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ART FAIR PLANNED FOR MAY 8

by Venita Lake

Fair weather is on order for the Skinker-DeBaliviere Art Fair on Mother's Day, May 8 this year. After postponements because of the bad weather, members of Art Fair committees met in mid-January to start "thinking Art Fair" and getting organized by confirming committee chairmanships, discussing general purposes and policies governing the Art Fair, and making some specific decisions about the 1977 fair and house tour.

General co-chairmen of the Art Fair-House Tour this year are Sam Green and Rich Lake. They are being supported by experienced hands such as Dee Vossmeier and Karen Bynum on the Artists Committee and "new-comers" Mary Jo Consiglio, Roberta Nehring, and Janie Cablish on the House Tour Committee, the result of each having had a home on the 1976 House Tour. House sitters are being recruited and trained by Cherie McKee. Other committees and their chairmen are: Publicity - Sandy Rothschild, Eric Friedman; Neighborhood Fund Raisers - Lois Schoemehl; Traffic - Jeff Shelton; Children's Art - Ingrid Wasserbach; Fencing - Brad Weir; Information Booth - Jo Ann and Neville Vatcha; Sanitation and Banner - Karen and George Brown.

The purpose of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Art Fair and House Tour over the past ten years has changed very little: to provide an exhibition of local artists'

works, to promote the neighborhood - its houses and its residents, and to raise funds for neighborhood groups as a side benefit of providing services for the Fair-goers. Keeping these general purposes in mind, Fair organizers have established several policies or guidelines in making decisions.

Since the artists' displays are a main attraction, and represent an investment in time and money on artist's part, every effort is made to promote and protect the displays. So, dogs and bicycles are prohibited from the Fair area and fund raisers are situated to serve the Fair-goers without detracting from the displays. Certain criteria have been developed over the years to maintain the quality of work displayed: graphic art work must be original. Copies are not permitted. Factory or commercially-made sculpture and craft items are not permitted. All items must be the production of the exhibitor. If an item contains factory or commercially-made components, there must be substantial synthesis of those components or the work is not permitted. And the Art Fair Board has worked hard to enforce those standards.

Fund-raisers do just that for neighborhood organizations but they are encouraged, too, to provide services such as food or something for the kids. Representation from neighborhood organizations is an important part of telling others about Skinker-DeBaliviere and the diversity of people who live here. However, a strict rule of "no causes" is also observed. This means that regardless of whatever political, moral, economic or other type of issue an organization is concerned with it is not permitted to promote that cause at the Fair.

The House Tour is planned to show the diversity of housing stock in the neighborhood and, when possible, houses are selected to reflect a range of size, decorating styles, and location within the neighborhood. Although vacant houses or houses which are for sale have been on the tour in the past, selling a particular house is never the purpose of the tour and members of the selection committee are asked to remove themselves from the selection process if they have a monetary or personal interest in any house which is under consideration.

Some specific decisions about this year's fair were made at the meeting. The artists' fee has been raised from \$3 to \$5. This entrance fee is used for artists' awards and is considerably less than that paid at other fairs.

Purchase of a new banner to be stretched across Skinker near Waterman is being investigated. After nine years the beautiful patchwork banner we have had

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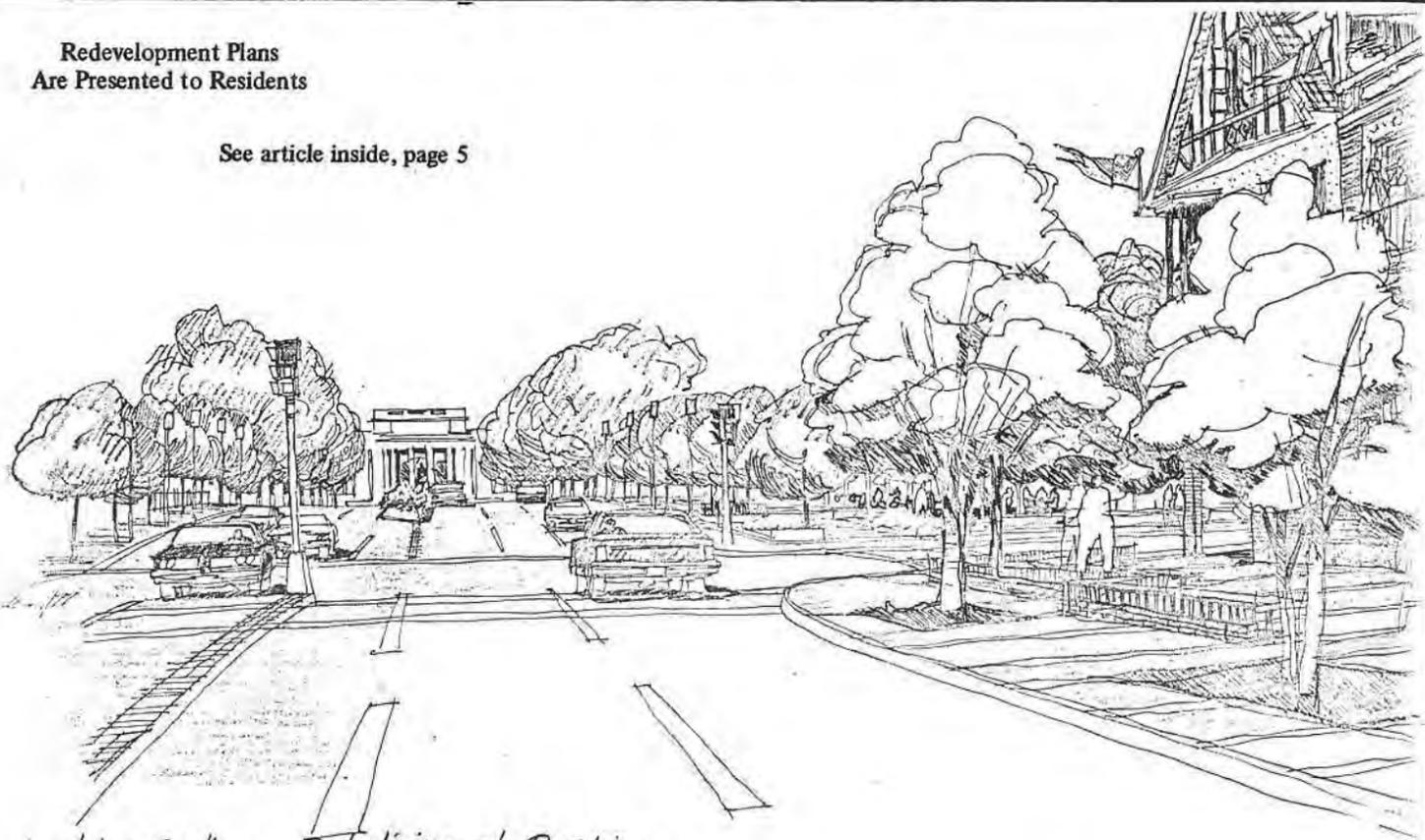
HART NAMED TO POLICE BOARD

Mrs. Suzanne Hart has been named to the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners. Suzanne was active for several years in the Women's Crusade Against Crime. She is also on the St. Louis Police Department's Team Policing Task Force. Suzanne lives at 6053 Westminster with her husband Richard and four children. She and Richard have lived on that block all their married lives. She is chairman and co-founder of Residential Service, a group of our neighbors who show homes to prospective buyers. She is also on the board of West End Townhouse, Inc., and the newly formed Neighborhood Marketing Service, Inc., an arm of the St. Louis Community Development Agency. The Harts are active in St. Roch's Parish and School life.



Redevelopment Plans Are Presented to Residents

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Looking South on DeBaliviere at Pershing.

CALENDAR

Feb. 28-March 4 Red Carpet Week
Visit a St. Louis Public School

MARCH

- 8 Primary Election
- 12 St. Roch's St. Patrick's Day Party
- 14 Musical Offering - Grace - 8:00
- 18 St. Roch's School Carnival 11:00-2:00 Gym
- 21 No School St. Roch's
- 24 St. Roch's School Assoc. Meeting 8:00 Scariot Hall



Captain Gay Carraway shown presenting a medallion to Colonel Salees Seddon from the officers of the 7th District in

recognition of her outstanding contributions as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners.



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of the PAPER:

I have been writing a series of letters to the PAPER attacking the proposed Historic District Ordinance. My point has been that in the process of protecting this neighborhood from motel architecture and preserving structurally unsound wooden porches we will make it increasingly difficult for people of low to moderate income to live here.

With the exception of one paragraph, the Historic District Committee chose not to respond to this criticism. Instead it has reported on its efforts to define boundaries, prepare the statement of historical significance and classify the architectural style of our buildings.

In keeping with this nuts-and-bolts approach, the committee writes about the presentation of its proposal for enactment by the Board of Aldermen as one more detail to be taken care of. The Historic District Ordinance will be taken to City Hall "when prospects for its passage look good"—presumably after everyone in the neighborhood has been thoroughly bored by the technical details of the ordinance (and my sniping, at the whole idea). One day we will wake up and find that we have a new set of rules for home renovation and maintenance to comply with and a new bureaucracy to enforce them.

The Historic District Ordinance was first introduced to me at a Westminster Place block meeting. At that time opposition came through loud and clear. The Ordinance got its second reading at a dinner meeting at St. Roch's where a number of pointed questions were asked. The last time the public had a chance to discuss this matter was at a general meeting on June 24, 1976 where opposition took the form of a demand, supported by half the voters at that meeting, to put a time limit on the ordinance. The emotional pleas of two of the Historic District supporters made it clear that there were some fundamental misgivings in the neighborhood about whether the Historic District is really a good thing for us. But why the 8:1 vote favor of the idea? Well, for one thing, no one at the meeting had very much to lose as a result of the ordinance. The heavy losers will be the owners of deteriorated wooden porches, some of whom have been cited for previous violations of the city building code. If one of these residents had been present to tell his story of harassment by building inspectors at the instigation of neighbors who did not like the fact that his children were in trouble with the law, then the ordinance might have been voted down out of revulsion against this practice, which can be carried on much more effectively with the new tools made available by this addition to the city building code.

But suppose I am wrong. Suppose the majority of the neighborhood wants this law in spite of its inherent unfairness, does this give the Historic District Committee the right to ignore its opposition? After all, we are your neighbors and our opinions should be heard and to some extent accommodated.

So I call on the Committee to reopen public discussion of the issue, and if as a result of these discussions, we decide that we still want to present the ordinance to the Board of Aldermen, then let's do so at an agreed-on date, and let's make the hearings on the bill the climax of the whole affair, not the last detail.

Mike Stahl

Team Policing and the Community

by Sgt. Ted Stewart

Somewhere in a youngster's life he or she will be touched by someone who will reach out and say, "I care". A wise person once said: The greatest service one can render someone else is helping him help himself... If you see an opportunity in his path point it out, but let your hand guide not push him. The risk is his, and that he who takes it must make the decision.

This month Team One and the community salutes Detective Donald Thompson, Juvenile Officers Eric Smith and Jerry Harris. These officers over the years have sincerely and genuinely showed interest in the future of our youth. They have brightened the lives of many young people with compassion and concern.

Detective Thompson worked diligently in locating young talent in the community, spending many off duty hours



Detective Thompson



Juvenile Officer Smith



Juvenile Officer Harris

training young musical groups, and producing talent shows. He can feel proud of knowing that some of his pupils successfully entered into the professional world of top entertainment.

Juvenile Officers Smith and Harris were instrumental in organizing the Seventh District's first annual Queen Contest. One student was selected by the principal from each participating school on her record of community related activities, class room performance, scholastic average, personality, and general appearance, following recommendation from the girl's teacher. The Queen's Coronation Ceremony was extremely successful. Officers Thompson, Smith, and Harris are truly committed to youth improvement, and throughout their career will never forget that they are carrying on the work of officers, such as the late Sergeant Joe Thomas and officer John Carrol who devoted their lives inspiring enter city youth in rising above the web of the ghetto by thinking only of the best, working only for the best, and expecting only the best.

Keep in mind my young friends, wisdom is knowing what to do next. Skill is knowing how to do it. Virture is doing it.

Henry Hall to Leave Grace Methodist Staff

Henry E. Hall, Breitmayer Memorial Minister, submitted his resignation effective February 15 so that he may return to school and complete work on his bachelor's degree in Urban Planning. Henry joined the Grace Staff on March 1, 1975 and in the nearly two years has developed a significant neighborhood program serving the needs of youth and adults.

Both Henry and the Breitmayer Memorial Task Force had hoped that he could accomplish the school work while still serving the church position but the number of hours and the kind of schedule which the school required made this an impossibility.

Meeting on January 23, the Breitmayer Memorial Task Force accepted Henry's resignation with gratitude and appreciation, wishing him well in the important pursuit of the college degree. The Task Force also voted to institute a search for a successor in the position, while at the same time pursuing additional fund-raising possibilities for the ministry.

On March 29 Dr. Thomas Hilgers who is Medical Advisor to the prosecution in the Edelin case in Boston will speak at St. Roch's Scariot Hall at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Everybody is welcome.



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We've nearly made it through a rotten winter, and yes, there will be a spring someday, Virginia. If you were too cold to consider going out for the wonderful Progressive Dinner, don't forget the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and party at St. Roch's. Irish or not, this is one not to be missed. It will most certainly get spring going nicely.

Even with the terrible weather, there have been many newsworthy happenings this month.

We are indeed sad to bring you the news of the closing of J-R Motorite, a business which we need and have long taken for granted in our neighborhood. Jerry and Ray and all the employees will be missed as they move to a new location. Their support of neighborhood activities, including fund-raisers and The Paper, has been just terrific, and we are genuinely sorry that their lease problems have forced this move. We wish them success in their new location, and we envy the people who will be able to count them as business neighbors. Thanks to Jerry and Ray for giving us such a fine example of how a neighborhood business should work. We will really miss you!

On Pershing, there have been two homes sold recently. On the 5700 block, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weber became neighbors just before Christmas. And Dorothy Roper has moved into the 5800 block. Welcome to all the new neighbors on Pershing.

New neighbors, but already an integral part of our neighborhood, are Jim and Nan Kearn, who have purchased a home on the 6000 block of McPherson. Jim is the minister of Grace and Peace Fellowship. From the sound of it, lots of nice things are happening on the 6000 block of McPherson. Welcome to the Kearns.

Another young minister in our midst, Henry Hall, is leaving Grace Methodist Church after a successful stay as Youth Minister. Henry plans to attend school fulltime to get his degree in Urban Planning. Henry has been an asset to the neighborhood, and we hope to continue seeing him here. Who can forget his really outstanding "magic act" at the Dinner-Theatre last fall? Good luck!

Do you recall reading of the young student at Washington U who was recently named a Rhodes Scholar? Well, he and his mother are neighbors of ours on the 6000 block of Waterman. His name is Stephen Lockhart, 18 years old, a senior, majoring in math, and now a Rhodes Scholar. Congratulations are surely due an outstanding young man.

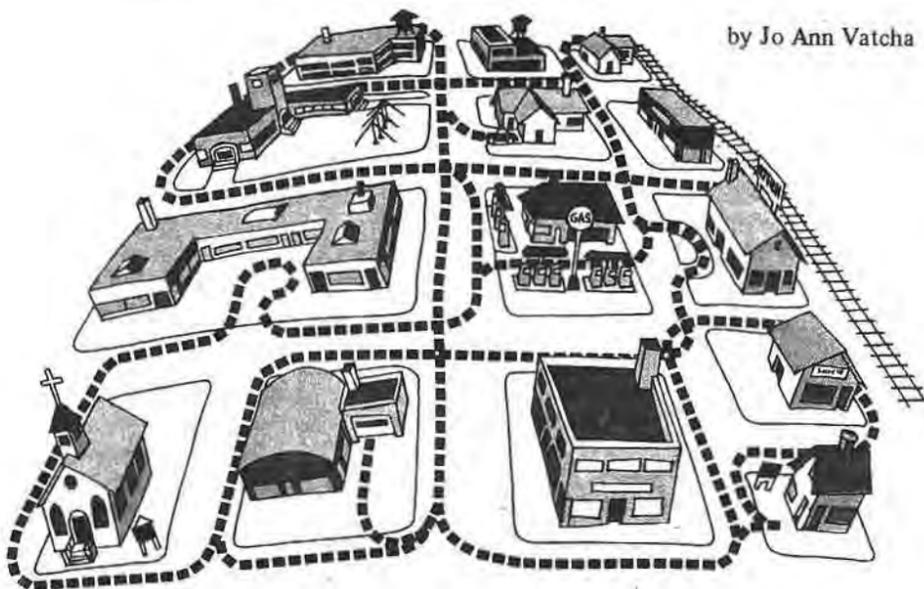
Joe Botz, one of our neighbors on the 6100 block of Kingsbury had an operation in January. We are glad to hear he is recuperating well.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
March 12 **ST. ROCH'S** 6:00 p.m.
Tickets \$4.50 in advance \$5.00 at the door (from Sr. Leo Ann or Ralph Vossen)
Cash bar Dinner Dance

VICISSITUDES

by Jo Ann Vatcha



We are pleased this month to introduce new babies all over the neighborhood.

Warren and Jane Pinkston, who live at 319 Rosedale, welcomed a baby girl on Dec. 20. Her name is Theresa Rose, and her proud papa works at St. Roch's. Congratulations.

Timothy and Judy Sloan of the 5800 block of Pershing had a baby boy, named Jeremy, on Dec. 5. Our best wishes to the Sloans.

Soon to be parents are Margaret and Robert Mahon. Maggie (a Parkview Hart) teaches 5th grade at St. Roch's. Congratulations to all the new and almost parents.



The prospect of a late February vacation at a (swinging, we hear) resort in Mexico apparently inspired Sandy Rothschild to lose 20 lbs. in a blitz program. Not that he needed it! We look forward to hearing the details of his trip, if he'll tell, that is.

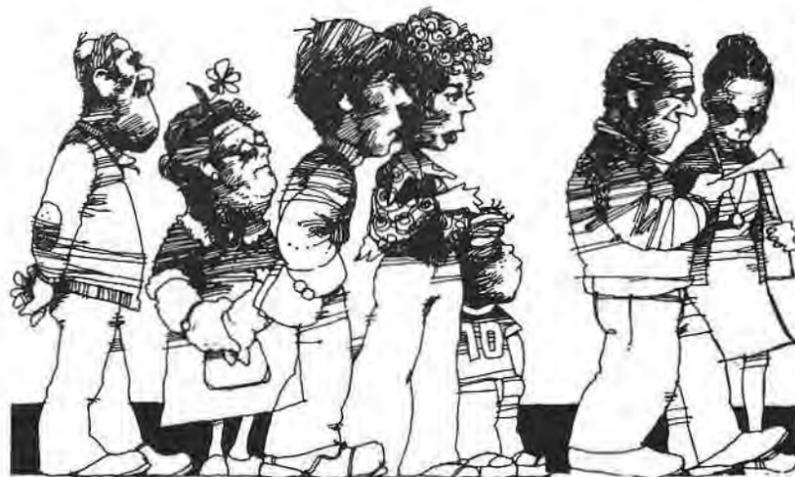
Blanche and Alton Reel were also fortunate enough to be able to take a winter vacation to California. And the Reels have other happy news - their son Tom is engaged to be married in July to Miss Barbara Murphy of Ladue. Congratulations.

Our condolences go to the family of Council Smith at the passing of his father, Mr. C.L. Smith.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Percy Armstrong, of the 5800 block of De Giverville, who passed away recently.

Last month we reported that Mrs. Mattie Palmer, of the 6100 block of McPherson, had been hospitalized following a fire at her home. What we didn't know at the time was that three of Dorothy Lloyd's children had saved Mrs. Palmer from that fire even before the fire department arrived. These young heroes are Donna Owens and William and Jeanne Reynolds. We applaud their courage and good sense and hope they realize the appreciation all of us have for young people like them.

And there is a further follow-up to this story. Since Mrs. Palmer's return home, the block unit of 6000 McPherson has been helping her with meals, housework, hanging curtains, etc., as she gets her home put together again. Going to the grocery store and taking her granddaughter the places she needs to go are other activities these fine neighbors have been busy with. This group has been designated BlockUnit 1027 by the Urban League's Federation of Block Units, with whom they have recently become affiliated. We hope to give you more information about this interesting group next month.



Welcoming new neighbors has sometimes proved to be an erratic endeavor for this writer, and so, five months late, we want to officially welcome Tom and Karleen Hoerr to the 6100 block of Washington. Tom is a doctoral student at Washington U and is an intern in the St. Louis Board of Education's Department of Evaluation and Research. Karleen works at Children's Hospital as a Special Education Teacher. Furthermore, just moved in on the 6100 block of McPherson are Karleen's sister Jan and husband Bill Kuhl. Bill is a Computer Programmer at Barnes, and Jan teaches remedial reading in the U City School System. An impressive lot, huh? We are delighted to think we may safely anticipate seeing lots of them. It is always especially gratifying to welcome people who are abandoning South County for us!

The 6100 block of Westminster tops the illness list this month. Bill Atkinson is now recuperating from a recent hospital stay for treatment of a pinched nerve. We were happy to see Elaine out at the Weir fund-raiser in February and hope to see Bill out and around soon, too.

What lengths some people will go to get in the Paper two months running. In case of an odd person or two who may not know, Lois Schoemehl is sporting a very long leg cast, after breaking her ankle in an icy sidewalk fall. Mother-to-be and baby are doing fine, and we expect to be seeing Lois out very soon.

February 17 was the occasion for saying Happy 35th Anniversary to Lou and Vince Schoemehl, Sr. The Schoemehls were in Minnesota visiting their non-neighborhood daughter Betty on the 17th, but they were honored at a party at Sam and Lu Green's home on their return home. Congratulations to two of the greats.

If I may add a personal note this month, I want to thank those who have so graciously appreciated this column recently. It is certainly encouraging! Thanks also to those of you who have actually called with information for the column. Your help is really needed and appreciated. Thanks!

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FIRST OF A SERIES

by Jo Ann Vatcha, Marj Weir, Chris Lange

In minutes the yellow gray smoke billowing softly from the chimney and attic vents darkened and began to stream from every window crack from basement to roof. The firemen, eager to ventilate the house before entering, started the systematic smashing of each window with their ladders. Taking a deep breath of fresh air, the choked fire coughed out its hoard of black smoke and began to blaze in earnest. It was a sobering sight, forcing witnesses to consider their own vulnerability.

Several times in recent months people in our neighborhood have suffered major fires, pointing up to the rest of us the

need for constant vigilance. Our large old homes present some special fire-prevention and escape problems. Wiring is often-outdated, furnaces are frequently antique, and abundant wood millwork and flooring is available as fuel. In addition, most homes have two, if not three floors from which it might be necessary to escape. Taking precautions to reduce the risk of fire and planning for escape in the event of a fire are essential.

Our focus in this first installment of a series on house fires is on the period before the first flame breaks out, the period in which one can take prevention measures and make escape plans.



REDUCING YOUR RISKS

Understanding the causes of fire:

The causes of the vast majority of home fires are: accumulated paper and rubbish, defective and misused electrical or heating equipment, and the number one cause, careless smoking.

Trash, old clothing and furniture, excessive amounts of paper and magazines should be discarded, not stored. These things ignite quickly and a huge fire can result from a simple spark dropped onto such materials. The possibility of spontaneous combustion also makes it important to guard against the excessive accumulation of paper and rubbish. Spontaneous combustion occurs when a flammable material (e.g. the oil or paint in old, soaked rags) gradually unites with oxygen from the air. Eventually, enough heat accumulates to set the material on fire.

Defective heating and electrical equipment are also common sources of fire. Have your heating equipment checked regularly to avoid, as much as possible, the dangers associated with furnaces. With a faulty pilot system, escaping gas could travel to a source of heat, such as the flame of a hot water heater. Pilot lights, fuel lines, wiring, flue and chimney, the controls on the equipment — all must be maintained properly if you are to be sure of the safety of such equipment. Smoke pipe sections should be sealed with asbestos cement. And all heating units except electrical ones must be properly vented to the outside.

Electrical fires may result from frayed wires, cords exposed to excess wear (e.g. cords run under carpeting) or hung over nails, radiators, or any place where the insulation could wear off.

Do-It-Yourself Fire Insurance

Improperly used fuse boxes cause many fires. Never put a penny or any other conducting material under a burned-out fuse. Too much current could enter the circuit, overheat the wires, cause a fire to start. Proper size fuses must also be used to avoid overloading a circuit.

Another frequent cause of home fires is the misused space heater. These appliances must be used with the utmost care. They should be mounted on a fireproof base, e.g. slate, ceramic tile, concrete, and extreme care must be taken to avoid the exposure of flammable materials to the heat from the unit. Examples are: curtains blowing too near the heater may catch fire; carpet under them can ignite, clothing may catch on fire if too near the heater. Children must never be allowed too near these appliances.

FIREPROOFING YOUR HOME

A periodic check of your home may reveal many overlooked danger spots. Use the checklist below to remind yourself of the areas of your house that may need improving. It won't take long to correct these conditions, and the time you spend "fireproofing" your house may be crucial to reducing your family's chances of having a fire.

START WITH YOUR BASEMENT

1. Eliminate excessive quantities of newspapers and magazines, lumber scraps, sawdust, rags, unused clothing.

2. Limit the quantity of paints and solvents. Put those you must keep in a well-ventilated spot (e.g. open basement shelves), not in a closed cabinet. If you have no adequately ventilated place, consider installing an air duct to the outside.

Paints — water based latex paint is not flammable, but other paints are, so check the ingredients and precautions on the cans and act on those warnings.

Solvents — all solvents — turpentine, varnoline, alcohol, etc. — should be limited in quantity to one pint and should be stored in metal or plastic containers so that the danger of dropping a glass container is eliminated. Spreading fluid can ignite very easily and spread to encompass an entire basement quickly. Think of what could happen if the fumes spread to reach the flame of a hot water heater (or even a cigarette).

3. Check your furnace or have it checked for problems with the pilot lights, fuel lines, wiring, flue and chimney, the controls. Make sure pipes are properly sealed.

4. Check to see if you have any frayed electrical cords or any cords hanging over nails.

5. Check the fuse box. Make sure everyone in the home old enough to change a fuse knows the dangers of misused fuses.

THE KITCHEN

1. Move any flammables away from the stove. This includes curtains, pot holders, towels, matches, etc.

2. Store matches in a fireproof container away from the stove.

3. Keep fans and filters clean and free of accumulated grease.

4. If you have cabinets above the stove, don't put the cookies there. Children may be tempted to climb up on the stove to reach favorite snacks.

5. Keep a coffee can for the emptying of ash trays.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE

1. Make sure you have and use a screen on the fireplace to keep the sparks away from carpets, etc.

2. Check electrical outlets to make sure none are overloaded. Check cords to be certain none are worn out.

3. As you go through your house looking for danger spots, consider escape routes and fire-fighting equipment appropriate to each space. Thinking of these before a fire could well save lives.

Grim though it may seem, making an escape plan and training the entire family in it use can make a life-and-death difference in a fire. Because each family is different, an escape plan must be tailor-made to suit it. For example, special provisions must be made for an infant, toddler, invalid, handicapped or aged person in the family. Each house also presents different escape problems and possibilities. It is important for each family to its own unique situation and to make such plans (and changes in their living arrangements) as seem appropriate. In doing so, remember these facts:

1. You need two escape routes. Hallways and stairways are often blocked by heat and smoke, so you need alternate exits from every room in the house. This means a window you can get out of — by climbing out on a roof, down a ladder, or by dropping to the ground.

2. Fire spreads fast, so get out of the house fast. Don't stop for anything — except to help someone. Smoke can kill you; in fact, smoke and deadly gases kill 80 per cent of all fire victims. Battling a big blaze by yourself is usually futile and dangerous.

3. If smoke is heavy, crouch as you hurry along. Try to cover your nose and mouth with a towel or pillow.

4. Meet outside at a prearranged spot to count noses and make sure all family members are accounted for.

5. Consider whether you have installed bars over windows from which you might need to escape.


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Redevelopment Plans Presented to Residents

by Venita Lake

Residents of the 5700 block of McPherson and others interested in plans for the redevelopment area met February 9 with the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, developer Leon Strauss of Pantheon Corporation, and architect Bill Gantz of Mackey and Associates to discuss current plans for closing McPherson at DeBaliviere. The closing would allow for creation of green space in front of the McPherson entrance of the Ranleigh-Wilmar Building, the large building at the northwest corner of DeBaliviere and McPherson. The Ranleigh-Wilmar is to be developed as a 110-unit building for the elderly.

Closing McPherson would necessitate building a cul-de-sac on the west side of the green space and making McPherson a 2-way street. Included in plans for developing the blighted area are off-street parking and new common-wall brick and frame single-family row houses which will be offered for sale.

Residents and owners of buildings on the block were assured by Strauss that Pantheon wants them to remain and has no intention of removing any residences which are being maintained. In addition, the developer can pass along tax abatement privileges to building owners for improvements made to their property and has offered to assist owners in acquiring adjacent vacant lots or getting loans.



Looking West across DeBaliviere at Kingsbury



Looking North from Waterman at DeBaliviere

In describing plans and answering questions about the entire area being redeveloped by Pantheon Corporation, Strauss and Gantz described their approach as "saving what is there and building new when necessary." Because DeBaliviere is considered a focal point, work is scheduled to begin this summer on improving the appearance and the traffic flow patterns of the street. Access to DeBaliviere will be limited by closing off some streets. The street itself will be made narrower and have a median strip installed, and it will be landscaped. As work begins on a 120-130-unit building at Clara and Pershing and on the Ranleigh-Wilmar Building, efforts are being made to find tenants for the vacant commercial buildings on DeBaliviere which can make a contribution to the liveability of the entire area; a supermarket and a savings-and-loan company were given as two examples.

The Redevelopment Advisory Committee of SDCC meets regularly now on the first Thursday of the month. Because the committee does not always meet in the same place, those interested in attending a meeting should call the SDCC office, 862-5122, for information about the time and place.



Looking Southeast across DeBaliviere at Kingsbury

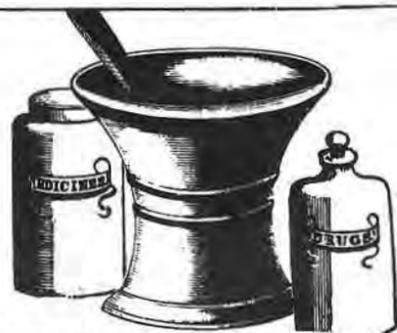
**FROM THE
people's
Clinic**

by Christine Smith

The City Health Department, in its Weekly Health Letter of December 31, 1976, released some interesting information under the title "The Health Year in Review", information which bears upon the Clinic's activities as well as upon the people we are trying to serve.

They note that tuberculosis is still a major health problem within the city, with 100 tuberculosis cases and 104 contacts to newly reported cases, and 360 other high risk individuals under care. Sometimes it seems as if the Clinic is in the tuberculosis skin test business — so many schools and employers require an annual test. However, many people do not return to have their tests read. It is important to realize that this is not an IMMUNIZATION, but a TEST, to see if the person has been exposed to tuberculosis. Thus, if you are concerned about tuberculosis, or are required to have the test, it is important that you return to have the test read, or arrange to have it read by another agency, such as a student health service, etc. Otherwise: a "mosquito bite" for nothing!

On the immunization level of our kids: approximately 96% of all school-age children are immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and measles-rubella. But, when we talk of pre-school children, about one out of four is NOT immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough or polio, although they do a little better



(about one in six) for measles-rubella. Our daytime immunization clinic is so little used that we are considering whether or not we should close it — but we are sure the kids are out there, needing the immunizations!

As to the general causes of death, chronic diseases led the rest, as a group, reflecting the fact that fewer people die of the infectious diseases, and our population is getting older and more susceptible to chronic diseases. But the real shocker in the list is that HOMICIDE is the No. 4 cause of death in the city! If anything can bring home the idea that health care involves more than just having enough health professionals — doctors, nurses and all the rest — but involves having a healthy social order as well, this statistic should do it. The cause of illness and the causes of crime are too often related, based on the same social factors, and they can not be helped in isolation.

The People's Clinic owes a lot to the City Health Department: they provide us with vaccines, certain lab work, and reliable information. They do a tremendous job, on a budget that is extremely limited for the services they are supposed to provide. They, like the Clinic, face many obstacles in the battle to provide preventive health services in a world that is oriented to sick care!

Clinic's Community Health Council Elects Officers

by Christine Smith

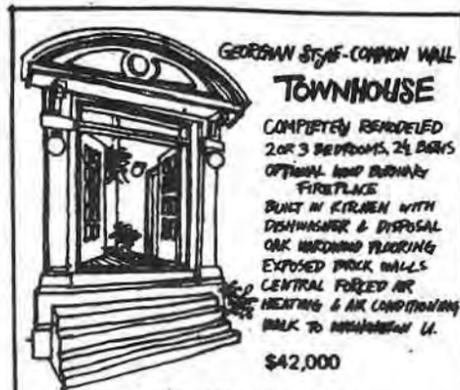
The recently elected Community Health Council has elected officers for the Clinic for the coming year. These are:

- President Mary Alice Krueger
- Vice-President Robert Hagood
- Treasurer Jim Parker
- Secretary Jean Roberts

Apart from the crash-crisis problem of fund-raising, because the Clinic's Manpower grant terminates March 31, 1977, the new Council has several other undertakings before it: reviewing the By-Laws, developing a membership drive (you can help here — join before the committee comes after you!), developing annual goals, reviewing the Clinical Standards guidelines that govern what we can and can't do in the Clinic, etc.

The Community Health Council, as the governing body of the Clinic, represents the interests of the community and the clinic's volunteer workers. To fulfill this responsibility, they need the input of the community: feel free to send in your suggestions, problems, ideas, as well as to volunteer cash and time!

To those who served on the Council in the past — Anna Busch, Maverine Wilson, Riley Rogers, Mary Webber, Gene Hoefel, Martha Raggs, Dave Sneid, Bill Boyce, Bill Williams — thanks for your service to both the Clinic and your neighbors!



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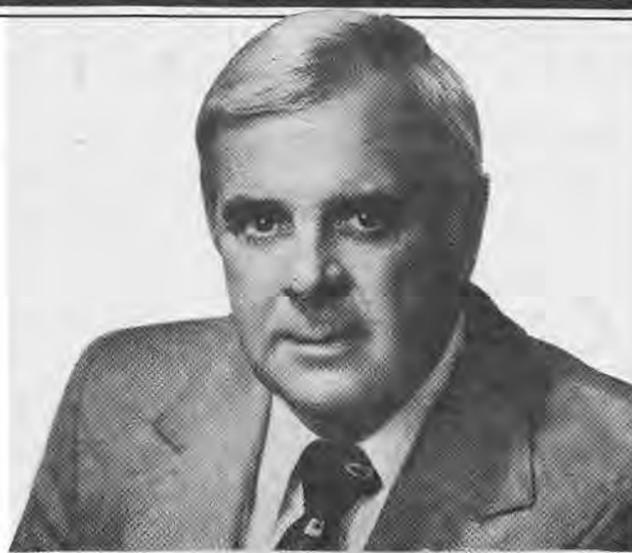
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SCOUT NEWS



by Betty Klinefelter and Joan Bender

TROOP 98, ST. ROCHS held its first Court of Honor for the year on Feb. 2nd. Progress awards were received by: Karl Hoefel, David and Napoleon Long — tenderfoot; David and Daniel George, Chris Green and Napoleon Long — second class. Tony Starks received First class and Newly elected Senior Patrol Leader, Kurt Hoefel earned the star progress award. The troop went on its annual Artic Outing on Feb. 19-20 at Camp Staley. Plans for the future include a pre-camporee at Camp Staley on March 18-20 and the West District Camporee April 22-24 at Beaumont Scout Reservation. Troop 98 meets every Wednesday at 7:30 in St. Roch's Scariot Hall.

Andy Bender Asst. Scoutmaster

TROOP 31, GRACE METHODIST is meeting again after a space of several months. They are joining forces with Troop 98 for meetings and activities while searching for new Adult Leadership for their troop. Plans for the near future are the same as those for Troop 98. Troop 31 is meeting every Wed at 7:30 in St. Roch's Scariot Hall until further notice, while retaining their own leadership and organization.

JR. GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2342 St. Rochs is concentrating on merit badge advancement. Ten scouts are working in art with Michael Magyar on pinch pots; Eight scouts are being coached in Drama by Michael Mussman of Washington U.; Beth Bender is working with girls on Indian Lore; Two scouts are doing needlework with Rita Magyar and Pat Schneider is helping two scouts with the Musician Badge and four girls with the Active Citizens Badge.

Rita Mgyar, Mary A. Krueger, and Pat Schneider — Leaders

BROWNIE TROOP 533

Now that the Cookie sale work is tallied (though the real hard part is ahead the delivery and money collection which will begin March 17) the girls have been busy with arts and crafts work. And February 22 is "Thinking Day" for all Girl Scouts.

Special notice: Every Girl Scout Family received a blue and green book in mid-February that is the Spring/Summer Program issue. PLEASE read and save this issue. In it you will find a description and registration blank for all the summer camping and other opportunities. No one needs to be left out of the program because they didn't know about it.

SENIOR TROOP 2886

Planning Board nominations were sent in this month for selection for the spring balloting. This Board of Senior Scouts has most of the input in the Senior Program.

CUB PACK 31

The Cubs and Scouts from 31 attended services together at Grace Church to celebrate Boy Scout Sunday. The big annual celebration of Boy Scout month is the Blue and Gold Potluck dinner — this year on February 22 in Grace Church Fellowship Hall. It is always a fun time with a program put on by the boys (who needs outside speakers?)

The January Space Derby was in two parts, the first at Pack meeting and continued at the Den meeting the following Wednesday. The results are listed below a special thanks to George Storey & Bill Thomas and to Tim Storey who did double work. We are glad to have John Hickey back with us after his long bout with his leg. He was at the meeting when we celebrated William Collins birthday — a real party with ice cream and cake. We never had it so good!

Des Peres Library

by Jean Roberts



March, we hope, will bring spring to the library; the weather has kept people indoors and book circulation down. During February we opened the doors of the branch at night for three community groups' meetings, including regular meetings of a committee of the Washington Heights Neighbors.

Mrs. Florence Billups' third graders from Hamilton Branch 3 are having a series of lessons on how to use the library, during their regular bi-weekly library visits. A combination of films and practice sessions is making them more expert at using the card catalog and reference books.

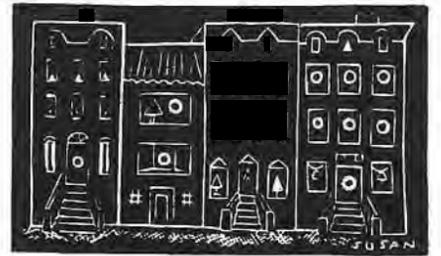
Our display areas will be filled with local people's contributions in March. Mary Alice Krueger will be sharing her collection of mouse figurines, along with some favorite books on mice. Neighborhood School will have a display of the children's art work. And finally, the People's Clinic will have a display of their varied services, for information and to encourage people to become members.

Again, we invite you to share your hobbies or collections with your neighbors; the case is now booked through June, but we're always glad to know of others who will have things to exhibit in the future.

The library is bursting with pride as we announce the burth on February 1 of Laura Sierra Newbill, daughter of our staff member, Philip Newbill.

During March, you may see library staff looking absorbed in drawers of cards and piles of books. We will be taking a much-needed inventory of the children's section of the library, to find out which books we actually still have. After we check the books we have inside the building, we will check books as they are returned, and then remove cards for those which are no longer in the collection. It's a big project, but will make it easier for everyone to use the shelves and the card catalog.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

by Martha McNamara

The snowy month of January provided the opportunity for many fun indoor activities for the three-to-five-year-old group. Baking chocolate chip cookies proved to be a very enjoyable as well as educational experience. Each child was given a part in the preparation of the cookies which were later eaten for the morning snack. Making snow ice cream was also a fun activity.

Before Christmas Paulette Peterson and Martha McNamara had begun a unit on the five senses. In January the focus was on the sense of hearing. A sound-maker game was played to help to discriminate different sounds. The sound makers included a mariachi, tamborine, xylophone, telephone, cash register, keys, wooden sticks, water pouring and paper crumpling and tearing. The children were taken to a dark room and then asked to sit quietly to listen to the sound makers and then asked to guess what sound they had heard. A flashlight was shown on the ones who had their hands up to guess. The game proved to be a fun way to learn to "listen."

Barnadette Magrath brought her Hermit crabs to school to visit for awhile. The children have had fun feeding, holding and watching them crawl in and out of their shells.

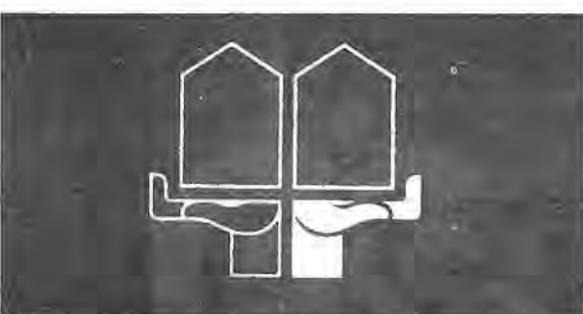
Potato printmaking and drawing on foil turned out to be very popular art activities.

A trip is planned in mid-February to go to the Planetarium — weather providing.

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can no longer be patched by Betty News-ham and Co. and we need another to withstand the wind and rain.

Expansion for the fair physically has been discussed for some time, with the most feasible direction being into the 6000 block of Kingsbury. After much discussion about additional requirements for volunteers and fencing and traffic patterns which have been or can be worked out, it was decided not to expand this year, primarily because construction of the Four Corners Project at Kingsbury and Des Peres will be under way at that time, eliminating the use of the vacant lot next to the Council office.

Finally, the Art Fair Co-chairmen have been notified that the Boy Scouts will not be having their Garden Cafe this year. It is time for the Benders and others to take a break and take in the Fair for a change. However, the Scouts' hot dogs and polish sausage have been a major attraction as a food service on the 6100 block of Kingsbury and as a congenial place to sit down for a bit - a definite asset to the atmosphere of the Fair as well as a money-maker for the Boy Scouts. As an encouragement to other organizations to consider the possibilities, neighborhood organizations are being informed about the Scouts' decision and asked to present proposals for an alternative, including type of food and a definite commitment of a location.

As always, the Art Fair Committees are looking for volunteers to work in planning and on the day of the Fair and they welcome questions about the whys and wherefores of how the Fair and House Tour are managed and how they can be improved. If you have asked yourself at some time, "why don't they...?" ask! We may have the answer, and then again, the question may never have occurred to anyone before and deserves consideration.

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