sky
Prices are sky high
What's wrong with our civilization?

Now we have something called money
And it's coming quite funny.
Men try to make it.
Thieves try to take it.
Now that ain't even funny.

Will it ever come to an end?
Maybe in 2002,
And I have a funny feeling
I doubt if it ever do!

Michael Evans
Grade 6
Room 209
Hamilton School

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson is my favorite President. Every time I go to Jefferson Memorial I look at the statues, which make me think about Thomas Jefferson. He was a kind man. He believed that every man should have an equal chance in life.

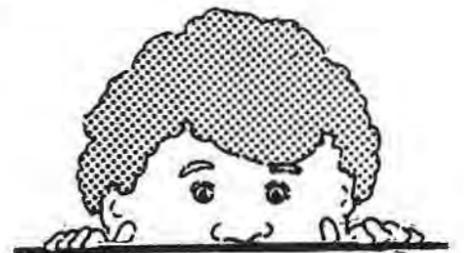
Thomas was born on April 13, 1743, at Shadwell. His father was Peter Jefferson, a self-made man of great physical strength and strong will. His mother was Jane Randolph, a member of the colonies' leading families. Thomas was fourteen when his father died. He was educated in much the same manner as the sons of other well-to-do Virginians. He was a fine dancer, violinist, and singer. He was intelligent, humorous, and warm, which made him a very pleasant companion. He was also a good student, able to go beyond his years.

Tracey Netterville
Grade 4, Room 119
Hamilton School

The Reason You Should Not Smoke

The reason you should not smoke is because you can have a heart attack. If you have a younger brother or sister they might want to smoke. If you care about them you wouldn't want them to get hurt.

Leslie Boyd
Grade 4, Room 119



Today and Tomorrow!!

I think everyone should do what they have to do today and don't put it off until tomorrow. I don't know why people put off until later. Especially when no one knows if tomorrow is going to come.

I should do everything I have to do today at school because something might happen and I wouldn't have a chance to do it. From now on I am going to try to do things when I have a chance. If I don't do it then I might never do it.

I wish I knew when the world is going to end. Because I would know that the world was going to end and then there I would be. So if you do what you can when you have the time.

Alexis Warfield
Grade 6, Room 209



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There are only nine contests — all among Democrats — in the 14 wards which will be voting on aldermen in the March 4 primary. Of these, four are of particular note because they give voters a chance to elect young, progressive candidates who have demonstrated their competence and commitment to the future of St. Louis.

In the Twenty-eighth Ward, *John Roach*, the incumbent, has a clear understanding of city problems and, at the same time, has worked hard to see that city services — from housing inspection and street repair to law enforcement and trash collection — are maintained in the ward. He has taken a special interest in the problems of housing, and has been in the forefront of the effort to persuade banks and other lenders to make more financing available to city neighborhoods. An alderman since 1970, he is one of the most energetic members of the Board. On the basis of his constructive record he deserves re-election.

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