

ART FAIR
WEEKEND Events

SATURDAY, MAY 10

10:00 a.m. 'til sold out Washington Heights Neighbors Flower Sale
5792 Waterman

SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:30 — 12:30 Pancake Breakfast for "The Paper,"
6175 Kingsbury (backyard)
12:00 — 4:30 House Tour, Tickets on sale at Information
Center at west end of Fair.
12:00 — 5:00 Art Fair on 6100 block of Kingsbury

Boy Scouts Garden Cafe, 6150
Kingsbury (backyard)

Rosedale Neighborhood Association Men's Liberation Cake Sale,
west end of Fair

Washington Heights Neighbors
Barbecue, Kingsbury and Des
Peres

Open House at Grace Methodist
Church, Waterman and Skinker.
Ice Cream Social, 12:30 p.m. 'til
sold out.

Hamilton School PTA booth,
School Shirts in School Colors

Alpha Omega Prison Ministry -
sponsored display of arts and crafts
by women inmates at State Cor-
rectional Center for Women;
People's Clinic, 6010 Kingsbury.

Neighborhood School Flea Market,
6100 Kingsbury

Clinic First Aid Tent, 6010 Kings-
bury

may 1975

THE 1975
SKINKER-
DEBALIVIERE
ART FAIR!

On Mother's Day, May 11, 1975, the Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood will be host to artists and visitors from all over the St. Louis area. This will be the eighth year for the Skinker-DeBaliviere Art Fair and House Tour, and it promises to be one of the best. As in the past the 6100 block of Kingsbury will be closed to traffic between noon and 5:00 p.m. so that artists may display their work along the tree-shaded avenue. Over 100 artists are expected to participate this year. Their work will be judged by Mr. Douglas Norton, of Norton Galleries, and cash prizes will be awarded.

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Driving down Skinker these days is more crowded — and less muddy! Note Brookings Hall towers, far right.

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**SKINKER-
DEBALIVIERE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TO NEGOTIATE SALE
OF REDEVELOPMENT
RIGHTS**

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (SDCC) has voted to begin negotiations with Pantheon Corporation for the sale of Kingsbury Redevelopment Corporation (KRC). KRC was formed in 1971 and given by the city of St. Louis the right to develop a blighted area in Skinker-DeBaliviere. This area includes the 57xx McPherson, Kingsbury, Westminster and the 58xx and 59xx Washington. KRC has been "holding" these rights to redevelop as it has not been financially possible to begin actual construction. Many of the buildings on these blocks are already deserted and in the process of demolition.

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BI-STATING IT

If you like to go places, but are tired of fighting traffic, paying high gas prices, expensive parking, finding no parking places, polluting the atmosphere, contributing to the energy shortage, or all of the above—consider traveling on Bi-State buses.

Buses are convenient—uniquely so—in this area; we are served by no less than four major east-west (Downtown-Clayton) bus lines. And from these lines you can take a variety of trips, as described below.

To go downtown, catch either the Delmar-Forsyth or Olive-Delmar-McKnight bus at the southeast corner of Skinker and Delmar (the MoTer gas station); you can catch an Olive-Creve Coeur bus here too, but only during rush hours. The trip takes about 40 minutes and costs 25c per adult and 15c per child age 11 or under.

Another set of downtown buses leaves from Waterman, across from Grace Methodist Church. The Lindells—either Lindell-Wydown or Lindell-Millbrook, take about 30 minutes to go downtown. The cost is 25c per adult and 15c per child. The McPherson bus

leaves from Waterman also; cost and time are the same. These buses are the ones to take to the Euclid area. The Lindell stops near Wool and Woo; the McPherson near Balaban's and antique shops.

To go to Clayton, catch either of the Lindell buses or Delmar-Forsyth west-bound. Cross Skinker to save a dime zone charge; catch the Lindell's at Skinker and Pershing, the Delmar-Forsyth on Delmar at the bike and cycle shop opposite Southwestern Bell. The Delmar-Forsyth travels Forsyth between Big Bend and Brentwood; take this bus to Famous-Barr, Boyd's, etc. This bus terminates at Westroads Shopping Center. The Lindells go to Forsyth via Wydown-Hanley (Lindell-Wydown) or Pershing-Central (Lindell-Millbrook). Both follow Forsyth to the Maryland intersection—past Jr. Bazaar, Straubs, Child's World, and Spicer's. The trips to Clayton take 15 to 20 minutes and cost 25c, if you cross Skinker, 35c if you don't, and 15c a child.

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ART FAIR

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In addition to the regular features of the day, which include a children's art display, fund-raising booths for several non-profit neighborhood groups, music, and pleasant atmosphere, this year restroom facilities will be provided on Rosedale.

This year the Art Fair Committee, headed by Gee Stuart, has decided not to allow dogs or bicycles at the Fair. The Committee asks everyone's cooperation in this regard.

Council To Sell KRC

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Pantheon Corporation is one of the few companies doing quality work in the city. It has recently finished complete rehabilitation of the Convent Gardens Apartments, a Central West End project that has been greatly praised by both the neighborhood and metropolitan press. One of Pantheon's principal stockholders was involved in LaCleda Town, Operation Breakthrough, and has done work for Jeff-Vander-Lou.

They want to own KRC to put together an area including several blocks east of DeBaliviere which can be rebuilt with both new units and rehabilitation of good existing structures. The new units in the S-D area will probably be common-wall town houses to be owner occupied.

Unlike many would-be developers, Pantheon has some commitment for financing through a large downtown bank. However, SDCC intends to regain the rights in our neighborhood should the plan for redevelopment not materialize.

Karen Bynum

EVENTS IN MAY

- May 3 Alley Sweep
- May 4 . Youth Sunday at Delmar Baptist Church
- May 11 ART FAIR
- May 15 St. Roch's School Picnic Tilles Park
- May 22 St. Roch's 8th Grade Graduation Dinner Scariot Hall



Watch for Cal Stuart, Executive Director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, on KSD-TV's Noon Show, sometime during the week beginning May 5. He will be interviewed about housing rehabilitation by neighborhood investors.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council now has another funding organization. St. Michael and St. George Church on Wydown has contributed \$2000 to the Council. This entitles the church to a representative on the Council and to a vote on the Finance Committee of the Council.



Alley Clean-up



BRIEFS

Notice to all residents.

On May 3, 1975, each resident is asked to clean up his own section of the alley behind his home and to lend a hand in cleaning any other nearby area which is not being attended to. At 11:00 a.m. plastic bags for use in the clean-up will be distributed to those working in their alleys. Please join in this effort to put on our best and cleanest face for the Art Fair the following week.

Also on May 3, a group will be cleaning up the lot at Kingsbury and Des Peres in preparation for the Washington Heights Neighbors Barbecue. All hands are welcome.

FOUR CORNERS PLANNING NEARS COMPLETION

The Four Corners (Des Peres and Kingsbury) Planning Committee has been hard at work every Wednesday. By the time you read this, the planning for this project should be complete. The plan as it is developing will probably include off-street parking, a platform for public entertainment, a fountain, benches, and the planting of many trees and shrubs.

On display at the Information Center during the Art Fair will be an architectural drawing to show what the area will look like upon completion. The Information Center will be near the west end of Kingsbury. (The Paper will be there too.)

The cost for the proposed development has not been determined at this time. Be sure to stop by the booth to see the plans, and if anyone has any outstanding ideas to raise money to bring the plans into reality, let us hear them. This is a project the whole Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood can work for.

Rich Lake

We Goofed

In last month's issue of The Paper we failed to give credit to the Rosedale Neighborhood Association, which paid for the "Grow Your Own Groceries" article-ad.

LETTERS

Letter to the Editor:

The Paper:

Alpha Omega Prison Ministry wishes to thank The Paper for the insertion of the remarks concerning the work presently being done by them. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the contributors:

- Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherow
 - Mr. and Mrs. James Templeton
 - Grace And Peace
 - Grace Methodist Church
 - Pilgrim Congregation
 - Sutter Presbyterian Church
 - The Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council
- whose financial assistance made our Easter' visit to the prison possible

A. O. P. M. will be conducting a seminar, the first week of May. We are soliciting volunteers to speak on the following subjects:

- Drug Rehabilitation
- Fashions

If you are willing to do this at your own expense please contact:

Alpha Omega Prison Ministry
6025 Kingsbury Avenue
725-2741

Thank You



Mrs. Hall and several women from the State Correctional Center for Women.

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"She's very hard-working," one person says, "I don't know where she gets all her energy. She's very kind and gracious — she has a way of soothing people." "She's always going," says another. She's a natural-born leader. If I could just give one word to describe her, it would be 'enthusiasm.' "She really has a knack for getting along with people," a third remarks, "and she's a very hard worker."

All these people are describing one person, Susan Roach, of 6106 Kingsbury Ave. She is, by popular consent, surely "the most dedicated woman in this neighborhood." And certainly one of the most versatile. Just a glimpse at some of her activities will show why.

The primary topic of this issue of *The Paper*, the Art Fair, was the brainchild of Mrs. Roach. Started in 1967, the Art Fair was first held in the St. Roch's church parking lot. That first year saw a modest 36 entries, but the idea caught on. The next year, the size and scope of the Fair were enlarged when it was moved to the 6100 block of Kingsbury. In subsequent years, the House Tour was added and the Fair became even more smooth-running and professional. But Susan Roach's basic idea had not changed: the Fair is an excellent way to "show off" our neighborhood at its very best.

The Residential Service was another of Mrs. Roach's neighborhood projects. Co-founded in 1970 by her and Patricia Kohn, who both became licensed real estate agents, the service was intended

PROFILE

SUSAN ROACH

by Owen C. Hardy,

to fill the gap of certain real estate companies, which, the women felt, were not properly representing the neighborhood. Over the years, the Residential Service has played a number of vital roles ranging from the listing and showing of houses for sale to beautification projects.

Both the Art Fair and the Residential Service may seem like enough to keep anyone permanently busy—anyone, perhaps, except Susan Roach. Consider the following list activities in which she is involved (and by the time this article goes to print, there may be more!):

*Mrs. Roach is a self-proclaimed Stripper-of-Wood, first from the entire ground floor of her own house, and now from a house she is rehabilitating on Westminster.

*She is an avid sportswoman who at varying times has played or is playing



volleyball and women's softball. She's also, I'm told, an excellent swimmer and, true to her multi-faceted personality, she has in past years even dabbled in ballet.

*Susan Roach has taught children's art classes at St. Roch's, organized card parties, school picnics, she's a sharp-eyed Block-watcher—wherever there's a neighborhood activity, Mrs. Roach is sure to be in the middle of it.

*Mrs. Roach is also a devoted mother of three children: Elizabeth, Rebecca and Taulby. She is also accomplished in all the "domestic" arts.

*She is a devoted wife and campaigner. Her husband, John, is the neighborhood's alderman and his own political success has in large part been due to the diligence of his "campaign-manager" wife.

All these things are very well and good, but every silver lining has its cloud, and Mrs. Roach is no exception. All is not perfect with her. Sometimes things do go wrong. She once had a dog which had uncontrollable urges to visit the St. Louis Zoo. Needless to say, Mrs. Roach was neither unfamiliar nor unwelcome to the Zoo officials who were only too happy to return her dog, who was, incidentally, perhaps the first animal who ever tried to break into the Zoo. He may well have succeeded, for I am told that the dog was lost by the Roach family some years ago.

Mrs. Roach has also been a victim of crime. Or perhaps that sentence is backwards, for she has an uncanny knack, when assaulted by purse-snatchers, of turning the criminal into the victim. Once, as Mrs. Roach was descending the steps of Grace Church after a play rehearsal, a boy (about three times Mrs. Roach's size) grabbed her purse. Susan Roach would, however, not let go. She was infuriated. She yelled. She screamed. The culprit finally got away, but not before Mrs. Roach, calling out "Bang, Bang!" had "shot" him twice with her fingers simulating a pistol.

So there you have it: Susan Roach organizer, artist, sportswoman, politician, wife, mother, policewoman, dog-owner. That's quite a mouthful, but then, she's quite a woman.

People are saying that our neighborhood is "coming back," that it's a nice place to live in. It's people like Susan Roach who are making it happen.



VICISSITUDES

by J.

As our big Spring event approaches, we want to welcome all the visitors who will be seeing us and our neighborhood at the Art Fair and House Tour. Our pride in what we have and do here will be amply shown on that day, though every month brings newsworthy events in our neighbors' lives. So, new neighbor or old, or simply a prospective, here are some of the happenings in Skinker-DeBaliviere this month.

Have you met your new neighbors? On the 6100 block of Pershing, brothers Owen and Tom Hardy have recently moved in. Owen is a journalism graduate who's volunteered to help on the Paper (that should give us some class), and Tom is a sculptor you'll no doubt be meeting on Art Fair Day. Also on Pershing, the 6000 block welcomes Dan Eberle as a property owner. Everyone will be happy to see the boards come down and a new neighbor move in.

On the 6100 block of Westminster, direct from South St. Louis, Tom and Mary Jo Consiglio and their two year-old daughter will soon be starting yet another Westminster rehabilitation. And on the 5700 block of Waterman, Tom Reel is also about to embark on a rehab project. We'll soon have to have a "rehab-of-the-month" at the rate our industrious group is going.

Did you know? . . . Dan Schesch is among the gleeful job-finders this month . . . Former neighbor Jo Fredericks had a baby girl in March . . . Mrs. Brice of the 6100 block of Washington is happily home after a hospital stay.

Some of our more illustrious neighbors have been on TV this past month: Dee Vossmeier, questioned about a robbery at her bank; Betty Newsham discussed the famous "Shoe Tree" on Kingsbury on the Sunday Special and managed to get in a plug for the upcoming Art Fair very nicely. And Ted

Bynum has been on the tube several times concerning his work with local teachers' issues. We understand that his appearances are real occasions at home, giving the Bynum children an opportunity to see what Daddy looks like. Reminds us once again of what a great educational tool television can be.

The 6100 block of Westminster was the scene of a wedding on April 5, as Cookie Copeland and Darrell Darden were married in a ceremony at the Copeland home. A lovely reception followed. We all wish Cookie and Darrell the best of luck and hope that they will continue to make our neighborhood their home.

The Giddings of 60xx Westminster are moving to Washington. We hate to lose good neighbors, but we hope they'll be happy and successful way out West.

Correction: we mistakenly reported the name of Diane and Jack Bennington's new baby last month. If you haven't yet met Peter Dean (not Bean), he's a doll. Our apologies about the error.

Congratulations to Ann McCarthy of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, recipient of the Centennial award given by Maryville College. The award honors one whose life style reflects Christian values. We certainly can't think of anything that would be more an honor than that, and we congratulate her heartily.

We hope you won't forget the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lange's on Art Fair morning. It benefits a worthy cause (The Paper) and gives us an opportunity to volunteer a few husbands and friends for real work. We thank in advance the many dedicated souls roped into our project, and a great thank you to Chris and Joe Lange for allowing us to once again use their home to feed the multitudes, and especially to Joe for directing, producing, and acting in the affair. We hope to see you all there.



Above are Glenn Cole and Eugene Bauer, new foot patrolmen in our area, at an introduction ceremony held on April 7, 1975, at the 7th District Headquarters.

Area Resident Elected to JCD Board

Rev. Wm. Collins Elected to JCD Board of Trustees

The Reverend William Collins, Jr., a neighbor at 5770 Waterman, was elected April 1, to the Board of Trustees of the Junior College District. The Reverend Mr. Collins is pastor of the 200 member Antioch Baptist Church, 4213W North Market Street. He was elected by a considerable margin over three opponents and will fill a seat vacated by the resignation of Judge Theodore McMillian.

Fish Fry at People's Clinic

On Saturday, May 10, as work crews busily set about constructing booths for Sunday's Art Fair, Community Health Council volunteers will be preparing hot fish sandwiches, cole slaw, cold beer and soda on the patio in front of the People's Clinic at 6010 Kingsbury. They will be serving from 2:00 P.M. until the food is sold out.

Plates are \$1.50 and all proceeds will go to support the Clinic's medical services.

Garden Cafe

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6150 KINGSBURY (Back yard) MAY 11 12 NOON — 5 P.M. DURING THE ART FAIR

Hog Dogs Polish Sausage Soda & Beer



The Rehabit

by Susie Roach

This month the International Brotherhood of Strippers Education and Political Action Committee is proud to outline the second and final stripping technique to be mastered for certification as a card-carrying, Master Stripper. It is hoped that the Apprentice Strippers have learned not to rush through their act, for in perfecting this second stripping technique, timing is of utmost importance. There is nothing worse than a stripper who must stop in the middle of her act to go back and take off something forgotten in haste.

Paint, in all its ugly forms, must be removed cleanly and neatly by an Apprentice Stripper in at least one average sized room or four pieces of furniture in order to qualify as a Master Stripper. There are several approved techniques for paint stripping.

The first and perhaps oldest method is the blow torch. Torches and their refill cans of propane can be purchased at any hardware store. There is a special head for the blow torch found at Pearl Paint Stores which spreads out the flame, minimizes burning, and has been found far more effective than the common torch. Hold the torch a short distance from the paint until it softens and bubbles and then scrape with a putty knife or wall paper scraper. When done properly, paint can be removed to the bare wood with a torch and then finished with Kwik-Strip as with varnish removal. There are several electric burners on the market which may be used instead of a blow torch. They tend not to burn the wood but are much slower.

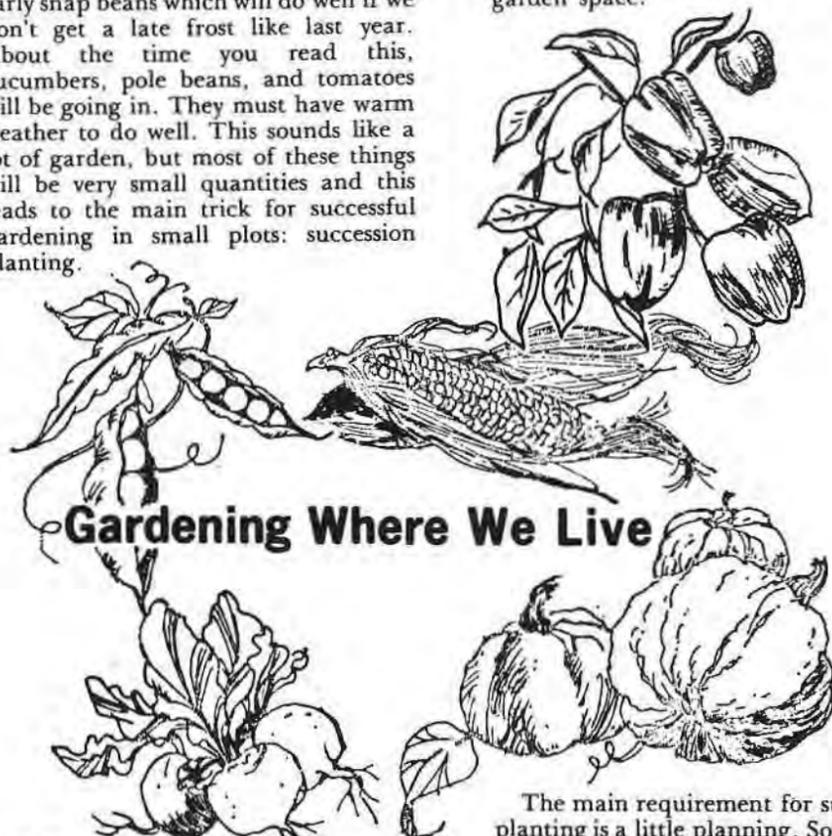
Commercial, chemical stripper is the second method for paint removal. We have found that *Bix*, *Super Peel*, is the most effective. The directions on the back of the can should be followed - taking particular note to brush the stripper on thickly, keep it wet, and let it work until all layers have been softened. If properly applied, the paint should scrape off fairly easily. The final step is to dip coarse grade steel wool in the stripper and rub off any residue. Tools necessary for picking paint from carving vary with the individual strippers. We find nut picks or small knives with the points broken off and smoothed, to be useful.

The speed with which paint can be stripped depends also on the quality of the paint itself. If there is a good, tight coat of varnish under the paint, and the paint hasn't soaked into the grain, stripping will go fairly quickly. If this is not the case, or if the paint is of the old, lead base, so-called "milk paint" variety, which turns creamy when coated with chemical stripper, the patience and skill of the individual will be keenly tested.

When the Apprentice Stripper feels he has mastered the removal of paint, the Education and Political Action Committee will then inspect the job and vote on the merits of the individual stripper. If the Apprentice Stripper is judged worthy, he will be presented the "Master Stripper Card" which has been carefully secreted in a mayonnaise jar in the basement of Skinker DeBaliviere, and which entitles the bearer to strip without shame for a lifetime.

Now is the time to plant. By mid-May everything that grows in the garden can be planted. Onions, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage went in about April 1 and by mid-April we had planted lettuce, beets, radishes, carrots, turnips, spinach, and peas in the vegetable garden, as well as parsley in the herb bed. By April 20, we will have taken a chance with the weather for early snap beans which will do well if we don't get a late frost like last year. About the time you read this, cucumbers, pole beans, and tomatoes will be going in. They must have warm weather to do well. This sounds like a lot of garden, but most of these things will be very small quantities and this leads to the main trick for successful gardening in small plots: succession planting.

A slight variation of succession planting is known as interplanting, in which rows of a slower maturing plant, such as cabbage or broccoli, are alternated with a rapidly growing crop like beets, radishes, lettuce, spinach or other greens. In this plan, the faster plants are ready for harvest by the time that the slower ones are getting large enough to require all of the allotted garden space.



Gardening Where We Live

In my garden, most of the space I use will grow at least two different crops between spring and late fall. Succession planting is nothing more than following a vegetable that reaches eating size quickly with the planting of another which will reach maturity before the weather becomes too cold. Some examples may help to make this clearer. Radishes are usually ready to eat 25 to 30 days after the seed is planted and can be planted from early March to early May. Radishes planted April 1 will be out of the garden by early May. Bush beans take 55-65 days to mature and cannot be planted until mid-April at the earliest. The space needed for two rows of early radishes can then be planted as one row of green beans which will start producing about July 1. By late July or early August, these will be pretty well finished bearing, so pull the plants and add them to the compost pile. The space they occupied will allow for two rows of radishes or lettuce. Leaf lettuce takes 40-55 days to mature, which means that in mid-September, it will be ready to eat and, because of the cooling temperatures, will grow and produce until the first really severe frost. This same approach will work with early lettuce, followed by snap beans and possibly a later crop of radishes.

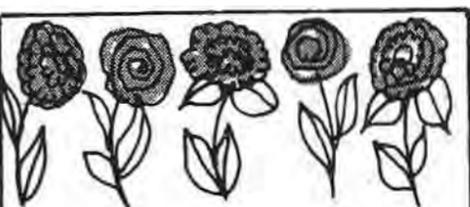
The main requirement for succession planting is a little planning. Some crops grow very slowly, but will produce until frost. Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and pole beans are examples. These will occupy space in the garden for nearly the whole growing season. Other vegetables are very quick to reach eating size. Radishes lead the field for speed, but spinach, lettuce, greens, turnips, and peas range from 40 to 55 days to reach the eating stage. Beans, beets, carrots, cauliflower, and broccoli take still longer, ranging from 55 to 70 days. In order to plan for succession plantings, read the seed pack to see how long the plant will take to reach the table and how early and how late it can be planted. Then plan the garden on paper before planting. After that, it is just a matter of remembering that unplanted space is wasted space, especially when you want the most produce possible from very limited space. A good garden will have something planted and growing everywhere from mid-April to mid-September and part of the garden may be in use the entire season from early March to at least mid-October in St. Louis. Planning, planting early, and planting in succession means a lot of good eating for nearly six months and the most effective use of small garden spaces.

Rich Lake

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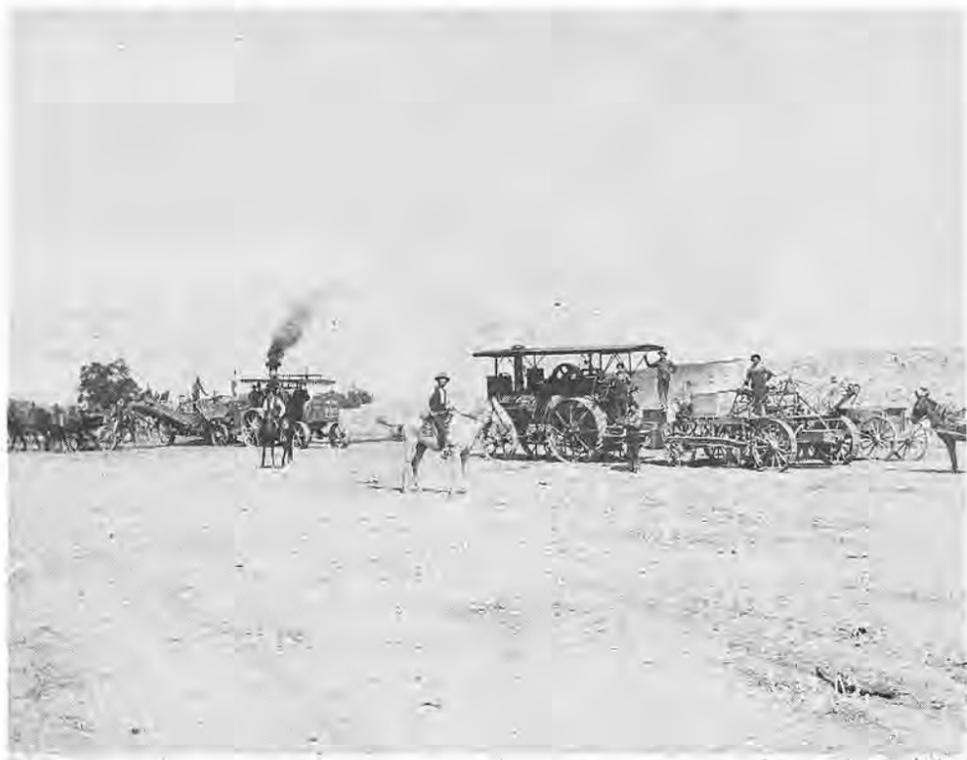
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THE WAY WE WERE

Photographs courtesy of Etta Taylor of Parkview, granddaughter of George W. Lubke, one of our "Founding Fathers"



Washington Heights — in process, 1902



The "grading gang" that did it — John Scott & Sons, railroad builders, graded the entire area from DeBaliviere to Mehlville Ave. with a 40' "most desirable eastern incline."

Historic District Progress Report

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Neighborhood has been looking into the possibility of applying for "historic district" status and exploring what work would be needed to make such an application. The Washington Heights Neighbors meeting April 10th presented Carolyn Toft explaining just what steps had to be taken by local residents. Ms. Toft, from *Heritage/St. Louis*, has been involved in the preparations by several areas now designated historic districts, and her familiarity with the necessary procedures furnished answers to many questions. Ms. Toft outlined the following needs, stressing that due to other projects now underway or done, we are already about half-way there. Section 914B.020 of the zoning Code requires:

- (1) a general location map and legal description of the boundaries of the historic district (each of our three neighborhood organizations has its own map to play with, and boundaries will be discussed with all residents);
- (2) a statement documenting the area's historical, architectural or cultural significance (our neighborhood history more than qualifies);
- (3) the surveys (now completed or in progress) for *Heritage/St. Louis*, indicating the existing uses of all properties in and around the proposed district;
- (4) a general development plan showing all planned restoration and new development;
- (5) a set of proposed standards for the district concerning building facades, setbacks, and design details for new and old street appearances; and
- (6) any amendments to current zoning deemed necessary.

Once these steps have been taken, with maximum input of interested citizens, we send a petition to City Plan Commission (now Community Development) which in turn has the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission review it, as well as other city agencies which might be involved, depending on what is in our proposed area and development plan. Within 90 days Community Development receives all the agency and commission reports and recommendations, and must "cause to be prepared a Historic District zoning bill with a developmental plan," for the Board of Aldermen if our area passes all the requirements and agrees on any recommended changes. The aldermen can't vote on such a bill until there is a public hearing with plenty of notice required by law. If passed by the Board of Aldermen and signed by the Mayor, the Historic District becomes a reality.

What would this do to us? There is one step added to getting a building permit because the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission has to see that what is proposed on the building permit application squares with the standards our community has set for our Historic District. Since these standards will be public knowledge, it will be easy for anyone wishing to make any changes to consult it *before* planning the change desired.

Our alderman, John G. Roach, has asked us to speed our consideration of whether or not we want to become an Historic District. A great deal of work must be done to get a bill ready for the Fall session of the Board of Aldermen. If we have a broadly based plan of development prepared here in the community and approved by Community Development, Mr. Roach can use it to see that any funds becoming available are obtained for any part of our plan. Rosedale Neighborhood Association's Historic District Committee has begun meeting weekly, and Parkview and Washington Heights will each have a committee by May (see the June *Paper* for names and phone numbers). Any Rosedale resident wishing to join their committee is welcome—call Sue Tepas (862-3783) or show up Thursday evenings at 8:00 at the Council office, 6008 Kingsbury.

Sue Tepas



The buildings in Parkview are certainly more permanent today — and *much* prettier! Note the towers of Brookings Hall, Washington U., center left.

This ad is a coupon and entitles bearer to 1c per gallon discount on the purchase of a fill up. Present this coupon at time of purchase. Offer expires May 31, 1975.

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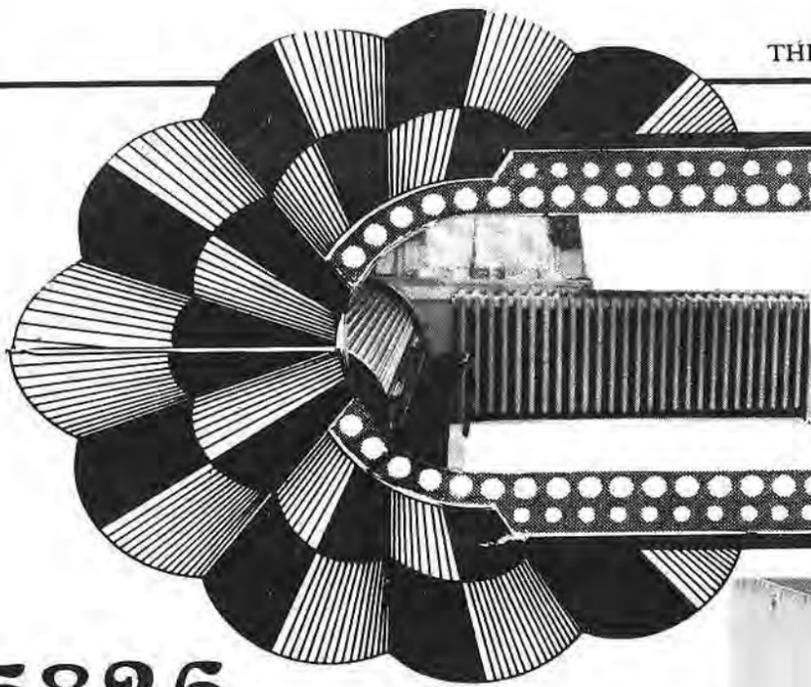


**Men's Lib
Cake Sale**

WEST END OF FAIR

Cake, coffee
and iced tea

Come rest, relax,
and refresh



HOUSE

5826 Pershing

The House Tour Committee asked Karen and George Brown to describe working on their complete renovation of this 4 bedroom, 1 bath home . . . their words well describe the spirit that has moved many residents to join in the rehab movement.

"What we have done to 5841 Pershing is a complete response. We were responding to the obvious neighborhood detriment of a "boarded-up house". Rather than look at it we decided to do something about it. We felt that a boarded-up house was a boarded-up reflection upon our home. It was this feeling that spurred us to take a chance.

When we looked at the house we discovered that this house had not only suffered recent deterioration and vandalism but had decayed through many years of neglect and lack of maintenance. The roof was gone; the plastering was 50% gone; there were irreparable holes in the staircase; the back porch was destroyed; the house was filthy. It was apparent that much effort and money were necessary to save this house. To begin with, we would have to do without heating; the radiators and stained glass windows had been stolen. We felt that this pitiful structure of decadence needed something noticeable, yes, special, to promote its future. We chose the woodwork. A little scratching showed that very little paint covered a long-stained and varnished undersurface. Much of the winter 74-75, was spent freeing that beauty. Even that endeavor was hampered by broken workwork, a beam pulled down, and obvious previous removals of those pieces that were once part of the house's charm.

The woodwork has been only one effort of many designed to salvage the original and to add modern attractions. The bathroom was retiled. The back porch was replaced by an attractive deck, the kitchen modernized.

We can only imagine what the house once looked like. However, we can guess what kind of people lived there. There is a 3-way mirror in the master bedroom to indicate a conscientious lady who would not be seen in less than the most attractive dress. We know by the size that the house was for a small family. But, whatever it was, the house is now intended to be a monument to old values and beauty with emphasis on modern comfort and leisure."

Three partner-groups purchased the house, the Smiths, the Browns and Joe Mensing. Joe has done the contracting of major work. The Smiths have helped in windows, carpentry, tree trimming, and some painting. The Browns did the woodwork and painting among other things. Bruce Smith is a Research Analyst at the Division of Family Services and Chris Smith a social worker at the neighborhood Clinic. George Brown is a Traffic Engineer for the City of St. Louis and Karen a Research Analyst for the Division of Family Services.



A spirit of renovation and vigor flavors House Tour '75 as it represents the reversal of past projections for the future of the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood...proving unfounded those who rumored its demise as a residential area. The five homes featured this year are examples of a new adage: Where neglect and decay have appeared, residents soon follow seeking to retain and restore the original, soundly built structures.

The past few years have shown remarkable success in these efforts to

6154 McPherson

Dolores and Gene Hoefel moved from Chicago to St. Louis in August, 1974. They brought antiques, artwork and three children to one of the oldest three-story homes in the neighborhood.

Architecturally, it is one of the few examples of "star and bar" construction common to Lafayette Square and Souldard houses. Iron "stars" visible on the exterior walls of the house fix an iron bar which runs the width of the house, in place. The bars support the exterior walls of the house, and the stars are visible on the East and West walls.

The Hoefel's complete renovation began in the basement with all new systems of electrical, plumbing and heating, and worked through four fireplaces, a 2nd story greenhouse constructed with old storm windows, to a new roof. Gene, an artist who teaches in the School of Fine Arts at Washington University, converted the double garage into a skylit studio which is included on the tour.

Woodwork was stripped throughout and brick exposed to lend a soft, glowing atmosphere and Dolores' ability to nurture greenery is abundantly obvious. Plants are everywhere, including the patio which is also newly installed.

The kitchen contains many modern conveniences while maintaining a vintage character. The kitchen cabinets were constructed from beaded wood to match a large, antique cupboard they found and brought from Wisconsin.

With particular ingenuity, the back stairs were converted into 3 useful spaces, a half-bath of unusual attraction, a canned goods closet, and a coat closet on the landing between the first and second floors. The master bedroom was created from 2 smaller rooms through the addition of a beam where the wall was removed. It houses the central air conditioning and heating unit for the 2nd and 3rd floors and opens onto a 2nd story greenhouse.

Bathroom tiles on the 2nd floor are from Mexico and the marble facing is original.

The 3rd floor was totally remodeled into 2 airy spaces and a full bath and sauna room (the steam awaits further funding) for the oldest boys and features built-in trundle beds and storage areas.

The Hoefels, working with neighborhood contractor Joe Mensing, have brought features, common in many area homes to well-designed and beautifully detailed life with their imaginative renovation.



6039 WATERMAN

This 2-family flat reflects the cosmopolitan, travel oriented life style of its owners, Fritz and Larry Laba. A native of France, Mrs. Laba now uses and teaches her language at the Wilson School. Larry Laba works with a printing company. Both have devoted extensive time and energy this past year to preserving and decorating their second floor home. They offer the first floor apartment for rent, a common, economically sound practice in this neighborhood which has many 2-family flats.

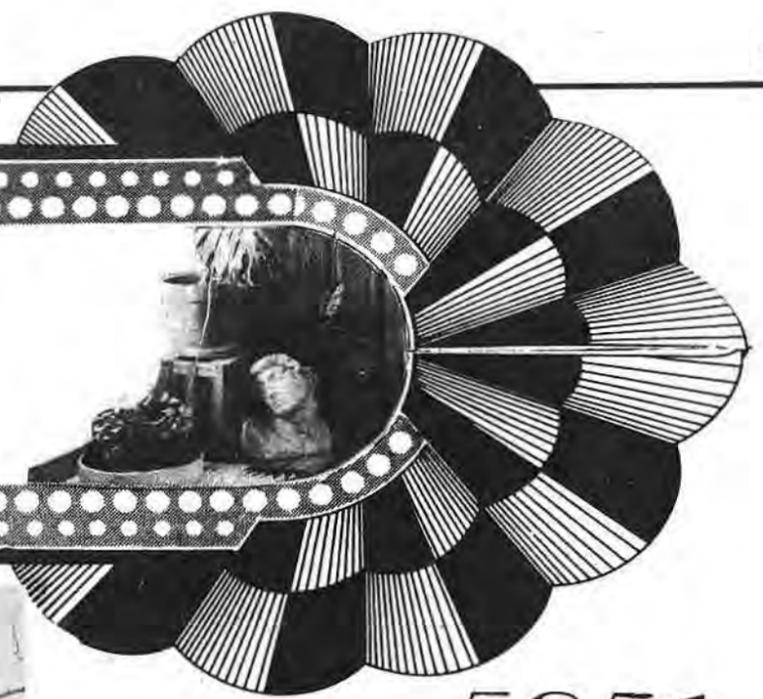
Mrs. Laba brought much of her furniture from France. She has used it primarily in the dining room and second bedroom. A Moroccan tapestry hangs in another bedroom.

The Labas stripped all the woodwork in the dining room, including the ceiling beams, and have finished the wood in a handsome dark tone. The stucco-textured walls in the dining room are also their handiwork. The living room is warm and comfortable highlighted by the fireplace. Mrs. Laba has covered the walls with a contemporary print fabric which complements the design and colors of the oriental rug.

The space, warmth and charm of the Laba home provide a luxurious alternative to modern two bedroom apartments.



TOUR '75



maintain and improve housing, making the neighborhood increasingly appealing to a variety of individuals and families. In choosing the homes on this year's House Tour, the committee has emphasized the diversity of life styles and versatility of the residents who have joined to help fashion an "emerging" neighborhood. Skinker-DeBaliviere has travelled from times of fashionable living through a period of moderate decay to its currently engaging self, a warm, comfortable and neighborly place to live.



5851 Waterman

The Lake's unusual 3-story home is immediately distinguished by its side entrance. But there, any resemblance to other neighborhood homes ends as Rich and Venita Lake worked with 2 earlier interior renovations of their house to create extremely contemporary-feeling spaces.

Some time ago, previous owners of this house, in an effort to remodel, removed all the interior woodwork and boarded and plastered over a large 3-panel stained glass window, both favorite features of Skinker-DeBaliviere residents.

The house then passed through a period of neglect before being purchased for renewal by neighborhood resident Ken Cohen.

A skillful job of "putting the house together again" attracted the Lakes from Carbondale last spring as they sought a neighborhood consistent with their interests and closer to his teaching job at Florissant Valley College. They played upon the earlier "look" of the house, using bold colors as accents to the best advantage against stark white walls. Special note should be taken in the living room of the stone fireplace flanked by a slate floor which replaces a damaged area of hardwood flooring.

The dining room exhibits some of the Lake's hobbies. Needlepoint is a chief interest of both of them. The Eagle was crafted by Venita, and the Liberty Bell by Rich. Plants growing in the bay reflect avid gardeners at work. They not only utilize their back yard for vegetables but share another large lot with friends for their totally organic garden. They contribute a monthly column to The Paper on various aspects of organic gardening and Venita supervises The Paper's layout staff.

Of interest is the modern but wholly individualized kitchen. Featured are a bright green countertop and functional track lighting encased in an attractive wood frame designed and built by Rich Lake.

The 3-story house contains four bedrooms and a large multi-purpose room on the third floor which is the family's favorite room. Further samples of family craftsmanship can be seen in 3rd floor re-finished furniture and the shades and curtains in many rooms.

The house, which has undergone extreme renovation with creative help from the Lakes and their two children, stands the tests of livability and versatility admirably.

- Members of this year's House Tour Committee are:
- Christina Lange
 - Deborah Bracey
 - Patricia Kohn
 - Cherie McKee
 - Blanche Reel
 - Mary Boyts
 - George Brown
 - Karen Brown
- photos by Jim Mitchell

besides Kurt and Nancy. Peter Muckerman, administrator of the Loop West End Free Clinic, David Haynor, who is doing post-doctoral research at the Washington U. Medical School, Susan Sante, who teaches at Forest Park Community College, and Susan's two boys, Emile 7, and Peter 6. The house affords ample private space for all of these people.

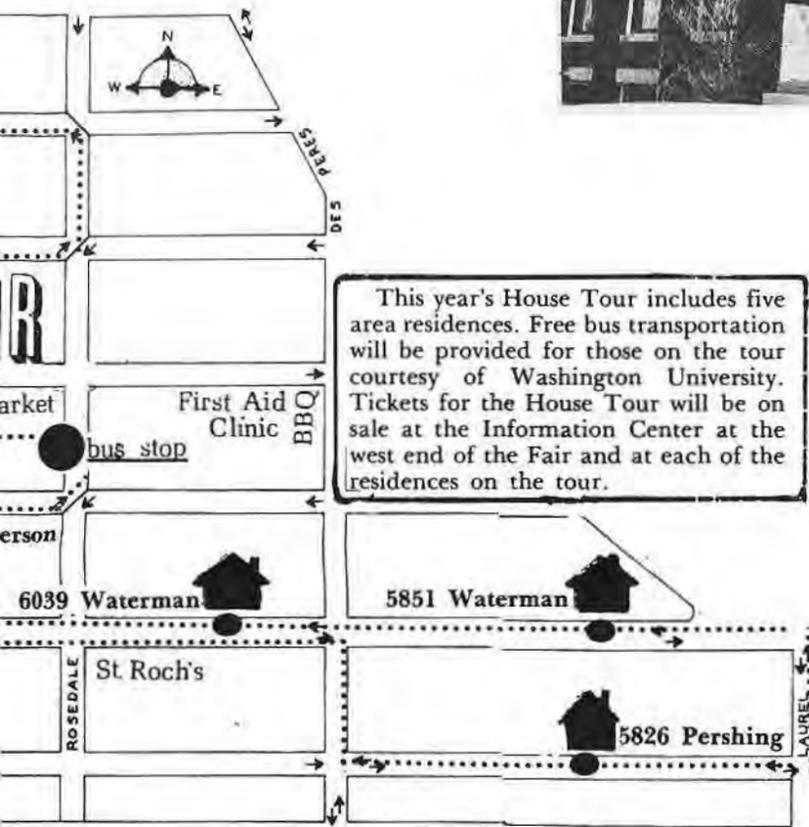
All of the responsibilities of owning and operating the house are shared by the people who live there, with each person's duties clearly defined. Group decisions are made at a weekly evening house meeting. Everyone has a specific house job to take care of such as taking items to the recycling center, cleaning the living room, policing the yard, shopping, etc. All house members including the owners pay a monthly rent to a central fund that is used to pay taxes, utilities, and the mortgage. In addition each person pays eleven dollars per week to a food budget which keeps all very well fed. Members belong to the Limit Food Coop. Each of the adults cooks a family dinner one night a week and plans menus prior to their night to cook so that the shopper can coordinate the food purchases for the week.

Kurt Lorenz offers the following perspective to neighbors and visitors: "This house represents a life style that we believe is more in keeping with the economic and ecological realities of the post-industrial age in America, than the nuclear family. There is ample evidence that the world can no longer support infinitely expanding "slurbs" that our cities have become. Every piece of furniture, tool, eating utensil, etc. which we share is obviating the necessity for several more that need not be taken from the earth's resources, nor returned to the trash heap that we leave behind us.

Lastly we find that people who are willing to put enough of their ego behind them to experience collective living will find their lives enriched. We have access to each other's friends and experiences and need not be so isolated. Since there are ample amounts of people power to get jobs done we need not resort to sexist work division to keep the house running. Because our living expenses are so low we need not compete in a cut-throat job market for high salaries. We can each afford to take jobs that are far more satisfying for us, if not so well paid. We each live very comfortably with adequate privacy and sharing, on personal food and shelter budgets of approximately \$110.00 a month.

We hope you enjoy a chance to look around our house."

This year's House Tour includes five area residences. Free bus transportation will be provided for those on the tour courtesy of Washington University. Tickets for the House Tour will be on sale at the Information Center at the west end of the Fair and at each of the residences on the tour.



6194 Washington

This house has had a varied history in the neighborhood. Originally a stately single family house in Washington Heights, (the original development built in 1908 was called WH Subdivision,) it was donated to the Lutheran Church many years ago and used until several years ago as a focus for campus ministry to Washington U. During that time it was extensively modified. The Original stairway was changed and the first floor plan made room for a large open stairwell to the basement, which in turn was remodeled as a coffee house. The building was brought up to date mechanically and received excellent care until a few years ago when it was relegated to storage. It was purchased by the present owners in 1973.

A special decorating feature that may be seen in several rooms is the varied use of barn siding which came from a nearby farm and was personally torn down and redesigned by current house residents.

The house is owned jointly by Nancy Nonnenkamp and Kurt Lorenz, both teachers in the Neighborhood at The Unschool. This is the only house on the tour that is run as a collective. This means that the people who live here share common space and responsibilities without sharing as many aspects of each other's lives as might be true of a commune. The residents are,



ALDERMANIC REPORT

John G. Roach

28th Ward Alderman



there remains a significant gap between expected revenue and projected expenditures. In the budget deliberations so far, reductions have been proposed to neighborhood services in order to achieve as narrow a gap as currently faces this City.

However, the list of budget tricks and manipulations has about reached the end. Regardless of what is done this year, next year will face the administration and the Board of Aldermen with an enormous revenue-expenditure gap. At some time the government in this City and people are going to have to face the fact that we are performing some services which are so outrageous in cost and burden as to strain the fiscal ability of the City to the breaking point. This agonizing re-appraisal, particularly in the area of health care and acute hospitals has been put off for a long time by the various manipulations which have been practiced.

The City of St. Louis has no need for two acute general hospitals, regardless of the statements that one reads in the paper; one hospital would be more than adequate to take care of the needs of the City. The City must provide for the integration of two different hospital complexes which are very different in history and tradition in the community. Despite the fact that both Starkloff Hospital and Homer G. Phillips Hospital have a largely black clientele, traditionally Homer G. Phillips has been regarded by the black community as "their" hospital. Accordingly, the medical schools who staff the Starkloff Hospital have confined their services to that hospital rather than to extend them to Homer G. Phillips. The proprietary attitude of much of the medical staff of Homer Phillips was felt to be inconsistent with the integration of that hospital into the general pattern of health care assistance provided by the 2 medical schools.

Against this background of history and community involvement, a proposal to close either one brings with it severe dislocation. This dislocation and community upset is compounded in the case of Phillips because the capacity of the Starkloff Hospital is larger than that of Homer Phillips, and the subsidiary services which are provided at Starkloff are superior in size and scope to those provided at Homer Phillips. For example, the major laboratory which serves both hospitals is located at Starkloff as are various other statellite activities. Therefore, the logical candidate for closure would be Homer Phillips but for the fact that institution has played such an important role in the City's black community.

Despite all of this wrenching conflict, the problem must be faced in order to



The past session of the Board of Aldermen was a busy one and featured a number of legislative accomplishments. Among those which are of interest to the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood are the passage of a comprehensive sign regulation ordinance, the first in the City's history, which Alderman Richard Gephardt of the 14th Ward and I co-sponsored; passage of a comprehensive trash and litter regulation scheme; adoption of a number of redevelopment proposals, including those for the Washington University Medical Center, Maryland Plaza and several downtown projects; however, most important was the adoption of the ordinance authorizing application by the City for over \$15,000,000. worth of Community Development Revenue Sharing money.

The passage of this ordinance, which followed hearings by the Housing and Urban Development Committee of the Board of Aldermen, of which I am a member, is particularly significant for Skinker-DeBaliviere since the application envisages a comprehensive street and city facility upgrading program in Skinker-DeBaliviere for the second year of Community Development Revenue Sharing and contains a contingency fund out of which a housing renovation fund should be made available to our area.

This proposal which was developed by Tom McPherron, who is a member of the Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, with the co-operation of Cal Stuart and other members of the neighborhood, should provide the emphasis for further single family house renovation program in the area.

The upcoming session of the Board of Aldermen will feature the addition of three new Aldermen and a strengthened position for the younger members of the Board. Already there is a promised rules fight over the method of assigning Committee posts. Traditionally in the Board of Aldermen, 8 or 9 older Aldermen with long tenure have completely dominated committee deliberations. The so-called "Osborne Amendment", which is a re-writing of Rule 19, would insure that all members of the Board would be able to participate in Committee deliberations and would have their share of Committee assignments. At this writing, it is yet unsure as to whether or not this amendment can be passed.

Most important for the upcoming session of the Board of Aldermen will be the new budget. The City has, over a period of years, and by various tricks of financial legerdemain balanced its budget by transferring funds between fiscal years, changing the dates of fiscal years, and other budgetary manipulations. The Mayor has proposed a similar set of manipulations for this year, but even with those adjustments

Rosedale Neighborhood Association News

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association held its most recent quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 25. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers of the organization and the election of representatives from RNA to the board of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council. Prior to the meeting, a nominating committee had prepared a slate of members who were willing to stand for election to the various offices. This slate was placed in nomination and, there being no further nominations from the floor, was elected by acclamation. There were several nominees for each position of representative to SDCC and balloting was necessary. The RNA election results are as follows:

President	Brad Weir	6120 Westminster	863-7558
Vice President	Dennis Schoen	6023 Washington	726-5358
Vice President	George Doggendorf	6151 Kingsbury	726-1299
Secretary	Ann Martin	6121 McPherson	862-3138
Treasurer	Dave Schmidt	6168 McPherson	863-4512
Corresponding Secretary	Marj Weir	6120 Westminster	863-7558
SDCC Rep. (North)	Joe Lange	6175 Kingsbury	863-2164
SDCC Rep. (South)	Ed Stout	6182 McPherson	726-5782
SDCC Rep. (South)	Sue Tepas	6141 McPherson	862-5492

RNA's Treasurer's Report for the past year reflects one of the most successful years in recent memory, and is published for the benefit of those residents who were not able to attend the March meeting.

Brad Weir

ROSEDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

3/1/74 — 2/28/75

Ordinary Receipts	Item	Ordinary Expenses
\$ 353.70	118 Memberships	\$ ---
177.50	Art Fair Cake Sale	30.00
79.00	Annual Dinner	87.75
123.70	Paper Drives	4.08
122.10	Trees and Tulips	271.00*
675.70	Dinner Theatre	425.91
185.50	Xmas Party	245.82
30.16	W.H.N. Shared Xmas Party Loss	---
291.25	Casino Night	172.25
	Banking Expenses	11.03
	Ads in The Paper	120.00
	Halloween Party	35.00
	S.D.C.C. Col. Brown Party	20.00
	Block Unit Organizing	27.45
	People's Clinic	200.00
<u>\$2038.61</u>		<u>\$1650.29</u>
Cash Balance at beginning of the year		\$ 23.98
Add total Ordinary Receipts of:	\$2038.61	
Less total Ordinary Expenses of:	<u>1650.29</u>	
Net Ordinary Receipts:	\$ 388.32	
Net Receipts for the year:		\$412.30
Deduct Union Electric Loan Debt Paid in full:		<u>253.34</u>
Cash Balance at the end of the year:		<u>\$ 158.96#</u>

*\$33 credit with Operation Greenback for unplanted trees.
#of which:

- \$147.16 in checking account
- 1.80 owed by members on Tulips
- 10.00 in President's petty cash

Respectfully Submitted,

DAVID G. F. SCHMIDT
Treasurer, 2/28/75

do anything about the financial crisis in which this City increasingly finds itself entangled. The fact of the matter is that the luxury of supplying two general hospitals is robbing money from neighborhood maintenance efforts, which those efforts can scarcely afford.

Church News

Grace United Methodist Church

On Mother's Day, May 11, 1975, Grace United Methodist Church will host an open house from 1-5 in the afternoon. An ice cream social, proceeds of which will benefit the Breitmayer Memorial Fund, will begin at 12:30 p.m. on the patio on the Waterman side of the Church. Visitors as well as members of the congregation are welcome. Plans for the open house include organ interludes at 2, 3, and 4 p.m., fellowship, and free refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Guides will be available to give directions and information. Among the areas which will be open are the sanctuary, the library, parlors, and The Cloister, a new art gallery in the church.

YOUTH SUNDAY AT DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday May 4 the Junior and Senior High young people of Delmar Baptist church still take charge of the morning worship hour. The young people have chosen as their emphasis this year the crisis of world hunger. They will be addressing the needs and the possibilities of Christian response in the morning message. As part of the communion celebration the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received. This offering is an interdenominational offering for world relief. The community is cordially invited to this special service at 11:00 a.m.

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Washington Heights Neighbors News

GENERAL MEETING

"I see this as a way to both save what we have and assure that whatever comes in new will not be a blatant attack on the neighborhood," commented Cal Stuart. The Historic District designation was his topic at the recent WHN General Meeting. He agreed with Ms. Carol Toft from Heritage St. Louis that for potential money lenders the project is a "community effort they appreciate." Obviously so, for much cooperation is needed by residents for two of the five steps in getting this status. Ms. Toft explained that we need pertinent information on a form and a picture for each building in the considered area. Blanche Reel solicited any volunteers to snap pictures in the next two weeks before the leaves cover the facade. Film and processing costs will be covered.

Later citizens will agree on standards and insert any possible zoning changes or street changes they'd like. Controls vary in neighborhoods but only govern front exterior changes such as windows, roof shape, fences, signs, walls, street furniture, and others.

Sue Tepas related that the proposed boundaries now do not include the Redevelopment area because it's under a 353 bill, but they are not absolutely set.

Once accepted as a Historic District, we would have more control over which buildings are demolished. Also we could regulate new development.

The WHN MEMBERS THEMSELVES REACHED A LANDMARK IN HISTORY BY FILLING ALL THE POSTS FOR SDCC Representatives and Alternates. Elected were Jack Wright, Area I Representative; Esther Herron, Area II Representative; Vivienne Garr, Alternate; C.C. Smith, Area III Representative; and Daisy Wilhite, Alternate. Mr. William Bolden will chair the block units committee, Eddie Sanders will head up the sanitation committee and Clarice Haynes the recreation and education group.

Many neighbors stayed after the business meeting to view home movies of friends and familiar places.

Art Fair

May 3rd WHN People will "have the chance to clean up the lot at Des Peres and Kingsbury." So Mike Magrath solicited workers to prepare the site for this year's Bar-B-Q. It will again be on Art Fair Day, but this year from noon to five at the new location.

Also that weekend on Saturday, May 10, at 5792 Waterman will be the Flower Sale. Come buy your mom a posie Saturday and a dinner out on Sunday. Goals of \$100 for the Clinic and \$100 for The Paper have been set for the profits by the WHN Board.

Nancy Waggoner



Washington Heights Neighbors Dues

Every resident living west of DeBaliviere and east of Des Peres between Forest Park and Delmar is a resident of Washington Heights. Dues are \$3.00 per year per household.

We ask that each family pay dues to the Washington Heights Neighbors Association to help defray some of the cost of the paper for flyers and notices that are distributed to you during the year. As well, the dues help to sponsor some of our neighborhood projects and activities during the year.

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Washington Heights Neighbors
c/o Anna Busch
6008 Kingsbury Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63112

Anna Busch,
Membership Chairperson

The Parkview Association has recently organized a Security Committee under the chairmanship of Grace Norris, 6224 McPherson. The committee's objectives include acquainting residents with programs such as Crime Blockers, and Operation Ident and instructing them in home security measures. Meetings held in various homes in the Parkview area have been received enthusiastically and more are planned.

Parkview Organizes Security Committee

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League of Women Voters to Hold Coffee

The Skinker-DeBaliviere League of Women Voters Discussion Group invites anyone (female or male) interested in becoming a member next year to join current group members at a "coffee" Tuesday, May 20th, from 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Tepas, 6141 McPherson. The Discussion Group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month (September thru May) to examine facts provided by a League study committee on an issue of current interest as it applies locally. One need not be a member of the League to join the Discussion Group, and babysitting is provided at \$1.00 per child on League mornings at Grace Methodist's "Stay and Play".

Discussion Group membership has been noted in the past for giving mothers of small children a chance at adult thought and conversation and for providing residents of all ages with some unbiased information on local problems and possible solutions.

Come to the "coffee" on May 20th and let the old members persuade you to join them! For "Stay and Play" reservations during the coffee, call Sue Tepas, 862-3783.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Steve Vossmeier

State Representative, 86th District



All too often, in the flurry of legislative activity, the true impact of certain bills on specific areas is lost in the shuffle. Sometimes that impact is good; sometimes not.

One of the proposals which I've sponsored should have a favorable impact on our neighborhood. The bill, House Bill 780, would expand the functions of the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), and would make it easier to obtain residential loans in areas in which private lenders are reluctant to make loans. It would expand the present construction loan program and allow individual homeowners to receive loans. In addition, it would authorize two new programs; a rehabilitation program and a "loans to lenders" program. None of these programs require any expenditure of state tax revenues, as they are financed by the sale of bonds by the Commission.

Under present law residential loans are made only to limited-dividend or nonprofit corporations, and public agencies. As a result, the Commission's ability to stimulate the construction and rehabilitation of single-family homes and to aid individuals attempting to purchase or improve a home is limited.

In the past, housing programs have concentrated on the construction of multi-family housing. The rehabilitation of existing housing, especially of single-family homes and small multi-family units, which is so important to our area, has been neglected.

House Bill 780 would allow the Missouri Housing Development Commission to make loans to individuals for the construction or rehabilitation of housing. This provision would allow individuals to make use of older housing that is in need of repair but is still potentially valuable. The bill would also allow the Commission, in conjunction with local governments, to use federal Community Development funds in rehabilitation programs.



In addition to the individual rehabilitation programs, areas such as "Skinker-DeBaliviere," which have difficulty obtaining residential loans will benefit from the "loans to lenders" program. This program would authorize the Commission to make loans to banks and other financial institutions, on the condition that the money be used to finance construction or rehabilitation of housing in areas specified by the Commission.

This bill is in better position than most for passage by the House of Representatives this session. However, the pace of legislative action has been slow this year. And passage by the Senate remains even after House action.

Even if House Bill 780 does not become law this year, its concepts and acceptance by interests involved in housing could have a major and favorable impact on our area.

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Cub Pack 31, Grace Church, sponsor.

At the April Pack meeting which was Roll Call and inspection to prepare for re-registration for the coming year, four new boys were inducted: David Mitchell, Brian Krippner, Martin Cross and Jonathan Mensing.

The theme for May 15 "Things That Go" which is a natural for the Pinewood Derby. The Derby will be at the May 28th Pack meeting in Grace Church Fellowship Hall. In addition the boys were given plans to make a Cubmobile (which could call for a race this summer if enough boys make one) and for a roller skate scooter. These are to be made at home if a boy chooses. Prizes will be given at the Pinewood Derby for the builders of these two things also.

Day Camp for all Cubs will be in Forest Park, June 16-20. The cost is \$4.25. Webelos Camp is for one week at Camp May at Beaumont Reservation. Webelos Day for the Webelos boy and his Dad is July 12 at S-F. John McEneny, CubMaster
Dewey Bowers,
Pack Committee Chairman

Troop 31, Grace Methodist, Ermin Rust, Scoutmaster, joined 98 for the weekend campout in April and will also attend the district Camporee as will Troop 144, Delmar Baptist, Ed Creek Scoutmaster, and Troop 128 Hamilton School, Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster.

Troop 98, St. Roch's, Rick Bender, Scoutmaster, enjoyed a pre-camporee weekend at Camp Forrest Staley in preparation for the district Spring Camporee. A canoe trip is being planned for June.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 2886

At Senior Weekend the Troop had one ten year Scout recognition, Sylvia Collins and two girls who are graduating seniors, Sylvia Collins and Anne Mulligan.

The girls have worked hard all winter (and are probably still trying to sell all their cookies) and will go on a trip this summer with troops from University City. They will leave June 12 for Detroit then into Canada to Hamilton, Case Loma, Kingston, 1,000 island tour, Montreal, Quebec, Niagara Falls (Back in U.S.A.) and home by way of Cincinnati.

Four girls have recently joined the troop, 2 from Rock Hill and 1 from Hazelwood as well as a neighborhood girl. They are Nura Powell, Greta Whaley, Kim Thomas and Karen Thomas. Good additions to the troop.
Betty Klinefelter,
Troop Advisor

Brownie Troop 533, Grace Methodist, Chris Parfitt, leader, will hold its last meeting of the season on May 13th at 6150 Kingsbury. It will be a mother-daughter ice cream cone party.

Jr. Girl Scouts Troop 3224, St. Roch's, Rita Magyar, Mary Alice Krieger, leaders. Kitty Newsham and Beth Bender represented their troop at the "Spring Thing Campout" at Fiddlecreek. Troop members will make a hospital visitation in May and will hold a Court of Honor and Pot Luck Supper for their families on May 27th. On June 13, 14 & 15 they will go to Camp Charren for a primitive campout.

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"Are You Important?"

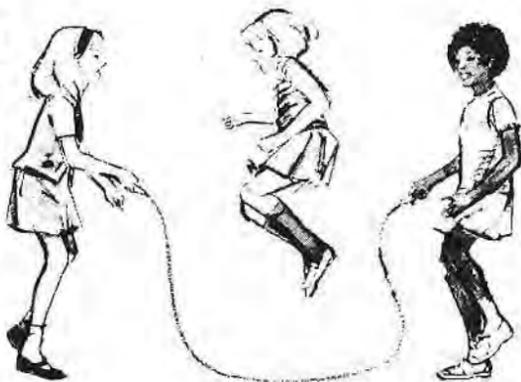
You are important when you think you are.
 You are not important when someone else says you are.
 You are only important when you think you are.
 So try to be important and you will be.
 Because when you think you're important You are.

Quinton Ingram
 Grade 6
 Room 206

"Where Are The People?"

One morning I awoke and looked out of the window. I did not see any cars in the streets. I went into my mother's room and nobody was there. My sisters were gone. I got on my bike and pedaled downtown. The streets were bare and nobody was there. I thought I was the last boy on earth, and on my birthday, too. I went to an old house where I play. I opened the door and everybody in the whole neighborhood said, "Surprise!" I was so scared I had a heart attack.

Chris Locke
 Grade 4
 Room 119



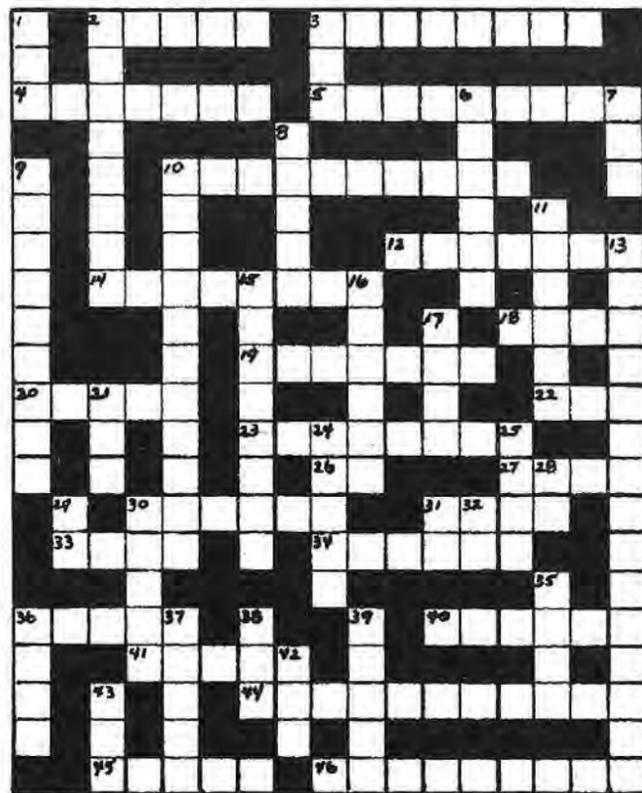
Grace Pre-School Accepting Applications

Grace Pre School, 6177 Waterman, is currently accepting applications for the 1975-76 school year. The program for three and four year old children emphasizes social and emotional development as well as cognitive skills. The school meets Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until noon. For an application call 863-1992 or ask to speak to Mrs. Klinefelter to arrange for a visit to the school with your child.

WORD CROSS R D P U Z Z L E

A Neighborhood Crossword Puzzle
 ...for those who know the neighborhood or read The Paper

by Venita Lake



DOWN

1. Man's best friend, in his own backyard.
2. Western third of neighborhood, named for realty company
3. Director of SDCC Stuart
6. Hot dog vendors at Art Fair
7. Museum or sledding hill
8. Old homes have it.
9. Art Fair is held on this street.
10. East West Street
11. Train station on Delmar
15. This flower street is definitely not a thoroughfare.
16. Street named for a lady (or Columbia's ship?) (2 wds-2nd wd. abbr.)
17. Popular St. Louis beverage
13. Not for profit real estate group (2 words)
17. Popular St. Louis beverage
21. Bi-state transportation
24. Preposition
25. At 6008 Kingsbury (abbr.)
28. Expression of surprise or abbr. for Old Homes
29. Louis or Roch (abbr.)
30. Anna—at SDCC office
31. Article (after all, you're bound to get some little words in a crossword.)
32. Railroad (abbr.): removal of their yards near Jefferson Memorial was an early selling point for original builders
35. Place for old sneakers on Kingsbury.

ACROSS

2. The local news media
3. First land owner
4. She sang "Meet Me in St. Louis" and talked about Skinker Swamp.
5. Purchase Exposition (1904)
10. Heights or the University
12. Held on May 11 this year (2 wds.)
14. Major east-west thoroughfare
18. At the zoo: "Back the..."
19. North-south street; its name once provoked criticism as inappropriate for such a prominent street.
20. Not in the country.
22. Federal agency
23. River that became a street
26. Member or Bi-State area (abbr.)
27. Opposite of up
30. Name for Pershing before World War I
31. Gateway attraction
33. Mother's Day activity
34. People's health center
36. Alderman, 28th Ward
40. Street named for a tree
41. Major topic of discussion in neighborhood
44. Eastern boundary
45. Muny
46. Grace and

BI-STATING IT



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The standard adult fare is 25c, 15c for a child. Zone changes at 10c an adult, and 5c a child. In case you think these basic trips take a lot of time and cost a lot of money, consider that it takes almost a half hour to go downtown by car. The cost to drive can easily be over \$3.00 when you consider cost per mile (25c for an "economical" car) and parking.

Buses are cheap, frequent, convenient, and children love to ride them. The bus routes offer a variety of stimuli to children — changing views from the windows, exotic vehicles like street sweepers, other children on the bus, adults who play peekaboo, etc. In addition, some specific trips seem especially good for children. (Before embarking on these trips, I advise you to get route maps and time tables from Bi-State. Call Bi-State information, 773-1120 for these; they can be mailed and take 3-4 days to reach you. These tables give exact times and a little map of each route, and are essential to planning your own bus trips.

1. Northwest Plaza. Catch the Midland bus at the Leland-Kingsland Loop in U. City near the Loop Market. (You can catch a Delmar-Forsyth bus to Leland, but it's probably as convenient

for some to walk to the Loop.) The Midland bus takes you right to Sears (or other stores in the Plaza. The trip takes about 40 minutes and costs the standard fare. Children love the fountains and sculpture at Northwest Plaza, and since the return Midland bus departs from Baskin-Robbins in the Plaza, why not enjoy an ice cream cone on the way home?

2. Lambert Airport. Airplanes are not the only interesting things at the airport; children also like the fuel and baggage trucks. Go inside and watch the luggage arrive on the carousel. For variety, watch for a propeller plane to take off or land among the jets. How about teaching children to identify the different airlines or types of planes? To go to the airport, take a bus to Clayton; get off at Central and Forsyth, and transfer to a Maplewood-Airport bus northbound. Time: about 1 hour; cost: 35c an adult, 15c a child. Ask for a transfer when you get on the bus to Clayton. Or, catch a City-Limits bus southbound at Delmar and Washington, and go to Maplewood; transfer there to a Maplewood Airport northbound. Cost is the same; time is about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

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 news by the
 15th
 of the month

WANT ADS

Want Ads are free to all residents of the area served by The Paper.

Donations of soap, toothpaste, lotion, used but useable women's clothing, scraps of fabric, cigarettes, coffee are needed by the Alpha Omega Prison Ministry for the inmates at the State Correctional Center for Women at Tipton, Missouri. Donations can be left at the Council office or will be picked up if you call Rev. Lee Hall, 725-2741.

3 TV's, RCA remote control, table model, 25", \$60; Sears blond console 23", \$45; Magnavox in Oak Cabinet 18" TV w/AM/FM Radio and Phonograph, \$60. 725-8562.

Hand-made belts and writs bands, 863-9411, ask for Sam.

FOR SALE: round coffee table with glass top, \$30; antique Singer sewing machine, \$50. 721-8307.

WANTED: Homes for 3 kittens of mixed parentage—black and white in varying degrees of design and fuzziness. Kohns. 863-9259.

Fitzpatrick Pharmacy

360 North Skinker
 [corner of Skinker & McPherson]

725-9005



William A. Fitzpatrick, owner of FITZPATRICK PHARMACY, recently was elected National President of Kappa Psi Fraternity. He is the youngest and first community Pharmacist to be elected to this position. The organization has a membership in excess of 40,000. Besides being a licensed Pharmacist he is a licensed Nursing Home Administration and Notary Public. Mr. Fitzpatrick is married and has five daughters. Neighborhood support is sincerely appreciated by the Fitzpatrick Family.

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