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which has been serving the Skinker-DeBaliviere
area since 1970.

Historic District Status Approved at last

After nearly five years of planning, meeting, reporting, surveying of architecture and opinion, revising and updating, the Skinker-DeBaliviere-Parkview-Catlin Tract Historic District Ordinance was finally signed into law on Friday, September 22, 1978, by Mayor James F. Conway. The Board of Aldermen passed the ordinance unanimously on September 15 following an uneventful public hearing on August 23. Cal Stuart, Executive Director of SDCC, said after the hearing, "We've had such good discussion and publicity here in the neighborhood there wasn't any need to go put on a big show downtown."

The signing of the ordinance into law took place at St. Roch's Scariot Hall and was preceded with a reception hosted by the 28th Ward Alderman, Vincent Schoemehl, Jr. Over 150 guests representing the boards, officers and/or agents of Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, Rosedale Neighborhood Association, Washington Heights Neighbors, Parkview, the Catlin Tract and members of the Historic District Committee witnessed this landmark occasion. Alderman Schoemehl in his remarks to the group stated, "This evening represents the culmination of a long period of



Virgil Wright, SDCC; Mayor James Conway; and Judy Little, Historic District Committee, listen as 28th Ward Alderman Vince Schoemehl addresses the audience.

hard work by a great number of people in Skinker-DeBaliviere. Tonight is a milestone in our neighborhood's history."

The University City section of Parkview is working to get an enabling ordinance, modeled after the city law, passed by the U. City Council. They will then petition for Historic District Status in that city using the same standards and plans as are currently in the city of St. Louis law. There is at least one other section of U. City interested in using our ordinance as a model for its neighborhood.

A Historic District Review Committee, which is to be a standing committee of the SDCC, will be appointed. This group will monitor problems residents may have complying with the ordinance, facilitate the granting of permits should difficulties arise, and be alert for any alterations which may be needed in the law. The Council office has a list of reputable contractors and the executive director stands ready to aid all residents in their rehab or repair efforts.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere-Parkview-Catlin Tract District is the only one passed so far this aldermanic session bringing to ten the total of city neighborhoods using this method to preserve their architectural and cultural heritages.



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 5-6 No classes at St. Roch's Teachers' Institute
- 7 Century Club
- 9 No classes St. Louis Public Schools Inservice Program
- 10 Hamilton Br. III P.T.O. 7:30 pm
- 18 Hamilton School P.T.O.
- 31 RNA Hallowe'en Party St. Roch's Gym 5 pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 No classes at St. Roch's All Saints' Day



Nina Place Study Funded

In May of this year, the SDCC set up a special committee, aptly named the Nina Place Study Committee, and given the responsibility of determining if the Council should apply for "Development of Capacity" funds, administered through CDA, to be used for conducting a full survey of Nina Place and its environs, and making recommendations for its future.

The Nina Place Study Committee did so determine, and in June applied for and have now been approved for \$21,000 in CDA funds for making this study.

The Committee has chosen Team Four, Inc., Planning, Design, and Development Consultants, as the consulting firm to do the study. Their first task will be making a complete physical survey of the area, which encompasses Nina as well as the 5900 blocks of Kingsbury and McPherson. Part of this survey will include meetings with residents, homeowners, and neighbors of this small area. The entire neighborhood will be invited to some of the meetings, including one in October which will focus on gathering data and opinions of our neighborhood concerning Nina Place. The meeting date will be announced by flyer.

bulletin board

Women's exercise class will begin on Monday, October 2 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Roch's Gym, 6030 Waterman. The series of 10 classes costs \$6 payable the first night. Wear comfortable clothes and rubber soled shoes. Call 863-4512 for further information.

The Seventh District Police officers are planning a gala Hallowe'en party for all the children in their district. The auditorium at the Yalem Center, 724 N. Union, will be turned into a Spook House from 6 to 8:30 pm on October 31. There will be a costume contest and show, games, treats and a special surprise guest performer. Parents are urged to bring their children and pick them up. Parents may come in costume and enjoy the festivities, if they desire.

RIGHT TO WORK IS A RIP-OFF

by Peggy Peters

On November 7, 1978, the people of Missouri will make a crucial decision concerning the future of trade unions and the overall welfare of workers in the state. They will be called to vote upon the controversial "Right to Work" amendment. This amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Missouri is known as Section 29(A) which states "That no person shall be deprived of the right and freedom to work at his chosen occupation for any employer because of membership or non-membership in any labor organization, or because of payment or non-payment of dues, fees, assessments, or other charges of any kind to any labor organization; that any contract which contravenes this right is illegal and void."

In other words, labor unions will be illegal and all people now working under union negotiated contracts will have lost their right to collective bargaining and the right to strike against their employers. Unions are the working people's strength and the solidarity of the union is the only weapon available. Employers realize this and constantly try to weaken the union through "strike breaking" methods such as those recently used at Hussman Refrigeration.

A "Right to Work" law sounds good when it is stated as such. Sure, every one should have the right to work, but just what does "Right to Work" mean to the people of the states which have such a law?

According to the 1977 United States Statistical Abstract, people who live in "Right to Work" states are losing in every way, from wages earned to the welfare of their children.

Beginning with wages, which is probably of the most importance to most workers, production workers in RTW states earn less and if they lose their jobs or are temporarily laid off they receive less unemployment compensation than their fellow workers in non-RTW states. Furthermore only 55% of the RTW states have minimum wage laws as compared to 99% of the non-RTW states. All non-RTW states have Fair Employment Practice laws while only 40% of RTW states do. If non-union workers believe that the RTW law has nothing to do with them and their wages, they must realize that the wages derived by unions through collective bargaining for their members sets the precedent for all wages in that area. As it is, Union members generally make higher wages than non-union members, but non-union members would be far worse off without unions leading the way. All working people benefit from unions.

Taxes also are a concern of many voters. In RTW states corporations pay less taxes thus causing the majority of the tax burden to fall upon the working class.

Women in RTW states generally get paid less than men because only 60% of the RTW states have equal pay laws whereas 84% of non-RTW states have such laws. Of further interest to advocates of equal rights only 40% RTW states have approved the Equal Rights amendment - 90% of non-RTW have.

As previously mentioned, RTW affects even the education of children since workers making less and already being overtaxed can't afford to pay more taxes for adequate schools. Infant death rate is higher in RTW states since there are fewer doctors per population. Again this is a throw-back to low wages. And more families are living in poverty in RTW states than in other states.

Again, these are statistics and solid arguments against a Right to Work law in Missouri. There are also arguments for RTW. The big argument of RTW supporters is that Missouri is losing jobs to RTW states. This is true and a good point but this can only happen if the work force is willing to work for less. Employees do not benefit from RTW, big business does. Why should big business continue to make high profits if the workers don't? RTW may be sold as a way to curtail inflation, but why at the expense of the workers? Also, there is no proof that prices in RTW states are any lower than anywhere else. Why work for less and still pay high prices?

Labor unions are not the only reason that companies leave one state for another. Before a company decides to relocate many things must be considered. Costs such as taxes, transportation of raw materials in and products out and utility rates enter into the final decision. Moving a company from one state to another is also expensive since the company has already invested their capital. Some states gain manufacturing companies and jobs due to laws which eliminate manufacturing machines and equipment from property tax. Again the tax burden falls on the tax payer and big business gains another edge.

Unemployment is also on the side of the Right to Work advocates. Unemployment is not necessary. There are many jobs that could be filled. Better housing is needed but there are construction workers out of work. Decent hospitals and health care are needed but many hospitals are closed and their workers laid off. Education of our children is inadequate and classrooms are over crowded. Why? Because people are only allowed to work if they can produce profits for big business.

In a newsletter United Auto Workers President Douglas Fraser stated that big business is waging a "one-sided class war" against "working people, the unemployed, the poor, the minorities, the very young and the very old . . ." that "the leaders of industry, commerce and finance . . . have broken and discarded the fragile, unwritten compact previously existing during a past period of growth and progress." The foundation of the pact was "that when ever things got bad enough for a segment of society, the business elite 'gave' a little bit" but "that 'give' usually came only after a sustained struggle such as that waged by the labor movement in the 1930s and the civil rights movement in the 1960s."

Laborers (and that includes most of us) are again in the midst of a struggle. The struggle for the right of the working class to survive against the power of big business. The Right to Work Amendment must be defeated in November in order for this to happen.

COPING WITH THE HISTORIC DISTRICT

by Jo Ann Vatcha

The Historic District is now a reality, and for those of you who have been filled with trepidation, or, indeed, optimism, at the prospect, a few thoughts.

Perhaps it is well to recall that many hours went into revising the Historic District ordinance, and many original features were either dropped completely or compromised. For example, the original standards ordered all new storm windows placed on the fronts of houses to be colored, thereby matching the trim. This is no longer a requirement. Also eliminated were the drawings of "acceptable/unacceptable" shutters, door modernizations, ornamental storm windows/doors, and sash design, none of which requires building permit. Any design for such improvements are, purely and simply, suggestions. To quote from the ordinance, "Standards that do not require building permits serve as guidelines within the district."

"Some of the guidelines are precise, whereas others are, by necessity, more general, allowing a range of alternative solutions, all of which are compatible with the existing neighborhood."

Originally, the appearance standards prohibited the use of any exterior material not of the original types used when the area was developed. Feeling that this, if strictly enforced, could and would eliminate for our area some future developments in the rapidly expanding field of artificial siding and facing materials (even to the extent of ignoring new, possibly money- and energy-saving materials), a compromise was reached. The final revision reads: "Although artificial siding or facing materials are not, in general, compatible, the Historic District

Review Committee may be consulted for a list of current, compatible materials and their costs, for use by property owners wishing to improve their buildings."

It is hoped (fervently) that these and other changes will provide some balance to the restrictions which remain: the prohibition against demolition, and the necessity for approval of new or substantially changed buildings.

It is also hoped that there will be several good volunteers to serve on the Historic District Review Committee. It is important that some doubters be on this committee, too, as well as those who are favorably disposed toward the ordinance. The Committee, which will be a standing committee of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, will maintain a materials listing, perhaps serve as advocate or negotiator for those who have difficulty getting permits, and, perhaps most importantly, continuously review the impact of the ordinance and suggest ways in which it may need to be amended. We urge all who are interested in forming and serving on this committee to contact Cal Stuart, 862-5122, or any representative to the Council.

Celebrating the signing of the Historic District Ordinance may have been difficult for some, but, as we have emphasized many times, the success of this neighborhood depends on cooperation and communication (including an occasional hard-pill-swallowing), and we hope that the H.D. Ordinance - both pro and con positions - will be accepted in that spirit. Also, *The Paper* urges any resident who, as time goes by, wishes to express a suggestion or requests debate on the need for any change to write us. Let us make the idea of "continuous review" a reality too.

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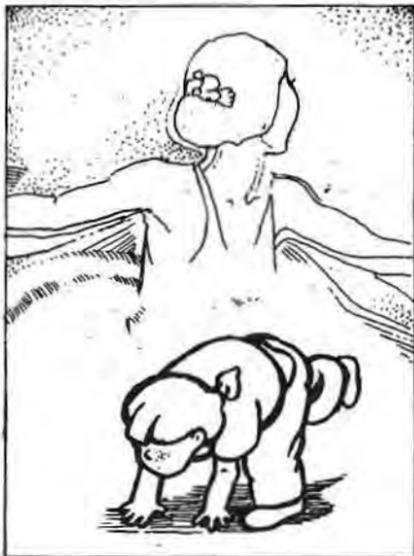
1. Personal organization and direction: The organization of vital records and the establishment of an inventory of personal property and documents — so that as much information as possible is available in the event of any personal emergency (such as fire, burglary, etc.).

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3. After the death of a family member: Assisting survivors with locating important documents, filing for benefits and gathering information normally required by governmental agencies, insurance companies and legal counsel.

In addition, information about the many professional and community agencies throughout our area that can help individuals with financial, legal, social welfare, health, education, recreation and related services will be available.

If you would like to discuss the service, please call Jane Weidenhamer, Program Director, Personal Advisory Service, at 425-1205.



This fall the Hamilton Community School will be offering two exciting and innovative programs for children. Herewith is a brief description of each:

Dunham Technique for Children: Combining instruction in anatomy, acrobatics, personal hygiene and dance movements, the Dunham Technique for Children prepares young people as dancers who know as much *about* dance as they do *how* to dance.

The instructor, Ruby Streate, will intro-

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS SPOTLIGHTED AT COMMUNITY SCHOOL

duce her current Children's Dance Company to our students by way of a live performance. Accompanying the young professionals is the percussionist, the instructor's precocious four-year-old son.

It is the Community School's hope that when seeing the performers do live presentations, they will wish to form a dance company of their own.

Adventure Education: Learning to be self-reliant as well as depending on others in the group are two major goals of Adventure Education. By learning to climb rocks,

camp, go exploring and enjoy the wilderness, students can learn skills relative to the outdoors while learning a lot about themselves.

A consultant will give a slide presentation to the children, showing them the different activities such as the Ropes Course in Tower Grove Park. The slide show is followed by orientation exercises which is done in the school. The unique experience will provide students an opportunity for success where it counts the most — within themselves.

Daytime Lecture Series at Symphony

"On Stage" 1978, a behind-the-scenes opportunity to hear lectures by three outstanding concert soloists and three of America's distinguished virtuoso conductors, will be presented again this year by the Women's Association of the Saint Louis Symphony Society. Five Monday morning sessions will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The "On Stage" series has become an annual presentation by the Women's Association, both to raise funds and to provide patrons a close-up and personal look at the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. Participants enter by the Stage Door, sit on the Hall stage in the musicians' chairs and enjoy the opportunity to learn more about music, musicians, and how a concert is put together.

As a special bonus, "On Stage" ticket holders are invited to the 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal, Thursday, November 30, of a special concert being prepared by Sarah Caldwell for performance that Thursday evening. Following the dress rehearsal, Miss Caldwell will answer questions from the audience. Patrons are invited to bring a guest to the Caldwell event. Miss Caldwell is artistic director of the Opera Company of Boston.



Reservations for "On Stage" 1978 are limited. Cost is \$30 for the five sessions, plus the bonus dress rehearsal with Sarah Caldwell. Individuals interested in obtaining tickets for "On Stage" 1978 should write to: "On Stage" 1978, Powell Symphony Hall, 718 North Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

Mrs. I. Jerome Flance is chairman of the "On Stage" 1978 series and Mrs. William A. Schneider is co-chairman.

The "On Stage" 1978 programs are as follows: October 9, Jacques Israëlievitch, Concertmaster, and Thomas Dumm, Principal Viola, will present "The Unique Responsibilities of a Principal"; October 23, Pamela Mia Paul, Chairman of the Piano Department at the Saint Louis Conservatory of Music, will speak on "The Mistique of the Concert Pianist"; October 30, Erich Kunzel, Music Advisor of the New Haven Symphony and Artistic Director of the 8 o'clock concerts of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, will discuss "Pops is Big Business"; November 6, Walter Susskind, Music Advisor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and former Conductor of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, will lecture on "Mahler in St. Louis"; November 27, Mitch Miller, renowned television personality who has conducted major orchestras in the U.S. and Canada, will present a "Talk-Along With Mitch"; November 30, Sarah Caldwell, bonus dress rehearsal.



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by Jo Ann Vatcha

Happy month-of-the-goblins, and such things as are important to you. Passing along to you a few items of interest, and hoping to see and meet all of you at all the various events coming up soon. Don't forget to let us know your news, and that of family and friends.

Mike and Ellen Lowenstein of the 6100 block of Waterman have bought the home on the corner of Rosedale and the 6000 block of McPherson. You may have noticed the terrific amount of hammering away going on there. We anticipate a lovely new renovation there, and we congratulate Mike and Ellen on their new home.

George Denis, a 30-year resident of the 6000 block of Pershing, was recently injured while riding his bike in the "Midnight Rambles." He was knocked off his bike by another bike rider and suffered a broken collarbone. To add insult to injury, his bike was lost while he was being taken to the Emergency Room. We trust he will be fully recuperated soon and hope his biking spirit is not forever dampened.

Get well wishes also go to Linda Montgomery, daughter of William and Naomi Montgomery, of the 5800 block of Waterman. Linda is still hobbling on crutches at this date, since suffering an injury in a summer auto accident.

Hearty congratulations go to Paper staff member (and otherwise nice person) Peggy Peters, who was married recently to Herman Vaughan. A family celebration was conducted by Peggy's son Jeff, who had the foresight to train for the occasion by taking the Cake Decorating mini-course last year at St. Roch's. A somewhat larger reception is being planned for later this fall. They will continue to live in the 600 block of Pershing apartment which was on last year's House Tour. We wish Herman and Peggy all the best!

Jim and Carol Metzenthin, of the 6100 block of Washington, are expecting a new baby! Their identical twin sons Tom and Eric are just a year and a half old, so Carol is an especially busy lady. Congratulations to all the Metzenthins.

Another busy lady, Helen Quesnell, recently completed her doctorate degree at St. Louis University. Helen and husband Carl live on the 6100 block of Westminster. Congratulations!

At the other end of Westminster, we congratulate Jeff and Nancy Shelton, who have a brand new first baby boy. His name is Robert Michael, and we understand baby and parents are doing fine. Congratulations!

On the up and coming 600 block of Washington, we welcome yet another new neighbor/rehabber, Ms. Arthelda Nash. We expect to see West End Townhouse's newest renovation, 6016 Washington, occupied by happy homeowners soon. And did you know that rehabbing work is about to begin on the apartments at 520 Rosedale, now also owned by West End Townhouse. They will remain apartments but greatly improved, we trust.

Correcting last month's hasty sports story: athletic Debbie Busch did indeed win a sports award, but it was as 1 of 3 outstanding women athletes at Meramec Jr. College. She was on the All-Conference Softball Team. It was her sister Karen who is a tennis whiz: Karen won 1st place in the Dwight Davis Ladies Tennis Tournament, and 2nd place, the Richard Hudlin Cup, at Fairgrounds Park Tournament. Congratulations to both winning Busch girls!

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Lubertha Bolden, of the 5800 block of DeGiverville. Mrs. Bolden, wife of William Bolden, President of Washington Heights Neighbors, had been ill for some time with a heart condition. We offer our sympathy to Pops and their children.

Our condolences also go to Brad Weir, whose father passed away in September. And we extend our sympathy to Betty Nerviani, at the loss of her father.

In Retrospect

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

During late August and in the month of September, the Hamilton Community School sponsored a successful Performing Arts Festival for neighborhood residents. The free performances included the following recognized groups: Trebor Tichenor and the St. Louis Ragtimers, Ken Billups directing the Legend Singers and Singleton Palmer and the Dixieland Six. Warm sunny weather prevailed throughout and the audience was humming and tapping along to the music.

Members of the Hamilton Community School Advisory Council used the event to distribute fall brochures and talk to neighborhood residents about programs going on in the Community School.

Staff from the St. Louis Public Library joined the Community School in providing entertainment for area youth, prior to the evening performances.

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October is MEMBERSHIP MONTH in Rosedale. Someone from your block will be contacting you about the activities of Rosedale and asking you to join. In October alone, we are sponsoring a "New Neighbors Party" and our annual Halloween party for kids of the entire neighborhood. Please help us in our neighborly endeavors! If you wish, you may send your \$ 3.00 Family Membership to TREASURER MARY GIOIA, 6131 KINGSBURY. We hope to see everyone, old and new alike, at the "New Neighbors Party," Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., Scariot Hall. There is no admission. A cash bar and snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

PARTY FOR KIDS

RNA will again sponsor a Hallowee'en Party for all neighborhood children including entertainment and prizes for costumes. The party starts at 5 p.m. in St. Roch's gym and dismisses at 6 p.m. for two hours of Trick or Treating on the blocks. Residents are encouraged to turn on porch lights and hand out treats only during these hours. Parents should remind their little "goblins" that the porch light is the sign of a home participating in the holiday celebration.



Rosedale to Sponsor "Meet Your New Neighbor" Social

Rosedale Neighborhood Assn. will sponsor an informal and free get-together at Scariot Hall of St. Roch's Church (side entrance on Rosedale) on October 21 at 8 p.m. There will be a cash bar, and if anyone cares to bring a bag of chips or a bowl of dip, we won't turn them down. The purpose of the party is to welcome the many new neighbors in our neighborhood, so, whether you're new or old, do come out and meet each other.

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As the Hamilton School faces the 1978-1979 school year, two specific observations are in order. (1) The faculty and staff as a whole are as eager as ever to face the challenges that a changing community presents, and (2) Greater effort will be made to solicit the support and cooperation of all facets of the community to help reduce deficiencies that may exist in the instructional program and other areas as well.

We extend to all parents and other community persons an open invitation to join the Hamilton School in working toward educational improvements of which we can all be proud.

Cleveland Young
Principal

The Hamilton School Faculty and Staff

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Edith Kellermann, KED
Eloise Wright, KG

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Catherine Curry, Gr 3
Louise Frazier, Gr 1
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Joyce White, Gr 2

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READING AND MATH WORKSHOPS AT HAMILTON

Sometime during the early part of the school year, workshops on remediation in Reading and Math will be held at the Hamilton School. The Hamilton School faculty and, hopefully, the Hamilton Branch III faculty will be involved in these activities. The thrust is to help teachers and parents provide some additional input into the development of skills in Reading and Math.

An attempt will be made to get consultants who have distinguished themselves in the area of remedial instruction in these two important academic areas. Times of the workshops will be announced later.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SEMINARS AT HAMILTON SCHOOL

It is planned to have two community involvement seminars during the school year. The purpose is to explore with teachers, parents and interested community persons ways in which more involvement on the part of the community and parents can be established. The plan is to have the first seminar early in the school year and the second seminar later as a follow-up. When the time comes for each of the seminars, we hope that all persons interested in the progress of the Hamilton School will join with us to make our school a better place for our children.

FILM MAKING COMES TO HAMILTON

Nearly every art teacher develops a specialty. For some it's macrame, or ceramics or painting. Hamilton School's new art teacher, who readily admits to growing up in movie houses, cannot help but specialize in the art of film. Roy Zurick has been teaching in the city schools for six years. He came to St. Louis fresh from a summer of film study with independent New York film artists like Tom DeWitt, Jonas Mekas and Stan Vanderbeek.

His interest in film has extended to programming films for the controversial, but now sadly defunct Maplewood Film Festival Theatre. Zurick is also a member of Double Helix, a nonprofit video access group, where he organized a series of screenings for local film makers. He has made a few films of his own, but a greater joy is helping school children produce their own.

Under his tutelage, the children of Shaw School filmed their own story, *Godmother of the Hill*, a feminist parody of Francis Ford Coppola's epic. From Elliot School came a psychedelic portrait of the Eighth Grade, *Last Time Together*. A Sixth Grade romance is poignantly captured in *Love Is Limited*, a Columbia School film. Zurick's favorite lessons usually involve experimenting with animation. So, whenever he screens the children's "feature," the audience is treated to a "cartoon" as well.

Eight classrooms at Hamilton are scheduled for art classes. Each class will study the basics of composition and will experience a number of techniques in various traditional art media. In each of these lessons, the students generally create their own product to keep. Zurick plans to emphasize drawing and painting rather than the area of crafts. Meanwhile, students will be organized, often in special study groups, and will prepare for their own Hamilton School film to be shot in the Spring.

DX RX CONTINUES AT HAMILTON SCHOOL

Last year the St. Louis Public School System piloted a Diagnostic Prescriptive Program (Dx Rx) in the areas of Reading and Language at twenty schools, and Hamilton was one of the schools involved. In grades three, four, five and six, pupils were tested in the areas of Comprehension Strategies, Comprehension Skills, and Study Skills. The results of this testing were returned on a separate print-out for each pupil that indicated deficiencies each pupil had in each of these areas tested. In addition, prescriptions on computer print-outs were given for each pupil along with the name of supplementary materials and page numbers that could be used to remedy the deficiencies that were diagnosed.

After working with pupils in their areas of deficiencies, teachers retested to see if pupils had mastered the skills that were taught. The outcomes met with a measure of success. As a result, the program is being extended this year to grades two, seven and eight.

We certainly hope that we will meet with increased success as the Dx Rx Program continues. It's another way we try to reach and remedy the learning problems that confront some of our pupils.

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HAMILTON, HAMILTON BRANCH III TASK FORCE AT WORK

A task force composed of parents, teachers, and community people was formulated in April 1978 for the purpose of improving instruction and improvement of integration in the Hamilton and Hamilton Branch III schools. The task force had five meetings and discussed several issues (1) community impressions of school staff and student performance, (2) staff impressions of community interest and commitment to the two schools, (3) factors inhibiting integration of the schools and (4) possible activities to improve educational performance and community commitment to the schools.

Out of the task force's efforts, proposals were written and subsequently funded to carry out some of the suggestions that were put forth regarding instructional improvement, and improvement of communication between schools and community.

The task force hopes to continue to meet to help further the progress and success of the proposals that were presented.

Members of the task force are:

Community Persons

Frank Burke
Calvin B. Stuart
Dr. Roger Perry
Pat Krippner
Loretta Shelton Smith

Teachers

Florence Billups (Ham. III)
Magnolia Dorsey (Hamilton)
Mary Belle Riley (Hamilton)
Laura Schmink (Ham. III)

Parents

Karen Bynum (Ham. III)
Mary Washington (Hamilton)
Lee Jones (Hamilton)
Carol Rhem (Ham. III)

Administrators

Dr. David J. Mahan (NW Soldan, Supt)
Roger Mick (Ham. III)
Cleveland Young (Hamilton)

A special thanks goes to Dr. Robert Deblaw and Carla Langford from the Division of Evaluation and Research for providing us with statistical data and the Hamilton Community School for providing refreshments during the task force meetings.



ST. ROCH'S

by Ann Horner

School opened on September 5 for our 205 students. Our seventeen students from All Saints' Parish had a new blue van complete with seat belts waiting to transport them. Many hours of hard work were done by Steve and Nancy Rayhawk to obtain this needed service for the children.

On September 12 at 2 o'clock, the entire school assembled at church for the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Monsgr. Peet was the celebrant. He inspired all by his homily on the essence of a successful school year. The children presented symbols of school-work at the Offertory and the petitions stressed the desire for a harmonious and happy year. Sister Herbert was the recipient of a spiritual bouquet and many heartfelt thanks for her twelve years of teaching at St. Roch. (Sister has several new jobs here this year.)

Hamilton Branch 3

by Laura Schmink

Hamilton III is in full swing again with many projects and trips already planned by our enthusiastic faculty. Our staff is essentially the same as last year with only the loss of Chris Li Cavoli who is spending this year at the district Reading Clinic preparing to be an RIT teacher.

A foundation has given grants in the last two years to many educational institutions in the central West End. A local task force submitted a plan in June for improvement of instruction and citizen-neighborhood-parent involvement at both Hamilton and Hamilton III. Hamilton III has already begun with a full day workshop before school started. This workshop brought together a number of our parents and our staff to work on booklets which contain the goals and skills for each grade level with sections telling the parents what they can do at home to help. These will be published and in the hands of all parents very soon. A number of other parent-staff workshops will take place as well as some joint social activities bringing Hamilton and Hamilton III P.T.O.s together.

Barbara Dorris is teaching physical education to the kindergarten through third grade. Her emphasis is on body awareness and movement. Her noncompetitive games and exercises are aimed at developing coordination and self assurance. Studies have shown that physical skills have a direct effect upon a student's reading and writing skills. Our teacher for the fourth through eighth grades, Joan Crawford, has been sidelined by illness. All wish her a speedy recovery. Helen McCarthy is taking her place. (It is interesting to note that both Barb and Helen are St. Roch graduates.)

Mr. Mike Grady, our seventh grade homeroom teacher, is involved in writing a book. Prof. Richard Nault of Washington U. has been working on a comparison of Catholic and public schools in Canada. Mike has already written a chapter for the book and will be flying to Canada with Prof. Nault for more research in October.

Sam Green is president of the School Association for this year. He and his officers are open to all suggestions and volunteers. John Fitzgerald is once again head of the Youth Activities Council. Anyone interested in coaching a team should contact John. Mike Hart is in charge of the gym. Pat Fitzgerald is the mini-course coordinator. Mary Watkins is organizing Great Books and library workers.

There are lots of dates to remember this month. October 5 and 6 are holidays because of the Teachers' Institute. October 7 will be the Century Club dinner. Tickets are \$1.00. This money supports the sports and arts programs at St. Roch. It's a fun evening as well as being vital to our school. Contact Larry Glynn or the rectory for tickets. The sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on October 22 at 2 o'clock for all fifth through eighth graders.

ning to attend the Kinder Konzerts this year.

The twenty-eight fourth graders in Mrs. Billups' room are off to a roaring start. They are busy getting used to the idea of having so many more textbooks. Gone are the carefree days of the primary grades! They feel real "grown-up" now and they know Mrs. Billups expects the best from them. They are already planning their first field trip to the 4th R Gallery in December for a Christmas project and they intend to win the attendance prize by being present every day.

Mrs. Aubertin-Smith has twenty-six third grade students and they are planning their year full of interesting activities.

We have one empty classroom this year and it is being used jointly by the speech teacher, Mrs. Wood, and our new art teacher, Mrs. Dockey, whom we are very glad to welcome.

We are all very happy to be able to have Mr. Roger Mick back as our principal for a second year.

We are looking forward to a good and productive school year.

Mrs. Magraw's room has twenty-two first graders and a new and unusual friend — a hermit crab which they have named Herman. He crawls very fast when placed on the floor. He eats bread and apples and loves to be sprayed with water. The children are wondering when he will outgrow his present shell and need a new one for his home.

Mrs. Hart-Davis has twenty-one pupils, about evenly divided between first and second graders who are getting to know themselves and each other.

The other second grade class, taught by Mrs. Kincaid has twenty-seven children, many of whom took interesting trips this summer.

Mrs. Schmink's class is expanding this year! There are twenty-seven kindergartners in the morning class and twenty-eight in the afternoon. All the children seem happy to be in school and eager to experience new things. They are planning a field trip in October, probably to the Pumpkin Farm.

Mrs. Bell has a split third and fourth grade room, with ten third graders and seventeen fourth graders. They are plan-

Scout News

TROOP 533 IN BROWNIE CHOIR



A choir thirty-six strong composed of area Brownies will be featured on KTVI-TV, Channel 2's weekly program "God's Musical World," on Sunday, October 1 at 7:15 a.m. The girls, who belong to troops in Ferguson, Kinloch, and St. Louis City, will be singing religious and Girl Scout songs. The show is produced by Dr. Kenneth Billups, Supervisor of Vocal Music for the St. Louis Public Schools. Mrs. Clara Etta Smith is organist for the program.

McEneny Receives Eagle

Michael Louis McEneny, Senior Patrol Leader of Grace Methodist's Troop 31, received the Eagle Scout Award, the highest Scout rank, at a Court of Honor September 14, 1978. The award was presented by Dr. Jack Taylor.

Since 1970, when he joined Betty Klinefelter's Cub Pack 31, Mike has been active in Scouting. He was a Webelo under Doug Duraham and has held leadership positions in Troop 31 under Scoutmasters Erwin Rust and John McEneny.

An experienced camper, Mike has attended West District Camporees, Encampments and summer camp each year. He served on Camporee and Encampment staffs for four years and has been selected Campmaster this year for the West District Fall Encampment.

In addition to summer camp, the new Eagle Scout attended Junior Leadership Training Camp at S-F Reservation, served as Scoutcraft Counselor at Camp Gamble this last summer, and was a member of the Troop Leader Development Camp Staff, also this summer.



A Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, Mike is currently Chief of the West District Chapter. He is a member of St. Roch's Parish and is a Junior at Mercy High School.



G.S. Cadette Troop 3115, Grace Methodist held an awards ceremony and instructional meeting for new parents on September 21. The troop will spend a camping weekend on October 7 at Fort Zumwalt at which time they plan to visit the Daniel Boone Home and the Mt. Pleasant Winery.

Pat Snyder, Margaret Winter, Venita Lake — Leaders



Jr. Girl Scout Troop 2347, St. Roch's camped at West Tyson Park on October 13, 14, 15. Beth Bender, Sr. Asst. Leader, and Mary Magyar, Sr. Scout, camped with the Juniors to aid them in skills. Adult assistance is needed for this troop.

Mary Alice Krueger, Rita Magyar — Leaders

Senior Girl Scout Troop 2886 has received "Senior World," our program booklet. Fall programming is varied and can be selected on an individual basis. Each girl is on her own to do as much or as little as she pleases. Career exploration, "Walk A Day In My Shoes," will occur November 4. (for information) and the week of March 5-12 will find girls grades 10-12 spending a day with a careerist, exploring a vocation of their choice.

Troop 31, Grace Methodist held their Court of Honor on September 14. Michael McEneny was presented the Eagle Scout Award by Dr. John Taylor. Greg Walker, James Wood, Marc L'Ecuyer were advanced to Second Class; Philip McEneny to First Class, and Uriah Zachary to Life.

Michael and Philip McEneny and Uriah Zachary attended the Order of the Arrow Campout in September. Michael was elected Chapter Chief of the West District Order Of the Arrow and Uriah was elected Vice Chief. Mike and Uriah earned their Brotherhood Honor that weekend and Philip became an Ordeal Honor Member.

The Troop is preparing for the Fall Camporee in October.

John McEneny, Scoutmaster



Troop 128, Hamilton School — Renae Lowery and George Henderson became members of The Order of the Arrow, an honor camping and service organization of the O. A. Fall Reunion in September. Plans are being made for the troop to attend the West District Fall Encampment on October 20-22. Troop 128 meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Hamilton School.

Warren Lovely, Scoutmaster

Pack 128, Hamilton School will set a schedule of meetings soon. Call Hamilton School for details.

James Green, Cubmaster



Cub Pack 31 will participate in School Night for Scouting scheduled for Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. All public schools and those private schools sponsoring troops will open for boys and parents interested in finding out about Scouting. Joining an existing unit or organizing a new one will be possible. Last year 7,059 new scouts were recruited. This year the goal is 7,400.

Pack 31, leaders and cubs, in uniform, will again go to several schools to set up exhibits and interest boys and parents. The key word is "parents." Boys are never in short supply; parent-leaders are.

October Pack meeting will be Wednesday, October 25. In the meantime, the Pack has decided to join the "Cartoon Act" at the Scout Circus November 17 and 18, at the Checkerdome. Ticket sales begin September 30.



Troop 98 held a Court of Honor September 20 at which the following awards were presented: Tenderfoot, Arthur Pleas; Second Class, Matt Storey, Jeff Peters, and Brian Krippner; First Class, Nolan Sanders, Brian Stanton, and Karl Hoefel. The Den Chief Cord was presented to Brian Krippner.

Nolan Sanders, John Brown, and Karl Hoefel were inducted Ordeal members and Kurt Hoefel was inducted a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow at the Conclave at S-F Ranch, September 10. Virgil Wright was elected Secretary of the West Chapter, O/A.

Troop 98 has an overnight hike scheduled for September 30, October 1, at Camp Staley and will attend the West District Camporee at Beaumont Reservation October 20, 21, 22. Troop meetings are Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9, in the St. Roch's gymnasium.

Rick Bender, Scoutmaster

