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Jim and Mary Parker, 6111 Westminster Place, were joined by a daughter, Teresa, 8, late in June. Don and Francie Couch, 6120 Kingsbury Place, welcomed their third child, a son, Colin Wakeman, on July 3. Dennis and Donna Johnson, 6101 Westminster Pl., became parents July 11th. Elise Renee is their first child. Mike and Kathy Harleman, 6178 McPherson, are celebrating the birth of their 4th child, a girl, Katherine Rebecca, born August 3rd. Douglas Breitmayer, musical director at Grace Methodist Church, died suddenly in July.

November 73

Vicissitudes

"There is nothing permanent except change." - Heraclitus

Send items for this column to Marjorie Weir, 6120 Westminster Pl., or call 863-7558.

The 5700 block of Waterman has four new families as neighbors. They are: Mr. & Mrs. Harris & family, 5722 Waterman, Mr. & Mrs. Brown & family, 5726 Waterman Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell & family, 5736 Waterman Mr. & Mrs. Holmes & family, 5727 Waterman. This block will also have four curb lawn trees planted in November; some of the residents of this block help with the Paper Drive of Women For City Living held the last week- end of each month

...Blanche Reel

1974

April 74

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Ezell Naugles, 5715 DeGiverville, returned from Jefferson Barracks Hospital. Murtis Hughes, 5773 DeGiverville, who was in the hospital for over a month, is back home and doing well.

May 1974

Vicissitudes

Mr. & Mrs. James Connolly, 6189 Kingsbury, became the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth, on April 25, 1974. Mr. & Mrs. Neville Vatcha, 6117 Westminster, welcomed a second daughter, Dina, to their family on February 16, 1974.

June 1974

Vicissitudes

Ms. Karen Bynum received her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Webster College in May 1974. Joseph Lange received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Washington University in May 1974. Ms. Rita Sweets received her Bachelor of Arts degree, having majored in Theatre Arts, from Webster College in May 1974.

October 1974

Vicissitudes

by P.

Monthly this column will explore the new, the juicy, the red hot items in the neighborhood... or the hidden old secret that may slip from a neighbor's lips!!! Whatever comes to our notice and yours. We invite you to join a grapevine, form a network to plug us into the secret recesses of your block. Write us anonymous notes c/o The Paper, 6008 Kingsbury... call 862- 5122 and give us tips, leads, or just plain gossip. This noisy, nosey snoop will love and print it. This month we're going to expose all the new families we've heard about who have moved into the area since about last May. We've searched for the names of new homeowners. flatowners or building owners who are making a contribution to the neighborhood by purchasing,

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renovating and living amongst us. If we've missed a new family or individual you know about, let us hear.

The 5800 block of Pershing welcomes the Wilkersons and the 6000 block of Pershing, Mike and Monica Orlando and the Bynums, Karen and Ted. Karen Bynum is the new Ad Manager of The Paper and has offered to provide free babysitting to anyone interested in laying out The Paper monthly.

The 5700 block of Waterman has 2 new families, Mr. & Mrs. Council Smith, both teachers, and Mr. & Mrs. John May.

The 5800 and 5900 blocks of Waterman gained three new house owners this summer: Sandy Rothschild (who was State Rep Steve Vossmeier's Campaign person) in the center, The Lakes, Rich and Venita on the East and Janice and John Woods on the West. John is a teacher at the New City School.

The 6100 block of McPherson has witnessed the largest turnover in the neighborhood... Gene & Dolores Hoefel and three medium sized Hoefels are renovating their 3-story home from top to studio garage. Gene has come from a Chicago Advertising job to teach Design and Graphics at Washington U. Rev. Bill and Betty Danker (the parents of Beth Mann on Westminster) have led another Seminex family, the Dahlines, Dave and Margaret onto McPherson, so that after some years renting in the 6000 block, they purchased a home on the 6100 block. Ann & Bob Martin will be moving from Parkview into a home they recently bought.

Joshua and Rubina Patton have added true pleasure to the McPherson pedestrian with the exterior and apparent-from-the-sidewalk interior decorating they have done to a long neglected home on the block. As this is his specialty, we hope to add his name to the list of talented neighborhood contractors. The 6000 block of Kingsbury has 3 new owner-occupants.

Jim & Darla Templeton moved in just in time to give birth to their second child, Hannah. She joins 3 year old Gabriel. Jean Canfield, a Grace & Peace friend, has bought a flat in the center of the block and George and Miriam Green are responsible for more hard-working, just-beginning-to-show renovation on the East end. Bob and Linda Hagood have moved from South St. Louis onto the 6000 block of Westminster with their 3 children. They are interested in the idea of turning their flat into a single-family residence.

The Giddings (he is a psychiatric social worker) are also moving into a flat on that block. Their 2 small children will keep Madge busy. More master renovators have moved onto Westminster: the 6100 block welcomes Bernard and Cindy Bodewes who face a formidable rehab job in coming months... Good luck. John and Ann Geers have moved into the center of the block (John teaches at Childgrove) and Jeff and Nancy Shelton are also new residents. The Parkers on Westminster introduced them to the neighborhood. Jeannie Morrissey and Sue Goodenough (she's Kathleen Hamilton's sister) complete the new resident list on the block.

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Remember, if anyone's missing let us know for next month, and the next.... Another birth... Colleen, born June 17 to Bill and Nan Thomas on McPherson... Congratulations. And 2 recent pregnancies uncovered... aha. Francie Couch and Debbie Bracey, both on Kingsbury, both due in March. Aha. A minor snoopers scoop... a trash citation is coming to a particularly messy backyard on the 5800 block of Pershing.

We're so glad to have Anna Busch back from the hospital, walking about and receiving Honors with fellow neighborhood resident, Suzanne Hart And Mike Harleman, after a long back bout and operation also shows signs of movement and improvement. Good wishes to you both. Whooooo knows more???? The shadow do.... and we would like to too....

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Feb 1975

Vicissitudes

by J

Amid winter winds and the ubiquitous flu, The Paper presses onward, with news of our neighbors that may have escaped your notice... Were You There? A few of you missed the joint WHN·RNA Christmas party, where high spirits and a truly inspiring band made for a merry evening. You shouldn't have missed this one.

Welcoming many new neighbors this month: a new friend on McPherson, Leon Gordon, and a belated welcome to those busy renovators of McPherson, the Hoefels. Ron and Phyllis Stutzman and their two children Ben and Becky, already neighbors on Pershing, soon to move to Jim Mitchell's newly renovated house on Westminster.

Welcoming to Parkview, Lawson Phaby. recently moved to a new home, and Dr. Tiejien, joining a great group of new neighbors from Seminex settled in our environs. And in the 5900 block of Waterman, Randall and Paula Grauer and their two young children join us. Happy News: on Westminster, Paul and Kathy Woodard and their two daughters Kim and Kelly welcome a baby boy. Jonathan Paul, born Jan. 10. Grace Pre School heralds the return of Miss Berry, now well and back teaching many of our three year-olds after a recent hospital stay. We hear also that Jerry Flynn's mother, Mrs. Dryden, is recuperating from an operation and doing great. We all wish her a happy recovery in the best possible surroundings, our neighborhood, of course!

Exciting Travel News--the Sheas off to Europe with all of the family. We all envy you! And Dennis and Donna Johnson soon going to Finland in a teaching exchange. Interesting for us too, as we gain a Finnish family as neighbors for awhile. Have you seen... any signs of a new pizza place hereabouts? A Greek Food Shop rumored to be locating here?

The snappy new Hamilton School sweat shirts, popping up everywhere? Our many new trees, made possible because of RNA matching funds with homeowners? Only one pregnancy discovered since our last issue... our congratulations to Pat Kohn.

Are there more? Someone out there must be willing to divulge a few secrets. Remember, the identity of our informants is kept strictly confidential, so let us know what you know. Call JoAnn at 725-6974. And happy recovery to everyone out there suffering from the latest flu epidemic! See you next month

April 75

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by J.

Happy April! Here's the news afoot just now... Truly a last minute flash: Francy and Don Couch of 6100 Kingsbury announce the birth of a baby girl, weighing in at 9 lb. 11 oz. and born March 19. Hearty congratulations to all the Couches. We're happy to tell the world of the birth of a baby girl, Borah, to Debbie and Bob Bracey of 6100 Kingsbury, born March 13 and weighing 5 pounds [obscured] ounces. Welcome home to those lucky neighbors who have returned from spending part of the winter in Florida--Jim and Marcia Mitchell, who capped their trip with a side visit to New Orleans; Ann and Bob Horner, whose children got to see Disney World; and Avis Carlson, another fortunate Floridian for a time. Even those of us who didn't make it to Florida have somehow survived the winter. And this month we happily report recuperations instead of illnesses. Two neighbors home from the hospital are Vic Mann and Anna Busch. We know they are as glad as we. We will soon have a new neighbor on 5900 Waterman. Carol Hess, a librarian at Forest Park Community College. Welcome to the neighborhood! Unfortunately, the coming of Ms. Hess signals the departure of our short-time neighbors, the Grauers, who had only a few months among us. They've been transferred to Washington state. We wish you well and hope you'll come this way again. Out there are babies due any moment, houses almost sold, lots of strange and momentous happenings about to be uncovered. We'll publish nearly any sordid little tidbit you allow us to overhear. Check next month for confirmation of a recent bizarre rumor that...

May 1975

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. Every- one 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

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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.

June 1975

Vicissitudes

by J.

The Art Fair is over, and another steamy St. Louis summer is about to begin. Soon there will be swimming and sunning, vacations and noisy kids. The Paper will be taking a breather too, so let us fill you in on the latest events in the neighborhood.

If you're out at Six Flags this summer, look for a familiar face -- Sylvia Collins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Collins, will be performing at Miss Kitty's Saloon. Congratulations on a super summer job. Another interesting (and exhausting to hear about) summer job is that of Sandy Ashley of the 6100 block of Westminster. She'll be coaching a softball team at Hanley School, as well as teaching track and gymnastics at Beaumont. If Sandy survives the summer, she'll be starting her junior year at Lindenwood this fall. Another area teenager in the news is Dan McCarthy of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, a student at SLUH. Dan recently placed second among second-year Spanish students of the metropolitan area. The test was sponsored by the St.

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Louis chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Mother's Day was really special for several neighbors this year. Mary Boyts' mother was visiting, as were: Marj Weir's and Cherie McKee's. Marj's and Cherie's mothers were also very successful at their Art Fair booths. We hope they and all the other visiting friends and relatives enjoyed the excitement of another smashing Art Fair/ House Tour. No new babies born this month, but would you believe a car? Yes, that's really Cherie McKee at the wheel of a fantastic new station wagon. A rousing cheer, please. And baby news of another sort: we mistakenly reported last month that former neighbor Jo Fredericks had had a baby girl. As this offspring was a long- hoped-for boy, it was not your run-of- the-mill goof. Apologies and our best wishes to the Fredericks. Joining the ranks of the renovators are Bob and Debby Burke, teachers at St. Roch's school, who have just bought a house in the 6000 block of Kingsbury. Welcome! We just learned that Sharon McPherron of 6100 block of Kingsbury will be spending 6 weeks in Egypt during the summer. We will be pressuring her for an account of her travels in a Fall issue of The Paper. You were probably dodging the downpour (or taking a nap or drinking beer) at the end of Art Fair, so you may well wonder who cleaned up Kingsbury. (Even if you didn't wonder, you're going to find out anyway.) The very small group due our great thanks are Jim Templeton, Sam and Lu Green, Chuck Green, Jimmy Hudspeth, and Laura Green. The Paper also wants to thank all the pancake eaters and makers who helped us raise a good deal of much needed cash. We all look forward to bringing you the news of the neighborhood again this fall, and we wish all our neighbors a happy and interesting summer. Don't forget to let us know what happy events befall you and yours, and, come September, we'll let the world know. Happy vacation, everyone.

September 1975

Vicissitudes

by J.

Did you know? Have you heard? Where have you been? Without Vicissitudes to fill you in on all the latest news, you've probably felt real gaps in your conversations this summer. And so, as a public service, here goes: The exciting vacations taken this summer by area residents would fill a whole issue. There were trips to Florida and California, trips to Mexico, Canada, many excursions closer to home in our own lovely Ozarks. We know everyone did something different and fun. We'll let the details be written by our children in school and instead fill you in on what's been going on right here. For openers, our friends the Sheas have returned to us after spending six months in Europe. The trip was a good one, we understand, but we're all glad to have them back with us. Pat and Bill Kohn of the 6100 block of Kingsbury graced the neighborhood with a new baby girl, named Sophie, born in June. Congratulations! Things are certainly happening in the Schoemehl clan: as Alderman Roach leaves his post to take on his new job, Vince Schoemehl, Jr. will become the democratic

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candidate for that aldermanic seat. Congratulations and good luck to Vince and Lois. The election will be October 21; don't forget! Jimmy Schoemehl has left us for the Navy. He'll be going into accountant's training after finishing his basic training in Great Lakes. Good luck to Jimmy (and the Navy). McPherson and the Schoemehl home surely won't be the same for a long while. Another Schoemehl has returned home, however: Dennis, who has finished his schooling at Cape and is once again at home. As always, many of our children made it to the hospitals this summer with various playtime injuries. One of the youngest, no doubt, was Kingsbury's Colin Couch, who sustained an elbow injury that kept him hospitalized for several days. He's fine now. mucho spoiled by nurses, but still sporting a cast. Westminster's Teresa Parker had a nasty bike accident that left her with a skull fracture, but she quickly recuperated, we're very happy to report. Back ailments seem to be "in" this summer, we're sorry to say. Susie Roach was hospitalized for a while, but she and her back are doing well now (she's even been seen dancing). As we go to press. Two other neighbors are also in the hospital with back problems: Kingsbury's Barbara Bowers in traction and our SDCC leader Cal Stuart undergoing surgery. We hope both will be well and back to normal soon. Another recuperation we're very pleased to report is that of McPherson's Bill Thomas, who had a heart attack earlier this summer. Bill is looking great and in fine spirits and we're all delighted that things have gone well for the Thomas family.

October 1975

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By J.

Our never-boring neighborhood has taken on a decidedly cosmopolitan flair this fall. New neighbors from Finland and Vietnam join the mixture of international residents already among us and the just-as-interesting group of plain old Americans. Conversation certainly shouldn't lag this year, and the pot luck dinners ought to be fantastic! Here's our news for October: We are pleased to welcome two Vietnamese families to our neighborhood. Loc and Hoa Huynh and their five children, aged 2-8, are living in the 6100 block of Waterman, in a home purchased from Avis Carlson by Sue Bretz of the 3rd Baptist Church for Church World Services. You are sure to notice their beautiful little girls and we hope to be getting to know Loc and Hoa very soon. St. Roch's is sponsoring Mr. and Mrs. Dung (Pronounced Doong) and their three children, 4 year-old Minh, 2 year old Thanh, and 11 month-old Dai. They are living in the rectory's spacious third floor until an apartment is ready for them. We hope the Dungs and the Huynhs will feel comfortable and happy in our neighborhood. Our best wishes to Linda and Peter Vaughn of the 5800 block of Waterman and their daughter Eleanor Rose, born August 19. Former neighbors on 6100 Washington, Terry and Beverly Brown, were blessed with a baby girl, Erin Heather, born Sept. 3. We hope to be seeing the happy Browns soon. Good news: Geno Scariot of the 6000 block

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of Pershing is home from the hospital after an operation for ulcers. We understand he's recuperating nicely and we hope it will be a quick convalescence. Mrs. Frances Seay of the 6100 block of Westminster is hospitalized at present, but she is expected home very soon. We wish her a speedy recovery. She should have lots of help at home, since her children are among Westminster's finest. Another friend hospitalized at present is Elaine Moore, having traction and an arm operation. At different time, we trust. Hope to be seeing a well Elaine very soon. New neighbor Tim Sullivan joins us this month in the 5700 block of Waterman. Welcome! Also on the 5700 block of Waterman, Tom Reel begins a new teaching position at Villa Duchesne this fall. Good luck to Tom. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Howard of the 5700 block of Waterman celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on June 28th. Our heartiest congratulations! On August 11, 1975, Maureen McGinn was married to Tim Sautel at St. Roch's. The lucky couple went to Hawaii for their honeymoon. Congratulations! We welcome Ann and Roland Jordan to the 6100 block of Westminster. Roland teaches at Washington University. We hope all our new neighbors will enjoy the experience of living in Skinker DeBaliviere. Quel experience! So long til November - and don't forget to let us know your news.

November 1975

Vicissitudes

By JoAnn Vatcha

We've begun Autumn in Skinker DeBaliviere with our customary flurry of activity. October was filled to the brim for many of us with politics, as our ward was busy electing a new alderman. It was an exciting campaign, and, as often happens, we took the opportunity to meet the neighbors we didn't know before. The local discussion group of the League of Women Voters had a Candidates' Night, chaired by Francy Couch, which was quite well-attended. It's great to see such interest and activity for an election! November will be an exciting month too with the Rosedale Neighbors Dinner Theatre coming up on the 15th. The cast and crew are busy now preparing for that evening of laughter and song. Don't forget to save that evening for what's already become a great neighborhood annual event. We aren't allowed to give away all the (gory) details, but let it suffice: that Mel Brooks has nothing over this group: Al Nerviani playing a character with, shall we say, unusual sources of nourishment, Joe Botz' character one that may be said to consist of various and sundry items gathered from hither and yon by a rather creative personage. There are some sickly-looking complexions on Diane Shea and Betty Nerviani, too, among other things. Does this intrigue you? Do come and see The Event of the season! Another member of the cast, Beth Mann, deserves our congratulations in another regard this month, as she has opened her own psychiatric office, a goal worked on for a long time by all the Manns. We wish her much success. News of our youth this month: congratulations to Michael Magyar, son of Rita and Louis Magyar on Westgate, on receiving the Bronze Palm of Scouting. Michael is a member of Troop 17, Ladue. Good luck to Bert Bender, a senior

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at SLUH and son of the Kingsbury Benders. He was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist. We congratulate also Jimmy Schoemehl, home for a time after completing basic [training for the Navy. His company won "Color Company" honors. The ceremony and celebration was attended by Vince and Lou Schoemehl and Sam and Lou Green. Jimmy will be going to Mississippi soon to begin his accountants' training. We welcome three new neighbors in Parkview this fall: Talmadge and Sarah Newton have purchased the Fallons house on the 6200 block of Waterman; Mr. and Mrs. Duckett have moved into the home of Jerry and Rachel McMahan on 6200 block of McPherson. The McMahans were transferred to Cleveland. And also on the 6200 block of Waterman, Allan and Mary Wright have purchased the Millsaps' house. Welcome to all of you!

December 1975

Vicissitudes

by JoAnne Vatcha

Winter is finally revving up and Skinker-DeBaliviere is getting ready for all the activities that the cold and Christmas bring. To begin December, we bring very happy news from Westminster. We rejoice with Kathy and Paul Brammeier in announcing the birth of their child, Nathan Mark. He was born November 2, weighing 8lb. 9oz., healthy and beautiful. Many of us have glimpsed with admiration Kathy's patience and cheerfulness during many months of being house- and bedbound, and Paul's energetic coping as well. We offer our happy congratulations and look forward to seeing more of the Brammeiers this season. On the subject of babies, did you discover the answer to our "teaser" last month? Well, in case you're a bit slow or don't get around much, Nancy and Ken Cohen are the happy anticipators. Congratulations! One of our neighborhood's great ladies, Betty Klinefelter, has just come home from the hospital. We hope her recuperation will be complete by the time you read this, and that "Klinefelter" will be back at Grace PreSchool where her guidance and happy energy have been much missed. Horace Busch, Jr. has recently graduated from the Officer's Training School of the Navy in Newport, R.I., and he is now Ensign Busch and he will be stationed at Athens Ga. Congratulations! Home purchasers in the news this month include Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who have bought a home on the 5700 block of Pershing. We welcome the Williams family to our neighborhood. Ed and Mary Bea Stout have purchased their residence on the 6100 block of McPherson. And Mark Gorman has purchased a home on the 6100 block of Waterman. Mr. Gorman formerly lived in the 5900 block of Pershing. Haven't you been tempted to indulge in some wallpaper lately? There seems to be a blitz of papering work on Westminster, and the craze shows no sign of abating. We keep seeing our neighbors at Beckers and other places, and so we anticipate more "wallpaper parties" this winter. We really need some new excuses for parties around here, don't we? Speaking of parties, hope you didn't miss the Dinner-Theatre Party. It was a great event, with lovely food, good

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entertainment, a spectacular cast, and a large crowd on hand to make the party one of the best (and latest) this season. There were many people attending not known to us, and we hope that, whether they were visitors, new neighbors, or prospective buyers, they had a good time and will come again to our many neighborhood functions. The play revealed some interesting personalities – we had no idea Rich Lake was so mean, did you? Of course, Cal... We also noticed a skinny John Roach, looking young and slim, certainly a proper endorsement for Weight Watchers. Our new alderman, Vince Schoemehl, is also in process of an apparently effective diet. Vince is surely looking good -though whether a result of diet or success is hard to discern. Another Schoemehl whose accomplishments are being noted is Lois Schoemehl, the focus of articles in two UMSL newspapers as she "retires" from her job as Alumni Director at UMSL. We stay-at- homes welcome Lois to the ranks of neighborhood mainstays. May the holidays be happy and safe for you all. One of the best gifts we can give our neighbors is caring what happens in their lives, and that includes what happens on the streets of our neighborhood. Let's all be watchful, willing to aid, and help each other have a splendid Christmas season!

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Feb 1976

Vicissitudes

By JoAnne Vatcha

The holiday season produced many reasons to be jolly in our neighborhood, and we hope you enjoyed the many galas. Among them, there was a fine New Year's Eve Party at McPherron's (which threatened never to end): more recently, WHN and RNA jointly sponsored a "Fun-Raiser" at St. Roch's, which was enjoyed greatly, despite the bitter weather. Attending besides the bulk of the regular neighborhood partygoers, was a group of students from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter's, Minnesota. These young men and women, accompanied by Don Ostrom, a former resident of Skinker DeBaliviere, are here to learn about "recycled cities," an interesting topic and an appropriate site for it. They stayed with the Krippners, McPherrons, Newshams, Roachs, Cohens, and Dan Schesch. We hope they've enjoyed and benefitted from their stay. One recent party that wasn't very happy was the Fitzpatrick Pharmacy "Wake". Most of us will really miss the convenience and the people of that fine store, and we will be hoping for and working towards another such store for our neighborhood. We thank Bill Fitzpatrick for trying and wish him well for the future. New Neighbors: A large, busy, and basically young group joins our neighborhood this winter. Nearly every street has at least one new family working and living on it. Here's a brief report on those we were able to run down this month. On the 6100 block of Washington, the fantastic pace set by the Mitchell and Mensing renovations has recently been added to. We welcome Mike and Ginger Rigdon and Jim and Carol Metzenthinto that block and our neighborhood. A third new homeowner on that block is Roy Bell. Welcome to all our new neighbors who are adding so much to Washington. The 6100 block of Westminster welcomes Nick and Denise Gollubske, another hardworking pair. And again we must mention Tom and Mary Jo Consiglio, who have been working so long on their home, we were beginning to wonder if they would ever really move in and live there. Welcome! Washington Heights is very fortunate to be welcoming Police Officer Eric Smith to the 5900 block of Waterman. It's encouraging to know a police officer would choose to live here, and we hope he will be happy and feel welcome in our area. On the 6100 block of Westminster, Georges and Yolanda Johannes have just moved in. We hope to be meeting them soon, and we wish them well here. Renting a home on the 5900 block of Pershing are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hillman He is a photographer for the zoo and she works for the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council. We hope they will enjoy living in our neighborhood. We were really sorry to hear of the death of Roxanne, the well-loved dog of St. Roch's School. We extend our sincere sympathies to Sr. Leo Ann and to all the children who were able to share Roxanne and enjoy her exuberance. We are happy to report that Bernadette Magrath, daughter of Mike and Betty Magrath. is now at home after having open-heart surgery. We understand that she has recuperated quickly and is already back at school. Michael

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Goldsby, son of LaSalle and Dorothy Goldsby of the 5700 block of Pershing, has recently entered the Marine Corps. Congratulations and good luck to Michael. From the consistently newsmaking family of Horace and Anna Busch, we hear that Debbie has just returned from an exciting trip to New York City with the Seniors of Nerinx Hall. In case you missed the colorful and intriguing article in the Post-Dispatch, a group of paintings by our neighbor Bill Kohn, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, a professor of art at Washington University, are being shown at the Terry Moore Gallery. The paintings are combined with electronic music written by composer Tom Hamilton and the whole effect must be exciting. Well, are you ready for a real finish this month? No fewer than four pregnancies have been discovered. Due very soon in Parkview: Thomas and Christine Knoten of the 6200 block of Pershing are expecting in March. Christine is the sister of McPherson's Bob Martin, Congratulations! And on Westgate. Barbara and Warren Flynn are due to become parents too. Our best wishes to the Flynn's. Moreover two of McPherson's busiest ladies are reported to be expecting. Our congratulations to Frank and Betty Burke and to Mike and Kathy Harleman. Lovely news for all!... See you next month with all the news.

March 1976

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

Our lead item this month concerns our fearless leaders, Marj and Brad Weir. We are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Lynn Frances Weir, born on February 14. We have missed Marj's touch in The Paper this month and look forward to her return to active duty. Congratulations to the Weirs. Our neighbor Avis Carlson had to miss her own autograph party at the library, due to a broken arm suffered just the day before. Mrs. Carlson was hospitalized briefly, but she is home now and has only slightly slowed down. We hope the autograph party will be rescheduled soon, so we may all celebrate her wonderful book and her return to full health. Michael Goldsby, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaSalle Goldsby, of the 5700 block of Pershing, has completed his basic training in the Marine Corps and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton. We wish Michael well as he begins his career as a Marine. Remember that glorious, warm, mid-February day you wished you could be outside? Grace PreSchool was enjoying it at the Zoo and managed to get on television to boot. Lucky are those who are really able to enjoy the few great days of winter. If you missed the Progressive Dinner, you missed a heck of an evening. This annual St. Roch's benefit certainly enlivened the winter season. The cocktail parties and dinners were exceptionally well planned and executed, and, as always, it was fun to meet and talk with neighbors we didn't know previously. The final party, at the Phaby's, was a huge and happy gathering and obviously enjoyed mightily. Congratulations to all those who worked hard to make the night a success. The 6100 block of Westminster will soon be welcoming new neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schiller (yes, you've met him at Colonial Rug); also coming to that block are Larry and Cecily Barker, whom many of us met at the Progressive Dinner. We look forward to having both couples on one of

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the best blocks in the neighborhood. Another lovely piece of news has come to us from good old Westminster: John and Ann Geers are expecting their second child. There are so many new and expected babies these days, it makes one wonder if it's contagious or if everyone wants to have a Bicentennial Baby. (Anyone who admits to that motive will be committed promptly). Congratulations to the Geers! If you didn't find news here that happened where you are, shame on you. Remember, next time let us know what your family is doing, what your neighbors are doing,... we'll print it!

April 1976

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

Before launching this month's news, we want to take a moment to remind you that plans are now being made for the Art Fair, and you will probably be solicited for help in one or another area, If you want first choice, do call and volunteer your services for the committee that interests you (and for the amount of time you have to contribute). Help is always really.... appreciated, and the more people involved, the more truly it will be a neighborhood event. Now, on with the show.... Congratulations to Bob and Ann Horner of the 6200 block of Washington, who were blessed on the 12th of March with a new baby girl. She weighed 7 lbs. and is to be named Laura Christine. We know all the Horners are proud and as happy as we. Kindergarten rumor had it recently that Danny McGuire was going to join Bobby Horner in the ranks of big brothers. We have since confirmed that it was not just wishful thinking, and we are pleased to announce that Dan and Jill McGuire of the 5700 block of Waterman are indeed expecting. Congratulations! Still more congratulations are in order: Charles and Carol Rhem of the 5900 block of McPherson are expecting a new baby in July. If you haven't seen Charles lately, it's because he no longer works at Des Peres Library but is now assigned to the downtown library. Congratulations to Carol and Charles! Speaking of giving birth. It looks as though Talayna's concrete block exterior is in the throes of some sort of metamorphosis. Guessing what it will look like is bound to be everyone's game for awhile, and. we must say it is a treat to see the improvements really taking shape. No doubt several of you were fortunate enough to be able to take winter vacations, but so far we've heard chiefly about Rich and Venita Lake's trip to Texas. They were in Houston visiting Rich's family, and they did have time to dip their toes in the ocean. The Lakes returned just in time for our traditional March snow. We should have expected some thing of the sort, since they conjured up rain for southern Texas. Happy news abounds this month in the Lee Hall family of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, and about time too. Their son, Lee, Jr. is attending Covenant College in Chattanooga, Tenn., having received a basketball scholarship there. Lee was home recently for spring break and is doing very well in school and on the court. Frank Hall, the second oldest, was married on March 13 to Miss Pat Creswell at Grace and Peace Fellowship. They are settling in U. City. Congratulations! And ten-year-old Stephen, whose ambition is to become a policeman, received a dandy birthday surprise when Officer Brooks of the 7th District picked him up and took him on a grand tour of not only the 7th District station but also Police Headquarters on 12th St. There they met

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the Commissioner and toured the facilities, and, naturally. Stephen had a splendid day. Besides all this cheerful news from a family who has certainly had more than their share of the uncheerful, we are really delighted to report that Liz was in the hospital recently for tests and the results showed that her health was improved considerably. And if that weren't enough good news for the Halls, Lee Hall been called back to his job. We certainly wish all the Halls continued good luck and rejoice with them in their happy news. Not all our news is happy this month, unfortunately. The apartment (on the 6100 block of Pershing) of Pat Morrison, whose son Marvel attends Grace Pre School, was heavily damaged by fire early in March. The fire began with another child who was playing with matches. The kitchen and bedrooms (and so, clothing and personal possessions) were completely destroyed. The family is currently living with Pat's mother, but they are eager to find another apartment in the neighborhood. When one is found, they will need kitchen equipment and bedroom furniture. If you have anything you can spare, you may contact Betty Klinefelter at Grace PreSchool. We also take this opportunity to remind you of the potential that children and matches have. We also extend our sympathies to the family of John Cross, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, who lost his mother recently. Our sympathy goes also to Mrs. Agnes Neill of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, who lost her son John to Muscular Dystrophy on March 2. We extend our sincere condolences to the Neills and the Crosses. If you failed to attend St. Roch's St. Patricks's Day Party because you aren't Irish, shame on you. Those who worked on the excellent meal are to be thanked, as well as the singing waiters and all the others who worked so happily and well. It was nice, too, to see so many friends, among them Mary' Boyts who brought Joe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boyts, and Joe's Aunt. It was lovely to have them join us. And, as for the presence of the non-Irish, not only were our resident Indians In attendance, but also several of our Vietnamese neighbors. Mrs. Loc Huynh made some delicious egg rolls and chicken hors d'oeuvres, and they were really tasty. We also appreciated the obvious time and effort put into them. Somehow, in this neighborhood, it doesn't seem incongruous to be munching Vietnamese food and singing along with Father Peet. It was certainly a fine evening of song and dance and food aplenty. At the party. we were also pleased to make the acquaintance of Mr. Kinh Dang Tran, who is now living on McPherson. He is a civil engineer who works for the government, and we were glad to see him join our neighborhood activities. New neighbors: Steve and Joani Schiller have moved into their new abode on the 6100 block of Westminster. We welcome them and their three year old daughter Molly to the neighborhood. We are looking forward to meeting them soon. With a new 3 year old on Westminster, it won't take long! Welcome!

June 1976

Vicissitudes

By JoAnn Vatcha

Most neighborhood newsmakers are deservedly resting on their laurels after a sensational Art Fair/House Tour. It was a good one, wasn't it, mostly because it was fun. We hope you didn't have to work too hard and you had time to enjoy the

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festivities. On with the news, which will have to last you til fall... A new and pleasantly cultural contribution was made by the "Neighborhood Chorale" during Art Fair Weekend. It was not only a pleasure to hear them, but their Friday, May 7, evening performance also inspired a tine party. The members of the group were, in addition to Orland Johnson, who led the group in style, Suzanne Johnson, Brad and Marge Weir, Nancy Shelton, Vic Mann, Roland and Sally Jordan, Bill Kohn, and Suzanne Pogell. Their efforts, especially in undertaking some rather ambitious songs, are certainly to be applauded. We hope they and other groups will regale the rest o f us soon. Rolland Jordan's composition is II charming song about our neighborhood which deserves repetition on other occasions. Thanks to the Chorale for sharing their fun with us. Several purchases of homes have occurred since last we recorded the names of new neighbors, and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all those who will be old friends by September. The officers of Rosedale Neighbors met many of our new residents at a gathering at the Weirs last month, and reports indicate that there are many interesting people among them. In fact, if you feel vibrations from the north, it's possible that it it's a Washington party. Do you realize how many young, new neighbors there are on Washington? Mitchell certainly started something over there. And speaking of that illustrious address, we promised to make amends for the omission of the name of one of the new home owners on Washington. Co-owner of one of the houses on that block, together with Roy Bell, is Pat McLafferty. We do apologize for excluding Pat from our article. Welcome to the Neighborhood! Also on Washington, we want to welcome Flo Williams, who has purchased the latest Mitchell redo. The Reicherts have recently purchased the lovely house on the corner of Washington and Skinker that used to be owned by a coop. Dave and Marge are a welcome addition to the neighborhood and we hope you'll have a chance to meet them and all the other new neighbors soon. There are also new homeowners on the 6100 block of Kingsbury: Mario and Mary Gioia (pronounce it JOY'-A) have recently bought the Mensing house, and the Bowers' house has been purchased by Joyce Stevens and Sharon Goodwin. We look forward to meeting all of these folks; welcome to all our new neighbors. Remember in March when we expounded on the baby boom? Well, really, folks, it's getting out of hand. Time was, we had to scour the neighborhood to find even a rumor. This month we are able to report gleefully on two births and three pregnancies; McPherson's Ken and Nancy Cohen became the proud parents of a second son on May 3. Danny's brother is to be named Adam Joseph. We offer our happy congratulations to the Cohens. Congrats to John and Ann Geers, who have a new baby. Finally, a boy on Westminster! His name is Eric, and he was born on May 11. Congratulations on a job well done! On the 5800 block of Waterman, Kurt and Suzanne Allen are reported to be expecting in the fall. Congratulations. And one of the new families on the 6100 block of Westminster has happy news forthcoming: Steve and Joanie Schiller await the arrival of their second child. Have you noticed the preponderance of little girls on that block? We're beginning to need a little variety out there! We say goodbye this month to Matti and Marie-Elena Koskela an d their three fine sons who have been our neighbors for the past nine months_ They will be touring the West for about a month, then going to Canada and the East Coast before returning to their home in Finland. We hope they have enjoyed and benefited from their stay among us. It has been a real pleasure to meet and learn from them. It has also been just

plain fun, because they're interesting and nice people who have been really eager to share in our life here. Unfortunately, they had to experience some of the less attractive aspects too, as in their several break-ins. But they did not appear terribly discouraged by those events. Also, Matti's willingness to share some of his artistic endeavors was a real opportunity for many of us. We wish them the best of luck and hope to have news of them again. In other news from Finland, we understand from Marie-Elena that Dennis and Donna Johnson, who will be returning soon from their stay in Finland, are expecting their second child.

September 1976

Vicissitudes

By Jo Ann Vatcha

Launching The Season in Skinker-DeBaliviere, the Paper welcomes all those returning from great and glorious vacations and those who had quietly pleasurable summers at home. Our busy social/civic/political life during the winter seems to leave us with a need to have a summer hibernation. And why not? We will try to fill you in on some of the newsworthy items you may have managed to live three months without knowing. And if we haven't heard your tidbit yet, we'll hear from you before October, surely! Gino and Betty Scariot have sold their home to retire to Florida. They've lived on the 6000 block of Pershing for fifteen years. Gino also owned and managed several apartment buildings on that block. He has been a hard worker for St. Roch's and Scariot Hall was named for him in gratitude for his contributions in time and labor to the parish. The Scariots will certainly be missed. We wish them well in their new life in Florida. The Scariots' house has been sold to Barbara Dulick. Barbara teaches at Sumner High School and has a young son named Jason. We welcome them to our neighborhood. Joe and Linda Edwards of Parkview, who are the successful young owners of Blueberry Hill, are expecting their first child in March. Linda grew up in our neighborhood (Bynum's house, to be exact!) Congratulations! In the news about houses: we welcome Mario and Mary Gioia and their sons Stephen and David to the 6100 block of Kingsbury. We are delighted to have them here. And taking a short hop to the south. Pat Mensing has bought the Harleman's home on the 6100 block of McPherson. The Harlemans have moved to Kirkwood, but we hope to be seeing them frequently, as they will surely be missed. Mike and Kathy have been among our neighborhood's finest workers and we are genuinely sorry not to have them a part of the group anymore. Their eventful summer also included the birth of their fifth child Julia. Congratulations and hope we see you soon. And in other hello/goodbye news, we said our farewells to Matti and Marie-Elena Koskela early this summer, and we are now happy to report that Dennis and Donna Johnson, who had exchanged homes and jobs with them in Finland, have returned to the 6100 block of Westminster and are planning to stay with us yet awhile. Welcome home to the Johnsons-who are also expecting a second child soon! Fantastic news for Don and Francey Couch of the 6100 block of Kingsbury: they are being transferred to Germany for three years and will then be returning to their home here. We hope they will enjoy this tremendous

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opportunity and write us often of what interesting things they're doing and seeing. We have a feeling that Francey will look and be just perfectly in tune with those she will be among, and we know it will prove a wonderful experience for all the family. Good luck to the Couch clan. Vacation quickies we've heard: Mary Boyts has a lovely tan from Hawaii (as well as Ohio), and Mike McGinn was fortunate enough to be able to go to Ireland. We hope to be hearing details of those and other fantastic voyages very soon. The 6100 block of McPherson has recently welcomed new neighbor Carolyn Toft, who works for the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission and has been very much involved in the Historic District movement in our city. We look forward to meeting her and having her involved in our neighborhood's activities soon. We are delighted to be able to inform you that Lurline Hogsett, owner of Typographic Studio, who does the typesetting for The Paper, will soon be moving to the 6000 block of Westminster. The Paper staff and the neighborhood welcome you! McPherson's Frank and Betty Burke had a baby girl on August 17. Her name is Christine Ann, and baby and family are doing fine. Congratulations to the Burkes! And we'll end this month with a friendly but stern reminder to all those who haven't yet paid their Rosedale dues. Do it!

October 1976

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

Happy October to you all. The fall flurry of activities is already underway, and there is rather a lot of news to report, so we'll get right to it. New neighbors: next to Sandy Rothschild on the 5900 block of Waterman, Jim and Sue Gamble have only very recently moved in_ Jim is a lawyer and Sue a teacher in University City. We hope to be meeting them soon. Also on that block, Peter Malecek, son of McPherson's Maleceks, purchased a home. Great! We welcome also Paul Metzler, who has bought next to Sheltons on the 6100 block of Westminster. Last year we welcomed two Vietnamese families and one from Finland to our area. We reported last month on the Koskelas, and this month we can tell you that the Huynh and Dung families have moved, together, to California. We wish them well, of course, and we will recall the interesting experience of meeting them. We will surely miss those pretty little girls, and those of us lucky enough to be near the hors d'oeuvres table to sample Mrs. Huynh's excellent egg rolls, etc., on several occasions at St. Roch's will not soon forget those culinary delights. This fall, we hope to meet soon a family from Chile who are living now on Waterman after spending seven weeks with the Renards. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan and Raquel Rivera and their sons Pato, in Kindergarten, Ivan, in 2nd grade, and Manuel, aged 2 1/2. Mr. Rivera was a political prisoner in Chile for two years, and they are, of course, happy to be here. He is working as a banquet waiter at the Breckenridge Inn and doing very well there. We encourage any of you who speak Spanish to drop in and meet Mrs. Rivera, and we all will look forward to meeting the family soon. Welcome to our neighborhood! A fine Bon Voyage party for Don and Francey Couch was held on September 10 at the home of Rick and Joan

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Bender on Kingsbury. It was a delightful evening, appreciated by all, and certainly by the Couches, who will be in Germany by the time this arrives on your doorstep and theirs. The Couch home has been rented by Ann Vachon, who has come here from New York to teach dance at Webster College, together with her three children. Welcome! Paul Brammeier, of 6100 block of Westminster, has taken on a new position as principal of Wade School, one of the newly established magnet schools. Wade is the elementary school which emphasizes individualized instruction. Congratulations and good luck to Paul. I may have to add a whole new column to keep up with the Magnet Schools. This month we would like to tell you about those neighborhood children attending the Elementary School for the Performing Arts at St. Wenceslas' School. From Washington Heights, Norma Ragsdale is majoring in Dance, and Allan Michell is majoring in Art. From Rosedale, Laura Green is majoring in Drama. And from Parkview, Laura Schwarz is majoring in Music. Apparently, those who are studying Creative Writing will be helping to write plays for those majoring in singing, dancing, drama and music to perform. We sense some real excitement about this and all the Magnet Schools and we feel sure they are going to be smashing successes. We would like very much to feature all the youngsters from our neighborhood who are attending these new schools, but to do that (as well as lots of other news), we need your help. If you have or know of a child in a magnet school, please give me a call. We'd like to be able to include all the "pioneers", so please let us know! Another of our neighbors to change jobs this fall is Jim Parker, who is now Assistant Principal at Roosevelt High School. We wish Jim well in his new job in Administration. We are pleased to tell you also of the new teachers who have come to St. Roch's this season. Mrs. Jean Sanders, who taught here several years ago, has returned to teach first grade. She last saw this year's graduating class when they were seven years old, so it's an interesting experience for her and for them. New teacher for the 7th grade is Mr. C. Wesley, who has already captured the imagination of the students by his just begun effort to set up a science lab. Incidentally, if you have anything which might be useful in a lab, it would find a good home at St. Roch's. Call Mr. Wesley at the school (721-2595) if you can contribute to their effort. Two other new staff members at St. Roch's are helping make this a super school year. They are Mr. Derek Ross, 6th grade, and Mrs. Margaret Mahon, 5th grade. Welcome!

Photo of Rebecca Buckley and Sabrina

Caption: Rebecca Buckley and Sabrina, the Buckleys' guest from Germany.

Lots of news also in the Buckley household on Westminster. Kitty went on a three week cruise on husband Mike's ship from Ft. Lauderdale through the Gulf to Lake Charles, La. Then their youngest son, Stephen, flew all by himself to join them in Louisiana, where they had a week together. Kitty and Mike celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary while vacationing too. All in all, it sounds as if the Buckleys had a happy and eventful summer. Mike has gone on with his ship to China and will be flying home from there. The Buckleys, as well as Lawson and Ann Phaby, and Betty and Paul Bettonville of Parkview, were hosts to three members of the Stuttgart Choir, who were here in St. Louis to sing for the Bicentennial celebration. Sabrina-, who stayed with the Buckleys, Willie, who stayed with the Phabys, and Ute, who stated

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with the Bettonvilles, were able to enjoy many activities in St. Louis and found it a friendly place to be. Our neighbors who entertained them seem to have had just as much fun as they, and Kitty appears to have really enjoyed hearing, speaking, and singing the German she grew up with

November 1976

Vicissitudes

By JoAnn Vatcha

Are you ready for November? Don't forget the major production of the season coming up later this month, the 3rd annual Dinner Theatre. Let us hope that many of you will also volunteer to help in whatever way strikes your fancy.

There are many additions to the population this month: Dan and Jill McGuire welcomed their second son, seven pound, eleven ounce John Broughton Thomas McGuire, on October 5. Congratulations to the McGuire family.

Incredible, but true- with all our grandparently news last month, there's still more! We are delighted to announce the birth of Bryan David Gerard, born on May 7 to Tina and Bryan Gerard, who live on the 6000 block of Pershing. The happy grandparents are Jean and Vincent Eberle of the 6200 block of Waterman.

On Westminster, Judy and Utilis (Vince) Vinson are enjoying their new baby girl, Rachael Elizabeth, who was born on September 22, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Rachael is the second Vinson granddaughter of Phyllis and Bob Towns.

Just across from the Towns/Vinson home on the 6100 block of Westminster, Cindy and Ben Bodewes are due for their second child in December. Look for news of this coming attraction.

(picture of Karen Busch)

Above, Karen Busch, who has been selected as captain of the Nerinx Hall Hockey Team.

The proud parents are, of course, Horace and Anna Busch.

From the 6000 block of Pershing, we have learned of two new babies. Ida and Jerry Dale had a baby boy in October, named Jarrell. And Bonnie and Nick Barnes had a girl in July, named Nicole. Congratulations to the Dale and Barnes families.

There are a few grown-up additions to the neighborhood of late as well. On the 5800 block of Pershing, a Brown-Mensing rehab effort has been sold to Dorothy Roper. Newly arrived in Parkview are Stephen and Margo Jay, who have bought the Deppe's home on the 6200 block of Waterman. Dr. Jay is working with the music school called CASA (The Community Association of Schools for the Arts). Welcome to the Jays, and

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to Ms. Roper. We look forward to meeting all our new neighbors at the Dinner Theatre. Welcome!

Lovely news has reached us that Sally Storey, daughter of Waterman's Rose and George Storey, and Terry McGinn, son of Pershing's Jim and Ilene McGinn, plan to be married here next summer. Sally and Terry met in Kansas City, where they are both working. Congratulations!

Our magnet school news this month includes the news that we have another principal in our midst. He is Jerry Buterin of the 6100 block of Waterman. Jerry is now principal of Ames School, located at Hadley and St. Louis Avenues, near Highway 70. Ames is the P. L. A. N. (Program for Learning in Accordance with Needs) Magnet School, a fascinating and ambitious experiment in which daily information about each student is fed into a computer center in Iowa City. The computer works at night and each morning returns to the teachers a "prescription" for each student in each subject, including information on which text would be of most help to the student in understanding a particular skill. The basic non-competitiveness of the system is an important feature of PLAN. Interestingly, this is the only magnet school which is presently oversubscribed by both black and white students. Jerry and his PLAN coordinator, Dr. Doris Harrington (who has three years experience with a similar school elsewhere) invite any interested residents to visit the school.

We are happy to inform you that Mrs. Lillian Hood, of the 6100 block of Westminster, is now at home, following a two week hospital stay. We hope that she continues to improve and that we are able to see her again very soon.

May we also devote a moment to the future students hereabouts. If you aren't aware of it, there is a fine pre-school story hour program at the Des Peres Branch Library. Children 2-5 are entertained by stories and short, usually animated, films, at 10:30 AM on Friday mornings. There is coffee and conversation for the mothers as well. This is a long-standing program which many of us have taken advantage of, but we could use a little expansion! If you can come, this is an excellent way to introduce your child to a relaxed child/teacher setting while you are securely close by, enjoying a few lazy moments of your own. And the kids love it!

And one more short plug-for the Ha's Family Bi-Rite Store, in the old A & P location. Those of us who have complained about the lack of a neighborhood grocery store now have a decent one, and we ought to be using it more. It's a clean, well-stocked, friendly store. The people are very helpful, the milk is fresh, and I think you'll be impressed. Please don't overlook this badly needed service. Even if you have a constant car, it's closer, easier, and cheaper to go only a few blocks. Give it a try! Don't forget to let us know any news you would like to see included in this space next month.

December 1976

Vicissitudes

By Jo Ann Vatcha

The happy and busy holiday season is about to arrive, and we hope your Christmas will be a wondrous one. November has brought us the smashing success of the Dinner-Theatre, where stars were born, as well as many other grand events. We'd like to inform you as best we can about some of those activities. From the 6000 block of Kingsbury, we have learned that Lee Hall, Jr., son of Lee and Liz Hall, has entered the Air Force and is presently in Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He has just been made a Squad Leader and will soon be on his way to Chaplain's School. We share in the pride Lee and Liz have in their son and wish him the best of luck in his new career. Liz also tells me that there is to be a musical benefit for the Alpha Omega Prison Ministry, in which the Halls have been interested and involved for some time, on December 4 at Memorial Presbyterian Church at Skinker and Wydown at 8 P. M. Tickets are only \$2 to this worthwhile event, sponsored by the Grace and Peace Fellowship. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. We are happy to note that Sue Tepas, who was hospitalized suddenly this month, is now at home recuperating, from surgery and looking forward to resuming her many interests. It's a good thing, because many of our neighborhood groups might grind to a sudden halt! Glad you're better, Sue.

The ambitious rehabbing project done on the 6000 block of Kingsbury by the Roach-Hoefel-Kohn-Marcus group has won an award recently. The Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis awarded a "Homer" in a special category for excellence in rehabilitating multiple family structures. We congratulate the designers and hard workers involved in this project. We also want to note here that Peter and Maggie Marcus have recently moved into one of the newly finished townhouses. We wish them well there. Also on the move are Cal and Gee Stuart, who have purchased the Marcus house on Kingsbury. Isn't it interesting that this month our "new" neighbors are also "old" neighbors? This neighborhood must be doing something right! As Cal and Gee move to Kingsbury, there will be new neighbors on McPherson. The purchasers of the Stuarts' home are Jim and Ruth Irwin. Jim works for the St. Louis Public School System as an Art teacher, travelling to various elementary schools. The Irwin's have three children and are moving here from Laclede Town. We welcome them and hope they will be happy among us. One exciting event that took place in November was the midnight supper and surprise birthday party for Mike Buckley that Kitty arranged, held at St. Roch's on Nov. 13. We understand that it was a lovely party, and it was certainly a terrific idea! From the 6100 block of McPherson comes news that Bill Thomas has undertaken a new job as an investigator for the Circuit Attorney's office, working with the newly elected Attorney, George Peach. Congratulations and good luck to one of our favorite people. Our Magnet School news this month concerns Stix School, whose function is to provide an "investigative learning center." We understand that they are coming up with some unusual and interesting ways of teaching and that the children we know have found it a good

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experience so far. We were able to discover several children from our neighborhood who are attending Stix School, some who are trying the public school system for the first time. They are: Teresa Parker, Michael and Kevin Bowe, Ben and Julianne Creighton, Sandy Schwartz, Brian Krippner, and Jeremy and Gabriel Marcus. We are also happy to add the name of their bus driver, who seems to be someone special, Mr. Raymond Earl Washington.

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February 1977

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

People occasionally ask me for a precise definition of "vicissitudes": and this seems an appropriate month to indulge in a bit of description. The dictionary says that vicissitudes are the "unpredictable changes or variations that keep occurring in life, fortune, etc." It is certainly apt this month, for we have happy news of babies, anniversaries, weddings, new homes, but sad news as well, of those events we endure rather than enjoy. In this neighborhood, as in few others, we share both.

We can't think of a nicer way to begin the New Year than with the fine and happy news that Lois and Vince Schoemehl are expecting their first baby in August. Our heartiest congratulations!

Rumor has it that Parkview's Dick and Judy Shepherd are expecting...more details as they become apparent. Congratulations to the Shepherds!

A Jim Mitchell rehab on the Mitchells' own block, 6000 Westminster, has been sold. The house is a duplex which Jim is still quite busy turning into a single family home. The buyers are Rick and Sue Sindel, who now live in University City. We look forward to meeting them as they become our neighbors some this spring.

Soon to be moving into our neighborhood re newlyweds Arline (Bergdorf) and Dick Webb. The happy event was on January 8. Both Arline and Dick work for the Red Cross and presently live in the Central West End. Arline is no newcomer to our neighborhood, however, having been conned into attending many of our fund-raisers and other activities here. Her mother was 1st grade teacher at St. Roch's for many years. We congratulate Arline and Dick on their marriage and eagerly await their official move into the neighborhood.

Former neighbors Barb and Gary Keiser, who now reside in Cleveland, were here for a brief visit during the holidays. They detoured from visiting relatives hi Illinois long enough to eat at everyone's favorite, the Lantern House, and stay overnight with Doug and Cherie McKee. We have learned that Gary likes his new position in Cleveland very much, and Barb is happily decorating a new home somewhat similar to their Parkview house. An interesting sidelight is that Kathy Buckley, who was Barb's neighbor in Parkview, has a sister, Terri, who is now Barb's neighbor in Cleveland. Small world, indeed.

Speaking of the McKees, Cherie has spent the better part of this miserably cold January recuperating from viral pneumonia. As a matter of fact, the winter months have generated a number of illnesses, as always, and several of our neighbors have even been hospitalized recently. Among those now recuperating at home are Marlene Mestres, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, and Karen Brown, of the 5800 block of Pershing. Hospitalized in Minnesota while

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attending a special school for his work is John Seay, of the 6100 block of Westminster. We hope he will be able to return home soon, and we certainly hope all these illnesses and the cold weather have disappeared by the time you receive this!

In happier news, Evelyn Harris, daughter of Mrs. Edith Harris of the 5900 block of Waterman, was married on January 8 to Victor Holloman. The couple will make their new home in Denver, Colorado. Congratulations of another sort too for Mrs. Harris: her daughter Vivian Jennings and husband presented her with a new grandchild on December 29. Lots of excitement and happy news for the Harris.

January was not a great month in many ways in our neighborhood. Three of our neighbors had serious fires. Mrs. Mattie Palmer, on the 6000 block of McPherson, had to be hospitalized for smoke inhalation following a kitchen fire in her home. We hope she will be able to return home soon. On the 5800 block of DeGiverville, the Carmichael family had a fire which did great damage to the third floor, as well as water damage to the rest of the house. We hope their home will soon be restored. On the 6100 block of Westminster, Nick and Denise Gollubske suffered heavy damage to their house, which they had newly finished renovating. Those of us who had watched with interest their long hours of work restoring the house were greatly saddened by the frightening fire, and we hope that Nick and Denise will be able to repair the damage. We still look forward to having them as neighbors, but we can be grateful that the cold weather had prevented them from moving in, as they had planned to do just the weekend before the fire.

We extend our sympathy to Mike and Sylvia Stahl at the passing of Mr. Samuel Berger, Sylvia's father. Mr. Berger lived with the Stahls and will be missed by their friends and neighbors.

We express our condolences to the family and friends of Jane Davis, who passed away in December. Jane was involved in any of our neighborhood activities, among them the summer program, which she worked very hard to promote. To her husband Prentis and their children, who live on the 5800 block of Pershing, and to their many friends, we express our sympathies.

Horace and Anna Busch celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve with a lovely party at their home. Congratulations to the Busches.

St. Roch's was the scene of a wedding on Saturday, January 15, as Mary Malecek, daughter of June and Ed Malecek of the 6100 block of McPherson, was married to Bernard Podovan. We wish them all the best of luck.

Just missing our last rime, Dennis and Donna Johnson, of the 6100 block of Westminster, had a new baby girl on November 23. Her name is Tea Pirkka (pronounced TAY'-A PEER'-KA). Her lovely and unusual name stems from Finland, where the Johnson lived last year. Congratulations to the Johnson!

Among those lucky enough to be able to attend the gala inauguration events of President Carter are Sandy Rothschild and also Steve and Dee Vossmeier. The lucky Vossmeiers were part of the official Missouri delegation. As a matter of fact, they were very early involved in Carter's campaign, to the extent that Chip and Karen Carter stayed in their home on Westminster while campaigning here in August of 1975. Not quite a "Jimmy slept here," but as good as!

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Our neighborhood certainly has its share of civic leaders, and we want to wish the best of luck to those of our neighbors who will soon be running for office. Alderman Vince Schoemehl is running for reelection; our neighbor on McPherson, Ken Cohen, is running for Comptroller of the City of St. Louis; and two of our neighbors, Betty Klinefelter and Marj Weir, are running for two of the four seats available on the Board of Education. Whatever your political persuasions, our neighborhood is surely proud of our friends who are involved in holding and attempting public office.

We also expect that a rather large portion of our collective time this spring will be spent on working for one or more of our friends' campaigns. If you do have time to make any other news, do let us know. Your energy will be applauded, if nothing else!

March 1977

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

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 gel 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

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seeing him then. 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.

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 DeGiverville, 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 Block Unit 1027 by the Urban league's Federation [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

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. Torn 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 musing. 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!

April 1977

Vicissitudes

By JoAnn Vatcha

It's finally Spring, folks, and isn't it lovely to be seeing people outside again? Soon, preparations for the Art Fair will be in full swing, and, if you haven't yet volunteered to help, consider it. There is a grand variety of jobs to be had, and I have it on the best authority that volunteers are still being accepted, (also recruited) and certainly welcomed to the fun.

Speaking of seeing friends out of hibernation, we happened on Phyllis Towns walking her baby granddaughter recently. Phyllis and Bob, who moved a few months ago to a lakeside home away from the bustle of Westminster, have re- turned! We are happy to report that they

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are now living back among us, in one of those lovely apartments on Waterman and Skinker. Bob was recently hospitalized but is now back at work, and we hope he and Phyllis will be staying here health- fully and happily ever after. This neighborhood is either charming or addictive, I'm really not sure which.

Mrs. Nathalie Harris, of the 6100 block of Westminster, recently had surgery on her wrist and is now at home having (and enjoying, we hope) a respite from working hard as a secretary. We hope she will repair soundly and be as good as new very soon.

Mr. William Bolden, of the 5800 block of DeGiverville, was recently hospitalized for tests, and he was, we are glad to hear, pronounced fit and is now back at home.

Another young man living on Waterman is in the news. He is Mike McGinn, son of Ilene and Jim McGinn, of the 5900 block of Pershing. Mike is engaged to be married this summer to Miss Joan Clarke, from north St. Louis.

This makes two McGinn weddings this summer. Good luck !

Linda and Joe Edwards of Parkview have a new daughter Elizabeth Hope. This nativity was especially exciting as Linda delivered her baby at home. She and Joe had planned this for many months, Congratulations on a beautiful and unusual birth announcement.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Party at St. Roch's was, as always, a huge success. The dinner was admirably handled and delicious, and the singing of Irish songs and all the other traditional festivities were much enjoyed.'

St. Roch's children had a St. Pat's success, too, as they marched in the big parade on March 12. Peggy O'Brien did a wonderful organizing and teaching job and deserves our applause for a job well done. No less than the St. Louis Post Dispatch observed that, "A favorite group of the onlookers was the St. Roch's Catholic School Kazoo Band, which had progressed to the point where the different Irish Melodies they were playing could be distinguished. Naturally, all this concentration caused their marching to suffer a bit. Each time the parade stopped, the last two ranks of the band would often merge, amid shouts caused by stepped-on feet. But the St. Roch's school aggregation appeared more seasoned than the adult kazoo entry from the Sportsprint Athletic Club."

How about that? We are surely proud of all the St. Roch's kids.

Horace and Anna Busch have another new granddaughter. Her name is Kelli Ann, and she was born to Pamela on February 13. Now close sisters Pamela and Vivian both have baby girls only five months apart. Congratulations.

We express our condolences to Ed Stout and family at the loss of Ed's father, Mr. Ray M. Stout, on February 3, and, on February 22, of his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Carcher. Both lived in Cairo, Illinois. Our sympathy to Ed's mother and to all the Stout family.

We offer our sympathy to the family of our neighbor Delores Hoefel, whose close cousin, Mr. Salvador Flores, passed away on March 16, after the tragic events at the

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Riverfront Holiday Inn, where Mr. Flores was assistant manager. We extend our condolences to Mrs. Rosa Flores and their four children, and to the Hoefels.

It isn't often that we get really up-town, so we are proud to include this month a creative outpouring by a rising star on the lyric scene. It pays proper tribute to Suzanne Hart as she retires from the Residential Service to devote her time to her new job on the board of Police commissioners. The Residential Service will henceforth be headed by Karleen Hoerr. Be sure to read the related article elsewhere in this issue.

To Suzanne

ODE TO THE LADY OF WESTMINSTER
WHO HAST FOUND NEED TO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF OUR
GREAT LEADER IN THE CITY OF JEFFERSON.

A tall and graceful figure,
Through rain and slush and mud
She would always roam;
Our Suzanne,
Showing thousands the joy
Of owning a fine city home.
But now with pistol and badge in hand,
She stands tall and fine,
Set to rid the world of crime;
Alas tho,
No more to roam,
Nor more to show a home.
My soul cries out from my aging body,
My God! What will become of it all?
The world seems hidden by a graying pall.
Has it all been punctured as if by a dart?
For after all,
Our strength has always been THE HART!
Her smile could make even the derelict glow,
Through her eyes the young see,
of decay and bulging walls.
B u t r a t h e r ,
220 wiring and freshly stripped wood,
A deep, dark luster in magnificent halls.
Oh people, do not your garments rend.
Our noble task has yet to end.
And, yes, our sister must other roads roam,
No more to travel through rain and mire,
For now,
She must challenge
The world of Camp and Jacobsmeyer.
Oh! See her astride her mounted policeperson.steed,
With saber and billy club held high,

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Off she rides like white clouds fleeing,
To the challenge
She goes with a mighty cry of
"Up! Up! Team Policing!"
So, if we must, to the world we give her,
Knowing with pride that she still indeed lives here.
but still — Oh, alas!
Never more to roam,
Now to miss the job
Of bringing people to their new home.
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May 1977

Vicissitudes

By JoAnn Vatcha

Happy Art Fair day to one and all from THE PAPER. Here are a few vicissitudes to help you keep in mind that the Art Fair is not all that's happening around here.

Our nomination for the best unintentional social event of the Season is the christening of a bus. No, Brad Weir didn't flip out waiting for the Bi-State. We're talking about the most recent craziness of Sam Green, of the 6100 block of Westminster, who has just taken a bus off the Springfield-Mountain Home line and converted it into a mobile showroom/camper. This baby has a bit more class than your basic van (for example, herringbone patterned wallpaper, hung by the Pro).

This was metaphorical christening either—Lu Green wields a champagne bottle. Some people get their kicks stripping woodwork and knocking plaster off brick, but this job certainly takes "rehabbing" a step beyond.

Our neighbors Ron and Phyllis Stutzman of the 6100 block of Westminster are leaving us in June to return to South America for a few months. Ron has received a two-year National Science Foundation grant to study and write about the history and culture of a unique group of people among the Andes in Ecuador. The study sounds fascinating and we hope to hear from the Stutzmans about their experience in Ecuador. They will return in December for the spring semester and again return to South America for another stay. Sounds like a hectic and irresistible two years!

We offer our sympathy to the family of long-time Skinker-DeBaliviere resident, Al Nerviani, whose mother, Mrs. Vittoria Nerviani, passed away in April after several years of illness.

Last minute happy news! Gary and Peg De Young, of the 6200 block of Washington, are delighted to announce the birth of a second son Gerrit Davison De Young. He was born on April 19, and weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. Congratulations!

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In other happy news, we learned rather late that Bob and Judy Little of the 6300 block of Waterman are anticipating the arrival of a baby come June. We congratulate them and their daughter Andrea on the exciting coming event.

Artist's rendering of the christening of the Greens' bus.

Two Washington Heights neighbors have been ill recently. Riley Rogers of the 5900 block of Waterman has been in the hospital and is now recuperating from surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. And Blanche Reel of the 5700 block of Waterman has been ill at home during April with a case of shingles, one of the all-time horribly uncomfortable ailments. We hope both are well and can join us for the Art Fair.

As we are welcoming visitors to our neighborhood for our annual Art Fair. House Tour, it seems to be worth considering for a moment just what we are and what we want to be. This column is filled each month with news about you: why not one month by you? Think, were briefly, and the next issue will carry your opinions. Send your statement before May 15 to Jo Ann Vatcha, 6117 Westminster, or I will happily accept them at the Information Booth at the Art Fair. We eagerly await your response!

And please help THE PAPER stay afloat by attending bur "Continental Breakfast" on An Fair morning. There will be another Paper benefit in June which we're sure you'll be intrigued by -- look for the article elsewhere in this issue about the genuine Prom we're going to sponsor. Ain't we getting classy?

(photo of women and quilts)

pictured I. to r.) Mary Magyar, Kitty Newsham, Rita Magyar, Beth Bender, Catherine Thomas holding lap quilts which they made and presented to residents of an old age home.

June 1977

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

The Art Fair took most of our attention and out energy during May and it seemed a particularly worthy endeavor this year as a record number of people went on the House Tour, and the interest in our neighborhood front "outsiders" was also evident at the Information Booth from the inquiries about Residential Service and other neighborhood organizations. More importantly, it was a nice day, relatively relaxed for those who were working the various fair services and productive for the fund raisers and for the artists. There was a good and of moderately priced and very nice art works and some decidedly un-tacky items even the children could buy. Wasn't it fun seeing the spinning wheel, the sandal maker, the lady painting faces and arms, and hearing the jig-saw turning out name puzzles? It was a thoroughly pleasant afternoon! Congratulations to Sam Green and Rich Lake and to all who worked hard beforehand to make it come together so nicely.

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There were other events in May some of them not so grand. Our friend and neighbor on the 6100 block of Kingsbury, Al Nerviani, was hospitalized following a heart attack. We hear that he is doing very well indeed, and we look forward to seeing him soon. We have been missing him at all the neighborhood activities Al plays such a big part in, and we'll be glad to see him able to participate again very soon.

Also hospitalized as we go to press is Lou Schoemehl of the 6100 block of McPherson. It seems reasonable to say that the Schoemehls have had their share of hospitals in recent months. We hope not to hear of any more calamities or illnesses in that clan for a long while, and we wish Lou a quick and full recovery.

We share in the grandparents' pride of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Griffin of the 5800 block of Westminster on learning that Brian Malcolm, their grandson, has been awarded an athletic scholarship to Culver- Stockton College. Brian is a sophomore majoring in psychology. Congratulations

Our congratulations to Margaret Dahline of the 6100 block of McPherson on her upcoming marriage to Marty Punke on August 17. We wish them much happiness!

And a belated congratulations to Linda (Klippel) and Norman Burkowitz, whose wedding took place in January. The Burkowitz family lives on the 6100 block of Pershing.

Busy neighbors and recently elected School Board members Marj Weir and Betty Klinefelter have been even busier lately, learning the ropes and travelling to study other school programs for the School Board. Both spent some time last week in Flint, Michigan (local resident Council Smith went, too), studying an exciting Community School program, and Marge also attended a workshop in Columbia recently. We hope the School Board and the rest of St. Louis realize what a bargain they've got. We are indeed lucky to have such articulate insiders' views of the school issues, and we are sure all of St. Louis will soon be aware of the talent they now have. We wish Marj and Betty success in their new jobs.

Several neighborhood residents, directed by Cal Stuart, manned a booth at the City Living Exhibit at Kiener Plaza during the week following the Art Fair. Many of the other active neighborhood organizations in the City were also there, and it proved to be a most interesting and stimulating activity for all. People new to the city, and looking for housing, suburbanites who hadn't any idea there was a viable neighborhood in our area, people who had had some connection with our area in the past and wondered what had happened to it, and several other types of responses were in evidence, and it seemed to be an enjoyable and worthwhile way of reminding the rest of the local world that Skinker-DeBaliviere is indeed alive and doing well.

A luncheon and program concerning Team Policing was held at the 7010 District on May 3 and attended by several residents. The explanation of the workings of Team Policing was most helpful, especially since the officers themselves did most of the explaining and describing. Also in attendance were literally dozens of police officers from other districts. All of us learned a great deal and felt very enthusiastic about the

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apparent changes in not only the crime rate in this district but also in the attitudes of the police officers, whose descriptions of their own improved morale were really upbeat!

Housing news: welcome to Peggy Droege, who has purchased a home on the 6100 block of Westminster. Peggy is the daughter of Parkview's Bob and Betty Renard, so she's not exactly a newcomer. We are delighted to have her as a neighbor on this side of Skinker.

The newly renovated two-family on Westminster that you saw on the House Tour is now occupied by owners Sue and Richard Sindel. We look forward to meeting them soon. Welcome!

6045 Kingsbury, one of the spectacular townhouses, has been purchased by Mr. Dennis Smith who has moved here from Westminster Place. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Topping the "would-you-believe?" department, Liz Hall of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, in the country for a church retreat, was bitten by a copperhead snake and is still trying to recover fully. Also in the Hall family, daughter-in-law Pat Hall was hospitalized recently for knee surgery and is now enduring a full cast as she attempts to care for baby Tenille. After all these many years of vicissitudes, the all-time record for troubles is without doubt held by the Hall family. And they laugh and keep on plugging away. Hats off to a family that's really something!

Discovered during the Rosedale Membership Drive—several years a neighborhood resident, Laura Chaney has recently bought a house on the 6100 block of Waterman. Congratulations! Also on that block is Libby Gilk, who did the marvelous mural on the library which continues to delight all the neighborhood children. It was nice to meet many of our neighbors whom we see all too little of.

We offer our sympathy to the Sallers of the 6200 block of Westminster. Steve's mother passed away recently. Our condolences to all the family.

An upcoming event on the 6000 block of Kingsbury has been unveiled; Miriam and George Green are expecting a baby in August. Congratulations!

Last minute scoop: Dave and Kathy VonBakergem of 6000 block of Pershing became the parents of an eight-pound boy, Willem Matthew, on May 19. Congratulations.

On May 1, new officers were elected for the block club of the 5700 block of DeGiverville, for many years one of the strongest block units in our area. The new officers are: Chairman—James Coneal, Co-Chairman—Dock Gunn, Secretary—Louise Gaine, Treasurer—Bertha Hughes. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. The block club also welcomed several new residents to that block: Mr. and Mrs. Cater, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Gunn and Mrs. Russell Lauer. Welcome!

There will be housing news galore in September, as several homes in the area are presently changing hands. When you meet someone new this summer, don't forget to let us know, so we can give them an official welcome next fall!

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If you're among us in June, don't forget the Annual Rosedale Dinner on June 4 and the "Senior Prom" benefitting The Paper on June 18. Whether you go away for a vacation or stay in the spa-like atmosphere of Skinker-DeBaliviere, we hope you will have a fine and glorious summer. The staff of The Paper plan to have a relaxing break during July and August and do absolutely nothing productive whatever. See you in September!

September 1977

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

It seems to have been an extraordinarily lazy summer, to judge from the news which has come our way. There is, of course, the comforting fantasy that someone out there lay in a hammock and did absolutely nothing for three months, and, while that illusion remains, here's what some of the rest of us have been doing.

Baby News! Vince and Lois Schoemehl have a son, Timothy Martin, born on August 8, weighing 6 lbs. Lois is doing well, walking a bit now that she no longer sports a cast, and all the Schoemehls are naturally ecstatic over the birth of a first baby for Vince and Lois. Congratulations, too, to the grandparents, Vince and Lou Schoemehl, who now have as many grandchildren as children. Not for long, though, as son Gerry and his wife Barb are also expecting!

Richard and Carolyn Sachs, of the 6200 block of Westminster, had a baby girl in July. Also in Parkview, Dorothy and Ed Gotway are thrilled to announce the birth of their first son, John Edward. Baby John's four sisters will no doubt do some helpful spoiling. There are babies all over Parkview these days, and more to come: Sharon and John Nelsen, of the 6200 block of Westminster, are expecting in March, and Bob and Nancy Hinkebein of the 6200 block of Washington are expecting a new addition this winter.

Maggie (Hart) Mahon will be back teaching at St. Roch's this fall, while Grandma takes care of brand-new baby Catherine, born in July. Congratulations to the Mahons!

Another Parkview baby—Judy and Bob Little are happy to announce the birth of Susan on June 26. Congratulations!

From the 6000 block of Pershing, Bryan and Tina (Eberle) Gerard are expecting their second child.

There have been rather a large number of weddings this summer. Dick and Arline Webb of the 6100 block of Pershing were married for the second time (his parents were out of the country, so the formal wedding had been postponed) at Grace Church, on June 18. After a reception in Scariot Hall, the Webbs, wedding apparel and all, came to—what else?—the

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Prom! Their presence made for quite a stimulating addition to the already sparkling atmosphere of prom night. Where else...?

Also wed this summer were Margaret Dahline and Marty Punke, of the 6100 block of McPherson. Congratulations! And on the 6100 block of Westminster, renovating neighbor Paul Metzler was wed on July 16 to Marty Wickizer. Our best wishes!

In the McGinn family on Pershing, there were two weddings: Mike and his bride Joan were wed in July and are now living in Clayton. Terry wed Sally Storey at St. Roch's in August, thereby uniting two of our neighborhood's "most prominents". Good luck to the young newlyweds!

Avis Carlson was honored at two autograph parties this summer, one at Paul's Books, and one sponsored by the City League of Women Voters. Avis has also been interviewed on the radio recently, in connection with her new book, *IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME*. Her first book, *SMALL WORLD, LONG GONE* continues to be such a success that it is about to be published in paperback.

Awfully suburban of them, but as we're so broad-minded around here, we'll report to you anyway that we have among us a championship racquetball team. Yes, folks, right here in Skinker-DeBaliviere, Susie Roach, Gee Stuart (Prom Queen, too), and Karleen Hoerr won a genuine trophy as the best team in the Beginner's League. Susie won a second trophy for having High Point in the League. Wow!

With sadness we report that Ralph Hancock, of the 6200 block of Westminster, passed away in July, after several months of illness. We extend our sympathy to Joyce and all the family.

We also offer our condolences to Sue Tepas and her family. Sue's father passed away in June.

Congratulations to all the new and the expectant parents!

THE PAPER thanks Mrs. Catherine Sullivan of the 6100 block of McPherson and Mr. Jim Brady of the 6000 block of McPherson for their generous donations to THE PAPER. We appreciate very much these thoughtful gifts which make us feel we must be doing something right!

A busy summer in the housing business, and our neighborhood certainly has its share of new owners. Welcome to our new neighbors all over the area. We hope to be meeting you soon, as meetings and social events are held this fall. If we have overlooked a new neighbor you know, why not let us know?

On Kingsbury, Dan and Bobbie Lodes have moved to Webster Groves, and their house has been purchased by John and Peggy Griesbach. John teaches at St. Louis University Law School. The Griesbach's have two daughters, Sarah, five, and Lucy, almost two. Also on the 6100 block of Kingsbury, Bill Kellar and his wife Sandy Baker have moved into the Creighton house on Kingsbury. Welcome! Jim Creighton has moved nearby to the DeMun area, and we hope to be seeing him hereabouts!

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The Pyatok-Tiger house on McPherson was purchased this summer by Kim and John Soya, who also have a new baby girl! Also on the 6100 block of McPherson Bob Smith has bought Leon Gordon's house. Leon is moving into an apartment, and we hope to be seeing him frequently. The Morros' house on McPherson now has another family member resident: Lucy's sister, Ellen Livingston. It is nice to welcome Ellen without saying goodbye to Lucy and Boyd, for they have moved only a few blocks, to the 6200 block of Washington.

Tom Reel has sold his rehab on the 5700 block of Waterman to John and Linda Thomas. John schedules buses for Bi-State, and Linda works at Monsanto. Welcome!

We are delighted to report that Nick and Denise Gollubske have finally—for real!--moved to their completely redone house on the 6100 block of Westminster, and, if you haven't seen it, it is worth a stroll over that way. Also on Westminster, Joel and Judy Bush and their charming seven-month-old Rachael have recently moved here from Quincy, Illinois. Joel works with computer programs, and Judy is a commercial artist.

New neighbors on the 5800 block of Waterman are Randy and Nancy Barley. Welcome to the Barleys—we hope to be meeting you soon. On the 6100 block of Waterman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLeod have purchased a home. Jim is an Assistant Dean of Washington University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and has been named Administrative Assistant to Chancellor Danforth. As impressive as that sounds, the McLeods are also amiable and neighborly and, we hope, will be active in the neighborhood. We were happy to meet them at the Rosedale Dinner in June, and we hope they've had a happy summer getting settled here.

The Block Unit of the 6000 block of McPherson, whose activities have begun to be more ambitious, has had meetings all summer. Their officers, some of them newly elected, are as follows: Chairman, Marilyn Jones, Vice Chairman, Dorothy Lloyd, Secretary, Annette Sills, Treasurer, Diane Coombs, Civic Chairman, Dan Schesch, and Program Chairman, Loretta Lloyd. Their most recent block meeting featured Cal Stuart and Mr. Merllon Hines from the Beautification Commission, both of whom spoke to the group about ways to improve the appearance of the block and about ways to get loans for home improvement. The Block Unit has plans underway to begin a Teen Club, and their first project will be a car wash and/or garage sale, to be announced. New neighbors on this block include Mary L. Bradley, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones. With a block club like this, we feel sure that they have really been welcomed to the neighborhood.

In other news, Mrs. Edna Bennett was hospitalized early this summer and remains quite ill. Her neighbors on McPherson and throughout this neighborhood wish her well. Also hospitalized, but, happily, home now and ready to be busy again is Dorothy Lloyd. Dorothy's daughter Donna had a baby boy on August 2, so that household is busy and happy! Congratulations!

Several members of the Westminster Block Club took part in a CPR Training Course in June. CPR stands for Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, and it is the technique used on heart attack victims, as well as victims of drowning, electric shock, etc. The six-hour course, given free of charge by the Heart Association, is available to any group of 8

persons wishing to have the training. You can call Karen Davidson at the Clinic for more information. One really worthwhile activity accomplished this summer!

It is always nice to know that old friends still care, and this summer several previous residents were back among us for awhile. Jynny Meininger who now lives in California, was honored at a party at Botz's in June. Friends from other parts of the city attended, too, so it was almost a "reunion" for Jynny, who has been consistently missed by all who worked with her on neighborhood activities.

Ruby and Ed Kammerer and son Jimmy, who lived on the 600 block of Westminster for many years, were back for a visit too, and a picnic in Forest Park was organized to gather all their friends together.

Barb Keiser was in town briefly, gathering children from Grandma's to go back to Cleveland, where she and Gary now reside. She visited friends Annie Martin, Cherie McKee, and others.

In travel news, Mrs. Mary Keaveny and her daughter Justine, who graduated from St. Roch's this spring, went to Ireland on a tour sponsored by St. Louis University. And Pearl Livingston, our neighbor on the 6100 block of Waterman, recently returned from an exciting cruise on the Caribbean, with stopovers in the Virgin Islands and Haiti.

It has been a very long summer for some of our neighbors whose lives unexpectedly included months of recuperation from accident and illness. Father Peet of St. Roch's was hospitalized for a time this summer; happily, he went in time for the treatment to be preventative, so he was able to have a vacation and be out and busy again now. We are very happy to report that Bob Renard, of the 6200 block of McPherson, who was badly injured in a fall off a cliff early in the summer, is now at home and even walking on crutches. Jim Templeton, of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, suffered a heart attack in June, but he is home now and doing well, well, we hear. It is certainly lovely to be able to report such happy news! Chris Wright, of the 5000 block of Pershing, was also hospitalized for some weeks this summer, but she is home again and doing well, we're glad to hear. Terri (Botz) Mantooth, daughter of our long-time neighbors Joe and Bette Botz, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, has been in the hospital much of the summer. We are delighted to hear that Terri is now on the road to recovery.

Another serious accident which occurred this summer was the fall, in a cave, of Jim L'Ecuyer, our neighbor on the 5700 block of DeGiverville, Jim will be having a long recovery, but we can report to you that he is doing well. Quite by coincidence, this writer was reading a column with a somewhat similar slant in another local paper, THE CURRENT WAVE, while on a camping vacation, and stumbled onto a dramatic account of Jim's accident. We would like to share with you—from a wholly different point of view—this description of the rescue of our neighbor.

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BIRCH TREE BREEZES

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By Mrs. Gene C. Smotherman
and Others

Last Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Beekman and two children and Marie Beekman went camping on Indian Creek near Willow Springs. Just before they were ready to take off in their camper, a call came for Jimmie that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways boys were needed at Jam-Up Cave - Pronto ! Knowing Jimmie as we do. he took off immediately and when he arrived there. learned that a 350 lb.. man had fallen into the 75 ft. hole. His cries for help had been heard by a passerby who gave the alarm. Of the group who assembled. it was our own Jimmie Beekman who volunteered to go down that deep abyss to give assistance to a suffering fellow man. When Jimmie got down there, he found the man had both legs broken and was in a bad shape. He fastened the hoist or lift around the man so the others could pull them out.

When it was 12 ft. up..."crack," it broke and back down the poor fellow went and Jim was dangling in space for awhile. A stronger hoist was brought and again it was tried. When Jimmie got to the man this time. he had had a concussion due to the last fall, so Jim gave him first aid. It was so hot and close that sweat was literally streaming off Jimmie. Smoke a cigarette to steady nerves a bit? No. sireee....the cigarettes were too wet with the moisture. With the help of the other boys. the large fellow was retrieved and at last rushed to Springfield to St. John's Hospital. (Forgive me, Jimmie. but I say 3 Cheers for your bravery, and in my book you are a hero!) Do you remember when just young boys, you and Lloyd Ray Pulliam borrowed his grandpa Thomas' shotgun and stayed overnight at his barn? Each of you took turns guarding while the other one slept.

Anyway, the Beekmans camped from Sunday to Tuesday p.m.

October 1977

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

There are many happy vicissitudes this month, not the least of which is meeting so many fine new neighbors. Naming those who are new to Parkview seems an almost Herculean job in itself, but, thanks to Yvonne Christopher's hard work, we can boast a complete list of those new neighbors on the west side of Skinker. We hope all of you will feel welcome at all our neighborhood functions and activities, whether in Parkview or not. Glad to have you!

On the 6300 block of Pershing, Rev. and Mrs. Raber have moved, but their son Thomas now has the Raber house. Peter and Nancy Nottonson have purchased the home Sallers recently renovated. Also recent homebuyers on that block are Gary and Mary Brake. And Kathleen Hamilton's sister Joanne and her husband John Reilly have moved onto that block.

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On Waterman, there are two new neighbors: Bill and Judith Emerson have moved onto the 6300 block from University City, and Cathy and Leo Fitzmaurice have deserted west county for a home here. Cathy grew up in our neighborhood, though, on the 6100 block of Westminster. We're delighted to have her back!

On McPherson, Old neighbors Allan and Kathleen Hamilton have purchased a different house and are once again busy renovating.

Washington has the largest number of new neighbors, some of them friends already. On the 6200 block, Neal and Linda Shapiro have found a home for some of their lovely antiques, and Douglas and Lorraine Berg are also new to that block. The 6300 block of Washington has new neighbors Middleton and Sofia Perry, Roger and Stephanie Goldman, and George and Mary Gilley. And on Westgate, David and Ave Howard, Andrew and Gail Goldberg, Gary and Phoebe Knickerbocker, Gerard Hanewinkel, David and Barbara Carkeet, and Bradley and Jeanine Binnington are all recent purchasers. We welcome all of you!

Lucky traveller Mary Boyts made a trip to France and Switzerland this summer... Also in Europe were George and Yolanda Johannes of the 6000 block of Westminster.

We are so delighted to tell you that Terri Botz Mantooth is out of the hospital and staying at Botz home while she recuperates. TERRIFIC!

We are happy to share the news of our own Al Nerviani, who had the distinction this summer of earning a degree at St. Louis University. Al received a Bachelor of Urban Affairs and Community Service Degree and thereby became the very first graduate of St. Louis U's "Prior Learning Outcomes Program". It couldn't have happened to a nicer more deserving person. Congratulations!

We mentioned last month that Chris Wright had been hospitalized during the summer; another member of the Wright family was also quite ill this summer John, a sophomore at CBC, suffered a sunstroke during a July football practice and was in Intensive Care for several days. We are pleased to tell you that, though no longer playing football this year, he has recovered and returned to school.

We are unhappy at needing to report that Liz Hall has had to be hospitalized again; we hope that Liz is doing well and we send our collective best wishes.

Father Peet of St. Roch's was hospitalized for surgery in September, and, as we go to press, we hear that the surgery was successful and the monsignor is recuperating quickly and well.

Congratulations to Judy and Dick Shepard of the 6300 block of Pershing, whose new baby, Matthew John, was born on August 27. We wish them all the best with their new arrival.

Rosedale also boasts a new baby boy, Jarrett Sorrell Green, born on September 1, weighing a hearty 9 lb. 15 oz. Congratulations to Miriam and George!

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Welcome from the neighborhood and from St. Roch's School to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ponnappa. Ponnu and his wife Raj are from India and are studying at Washington University. Their 12 year old daughter Varidana is in the 7th grade at St. Roch's. They are at present on Rosedale and will be a fine addition to the neighborhood. Do welcome them!

Finally, a whole year without a trip to the hospital, SDCC's Secretary/Girl Friday, Anna Busch, had a much needed (and deserved) vacation away from it all; Denver, Flagstaff, Santa Fe, and Las Vegas. We hear she had a ball.

The results are in and it's official: Steve Vossmeier is now a genuine attorney; our congratulations! Dee Vossmeier has just begun her own law studies at St. Louis U Law School, also being attended by Peg De Young of the 6200 block of Washington. It's certainly fun to think of two prospective female lawyers right here in our neighborhood. Good luck to Peg and Dee!

Another lady we can all be proud of is our own Chris Lange's mother, Mrs. Mary Hebert, who has been listed in the newest WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN WOMEN. An honor indeed, and our congratulations to Mrs. Hebert whose career in advertising and the field of medical librarianship has earned her this distinction. We knew Chris was a winner, but it must run in the family, too.

St. Roch's School Association held its annual "Moms and Dads Picnic" on Sept. 10 at B.J. and Nancy Young's lovely home and pool in Parkview. Though it was a bit chilly for swimming, there was good food, pleasant company and a chance to meet fellow parents, some new to St. Roch's this year. A fine time!

Rich and Joan Bowe have been busy working on putting in a kitchen, marvelously new right down to its Solarium. Crafty way to get to eat out, I must say.

We would like to plug all the October activities about to get the season underway, including the Rosedale "Meet the New Neighbors" party on October 7, and, of course, Halloween at St. Roch's and elsewhere in the neighborhood, always a genuinely neighborly event. There will also be a smashing event here at the Four Corners, a royal dedication on the 16th of October, 1-3:30. Yes, everything is back in swing! See you everywhere in October.

November 1977

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

October has seen many public gatherings (and apparently not much private news which we can print): The Dedication of the Four Corners, nicely attended and well done by George Brown and Vince Schoemehl as our public speakers and Council Smith as presenter of a lovely trophy to Jean Roberts for her service as our community librarian;

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the New Neighbors Gathering in Rosedale, where many of us got a chance to meet a good many new neighbors; Halloween, no doubt as successful as ever, and as noisy and fun.

We were delighted to see Liz Hall, of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, at the Four Corners. Dedication. As many of you are well aware, Liz was recently hospitalized. We were happy to see her looking better, and we hope she will continue to make progress.

Susan Mestres, daughter of Joe and Marlene Mestres of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Columbia, near the University. After several weeks in a Columbia hospital, Susan is now in St. Louis again, and we wish her all our best as she recovers.

Congratulations to Oscar and Betty Klinefelter of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Their son Gary and his wife Sue recently announced the birth of a daughter, Heather Elizabeth Klinefelter. The family lives in Phoenix, Arizona. We send our best to Gary and Sue and our congratulations to our friends, the Klinefelters.

The Klinefelters' neighbors, Tom and Sharon McPherson, suffered a third-floor fire recently, sad to say, but no one was hurt and the damage can be repaired. We are glad to know that the fire was not horrid, and we hope for relatively quick and painless replacement.

Did you know that two of our neighbors are attending the Danforth Leadership Seminars? Sounds impressive, doesn't it, and it is — plus a lot of work for them. Cal Stuart and Fred Sweets are both attending these seminars one weekend each month.

Whatever your plans are for the Dinner- Theatre, you must make room that weekend for another dramatic event starring one of our neighbors and friends. Dan Shea is appearing in the Wash U production of *THE PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD*, has even been working on an Irish accent for it. We're sure he'll be outstanding, and we're also sure it would be a fine evening for any who can attend.

We all dread the possibility of its happening, but occasionally it does happen that a car hits one of the kids crossing Skinker. It did happen the other day, and Danny Hudspeth, of the 6100 block of Westminster, fortunately has only a leg injury, we are very happy to know. But we are sorry he was hurt and hope his recovery is complete and swift.

December 1977

Vicissitudes

By Jo Ann Vatcha

Holiday time is here, folks, and we hope that all of you will enjoy it immensely. We hope part of your fun will be the New Year's Eve party at St. Roch's. Another very special — and first time—event will be the Children's Carolling, held on Sunday afternoon, December 18. This carolling is a joint effort of the four schools who have been making some communicative moves as a result of the Educational Issues Seminars. We are sure all

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of you who have children, especially those who attend either of the Hamilton Schools, Neighborhood School, and St. Roch's will want to make a real effort to participate in this activity, which is certainly a great idea!

We have a few new neighbors hereabouts, and Christmas time should be ideal for remembering to welcome them. The 5800 block of Pershing has new neighbors Karl and Jennette Givens, who were royally welcomed at a get-together of several of their new neighbors at the Assan home recently. Jennette is a nurse and Karl is a 6th District Police Officer. We extend our welcome wishes, too. We might add that it is nice to hear of a party on Pershing for such a worthy purpose! There are new neighbors on Nina Place, too, a street we hear from all too infrequently.

The Machael Acres family have recently moved here from Chicago. Also met by our editor at the first Hamilton III PTA meeting were the Lonnie Grimes family, recently of Nashville, who are now living on the 6100 block of Pershing. We are delighted to report the arrival in our midst of these newcomers, and we hope they will join many of our activities.

The 6000 block of McPherson welcomed busy rehabbers Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Simms some time ago, and they're very busy at the house. We look forward to meeting the Simmses soon.

In other news: William Bolden, of the 5800 block of DeGiverville, who has been active and well-known in the neighborhood for many years, has succeeded Council Smith as President of Washington Heights Neighbors. Mr. Bolden will serve the remainder of Mr. Smith's unexpired term, until March, 1978. We congratulate Mr. Bolden and look forward to working with him in activities throughout the neighborhood.

There have been several unfortunate recent illnesses among children and young people in our area. We're glad to report that Joshua Kohn, son of Pat and Bill Kohn of the 6700 block of Kingsbury, is back at home after a lengthy stay in the hospital.

We were delighted to see a gigantic yellow banner stretched across Joe and Marlene Mestres' home on Kingsbury a few weeks ago—it said "Welcome Home, Suzi" and all of us were happy to know that Suzi Mestres' long hospital stay was at an end. We understand her siblings were responsible for the outstanding banner.

We reported previously that Terri Botz Mantooth, daughter of Joe and Bette Botz, was home from the hospital. Terri has since had to return for a second operation, and we hope she will be better soon. Terri's good spirits seem to be keeping the whole Botz family "up", and we extend our best wishes for her recovery.

Happily, Andy Renard, son of Betty and Bob Renard, of the 6200 block of McPherson, has returned from the hospital after an unusual injury in playing soccer. We're glad he is all right!

Shannon McPherron suffered a broken foot in late October; we're hoping he's doing all right now.

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We were all saddened by the news of the passing of Roy White, of the 6100 block of McPherson. Mr. White had been ill for some time. We extend our sympathy to Mr, Lois White and their children at the passing of Mr. White and of Mrs. White's mother.

Congratulations to new parents Stan and Kathy Cox, of the 6000 block of McPherson. Their baby girl Elizabeth Mara was born on October 24, weighing 7 lb. 8 1/2 oz. She's their first child, and Dan Schesch's first-born-to-a-tenant; he seems as proud as they!
Congratulations to the Cox family.

All of us were dismayed to learn of the serious fire at Doug and Cherie McKee's home on Westminster on the Monday following Thanksgiving. They are now living on the 6000 block of Westminster and plan to remain there while repairs are made. We are happy that no injury need be reported.

The autumn season has seemed very brief and eventful, and we would like to say a thank you or two to neighborhood people who have put a great deal of themselves into our community activities, people like Art Santen, who deserves the thanks of all the Trick or Treaters and their parents for organizing the events of Halloween. And thanks to Brad Weir, who organized another successful Paper Drive to buy trees for the neighborhood. And thanks to Chris Lange and Rita Sweets and Cherie McKee and Susie Roach and Peter Marcus and Patty Pepe for making the Dinner Theatre fun. And when we're singing Auld Lang Syne, let's remind ourselves of how lucky we are to live here and have the chances we do of having so much together. Merry Christmas!

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February 1978

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

January has certainly occurred again, has it not? Among the snow, ice, and various forms of flu, there have been a few happy notes, most of them of our own making, and we're muddling through winter once more.

December's many events included a first, and hopefully continuing, event for our area. A Sunday afternoon saw holiday caroling by the children of both Hamilton Schools, St. Roch's, and Neighborhood School. There was a substantial group and the children reported they had lots of fun singing, eating, and being together - all of which were nice to see.

Thanks to Sue Tepas and many others, and to song-leader Hamilton teacher Consuela Jackson for making a good idea work!

Some of Chris and Joe Lange's many friends said good-bye at an "Emperor's Dinner" at the Lantern House restaurant in mid-January. A not entirely cheerful evening, for we were already feeling the loss of good neighbors, but it was a nice way to make a transition. Latest word from Chris indicates that Angie and Joey were well-received in their new school and are proceeding happily. Hope things go well and merrily for Joe and Chris too! Good-byes were also said recently to Linda Norman and Klippel Berkowitz and daughter Jennifer of the 6100 block of Pershing, who have moved to High Ridge. Sorry to see them go! Our sympathies to the family of Art Lodes, a former resident of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, who passed away during December. Art and Mary had moved to a country home in Cedar Hill only a few years ago. The neighborhood sends its condolences to Mary and to the Lodes' children, all of whom were a part of our neighborhood so long.

Welcome home to Ron and Phyllis Stutzman of the 6100 block of Westminster, who have been in South America for six months on an anthropological expedition. We are anxious to hear of their experiences there! Nice news from the Hall family of the 6000 block of Kingsbury: Liz recently travelled to Omaha to speak at the invitation to a church group there, on her experience as a Christian. Glad to know she's well enough to be doing such things as going out of town on speaking engagements! Also on the road for philosophical reasons were several of our friends and neighbors who travelled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the "Right to Life" march. Enduring a really gruelling trip by bus land just making it back ahead of the blizzards in Ohio were Nan Thomas, Pat McGee, and Christy Schoemehl, all of the 6100 block of McPherson.

The Progressive Dinner, an annual event for St. Roch's School Association, was again a big success and a wonderful way to liven up January, which needs all the help it can

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get! This year's organizers were Mary Gioia and Joni Schiller, ably aided by School Assn. President -Jim McGinn and his wife Eileen, and they deserve applause for a great job, especially as neither Mary or Joni had had such a job before, and both have very little ones to care for. Congratulations to all on a fine job, and thanks to Sharon and John Nelsen, who offered their home for the grand finale to a fine evening.

We offer our congratulations too to the Cross family of the 5700 block of Pershing, who had a new baby boy in December. And Vince and Lou Schoemehl have another grandchild, Stephan, born to Gerry and Barb Schoemehl on Jan. 24. Congratulations! Congratulations to Tina and Bryan Gerard of the 6000 block of Pershing, whose second child was born on January 26. A hearty welcome to Catherine Emily Gerard, and best wishes to the parents and grandparents, Vince and Jean Eberle! Another Katherine was- born recently - to Bob and Nancy Hinkebein, of the 6200 block of Washington. Katherine Hinkebein was born on the 29th of December, a perfect deduction baby, and not taking mommy away for Christmas. She sounds like an easy-to-like baby! Congratulations to the Hinkebeins on the birth of their 8th child.

Get well wishes to all those of you who have suffered through flu and other illnesses this season, especially to those who needed to be hospitalized. Betty Nerviani was in the hospital for some time, worrying us all, but she is home and looks great, I may add.

If you are still planning your social calendar for February, don't leave out the 28th Ward "Get Acquainted Dinner Dance", Tickets will be available at the regular Jan. 20 meeting of the 28th Ward at 1900 McCausland, or ask someone you know. A dinner dance is an ambitious undertaking. as many of us well understand, and we hope it is a great success. If you are not a regular, don't worry, You'll still have a fine time, and. after all, the purpose is to "Get Acquainted".

Photos by Richard and Arline Webb ending the old year together and having great fun were lots of friends and neighbors at the Rosedale New Year's Eve party at St. Roch's. There was live music by the "Now·'n·Then".

Fine food, a most convivial atmosphere, and-most importantly--an outstanding assortment of people, lots of good friends and many new ones. The whole motley crew! Gratitude to Tom and Karleen Hoerr, who did a lot of hard work putting it together.

March 1978

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

St. Patrick 's day... the beginning of Spring - officially!... Easter... March has got it all over February, this year for sure. And in keeping with the unflagging mood of optimism, may we offer congratulations to Boulter and Karen Kelsey, of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, who just had a baby girl, their second daughter. And upcoming congratulations to Jeff and Nancy Shelton of the 6 100 block of Westminster, who've just announced that they are expecting their first baby. Best wishes and congratulations to the Kelseys and the Sheltons.

Welcome indeed to those newcomers who were brave enough to move in the midst of the winter of '78. On the 6100 block of Kingsbury, Kathy and Joe Pfeffer have recently moved into Lange's former abode. Kathy is a free-lance photographer, and Joe is a psychologist, and the Pfeffers moved here from Northwoods. We look forward to meeting them soon.

On the 5800 block of Pershing, John and Carol Watkins and their beautiful baby girl have just moved into the West End Townhouse renovation recently completed there. Also on that block, Bryan Williams is already known to many of us, as he is the brother of Cecily Barker, of the 6100 block of Westminster. Bryan will be starting his own renovation soon, and we know he is welcomed on that busy block.

Also in Washington Heights, the 5800 block of Waterman welcomes the Griggs family, who moved in during January. We welcome all our new neighbors, as well as one of our "old" families, the McKees, who were able to move back into their fire-damaged home on the 6100 block of Westminster recently, with a little help from their friends. We're glad to see them back where they belong! All kinds of miscellany this month, so briefly. let us tell you that... The Hagoods, who formerly lived on the 6000 block of Westminster, have written from Alaska to say they're doing fine and like it way up there. Second grader Julia Taylor, daughter of Morton and Pat Taylor of the 6200 block of McPherson, suffered a broken leg when a radiator fell ; we understand the recovery will be somewhat long, and we know all Julie's friends wish her well. Of course, at Children's she has the advantage of having a neighbor as her teacher, too, as that's where neighbor Karleen Hoerr works. Another of our children, Joshua Kohn, son of Bill and Pat Kohn, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, added to his recently spotty health record by having a front tooth knocked out. Luck has not been with Joshua lately, and we trust all will be well with him for awhile.

Hospitalized recently was Dorothy Lloyd, of the 6000 block of McPherson, who is home now, we are glad to report ; and Mary Bea Stout was also in the hospital recently but is home and fine.

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Congratulations to Maggie Marcus of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, who just passed her oral exams for taking her PhD in the School of Social Work. No mean feat for anyone, and we offer our congratulations.

An impressive accomplishment by another neighbor : Charles Rhem, of the 6000 block of Pershing, whom many of you know from the Des Peres library, graduated in February from the Police Academy, and is now working with the Airport Unit of the Police Department. Congratulations! Just found out that one of the nicest couples we know, Dee and King Schoenfeld, are expecting their first baby in June. Dee and King have lived on the 6100 block of Westminster longer than most of us and have, among other activities, been involved in the rehabbing of houses hereabouts. We are very happy to say Congrats! Our sympathy to Mrs. Mary Frances Ferguson, whose husband, retired Navy Captain W.H. Ferguson passed away in late December. The Fergusons have been residents of the 6100 block of Kingsbury for over 25 years, and all who knew Capt. Ferguson extend their condolences to his family. The Fergusons' son Rob and his wife Jo Ann and daughter Pat have moved here, and we look forward to meeting them soon.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of C. S. Ponnappa, or " Ponnu", as he was called by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known him. Ponnu and his wife Raj and their daughter Vandana came to our neighborhood to be near Washington University and St. Roch's School. They came from India only a year ago, giving up job security and home for the adventure of coming here. Ponnu's sudden passing is a source of deep grief for many of us, and we know that many of you will remember him as we do, as a man of exceptional warmth and interest.

May 1978

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

"The more things change, the more they remain the same," said by someone old and wise, no doubt, Here in Skinker-DeBaliviere, it's not always the case. A glance at last year's Art Fair issue of the Paper reveals many of the same issues which would be of interest this spring: an editorial about desegregation, and article about a proposed savings and loan, explanations of Pantheon's beginnings on Waterman and the just-about-to-begin Fannie Mae loan program,

letters to the editor about Historic District and how the neighborhood organizations need to expand their participation.

Another protesting letter concerning the possibility of a car wash on Skinker. and that's not relevant. as we have another use for that property, finally and happily. And things have changed, perhaps more subtly than in years past, but changed all the same. The laundromat on Des Peres has a new look - maybe this time it will last : new neighbors all around are beginning to make a difference, on Washington, for example. And as we celebrate our neighborhood with the annual Art Fair/House Tour, let's take

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note, too, of the beginnings - a new vet, a new promising Community School program, new opportunities to consolidate and communicate, the ongoing challenge of living in a neighborhood that demands our input as well as our presence.

Happy Art Fair Day to everyone! - We offer our get-well wishes to Mrs.

Lubirtha Bolden,. wife of Washington Heights President William Bolden, of the 5800 block of DeGiverville, who is recuperating from a heart attack. We hope she will have a swift and successful recovery. Other interesting news in the Bolden family concerns their son, Otis, who has been appointed to the Board of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council. He is currently Acting Director of Educational Development St. Louis Community college at Forest Park, responsible for staff and professional development planning there. We know the Boldens must be very proud of his latest accomplishment! Another neighbor who was hospitalized recently is Mrs. Olive Chaffee, of the 6100 block of Westminster. Mrs. Chaffee is not only already home, she was also well enough to attend a showing of her beautiful paintings at University Methodist Church in late April. The proceeds of the multi-media show, which included original music as well, are to benefit the choir.

Certainly it fine endeavor, and we congratulate Mrs. Chaffee.

Congratulations of another sort to A. L. Williams of the 5700 block of Pershing, who has descended from size 20 plus to a mere slip of a size 12. Surely a most difficult accomplishment and one envied by many of us.

This neighborhood surely has a higher percentage than most of "over-achievers" -- or whatever the term those who make noteworthy public splashes. Commendations are due this month to a number of our neighbors, standing high among whom is Mrs. Jean Eberle, of Paper fame, whose book, THE INCREDIBLE OWEN GIRLS, published a few months ago, is doing well and providing Jean with new opportunities to be busy. Besides an autograph party at Des Peres Library, she's given talks at Our Lady of the Pillar Parish, Mundelein College in Chicago, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and St. Louis University Faculty Wives. This month she's speaking to the St. Mary Hospital Auxiliary, and, what 's more, she has received the Centennial Award from the Maryville College Alumnae. Congratulations! And hearty best wishes are also going to another neighbor and friend, Mary Boyts, of the 6100 block of McPherson, who was recently notified that she has been selected as recipient of a Coro Fellowship. Mary has been a Social Worker for the St. Louis Public Schools in this area for several years, and we know that her work with the children will be missed,.but we are delighted for her adventurous entrance into new and untried fields. We hope she will enjoy and benefit from this impressive opportunity.

Recuperation Wishes of the long- term sort are due to Gail McCarthy, librarian at Des Peres Library, who has-just returned to work after a lengthy recuperative period following surgery. And Mary Allenbaugh, of the 6100 block of Westminster, is in for a long recovery following surgery on her hand and thumb. We wish them both the best! Welcome to the Boyd family on the 5700 block of Pershing! We have several new owners and residents, and next month we'll spotlight them all.

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Congratulations to Jim Kropp, of the 6100 block of Westminster, who became a genuine executive this winter with his promotion to Vice President of Wells Iron Works. It does sound impressive, I must say! Susie Kropp has a new job. nurse at the Weight Loss Clinic. Wouldn' t you know.

Lucky travellers from our vicinity this spring include Joel and Judy Bush, of the 6100 block of Westminster, who took an early vacation to New Orleans. And Dan Schesch of the 6000 block of McPherson took a somewhat longer journey, to Central America, Guatamala, etc. The trip was a successful adventure, reports Dan, and we envy all the fortunate travelling souls.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Frank Burke, of the 6100 block of McPherson, whose father passed away recently.

Our condolences also go to the family of Pat Krippner, of the 6100 block of Waterman, who also lost her father this winter.

We extend our sympathy to the Bornett family of the 6100 block of Westminster. Mr. Johnny Bornett passed away in April following a heart attack. We offer Mrs. Retha Bornett and all the family our sympathy. Mr. Bornett was active in neighborhood work here several years ago, and he will certainly be missed. Mr. Roger Mick, principal at Hamilton III, lost his father in April, and we extend our condolences to him and his family.

A school bus accident involving the' teacher and several students at Delmar PreSchool occurred recently. Although most of the children required first-aid only, their teacher Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, was injured, and two of the children required lengthy hospitalization, Felicia Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davis of the 6100 block of McPherson, is still in St. Joseph 's hospital in Kirkwood and will be in a body cast most of the spring. Danny Sloan, son of Cathy Sloan of the 6100 block of Pershing, is home recuperating now, after a long hospital stay, but will be unable to attend school the remainder of this year. A hard time for children, especially, and we hope all will have no lasting effects.

June 1978

Vicissitudes

By Jo Ann Vatcha

May equals Art Fair for so many of us, and then we crash for the summer. Before we float away to our respective vacation haunts, here's the news of those nearest to us.

There are, unfortunately, several goodbyes to be said this June. For, although there are hopefully happy things in store for them, we will miss the families who are leaving us. Don and Sue Tepas, and Matthew and Katherine, will be moving to Chicago shortly: Don to take on a new position at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Sue to take on II

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new neighborhood no doubt. We wish them success. Also departing from McPherson are Marty and Margaret Punke, and children Laura and Matt Dahline, who are moving to Wisconsin.

They will be missed by many friends and neighbors. Jim and Mary Parker, Teresa and Brad, are moving to Columbia: Jim to work on his Ph.D there. The Parkers have been with us for many years, in two different locations on Westminster. Mary, of course, has been a mainstay of Grace Pre-School and a source of sanity for many mothers of pre-schoolers around the neighborhood for a long time. We hope they will enjoy their new life.

The Parkers have had the good taste to sell their house to neighborhood people we already know and like; i.e., Dan and Jill McGuire, presently of the 5700 block of Waterman. Dan and Jill have two boys, Danny, S, and John, L. We look forward to their arrival on Westminster.

The 6100 block of Westminster is also very pleased to welcome Steve and Margie Brammeier, who have bought the Mann's house. Steve is, of course, busy opening his Animal Hospital on Skinker, too. We are delighted to welcome these two new families.

The 6 100 block of Kingsbury has recently seen the arrival of Rick and Gail Hellan and their two young sons, who have purchased the Tilton house. The Hellans moved here from U City, and we hope to be getting acquainted with them very soon.

We offer our condolences to the Horace Busch family. Horace's mother, Mrs. Vivian W. Busch, passed away suddenly in early May, and we extend our sympathy to Horace and all his family.

A long list of congratulees, due out heartiest hoorays:

to Dick and Arline Webb, of the 6 100 block of Pershing, who are expecting their first baby!

to Dan Shea and Kathy Williams, who are getting married this week ! to Cecily Barker, of the 6100 block of Westminster, who graduated from nursing school at Forest Park College this May.

to Horace Busch II,. who recently made lieutenant in the Navy, and to his sister, Karen, who returned from Benedictine College with her varsity jacket and tennis pen.

to Al Nerviani, who appeared on stage in the company of "La Boheme," performed in May by the St. Louis Opera Theatre. It was as thrilling for Al as for his friends who watched, no doubt. and we applaud his perseverance in the cause of art (and his talent, too.

to Michael Herrmann, Director of the Hamilton Community School, whose flat was one of the dwellings featured on the Tower Grove; East House Tour (proving we can at least mention ano ther house tour without hysterics).

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And congratulations, too, to the many other graduates who are making their mark this spring. We're sorry not to know all of you who are finally finishing school and going on to other things. Best wishes to all of you!

Many of us enjoyed the Washington Heights dance on the Friday evening before the Art Fair. The entertainment was a really fine group of young people, many from Skinker-DeBaliviere, and dancing and conversation was shared by people from both ends of the neighborhood. It was a fine evening, and we were glad to see WHN's President, Wm. Bolden, who had been hospitalized just before the event.

"A column of smoke"--as one local punster put it. And it was just that, literally, at the home of Jim and Carol Metzenthin on the 6100 block of Washington a few weeks ago. We were much relieved to know that the column only was damaged and that the fire went no further.

We hope you all have a great summer, and we look forward to hearing every "what I did on my summer vacation" story possible. Let's try not to have such exciting ones as last summer's Renard and L'Ecuyer sagas. The Paper can come up with some news without such episodes. We shall return in the fall with all the news, and, in the meantime, whew!

September 1978

Vicissitudes

by Jo Ann Vatcha

A marvellously quiet summer with little of the emergency-room-pizzazz of 1977, is coming to a close. Our attention has been drawn to the exciting sights and sounds of redevelopment to our east, and next month we will feature news of that area. Closer to home, there's been little turmoil, but some nice new neighbors and new babies, and we're sure some of you will spend the fall excitingly. The lazy days of summer never seem to last. In the meantime

Welcome to new neighbors on the 6100 block of Kingsbury: Bill and Joyce Stone and their children Emily and Kevin. Bill is the new director of the International Institute, a most interesting position, dealing with people from all over the world. Joyce is also quite cosmopolitan, starting a new job as Spanish teacher in one of the Parkway high schools. The Stones have moved here from Boston.

The Tepas' house on the 6100 block of McPherson was purchased this summer by Joe and Cynthia Domzalski, who have moved here from Alexandria, Virginia. Joe is the Residential Director of C.D.A. We hope to meet the Domzalskis soon!

New on Washington in Parkview are Ruth Ann and Michael Sauter, recently moved here from New York. And new to the Sauters is baby boy Ryan. Congratulations and welcome to the busy Sauters.

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Congratulations, go to Mike and Mary Burke, also of the 6200 block of Washington, who also had a summer baby, Michael David.

Someday we'll have to take a child count on that block; the results ought to be startling. A great place to be when laden with little ones, we've heard.

The 6100 block of Westminster--not to be outdone --also has two new babies. In June.

Dee and King Schoenfeld welcomed Jeremey, And the Schillers have a girl, Megan. Congratulations to all! Our best wishes for a complete recovery go to Anna Busch, who has been in the hospital too much this summer. We hope she'll be up and as active as her daughter Debbie, who just won a tennis tournament! Our favorite plant and flower place - "Accent with Flowers" - has expanded and moved across and down the street to 6275 Delmar (that Illudl closer to us!). It's a fine shop, with lovely things, and we wish them continued success in their new, larger facilities.

All of us were saddened by the passing of Mrs. Chris Wright, long-time resident of the 5800 block of Pershing, and wife of SDCC's President Jack Wright We extend our sympathy to Jack and their children. Chris's warmth and good humor were shared with many, and she will be missed.

October 1978

Vicissitudes

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 Ramble." He was knocked off his hike 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.

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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 6000 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, will be 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!

November 1978

Vicissitudes

By Jo Ann Vatcha

Many friends and neighbors bid farewell to Cherie and Doug McKee and their children, Mac, Kate, and Liz, as they made a drastic move -to Jefferson County in mid-October. City dwellers since they came to St. Louis to go to school, residents of this neighborhood for ten years, the McKees will no doubt adjust and be fine, but the thought of it is somewhat staggering, is it not? We will miss them.

We heard from another long-time neighbor this month; Sue Tepas wrote for the Paper, patently unwilling to go, as she said, "cold turkey," We understand. And even further, from Mexico, we hear that the Kohns of Kingsbury are surviving though with a daughter's broken ankle, among other difficulties encountered so far.

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We are sorry to report that William Bolden, President of Washington Heights Neighbors, has recently been in the hospital yet again. We understand he's home and recuperating and we hope he will be out and around soon and often.

Anna Busch, Secretary of SDCC, is back at her familiar post in the office of the Council again, and it's nice to know she's well again.

Congratulations to Barbara and Andrew Dorris of Parkview who have a new baby, Duncan Richardson, born October 5. Barbara, who has been teaching gym classes at St. Roch's this year, has been looking very fit! We're happy to announce their lovely news.

Our best wishes go to Jim and Rose Flynn, who were married on September 23 at St. Roch's Church. Jim is the eldest son of Jack and Gerry Flynn, of the 6100 block of McPherson. Jim and Rose will reside in their newly purchased home on the 5900 block of Pershing. Congratulations-- more Flynns are always welcome additions to our neighborhood.

Rosedale held its annual "New Neighbors Social" on October 21 at Scariot Hall. A good group of local "old neighbors" met several relatively recent newcomers, and enjoyed each other's company awhile. Among those discovered while preparing for the gathering: Margaret Campbell, who lives on the 6100 block of Pershing, as do Sarah Minor and Eve Hossfeld, both of whom recently purchased and are currently rehabbing homes on that block. Also new to Pershing is Bill Fitzgibbons. Welcome to all the new Pershingites.

On the 6000 block of McPherson, we welcome David Knarr, and Jeff and Marian Simms, who have been working hard for quite some time.

New to 6100 McPherson are Tim and Claire Hanlon.

On the 6000 block of Washington, we're happy to welcome John Shapley and Arthelda Nash.

On Kingsbury, we are happy to tell you of James Geer, who bought the Neill house on the 6100 block, and, on the 6000 block, John McDonald and Laura Falberti; have replaced the Marcus clan in the "Kingsbury Townhouses." Welcome to all!

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January 1979

Vicissitudes

by JoAnn Vatcha

The teacher strike and the somewhat interesting aldermanic race top news this month,, as usual, those of you who want the important news have turned to vicissitudes. Moreover, we learn from far this month that the Tepas clan, while enjoying life in Chicago, is yet yearning for "a fix of Skinker DeBaliviere news." Well known for our ability to bend, will try to oblige.

Welcome home to Gary and Peg De Young back from a leave from St. Louis University and Parkview, spent in Champaign, Illinois. 6200 block of Washington now has not one but two new Diaz, Gerry, born April 19, 1977, shortly before the youngster parted, and brand-new Suzanne, born November 2, 1978. Congratulations and a delighted welcome home!

Congratulations also to Arline and Dick Webb, and Grandma and Grandpa Bergdorf of the 6100 block of Pershing. Their daughter Erica Lynn, was born December 8, 1978, weighing 7 lbs. and 7 oz., surprisingly enough, if one guessed by Arline's size! And will be offering more congratulations in a few months to several of our neighbors: David and Marge Reichert of the 6100 block of Washington are expecting, as are Mario and Mary Joya, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. And more... Tom and Mary Jo Consiglio, of the 6100 block of Westminster are rumored to be expecting, too. What a group! Our heartiest congratulations to all.

Many friends and block celebrated the holidays together, no doubt, and the block group of the 5700 block of DeGiverville was smart enough to plan a party and election of officers at the same time the Christmas tree up trimming party, planned by Shirley Polk and held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Damon Johnson, was well attended and produced the following new officers: Chairman, Mrs. Bertha Hughes; Vice Chairman, Mrs. Douglas Alexander, Secretary, Mrs. Carter; treasurer, Mrs. Tony Johnson. They pledge to be very active in 1979, and we expect to be hearing more from this group!

Some of the most interesting news this month concerns departures, John and Susie Roach, long stalwarts of the Skinker DeBaliviere for neighborhood, are deserting for the larger, if not greener, pastors of Kingsbury Place. And their houses already been purchased by Tom in Karleen Hoerr, who thereby leave the 6100 block of Washington. Stephen and D. boss my or are moving, to -- they are settling farther east on Westminster in the illustrious Central West End. We wish all of these luck and a happy future. On the 6100 block of McPherson, Bob Smith is leaving, but for happy reason: he and former neighbor Beth Danker Mann are to be married soon. Congratulations! And Carolyn Toft, also that block, is leaving, too, for a CWD condominium. What is happening here? Even the sisters of St. Joseph, who have

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lived on the 6100 block of Kingsbury for several years, are moving -- to the 6600 block of Wydown, near Fontbonne.

Evidently there is to be some renovation at their location on Kingsbury, and Rosedale certainly will miss their willing help on the Art Fair/Men's Liberation Bake Sale, which has for years made use of their lawn, a wall, and hall. We will miss all our old neighbors who are leaving, for whatever reason, and we wish them well. Though how can anything compare with living here?

Next month: the newcomers.

May 1979

Vicissitudes

by JoAnn Vatcha

Spring is, appropriately enough, the time of new beginnings, and it is true in many ways for us this spring in Skinker DeBaliviere. We have new neighbors, new babies, new marriages beginning. We also have new leadership, and we want to take this opportunity to welcome warmly the newly selected executive director of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, Mr. Richmond Colburn. Mr. Coburn comes to us from nearby University City, and we feel sure he will be a welcome addition to our neighborhood's ongoing efforts in reviving the city (and if we can't revive it, no one can!). Stop by the Council office and introduce yourself!

We are proud to announce the arrival of a new baby on Washington. Carol and Jan Metzenthin now have a baby daughter to join their two-year-old twins, Tom and Eric. Lisa Marie was born on February 8, 1979, 2 busy Carol and Jim, who also had their house on a house tour this year. And she abounds in the Metzenthin household, no doubt about! Congratulations.

The shame also McPherson have a new grandson, Jason, born in March to Mike and Margie Schoemehl. Congratulations to all the Schoemehls.

A new beginning for longtime neighbor Sandy Rothschild, formerly of the 5900 block of Waterman, and now owner of a home on Washington in Parkview. We wish newly married Sandy and his wife the best of luck in their new home in new life together.

Another sort of change is in store for Paul and Marty Metzler, of the 6100 block of Westminster. Paul is taking a new job in pastoral counseling, but far from us, in Syracuse, New York, near his childhood home in NY State. We miss we will miss them both, and wish them well in their new home. We hope whoever buys the Metzler house will appreciate the loving work that went into it; we hope they will be the same kind of fine neighbors the Metzler have been.

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We are always happy to note the accomplishments of the children of our neighbor of our neighbors. This month we have heard (literally) Tony Bell, son of George and Anna Bell of the 5700 block of DeGiverville, who is now announcing on a radio station in USML. We look forward to hearing great things from this young man.

A young man who is certainly going places is Bert Bender, son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert E. Bender, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Bert was installed as a member of the St. Louis University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of Missouri, on Monday, April 2, 1979, at ceremonies and a dinner in Busch Memorial Center. Bert is a senior at St. Louis University, with a major in urban affairs. He was educated in the public grade schools in Pittsburgh, Pa., and St. Louis City and was graduated from St. Louis University High School. Congratulations to Bert and to his parents Rick and Joan Bender!

Congratulations or also Dan Schesch -- of the 6000 block of McPherson on his election to the St. Louis Board of Education. We hope each is happy to be there as he was together, and we look forward to the contributions he can undoubtedly make.

All of us certainly wish the best for her friend and neighbor Mary Boyts, of the 6100 block of McPherson. Mary is planning a June wedding at St. Roch's for her and her fiancé Peter Schmit. We are sorry to announce at the wedding means that Mary will be moving, Jonathan Missouri, where Pete directs the wilderness survival program for delinquent boys. It sounds like an interesting life, and we hope they will come to visit often. Congratulations our warmest wishes to one of our longtime neighbors and a real booster of this neighborhood.

November 1979

Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer

its autumn in Washington-many of us have been out raking leaves, doing last-minute house repairs and getting ready for winter. While some of us were at home, William and Cathy Gurly of the 5900 block of Waterman were enjoying a vacation in Massachusetts and the Ted Wells of the 5800 block of DeGiverville spent a relaxing weekend at Westminster, Ark., watching the dog races.

Many of the younger set have gone off to college. Keith Jones has left for college this year from the 5800 block of DeGiverville. On the 5900 block of Waterman, Ava Roach is attending Missouri U. at Columbia, Ronda Sayles is at Kansas University, Weena Harris is attending Forest Park community college and will go to SIU this January along with Antoninette Bridges.

On the 5700 block of DeGiverville, Michael Whitney Pulte has gone all the way to Texas as a freshman and Keith Barnett is that Rolla school of mines. Melvin Hughes has entered his basic training in the Navy in San Diego, but he'll be back to see us in

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November, when we hope he'll be assigned closer to home attending school in Memphis. On the 5700 block of Waterman Sylvia Collins continues working on her Ph.D. at Stanford University after spending 45 days in Pakistan this summer doing fieldwork. From the same block, Terry Hayes is working on his Ph.D. at Howard University. We'll hear more good news from all the young people later, I'm sure.

Someone else we are super proud of it Karen Hawkins who lives in the 5900 block of purging. Karen, a student at Texas Southern, was the winner of a gold medal in the 4 x 100 m relay in the Pan American games and two silver medals for the 100 and 200 m sprints at the Sparta-Cad in Moscow this year. There is much more to tell about this WHN resident, so look for more about her in The Paper next issue.

We are also proud to hear that Mike MaGrath of the 5900 block of purging has been named to the Missouri neighborhood commissioned by Governor Teasdale. He is one of 12 St. Louis is appointed to this newly formed commission to deal with urban problems. There are 11 members from Kansas City and the commission will include other cities too. We wish Mike success in his new capacity and hope to hear more from him as the work of the commission develops.

On the 5900 block of DeGiverville, both the father of Mary Washington and Mrs. Mamie Prudo have been ill. We understand that they are much improved and doing better. Mamie is home from the hospital were happy to hear. We hope they continue to improve.

On the same block, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eaton Lane, Arlington Eaton, has recently married Kathleen Minor. Best wishes to Arlington and Kathleen! And congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shahriary: of the 5800 block of Waterman who have just had a new addition to the family, baby boy, Ali.

Rev. And Mrs. Montgomery, longtime residents of the 5800 block of Waterman, have just sold their home. We will miss them, but we welcome Debra Hopper, the new owner and our new neighbor.

As you can see, there's a lot happening in Washington Heights. There have been block meetings on nearly every block recently. The 5900 block of DeGiverville even held a block party on September 8. Everyone helped make it a success and everyone had a wonderful time.

Thanks to various members of block units to contribute much of this information. If you have a newsy item or would like to see some information about your block in print, please contact your block leader to notify The Paper. Thanks, GL.

December 1979

Window on Washington Heights

by Gloria L'Ecuyer

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Washington Heights is the up-and-coming place to live with someone rehabbing a house everywhere we turn. George Brown reports that at least two homes are receiving extensive remodeling on the 5900 block of purging. Santa will have a pleasant surprise when he pops down the chimney at Doc and Laura Gunn's house on the 5700 block of DeGiverville. He will find a beautifully renovated living room with some lovely decorating touches. The L'Ecuyer's on the same block are working on their kitchen, but don't plan to eat there, Santa.

Vince Aquilino of the 5700 block of Waterman is busy working on his house too. This month he's been paying special attention to the nursery in preparation for the new little Aquilino who is expected very soon. George and Rose Storey of the same block have some exciting news. Daughter Sally and her husband Kerry are expecting their first baby, the stories first grandchild, this spring. The stories have four children attending college this year. They are especially proud of Tim who is attending St. Louis University and a full theatrical scholarship. It seems Tim is quite the actor and has had several good parts in place like I Remember Mama and The Royal Gambit. Look for him in other productions this season.

Karen Busch has been the recipient of a full basketball scholarship to Fontbonne College, helping the Fontbonne Griffins on to victory. Karen was also a coach for the Bantam division of the Washington Heights A's baseball team last summer and will be active again next summer working with the sports minded kids of the WHN area. Her mother, Anna Busch, has recovered from her recent surgery. Stay well, Anna!

Did anyone see the familiar face on DeBaliviere one chill morning in November? It was Shirley Polk out hawking her papers on old newsboy day. Any more old newsboys/girls from the WHN?

Many WHN residents attended the funeral of Mrs. Hannah, former owner of the Doug Alexander home and longtime resident of the area. We have fond memories of Mrs. Hannah and extend our sympathy toward her family.

5800 block of Waterman was very active this past month. They held a bake sale at Mrs. Wimbley's house to benefit The Paper and the Clinic. The sale was very successful and I'm sure that The Paper and the Clinic appreciate the generous spirit of the Waterman residence. They also welcome new neighbors, the Jitters who've purchased the Shenk's home. We hope the Jitters and all old and new residents of WHN enjoy the coming holiday season.

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Vicissitudes

by JoAnn Vatcha

Good news abounds this fall in Skinker DeBaliviere, and we have many neighbors to congratulate. We welcome to the Westminster (Consiglio) house Ms. Doe Cook and

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son. The 6100 block of Westminster has also welcome new neighbors Marvin and Marcia Nodiff and Bill and Lisa Horner. At the other end of the block are Pat and Carrie Sullivan and small daughter Colleen. Welcome to all!

Tom and Mary Jo Consiglio had moved from Westminster to the 6300 block of purging in Parkview; they also have a new baby girl, media, who is second daughter, joining six-year-old Amy. Congratulations to all the Consiglio's, especially Mary Jo, who now has another house to do in her inimitable way.

On 6100 block of McPherson, the newest neighbors are Ray and Joan Breun and their sons Ben and John. Ray and Joan moved here from Florissant -- just the sort of enlightened people we like to see here!

Jim Geer will be returning to the 6100 block of Kingsbury with his bride Jane. They were married November 17 in Connecticut. Congratulations and best wishes!

The condos at 311 Rosedale are all occupied. We're looking forward to meeting Nancy Lee and Sharon Green. The third owner is Bob Blackburn, familiar to us from his many years service as liaison to the community Council for Washington University.

Congratulations of a different sort are due to Stephen Mestres, son of the 6100 block of Kingsbury's Joe and Marlene Mestres. Steve was employed by Ruben, Brown, Gornstein, and Co. in Clayton, recently passed the CPA exam, no mean feat. Also somewhat interesting is how this writer became aware of Steve's accomplishment. Would you believe while doing the layout of the CPA society's newsletter? Well, believe it, for, in case you hadn't heard (but didn't care), there has been a second Vatcha gainfully employed for some months now, as education and meetings director of the Missouri Society of CPAs. What a mouthful!

We are pleased to pass on the news that Betty Botz and Karleen Hoerr have both made rapid recoveries from their recent surgery, it's good to know that their strenuous efforts on behalf of the paper did not delay their recuperation. Marge and Dave Reichert of the 6100 block of Washington welcomed autumn baby Benjamin, joining four-year-old David in the Reichert home. Congratulations!

The 6000 block of Washington welcomes Ms. Candace Page, her son J.P. and daughter Kelly, who are now the owner occupants of the apartment house formerly owned by Chris and Joe Lange.

And last but not least, congratulations to our many wondrously expectant parents: Nancy and Ken Cohen, Jan and Bill Kuhl, Lois and Vince Schoemehl, and Margie and Steve Brammeier (who are also in the throes of another kind of birth process -- rehabbing their house). Mucho luck to all.

One final word from this corner: lasting gratitude, from one who knows, to the new volunteer leadership of The Paper. How great it is that we keep it going!

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Vicissitudes

by Marcia M. Kerz

The new year, which began with more than enough noisemaking throughout the neighborhood, also began with a host of new arrivals.

Steven Eaker and Barb Lundgren on the new owners of Joseph and Kathy Pfeffer's home in the 6100 block of Kingsbury. Stephen is with Darcy McManus and Masius Inc., and Barb is completing a degree in psychology at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Both are from Chicago, only three blocks from the famous Wrigley Field appreciation of city living brought them to our area.

The 6100 block of Westminster Place has had its share of turnover, and welcomes Stephen and Diane Niewoehner and Sandy and Johnny Sims. The Niewoehners moved from Clayton, and the neighborhood was recommended by Ken Cohen, a working partner of Stephen at Glasco Electric Company. The Sims joined the neighborhood in November with their three children, Alyssa (10 years old), Tammie (eight years old), and Jennifer (21 months old). Our area satisfied the Sims preference for an older home which prompted them to leave St. Louis County. You will see the Sims on the run with Johnny at Intertherm and Sandy working full-time as a nutritionist for the Visiting Nurses Association, not to mention raising three children. Alyssa and Tammie are presently attending Concord Lutheran school.

William and Mary Taylor are new residents on the 6100 block of McPherson. We welcome them enthusiastically and at the same time bid farewell to Dan and Norvell Tammany, the previous owners of the Taylor home. The Tammanys, who were longtime residents of the neighborhood, purchased a condominium in south St. Louis County. Dan grew up in the McPherson home which had been in his family as far back as the early 1900s. We hope the tailors will enjoy the home and stay as long as the Tammanys did.

Other notable news... Betty and Al Nerviani, 6100 Kingsbury, celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Vicky to Mark Palmeier on October 17 at St. Roch's Church... December 8 was the day for the recent marriage of Pat McLafferty and Roy Bell. Family was invited to celebrate the occasion which took place in their home on the 6100 block of Washington. Congratulations to Vicky and Mark, and Pat and Roy... If you find it difficult to get in touch with Mary Alice Kreuger, that's understandable. Mary Alice is Brownie leader for troop #533, is assisting Betty Klinefelter with Cub Pack #31, and is helping with the Junior Girl Scout Troop #2342. She reminded me that Girl Scout cookie orders are being taken between January 19 and February 3. Cookie delivery will begin on March 4. Hope it's not too late for orders. We now have a neighborhood expert on toys. Lisa Horner, 6100 Westminster Place, was

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featured in the December 12 edition of the Globe Democrat in regard to a toy workshop she prepared and directed for parents of preschool children. Lisa works in the preschool parent-child program and Francis Howell School District. If you have questions or concerns about a particular toy -- ask Lisa... Rachel Bender of the 6100 block of Kingsbury was awarded an honorable mention in music as part of the Rosati-Kain Music/Art Scholarship Competition. Our congratulations to Rachel, who attends Busch school... And congratulations to "mean" Lu Green of the 6100 block of Westminster, who won a trip for herself and husband Sam to the Super Bowl. Lu was one of four national winners in a contest sponsored by Purina. Go Lou!

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Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer

Wintry weather may keep some of us indoors out of touch with our neighbors, but many residents of WHN have been out and about and doing.

The 5800 blocks of DeGiverville and Westminster join forces under the direction of Ronnie Halliburton, Project Chairman, and Joe Herron, project cochairman, to provide food baskets for seven senior citizens on Christmas day. The warm response of the recipients was enough to brighten anyone's Christmas. The residents of the 5900 block of DeGiverville gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mitchell for a festive holiday dinner on December 30. Everyone there enjoyed themselves, thanks to the generosity of various block members and especially the Mitchells who opened their home to their neighbors. We WHN men have shown us that the hale and hearty live among us on one of the coldest and windiest Sundays in December, they ventured out to help board up a longtime eyesore and trouble spot apartment building on the corner of Washington and DeGiverville. These hard-working WHNers were: Kirk Watkins, Randy Dailey, George Deveres, Joe Herron, George Brown, Leon Mitchell, Cecil Thompson, Joe Simmons, Bill Kinds, Eaton Lane and Ed Sanders. Many thanks to all of them for making a neighborhood a little safer and better for all of us.

Congratulations to the members of the savage band: Paul Mallard, Glenn Curry, Glenn Williams, Brian Mallard, Mark Faulkner, Randolph Barge, Darryl St. James and Dwayne St. James. These young men captured third prize (\$75) from the "Talent Competition And Dance" sponsored by the Community Youth Scholarship Society which was held at Kiel Auditorium. The 5700 block of Pershing also shares in this commendation as this one bought produce all but three of these talented young musicians.

The Bush family of 5700 block of Pershing were visited over the holidays by their son, Horace Busch Jr., who is stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas. He pleasantly surprised them with the news that he will now be known as lieutenant towards Busch Jr. congratulations to Horace Jr. and the proud parents, Horace Sr. and Anna.

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Melvin Hughes of the 5700 block of DeGiverville made it home from the Navy for Christmas and Janet Sculock, on leave from Army life, traveled all the way from Okinawa to visit her mother on the 5800 block of DeGiverville. Evelyn Rankins came home from Kansas City to be with her family. On the 5900 block of Waterman, the Woods' Christmas house guest was Mr. Wood's mother, who lives in Wisconsin.

New residents of the area are Mrs. Virginia Scott of the 5700 block of Waterman and Gene Uram are on 5800 Pershing. Gene has happily completed the renovation of his new home. The Moody's have purchased a home on the 5900 block of DeGiverville and rehab is underway welcome to all these new all of these new neighbors!

Diane Rankins of the 5800 block of DeGiverville spent her first Christmas as Mrs. Anthony Crawford. Anthony and Diane were married on December 15. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

Better late than never to report that Lorenzo and Kathryn Nettleville became grandparents on in September when there are daughter of a red had a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations! Another of the net of those daughters has left for college this semester at Kansas State.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Velma Harris of the 5900 block of DeGiverville fell and broke her hip just before Christmas. Mrs. Harris is fortunate to have foreign neighbor Mrs. Marie McReynolds who is taking care of her during her recuperation. We hope Mrs. Harris will be doing better and we are proud of Marie for being such a good neighbor. Marie, you're the greatest!

The 5700 block of Waterman begins the new year with more than resolutions. They have rejuvenated their once active block unit. The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Robert (Charlotte) Simpson, president; Council Smith, vice president; Robin Saunders, recording secretary; Carol Rhem, corresponding secretary; and Blanche Reel, treasurer. Ezell Ray agreed to take the chairmanship of the sanitation committee for the north side of Waterman and Virginia Scott is chairing the Waterman-south sanitation committee. As you can see, our new residents soon become inspired by their neighbors and get involved. In fact, all the people of Washington Heights deserve great big Valentine for making our neighborhood a place where we love to live.

March 1980

Vicissitudes

by Marcia M. Kerz and Lisa Horner

1980 has been rather quiet in our area. With the delay entrance of winter, the neighborhood has witnessed few changes or ups and downs. It seems as though everyone is relaxing after the long holiday season.

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We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Shannon Kuhl who was born on January 22 to Jan and Bill Kuhl of the 6100 block of McPherson a baby girl is always exciting news, especially when it is the first for the Kuhls. Elizabeth is the niece of Karleen and Tom Hoerr of the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

From all accounts, the annual progressive dinner, held on January 26, was a great success. Gerry Flynn and Betty Botz served as co-chair persons for that event which was sponsored by the St. Roch school Association. The 10 cocktail parties and the 18 dinners were excellent and the turnout even better with 185 neighbors attending. Dessert at St. rock for solutions, and the entire affair in courage participation from Washington Heights, Parkview, and the Rosedale area. Our congratulations to Gerry and Eddie for a job well done.

We wish to offer our condolences to Evelyn Netterville whose husband passed away in January. Mr..Doc Netterville of the 6000 block of McPherson was a part of the neighborhood for some time and we were terribly sorry to learn of that loss.

Planning is in full swing for the Skinker DeBaliviere for Mother's Day art fair and house tour to be held at the weekend of May 11. The 1980 house tour committee has already begun the selection process to identify eight residences for the tour. If you should know a residence that has architectural interest, distinctive features, or unique historical importance, the committee would appreciate hearing from you. You may cut contact Margie Brammeier (725-1147) and off for your suggestions.

While tracking down changes in the neighborhood, we learned in addition to the family of Peggy Peeters-Vaughan and Herman Vaughn of the 6000 block of Pershing. Amber Jessica Vaughan was born on December 6. The ones have one other child, Jeffrey, age 13. Amber is certainly fortunate to have a brother who can serve as a built-in babysitter, not to mention the convenience for the lawns. We welcome Amber.

Skip Coburn, the executive director of the Skinker DeBaliviere community Council has established residency in the 6100 block of Pershing as of August 1 of last year. It may be a little way but we wish to welcome skip to our immediate area. As winter comes to a close and the days become longer, the neighborhood will revitalize itself and vicissitudes will have more special happenings to share with its readers.

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Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer

During the past month in Washington Heights we experienced the good with the not so good. The Ray family of the 5900 block of Pershing narrowly escaped with their lives when the ghastly cause an enormous explosion and fire in their home. The house and personal belongings of the Rays were extensively damaged, but fortunately, all the members of the household had left for work or school. The Rays' daughter was the

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last to leave only a few minutes before the blast tore off the front and rear doors of the house and shattered all the windows. She had gone to the neighbors to report the gas leak to the fire department who responded so quickly that they arrived before the fire started. We are thankful that no one was injured. Many neighbors came immediately to the aid of the Rays and we extend our support to them during this time until their life resumes to normal.

The Aquilino's have welcomed baby Roseanne into the world. As her name implies, she is dainty and sweet weighing a mere 9 lbs., 1 oz. At birth. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Blanche Reel, a longtime resident of WH, has taken on another job to add to the long list of services she has performed for the area; she is the new president of District 8 of Church of Women United. This ecumenical group, which includes members from 150 countries, will sponsor three special days of prayer in our area. We are sure Blanche will keep us posted.

Christina Storey has not been sitting still this winter. She's a member of the Calicos soccer team, the women's counterpart to the Steamers. Not only does Christina play, but her team also wins!

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Thurman Willhite, who has lived in Washington Heights since 1965, died during January. Memorial services were held January 27. We extend our sympathy to his family. Another longtime resident, Mr. Norman Hirsch, has died. He had moved to a retirement apartment near our neighborhood about five years ago. He is survived by his wife and son. Many people of the 5800 block of Pershing cherish fond memories of Mr. Hirsch. On the 5900 block of DeGiverville the father of Mary Washington has passed away. He had been ill for some time. The brother of Mrs. Katey Johnson, also the 5900 block of DeGiverville, died last month. We are sorry to hear of the loss of those neighbors and express our sympathy to their families.

Depend on Horace and Anna Bush to give us some good news! They are the lucky winners of an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas for two for four whole days and three nights. And all because they bought some tickets from the Frontiers International Club to support youth. Others a couple who know how to fool old Winter. Have fun, Anna and Horace! Until next month...

April 1980

Vicissitudes

by Marcia M. Kerz

if you do every year into travel on an all expense paid trip to Yugoslavia and Greece you can envy Sean Thomas, son of Nan and Bill Thomas of the 6100 block of McPherson. Sean, age 14, was the recipient of the first-place "young Colombian award" sponsored by the Parade magazine. The annual award is given to outstanding

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newspaper carriers to demonstrate responsibility in their job. Sean, who has been a carrier for the Post-Dispatch for some time, competed with 25 carriers in the Metropolitan St. Louis area. Not only did our neighborhood youths win the first-place award, but second place was also awarded to and currently, daughter of Anne and Jim McCarthy of the 6100 block of Kingsbury. And, a sixth grader at St. Roch's, one a portable television. Sean, in eighth grade at St. Roch's, will be departing on April 15 for Yugoslavia for one of the most exciting opportunities of a lifetime. The honor for Anne and Sean is another plus for our neighborhood. Congratulations to both of them.

Joyce Stone, 6100 Kingsbury, just returned from a trip to France. A Spanish and French instructor at Parkway school district, Joyce took eight students in advanced French language for a unique learning experience consisting of one week in Paris and three weeks in LeMans. The students had the opportunity to live with French families in LeMans and attended Lycee Montesquieu, the area high school. While the students participated in French classes, Joyce taught English at the school. In April, Joyce and the students will have an opportunity to reciprocate. Twelve students from France and their instructor will be in St. Louis for a month. The French teacher will be staying with Joyce and her family. We should polish up on our French so we can formally welcome our visitor.

Special recognition should be given to Marlene Mestres, of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, who recently completed an Associate in Arts Degree in business administration at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. With seven children, it's quite an accomplishment for Marlene... and Gene Hoefel, 6100 McPherson, just received tenure from the School of Fine Arts at Washington University. Completing his six year at the University, Gene deserves congratulations for receiving tenure which is quite an honor these days.

Elise Humphrey, who lives in the neighborhood with her husband and their five-year-old twin sons, was recently appointed as Interim Minister for the Breitmayer Community Ministry on the Grace Church staff. Elise will be responsible for direction of the Grace Clubs as well as the 1980 Summer Program. Currently, Elise is working toward her master's degree in social work at Washington University. Our congratulations to Elise on her new job.

We just learned of another expected newcomer, Pat McLafferty and Roy Bell of the 6100 block of Washington are expecting a baby in September. Our best to Pat and Roy as they await the arrival of their child.

On March 19, in a Court of Honor ceremony, Scott Shepard, of the 6300 block of Pershing, was made Eagle Scout in Troop 17. Scott attends St. Louis University High School.

As of August, Darla Templeton of the 6000 block of Kingsbury, has been serving as Director of the Marlborough Hall in south St. Louis County. It takes a special type of person to do the job and in talking with Darla her enthusiasm and commitment proves that she has the necessary qualities. The Hall provides temporary and emergency care for multiple handicapped individuals from 18 months of age and older. The facility, [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

supported by the United Cerebral Palsy agency, serves in a crisis care capacity to assist handicapped children and adults on a short-term basis. Darla expressed the tremendous need for such care for cases involving abused and abandoned children or handicapped adults who have a sudden unexpected change in the care presently provided to them. For those who wish to learn more about Marlborough Hall, Darla is eager to write more about the facility for The Paper in the future.

April 1980

Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer

Remember the nice days we had in March in between the snows? On one of those days a neighbor working in the backyard met Wanda Cox who it was just moving into her new home on the 5700 block of Waterman. A former West County suburbanite, Wanda has been pleasantly surprised with her new neighborhood. She even commented on how clean her alley looked! Good going, Waterman block unit! Welcome, Wanda. Enjoy your new surroundings.

Another new arrival to the neighborhood is baby Kelli. She is a darling granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mallard of the 5700 block of Pershing. Congratulations to the proud grandparents and parents of Kelli.

Randy and Nancy Bailey are delighted with their new son, Matthew Alexander. He's off to a good start, weighing 8 pounds and 9 ounces Matthew A. Bailey has the whole 5800 block of Waterman excited.

The Collins family of the 5700 block of Waterman have begun their spring with more activity and honors. Dr. William Collins, Jr. will begin teaching a course entitled "Life and Letters of St. Paul" at the Metropolitan College at St. Louis University. His daughter Deirdre, we are proud to report, has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Southwest High School where she is a junior. If that's not enough, she was also selected as an alto clarinet player in the All Metro Band.

Another winner to receive honors is Beth Lake, daughter of Richard and Venita Lake of the 5800 block of Waterman. Beth, who will graduate from St. Roch's soon, was awarded a scholarship to Rosati-Kain High School. Congratulations, Beth!

A group of children from the Skinker DeBaliviere for area who attends stick school received recognition for their good work and determination at a recent school awards program. Those named to the honor roll were Nicole Sweets and Hannah Gilk from grade three and Chris L'Ecuyer from grade four. Claude Walker from grade five had perfect attendance. Talented Nicole Sweets also won the Oratorical Contest and Tobias Gilk from grade five was nominated for the Optimist of the Year Award. Congratulations to all.

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Mr. and Mrs. Willy Ward of the 5800 block of DeGiverville welcome their son William and his wife Bobbie home for a visit from a white where William is stationed with the Air Force. Blue express our sympathy to William's wife who was here for her mother's funeral. The younger awards will be traveling to Europe where they will be stationed.

Residents of the 5800 block of Pershing will miss a longtime resident, Mrs. Lola Barnes. We extend our sympathy to her husband and family. Another neighbor who will be fondly remembered is Mrs. Billy Hayes of the 5700 block of Waterman. Mrs. Hayes died in late February. She had lived in the neighborhood since the early 1950s. We are sorry for his son Terry's [sake] and ours as well.

A progress report on Mrs. Harris of the 1500 block of DeGiverville shows that she is well under way to recovery. You may recall that her "angel" neighbor, Mrs. Marie McReynolds, has been looking after her such she broke her hip. Thanks to Marie, Mrs. Harris is up and about and will soon be able to resume her active way of life. She is not one to sit around and she doesn't have to.

If you'd did just want to sit around for an evening in Washington Heights, what could you do? Alton and Blanche Reel, the Lake family, John Taylor and his grandchildren, Michael Herrmann, Director of Hamilton Community School, and many other residents of the area pulled up their chairs at the Des Peres Branch Library to enjoy an excellent presentation given by Fr. Roy Wilkinson on the 1904 World's Fair. Thanks to the Des Peres branch for offering such good programs. If it comes again, be sure to see it.

Some of the block leaders are talking about the annual grass seed program. That's a sure sign of spring. Ah, Spring! You and me and a bag of turf builder. Meet you on the terrace.

May 1980

Vicissitudes

by Marcia M. Kerz and Lisa Horner

Through the willing assistance of Pat Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, who knows the neighborhood better than most of us, the Vicissitudes has gathered information about some of our former residents.... Elaine Moore, formerly from the 6000 block of McPherson, began a new career, founding her own real estate company one-year and five months ago -- quite aptly titled Elaine Moore Real Estate. Her company handles commercial and industrial properties and inner-city rehab, employing 10 full-time salespeople and five part-time people. Elaine was selected to participate this year in the Danforth Leadership Program, and was recently elected Vice President of the Metro St. Louis Business and Economic Council. Not one to rest with a few activities, she also has been elected Director of Economic Development of the St. Louis chapter of PUSH, public relations director for the St. Louis Real Estate Brokers, and a board member of the United Developers Council during the past months. And the children --

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Chaundra and Vaughn are attending Mercy High School, Charmyn and Kai are in L'Ouverture elementary school in Lafayette Square and Victor is attending Messiah Lutheran School. The family is living on Lafayette Square in a renovated townhouse.... Cate Dolan from the 6100 block of Waterman graduated from Washington University School of Fine Arts with her Masters in Printmaking and is now teaching at Dennison College in Iowa. A show of her prints just ended at Meramec Community College.... Ann Manganaro, also from Waterman, is living in the Loretto Community House on the near North Side. The home accepts women and children who need immediate shelter. Ann is studying medicine at St. Louis University with pediatrics as an ultimate goal.... Steve and Dee Vossmeier, formerly of the 6000 block of Westminster, are expecting a baby in November. Dee is completing her third year of law school at St. Louis University. Steve, also an attorney with a practice located in the Central West End, is our state representative in the Missouri House. They are now residing in the 5200 block of Westminster Place and we understand that their new residence has sufficient room for a child.

Back to the present neighborhood happenings... We regret to report the deaths of three longtime residents, Mrs. [Olive] Chaffee of 6100 Westminster, Mrs. Smith of 6100 McPherson and Helen Jones of 6000 Kingsbury, whose father built their home in 1908 in which she has had since resided. We know they will be missed by family, friends and neighbors.... Dee Schoenfeld of the 6100 block of Westminster will be graduating from the Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University on May 16 with a Masters in Social Work. After three years of hard work, interrupted by the rearing of Dee and King's 22-month-old boy, Jeremey, Dee certainly deserves congratulations.... Barbara Schmidt of 6100 McPherson is now Dr. Schmidt, having completed her Ph.D. in literature at St. Louis University... Also graduating this May is Mary Coffey from the 6000 block of Waterman. She will cap her hooding hiding at St. Louis University School of Law with her wedding to Bill Moench this June.... Best wishes to Kathleen Buckley, daughter of Michael and Katja (Kitty) Buckley of the 6000 block of Westminster. Kathleen will be married to Greg Schuette on May 10 at St. Roch's... Exciting news for Phyllis and Ron Stutzman of the 6100 block of Westminster. They are expecting a baby and we wish to congratulate them on the upcoming event.... Support for growth and improvements in our neighborhood has been clearly demonstrated by the Stuarts of 6100 Kingsbury. Cal and Georgiana, as joint entrepreneurs, have established a new office in the 300 block of North Skinker for their management firm of McPherson Management Inc., which manages condominiums, apartments and commercial property.... Two of our Washington neighbors, Maryse and Seth Carlin, are going to become Kingsbury neighbors. Maryse and Seth have purchased a home in the 6100 block of Kingsbury and will be moving two blocks south soon.... Evan and Sandra Dick, who are presently central west end inhabitants, have purchased a home in the 6100 block of McPherson. Even during a period of economic constraints in the housing market we remain fortunate as our area continues to flourish with new residents. Our welcome to Maryse and Seth and Evan and Sandra.

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Window on Washington Heights

By Glori L'Ecuyer

A little bird did not tell me, but the person who had this news was certainly singing the praises of the special someone who lives in the 5900 block of DeGiverville: Maria McReynolds. Marie has donated clothing and made other contributions for the patients cope hospital. They want read and know they are grateful and give a big thanks to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ward of the 5900 block of DeGiverville were happy to have their son William and his wife Beverly home for a visit. We regret to hear that Beverly was here to attend her mother's funeral. We extend our sympathy to her and her family. William, who had been in Hawaii with the Air Force, is now stationed in Europe. We resent happiness in their new home.

We are glad to hear that the Rays of the 5900 block of Pershing had been able to move back into their home. It was damaged extensively by a gas explosion and fire in February. While walls, flooring, windows and doors have all been restored, there are always some things that can never be replaced after a fire. However, the Rays are grateful no one was injured and that they are home again.

Karen Hawkins, our superstar runner from the 5900 block of Pershing, ran on the Texas Southern University's Women's 400 Meter Relay Team that won in April at the Texas Relays. She was timed at 45 seconds. At this writing, Karen's dreams of going to the Olympics this summer may be dashed by political problems. Many WHN residents have expressed the hope that she will have her day at some future time.

The 5900 block of DeGiverville reports that several people from their block have been elected to serve on the board of the People's Clinic. They are: Mildred Simmons, Peggy Mitchell and Leon Mitchell. As a matter of fact, Leon Mitchell is the President of the Board. Congratulations to all those who were selected to serve. We are confident that the Clinic is in good hands.

Another member of the Clinic board is John Thomas of the 5700 block of Waterman. John and his wife Linda and agreed to have their attractive, roomy house on the House Tour this year. When they are not busy working on their house, John and Linda are very active in the community. John is also a talented musician who plays the blues on his bass and writes music, which he hopes to have someone record. We're happy to have John and Linda living in WHN. In their own words, THE place to live.

Another young couple moved into her area in February and are in the House tour already. Gary and Ronnie Mueller have purchased a condominium on Kingsbury Square. They have been city dwellers most of their lives and are happy to be living in a convenient area, close to work, buslines and Forest Park where they love to spend their leisure time. Ronnie and Gary like the neighborhood and their neighbors so much that they plan to increase the population by one new baby this fall.

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May is such a busy month in our neighborhood. Saturday, May 10th, just about everyone will go over to the Storey's front porch at 5792 Waterman between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to the annual WHN Flower Sale. There will be greenery to fill the porch planters and the gardens that make our area so colorfully summer. Indoor plants will be sold as well.

Most of Mother's Day can be spent at the Art Fair and House Tour. It would be a great idea to stop by the beer garden and enjoy a cold one with Doug and Cleo Alexander to help support the Westside Khoury League teams. You'll see me there too with my pad and pencil waiting for some newsy item to jot down.

Thanks to those who tell regularly and contribute greatly to this article. If it weren't for those concerned persons, how could we share our special moments of fun, pride, sorrow and joy? If you were thinking of telling and haven't, go ahead. Everyone wants to hear from you. And then there is Mike MaGrath of the 5900 block of Pershing. The only news he could come up with this month was that his cat had kittens. We're awfully sorry about that, Mike, but I don't think will make The Paper. Maybe next month something better will happen. See you then.

June, 1980

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner and Marcia Kerz

Special Notice:

The recent act of vandalism to Ted and Karen Bynum's home is of great concern to all of us. The Bynums, of the 6000 block of Pershing, lost most of their first floor belongings in a fire which was set by vandals during the afternoon of April 23rd. The interior of their home suffered extensive smoke and water damage. Fortunately no one was injured or harmed during the intrusion and resulting fire. Karen, Ted and their two children, Beth and T.R., are presently staying with family until their home is renovated. Neighbors who wish to help the Bynums could do to in two ways:

Financial contributions may be made payable to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council (with a notation on the check indicating "Bynum Fund"). Such a contribution would be tax exempt as the Council is a charitable tax exempt organization.

In-kind assistance, i.e. hard labor, may be offered to help clean the house by contacting Skip Coburn at the Council office (862-5122).

Karen, Ted, Beth and T.R. are appreciative of any assistance and wish to express thanks for neighborhood support during a difficult time.

While the planning for the Rosedale Neighborhood Association Annual Potluck was not complete in time to announce in the May edition, a review of its assured success seems appropriate at this time. Held on May 31st at St. Roch's, the event included a [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

special guest speaker, Ray Breun of the 6100 block of McPherson. Ray, who serves as the Education Director of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, addressed the topic of "Malfeasance, Malcontents and the Mississippi River." The Potluck also included a rose growing contest (contestants were required to prove through one witness that roses actually were nurtured in own yard.), and the election of officers for the Association. The slate of officers presented was as follows:

President Roy Bell

1st Vice-President Nancy Cohen

2nd Vice-President Cal Stuart

Secretary Karen Kelsey

Treasurer Bill Kuhl

Southside Representative to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Council Frank Burke

Northside Representative to the Council Steve Brammeier

Southside Alternate Representative to Council Dorothy Lloyd

Northside Alternate Representative to Council Bill Keslar

Familiar faces were seen in the neighborhood over the weekend of the Art Fair. Cherie and Doug McKee, formerly of 6100 Westminster, roamed the Fair visiting with past acquaintances. The McKees are presently living in Arnold, Missouri.

It was reported that Paul and Marty Metzler were here from Syracuse, New York for the weekend. Paul and Marty were the previous owners of Lisa and Bill Horner's home in the 6100 block of Westminster.

Other news of past inhabitants — It was learned that Nancy and Jeff Shelton, formerly of the 6100 block of Westminster, survived the tornado which badly damaged the recently renovated downtown area of Kalamazoo, Michigan. They reported no damage to their property which is located at the far end of Kalamazoo.

Congratulations to the proud parents of Kate Cohen. Kate was born Friday, May 9 at Barnes Hospital to Nancy and Ken Cohen, 6100 McPherson.

Congratulations as well to Steve and Margie Brammeier of 6100 Westminster on the birth of their second son, Joseph Andrew, J. A. B. cooperatively arrived on May 18 to that we might report his birth.

Our best to Lois and Vince Schoemehl of 6100 Westminster whose new additions hadn't arrived in time to receive a special welcome in the last edition of The Paper before the summer break.

Congratulations are also due to Michael Bloomfield of the 6100 block of Waterman who delighted family and friends by successfully completing his J.D. degree at St. Louis University's School of Law.

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Many congratulations to Jeffrey J. Cheaney, 6100 Waterman. Jeff, son of Marshall and Laura Cheaney, graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis on May 12, with a B.A. in Psychology. He plans to do volunteer work at the Life Crisis Center this summer, and may decide to go on to graduate school. Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Edith Lindley, 6100 Kingsbury, who died May 11. She was a longtime resident of the neighborhood and will be missed by many. Mrs. Lindley had been ill for some time.

Richard and Arlene Webb, 6100 Pershing, have been asked by the American Association of Clinical Chemists to present a workshop on Transplant Immunology at the Boston convention in July. Hoping to combine business with pleasure they plan to enjoy some of the festivities there during Boston's 350th anniversary celebration. They also plan to visit Cape Cod.

Welcome home to the Reverend Bob Gordon, pastor at Grace Methodist, and his wife JoAnn. They have recently returned from four months in New Jersey where Reverend Gordon was on a study leave at Drew Seminary.

September, 1980

Vicissitudes

by Marcia Kerz and Lisa Horner

While St. Louis sweltered in the midst of a high pressure system, one event continued religiously every Friday evening — the St. Roch's slow pitch softball games. While no drastic changes occurred in regard to the number of wins and losses over last season's thrillers, the coach, Brad Weir of the 6100 block of Westminster, was able to lead the team to victory a few times this summer in 105 degree temperatures. The League is not terribly strict but does abide by a few qualifications. One member was heard to propound three such qualifications — players must be over thirty years of age, they cannot be so skilled that they embarrass other members, and love for the game cannot be surpassed by consumption of spirits. At the last game, the team came from behind in the bottom of the seventh and won 16 to 15. Following that unusual event, one team member, observing that our State Representative was absent, commented that -we only seem to win when our elected officials don't show up. It's certain that that comment will be refuted by a very able shortstop.

Lots of interesting news from the 6100 block of McPherson--The Thomas's son, College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he plans to major in accounting. And Gene and Dolores Hoefel will send their son, Kurt, off to the University of Missouri at Columbia for his freshman year.

Our neighborhood did not escape the tragedies that accompanied the heat wave in July. Mrs. Helen McCoy of the 6100 block of McPherson was a victim of the unbearable heat. We offer our condolences to her family and friends.

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Joan Breun, 6100 McPherson, will begin her first year at Sr. Roch's teaching fifth grade. Benjamin, Roy and Joan's oldest child, will be in first grade and will have to be on his best behavior at school all day. We were glad to hear that Joan has recuperated from surgery this summer and hope she is ready to handle fifth graders after a long, hot summer.

Tim and Claire Hanlon, also of the 6100 block of McPherson, are expecting their first child in September. They have been in the neighborhood for a few years and we were pleased to hear the good news.

Phyllis and Ron Stutzman of the 6100 block of Westminster moved to Goshen, Indiana over the summer. Ron, an anthropology professor, will teach at Goshen College Their house was quickly purchased by Susan Kidd. Susan is the new anchorwoman for KTV1—Channel 2 evening news. We're pleased that Susan was attracted to our neighborhood and hope she enjoys her new home.

Congratulations to Jane Phillips of the 6100 block of Washington who completed law school at St. Louis University.

We wish to welcome Nila Wilbur, M.D. and Ron Frenreis to the 6100 block of Washington. Nila is currently completing a radiology residency at St. Louis University Medical School and Ron is with Control Data Corporation. Ron and Nila moved to our neighborhood in mid-June We heard lots about pleasant summer vacations—Betty and Frank Burke and Dorothy and Art Santen, both of the 6100 block of McPherson, ended up in Florida at the same time . The Krippner family of the 6100 block of Waterman travelled to Seattle on Amtrak (a true adventure) visiting friends and relatives along the way . . . The Santens of 6100 McPherson vacationed on the West Coast ... And we understand that Tom Hoerr spent one full day in Lesterville.

Mary Alumbaugh, 6100 Westminster, had a difficult summer. Following a stay in the hospital, Mary broke her ankle and is struggling with a cast. Our best to Mary during her recuperation from hospitalization and her broken ankle.

Andy. Hugh. Bert. Beth and Rachel Bender surprised their parents, Rick and Joan of the 6100 block of Kingsbury, with a 25th Wedding Anniversary Party on August 2nd. Congratulations to Rick and Joan. What a surprise!

The incessant barking on Sunday, August 17th around St. Roch's can be easily explained. Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, there was a special blessing for all the dogs. St Roch is considered the patron saint of dogs and the tradition has been carried on at St. Roch's.

Mimi Newsham, daughter of Betty and Bob Newsham of 6100 Kingsbury, was married on August 9th to Brian Mahoney. The wedding took place at St. Roch's. Brian is formerly from the 6100 block of Westminster, so he is familiar to the neighborhood Mimi and Brian will reside in South St. Louis. Mimi is a nurse at Firmin Desloge Hospital and Brian is completing school at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Donnie and Dick Lottes were in Chicago on August 16th celebrating the marriage of their daughter, Anne, to Scott Brown of Virginia. They were married in the University Chapel at the University of Chicago where they attended school. Congratulations to Anne and Scott. The Lottes's are from the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

September, 1980

Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer

Welcome back to Windows on Washington Heights. It's good to have so many reports of people who made it through the summer without melting. Well, almost everyone. John O'Brien spent several days in intensive care after suffering from heat stroke. We're glad to see he is fine and looking forward to a cool autumn, no doubt

Washington Heights Neighbors held their own cool-down in the park on August 10th. There were plenty of iced drinks and fun at the annual picnic. The 5900 block of DeGiverville also scheduled several events this summer. First they had a pre-Father's Day fish fry in June and then a Family Fun Day in July. Family fun included a bike ride early in the morning with refreshments, music, dancing and a raffle at the DeGiverville cul-de-sac to finish off the day. More honors for the 5900 DeGiverville block unit. The Urban League has presented a silver bowl to Mr. Eddie Sanders, President of the DeGiverville block unit, recognizing 5900 DeGiverville as the best block unit in Area eight of the Metropolitan area. The block has also received a grant from CDA to green-up and clean-up the cul-de-sac. Mr. Sanders is grateful to all the members of the block for their work and the co-operation that makes these accomplishments possible

This is the time of year when our young people are going places. Miss Elaine Lampkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lampkin of the 5900 block of DeGiverville has joined the armed forces. Jeffery Waddington of the 5700 block of DeGiverville will attend Iowa State University on a hill basketball scholarship- Jeffery attended Southwest High School and was on the all star team in his senior year there. Congratulations to Jeffery. Another young man who is going places just by going to DeBaliviere every day is James Foster. James joined the Central west End Savings and Loan Association as head teller last May. He is, no doubt, one of their finer assets. And ... Tim Storey has returned from six weeks pursuing his acting career in St. Louis University's summer theater in Colorado. Tim worked in all three University productions. His sister, Chris, spent the summer in Imperial, Mo., working with the mentally retarded. Chris will begin working for the Special School District this fall.

Welcome to our new neighbors, the McEleroy's of the 5700 block of DeGiverville. Mr. McEleroy is employed by the City of St. Louis, and his wife, Joanne is a teacher at Northwest High School. Baby-sitters take note. The McEleroy's have three small children. We hope they all enjoy their new home and new neighbors. We were sorry to

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hear of the death of George Storey's mother in August. We extend our deepest sympathy to George and his family.

Mrs. Peggy Mitchell took part in Body Day sponsored by the Clinic in July. Mrs. Thelma Thompson will also be busy with community work this fall as a member of the Advisory Board of the Community School.

Grandbabies are busy too. Roseanne Aquilino traveled with her parents Chris and Vince to the Big Apple so her out-state relations could have a chance to -mouth- an "aaah" over her. Rose and George Storey were blessed with their first grandchild, John Gregory, born May 24th. John came with his parents Sally and Terry McGinn from Oklahoma in July for uninterrupted attention from his grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Out of space, but not out of news. We'll catch upon summer in the next issue. Until then . . .

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February, 1981

Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer

What were you doing on New Year's Eve? If you live on the 5900 block of DeGiverville, you might have been reminiscing about the singers from the 5900 and 5800 blocks of your street who braved the cold to sing Christmas carols for you, or maybe you were recalling the delicious food served at the Deters home at the block Christmas dinner.

Shirley Polk was probably thinking about the fun she and 5700 block DeGiverville neighbors had when a whole bus load of them went apple picking across the river.

Linda and John Thomas had some special memories of their two week trip across the Atlantic this past fall. They visited London, Paris, Nice, Monaco, Florence and Cairo, just to name a few. They saw everything from the Eiffel Tower to King Tut's tomb, and enjoyed every minute of it.

The young lady we used to know as Sylvia Collins, daughter of Rev. William and Margaret Collins of the 5700 block of Waterman, entered the New Year as Mrs. Jon Wetzel. On Dec. 27th Sylvia was married to Jon Wayne Wetzel, also of St. Louis, in a beautiful and touching ceremony officiated by her own father, who is also the pastor of Antioch Baptist Church. Her sister Deirdre was the maid of honor and her brother William was one of eight groomsmen. The couple is now living in Houston , Texas.

By January 1st Doug and Cleo Alexander were still waiting. But not for long. Kimmberly Marie was born on January 4th weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Congratulations to the proud parents. They must be enjoying the new baby because sometimes the lights go on at 2:30 a.m. when they wake her up just to talk to her.

Blanche and Alton Reel, who have lived in the neighborhood since 1954, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last October 25th. They were pleasantly surprised by their son Tom who gathered friends and relatives in the Reels' home to share the happy occasion. We wish Alton and Blanche many more wonderful years together.

Welcome to new residents Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes of the 5700 block of Waterman. Mrs. Charlene Patterson and her son have recently arrived on the 5900 block of DeGiverville. The latest newcomers to Kingsbury Square listed here in alphabetical order are: Julie and Wayne Edwards and Joyce and Tom Sitz. The youngest Kingsbury Square arrival is the son of Gary and Ronnie Mueller, Benjamin William, born on September 9th weighing 10 lbs. 1 oz. His smile is as big as you would expect and so are the smiles of his parents. Congratulations to Debbie Busch of the 5700 block of Pershing who has brought yet another honor to her family. Debbie is the recipient of the 1980 Kirkwood Flames Clutch Performer Award for softball. We extend our

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sympathy to Mrs. Ward of the 5900 block of DeGiverville for the loss of her husband. Mrs. Barbara Padden of 5800 Waterman has been in the hospital. We hope that by the time you read this, she will be back home.

Coming up--Jim and Sue Gamble and Steve and Monica York are getting ready for their babies due this spring. Karen Brown is working hard to graduate from Washington U. in May with her B.S. in Data Processing. We'll hear more about all this later.

Oh, what was I doing on New Year's Eve? Camping on the Current River with the rest of the L'Ecuyer's having a great time, but dreaming of warmer moments. Until next month

February 1981

Vicissitudes

by Marcia Kerz and Lisa Horner

With the holidays gone, we are all eager for the new year ahead. Yet there is still much news to tell from 1980. We have quite a few new residents and some who have departed.

We wish to welcome home Phyllis and Robert Towns, 6100 Pershing. The Towns moved here in May from Lake St. Louis. Their daughter, Judy Vinson and her family use in the 6100 block of Westminster, in the same home the Towns lived in and rehabbed themselves several years ago. Their son Tom lives in the 6000 block of Kingsbury.

Another new resident is Fern Steffen and her children Anna and Paul, 6100 Waterman. Fern is a nurse at Deaconess Hospital. Anna attends Metro School and Paul is a student at Crossroads. Another daughter of Fern's, Rachael, currently resides in the 6300 block of Waterman. Carol and Jim Metzenthin and their family have moved from 6100 Washington to a home in Webster Groves. Their family will soon be or may already be enlarged by one We wish them luck and congratulations.

The residents of Pershing are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new neighbors. The apartments at 6000 Pershing which are being rehabbed by West End Townhouses will begin to be occupied in the spring. Also new at Pershing is the formation of a block group. The residents held their first meeting on September 23 at Scariot Hall. A member of the seventh district was on hand to lead a discussion and show slides on crime prevention. We wish them luck in this endeavor.

The 6100 block of Westminster held a Block Club meeting in December to discuss safety precautions. Three St. Louis policemen attended the meeting and presented some suggestions as possible deterrents to a rash of "holiday" crimes. Leaving porch lights on at all times and watching carefully before getting out of cars were some of

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the suggestions. Two families have made recent additions. Steve and Dee Vossmeier, 5200 Westminster, are the very proud parents of Robert Steven. –Rob was born on November 16 at 11:35 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Ralph and Teddi Reeder received a special Christmas present--an 8 pound, 3 ounce baby boy. Nathan Mitchell Reeder arrived on December 17 at 3:03 p.m. The Reeder's reside in the 6000 block of McPherson.

Louis Arenson, 6100 Pershing, is currently at St. Mary's Hospital recovering from extensive surgery. His neighbors hope that Louis will be home very soon. In the traditional holiday spirit, Christmas caroling was attempted in many blocks in the area, but those with the best voices tended to avoid the freezing temperatures on December 17. While some of us ventured out and tried to sing, the cold won over after a short time and everyone would up at the Hoerr's for hot chocolate and other assorted beverages. It was a great time.

March, 1981

Vicissitudes

by Marcia Kerz and Lisa Horner

We are pleased this month to share with you some quite interesting and exciting things some of our neighbors are doing professionally. A hearty congratulations to Pat Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, for her article "The Lost Mine" which was accepted by the Post-Dispatch and appeared in the February 13th Everyday section, along with Pat's photographs. We hope to see more of her work in the future.

Congratulations are also very much in order for two more neighborhood residents. Ray Breun, 6100 McPherson, was honored by Mayor Conway with an appointment to the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee. The function of this committee will be to draft a franchise for the installation of cable T.V. in St. Louis. Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, has been named Executive Director of the Conference on Education. The conference is a non-profit, volunteer organization which is designed to promote solutions to major educational concerns. It is run by a 36-member board made up of two-thirds lay citizens and one-third professional educators and is financed by contributions from individuals and corporations. Marcia has promised to give us more information about the Conference on Education and its 25th anniversary in the near future. A new neighborhood business, Ken Cohen Advertising, which has been in operation since January, is currently located in Ken's home, 6100 McPherson. Ken is involved with radio, television and all types of advertising. We wish him much success. A very successful as well as enjoyable Progressive Dinner was held on Saturday, January 31st. The success was due, in large part, to the efforts of Joanne Reilly, Cathy Fitzmaurice and Yvonne Christopher, the planners and organizers of the dinner. They wish to thank also Gerry Flynn and Betty Botz for keeping such excellent notes on last year's dinner. Approximately 180 people, undaunted by reports of an

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impending "blizzard", which fortunately never materialized, enjoyed cocktails and a variety of delicious dinners at the host homes. Twenty homes served cocktails and 18 prepared dinners. Everyone then "progressed" to Scariot Hall for dessert, coffee, wine and beer. The dessert — miniature pastries from Elmer Blatz Pastry Shop — was purchased compliments of Central West End Savings and Loan. The proceeds from the dinner go to St. Roch's School Association.

Many happy returns to Harold Tuthill who was given a surprise birthday party by friends and neighbors. Mr. Tuthill was presented with a trophy from the Tuesday Night Men's Volleyball Group inscribed with "Harold Tuthill — World's best 75 year old volleyball player." Following the party, Harold demonstrated his powers on the court.

April, 1981

Window on Washington Heights

By Glori L'Ecuyer

In the flurry of political excitement and the usual spring rush, a few important events may have been overlooked. The residents of the 5700 block of DeGiverville will be delighted to learn that Bertha Hughes will be married this May to Jesse Moore of New York, N.Y. The couple will live in the Big Apple where Bertha will be working for Gamolorie Shoe Co. on Fifth Avenue, no less. We wish her happiness, but we will miss her.

Mark Faulkner of the 5700 block of Pershing is a newlywed. He and his wife Ann will live in Greece where he is stationed with the Air Force. Congratulations to Ann and Mark on their marriage. Greece sounds like a great place for a honeymoon!

Melvin Hughes is in Spain now, but will be stationed in Virginia not far from his mother's new home in New York. Cousin Michael is follow rig in Melvin's Navy footsteps and will do his tour of duty in Japan. Staying home and doing a significant amount of work on their house are the McElroys. They are expecting a new baby this April. Their neighbors, Naomi and Andrew Topps had a baby boy February 20th, weighing 7 lbs. 11 ozs. They are very proud parents. You may remember Mr. Topps from the front page of the Pout Dispatch. A man was caught red-handed by the police trying to steal his tire and claimed he was doing it because he was hungry. Mr. Topps gave him \$5 and asked that the man be set free. We can sec that new baby has quite a daddy.

It will surprise no one to hear that George Storey is very active in the Forest Park Men's Golf Association, an organization of great renown and longevity, having its origins in 1900. He has recently been elected Treasurer and would be pleased to have other neighbors join him in the fun. The men meet on Thursday evening and play golf on Saturday and Sunday and probably a few other days if George has anything to do with it.

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Another sports enthusiast, Debbie Busch has won a first place trophy from the AAU League at Marquette Recreational Center and her sister Karen's basketball team at Fontbonne College came in third place in the St. Louis Area College Athletic Association's tournament held at Maryville College. The Busch girls are at it again! Frances Stadler, a resident of sixteen years and former WHN board member, retired last year from her position as archivist at the Historical Society which she held for 23 years. She was also Acting Director of the Society from 1977 to 1978. We didn't know she was retired because she continued to edit the Society's Bulletin until this summer. Now she reports that she enjoys doing nothing except a few hours of volunteer work now and then. We suspect she will find this time just as rewarding as she has found previous years in the neighborhood.

Welcome to new residents Denise Davis and her son Marquis of the 5700 block of DeGiverville

Tom Reel, son of longtime residents Blanche and Alton Reel, has recently become an associate with Feinberg Realty. This month Feinberg is opening a residential sales branch at 5707 Waterman. The branch will be open seven days a week. You can call 367-6100 or drop in for cup of coffee.

Arid if this article seems only half finished, you're exactly correct. To be continued...

May, 1981

Vicissitudes

By Marcia Kerz and Lisa Horner

One of the most significant events for many neighbors this month was the delivery of the long awaited Girl Scout Cookies. While some of us barely remembered placing orders, most quickly accepted packages.

The past and present officers of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association honored as many "new neighbors" as could be identified at a "New Neighbors Party" on April 4. The festivity was held at the Hoerr's home. Because of the gap in time between the last such party and this event, the newness of some neighbors was questionable (as with both of yours truly), but all enjoyed the opportunity to meet newer people. The most accurate definition of a New Neighbor seems to be anyone living within the general area of Rosedale who claims to have lived there for no more than two to six years or who plans to live within the area within the next few years. A sketchy list of just some who attended is as follows: Karen Gornet, Stanley and Linda Jones, Susan Kidd, Evan Dick, Al Roehwinkle, Stephen and Diane Niewoehner, Seth and Maurice Carlin, Lisa and Bill Horner, John Abramson, Sandy and Johnny Sims, Marcia Kerz and Mary Nodiff, as well as a host of others who may have exceeded the stiff definition.

Arline and Richard Webb, of 6100 Pershing, will soon be traveling to Philadelphia, combining business with pleasure. Arline will be visiting relatives while Richard

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attends a management seminar. Richard has recently been promoted to night manager as SmithKline Laboratory.

Ken and Pat Krippner, 6100 Waterman, are making two new additions to their family. They are in the process of adopting two sisters, Rachel, three years old, and Nikki, five and a half. The girls will be joining the Krippner family in late April or early May, making a total of seven children. The residents of 6100 Waterman are pleased to see Viola Theil getting around the neighborhood and slowly recuperating from a recent heart attack. Viola, who is 75 years old, is a retired librarian from Washington University. St. Roch's Men's Slow Pitch Softball Team is -in training for its new season. The team will play sixteen games on Friday nights beginning in May. Anyone interested in playing should contact coach Brad Weir, of 6100 Westminster. As previously outlined (Vicissitudes, Sept. 1980), we understand the qualifications will remain the same as last year: -players must be over thirty years of age, they cannot be so skilled that they embarrass other members, and love for the game cannot be surpassed by consumption of beer.

Ken Kress of 6100 Pershing is leaving us for Philadelphia this month. The staff of The Paper will be particularly sorry to lose his writing, editing and lay out skills, but wish him all good luck in his burgeoning free lance career.

Lisa Horner, 6100 Westminster, had a unique opportunity to participate in the Annual -Missouri Conference on the Young Years sponsored by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City on April 3 and 4. Lisa's PreSchool Parent-Child Program at Francis Howell School District was one of three programs featured at the two day event which is designed to share successful early childhood/parent education programs with teachers and school administrators. The presentation by Lisa and her staff focused on screening procedures for preschool children, and follow-up methods utilized in individual school districts when developmental delays or handicaps are identified in a child. Just in case someone happened to miss the newspapers on Tuesday, April 7, we felt it necessary to mention that Vince Schoemehl, 6100 Westminster, was elected Mayor of the City of St. Louis. Congratulations to Vince and Lois. It's certainly nice to know someone in City Hall.

In one of Vince's first appointments, Jill McGuire, 6100 Westminster, was appointed to the Mayor's Staff to serve as a chief spokesperson for Schoemehl. Jill will also work on special projects and serve as a trouble-shooter for Vince.

Vicissitudes would like to offer a special congratulatory note to all students in the Rosedale area who are graduating this spring. If you are graduating from grade school, high school or college, please let Vicissitudes know and we will place your name in the next issue of "The Paper."

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by Glori L'Ecuyer

The bloom was gone from Rose Storey's porch and was missed by many residents who look forward to the annual WHN flower sale each spring. We were sorry to learn that the reason for the flowers' absence was Rose's illness and hospitalization. Fortunately, she is doing much better and is even back at work.

Anna Williams of the 5700 block of Pershing is home from the hospital and doing better. Leon Doom is also recuperating after an illness and is finding getting around somewhat easier.

Congratulations to Deborah Northcross who has been selected as a top sales person by her employer. She will soon be enjoying the luxury of a Caribbean cruise as her reward.

Our condolences go to the Evans family of the 5700 block of Waterman John Evans died this April. His family, friends and neighbors will miss him.

Congratulations to Karen Brown, who has graduated from Washington U. with a degree in Computer Data Processing. Now that Karen has two degrees and time on her hands, her good neighbor, Venita Lake, is looking for another program to keep Karen busy.

The Lakes enjoyed their trip to New Orleans where Rich attended the international Reading Association Convention.

Mike Magrath spent five days in Minneapolis learning to train boards of directors to run co-ops.

Back at home, Walter and Jo Ann McElroy became the proud parents of baby Warren Joseph who weighed 7lbs. 7oz. when he arrived on April 16th. April was a busy month for Jim and Sue Gamble of the 5800 block of Waterman. They welcomed their new baby girl.

Congratulations to John Thomas on his appointment as director of SLATE by none other than our famous neighbor from the Rosedale sector, Vince Schoemehl.

Thanks to Misters Polk, McLucas, Hunt and others who have decided budget cuts or no. DeGiverville will be clean. They have formed a group of willing hands to clean the street whenever necessary. Some other neighbors have been talking about working together to keep the streets looking good. Remember the bad old days before street cleaning? How is your block doing? David Pearson of the 5800 block of Waterman is now a graduate of UMSL Congratulations on obtaining his degree and on his acceptance into St. Louis University's Law School.

Mary Broon and Vera Savage of 5900 Pershing have completed training in upholstery We understand their work is beautiful and they're ready for business. Although we had to forego the flower sale, John Thomas and Shirley Polk promise that there will be a

WHN picnic in the park during August. Look for further information in the calendar. See you there. Until then ...

September, 1981

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

You're reading "Vicissitudes" again and that means the Paper is back and summer's almost gone. Many exciting things have happened since June — so many that not everything will be included this month. The Rosedale Neighborhood Association held an election of officers on Saturday, May 23. The following were elected: Steve Brammeier, President; Karleen Hoerr, Vice President (Communications); Marvin Nodiff, Vice President, Fundraising; Deborah Boehlke, Secretary; and Lisa Horner, Treasurer.

Rosedale also sponsored a Pot Luck at Scariot Hall on Sunday, June 28th. Along with a delicious assortment of food, a men's leg contest was held. Ken Cohen was proclaimed as having the best legs in Rosedale. Approximately 100 people attended .d a great time was had by all.

The 28th Ward has a new alderman. On July 14, Dan McGuire, 6100 Westminster, was elected to replace the vacancy left by Vince Schoemehl. Congratulations. Dan! Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, is beginning this new school year as the new Director of New City School. We congratulate him and wish him well.

Massy of its have taken exciting and interesting vacations this summer and "Vicissitudes" always enjoys reporting these. The Greens and the Vatches, 6100 Westminster, spent the Fourth of July weekend on the Delta Queen. The cruise took liters to Hannibal and back. They left the riverfront on Friday in the midst. of the V.P. Fair festivities, and spent a lot of time deck-sitting and eating the great food. One of the most unforgettable moments came when clocking in Hannibal. The gangplank of the Queen crushed the rear end of a pick-up truck and knocked a pillar out from under a Coast Guard building.

Let us know if you've had an interesting vacation no we can report it here.

A new addition to the neighborhood is Andrew Renard Droege. He was born to Peggy Droege, 6100 Westminster, on July 2 at St. Mary's Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

In addition to Andrew, we have gotten quite a few new neighbors since May. John and Jan Pitts, from Florissant, are new to 6100 McPherson. John has his own business — J.T. Pitts Painting and Decorating. Jan works for Ponderosa.

John (Hitch) and Mary Powell are recent arrivals to 6100 Westminster. Hitch is a salesman for B.N.A., Inc., legal publishers, and Mary is a certified dental assistant. Also new to 6100 Westminster are Karen and Mark Gornet, as well as Debbie and

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Gordon Gregg and their two children. Gordon is the brother of Karen Kelsey, 6000 Kingsbury,

Linda and Stanly Ford are new neighbors on 6000 Kingsbury. Phyllis and Bill Hawk and daughter Jessica are recent arrivals to 6100 Washington.

Ray and Joan Breun and their two children, 6100 McPherson, recently returned from a vacation in Minneapolis, Ray's hometown, stopping along the way in Chicago and Madison. They especially enjoyed seeing the museum and the Art Institute in Chicago, but the boys really enjoyed going to J.C. Penney's there, where they each got a new Hot Wheels.

The condos on 6100 Pershing are becoming occupied. Julie Carter, a student at Washington University's Art School, and Lillie Mock, who works for Southwestern Bell, are both new residents there.

More in October!

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Window on Washington Heights

by Glori L'Ecuyer and Blanche Reel

Welcome back after our summer hiatus Washington Heights has been a busy place.

Pam Busch, daughter of Horace and Anna Busch, was married this summer in addition to Leslie Doyle, daughter of Addie Doyle. Congratulations to the new brides and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Griffin of the 5700 block of Waterman are the proud parents of baby boy Jason who was born on June 1 and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. The neighbors say is a handsome young man.

Our condolences go to Council Smith and his family for the loss of Lee James Smith, brother of Council, who died on May 15. He was a resident of University City, Mo. and formerly employed by MoPac.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gloria Lowery of the 5900 block of DeGiverville for receiving a scholarship from Anheuser Busch to continue her education at St. Louis University. The Gordons of the 5900 block of Pershing will be sending their daughter to the University of Southern California this fall.

Accolades and acclamations were heaped on our residents this summer. Nathan Long was honored for his efforts in the desegregation of Soldan High School. He is presently completing a Job Corps training program and is making plans for college. Anna Busch has received yet another honor for her contributions as a volunteer. On

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June 21 she received an award for community work given by the Grand Harmony Chapter of Eastern Star.

Esther Herron of the 5800 block of DeGiverville was appointed Commissioner to the Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority. Also, if July 9 seemed a little nicer to you, it may have been because Mayor Vincent Schoemehl proclaimed that day as Queen Esther Herron Day. Congratulations to Esther whose many years of dedicated work make her to deserving of recognition.

Another resident, Anna Bell Gates of the 5900 block of DeGiverville, also heard from the mayor. She received a letter of congratulations for her award commemorating 11 years of service at the Newstead Baptist Church as College Day Coordinator.

Shirley Polk and John Thomas did a great job of organizing the WHN picnic in Forest Park on August 9 kids and grownups alike seemed to have a good time. One of the many highlights of the day was the music by John Thomas' own group.

Shortly after the picnic. Shirley entertained relatives from California. Doug and Cleo Alexander were visited by Cleo's parents who came all the way from New York to see them and their granddaughter.

5900 DeGiverville sponsored a bike ride on the Forest Park bike trail on July 25 complete with refreshments after the ride. This block will also hold the Third Annual DeGiverfest on September 5. Be sure to attend since there will be fun, food and a friendly block to delight you.

That's all the news for now. Special thanks to Blanche Reel who has joined in the effort to pry and collect information for this article. Stay tuned for interesting details of vacation trips next month.

October, 1981

Vicissitudes

By Lisa Horner

Rosedale is a very busy place and many of us are doing some very exciting things both professionally and otherwise.

Dorothy Ilgen, 6000 Pershing, has recently been appointed Assistant Director for Programs of the Missouri Arts Council. The Arts Council is a state agency, a division of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulations and Licensing, which allocates state and federal tax dollars to private not-for-profit and public arts programs around the state. The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council has recently been one of their recipients. It is the responsibility of Dorothy and her staff to review applications for such funding. This year they allocated \$2.8 million before budget cuts. More news from the art community. Bill and Mary Christman and their daughter, Kellie, have moved into the 6000 block of Kingsbury. They purchased their house in July and were [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

able to move in this August. They are now living on the second floor, while Christman Studios occupies the first floor. Bill, along with three other employees, does all types of commercial art: general commercial sign painting, custom signs, small wale theatrical scenery, carved wood, sculptural effects, etc. They are currently working on weather maps for the Channel 5 Noon News.

We now have two neighborhood residents who are teaching at Hamilton School. Karen Bynum, 6000 Pershing, joined the staff this year as a half-time kindergarten teacher. Ann McKerrow, 6100 Pershing, is in her second year at Hamilton, teaching art.

In early August, Sue Sante and her two sons packed up and moved from 6100 Pershing to Colorado where Sue's brother lives. She was recently seen visiting in town, however, and tells friends that she is working as a cook in a hunting lodge and loving every minute of it. She is especially looking forward to doing some cross-country skiing this year.

Roy Bell, 6100 Washington, has just begun an M.B.A. program at Washington University. After his first night of class he looked a bit bedraggled and discouraged, but we know he will persevere and we wish him every success.

It is with deep regret that we report the death in August of Helen Schmitt, the mother of Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, and Jan Kuhl, 6100 McPherson. Also our deepest sympathy to Liz and Lee Hall, 6000 Kingsbury, on the death of their son, Peter.

A speedy recovery is wished for Jeanette Aron, 6000 Westminster, who was injured in the foot by a freak accident involving a stray bullet from an unknown source. She is a student at Soldan.

A hearty congratulations to Kitty Buckley, 6000 Westminster, for receiving the Skinker-DeBaliviere Home Improvement Award. This award and a \$50 certificate will be presented by the Central West End Savings and Loan, to one home each fall, winter and spring. The decision is made by a committee of residents and is based solely on exterior improvements. Kitty has spent many hours on her lawn, both front and back, and says she really enjoys it. She has approximately 100 geraniums planted around her house! If you have a nomination for the next award, contact a committee member: Joe Botz, Anna Busch, Beverly Taylor, Sam Green, or Linda Thomas.

Congratulations also go to Camellia Brice, 6100 Washington, who successfully organized the August 28th Talent Show at Delmar Baptist. The "stars" were all neighborhood children.

On August 23rd, the annual Kingsbury Float Trip took place. The stalwart crew, consisting of the Hoerrs, Stuarts, Laurenz's, McPherrons and the Eakers, set out at 8 a.m. for the Courtois River with seven canoes. No major spills or accidents befell any of their numbers, so upon returning home they gathered at Steve and Barb Eaker's for a barbeque and further merriment. They all had a terrific time.

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by Lisa Horner

The Rosedale epidemic has subsided. It seems that many of us who cast aside fear and trepidation to brave the wilds of Forest Park Parkway on that fateful Sunday afternoon, subsequently began breaking out in the "creeping crud." This awful, oozing rash, which itched like mad, was said to have been acquired through contact with some strange, exotic, yet innocuous-looking leaf encountered in those treacherous wilds. A swift recovery is wished to any and all "Raiders" who may still be suffering. Rosedale has acquired a few new neighbors and some old ones have switched blocks. Mary and Tim Smith have moved from 6100 Waterman to 6100 Westminster. Tim teaches photography and ceramics at Parkway West and Mary is a preschool teacher for the St. Louis Association for Retarded Citizens.

Tina Ragen and Steve Schaefer were married in Newton, Kansas on Sept. 5. They have recently moved from 6000 Waterman to 5800 Pershing. Tina teaches French and Spanish at Mary Institute and Steve is an environmental engineer for Sverdrup and Parcel Corporation.

Bill Mathis is a new neighbor in the 6100 block of Pershing. He is a photographer for Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum. Welcome to all new neighbors!

A belated congratulations to Muriel and Zachary Timely, 6100 Pershing, on the birth of their third daughter, Blair, June 18. She is the new sister of Shera, 5, and Hilary, 2. Muriel is a P.E. teacher and gymnastics coach at Soldan and Zachary works for the Human Development Corporation.

Many new as well as old faces were seen enjoying hot dogs, beer and other refreshments at the Rosedale Weinie Roast. Thanks to the Brammeiers for the use of their backyard. The weather was absolutely beautiful for a gathering (what a switch!), and the food was great. The Live Wires showed up ready for a third try at delivering Father Peet's singing telegram from Rosedale, unfortunately he hadn't arrived. Steve Brammeier's quick thinking and a handy tape recorder managed to preserve the melodious message for all time, and later Father Peet finally received his telegram (albeit pre-recorded), which the rest of us had enjoyed "live."

Mary Powell, 6100 Westminster, recently had the opportunity to spend some time in San Francisco for a convention sponsored by the California Dental Association. One suspects a trip to San Francisco couldn't be all work. Mary said she really enjoyed herself.

Gail Farwell, 6000 Westminster, has started her own business which she is currently operating from her home. She is a fashion coordinator and consultant, as well as a professional seamstress, specializing in women's clothes and draperies. Gail lives with her husband, Victor, and her son, Jagger, who is 17 months old.

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A very special congratulations to Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, who has been selected as a participant in the 1981-82 St. Louis Leadership Program, funded by the Danforth Foundation and conducted by Coro Foundation. Approximately 50 participants were selected from 150 nominees from the metro area. This program was generated to encourage the professional development of leadership for people committed to improving the quality of life in the St. Louis area. Participants meet monthly Friday and Saturday. The meetings are designed to provide a variety of learning experiences for those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. Congratulations, Marcia, and continued success.

Hope your table is full of good food and surrounded by loved ones this Thanksgiving. Have a happy one!

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by Glori L'Ecuyer and Blanche Reel

We've heard so much about the Lost Parkway recently—what about the Waterman-Laurel-DeGiverville Triangle? It was so overgrown that its reputation would soon surpass that of its legendary counterpart near Bermuda. Thanks to Misters Haynes, Green and Martin and Mrs. Simpson, the grass was cut and the area properly scoured of debris. They did a great job!

Rose Storey combined her work with fun in San Diego in August attending the Court Clerks' Seminar. George came also to visit friends and enjoy perfect golfing weather. The Lakes took their dream vacation and fulfilled an eighteen-year-old wish to ride the Durango to Silverton narrow gauge steam engine for 23 miles. You've seen the train in all the Westerns, Break Heart Pass, for instance, and now you know that Venita and Rich Lake have ridden it. What could be left in life now? Whatever it is, I'm sure the Lakes will think of it.

Karen and George Brown had a party to properly welcome some of the newcomers to the neighborhood. Among the guests of honor were 5800 block of Pershing new people Steve and Tina Schaefer. Steve is an engineer and Tina teaches at Mary Institute. Welcome, again.

Lois and Ken Baker are expecting their first baby sometime this spring. This is good news to neighbors and to the Grace and Peace Congregation of which they are members.

On our not-so-well-but-doing-better list are Vivian Dobbs, Dorothy Goldsby and Bonnie Berry. We are glad to hear they are home from the hospital and recovering. Mr. Richard Wimbley is in the hospital far from home in California. He is expected to return by late November, but he would enjoy hearing from his friends and neighbors. If you fall into one or both categories, please send a note of cheer to:

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Mr. Richard Wimbley
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Mrs. Williams of the 5700 block of Pershing is in the hospital. We express our support and concern to her family at this time. Our condolences to the Simms family of the 5700 block of DeGiverville. Mr. Simms died in September after an illness.

Autumn seems to be a time of change for several of our neighbors. Venita Lake is the newly appointed Administrative Assistant to the newly appointed Dean of the University College at Washington U. Congratulations! John Thomas is excited about his new multi-faceted position with the Department of Welfare working with Children's Services. Last, but hardly least, Anna Busch has taken a job with the Juvenile Circuit Court. Many residents will miss her warm voice on the phone and her pleasant manner at the Skinker-DeBaliviere office. We all hope Anna enjoys the challenge of her new job.

Rose Storey's grandbaby is moving too. Her son-in-law, Terry, has been made the Vice-President of Liberty Loan in Atlanta, Ga. The bad news is that the grandbaby will be so far away. Sally is expecting the Storey's second grandchild in April.

We hear Shirley Polk has a grandson she misses, living in Colorado with her son Allen and his wife, Pat. The baby is eight months old and occasionally gets to town to see Shirley

Among the young adults in the news is Karen Busch. She has been recognized as an outstanding military student and was made Captain of the Senior class of Washington University's R.O.T.C. We salute her. And then there is Susan Storey studying French and dancing in Olympia, Wa. She has been awarded a scholarship to study French in France for one year to earn her Master's Degree. The news came just in time to cheer her as she was recuperating from the ankle she broke in her ballet class. Better luck in your French, Susan.

Two neighbors got together over a cup of coffee for the first time recently. So, what's new? Just this—Horace Busch Jr. and Mike Buckley had their first meeting in Midway Island and discovered they both came from Skinker-DeBaliviere and both attend St. Roch's Church. Horace Jr.'s mother, Anna, and Mike's wife, Kitty, have been friends for many years.

You don't have to go to the extreme that Mike and Horace, Jr., did to get together. You can come to the St. Roch's Halloween Party or be among the blood donors at Grace Methodist Church on Nov. 7 and the coffee you meet over will be supplied by the Red Cross. See you there. Until then....

December 1981

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

The adult Halloween party on Oct. 30 at Scariot Hall provided all who attended with a terrific opportunity to make fools of ourselves and to enjoy seeing our neighbors do the same. In other words, it was great fun. Although almost everyone there should have been commended for their creativity and daring, a few well-deserved prizes were awarded.

The Best Effect for the Least Effort Award went to Deborah and Keith Boehlke, 6000 Westminster, for their realistic M.A.S.H. costumes ("blood" and everything). Steve Brammeier's (6100 Westminster) puppet won the Best Female Impersonator Award for hanging around a man all night. The Most Confused Award, for a person celebrating the wrong holiday, went to Frank Burke, 6100 McPherson, for his portrayal of the Valentine's Day Massacre. John and Jan Pitts, 6100 McPherson, were awarded the Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight Award for the most flammable couple. They came as a pair of scarecrows complete with stuffing. Last, but not least, was the award given to Ray and Joan Breun's (6100 McPherson) screen for the Best Use of Neighborhood Natural Resources (you had to be there).

All of the awards and prizes were presented by Richard and Arline Webb, 6100 Pershing, due to their obvious impartiality (i.e., no costumes). We still only have one question. Who were those guys who drank all the scotch?

At least two of our neighbors are having their voices heard in the nation's capital. Marj Weir, 6100 Westminster, recent past president of the St. Louis City School Board, was in Washington recently to speak to the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights concerning desegregation and how it is working in St. Louis. John Roach, former Rosedale resident, now of Kingsbury Place, has been appointed as an advisor on housing for the Democratic caucus of the House. He will be traveling to Washington periodically with other such advisors to meet with Democratic representatives.

Ken Cohen, 6100 McPherson, was nominated for a Flair Award for advertising sponsored by the Advertising Federation of St. Louis. He was recognized for his newspaper advertising of the Central West End Savings and Loan's Ice Cream promotion. The awards were presented at a very elegant banquet held at the Sheraton Downtown on Nov. 4. This nomination was quite an honor for Ken and we congratulate him. A sincere welcome from the neighborhood to Mrs. Evelyn Overall who has moved into the 6100 block of Waterman. Oscar Klinefelter, 6100 Kingsbury, was recently in the hospital for surgery. He is wished a speedy recovery.

In the hope of clearing up some confusion, and since the question has arisen on more than one occasion, let it be made clear that this article is not written by Lisa Horner who is in the third grade at St. Roch's. It is true that she is quite bright, witty and up-

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to-date on neighborhood affairs, however, she simply does not have the time to devote to it, what with homework and all. There is another Lisa Horner and it is she who pens "Vicissitudes." We hope this will put an end to the question for good.

May there be real joy in each and every home during this coming holiday season. Look for more news in February.

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Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

As a neighborhood, Parkview has certain constants: characteristics that do not seem to change over the years. One of them is the trees. When my family first moved into Parkview more than 30 years ago the trees provided shelter, shade and, in the case of some smaller ones, convenient hiding places for children. There was a "monkey tree" in the south park that particularly attracted every neighborhood climber. The trees in the two parks also served as boundaries for games and markers of territorial rights. I still see them used in many of the same ways.

The oaks and maples of Parkview also offered some respite from the St. Louis heat. As children we often argued whether it was 10 or 15 degrees cooler in Parkview than it was on Skinker. No one ever won the argument, but we needed no scientific proof that it was, indeed, cooler once you passed the stone gates. It may only be psychological, but even now I feel a temperature difference when I enter Parkview. When we were children we kept close track of who lived in Parkview, especially other kids. One year we counted 96 children on Pershing alone. There are not as many kids today as there were then, but they are still quite evident. The big houses, winding streets and two parks invite families with children.

Another element which has not changed much is the fact that where you live in Parkview is indicated by the some of the former owners. The Smiths may be living in the house now, but if the Joneses lived there before it is known as the "Jones' house." "Oh yes," you can hear an old Parkview resident say, "you live in the Jones' house."

How long your residential identity is tied to the former owners is difficult to determine. At a Parkview picnic some years ago I was introduced to someone who lived in a house that had belonged to a family with whom I had gone to school. "Of course," I said, "you live in the Brown house." The person to whom I had been introduced replied, "How long does it take around here for a house to become your house? I've been living there 18 years." I have lived in several cities and I've never experienced this phenomenon in any other community. My husband says such references to homes make it seem as though people are living in a house that belongs to someone else. I don't know the source of this practice, but it seems that the only way you can be assured of your house having your name is to live in it for many years or to keep it in the same family generation after generation.

A related peculiarity of Parkview is the fact that children return as adults to live in this area. Parents may live in one house and one of their married children might live two blocks away. People also have a practice of living on one street for a while and then moving to a house on another street without ever leaving Parkview. There are other

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elements in this neighborhood which have not been altered significantly over the last 30 years. Horses still stand in the middle of the street to slow or, as some people believe, irritate the drivers. The only change in these barriers over the years is that they are now metal instead of wood.

At least one of the Parkview Police, Sgt. Rebori, has provided continuity over the years. He's been on the Parkview force more than 50 years.

Like the man on the MTA in the Kingston Trio song, there are still people who get lost in Parkview and panic because they think they'll never find a way out. I can recall directing strangers as a kid and thinking that some adults just didn't have any sense of direction. Today I sympathize with all those drivers every time I get lost in an unfamiliar subdivision.

The faces have changed and the kids do grow up, but Parkview is still much the same: a subdivision of trees, parks, and people. It's also a nice place to live, ask anyone who chose to come back!

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Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

Everyone complains about the weather in St. Louis so I decided to take an informal survey of neighborhood residents and ask them what they thought was good about the local weather. One long-time resident said she loves the variety, never knowing whether it will be cold when it's supposed to be, or hot when it should be.

Another person thought it was convenient riot to have to store your winter clothes. After all, she said, you might need that sweater in the middle of August. As a result, she just keeps her clothes in the closets year round and doesn't bother rotating them. One man said that betting on the St. Louis weather is much more exciting than Bingo. He contends that you don't even have to be the betting sort. Every morning you take your chances when you get up and guess what the climate will be outdoors. His wife attends regular Bingo sessions, but he claims that over the long haul he has won more money than she. Unfortunately, it's not financially lucrative because he only bets against himself on paper; he's never found anyone willing to bet against him on a regular basis.

One resident thought that the best part of living here is experiencing autumn. He recalled growing up in Kansas and not even noticing when the leaves began to turn. In Parkview, however, that's a different story. The riot of color is beautiful in September and October. The drawback is that the leaves do fall.

The real asset of St. Louis weather, one visitor said, is that you can talk about it. In California, where she hails from, you can't really talk about endlessly sunny days with

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blue skies and temperatures in the 70s. She said people often can't remember the last time it rained. Of course, she did admit that mudslides and earthquakes are not unheard of, but they occur so rarely that they can't be discussed in daily conversation. Here it's entirely different. Each day is a surprise. Where else, she marveled, could you spend two weeks and have the temperature go from 98 to 50? She thought that certainly helped make her stay here more interesting. She could also return to the west coast with a bonanza of weather conversation.

The last person I talked to said the best aspect of St. Louis weather was the relief you felt when you got out of the summer heat and into the air conditioning. Such weather makes you truly grateful and aware of modern technology. She suggested that if it were not for St. Louis heat, air conditioning might never have been invented, and then what would all those temperature-cooled computers do?

September 1982

Rosedale Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It's been a long, hot summer and personally we're happy to see autumn just around the corner. Many Rosedale residents have had interesting vacations, only a few of which are reported here.

Mary and Peter Schmit, 6100 McPherson, spent some time visiting relatives and sailing in northern Indiana, also stopping off in Chicago. Joan and Ray Breun, 6100 McPherson, went to Cobblestone at the Lake of the Ozarks with their two boys. Keith and Deborah Boehlke, and their daughter Jena, 6000 Westminster, traveled to Miami, Florida, for vacationing and to visit Deborah's parents. A week of sunning and gambling in Freeport, Grand Bahama, was enjoyed by Steve and Diane Niewohner, 6100 Westminster. Hope more of you will let us know about exciting vacations so that we can report them here.

We have three new families in Rosedale to report this month. The 6100 block of Westminster regrets the departure of Jack and Mary Alumbaugh, longtime residents. In their place, however, we are fortunate to have Don Richardson and Linda Kulla. Don is employed by Pioneer Stereo and Linda works at Fontbonne College in the Adult Education Department.

New to 6100 McPherson are Linda and John Nunley and their son Boyd. Linda is an artist and John is curator of Meso-American, Oceanic and African Art at the St. Louis Art Museum. Bob and Candace Wiltenburg and their two daughters, Mary and Katherine, are new residents in 6100 Kingsbury. Bob is an assistant professor, director of freshman composition in the English department of Washington University. Congratulations are very much in order for three neighborhood residents who were

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recently selected for the Danforth Leadership Program. They are: Marj Weir, 6100 Westminster; Jim Templeton, 6000 Kingsbury; and Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury. Skip Coburn, formerly of 6100 McPherson, was married July 24 to Leslie Geller. They are now living out of the neighborhood, but rumor has it that this is only temporary. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Coburn.

The Rosedale Rags to Riches day, June 12, was a huge success. While some made _their fortunes by selling their old "rags," others simply enjoyed a few beers and burritos with friends and neighbors. Remember to save that old "junk" for next year's event. Those who met them certainly enjoyed having Mary Clare Kerz, sister of Marcia Kerz, and their niece Mary Beth as temporary residents this summer. Unfortunately they both had to return to school, Mary Beth as a student in Mobile, Ala., and Mary Clare as a special education teacher in Illinois. The hottest news off the wire this month is that the St. Roch's Friday night Battling Beagles are into a winning streak (five games, as of this writing!). Keep up the great playing, guys.

October 1982

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

Bluegrass music, hot dogs, games, a Western parade and down-home hospitality were the hallmarks of this year's Parkview Picnic, held in the Washington park on Saturday, Sept. 11.

An estimated 150 Parkview residents gathered in the park to listen to the group, Cimarron, and to mingle with their neighbors from all parts of the subdivision. The music, which lasted from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., was a highlight of the annual event for many residents.

"It was delightful; the music was great," Rita Magyar of Westgate said. Terry Vanicelli of Washington said the band was terrific and was pleased that the group played Bluegrass rather than Country and Western. Before the band started its performance, the neighborhood children got their opportunity to show off their Western costumes in keeping with the theme of the picnic. Nancy Klepper of Washington coordinated the parade of kids, which followed the Parkview police car down Westgate and around the park. There were several covered wagons, girls in old-fashioned sunbonnets and boys with ten-gallon hats and six-shooters. All the children who participated in the parade received prizes.

Nancy Klepper, a relative newcomer to Parkview, enjoyed directing the parade. She said it was "fun to see the kids all dressed up. The parents were even more excited than the kids." She was also glad to see such great neighborhood participation.

After the parade those weary from being on the trail could avail themselves of soda, beer, hot dogs, ham sandwiches or popcorn. Nancy deBettencourt and Mary and

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George Gilley, all of Washington, stoked the fires to keep the hot dogs going, as Tom Martha sold tickets for the food.

The picnic was coordinated by Anne and Bob Spencer, Cindy and Tom Martin, Mary and George Gilley and Nancy and Joe deBettencourt. The planning was a collective effort, according to Bob Spencer.

Nancy deBettencourt got the grab bags for everyone in the parade and Joe deBettencourt got the prizes, Spencer said. Joe deBettencourt, George Gilley and Bob Spencer coordinated the food and the lighting. Spencer urged that there be a picnic every year and recommended that two or three couples organize it together. "I have been involved in three of these (picnics) and this was the most fun because we enjoyed planning it and getting together. We had fun doing it," Spencer said.

Cindy Martin, one of the organizers, said that the planning "did not take that much time or energy to do, and it was a lot of fun." She hopes that other couples will take the opportunity to plan one next year. "The cooperation and community involvement evident at the picnic makes this neighborhood very special," she said.

"We didn't know our neighbors in Richmond Heights when we lived there," she added. She felt that there is a tremendous sense of community here.

Ms. Martin was responsible for securing the musical group, Cimarron, as the result of a recommendation from the Bluegrass Association of St. Louis. She said that they had a great time playing and were really impressed that a neighborhood got together for such an event. They were especially pleased, she said, to see the little kids dancing to the music.

Bob Horner of Washington was pleased that all the children received a prize of some sort, rather than having just a few winners. Terry Vanicelli was pleased with the picnic because the "hot dogs met ball park standards but did not cost ballpark prices." He said he was also delighted that the mosquitoes kept their distance.

Other credit for this annual event goes to Kate Rogers and Anne Bischoff, both of Washington, who coordinated the children's games. The hot dogs, beer and soda were supplied at cost by Blueberry Hill through Joe Edwards of McPherson.

Bob Spencer mentioned that there were two items found at the picnic. One was a cloth bag with the initials L.G. The other was a pair of prescription sunglasses that are bi-focals. Anyone who lost these items may obtain them from him.

November 1982

Rosedale Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Welcome to the neighborhood to Karen and Jerry McClure and their two children. They have recently moved to the 6100 block of McPherson. Not so new to the neighborhood, but new to 6100 Washington, are John and Theresa Hickey and their son John. A warm welcome to both families. Also on 6100 Washington, the Bell-McLaffertys are expecting their second child, and a little brother or sister for Maureen. Congratulations Pat and Roy. On Oct. 10 at St. Mary's Hospital, Betty Burke, 6100 McPherson, gave birth to a daughter Deborah Ann, weighing 5 pounds and 9 ounces. Deborah was about a month early, however, both mom and baby are doing well. Deborah is the fourth child for Frank and Betty and their third daughter. Congratulations to John "Hitch" Powell who has recently begun a new job with the Ungashick Agency. Hitch lives with his wife, Mary, in the 6100 block of Westminster. Marvin Nodiff, 6100 Westminster, recently won first place in St. Louis University Law School's Nathan Burke Memorial Competition. He received a cash prize and his entry—a legal research paper—will be entered, in the national competition of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Don't forget the Brass Quintet at Delmar Baptist on Nov. 7 and the Rosedale PotLuck on the 18th.

December, 1982

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

November is the month of brilliant color in Parkview. Scarlet, orange and brown leaves obscure front steps, hide under the ivy and mass against the curbs.

They form mounds so that children can scuff through them, scattering the leaves in their wake.

From Washington to Pershing the residents rake and pile and sweep. But the leaves never cease. The limbs of trees seem bare against the sky; yet the leaves continue to accumulate. Years ago this rite of raking in the fall was accompanied by the sharp scent of burning leaves. Bonfires would be built in the ash pits or along the curbs and the fall's harvest would go up in smoke. Every bonfire was a magnet for Parkview kids. They would huddle around the fire just far enough away to be safe and close enough to be warm. Weekends were particularly appropriate for these fireside gatherings and the crisp smell and crackling flames told everyone that fall was really over.

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City ordinances have forbidden such autumn rituals long since, but the multicolored leaves are still the harbingers of hibernation. All through October, and especially this year with its Indian Summer, into November Parkview is populated with neighbors chatting on porches, visiting over rakes, riding bikes, walking dogs and strolling in the parks. With the last leaf and the first wave of true cold weather, the population dwindles to the ubiquitous jogger and the hardy resident willing to give Rover a romp.

Almost overnight, the people retreat into the warmth of their homes and the comfort of their fires. Neighbors no longer have casual visits and no one chats in the parks or sits on porches. It's not unlikely for next door neighbors not to see each other for five months. The children seem to disappear with the leaves; the streets and lawns are deserted.

There will be one more glimpse of outdoor activity, when the snows come. Children will build snowmen and neighbors will rediscover each other. But Parkview will not really come alive again until spring.

Tina Marie O'Connor, 6200 Waterman, tends her share of autumn leaves in Parkview.

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February, 1983

Rosedale Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It's been an exciting two months, especially because of the holidays- The children were at home all day and really livened up the neighborhood- They bravely faced their return to school complete with midterms and entrance exams-

The holiday season was sparked by the West End Christmas Walk. Oct December 12, several neighborhood homes were opened for viewing, displaying their Christmas and holiday decorations. About a thousand visitors enjoyed the homes as well as refreshments and maps available at the Community Council Office-

Rosedale continued the holiday spirit with the delightful presentation of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas, which was read by Arline Webb. Rocco DiLorenzo and Dan Shea, on December 13, at Grace Methodist Church. A reception was held afterwards by the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Delores Hoefel and her family:, 6100 McPherson, went to England for the holidays to visit her husband, Gene, who has been working there. Mary and Bill Christman, 6000 Kingsbury, spent eight days of their holidays vacationing in the Yucatan. They stayed on Isla Mujeres — Island of Women — and enjoyed sunning and snorkeling-

By this summer, the neighborhood will be facing a moderate population explosion- Ann McKerrow FitzGibbons, our new Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council executive director, and her husband, Bill FitzGibbons, 6100 Pershing, are expecting their first baby in May. Paper editor King Schoenfeld and wife Dee will be enjoying the wait for their second child, due at the end of July- Jane and John Geer, 6100 Kingsbury, are expecting their second child in May. Sandy and Rohn Price, 6100 Westminster, are also expecting their second child sometime in July. These expected children are in addition to the Bell-McLafferty's and the Pitt's, previously reported here. Believe it or not, there are even more to report. later-

Many folks enjoyed visits from out-of-town relatives this holiday season. Karen Kelsey, 6000 Kingsbury, and Gordon Gregg, 6100 Westminster, were visited by their parents from California. Bob and Betty Newsham and fancily, 6100 Kingsbury, had an enjoyable visit from Bob's sister Clare from Seattle, Washington.

In advance of the spring-summer baby boom. Dick Tollkuhn and Jane Clanton, 6100 Pershing, gave birth to a baby girl—Kenian—last November. Also in November, Molly McCarthy, daughter of Jim and Anne McCarthy, 6100 Kingsbury, was married to Ron Slominski at St. Roch's. The date was Nov. 26 and the reception was held at the Busch Center of St- Louis University.

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Things are very busy at the Buckley home, 6000 Westminster- Rebecca (Buckley) Gavinski is home from Germany visiting her parents, Kitty and Michael Buckley. Rebecca is expecting a baby and due to deliver before this reaches your porch steps- Her husband, Timothy, will be arriving in April and then the couple and their new baby- will be traveling to Kentucky, where Timothy will be stationed at Fort Campbell- Kitty and Michael's other daughter, Mary Boerschig, had a baby boy, Andrew Michael, on June 19- Their son, Michael, was one of five chosen from his class at the Marine school in Baltimore for the Naval Reserves, where he will be an ensign. Their daughter, Linda, is in the Air Force in Boston-

Welcome to 6000 Washington to Bob and Phyllis Towns, formerly of 6100 Pershing. They are the parents of Judy Vinson, 6100 Westminster.

March 1983

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

After the doldrums of February, spring is fast approaching, which seems to be an appropriate time to welcome new residents to Parkview who have moved here in the last six months.

On Pershing five houses have new owners. Vicky Bell purchased a house in the 6200 block. The 6300 block has several new neighbors. Robert Slosberg and Charles Stubbers are two recent arrivals. Lewis Goldstein and Anne Fagerburg are down the block. At the end of Pershing are Edwin Harris and Debra Miller whose arrival just missed the welcome list in the fall issue of The Paper.

Waterman can welcome two new families in the 6200 block. They are Annette and Ted Seitles and Janet and John Gourley. McPherson had two additions also, both in the 6300 block. They are S. L. and Richard Hayden and Susan Cohen and George Monahan.

Three new arrivals are currently living on Washington. In the 6200 block, Blumenthal and Margaret Phillips have moved in. In the same block are Robin and Daniel Ward. The 6300 block newcomers are Xenia and Daniel Naert.

Westgate has had one new arrival and he is Dick Ruland in the 500 block.

If we've missed some new arrivals, they will appear in a future issue.

The approach of spring should bring all the area residents out of hibernation. Old neighbors can get reacquainted and welcome the new residents at the same time. After all, now that March is here, can grass cutting, weeding, and other spring pursuits be far behind?

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March 1983

Rosedale Vicissitudes

By Lisa Horner

Greetings! Spring is certainly in the air as I write this, here's hoping it's much the same as it arrives on your doorstep.

All enjoyed the Progressive Dinner on Jan. 29. This year it was co-chaired by Mary Burke and Susan Krasniewski. What a surprise to see Scariot Hall decorated as the Lee palace. The effect was lovely. The cannolis were great, too! The shells were made by Mary Burke, Mary Vanicelli and Georgi Fox, and the filling was prepared by Father Polizzi.

A hearty congratulations to Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, who has completed his Ph.D. requirements and will be graduating in May with a degree in Educational Policy Making and Administration. In the same family, we also must congratulate Karleen Hoerr, our own Rosedale Neighborhood Association president, who was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Central West End Association.

Gail Hellan, 6100 Kingsbury, who as reported here has been working for Mercantile Trust, is again working on loan for Operation Brightside one day a week. Hope everyone saw the picture of John Geers in the Feb. 6 PD magazine section of the Post-Dispatch. John's picture was part of feature story on the Webster Grill, a relatively new restaurant in Webster Groves that he owns and operates. John lives with his wife Ann and their two sons on the 6100 block of Westminster.

Georgi Fox and her two children, 6100 McPherson, are currently entertaining a house-guest. He is Tomas Martens from Cali, Colombia. He is enrolled in the eighth grade at St. Roch's. Unfortunately, he underwent knee surgery recently, but he is reported to be on the mend.

Welcome to the 6100 block of McPherson to Tyrone and Gabrielle Wilson and their two daughters. They are formerly of South St. Louis. Residents of several years may be interested to know that long-time neighbor Susie Roach has moved from Kingsbury Place to Kingsbury Square. Residents with pets who frequent Dr. Steve Brammeier at the Kingsbury Animal Hospital will be sorry to learn that his assistant, Amy Zimmerman, is leaving the hospital. She is planning to attend nursing school in June. Amy will be replaced by Toby Newberger, who is a resident of the CWE.

Here's a real good news item. This fall I reported the sad affair of the theft of Bill and Pat Kohn's (6100 Kingsbury) van While they were vacationing in Mexico. Inside the van were not only all of their personal belongings for the trip, but also several of Bill's paintings and letters of Pat's great-grandfather from which she was intending to write a book. They recently received a letter from a lady in Brownsville, Texas, who saw their van on a police lot in Matamoros, Mexico, where it had been stolen. She took the

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initiative to copy the serial number of the van and trace the Kohns with news of their stolen property. She also took the letters, which were still in the van, for safekeeping and had the van towed to her home in Brownsville so that they could pick it up, Kind of makes you believe in the goodness of human nature again.

To add to the list of soon-to-be-parents. Linda and John Nunley, 6100 McPherson. and Bill and Mary Christman, 6000 Kingsbury. Congratulations!

Condolences to the family of Retha Bornett, 6100 Westminster, who died recently.

Don't forget the St. Pat's party at St Roch's in March!

April, 1983

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

Recently, I was in a neighborhood quite unlike Parkview- It was a modern subdivision of one-story homes. It was an attractive area except that the houses all looked alike: the only distinctive elements were the front entrances. What distinguished the area physically from any like Parkview was the lack of trees- In the sunlight it looked barren in spite of the houses.

The friend who lived in this neighborhood asked me where I lived and what it was like. As a result, I found myself comparing and contrasting Parkview with subdivision living, and Parkview came out the winner.

To me, the most surprising and most depressing aspect of this new subdivision was the fact that there were no people in it over the age of 50. My friend did not know the reason for this, but she thought it was wonderful that everyone was the same age. To my way of thinking, one of the most attractive features of Parkview is that the ages range from infancy to one resident who tops 100! I like seeing senior citizens walk their dogs on the same blocks where younger citizens wheel babies in strollers. When I was a child in Parkview, there was an old lady who walked through the area almost on a daily basis- She wore long black dresses with black stockings and high-top tennis shoes. Of course, all the kids called her "Old Lady Tennis Shoes." We were wary of her because was different, but no one questioned her right to wander Parkview- There was another older lady, a resident here for many years, who used to pass out raw potatoes to the trick-or-treaters at Halloween. We thought she was a little different, too, but she was part of Parkview, part of what made the neighborhood unique.

Another major difference between the two areas is that Parkview seems to welcome diversity whereas the other shuns it. The conversation confirmed the fact that most of the people living there are much like one another. I wouldn't have been surprised if she had told me that all the residents even had the same kinds of jobs, stifling though that might be.

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On the other hand, in any one block of Parkview, it would be a simple task to find a dozen differences in life styles. Even houses which may seem to be of the same decade on the outside are often of completely different eras on the inside; yet those with modern tastes can feel at home in Parkview- Certainly, there is no sameness in terms of occupation; the poet, the professor and the physician all thrive here, providing the neighborhood with diversity. My friend asked me to describe Parkview, and the best description I could

come up with was that it was eclectic- It is a neighborhood composed of many facets each contributing to making the area unit. It is a place where divergent life styles side by side, where people don't look for sameness. In many ways, it is a microcosm of this country and its. melting-pot society.

My friend's neighborhood, on the other hand, has been filtered. For me and others who choose Parkview, the flavor just wouldn't be the same.

April 1983

Rosedale Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Not only does the neighborhood have a new spring look, but a couple of the residents do too. The neighbors have been wondering what really happened to Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, and Johnny Sims, 6100 Westminster, and who were thus, two slim guys who had suddenly taken their places. But never fear, it's the real Tom and Johnny after all, just less twenty-five pounds each.

To start off the 1983 Rosedale Baby Boom, we have a newborn resident on 6100 Kingsbury. A baby boy was born at home to parents Barbara Lundgren and Stephen Eaker, at 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 7. He weighed in at 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents have named him Quinn. Congratulations to the Lundgren-Eaker family.

Sandy Price and her son Daniel, 6100 Westminster, took a special trip to Chicago in late February. For his second birthday Daniel was treated to the trip via .Amtrak. Sandy and Daniel visited her family and attended a wedding while in Chicago. They were joined by Sandy's husband Rohn for the return drive home.

Mary Powell, 6100 Westminster, at the time of this writing, is enjoying skiing and vacationing at Lake Tahoe with several others from her office.

Neighbors on 6100 Pershing are hoping to see Margaret Campbell fully recovered from her recent illness. They enjoyed meeting Margaret's mother, however, who was staying with her during that time. Bill and Ann FitzGibbons have purchased a building in 6000 Kingsbury and have been .renovating. They will be living on the first floor and

plan to rent the upstairs. Bill and Ann sold their home on 6100 Pershing to Ann's brother, Andy McKerrow.

Besides the renovation work, Bill Fitz- Gibbons has been very busy professionally. designing a sculpture to be featured in a performance of the Off Track Dancers. The performance, entitled "Light Motifs," will be presented at the Art Museum April 9 and 10.

Bill is also one of 25 sculptors selected to participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Brooklyn Bridge, sponsored by the Pride Institute and the Bureau of Brooklyn. He will be traveling there in late April to begin work on a sculpture to be part of a May exhibition located in the parks on either side of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Yours truly is taking off at the end of March for a week in what used to be called "sunny California." This will be a visit with a dear friend as well as a vacation. Just hope there is some of California which hasn't been washed away by that time.

Mark your calendar for the Rosedale Neighborhood Association meeting on April 14, 7:30 p.m., at Scariot Hall, St. Roch's Church.

And for those who are beginning spring cleaning, you can start gathering items for the Rosedale "Rags to Riches" rummage sale, set for June 11, a Saturday. A chairman and committee members are needed. Contact Ann FitzGibbons at 862-5122 or Karleen Hoerr at 862-5071.

Time to get out and got those vegetables planted. Happy spring!

May, 1983

Parkview Perspective

by Susan Krasniewski

April showers this year will bring May flowers. and subsequent blooms in June, July and August. Our abundant rainfall has dampened the plans of backyard gardeners and created miniature rivers in every other basement.

It seems spring visited us in February, only to be supplanted by winter in April.

As a result, snow came as no surprise. Our short-lived snowfall made me remember a similar April snow ten or eleven years ago. I was living in Illinois. but I mentioned to a colleague that my sister had told me. St. Louis had snow in the middle of April. His comment was. "Gee, I never thought it snowed in the South." That comment seems appropriate to St. Louis, whether people consider it part of the Midwest or the South. Many people have characterized St. Louis as schizophrenic. Its split personality may not only be a result of its natives' perceptions of her, but also the product of other peoples' perceptions.

Parkview could be considered a microcosm of St. Louis in terms of its split character. How many other subdivisions are divided between two cities? When I have tried to

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explain that Parkview is one-third in the city of St. Louis and two-thirds in University City the reaction is bewilderment. The usual response is a question: Why would anyone design a subdivision that way?

The first question anyone asks is how the police function. If a crime is committed in the city and the University City police are in the vicinity, do they ignore it because it occurred one-half block out of their jurisdiction? Assuring people that the appropriate law enforcement body would be called does little to resolve their confusion. Of course you could always complicate matters by mentioning the fact that Parkview has its own police. That always helps to muddy the waters completely.

Another topic which lends credence to the theory of Parkview's having a split personality is that of the schools. Friends, whose children attend public schools run by their county, ask what county district Parkview is in. Naturally, the first step in that reply is to explain that the city of St. Louis, and hence that section of Parkview, is not in the county of St. Louis, nor any county, for that matter. As a result, those who live in the section of the city may choose between St. Louis public schools, St. Roch, or private schools.

Those who live in University City don't choose "county" schools either some they live in the University City school district. A number of families who live in U. City, however, also choose to send their children to private schools. There is no guarantee, then, that the majority of Parkview children will attend the same schools at any level. In other subdivisions not so divided by a city boundary it might be a lot easier to find everyone hailing the same alma mater. Even services such as trash pickup differ from block to block because of the subdivision's makeup. Depending upon where someone lives in Parkview, he might have a dumpster, a front curb pickup, a plastic bag collection or a trash container pickup. Every other Wednesday it's easy to spot the U. City boundary just by the bright yellow tree saver containers.

There is no striking architectural difference between the city and C. City. Apparently the builders didn't feel it necessary to make such a distinction in brick. There is also no marked dissimilarity between residents of one community versus another, at least not one that's obvious. Neither is the dress nor automobile ownership different once you cross over the "border."

If other people in the county and city used Parkview as an example of the two communities being able to live together maybe there would even be a vote for consolidation of city and county. That might eliminate the split personality, though.

May, 1983

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

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April was the month for visits from out of town. King Schoenfeld and family, 6100 Westminster, had a visit from King's parents who live in Milwaukee. Mary Schmit's

mother visited Mary and Pete, 6100 McPherson, from London, Ohio. The highlight of her visit was a trip to Hermann and Augusta to see and taste the Missouri wine country.

Congratulations to Rohn Price, 6100 Westminster, who is now a registered architect. Rohn lives with his wife, Sandi, and their son Daniel. Rohn was recently in the Yucatan with his father combining business and pleasure.

There is yet another expectant mother on 6100 Westminster. Diane Niewohner and her husband, Steve, are expecting their first child in June.

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a meeting on April 4 in Scariot Hall. How marvelous to be warm in Scariot Hall again! At the meeting the nominating committee presented the following proposed slate of nominated officers:

President Karleen Hoerr (6100 Kingsbury)

Vice-president Marcia Kerz (6100 Westminster)

Vice-president Alan Mense (6000 Washington)

Treasurer Sandy Simms (6100 Westminster)

Secretary Peter Schmit (6100 McPherson)

South-side representative Paul Kurtz. (6000 Washington)

South-side representative Arline Webb (6100 Pershing)

Pat Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, was also nominated from the floor to run for South-side representative to the Community Council.

Also at the meeting, the new Skinker DeBaliviere Bylaws were discussed as well as Operation Brightside's Project Impact and the upcoming "Rags to Riches" sale.

Election of officers will take place at the Rosedale Neighborhood meeting following the Pot Luck dinner on May 19 at Scariot Hall. Socializing will begin at 6:15 with the serving of food at about 6:30 p.m. Should be a great time; hope to see you there!

Look for more information about the Mother's Day celebration at the World Community Center!

June, 1983

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

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On Wednesday, April 18. the Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a potluck and the annual election of officers. Elected were: Karleen Hoerr (6100 Kingsbury), president; Marcia Kerz (6100 Westminster) and Alan Mense (6000 Washington), vice-presidents; Pete Schmit (6100 McPherson), secretary; and Sandy Sims (6100 Westminster), treasurer. Also elected were the following representatives to the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council: Arline Webb (6100 Pershing), south-side representative; Paul Kurtz (6000 Washington), north- side representative; and Arline Webb (6100 Pershing), alternate.

The heartiest of congratulations to Marvin Nodiff, 6100 Westminster, who recently passed the Missouri Bar Exam.

Congratulations also to Marjorie Weir, 6100 Westminster, who was elected to the board of the Conference on Education on May 3. Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, is also serving a three-year term.

Best wishes go to Mary Crider, the third- grade teacher at St. Roch's, who will be getting married soon.

We welcome to the neighborhood several new residents, all of 6000 Kingsbury: Harold and Jacqueline Antoine and their daughters; Theresa and Jeff Ross; and Charles Sitzer. At the same time we regretfully say goodbye and good luck to those who are leaving. Bill and Betty Danker, 6100 McPherson, will be moving to Chicago in July; and Susan Kidd and Stanley Reid and son, 6100 Westminster, are moving to Washington, D.C., where she will be doing the weekend news.

Longtime residents were saddened by the news of the recent death of Jack Alumbaugh. Jack and his wife, Mary, were formerly of 6100 Westminster and had moved to Clayton last year.

The stork has been busy in the neighborhood of late! Ann and Bill FitzGibbons, 6000 Kingsbury, became parents of a son, Sean Ernst, on April 23. He weighed 6 lb., 11/2 oz. Just a few days later, on April 28, Pat McLafferty gave birth to Stephanie, weighing 8 lb., 1 oz. She is the second daughter for Pat and her husband Roy Bell, 6100 Washington. Susan Elizabeth Geer was born on May 12 to Jane and Jim Geer, 6100 Kingsbury. She weighed 6 lb., 13 oz. and is also their second daughter.

This writer and her husband, not to be outdone, decided to join the move for enlarging families while it seemed to be no popular. Our arrival is due at the end of November.

Happy Summer! Hope to see you all out working in the yards and enjoying the weather. We are looking forward to hearing about all of your exciting and memorable summer vacations. See you in September.

June, 1983

In Washington Heights

Gurtha Wimbley wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for the many cards, Posers, food items, and numerous expressions of sympathy from her friends and neighbors in the passing of her husband, Mr. Harry R. Wimbley. Mr. Wimbley passed March 18, 1983, at his home at 5806 Waterman. He is sorely missed by the community. Mrs. Wimbley has opened her door to Mrs. Purnell, formerly at 5816 Waterman, who moved to Maryland with her daughter but missed us so much that she came back to spend her remaining days with us. She recently fell and fractured her hip and has been hospitalized at Barnes. Mrs. Purnell is one of the oldest neighbors at 92. We wish her well.

September 1983

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Summer's been quite busy around the Rosedale neighborhood. On June 24, the second annual Rags to Riches yard sale was held with many neighbors getting rid of a few white elephants which had been cluttering up attics and basements. Gail Farwell, 6000 Westminster, was heard remarking that perhaps we were just re-distributing all of our junk, as neighborhood residents were heavily represented among those shopping. Many enjoyed refreshments prepared and served at the Kingsbury Animal Hospital.

There are some new faces in the area this summer, as well as a few "old" ones that will be missed.

Pat McLafferty and Roy Bell recently moved with their two daughters from 6100 Washington to 6100 Kingsbury. Jill and Mike Horan are the new residents in the former Bell-McLafferty home. Jill works as a financial analyst for the Slay Co., and Mike is an intern at St. Mary's. Those who were around last summer were pleased to see Mary Clare Kerz return to the area. She is currently living with her sister and brother-in-law, Marcia Kerz and Marvin Nodiff, 6100 Westminster. The three of them took a three-and-a-half-week holiday in Europe this summer visiting the cities of Paris and Zurich and touring southern France and central and northern Switzerland. Upon their return, Mary-Clare began a new teaching position at Child Center, a school for children who are emotionally disturbed. Marvin Nodiff has opened his new legal practice in the offices of the Clayton firm, Dolgin, Beilenson, Klein, Lake & Berkowitz. The third member of this busy trio, Marcia Kerz, has recently left her position as executive director of the Conference on Education to assume responsibilities as the new campaign manager for Harriett Woods' bid for lieutenant governor.

Also new on 6100 Westminster is the McCabe family. Mike McCabe, an office equipment salesman for Xerox, is living with his sister, Michelle Michaud, and her four-year-old son, Vincent. Also living with them part-time is their brother, Timothy, who is a full-time student at Rolla. The McCabes reside in the home formerly owned by Cecily Barker and daughter Sarah, who have left the neighborhood. Also leaving 6100 Westminister is Jean Morrissey. Jean has been transferred by Merrill Lynch to New York.

New to 6100 Pershing is Katherine Feld, an art teacher at Washington University. In the same building, we welcome Tom Martin and Elkin Kistner, two graduate students at the University's law school. On the same block, congratulations are offered to Terri Gilbert, a long-time resident who has recently purchased her home.

We also wish to welcome Greg Issit and Marcia Sindel and their three children to the 5900 block of Waterman in our neighboring Washington Heights.

While Peggy Hermes, 6100 Kingsbury, has been off vacationing in Alaska, John and Cindy Curley and their daughter, Nina, have been staying in her home. The Curley's will soon be moving into the home (6100 Kingsbury) formerly owned by Gail and Rick Hellan and their two sons. The Hellans are moving to Westmoreland Place.

Peggy was not the only one vacationing in the north country this summer. Peter and Mary Schmidt, 6100 McPherson, along with Mary's mother, flew to Oregon where they began a driving tour up the Pacific coast, ferried to Vancouver Island and then went cross country on the Canada mainland, returning through Washington and the Cascades. In an amusing note to their trip, they happened to "run into" their alley-mates, Karleen and Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, on the flight to Portland, Oregon, Karleen and Tom were off on vacation to Victoria, British Columbia, where they relaxed and visited with friend, enjoying the cool weather. Neighbors 6100 Pershing are envious of Roy Henry's extensive traveling this summer, including trips to New York, New Orleans, and the west coast.

The baby business is still booming in Rosedale. It was only a short three weeks before the delivery date of May 17 that Steve and Diane Niewohner, 6100 West- minster, were told to expect twins! They are now the proud parents of 'Katherine and Elizabeth.

Matthew Price was born on June 2 to John and Sandi Price, 6100 Westminster. He weighed eight pounds, three ounces. He is the second son born to the Prices, who are to be commended for attempting a camping trip to Michigan only two months after the birth.

Dee and King Schoenfeld, 6100 West- minster, became the parents on July 13 of Jeffrey, who is also their second son. Dee's mother and King's parents were both here from Wichita and Milwaukee, respectively for the christening.

We're also delighted to hear that Arline and Richard Webb, 6100 Pershing, are expecting their second child on Dec. 1. Congratulations to Willis Ball, 6100 Pershing, who was married this summer. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ball. Best wishes also to

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Ramona Stelford and Alan Mense, 6000 Washington, who were married Aug. 6 at Delmar Baptist Church. Alan's daughters, Melanie and Eileen, visited here from Washington for the occasion.

Congratulations to Lu Green, 6100 Westminster, who was selected for the annual Leadership St. Louis program. The program begins this month.

There was a great turnout for The Paper party on July 30 at JoAnn and Neville Vatcha's, 6100 Westminster. Those who were able to keep partying until twelve were treated to Neville's famous midnight Indian breakfast. What a treat! Let's make that event a regular.

October 1983

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Three neighborhood residents traveled to Italy recently for the purpose of arranging to bring an exhibition of ancient Greek artifacts to St. Louis. Ray Breun (6100 McPherson), educational director of the Gateway Arch Museum, went to Paestum, Italy, in late August, joining Edward Hudlun, the director of the Institute for Humanistic Studies in Edwardsville — the organizers of the show, "The Treasures of Paestum." The purpose of the trip was to confer with Italian government officials for the exhibition arrangement.. Father Polizzi was part of another group who had been working with the Institute on this project, and he also made the trip to Paestum. Jill McGuire (6100 Westminster), executive assistant to Mayor Schoemehl, traveled to the Italian city with a delegation from City Hall representing St. Louis. Guiseppe Pace, the mayor of Paestum, and his brother from Canada visited St. Louis prior to the trip and were guests here of Father Polizzi and the Breuns.

Bill and Mary Christman, 6100 Kingsbury, became the proud parents of Samuel Fletcher on Aug. 22. Samuel weighed in at eight pounds, two ounces. Also on Aug. 22, Linda and John Nunley, 6100 McPherson, became parents for the second time. Linda gave birth to a boy, Avery James, who weighed eight pounds. Avery is the new brother of Boyd, age four. Linda is an art teacher at St. Roch's and will be returning to work soon.

John Nunley, Curator of Arts — Oceanic and American at the St. Louis Art Museum, is involved in a very exciting project. He is the co-coordinator and co-organizer of a Caribbean Festival Arts exhibition being planned for the museum. He is currently writing a grant, in association with Judith Bettelheim of San Francisco State University and the Art Museum, for the planning stages of the exhibition. The show, planned for 1987, will focus on three Caribbean festivals: a pre-Lenten carnival; Jonkunnu, a festival of Old English and African folk customs; and Hussay, an Islamic festival featuring float-like exhibits.

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We again have some new neighbors this month. Welcome to the neighborhood to Carol Peck, 6100 McPherson, who moved to St. Louis from Clairmont, California. Carol is a visual neurophysiologist who teaches at the University of Missouri-St. Louis' School of Optometry.

Also new to Rosedale are Steve and Katherine Georgieff. They recently moved in on 6100 Westminster.

Neighbors on 6100 Kingsbury will bid farewell to Joyce and Bill Stone. The Stones are moving to Clayton.

Anne and Jim McCarthy, 6100 Kingsbury, were delighted by the birth of their third grandchild, James Christopher Coggeshall, on Sept. 11. He is the first child of the McCarthy's daughter, Terry, and her husband Steve Coggeshall. The Coggeshall's live in Champaign-Urbana where Steve attends graduate school. Bert Bender, son of Joan and Rick Bender, 6100 Kingsbury, was married at Temple Israel in St. Louis on August 7. Bert's wife, the former Julie Gordon of University City, is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and has been working in graphic arts. Bert has recently graduated from law school and is working for Allison and Bird, a firm in Atlanta where the couple resides.

Summer vacation news still abounds. John Cross, 6100 Kingsbury, spent six weeks sailing, traveling up the Illinois River to Lake Michigan and then around the lake coasts. His wife Jane and each of their children joined him for different legs of the voyage, traveling by land nearby and then taking turns with John on the sailboat. John is a seasoned sailor; however, this was his longest trip ever.

Candace O'Connor and Bob Wiltenberg and their two daughters, 6100 Kingsbury, spent a month in the East. They started the trip visiting friends in their old hometown of Rochester. They then went to Maine where they vacationed in a cottage near Bar Harbor and did some camping as well. On their return trip, they visited relatives in and around New York and Philadelphia.

Jane and Jim Geer and two daughters, 6100 Kingsbury, traveled to New York to visit Jim's mother. Jane and the girls then spent two weeks in Long Meadow, Massachusetts, with Jane's mom while Jane returned home. He rejoined them, however, for a family vacation on the beach at Long Island Sound.

Have any news in your family or on your block? Why not share it?

November 1983

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Some new neighbors (new within the last two years) were welcomed officially at the New Neighbors Party sponsored by the Rosedale officers. It was held in the home of [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

Karleen and Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, in early October. It was nice to be able to associate a few faces with names that up until then had only been the printed word on this page. One couple not yet formally introduced in this column is that of Brian Klevinger and Mary Ann Rudloff. They have recently moved to 6100 Kingsbury. Brian is an immunologist on staff at the Dental School at Washington University. Mary Ann is a pathologist at Jewish Hospital. Following the party, Tom and Karleen decided to forget the worries of the everyday grind and take a vacation trip to Vermont. On the trip they visited Roger and Heather Perry, former area residents.

Congratulations to Bill Keslar, 6100 Kingsbury, who recently received a promotion. Unfortunately, this will necessitate Bill and his wife, Sandy Baker, moving to Dallas. Speaking of Sandy, it is reported that she is recovering well from her recent back surgery.

Also on the mend is Dan Shea, who was forced to undergo heart bypass surgery in October. Neighbors are looking forward to seeing Dan up and around. Dan and his wife, Kathleen Williams, live on 6100 Kingsbury. Joining the ranks of new or soon-to-be new parents are Merry and Fred Eppenberger, 6100 Waterman. They are expecting their first child at the very moment of this writing, so expect to hear about it soon. Merry is the director of the West End Community Chorus. Fred is a businessman who is part owner of a retail; wholesale framing business in the county. He is also an attorney with a small private law practice.

Hope each and everyone has something for which to be thankful this year. I know my thanks will be profuse at the end of these last nine months! See you next time.

December 1983

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

On Oct. 26, the Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a potluck dinner followed by a neighborhood meeting in St. Roch's cafeteria. A sumptuous dinner which could be selected from a vast array of homemade dishes was enjoyed by all. The first and main topic on the meeting's agenda was Light Rail. Rose Mary Covington of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and John McCarthy of Sverdrup & Parcel were on hand to present the variety of different plans being proposed for the Light Rail system. Neighbors were able to ask a number of questions regarding their concerns about how Light Rail will possibly affect our neighborhood. Also discussed at the meeting was the upcoming Christmas Walk on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The St. Roch's annual Century Club dinner was held on Oct. 29. Approximately 160 people attended the affair which benefits the Youth Activities at St. Roch's school. The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the gym. The dinner, held in the church hall, was catered by the Pasta House and featured a cannelloni appetizer, Pasta House salad, tenderloin tips Marsala and chicken breast entrees, and cheesecake for

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dessert. Dinner was followed by music and dancing. Paul and Esther Kane of Parkview won the \$1000 attendance prize. Ed and Clare Walsh, also of Parkview, were the chairpersons of the event.

The St. Roch's Women's Club has recently published a neighborhood cookbook. The book's debut was heralded at a Harvest Sampler tasting party. Fifteen recipes from the cookbook were prepared for sampling and served 150-175 people who attended the party on Nov. 11. Fathers Polizzi and Campbell were responsible for the autumn decorations. Entertainment was provided by Ralph Vossen on the drums, Kathleen Hamilton on the piano, and George Chopin on the banjo. Gabrielle Wilson won the attendance prize which was a bride's doll. The cookbooks are still available at the cost of \$5 and can be obtained by contacting Georgi Fox or a member of the Women's Club.

Speaking of Georgi Fox, 6100 McPherson, she recently spent a week in Acapulco, staying in her sister-in-law's condo on the beach. She went with Mary Burke of Parkview and a friend, Gen Moeller. They spent the week renewing their fading summer tans, shopping and eating. Georgi said that, between the three of them, they left behind two husbands, twelve kids, five dogs, and two cats. They thoroughly enjoyed the break. The condo is available to rent, so call Georgi if you are interested.

In a similar break from domesticity, Mary Gioia, 6100 Kingsbury, took off with a girlfriend for a weekend in Chicago. They went to theaters and restaurants, and did a lot of shopping. Sounds great!

Rick and Joan Bender, 6100 Kingsbury, spent a recent weekend in Wheeling, West Virginia, for parents' weekend at Wheeling College where their daughter, Beth, is a junior. They won a prize for being the parents who came the longest distance for the weekend.

Debbie Gregg, 6100 Westminster, has recently returned to the working world. She is doing freelance writing and public relations work. She and her husband Gordon have two sons.

Congratulations to Merry and Fred Eppenberger, 6100 Waterman, who became the proud parents of David Frederick on Oct. 24. David is the first child for the Eppenbergers and weighed six pounds, seven ounces.

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February 1984

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Well, the nine months of waiting finally came to an exciting conclusion on Dec. 3. At 11:33 a.m. our first child, Elizabeth Anne Horner, was born weighing six pounds, nine ounces. A truly remarkable experience! Little did we know at the time that only hours earlier on Dec. 2, Alicia Rose Webb had entered the world. Alicia weighed six pounds, eleven ounces, and is the second child of Richard and Arlene Webb, 6100 Pershing. They have an older daughter, Erica.

This must be the season for babies. Suzanne Kropp, 6100 Westminster, became a very young first-time grandmother on Jan. 12, when her daughter, Mary Kay Mauer, gave birth to a baby boy, Bruce Russell Mauer. Mary Kay and her husband Bruce live in St. Louis.

Anne and Jim McCarthy, 6100 Kingsbury, also became grandparents, but for the fourth time. Their daughter, Gloria, and her husband Lee Virtel of Lamont, Illinois, are now the proud parents of James Leo Virtel.

. Neighbors at 6100 Waterman were sorry to see the Krippners leave. Ken and Pat along with their seven children moved to Webster Groves in November. They sold their home to Arthur and Betty Buell. Arthur is the Development Director of ECHO, the Emergency Children's Home for battered children. ECHO is part of the National Benevolent Association affiliated with the Christian Church. The Buells met their neighbors quickly due to the antics of their cat who ran away on the day of the move. Neighbors on Waterman helped out by looking everywhere for the missing feline. The children at St. Roch's even tried to help by rounding up all available strays. Fortunately, a young couple on Skinker found the cat and happened to see the Buell's ad in the paper so the story has a happy ending. In addition to their cat, the Buell's have two married children, Michael and Felicia.

We also welcome to the neighborhood Nancy and Richard Rice. The Rices recently moved into the 6100 block of Westminster. The move is a homecoming for Nancy, formerly Nancy Dwyer, who lived at 6147 Westminster with her parents and five brothers and sisters from 1959 to 1970. The Dwyer children attended St. Roch's and many long-time residents may remember them. The Rices have two sons, Robert, 3, and John, 18 months. Nancy is an administrative assistant to Mayor Schoemehl and Richard is a driver/salesman for Pennzoil. We also welcome Lora and Curtis Doyle to 6100 Westminster. The neighborhood wishes a speedy recovery to Bill Thomas, 6100 McPherson. Bill recently was forced to undergo open heart surgery.

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Congratulations to Ed Martin, teacher at St. Roch's, who was married recently. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in San Francisco.

Look for Sam Green's new Farmer's Insurance office in the same building as the Community Council. Sam and Lu Green live at 6100 Westminster.

March 1984

Vicissitudes

By Lisa Horner

We've enjoyed seeing folks out and enjoying our periodic spells of nice weather. Spring is certainly around the corner.

St. Roch's annual Progressive Dinner was held on Jan. 28 and was a delightful event as always. Mary Vanicelli of Parkview was chairperson this year. The dessert was held as usual at the church hall and was hosted by the priests and sisters of St. Roch's. Numerous neighbors, former neighbors and friends were seen enjoying hot drinks, cannolis and other delectable delights. Many enjoyed seeing Monsignor Peet, former pastor of St. Roch, who was transported to the affair by George Storey of Washington Heights. Unfortunately, George's lovely wife Rose was in the hospital suffering from back trouble at the time, but we understand that she is home now and on the mend. Rumor has it that she may begin writing for The Paper – we're looking forward to it.

Also recovering from a recent injury is Ray Breun, 6100 McPherson, who was hit by a car as he was crossing the street. Ray suffered a fractured leg and a dislocated shoulder, and will be traveling in a wheelchair for a while. Hope his fine-tuned sense of humor wasn't damaged.

Bili Kuhl, also of 6100 McPherson, was involved in an accident too. Fortunately, he was not injured, but he totalled his car and is shopping for a new Porsche. Another McPherson neighbor, Art Santen, is recovering from recent cataract surgery.

Congratulations to Marvin Nodiff, 6100 Westminster, who won Second National Prize in the 1982 Nathan Burken Memorial Competition sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. Marvin's essay on copyright laws won the local competition last year and was selected for the national prize by a panel which included The Hon. Potter Stewart, formerly of the United States Supreme Court. The essay will be published in a symposium by Columbia University Press.

Doe Cook and her son Steven, 6100 Westminster, spent their holidays in Europe. They celebrated Christmas in Paris and say that it was absolutely beautiful at holiday time. They also visited Brussels.

Mike McCabe and his sister Michelle Michaud, 6100 Westminster, enjoyed a ski trip this winter.

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Jane and Jim Geer, 6100 Kingsbury, and daughters Susan and Sarah were visited by Jane's friend Sue Kittredge front Connecticut in January.

Kingsbury residents have certainly enjoyed watching the progress on Pat and Bill Kohn's new back porch.

Good luck to Joyce Criglar, formerly the secretary at the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council Office. Joyce has taken a new position at St. Louis University.

Copies of the St. Roch's Cooking Classics are still available and at \$5 are quite a bargain. The book contains recipes by neighbors past and present. If interested call Mary Gloia or Gloria Broun.

Congratulations are also in order to Joan F. Smith, 6100 Pershing, who as the executive director of CONTACT-St. St. Louis, has received an invitation to spend ten days in Beirut, Lebanon, training the first group of volunteers for a Helpline for that city.

Welcome to the area to Elizabeth Barron, the Minister of Outreach at Delmar Baptist. Elizabeth, her husband and daughter have moved to DeBaliviere Place, 5500 Pershing.

We also wish to welcome Edward Merrill Hanlon. He is the newborn son of Tim and Clare Hanlon, 6100 McPherson. Edward entered the world on Feb. 3 and weighed nine pounds, fourteen ounces. The Hanlons have another child, a daughter Aileen, who is three and a half. Tim works for Ozark Airlines.

Best wishes to DeeDee Sparkman of 6100 Westminster who was recently married to Richard Nicklos. The couple is living here with DeeDee's mother, but plans to move to Utah this summer.

Don't forget the Paper party on March 31. Look for more info in this issue. Hope to see you there.

April 1984

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

The Skinker-DeBaliviere skating party on February 25 was a sparkling success. Those who were there report a terrific time had by the approximately sixty people who attended. It seems that some folks hadn't been on skates in years and provided great entertainment for the others. The roasted hot dogs and marshmallows tasted wonderful in the great outdoors.

(photo of two girls skating)

Also great fun was the St. Roch's St. Patrick's celebration on March 17. Once again Norris Butler, a retired catering chef, did the honors in the kitchen.

Congratulations to Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, who was elected to the Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral. Paul is also currently serving as chairman of the Cathedral's Business Committee and sings in the choir there.

Bill Christman, 6000 Kingsbury, is a neighbor in the news. The March 16 edition of the St. Louis Business Journal reports that Christman Studios is designing the new marquee for the Fox Theater.

Yours truly is enjoying a new part-time position at New City School teaching the three and four-year-olds. It's a great school and it sure is fun working for Mr. "In Your Ear" himself.

We wish to welcome to the neighborhood Carolyn Andregg and Phillip DeMari. both of 6000 Washington. Phillip is an Italian attending school here.

Rick Wilt, 6100 McPherson, recently returned from a bird-watching trip to Peru. Rick, a serious bird-watcher, was the one who first sighted the Siberian seagull near the riverfront this winter.

Many neighbors join in wishing condolences to Dorothy Hood, 6100 Westminster. Dorothy recently lost her mother.

There was great excitement at Grace Preschool on March 15 when the visitor was none other than His Honor, the Mayor, Vincent Schoemehl. Vince was there to sign a proclamation for the Week of the Young Child which will be April 1-7. Grace Preschool will also be celebrating by holding a parade on Monday, April 2 at 10:30 beginning at Skinker and Waterman. On Wednesday, the fourth, Grace will join the nationwide celebration of the Week of the Young Child by releasing 100 helium balloons. Be watching for them!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual Rosedale Rags to Riches sale which will be held this year on June 9.

September 1984

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Believe it or not summer is just about over. During the long, hot weeks many area residents have been making names for themselves.

Congratulations ,tin Rosedale resident, Peg, Hermes, 6100 Kingsbury, whose short story -Sorting" was selected out of 200 manuscripts to vein St. Louis Weekly's fiction

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contest. Her prize is an Olivetti M20 personal computer which she plans to use for writing future

manuscripts. Peggy who is a writer and author of the novel *The Phoenix Nest* (Contemporary Books of Chicago) has served in the past as editor of *The*

Times, then known as *The Paper*. Congratulations also go to DeBaliviere Place resident Gregory Freeman who is among 53 residents of St. Louis selected to participate in Leadership St. Louis. The program which is funded by the Danforth Foundation and administered by the Coro Foundation is designed to make people in leadership positions aware of issues and problems facing the St. Louis area and to train them to take a role in the solution of these problems. Gregory is a City Hall reporter and columnist with the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Vivienne Dobbs, resident of Washington Heights 5800 Westminster, was among 35 recipients of the annual Hospital Humanitarian Awards given by the Hospital Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. These awards pay tribute to hospital employees who go beyond the call of duty in performing a significant humanitarian act or in long-term service to the community. She is also president of the Euclid Plaza Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women and vice president of the St. Louis Chapter of American Business Women.

Gerald D. Bolas, another DeBaliviere Place resident, is leaving his position of director of Washington University's Gallery of Art in Steinberg Hall to pursue doctoral studies in nineteenth and twentieth century American painting at City University of New York. He plans to return to St. Louis in January 1986. Congratulations to John A. Brady, 6100 Washington. John graduated August 5 from the University of Missouri at St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration and Business Management. He is the son of Mrs. Ernestine Brady, long-time resident of Skinker-DeBaliviere and owner of University Cleaners & Tailors on Vernon in University City.

George and Rose Storey are very proud of their daughter, Susan, who recently graduated summa cum laude from Boston College. Susan is a Phi Beta Kappa. The Storeys also feel very proud of the successful Golden Jubilee party for Monsignor Peet which they chaired early this summer.

A double congrats go to Mike and Sue McCabe, 6106 Westminster, who were married this past June. Rumor has it that they are also expecting next spring. We also acquired several new neighbors this summer. Nita and Steve Littlejohn are new residents in 6100 Kingsbury. Steve is in Public Relations at Monsanto and Nita is an attorney in the legal department of Arch Minerals. The Littlejohns moved here from Pittsburgh. In the 6100 block of Washington, we have two new families. Ormond Smythe and Tracy Libros and their one-and-a-half-year-old son Zachary moved here recently from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Tracy works with the voluntary school desegregation plan and Ormond is Associate Dean at McKendree College. Tom and Virginia Klevorn are also new on that block. Tom is senior research biologist at Monsanto and Virginia is a student.

Many area residents have been on some exciting vacations this past spring and summer. Sandi and Rohn Price, 6100 Westminster, were in Europe this spring visiting [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Italy. Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, vacationed this summer in Paris and London. Karleen was able to go on a second trip when she joined her sister, Jan Kuhl and her daughter Beth, 6100 McPherson, for a trip to Disneyworld.

Roger and Barbara Tinklenberg and their four children, 6100 Westminster, traveled to Washington state this summer and Candace O'Connor and Bob Wiltenberg and their two daughters, 6100 Kingsbury, vacationed in the East. Maverine Wilson (6000 Washington) and her grandson, James M. Hunt, recently returned from a month-long, freestyle tour of the eastern United States on Amtrak. Maverine and James, who is 16, were able to tour parts of Canada, Washington, D.C., and New York. There were even able to see the Broadway show Dream Girls.

We would love to hear about your interesting vacations and would be happy to include the story in our next report.

October 1984

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

September was a busy month with many vacations wrapping up and kids going back to school.

Rick Wilt, 6100 McPherson, returned recently from an August vacation adventure in Peru where he stayed in a jungle camp in the Amazon basin. Rick explained that anthropologists, zoologists, biologists, etc. come from all over to visit the Amazon basin because it is the most biologically diverse area in the world. He saw many sights and unusual animals including parrots, macaws, caimen, and giant river otters. He also travelled into the Andes where he had a chance to study native handicrafts and archaeological sights. Rick works at the Arch Museum. Another traveller from 6100 McPherson is John Nunley who, as a Curator of the Art Museum, has been spending time visiting native artists and collecting artifacts in Jamaica and Trinidad. These will be displayed at the Museum's Caribbean exhibition of carnival art sometime in 1987.

Orland Johnson, 6100 Westminster, has recently returned from Mexico where he has been doing some ongoing research periodically for the last seven years on the uses of music in the sixteenth century to convert the Indians to Christianity. He has also been doing some joint work with an anthropologist in an Indian village where approximately half of the Indians are musicians and are doing some of the same things with music as were done in the sixteenth century. Orland, a professor at Washington University, is working on some articles and a book based on his research.

Some neighbors have pursued more domestic travels. Jane and Jim Geer and their daughters Sarah and Susan, 6100 Kingsbury, spent their August vacation in the East

visiting family and friends. Mary Powell, 6100 Westminster, decided to visit an old high school chum living in New Jersey. She and her sister-in-law made that trip by car.

We welcome some new faces to the neighborhood. Rob and Judy Champoli and their son are new to 6100 McPherson. Rob is the middle school principal at Crossroads School and Judy works at the Art Museum.

On 6100 Washington we welcome Lee Bailey and Sylvia Pedraza-Bailey. Lee is an attorney and Sylvia is a professor at Washington University.

New residents as well as newlyweds are Glen Williams and Gail Mendelsohn-Williams. They were married on Sept. 14 and reside in the 6000 block of Washington. Gail is a student at Logan Chiropractic College and Glen works at St. Mary's Hospital while attending St. Louis College of Pharmacy.

With the arrival of new neighbors, it, seems we are always forced to say goodbye to some of the "old" ones. We wish much good luck and happiness to Rohn and Sandi Price and their sons Daniel and Matthew formerly of 6100 Westminster. Rohn, an architect, has taken a new position in Richmond, Virginia. They will be missed. Neighbors on their block will be pleased, however, to greet the return of some familiar faces in a familiar place. More on that next time.

November 1984

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

We welcome to our neighborhood Paul and Paula Repetto and their three-yearold son Reeve. The Repettos moved to 6100 Kingsbury after a brief residence in the Oxford Condominiums. Prior to that they lived in Los Angeles. Paul is Vice President/General Manager of Sunfield Foods, a manufacturer of wholesome snacks which is a division of Sunmark Co. Paula is a full-time mother who formerly worked as a marketing manager in cosmetics. She is currently in training to become a zoo docent.

The Repettos bought their home on Kingsbury from a long-time Rosedale resident and former 6100 Westminster-ite, who has recently returned to that very block. What's more, it's deja vu seeing Marjie Brammeier and her sons Ben and Joey every morning coming out of the very same home in which they resided only a few years ago. They are happy to be back and the neighbors on Westminster are very happy to have them. Marjie says not only does she feel very much at home in her new-old house but she has finally found the watch stem she lost in the house three years ago. She found it in the carpet, put it back on her watch and is now wearing the watch again. Marjie is currently working for Operation Brightside.

Nancy Cohen, 6100 McPherson, has reentered the academic world. She is enrolled at the University of Missouri—St. Louis earning a teaching certificate in Social Studies

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and working on a Masters degree in Education Administration. Nancy was surprised by the coincidence of meeting her neighbor, Bill Martin, in one of her classes. Bill is also pursuing his Masters. A special note of condolence to Mary Gioia whose father died recently as the result of an automobile accident. Many hearts go out to Mary and her family, especially her mother who was injured. Congratulations to Art and Dorothy Santen, 6100 McPherson, who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in Kansas City at a disco, enjoying the music of Bill Haley and the Comets.

Lu Green, 6100 Westminster, travelled to New York in October with her sister Loretta Schoemehl. They went to visit their youngest sister Christy who was recently wed to Tom Ney and subsequently moved to New York. Christy has gotten a position at a finance company in Manhattan. Lu and Sam Green's daughter, Maureen, has just become engaged to Scott Lammert. Maureen plans to complete school at Southeast Missouri State before getting married.

Congratulations to Ray Breun, 6100 McPherson, of the Arch Museum, who was just elected president of the Midwest Museum Conference and Regional Counselor to the American Board of Museums. Many congratulations go to Jane O. Wayne, Parkview resident, whose new book of poetry *Looking Both Ways* (University of Missouri Press) has won the Devins Award for 1984. She will hold a signing session at Paul's Bookstore on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 3-6 p.m.

Seen on the Sally Jessy Raphael Show Oct. 15th—Washington Heights resident Rose Flynn. She was selected from the audience to help demonstrate a self-defense technique. Would-be muggers, beware! Don't forget to save the evening of Nov. 17 on your calendar for The Times fund raiser. Not only will you have the chance to catch up with old neighbors and friends as well as meet new ones, there will be the opportunity to be involved in the first annual chocolate chip cookie contest. You can be a judge for a mere 25 tax-deductible dollars or you can bake your favorite treat and possibly win \$100. If you don't want to do either, come and eat; a \$5 donation will get you in the door. Cash bar will be available.

Yours truly, along with other neighborhood New City School affiliates, has been busy planning the annual Christmas Tree Lot and gift shop which opens Nov. 25.

December 1984

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

On November 14, Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a potluck dinner and a meeting at which the election of officers was held. Our new president is Arline Webb (6100 Pershing); First Vice President—Maverine Wilson (6000 Washington); Second Vice President—Frank Burke (6100 McPherson); Treasurer—Bob Dowgwillo (6100 Pershing) and Secretary —Steve Littlejohn (6100 Kingsbury). The representatives to the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council are Karleen Hoerr from the southside

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with Susan Littlefield as the alternate and Paul Kurtz from the northside with Ginny Klevorn as the alternate.

Congratulations to them all and especially to Maverine Wilson whose watchful eye and crime-blocking abilities were responsible for stopping a burglary on her block last month.

Speaking of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council, they won state recognition recently for their youth program. Cal Stuart, 6100 Kingsbury, was elected president of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Business Association and he is now the representative for the Association to the Community Council.

Congratulations to Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, who was made claims supervisor at Crum and Forster Personal Insurance. Paul and his wife Katie made a recent trip to Chicago to celebrate their eighth anniversary. Coincidentally (or maybe not) an anniversary trip to Chicago was also made by Karleen and Tom Hoerr. 6100 Kingsbury. Katie and Karleen both work for Feinberg Real Estate in their new offices on Forest Park.

We will miss Steve Brammeier as a neighborhood resident, but are pleased to know that he plans to continue the operation of Kingsbury Animal Hospital. In its seventh year of operation, the animal hospital has become a neighborhood fixture. Steve assures us that although he no longer resides in the neighborhood, he looks forward to seeing old and new friends, both at Kingsbury Animal Hospital and at neighborhood functions.

Wishing all a very wonderful and joyous holiday season and a very prosperous new year!

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February 1985

Parkview Perspective

(We are pleased to reintroduce "Parkview Perspective" after a year and a half hiatus. Susan Krasniewski was the writer for this column and with the birth of her last child asked to take a leave of absence. Then, sadly, Susan and family moved to Ohio: They will be missed. However, Ellen Matthews, a new Parkview resident in the 6300 block of Pershing, has agreed to regularly contribute. The Times is also very pleased to have Ellen as a board member. Parkview readers, please contact Ellen if you have any news or ideas for her column.)

By Ellen Matthews

In 1905 Julius Pitzman designed Parkview as the largest of St. Louis' private places. Its survival as a residential area of single family homes is a tribute to its original trust indenture. But its architecture and history are intertwined with the adjoining neighborhoods. To preserve the quality and architectural interest of the area, the St. Louis City portion of Parkview was made part of the Skinker-DeBaliviere/Catlin Tract/Parkview Historic District in 1978. Specific standards have been developed by which alterations to existing structures as well as new construction can be reviewed.

The standards are not meant to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of exterior features which do not involve a change in design material or outward appearance and which do not require a building permit. The following is a summary of the residential appearance standards:

Location, Spacing, and Setback: Existing building lines shall be strictly maintained, with no portion of any building (excepting any open porch, open veranda, open stone platform, or open balcony) to be constructed beyond the existing building line. Aforesaid open porches or platforms shall not extend beyond the existing front porch line on the block. Existing front porches must remain porches; however, they may be screened.

Exterior materials (for permit required work): Exterior materials when visible from the street should be the type originally used when the proposed Historic District was developed: brick, stone, stucco, wood, and wrought and cast iron. 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-

Details (for permit required work): Architectural details on existing structures, such as columns, pediments, dormers, porches, and bay windows should be maintained in their original form if at all possible. Renovations involving structural changes to window or door openings are permit-required work and must be reviewed by the Heritage and Urban Design Commission. Complete plans for all proposed major alterations which

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require permits must be submitted to the Heritage and Urban Design Commission for approval.

Roof Shapes: When there is a strong, dominant roof shape in a block, proposed alteration should be viewed with respect to its compatibility with existing buildings.

Roof Materials: Roof materials should be slate, tile, copper, or asphalt shingles where the roof is visible from the street. Incompatible materials are not encouraged. Design of skylights or solar panels, where prominently visible from the street, and when requiring a permit, will be reviewed by the Heritage and Urban Design Commission for their visual compatibility-

Walls, Fences, and Enclosures: In Parkview, no fence, wall, or hedge may be erected in front of the building line. Earth retaining walls must not exceed a height of two feet above the highest point of the sidewalk in front of the property. Fences or walls on or behind the building line, when prominently visible from the street, should be of wood, stone, brick, brick-faced concrete, ornamental iron, or dark-painted chain link. All side fences shall be limited to six feet in height.

Paving and Ground Cover Materials.. Where there is a predominant use of a particular ground cover (such as grass) or paving material, any new or added material should be compatible with the streetscape, and must not cause maintenance problems or hazards or public walkways. Loose rock and asphalt are not acceptable for public walkways nor for ground cover in areas bordering public walkways. **Street Furniture and Utilities:** All freestanding light standards placed in the front yard of any structure or premises should be compatible with construction in the neighborhood. The design and location of all items of street furniture located on the tree lawn between the sidewalk and the street must be approved by the Heritage and Urban Design Commission. The Heritage and Urban Design Commission is located in City Hall. For information on proposed work, standards, and reviews, call 622-4099 between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.

February 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Bet you didn't know that we have the St. Louis Trivial Pursuit Champion in our midst. Roy Bell, 6100 Kingsbury, was a member of the winning team in the city-wide competition held at Westport Plaza. Roy, his father and two of his brothers, the only family team, were sponsored by Tipton and won among other things a trophy and a dinner at Casa Gallardo. The proceeds went to charity-

Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, must be feeling pretty proud Marcia was the manager for the Harriet Woods campaign for Lieutenant Governor. Mrs. Woods was the only Democrat elected to state wide office in November.

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The neighborhood Christmas Walk got neighbors and visitors out in the delightful weather on Dec. 16th was a neat opportunity to see other homes and Christmas decorations. Speaking of visiting, some former neighbors were seen around the neighborhood over the holidays. Bill Keslar and Sandy Baker were visiting old friends on 6100 Kingsbury while staying with Jerry and Claudia Lawrenz. Sandi and Rohn Price were seen strolling down their old block chatting with old neighbors and friends. They were only able to stay long enough for a brief visit and dinner with their friends. Jane and Jim Geer and family, 6100 Kingsbury, before returning to their new home in Richmond, Virginia.

We heard that our alderman and neighbor, Dan McGuire, travelled to Ireland around the holidays. Maybe he'll let us in on the details for next time-

Congratulations to Susan and Mike McCabe, 6100 Westminster, on the birth of their son. Sean McCabe was born on Dec. 15 at St. Mary's Hospital. Sue and Mike both work for Xerox.

Steve and Nita Littlejohn, 6100 Kingsbury, are expecting their own little new arrival sometime this spring, and rumor has it that another household is also expecting somewhere in the 6100 block of Westminster (not this one, however!). New residents to Parkview George and Debbie Genung, recently had their fourth child, a baby girl. This news is so recent, we do not even know her name. The Genungs bought Ralph Vossen's house in the 6300 block of Washington.

Mike Juwer, DeBaliviere Place resident and owner of The Movie Shop on Pershing, has recently opened a new store on South Hampton. This Shop is Mike's third; there is also one in Soulard as well as the shop here in the neighborhood. We wish him continued success!

Parishioners and neighbors alike were disappointed to learn of the transfer of Father Mike Campbell from St. Roch's to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in Mehlville. Father Campbell has made an immeasurable contribution to the neighborhood as well as to the parish and will be greatly missed. He is being replaced by Father Robert Samson, formerly of St. Ferdinand in Florissant. We welcome him-

We are pleased to report that Lu Green, 6100 Westminster, is recovering well from her recent hospital stay. Lu is the director of Operation SafeStreet. Belated condolences are extended to Ken Cohen whose father passed away before the holidays. Ken is a friend and former neighbor to many and our thoughts are with him.

March 1985

Parkview Perspective:

Why No Cable In U. City?

by Ellen Matthews

A few years ago cable television came to St. Louis County and Continental Cablevision became the franchise holder for University City. In Parkview, cable lines were strung through the alleys; however, most of the University City portion of Parkview still does not have cable service even though the lines are in place. Some long-time residents and many newer ones have wondered why they cannot yet receive service.

The answer is easements. According to Dave Bollinger, assistant chief technician of Continental Cablevision, two or three property owners would not allow the connecting cable to be laid under their property. The connecting cable would join the cable already in place to the servicing cable between Parkview and Ames Place. Reportedly some property owners requested payment for the easement rights which Continental Cablevision's contract does not allow nor does it allow reduced billing in exchange for easement rights-

When the cable was strung, all Parkview residents received a letter from Continental Cablevision stating the reason the hook-up could not be completed. Receiving no cooperation from the property owners concerning easements, Continental Cablevision stopped trying to connect the inner part of Parkview to the cable network. Now that St. Louis City is in the process of getting cable television, there is renewed interest in completing the University City Parkview hook-up. Continental Cablevision is trying to find alternative hook-up paths and to recontact the property owners who could give the necessary easement rights. The company says that connecting cable would be laid underground and guarantees that any disturbed yards, fences, or sidewalks would be restored. Mr. Bollinger says, "They won't even know it's there."

If there are any questions concerning cable service in the University City portion of Parkview, please call Mr. Bollinger at Continental Cablevision, 428-0202.

March 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

We would like to welcome to the Times staff the new Parkview reporter Ellen Matthews. Ellen teaches part time at New City School and, in addition to being a wife and mother; she has authored and had published three children's books. She replaced Susan Krasniewski, who with her family, moved to Chillicothe, Ohio. We gain a new resident and welcome a returning one. William Clay, Jr. has recently purchased a home

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in the 6100 block of Washington. He is currently serving as our state representative for the 59th District. Long-time neighbors will remember Ken Cohen, a former resident and past business manager of this publication. We were pleased to hear that he has returned to the neighborhood and will soon be residing in the 6100 block of Pershing. Neighbors and friends were quite happy to learn that Jane Geer is recovering well from her recent surgery. Jane and her family live in 6100 Kingsbury and Jane is the business manager for the Times. The annual St. Roch's Progressive Dinner was held this year on January 26. Nine cocktail parties and twenty-three dinners were hosted by a variety of gracious folks. Everyone we spoke with later reported a marvelous evening which was culminated by a delicious and beautifully served dessert complete with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc. This wonderful finish to a lovely affair was hosted by Father Polizzi and Father Samson. It was a perfect evening thanks in large part to chairperson Joan Breun and co-chair Arline Webb, and in spite of the flu that took its toll on guests and hosts alike.

Many may remember Karen and George Brown, formerly of 5800 Pershing, and those who do were certainly happy to see them in attendance at the Progressive Dinner. They came from their new home in Memphis. They laughingly recalled last year's Christmas Dinner, shared with the Richard Webb family, during which the kitchen sink backed up and resulted in pandemonium as well as a very memorable evening. They reported that this year they followed their own tradition when their sink in their new home gave them a repeat performance. Talk about coincidence! Congratulations to Bob Dowgillo, 6100 Pershing, on his successfully planned "Evening on Ice" held Sat., Feb. 16 at Steinberg Skating Rink. About one hundred skaters and on-looking friends enjoyed the excellent weather, a wonderful bonfire, and the private use of the rink. Among those who were testing their ankles and skills after many years were Vince Schoemehl, Jo Ann Vatcha, Katie Kurtz, and Ramona Stelford; they should be proud of their efforts. The evening was a excellent chance to get outside, see old and new friends alike, and to support two important organizations . . . the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council and the newly formed Friends of Steinberg. Neighbors on 6100 Westminster are sure envious of John and Ann Geers and their sons Ben and Eric on their recent winter vacation in Florida. We need it bad, but they got it good! Father Sal Polizzi has recently returned from his winter vacation on the slopes in Vail, Colorado. Congratulations to Henry and Florence Burdorf on the January 30th celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. The Burgdorfs reside in the 6100 block of Pershing.

Another congrats and wishes for the best of luck go to Marjie Brammeier, 6100 Westminster. Marjie has taken a new position as design consultant with New Space Closet Interiors. As a consultant she custom-designs interior storage units for closets. So if you'd like to finally get your closets organized, call Marjie. Well, I'd like to say it was April Fools, but it's a bit early. I must admit that I inadvertently misled you. In spite of my efforts to coerce any one of my neighbors to do it, no one (to my knowledge) on 6100 Westminster, is currently pregnant. Too bad! However sincerely I reported the rumor, it is unfortunately untrue. I surely feel that whenever a friend or acquaintance is misled, an apology is in order, so you all have mine.

Here's hoping some more temperate weather will be getting us out on the sidewalks again!

April 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Rosedale has another celebrity! On February 19, Helen Hitchcock, 6100 Kingsbury, was one of four featured guests on the Phil Donahue Show. Helen was invited to the show, which is filmed in New York, to appear with Ann O'Donnell of St. Louis and two Dominican nuns from Nashville. Helen was representing a group called Women for Faith and Family. She unfortunately was unable to stay in New York to shop or sight-see; however, the four women did get to have lunch with Archbishop O'Connor of New York.

The Rocco DiLorenzo family, 6100 Kingsbury, was celebrating last month. Their daughter, Gabrielle, was home for a month from the Peace Corps. Gabrielle spent her time visiting with family and friends, as well as shopping for some "bare necessities" that are unobtainable in Honduras where she has been living for the last two years. She spent most of her time in La Paz, but says that she has seen much of Honduras and has enjoyed learning about their lifestyle and culture. She has been able to send back some Honduran art and handcrafts. Gabrielle will be returning to Honduras in April.

Neighbors and friends were pleased to see that Margaret Campbell, 6100 Pershing, is recovering. Margaret had a bout of illness and hospitalization recently. Many were saddened to hear of the death of George Ittig in early March. Mr. and Mrs. Ittig had been former Park view residents. Some knew him as the father of Georgi Fox, 6100 McPherson. Our deepest condolences go to Georgi and her family, especially Mrs. Ittig.

Congratulations to Rosedale's own Vince Schoemehl who soundly defeated his opponents in the March Democratic primary for Mayor of St. Louis. Vince and his family live in 6100 Westminster. Welcome to Charles Edward Littlejohn! Charles was born to Nita and Steve Littlejohn, 6100 Kingsbury, on March 14, weighing almost nine pounds.

We'd like to welcome to their new home in our neighboring Washington Heights, Elizabeth and Greg Freeman and their son William. Greg is a writer-columnist for the Post-Dispatch. Elizabeth has a new position as Director of Public Relations and Development for Consolidated Neighborhood Services Inc. In addition to that, she also serves on the Times board. For those of you who didn't read it here earlier, Ann and Bill Fitzgibbons are off to Alaska with son Sean and dog in tow. We wish them luck. Yours truly is serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council until a permanent director can be selected. The new SDCC office

is at Delmar Baptist, 6195 Washington, in case anyone's missed it in the old location. Telephone number remains the same.

May 1985

Parkview Perspective

by Ellen Matthews

St. Louis City residents, Operation Brightside is coming: May 18 is the big day. Your block captain will be notifying you about helping out. Operation Brightside is a good chance to clean up and beautify your neighborhood. But, more than that, it's a chance to be part of a big team working toward a common goal.

Hoes, rakes, and shovels will be provided for your use, and distinctive red and white trash bags will be in ample supply. Hot dogs and sodas will also be provided for all workers.

This is also a good chance to get rid of your unwanted large objects. Large objects set out in the alley by 2:00 will be picked up. The only stipulation is that someone must be available to help load them onto the truck.

A \$100 award will be given by Anheuser Busch to the group with the best cleanup project. Residents with ideas for projects should contact their block captain. Operation Brightside provides St. Louisans with a focus day for clean-up and beautification. Perhaps University City residents will also want to use May 18 as an opportunity to get outside and do some work. Most of Parkview's yards are pretty, but our parks and alleys need to be spruced up, too.

May 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Bill Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, who just recently closed the exhibition "Art in Architecture" in the west end, will be inaugurating a new show "Sundial," with a reception at his studio at Des Peres and Kingsbury on May 4. Sundial is a collaborative work of computer art and electronic music which will feature Bill's own work and that of electronic composer, Tom Hamilton. The exhibition will be at the Timothy Burns Gallery on Euclid from May 4 until early June. The computer work was a donation of Design Network Inc., a St. Louis computer graphics firm. The showing also received some funding from Central West End Savings and Loan Association and the West End Arts Council.

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Gene Hoefel, 6100 McPherson, as well as Bill Kohn were two of one hundred St. Louis artists whose work was selected for an exhibition in the St. Louis Globe Democrat building entitled "Art St. Louis." This show was a major highlight of the St. Louis Arts Festival. Gene has another reason to be proud. He was recently made a full professor at the Washington University School of Fine Arts. Seth Carlin, 6100 Kingsbury, an accomplished pianist and another Washington University professor gave a Beethoven concert last month at the Edison Theater. What a talented neighborhood we have. World travelers Karleen and Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, returned last month from a two week European trip to Rome and London, which they enjoyed tremendously. Tom is the director of New City School, 5209 Waterman. Karleen is a real estate agent at Feinberg, as well as the president of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council. She was recently featured in an article in the March 21 issue of the West End Word describing her community leadership. Karleen confided, however, that she felt the picture of her and Tom in last month's issue of the Times was a better likeness.

Also traveling to Europe last month were Marvin Nodiff, Marcia Kerz, and Marcia's sister—Clare Kerz, 6100 Westminster. Their trip included Italy and Austria.

Jane and Jim Geer, 6100 Kingsbury, made a European trip in April to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Jim's business. They visited London, Amsterdam, and Paris. While in London, they planned to visit Dan Shea and Kathleen Williams who are spending a year in London. We welcome to the neighborhood Tim and Janice Barthalow who live in 6000 Kingsbury. Tim works at Barnes Hospital and will be attending medical school. Janice works in early childhood education.

We also welcome the returning business of Cal and Gee Stuart—McPherson Management—who returned to Rosedale at 6008 Kingsbury from the 5700 block of Waterman. Cal and Gee live in 6100 Kingsbury.

Congratulations to the Curley family. James Ross Curley was born on March 12 just ten minutes prior to midnight (Why do they always want to arrive in the middle of the night?) to John and Cindy Curley, 6100 Kingsbury, at Barnes Hospital. The new arrival weighed nine pounds and two ounces. James Ross is the baby brother of Nina Curley who is two and a half. Cindy had recently started an interior design business—Insides. John is a staff reporter for the Wall Street Journal. Our deepest condolences to the Reverend Samuel Binch on the recent loss of his mother. Mr. Binch is the pastor at Delmar Baptist Church.

We regret to report the imminent retirement of Betty Klinefelter, 6100 Kingsbury, from Grace Preschool. Neighborhood residents will be happy to learn, however, that she is not retiring from her work in Scouting or other neighborhood activities.

The redevelopment firm of McCormack Baron has a new site supervisor in Mark Gorman. Mark lives in the 6100 block of Waterman.

Attention softball players over thirty, the Battlin' Beagles' 1985 season is about to begin. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood (or maybe just reaching that

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magic age of the BIG three 0), the Beagles are sponsored by St. Roch's and play on Friday evenings. Last year's season was more successful than not and everyone had a great time. Call Brad Weir if you are interested, 863-7558.

Don't forget to clean out your basements, closets and attics for the best and biggest yard sale of the year. Rosedale's Rags to Riches event will be coming up in early June.

June 1985

Parkview Perspective

by Ellen Matthews

Evelyn Nance and Dorothy Ward are Parkview residents—by day. In the evening they return to their own homes elsewhere in the city. Since they probably spend more waking hours in our neighborhood than some homeowners, they are important to our community.

Who are these women? They are babysitters. Evelyn Nance has been babysitting for Ursula Goodenough and John Heuser's children since Jessica was born over four years ago. Jessica is now in nursery school, but two-year-old Thomas keeps her busy while Jessica is gone. Evelyn began working outside the home when her own children were grown. She decided to do what she knew best and loved—watching children. She was on hand to cuddle Jessica before she was even a day old. She calls Jessica her "best baby." And when Thomas arrived she was eager to see him. "He's a smart boy," she says. "They're both nice."

Evelyn is also proud of her own boys. Her oldest son has a master's degree, and the middle son a Ph.D. The youngest one is in the Navy and is studying to be an R.N. She has eight grandchildren and another one is on the way.

Like Evelyn, Dorothy Ward has been working in Parkview for several years. She cares for Alex Permutt, the son of Alan Permutt and Sally Barker. She's a neighborhood feature as she hurries Alex's stroller down the sidewalk as they go to visit friends. Dorothy bubbles when she talks about Alex. "He's just a doll," she says. "He never cries."

Dorothy is from a large family and she says, "I always wanted a lot of kids. But I was only blessed with one daughter." Her daughter, now grown, is an attorney, and she teaches at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. She was recently in town for the ceremony naming her father, Robert James Ward, a bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Evelyn and Dorothy smile with pride as they watch their Parkview children play. Their presence allows Ursula Goodenough and Sally Barker the freedom to pursue careers outside the home while being assured that their little ones receive good care. There are

many Parkview babysitters. They are extra eyes and ears for us all during the day and they certainly enrich our neighborhood.

June 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

On Monday, May 7, the Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a meeting, chaired by President Arline Webb, 6100 Pershing, in the St. Roch's cafeteria. The highlights of the meeting included an update on the Rags to Riches (see more information in this issue); an introduction of the new Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council Director, Nancy Farmer; and an Operation Brightside presentation. Rita Navarro, formerly of the People's Clinic was also introduced at the meeting. She will be heading up the Community School at Hamilton. A delicious sampling of desserts followed the meeting which was well attended. Speaking of Brightside, our Blitz weekend was a "sparkling" success on May 18th. The event was well orchestrated thanks to the efforts of the Brightside office and especially because of our super Regional Chairman, Bruce Yampolsky (of DeBaliviere Place and Doughboys) and our great local Area Commander Sam Green, 6100 Westminster, with a lot of help from Nancy Farmer.

Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, director of New City School was "busting his buttons" when he reported that New City, 5209 Waterman, was named an A+ school by Instructor Magazine. On May 24th, Mayor Schoemehl presented Tom with the award from Instructor at an assembly at the school where certificates were given to all the staff and children and there were also "presentations" by the children. They had balloons, stickers, and T-shirts announcing their A+ status. On the subject of our neighbor the mayor, Vince was aboard one of TWA's inaugural flights to Europe. Vince and sister Lu Green, head of Operations Brightside, as well as Nancy Rice, 6100 Westminster, Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry took the flight to France and spent two weeks visiting there and in Ireland. Jill McGuire, 6100 Westminster, the new head of the City-County Humanities Commission was also able to take one of the inaugural flights.

Rick Wilt, 6100 McPherson, took a trip to Guatemala and Belize at the end of April. Rick, an avid bird-watcher, spent a lot of time watching birds, but was also able to do some pyramid-climbing and snorkeling.

John Nunley, 6100 McPherson, a curator at the St. Louis Art Museum spent time this year in Jamaica and the Bahamas doing some background work for his 1987-88 Pre-Lent Carnival Exhibit. This article last month failed to include Linda Nunley in our report of the "Art St. Louis" exhibition last month in the Globe-Democrat building. It was her first real showing in the St. Louis area and was quite promising for her Linda, who teaches art at St. Roch's School, also took a trip to Port of Spain, Trinidad, in February for their pre-Lenten carnival.

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We are pleased to announce the premiere of Westminster Communications, Inc. The business, headed by Marcia Kerz as president and Marj Weir as vice president, both not surprisingly of 6100 Westminster, is located at 1001 Bellevue at Clayton (645-4488). They are helping organizations build donor-based programs for fund raising. We wish them much success.

The Reverend Dr. John Doggett, pastor at Grace Methodist, retired in May. He was honored at a reception there on May 26.

Joanna Smith, bookkeeper at St. Roch's is really being missed there. She has been ill and has been staying with her niece. Many thoughts and good wishes are with her.

Congratulations to Stephen Eaker and Barb Lundgren on the birth of their daughter, Brenna, on May 7. Brenna was born at home, 6100 Kingsbury, weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and is the baby sister of Quinn. Another congrats to Beth Bender, daughter of Rich and Joan Bender, 6100 Kingsbury. She graduated from Wheeling College in Wheeling, West Virginia, with a major in history. She had been vice president of her class-

Mother's Day month brought a couple of out-of-town moms to the neighborhood to visit. Jane Deer's mother from Massachusetts was visiting Jane and family and Paula Repetto's mother from Georgia was visiting the Repettos. Both families live in 6100 Kingsbury-

We are pleased to report that Jennifer McComb has found a new home in the Rosedale Condominiums following a recent fire. Her cats have also recovered from their injuries as a result of the fire, thanks to excellent care by Dr. Stephen Brammeier of the Kingsbury Animal Hospital-

Our deepest condolences to Geneva and Carmen Hornberger, 6100 Waterman on the recent death of their husband and father, Leroy Hornberger.

Mark your calendars now for the June 30 Sunday Brunch at the Pasta House to benefit Stella Maris Child Center (Delmar and DeBaliviere). Hope to see you there!

September 1985

Parkview Perspective

by Ellen Matthews

Joe and Peggy Birchbark had looked at fifty-one houses. They had each house listed on a 3 x 5 card, along with notes such as "tiny yard," "no real spare bedroom," "rooms not big enough." When the Parkview house came on the market. their real estate agent had urged them to see it right away.

Once inside, Peggy groaned. "There are so many stairs. I can't imagine living with three floors and a basement." Pregnant with their third child, she stood catching her breath on the landing.

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Joe grinned. "You won't be pregnant forever."

Peggy rolled her eyes and continued up the stairs.

"It needs some repair here and there," Joe told the agent as he ran his hand along the broken floor tiles in the bathroom." And this toilet needs to be replaced."

Amy and Jason fingered the stained glass window next to the sink.

"I like it," Peggy said. "The house, that is. I think a house with room for five and a half people in the bathroom is terrific." So they moved. And moved and moved. When the last of the boxes had been brought in, the family collapsed in the living room with Church's chicken.

"This is a great house, Dad," Amy said. "Did you know there's a hole in my closet that looks into your bedroom?"

Joe shook his head. "No. Guess I'll put that on the fix-it list."

Jason looked up. "Can Amy and I try and catch some of the mice in the crawl space? We'd keep them in a cage and take good care of them."

"What mice?" Peggy asked, losing her appetite-

"We saw the droppings," Amy said. She wiped her face. "I'm done. Let's go out, Jason."

The two of them jumped up and ran out the front door. "We'll go around and stay in the backyard," Amy called over her shoulder. "I promise we'll stay out of the poison ivy."

Joe and Peggy looked at each other and then around the room at the boxes.

"Maybe it is too big:" she said. "Maybe it's too old. We'll be working on this house for a year."

Joe pulled out his list. "Maybe five years," he said.

The doorbell buzzed and both of them got up.

The woman gave them a smile. "Hello," she said. "I'm Mrs. Toadsly and I live next door." She held out a small sack. "Here's a little present for you. Some wine for you and cookies for the children. By the way, I saw them talking to some kids on the sidewalk. Don't worry about them. No, I can't come in. I know you're tired. My husband and I will invite you over in a couple of days. Welcome to the neighborhood."

Peggy took the bag and the woman hurried away.

"Well:" said Joe, pulling out the wine, "the house may be too big and too old, but, I think we're going to like the neighborhood-"

September 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Things have certainly been happening this summer. Lots of folks have been busy moving in and out. This is the issue in which you get the who's who of new neighbors.

We welcome to the world of area homeowners Clare Kerz, 6100 Washington. Clare is not new to the neighborhood or its residents. She is the sister of Marcia Kerz and has been living with Marcia and her husband Marvin Nodiff for the last few years. Were happy to see that she has made Skinker-DeBaliviere her permanent home.

Also on 6100 Washington we welcome Sally and Jim Boggeman and daughter Sarah. Sally is a teacher at New City School.

Neighbors on 6100 Westminster are pleased to welcome to the neighborhood Carol Winter and Joyce Phillips. Carol and Joyce both purchased homes on that block this summer.

On the 6100 block of Kingsbury the new residents are Polly O'Brien and Barrett Toan. Ripley Rasmus and Elizabeth Trueblood are new neighbors on 6000 Kingsbury as well as Lorraine Wilson and her two children.

McPherson boasts a lot of new residents also. In the 6000 block we welcome James Asbury. 6100 McPherson has new residents in three of its homes: Robin Lehr (sister of Ginny Klevorn) and Darrell Stoecklin; Stephen Zenk and Melissa Moutton; and Kate and Mark Robinson with their three children Tom 8, Bess 6 and Danny 3. (Congratulations to Steve and Melissa who were married on August 10.) A very warm welcome to all these new folks.

More neighbors in the news. How many of you saw the Elaine Viets column in a Sunday Post over the summer that featured Ann and John Geers, 6100 Westminster, and their attempts to prepare for their European vacation? The Geers are the proprietors of the Webster Grill on Big Bend.

And when we turned on the 10 o'clock news on Channel 4 after the National Night Out (August 13th) there we saw Debbie Warshawski of that station (and also of 6100 Pershing, by the way) interviewing Venita Lake, 5800 Waterman, as she marched in a parade on her block. And speaking of National Night Out— what a great idea and what fun! It was super to see all those people out meeting and greeting each other. We need those kinds of events more often. Much of the success of that evening was due to the efforts of our local block captains orchestrated by the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council-

Nancy Farmer, the executive director of the Community Council has become a Skinker-DeBaliviere resident over the summer. Nancy has taken up residence in the [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

Rosedale Square Apartments and is thrilled to be a neighbor here as well as having the added convenience of living so close to the office. We welcome her.

Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, traveled to New York this summer and also spent some time in Atlantic City. Tom reports that he was specially selected (because of his good looks and charm, I'm sure) to participate in a magic trick on stage at Doug Henning's show. Unfortunately, despite his magical wizardry, Doug was unable to make Tom disappear, so he's back to putting things "In Your Ear" again.

Also vacationing in New York this summer were Barbara Joffe Clewell and David Clewell. The Clewell's live in 6100 Pershing.

Congratulations to Ed Stout who is among 51 persons from the greater St. Louis area selected to participate in Leadership St. Louis for 1985-86. The program is designed to make people in leadership positions aware of issues and problems facing the St. Louis area, and to train them to take a role in the solutions of these problems. Ed is associated with Aid to Victims of Crime as executive director and lives in the 6100 block of McPherson.

Pleased to see Dan Shea and Kathleen Williams, 6100 Kingsbury, back around the neighborhood. They have recently returned from a year's stay in London and Italy. Hope to see an article here recounting their experiences soon.

Congratulations and best wishes to Pat Kelley and Marion McCarthy as well as Peter Bushbacker and Christine Storey. Both couples were married over the summer. Marion is the daughter of Jim and Anne McCarthy, 6100 Kingsbury. The Kelleys were wed on July 20th. Christine is the daughter of Rose and George Storey, 5700 Waterman. The Bushbacker nuptials took place on August 17th.

Yours truly is excited to report a new job at New City where I'll be working part time. I'm thrilled to be back there.

What did you do this summer? Vicissitudes would love to report on your exciting, different, unique or simply pleasant and traditional vacation, or whatever else is new in your family. Let on know. Keep posted for my mystery guest columnist later this year.

October 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Despite the oppressive heat, the "August 32nd" fundraiser for The Times was an enjoyable success. Marvin Nodiff and Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, were the gracious hosts of the barbeque. Special thanks should go to them as well as to Hitch Powell, 6100 Westminster, who spent most of the evening sweating over a hot grill. The highlight of the event was a raffle of donated items such as a new Times T-shirt, [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

an old Paper T-shirt, a bottle of wine, a deck chair and a personally autographed copy of an Ellen Matthews book.

Speaking of attorney Marvin Nodiff, in August he was elected chairman of the board of the St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts. This group of approximately 75 lawyers and twelve accountants was organized four years ago to provide free legal and accounting services to artists and art organizations who show financial need. Congratulations to Marvin.

Artist Bill Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, is one of fourteen local artists featured in the - Currents 29: Drawings in St. Louis" exhibit. The exhibit opened September 19 at the St. Louis Art Museum and runs through November 3.

Congratulations to Dan Shea, Professor of English and 6100 Kingsbury resident, who will be one of four Washington University faculty honored at Founder's Day on October 12 at the Omni Hotel with the Distinguished Faculty Award for outstanding commitment to teaching and dedication to the intellectual and personal growth of students.

Paula Repetto, 6100 Kingsbury, has taken not one but two new jobs. Paula has replaced Linda Nunley as art teacher at St. Roch's. She is also teaching art at Central Institute for the Deaf.

JoAnn Vatcha, 6100 Westminster, has been promoted to the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Housing Services of St. Louis Inc. She says it's very exciting and she is enjoying learning about all of her new responsibilities.

Jane and Jim Geer and daughters Sarah and Susan returned recently from a vacation and family visit to the East. The Geers live in 6100 Kingsbury.

By the time you read this, Katie and Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, will have returned from a vacation at Virginia Beach. They planned to spend the time relaxing and lying on the beach. Sounds great! Katie is the editor of The Times. A neighborhood welcome to Terry and Mary McCauley and their children: Jim, Terry, Matthew, Aidan and Kathleen. The McCauleys moved here from Dallas; however, Terry is originally from St. Louis so this was somewhat of a homecoming for him. Terry is employed by Anheuser Busch, and Mary did some writing for a local paper before they moved. Perhaps we'll get to see some of her talents displayed here.

The McCauleys moved into what was the McCabes' home on 6100 Westminster. Mike and Sue McCabe and baby Sean have moved to Chesterfield.

Roger and Barbara Tinklenberg and their four children left September 20 for Eldora, Iowa. Roger has taken a position as city manager for Eldora which is located in central Iowa. The Tinklenbergs, formerly of 6100 Westminster, have purchased an old farmhouse there and are planning to rehab it. We wish them the best of luck.

Watch for news of the St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar on November 2.

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November 1985

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

As in the past few months, comings and goings are dominating the news of the neighborhood.

David and Susan Fay and their daughter, Miranda, are new to the 6100 block of Kingsbury. David is the new executive director of the Fox Theater. The Fays come from Joliet, Illinois, where David was the executive director of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority. He was featured in a front-page article in the Oct. 3rd West End Word. Susan is the new company manager for the Mid-American Dance Company. A new resident on 6000 McPherson, Carla Mash, comes to the Skinker-DeBaliviere area also from Illinois—Downers Grove, and more recently from Edwardsville where her family lives. Carla is a teacher at New City School.

A few familiar faces will no longer be with us in the neighborhood and they will be missed. Rich Akers, formerly of 6100 Pershing, recently hosted a housewarming in his new residence on Castleman in the Shaw neighborhood. Rich was active as the block captain on Pershing.

Nan and Bill Thomas and their family moved last month from their home in the 6100 block of McPherson to their new home in Savannah, Georgia. A going-away party was held for them and some of their friends and neighbors on Oct. 12 at St. Roch's Church Hall. Although we will miss the Thomases, we welcome Ron Nurnberg who purchased their house. Nancy Cohen and her children moved recently to Ladue. The Cohens were also from 6100 McPherson.

In the last few months, so many new names have been added to the list of residents. I may have neglected to mention some of the old familiar names that are no longer with us. Here are some: the McPherrons, the Dicks, the Greggs, the Lindleys, and Allan Mense and Ramona Stelford, to name a few.

Cal and Gee Stuart, 6100 Kingsbury, were able to take some time off from their thriving business—McPherson Management—to take a vacation. This was a very special trip because it was not only a spur-of-the-moment 25th anniversary celebration, but also because it was the first time in eight years that they were able to go away without their children. They flew off to New England where they rented a car, and driving 1600 miles, visited Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Some of the highlights of the trip were visiting Boston where they both had attended college, staying at an old farmhouse in Maine and in an old inn in Martha's Vineyard.

The Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council held a reception in October honoring Esther Herron, 5800 DeGiverville, Esther was the bookkeeper and the Council for a number of years.

David Clewell has a new position at Webster University. David is an assistant professor of creative writing. He lives in the 6100 block of Pershing.

Our deepest condolences to James and Ruth Irwin, 6100 McPherson. Their son, Jimmy, was killed last month in a fall from a ladder while painting their house. Neighbors were pleased to hear that Narnie Rosenthal, 6100 McPherson, is back home with her family and doing well following a recent hospital stay. Narnie was hospitalized for a broken hip.

And finally, for my good friend Jeanne Katzman, who so much wanted to be mentioned in my article -.. this one's for you.

November 1985

Window On Washington Heights:

Insights Valuable To All

by Rose Flynn

An Operation Safestreet Neighborhood Watch meeting was held Sept. 12 at our home in the 5900 block of Pershing. It was a successful one, and for the benefit of those who have not yet attended a block meeting, I wanted to share a few related thoughts. The turnout was good, due to the help of a few enthusiastic neighbors who helped spread the word around; and of course, it's always nice to see a few new faces.

Our guest that night was Mary Furst, a neighborhood liaison official from City Hall. She gave us some statistical information on crime and crime prevention in Skinker-DeBaliviere. The incidents of robberies, assaults, and car thefts were way down this year as opposed to last year, and that's good news. We can't say the same about burglaries and acts of larceny, however. So, it's important that we tighten up the neighborhood network now that winter and the holiday season are right around the corner.

A new City Service, called the Citizen's Complaint Bureau, was also described by Ms. Furst. This Bureau consists of ten operators at City Hall who will take your questions and complaints, assign a work order number to the problem, and send it on to the right department for action. It will make for more efficient communication between the citizen and City Hall. The telephone number is 622-4800.

The neighbors all agreed that it had been a fairly quiet summer on the block. No major crime incidents reported—which brought up an important related point. Any crime, however "minor," should be reported. This includes stolen batteries, vandalism, etc.,

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the type of crime nobody expects to be solved. Ms. Furst stressed that the police are much more effective in dealing with this type of residential crime when they have correct, documented information.

What made this meeting so successful, I think, was the fact that we came out of it with some important resolutions. We agreed to hold two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Our aim will be to have at least one member of each household in attendance. We agreed to 'talk it up,' and publicize the meeting among our immediate neighbors as soon as the final date is set. After the meeting, I will see that any neighbor who could not attend gets the information that was presented.

My personal contribution to the conversation included a reminder about porch lights. Again, winter is right around the corner, folks, and the number of residential burglaries rises in the winter. A street full of light definitely sends a discouraging message to anyone who may be lurking around. A tight neighborhood network is our best defense against crime. Other topics, such as the neighborhood parade on National Night Out, August 13, were discussed. Next year it'll be even bigger and better, we all agreed! For problems like noise at night, barking dogs, and litter in the alleys, the general consensus was that nothing beats plain and simple conversation. The neighbor-to-neighbor approach is really the most reasonable and effective way to solve some of these typical but annoying urban problems. So, for the investment of about an hour and a half's worth of time, we got to hear some rather encouraging statistics on the neighborhood, meet a few more of our neighbors, and drink some very tasty punch, (if I do say so myself!).

The Neighborhood Watch concept is a good one. In city neighborhoods where houses are close together and yards are small, we will all feel a lot happier and more secure when we know who our neighbors are. Block meetings are an ideal way to learn some new names, pool information and ideas, have your say and listen to others have theirs. A big thank you to the people who showed so much support. We'll do it again in the spring.

December 1985

Vicissitudes

by Hawkeye

Lisa Horner, regular scribe of this column is taking a small hiatus, so I will try to fill in this month. This is no easy task, but I've prepared by keeping my ear close to the ground and my wiretap alive and well.

Congratulations to the Rossetti Family of the 6000 block of Westminster. Their children, Sparky, Mother Earth, and Sly, were all recently accepted at military academies.

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Sparky is planning to go to West Point where she will major in electronics, Mother Earth is going to go to Annapolis where he will be studying geology, and Sly is going to the Coast Guard Academy where she will be majoring in ethics. Tragedy befell the Lockhards of 6100 Pershing. Bob Lockhard purchased a ticket for the Illinois lottery and heard over the radio that he had a winning number, worth \$17,000 annually for the next 20 years. For the past three years Bob has bought a ticket each week with the digits corresponding to his social security number and birthday, so he knew he had a winner.) Unfortunately, Marie, Bob's wife, had washed Bob's jeans containing the winning ticket and all that was left was shredded paper.

Karla and Jose Quienbee, of the 6200 block of Kingsbury have just returned from a leisurely six day vacation to Europe. According to Karla, they visited sixteen countries and the Vatican.

Sorry to report that Peter's Electronics, located near Delmar and Skinker was broken into last month. Peter reports that the robbers took watches, microwave ovens, and VCR's. He notes, though, that he still prefers to have his shop here than at his previous location in West County. According to Peter, "Sure, theft is a problem here, but in West County I was being bored to death and that crime occurred every day!"

Hats off to the occupants of an apartment in the 6000 block of Washington, the Hamilbreesit's not that they've done anything recently that warrants the congratulations, but they've lived here for quite a while now and are due for some publicity.

Welcome to the Ersatzes who have bought a condo on the block of 6100 Pershing. Sam Ersatz works for General Dynamics and is in charge of research for germ warfare technology. Linda Ersatz is the founder of "Give Peace A Chance, Inc." and author of Women Against the Bomb. The Ersatzes bought Bob and Marie Lockhard's condo as the Lockhards have filed for divorce and moved out of the neighborhood.

Farewell to our friends, the Beaches, who are leaving Skinker-DeBaliviere to move to LaDue. We will miss all the Beach family, mother Sandy, father Tymes, and their son, Rocky.

At a recent meeting of the Rosedale Improvement Association, Ed Smith (alias Ed Samuels, alias Eddie Sofa, alias Spiderman, alias the Big E) was the featured speaker. The title of Ed's talk was "Securing your property against theft-" After the meeting Ed invited all the members to his second-hand shop not far from Delmar and Skinker where he had just received a very reasonably priced supply of new watches, microwaves, and VCR's. Ed works directly with the factory, he says, and the savings are due to the fact that he is able to sell the merchandise without boxes, packaging, warranties, or sales receipts.

News just reached us from out-of-town where Sandy Cost, former Skinker-DeBaliviere resident tells us that she is starting a business selling watch stems. Apparently her previous business, carpet-cleaning, was not a success-

The 6100 of McPherson has new residents, Don and Daisy Malard and their nephews Huey, Duey, and Louis. They are living only a few doors from their cousins, the Waddles.

We all wish a speedy recovery to Dr. Charles Wagun of the 6000 block of Kingsbury. Chuck, as he is known to his friends, had to have surgery because as he was unclogging a sink, he managed to jam his hand into the drainpipe. In trying to remove his hand from the pipe, Chuck severed a tendon and sprained an elbow. While being taken to the hospital by Earline Scuttles, his neighbor, it seems that Chuck, Earline, and the sink were involved in an auto accident. Neither Chuck, Earline, nor the other driver were injured, but the sink did manage to cave in the side of the car that hit Chuck, a 1971 Volkswagen sedan. It turns out that the Volkswagen was driven by Barnaby Slupcake, the former husband of Earline. As luck would have it, it was the first time that Earline and Barnaby had seen one another since their divorce in Reno twenty-three years ago. It was love—again—at first (or second) sight and Earline and Barnaby were re-married immediately after the accident by the very semireverend Calvin Stuart, Jr. in a cozy ceremony at Church's Fried Chicken. As Chuck never made it to the hospital, he and the sink were the best man and maid-of-honor, somewhat respectively. Chuck's comment about the whole affair was "the Lord works in strange ways" while the sink is quoted as saying that "it was a draining experience."

We're glad to welcome the lovely Lucritia Glammershaw and her daughter, Sylvania, back to the neighborhood. You old time residents will recall that Lucritia left several years ago to seek fame and fortune in the "new world" (as she put it), Los Angeles. Lucritia started an art gallery featuring art made entirely from toilet paper, Brillo pads, coat hangers, and yogurt. She called it "Like Art, Man" and received fine reviews from the West Coast art critics. Lucritia, alas, grew weary of being creative and is returning to open a carry-out mortuary on DeBaliviere. According to Lucritia, Sylvania, now six years old, is still her mother's "shining light."

Congratulations to the Fecunds who recently announced the birth of their sixteenth child, Prudence. (They have named the children alphabetically-) Their eldest child, Armadello, is now a stockbroker in Clayton. Children two through ten— Brett, Calhoun, Diedra, Eulysses, Fedora, Garbanzo, Hewell, Imagine, Jasmine—are partners in a law firm in Mexico, Missouri. Mama Fecund, known to her friends as Lucy (actually, we know her as "tired Lucy") wants us to know that child thirteen, Montana, has started working in a bagel factory. Lucy also asks that you write her (c/o The Times) if you have suggestions for names beginning with Q or Z.

Finally, welcome to the Quackenbushes who have moved to the 5900 block of Pershing. Dr. Hugo Quackenbush is a visiting professor of phrenology at Washington University, Hugo's wife, Zelda, is a manager of rock bands. She is currently managing the group "Neon Smile" whose single "I'll Love You Always, What's Your Name?" has been on the charts for many months. Hugo and Zelda are both foreign born, Hugo hailing from Austria and Zelda coming from Hazelwood.

Thanks for listening! Lisa, hurry back, we miss you.

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February 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Yes, Virginia, there is a Bill Horner. He was seen by several eye witnesses over the holidays- This rare and unusual sighting took place at the home of our esteemed editor and her husband, Katie and Paul Kurtz, who were heard to exclaim, "We can't believe it happened to us." Congratulations to Clare Kerz, 6100 Washington, who works at Child Center of Our Lady- Clare was made Director of Education for the center in December. The center serves children who are emotionally disturbed.

Marjie Brammeier, 6100 block of Westminster, has been named top salesperson for 1985 at newSPACE Closet Interiors, 1825 Belt Way Drive. Marjie has sold and designed over 1000 closets in the past year. Much of her business is referral and repeat business from Central West End clients.

Congrats and best' wishes to Rick and Shirley Wilt. The Wilts were married in the Caribbean over Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, they have left 6100 McPherson, and are currently living in Crestwood. Welcome to the neighborhood to the Lloyd family- The Lloyds are new to 6100 Westminster.

Although they need no welcome, neighbors were pleased to learn that Jan and John Pitts have purchased another home on 6100 McPherson, which they are renovating. A returning welcome back to Dee Vossmeier who has returned to Rosedale, also purchasing a home on 6100 McPherson. Dee is an attorney and has a son, Rob.

Susan Fay, 6100 Kingsbury, was in New York on business in December. Susan attended a booking convention, where she represented the MidAmerica Dance Co., for whom she is company manager. Immediately upon her return, she and her husband, David and daughter, Miranda, traveled to Michigan to spend the holidays with her family-

The McPherson block club celebrated the holidays by having a block party. The party was held at the home of Bill Davis and Judy Cress.

Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, spent part of their holidays in London. They were there for the ringing in of the New Year.

Speaking of Tom, he is the only one still asking, "Who wrote that exceptionally clever and witty "Vicissitudes" in December?" The true identity of the mystery writer "J" or was it "K"?) was more than apparent to most of all of my regular readers- That classic style was difficult to disguise, even though the writer was for once able to put aside

his (or her) usual tongue-in-cheek frivolity for some serious journalism. How refreshing)

In the local heroes department, a better late-than-never hats off to Curtis Doyle, 6100 Westminster. Curtis helped to rescue the woman who lost control of her car, plunging it into a lagoon in Forest Park early last fall. Curtis and his wife Lora were walking their dog when they saw the accident and Curtis jumped into the water.

And while we're on the subject of local heroes, perhaps some of you saw the item in the January first Post Dispatch, about the 75 year-old grandmother who chastised the two robbers who ransacked her south-side apartment, tied her up and stole \$65. Her name is Grace Klevorn, and if that last name sounds familiar, it should. Grace is the grandmother of Tom Klevorn, 6100 Washington-

St. Roch is hosting a Betty Klinefelter Day on February 9th. A nice tribute for a very deserving lady- Betty lives at 6100 Kingsbury.

March 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It was great to see so many of you at the annual St. Roch's Progressive Dinner, January 25th. Arline Webb, 6100 Pershing- and Mary Schmit, 6100 McPherson, did a marvelous job of co-chairing the event. The highlight of the evening, as always, is the luscious dessert and coffee at the church hall, hosted by Father Polizzi and Father Samson (but where were the cannolis?). This year, in a departure from past Progressive Dinners, the lights remained on in the hall. Father Polizzi wanted everyone to get a last look before the hall undergoes refurbishing. It was especially nice to see Karen and George Brown, former residents, who returned for the affair.

Mayor Schoemehl made it official. He declared Sunday February 9, Betty Klinefelter Day with a proclamation presented to her. This was part of a special Mass and reception honoring Betty that day at St. Roch's.

Betty had just recently returned from a month in New Mexico. She had spent January at Ghost Ranch, a Presbyterian Educational Center there. The ranch utilizes the New Mexico Community Colleges and the January term offered courses in such things as pottery, photography, creative writing, and paleontology. Betty took a course in Southwestern Spanish weaving, and says she came home with some beautiful rugs. In her free time she got to know students from all over the country and spent some time climbing and exploring. She plans to return in August and again next January

Congratulations to Barrett Toan and Polly O'Brien, 6100 Kingsbury, on the birth of their son, Elliott Fitzgerald. Elliott was born on Christmas Eve and weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

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Some of our neighbors have been vacationing this winter- Mary Powell, 6100 Westminster, spent a week combining skiing with business meetings in Park City, Utah, recently. Paul and Paula Repetto, 6100 Kingsbury just returned from sailing the British Virgin Islands, enjoying the sights, the sun and the snorkeling. Along with two other couples, they chartered a sailboat complete with captain and cook. Their traveling companions were former neighbors from the Oxford Condos.

Gabrielle DiLorenzo is leaving Honduras after working with the Peace Corps there. Those of you who have heard about or seen the beautiful clay necklaces she sent her mother from Honduras will be glad to hear that Bernadette does have a few necklaces as well as nativity figures left. If you haven't seen them, they're worth a look. Gabrielle will be traveling around Central America for a while, but her future plans are indefinite. Meanwhile, her mother Bernadette DiLorenzo, 6100 Kingsbury, is completing her Ph.D. in comparative literature — French and English.

Our deepest condolences to Joe and Marlene Mestres, 6100 Kingsbury, on the recent death of their son, Dan. Our most sincere sympathy to the entire family.

April 1986

Vicissitudes

By Lisa Horner

The Central West End Savings and Loan, a loyal Times advertiser, recently won two financial advertising awards. The newspaper ads, "The One Tip A Stockbroker Will Never Give You" and "Thanks To You, We're 6 Going On 30,000,000," were designed by Cohen Thompson Gregg, an advertising, public relations, and graphic design agency. Principals of the agency include neighbors Ken Cohen, 6100 Pershing, and Debbie Gregg, 6100 block of Waterman. The winning entries will be published in a book this spring by Best Financial Advertising, the firm which chose the winners. Congratulations to Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, who passed his last exam, qualifying him as an Associate in Risk Management. Works by artist Peter Marcus, former neighborhood resident and one of the developers of the town houses in the 6000 block of Kingsbury, are presently on exhibit at the St. Louis Art Museum. *Currents 32: Peter Marcus* features one large, mixed media works which combine Peter's printmaking with his painting technique. The show is in Gallery 111 and runs through April 27

Cindy Curley is keeping very busy these days. Besides being mom to Nina, 3 and Ross, 1 she is now in her second year of running her home-based business, *Insides*. *Insides* is a residential interior design company which Cindy began about a year and a half ago. She is pleased to report that her business is-really growing. Cindy and John Curley live in the 6100 I dock of Kingsbury.

Several neighborhood residents have been on late winter-early spring vacations- Jane and Jim Geer and daughters, Sarah and Susan, 6100 Kingsbury, recently returned from Florida, wilt, they vacationed with Jim's brother

Gene and Delores Hoefel, 6100 McPherson, spent ten days in the British Virgin Islands. The Hoefels along with two other couples, rented a sailboat and thoroughly enjoyed the sun and the sea.

Betty Klinefelter spent t two weeks in March visiting her sister in Texas, relishing the gorgeous weather and the beautiful new spring flowers. She had to return in time for her Scouts' upcoming catering jobs: the Blue and Gold Breakfast., the Methodist Easter Breakfast and the Seder which they will be serving at Grace. Betty lives in the 6100 block of Kingsbury

Long-time residents may remember and wish to offer condolences to the family of Mike Harleman who died last month. Mike and his family formerly lived on 6100 McPherson.

Deepest sympathies are also extended to the family and friends of Pat Hogan. Mrs. Hogan lived in the 6100 block of McPherson and passed away in March.

A teaser: Mark your calendars now and plan to be at New City School on the evening of May 17. What we will be subjected — er, rather, treated to that night will be a dinner theatre production to benefit the Community Council. I have it from an inside source that it promises to be a riveting melodrama, directed by Rita Sweets and featuring such notables as: Dan Shea, Kathleen Williams, Rich Lake, Karen Kelsey, Paul Kurtz, and "a cast of thousands." I know you won't want to miss this!

A riddle: What tidbit did I mention here last year that I was forced to retract because it wasn't true, that now-is true'? More next time-

May 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Homer

A neighborhood welcome to Ken Anderson and Kate Rosenbloom. They as artists who" purchased the building which formerly housed Grace and Peace Fellowship at Kingsbury and Des Peres. Kate and Ken are rehabbing and plan to use the lost floor as an art studio beginning this month. They will reside in one of the upstairs apartments. Ken is not new to the neighborhood, having rented space from Bill Kohn for a number of years. He shows his work at B.Z. Wagman Gallery and Kate shows at Locus Gallery downtown.

The Lloyds of 61(10 Westminster have begun a new venture. They have a unique collection of jewelry which they have recently begun selling at Union Station. Mary

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Schmit, 6100 McPherson, was seen sporting a gorgeous necklace which she purchased from Carol Lloyd, who also teaches at Normandy School District.

Dan Schesch, 6000 McPherson, is also venturing into a new area. He has begun a Masters program at S.I.U. in Management Information System,

Speaking of Dan, he was one of the neighborhood notables among those 450 in attendance at the ten-year anniversary celebration of Leadership St. Louis at the Adams Mark last month. Quite a few other neighborhood folks were there who had been selected over those ten years to participate in the Leadership program; Jill McGuire, Marj Weir, Tom Hoerr, and Marcia Kerz. Lu Green and Cal Stuart have also participated in the program. Congratulations to Venita Lake, 5800 Waterman, who was recently selected as one of 12, to participate in CORO Foundations Public Affairs Training Course for Neighborhood Leaders. Venita's neighborhood involvement is well known to area residents, especially her ten years of service on the Times.

Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, spent a long weekend on Kee Waydin off the coast of Florida, where she was a guest presenter at a conference of the Association of Child Advocates. Marcia was asked to give a presentation on fund raising by direct mail. Marcia is the president. of Westminster Communications.

Turning to neighbors in the news, David Fay, 6100 Kingsbury, was the subject of the cover story in the LIVE section of the April 9 issue of the Riverfront Times. David is the executive director of the Fox Theater.

Double congratulations to the family of Jim and Clare McLeod. In April they became the proud parents of a baby girl — Sarah. The McLeods have also just moved from 6100 Waterman to their new home in 6100 McPherson. Jim is a member of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council representing Washington University.

Well, it was white lace and promises on April 5 for Rita Hoerr and Chet Curtis. Rita is the mother of Tom Hoerr. The nuptials took place at Tom and Karleen's home, 6100 Kingsbury, and were officiated by the Reverend Cal Stuart. Cleo and Tokar were festive for the occasion with beautiful bows to match Rita's dress. Congratulations and best wishes to the Curtis's. Congrats also to Karleen Hoerr who was named top salesperson at Feinberg Real Estate for 1985.

Neville Vatcha, 6100 Westminster, recently returned from a business trip to London. JoAnn Vatcha has been traveling quite a bit too. In March she presented at a conference on Lowering the Cost of Rehab and New Housing which was held in San Francisco. She's planning another business trip to Santa Fe soon, but she seems most excited about being the executive producer of a video documentary on the Hyde Park Project. This is a project she has been working on very hard as the executive director of Neighborhood Housing Service of St. Louis, Inc.

The Vatcha's and Sam and Lu Green, 6100 Westminster, did seem to find some time to get away from it all in February. The two couples took a cruise on the Song of Norway for a week, visiting places in Mexico and Jamaica.

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Hope you're planning to attend New City School's Highlights II Auction on May 3 at New City It's billed as a gala evening of dining and dancing.

Don't forget May 17 is the Skinker DeBaliviere Twentieth Anniversary Dinner Theater. Make your reservations soon, for a fun evening. Don't miss this chance to see some of your neighbors in their most talented moments. Rumor has it that Steve Radecke will be tinkling the ivories. See you there. Also — start saving your junk, unusables, tossables, collectibles, and never-used wedding gifts. Rags to Riches is — literally — right around the corner on June 14. You could make your fortune!

June 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It's so great when the weather starts allowing us to see more of each other. We lose touch over the long, cold winter, and at last we can catch up and share news-

Late in April, the Rosedale Neighborhood Association held its first official meeting in a very long time, at the 28th Ward Club Headquarters. Those who attended brought a delicious array of "potluck" dishes for all to share. The primary purpose of the meeting was the election of officers. The following slate was unanimously elected:

Bob Dowgwillo (6100 Pershing)— President

Maverine Wilson (6000 Washington) — First V.P.

Frank Burke (6100 McPherson) — Second V.P.

Steve Littlejohn (6100 Kingsbury)— Secretary

Clare Kerz (6100 Washington) —

Treasurer

Karleen Hoerr (6100 Kingsbury)— South rep.

Paul Kurtz (6000 Washington)—

North rep.

On May 10, we had a real opportunity to see our neighbors as well as work side-by-side in real community effort, as we took to the alleys with shovels and brooms for Operation Brightside's Blitz Day. The alleys sure needed the spruce up and many neighbors turned out to do just that. Fortunately, the rain held off until afternoon. Sam Green, our Area Commander, was at the 28th Ward Headquarters early, handing out tools, bags, and flowers. Later, Father Polizzi, Ray Breun, and Bob Schnaible were busy cooking up enough hot dogs to keep the workers satisfied. Congratulations to

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Sally Boggemann, 6100 Washington, and her daughter, Sarah Reading, the new neighborhood celebrities. A picture of them cleaning their alley was on the front page of the Central West End Journal, as a lead-in to the story on Blitz Day.

The brightest spot in the last month's social even., however, was the outstanding Skinker-DeBaliviere Dinner Theater on May 17. What a treat! I'm sure no one will ever forget Paul Kurtz as the dashing hero, or Karen Kelsey as his cheerful, sweet, honest, and loyal heroine. Especially memorable was Dan Shea's portrayal of the evil villain — SUPER! It was so nice to see everyone all dressed up and having such fun. Sam Green and Neville Vatcha deserve a lot of credit for preparing almost 200 filet mignons. I'm not sure if Pat McLafferty, who was responsible for organizing and serving the dinner, ever got a chance to sit down. Nor did Nancy Farmer, executive director of the Community Council, and Karleen Hoerr, president. They are to be congratulated for putting this event together. What a marvelous evening.

We'd like to welcome Rebecca Wu, who is the new secretary at the Community Council office- Rebecca is currently living in U- City, but plans to make Skinker-DeBaliviere her home in August when she marries James Bakeman, 6100 Pershing. James has recently graduated from the seminary and hopes to become a minister soon. Rebecca, besides being a secretary, loves the piano. She had her own studio and gives piano lessons.

Another welcome is extended to new neighborhood residents, Norman Eisenberg and Karen MacCausland, 6100 Westminster. Also part of their family are Joshua Moore, 7 Karen's son, and their one year-old son, Aaron. Karen works for Christian Hospital's substance abuse program as a counselor at Edwardsville High School. She recently finished her Master's Degree at Washington University doing research in our area and recent efforts to renovate. That research is what led Norman and Karen to buy a home in the neighborhood- Norman is an analyst for the U.S- government at the records center on Page. As part of the River Styx Poetry Series, David Clewell, 6100 Pershing, gave a reading of his poetry at Duff's Restaurant on May 19. David is a professor at Webster University in the English department-

Congratulations to Al Nerviani on his recent retirement. Al and Betty Nerviani live in the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

Congratulations are also extended to Greg Freeman of 5700 DeGiverville. Greg was promoted to Late Night City Editor at the Post. Elizabeth Freeman, Greg's wife, is a freelance writer and is on the Times board. The Times is really sorry to be losing Ellen Matthews, 6300 Pershing. Ellen's husband, Dwight, has taken a position at Cornell and their family will be moving to New York this summer. Ellen and Dwight will be missed in the neighborhood as well as at New City School, where Ellen has been teaching. Fortunately, Susan Rothschild, 6200 Washington, will be replacing Ellen to represent Parkview on the Times board.

Speaking of Parkview, it has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places- More on that in the September issue.

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Mark your calendars now for alternating Sundays beginning September 7 for Four Evenings at Four Corners. It promises to be great entertainment.

Don't forget our next big neighborhood event is Rags to Riches on June 14. Even if you're not planning a yard sale, you might find the bargain you've been looking for. Hope to see you out and about that day-

Sorry, Steve, I wanted to write about the very old turtle you found in your back yard, but I ran out of space. Really!

September 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Welcome back, readers, after the long, hot summer- We have quite a number of new neighbors to welcome to the area.

Tom and Jackie Karsten are new on 6100 Washington. Tom runs the construction department. at Pantheon. Jackie will be teaching art this year at St. Roch and Christ the King in University City- They and their children. Tom and Jackie have lived in the area for several year, but this is their first time as city residents.

Also new to 6100 Washington are James Louhr and Karen Presteguard. James is with the geology department. at Washington University.

Chuck and Debbie Larsen are new dents in 6100 Kingsbury They are both professors at U.M.S.L.; Chuck works for the English department. and Debbie for the Center for Academic Development . They have lived in the neighborhood prior to the purchase of their new home- Chuck's son Drew Larsen spent much of the summer visiting with Chuck and Debbie.

Jean Chouquette and Jerry Richardson are also new residents on 6100 Kingsbury They both work force downtown law firm, -lean as a legal assistant, and Jerry as a labor attorney. Louisville, Kentucky, is the former home of Sharon and Phil Roberts. The Roberts are renovating a home on 6100 Kingsbury Phil is ace artist who will have a studio in his new home and who does landscape painting on location as well. Sharon is a buyer for Famous Barr They have a daughter, Annie. who will let-

New neighbors in Parkview include: Jim and Kathy Menlo, 6300 Westminster; Terry and Rosemary Etter, 6300 Washington; and Kevin and Kate Horrigan, 6300 Pershing. The Horrigans have two sons, and Kevin is the sports editor for the Post.

New neighbors moving in always means that we have lost a few of the "old" familiar faces around the neighborhood. Some of those you won't be seeing anymore include: the Doggendorfs, the Eaker-Lundgrens, the Smythe-Libros, the Baileys, and the Mike Burkes.

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Vacations were the news all summer as well. Joan and Ray Breun and sons Ben and John, 6100 McPherson, took a two-week trip following the Sante Fe Trail. Highlights of their trip included Port Union, Bent's Fort, the missions in San Antonio and Capulan Mountain. They especially enjoyed their visits to San Antonio and Taos, New Mexico.

Rose and Jim Flynn, 5900 Pershing, took a trip at the end of June to Wyoming for the wedding of a friend. They really enjoyed this unexpected vacation without the children. Sally Boggemann and daughter, Sarah Reading, 6100 Washington, vacationed in Vermont early this summer. They visited Sally's parents who live there.

Barbara and David Clewell, 6100 Pershing, took their annual trip to New York City: There they really enjoyed shopping, and came home with many new treasures to add to their toy, book, and antique advertising collections. Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, was the vacation spot for Steve, Nita, and Charles Littlejohn, 6100 Kingsbury. Steve's dad has a farm in Dover, so they were able to mix vacation with a family visit.

Janice Kuhl and daughter, Beth, 6100 McPherson, spent their vacation in Michigan, as did Bill, Mary, and Sam Christman, 6000 Kingsbury.

On to more "worldly" travelers. Bill and Pat Kohn have returned to the neighborhood after a year's stay in Spain. The Kohns live in 6100 Kingsbury.

Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, traveled this summer to Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, as well as Munich and Vienna. Karleen went to Yugoslavia in search of her roots, but unfortunately she was unable to dig far enough.

The Fays were a hit luckier. David and Susan Fay and daughter, Miranda, 6100 Kingsbury, vacationed in England and Scotland with Susan's parents. Mr. Crichton, Susan's dad, was able to meet some of his cousins for the first time in Scotland and actually discovered a village named Crichton in England. This is an especially happy time for the Fays, who will be adding to their family in mid- February

Congratulations to Ripley Rasmus and Elizabeth Trueblood, 6000 Kingsbury, on the recent addition to their family. Adam Albert Rasmus was born on June 19th weighing nine pounds and ten ounces.

A new offspring is also in the making at the Kurtz household. Our esteemed editor and fearless leader Katie is expecting a baby this winter. Speaking of the Kurtz family, Paul has taken a position as senior claims analyst for Safety Mutual Insurance.

Bill Horner was recently promoted to line haul manager at American Freight System. (That means DAYS, guys!!!) The Homers live at 6100 Westminster.

It was quite the shindig on August 16th for the new Monsignor Polizzi. Parishioners, family, and friends were on hand for the celebration Mass at St. Roch as well as the superb reception at the Cedars of Lebanon.

Attorney Marvin Nodiff, 6100 Westminster was sent to Olympia, Washington, early this summer by the Conference on Uniform State Laws. Washington is now

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considering legislation regulating condominiums similar to that which was enacted by Missouri in 1983. Since Marvin had helped to write the Missouri legislation, he was called as an expert witness to testify before the Washington State Judiciary Committee. Quite an honor! Congratulations to Bernadette diLorenzo who has recently been awarded her Ph.D. from Washington University. Bernadette lives with her family at 6100 Kingsbury.

October 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Lots of vacations were still going on last month. A few of them are reported here. Arline and Richard Webb, 6100 Pershing, and daughters Erica and Alicia spent a few days at Trout Lodge, which is a YMCA camp near Potosi. The Webbs reported a great family vacation, with lots of activities and good food.

Bruce and Christine Smith, of 5800 Pershing, vacationed in the West for two weeks — visiting states of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana, and traveling almost four thousand miles. They camped one night on the Little Spearfish River, and especially enjoyed the Black Hills. They came home with more than just their pictures — an abandoned kitten adopted them in a state park along the way and is now making its new home in St. Louis.

The Geer family 6100 Kingsbury, made their annual trip to the East. Jane and her daughters, Sarah and Susan, drove East to visit family and friends, as well as to relax at the beach. Jim was able to join his family for the latter part of the trip.

Jim and Clare McLeod and family spent their vacation at a camp on Lake Michigan where they were able to enjoy a respite from the summer's heat. The McLeods live on 6100 Waterman.

Obviously, however, the "chic," really "in-spot" to see and be seen this summer was definitely Silver Dollar City, as reported by the McGuires and the Horners (6100 Westminster) both of whom vacationed there in late August-

The first of Four Evenings at Four Corners was held on September 7. The Bosman Twins entertained a nice crowd with a really fine jazz concert, and even gave the audience an extra half-hour of music.

St. Roch's celebrated its 75th anniversary on September 14, with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop May. Father Mike Campbell, formerly of St. Roch's, was the homilist. The service was followed by a reception in the church hall. The hall had undergone major renovation and was reopened in all its splendor for the first time that evening. Those in attendance reported it to be absolutely beautiful.

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Welcome back to the Rosedale neighborhood to Mary Jo (Consiglio) Biondo. Mary Jo is known to long-time residents and other St. Roch's parents, where her two daughters attend school. She and her husband Michael have purchased a home in 6100 McPherson and are currently renovating. Michael and Mary Jo are expecting a new addition to their family in February.

Neighbors have said their farewells to the following residents who are all leaving the area and will be missed: Linda Kulla, Marie and Larry Chambers and twin daughters, as well as the Vince McGee family.

Congratulations to officer Tommy Wilder of the Stir District Police. Tommy was instrumental in the arrest of one of the Ten Most Wanted. Tommy lives in the neighborhood. "Directions 1986-87" — new work by Elliot Smith Gallery Artists opened in late September, at the gallery on Skinker. The artists will be familiar names to many: Bill Kohn of 6100 Kingsbury, Bill Hawk of 6100 Washington, Sam Wayne of 6300 Washington, and John Bjerklie, formerly of the area, and who currently shares studio space with Bill Kohn in 5900 Kingsbury.

Another neighborhood artist, Linda Horsley Nunley, 6100 McPherson, opens an exhibition at Seghi Gallery on Delmar on October 19 — the same day as Art Exposed (see more information in this issue).

Families are growing in the neighborhood. Jan and John Pitts, 6100 McPherson, are the proud parents of Jena Lynn born on August 23, weighing six pounds and thirteen ounces- Especially proud is Jean's brother, John, who is three years old. John Pitts (father) has his own company — J.T. Pitts, Painting and Decorating.

A double congratulations goes to Janice and Tim Barthalow, 6000 Kingsbury. On August 16 they became parents for the first and the second time — to Matthew Ryan and Daniel Patrick. Janice is a teacher at Developmental Child Care and Tim is a med student at Washington University.

Best wishes to Hitch Powell as he begins his MBA degree program at S.I.U. Hitch and Mary Powell live at 6100 Westminster-

The entire block of Kingsbury, as well as others in the surrounding area wish to thank Isaiah DiLorenzo for his hard work in cleaning the graffiti from the Kingsbury Avenue stone gate markers. Isaiah lives with his family on Kingsbury Don't you love hearing these good neighbor stories? You probably know of some yourself. Why not share them with us all?

November 1986

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Homer

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Welcome to the neighborhood to Jerome and Britt Marie Schiller. Jerome and Britt Marie recently purchased a home on 6100 McPherson. Jerome is a professor of philosophy and Britt Marie is an instructor of philosophy at Washington University. Jerome is also a bookbinder who restores and binds old and new books. He learned this skill in Switzerland and London. Britt Marie is from Sweden, but has been in the United States since 1968. The Schiller, are expecting their first child in January.

Bill Yonker and Renee Flanders are new to 6100 Westminster. Bill is head of the Visual Arts Department and a college counselor at Country Day. Renee runs her own interior design company — Opus Interiors. Bill's six year-old daughter, Elizabeth, is a frequent visitor. Besides his educational pursuits, Bill is also director for Art St. Louis II, a major component of the St. Louis Arts Festival, and serves on the board of the Craft Alliance. Another welcome is extended to Matthew and Martin Fitzgerald, of 6100 Pershing. Their parents live in Parkview.

Congratulations to Jane and Orville Mercer, 5800 Pershing. Gwendolyn Clare Mercer was born on September 11th, a month ahead of schedule. Jane is an engineer, who has temporarily "retired" to raise her family. Orville is a psychiatric social worker. The Mercers also have a son, Zachary, 3.

Other new arrivals are Robert Mahon, son of Bob and Maggie Hart Mahon of Parkview; and Larry Howe, son of St. Rock's former first' grade teacher, Mary Howe and husband Larry. Neighbors and friends were certainly sorry to see Dorothy Dolan, a long-time resident, more away. Dorothy moved from 300 Skinker to West Pine and she will be missed.

Another long-time resident, Florence. Tanner, was honored at a reception in celebration of her 90th birthday, which was held at Delmar Baptist in October. Mrs.-Tanner lives in the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

Some old news you may not have heard: Last summer Kate Hart replaced Wes Edwards as our neighborhood liaison officer with the mayor's office. Kate lives in the 6000 block of Westminster, and her parents are Richard and Suzanne Hart.

The cast and crew of last summer's Skinker-DeBaliviere dinner theater got together for a party on October 4th at the home of Gee and Cal Stuart. They were delighted to be able to view part of the memorable performance of Penelope, Pride of the Pickle Factory which had been video recorded. Plans were already being discussed for another dinner theater next year — a great idea!

Welcome to the Skinker-DeBaliviere office to Karen Lagen. Karen is the new SDCC secretary. She has lived in the 6000 block of Kingsbury since April of 1985, and has a son, Tim, 12 years old.

Our very deepest condolences to Nancy Farmer, the executive director of the Community Council, and her family. Nancy recently lost her brother and sister-in-law in a house fire. Our thoughts are with her during this time. On Sunday, October 19th, the neighborhood was host to Art Exposed III. The event featured area artists in a

group exhibition and open house at several area studios. The affair, which lasted from 1:30 to 5:00, was considered a great success and was quite well-attended. Music accompanied the exhibits and tied in well with the fourth and final Evening at Four Corners, featuring a concert by The Perfect Fifth. Area artists exhibiting at Art. Exposed were:

Bill Hawk
Ted Smith
Linda Horsley Nunley
Sue White
John Bjerklie
Deborah Bauer
Bill Christman
Debra Drexler
Virginia Barbara Harman
Leguey-Feilleux
Catie Houlihan
Gene Hoefel
Mark L'Ecuyer
Laura Alberti
David Lobig
Paula Repetto
Peter Markus
Joan Elkin
Mary Sprague
Ken Anderson
Dick Tollkuhn
Kate Rosenbloom
Bert VanderMark
Bill Kohn

There was also a children's exhibit featuring work by children from New City School, Crossroads, Stella Maris, and Hamilton School-

Don't forget St. Roch's Christmas Bazaar on November 8th and 9th. The bazaar will be held in the newly renovated church hall and will feature Christmas specialty items, handmade articles, toys and a shop /for children only. Lunch will be available on Saturday and a continental breakfast on Sunday. Grace Methodist is having their Christmas Bazaar on the same days, so you could make a day of Christmas shopping right here in the neighborhood

Don't look for Vicissitudes next month, as this writer is planning to go into labor as soon as this article is turned in to the editor. That means that by the time you read this, there will be another Horner. Please save me all your news and gossip for after the holidays, and look for me here in February

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February 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Well, I said I would do it and I did. Just a few days after I labored over and delivered my last Vicissitudes, I labored and delivered my son, Jacob Edward Horner. He was born on the evening of October 24th, weighing seven pounds and five ounces. He has already doubled his birth weight and is as good as gold. He certainly started out right, by arriving on exactly the day I said would be the most convenient. For those of you who are interested in fortune-tellers, seers, and psychics, I'm encouraging Mary Ann Shickman of the Kingsbury Kiosk to make it part of her literary services. She predicted Jacob's birth date the day before it happened. She says it has something to do with having Indian blood in her veins. Whatever it is, I'm impressed.

I was last seen publicly in my previous blimp-like form at the Rosedale meeting and Potluck, in late October. A small crowd enjoyed a great supper as Susan Littlefield begged all the "chefs" to donate their "pot-luck-iest" recipes for the 28th Ward Club's cookbook, which should be hitting the scene before too long.

November started out well with the annual Christmas Bazaars at Grace Methodist and St. Roch's, held Nov. 6th and 7th. Kudos to Jim Merits who donned red velvet and white for to play Santa at the St. Roch's Bazaar. Santa was unable to attend himself, due to his big opening day at several area malls. Jim and Kathy Menlo and daughter Jenny are new to the area in 6300 Westminster, and we welcome them. On December 14th, we had the annual neighborhood Christmas Walk. I only made a few of the open houses that day but what beautiful ones they were. And how lucky we were to be able to enjoy such a gorgeous day. It was great to see so many neighbors participating in the lights contest; it really made the neighborhood look festive.

A few blocks organized caroling parties to wish their neighbors happy holidays in a most traditional way The Contemporary Choir of St. Roch's asked their leader Bob Dowgwillo, to help them plan some caroling as well. The group toured Parkview and Rosedale, collecting money which was donated to Our Lady's Inn. The caroling teas followed by party at the Fleeners in Parkview.

Speaking of Bob Dowgwillo, 6100 Pershing, big congratulations are in order. Bob became engaged on November 11th to Heidi Klees. Bob selected Armistice Day, saying that if the Germans could surrender, then so could he- They will be married on May 30th at Christ • the King in U City. Heidi is the daughter of Patty Klees, who teaches 7th and 8th grade at St. Roch's, and is a legal assistant at the firm Thompson-Mitchell. Bob is an aeronautical engineer at McDonnell Douglas, and is best known in this area as the president of Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Bob and Heidi are planning a traditional wedding and are even taking dancing lessons so they can "start their marriage out on the right foot." They will make their home in Rosedale. Hats off

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to Ginny Klevorn, 6100 Washington, who introduced the couple and is now known as the "Dolly Levi of Skinker-DeBaliviere." In her off-hours as matchmaker, Ginny has a new job at Dillard's Crestwood buying office as an assistant buyer. She graduated from St. Louis University in December with a business degree in Marketing.

Jim Boggeman, 6100 Washington, also has a new job. Jim is now managing Turco Warehousing Inc. in Sauget. Turco warehouses gas grills and swings..

Immediately following the holiday, Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, grabbed their well-worn passports and headed for Spain and Portugal. They report having a great time with one exception. Tom was unable to enjoy New Year's as he was suffering from some "bug" and heard the new year rung in from his hotel sickbed.

Karen and Boulter Kelsey and family have taken up new residence in Kingsbury Square. Their former neighbors will miss them, but were glad they're still in the area.

Bill and Mary Christman and children Keely and Sam have also moved. They now reside on Yale in University City. Bill will keep his studio on 6000 Kingsbury so fortunately the Christmans will also remain a part of the neighborhood.

Tim Rohan is someone who has had ties to the neighborhood for a long time. Tim has his own interior design firm — T. Rohan — at 7310 Manchester in Maplewood. Tim is the son of Marie Doggendorf and the late Thomas Rohan, who first made their home here in the 6100 block of Kingsbury in 1937. Tim and his six sisters grew up here. After their father passed away, Marie married George Doggendorf, and they continued to reside here until just last year.

Tim is very proud of his shop, which features all types of interior design selections and also boasts a workroom in the back. This way he is able to offer in-house upholstery, finishing, and even The Paper Fund Raiser at the Rothschild's on February 13th. Look for more information about this as well as the skating party (February 21st), and the St. Louis Ragtimers (February 28th) in this issue.

March 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Homer

January 31 was the St- Roch's Progressive Dinner. It was great to see so many neighbors and friends. Mary Schmit and Delores Hoefel, both of 6100 McPherson, did a wonderful job of coordinating the evening. And what a delight to finish the night in the still-new splendor of St. Roch's Church Hall. Special kudos go to Dr. Margaret Kinsella (6200 Westminster) who, along with her husband hosted a large cocktail party, even though she had rather seriously injured her knee the night before. What a trouper! All the hosts and hostesses deserve a pat on the back. Rave reviews were

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heard all around. HoW about some Macho Menus from the men of the Progressive Dinner?

Karen and George Brown once again were in town for the Progressive Dinner. Long-time residents will remember Karen and George as former residents on the 5800 block of Pershing. The Browns now reside in Jacksonville, Florida, but like to return for the Progressive Dinner and visit with old friends.

Katie and Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, didn't make it to the Progressive Dinner. Katie was in the hospital having given birth early that morning to their son, Paul James, who weighed six pounds, eight ounces. Katie wins the "Knock on Wood Award" for the best quotation of 1986. At a Memorial Day party last spring — where there were a large number of children — Katie was heard to remark that she wasn't sure she would ever be ready for the role of motherhood. Even wood-knock-ing wouldn't have helped; by then little Jimmy was on the way.

Baby boys are abounding in the neighborhood. Alexander Schiller was born to Britt-Marie and Jerome Schiller. He weighed in at seven pounds, one ounce. The Schillers live in the 6100 block of McPherson.

Susan and David Fay, 6100 Kingsbury, are the proud parents of identical twins, Colin and Ian. The boys, weighing seven pounds, two ounces and five pounds, twelve ounces respectively, were born on January 27. They are the brothers of Miranda Fay, three. Unfortunately Jerry Berger scooped me on their story. Tom Klevorn, 6100 Washington, recently returned from a business trip to Brazil. Tom visited Campinas, Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre and other sites on his trip to a South American summer. His wife Ginny claims he got his great tan scouting scantily clad women on the beach. Tom's not commenting. However, he must be on a roll, because no sooner did he return from Brazil, than he was packing his swim suit for California "sight-seeing." Jean Eberle, a long-time resident until recently, has been made assistant to Margaret Patterson on her Creative Aging Program, which airs on KWMU (UMSL's station) on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. Among other duties, Jean will be serving as an interviewer on the show. Jean is special to the Times, loaning served as one of the original staff. She is also the mother of Tina Gerard of Westgate. Congratulations to Hal and LuAnn Lansing of 6200 Washington. The Lansings celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 9. Also celebrating an anniversary were Florence and Henry Burgdorf. The Burgdorfs, 6100 Pershing, had their 52nd anniversary in January. They are the parents of Arline Webb. Speaking of the Webbs, after a casual invitation to join an adult-child bowling tournament at Brentwood Lanes last month, Richard Webb and daughter Erica found themselves qualified to participate at the state finals in Columbia this month. Next stop Washington, D.C.?

Unfortunately condolences must be extended to a few families. The neighborhood lost a couple of great "grandparent" figures last month. Helen Huffman, 6100 McPherson, passed away. She is survived by Narnie Rosenthal, her sister, and Aaron Petty, her grandson. Roy Henry, a retired army sargeant and caterer, will also be missed. He lived in 6100 Pershing. Anti on January 2, Avis Carlson, long-time resident of the

neighborhood, passed away. Mrs. Carlson was active in community affairs and in recent years was a columnist for the Post-Dispatch.

The Cookie Party-fundraiser for the Times, was held on February 13 at the home of Sandy and Sue Rothschild. Guests were able to sample the prize winning cookies (as well as the also-rans). Did you get your commemorative mug? Call me (863-0947) to order one. Congratulations to those who won the cookie contest, although many feel the judging was suspect. Judges included Guy Phillips and Heather Frampton of KY98, as well as "local celebrities." Marvin Nodiff's integrity as an honorary judge (he being the retiring cookie king) is now under scrutiny since his wife, Marcia Kerz, was one of the winners. And who knows what makes Tom Hoerr feel qualified to judge. He himself confided that he was unable to choose his own mother's cookies in the last contest. It was a fun night, however, and a great way to earn much needed funds.

The poem New Year's Eve Letter to Friends, by David Clewell, 6100 Pershing, was the cover feature of Here & Now, a Webster University newsletter. In addition to being a published poet, David is an assistant professor of literature and language at Webster.

Don't forget the St. Pat's Party at St. Koch on March 14. With a new format, including a follies and dancing, it promises to be a fun evening. See related article in this issue for more information.

April 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

About 150 people attended the neighborhood skating party at Steinberg Rink on February 21. Bob Dowgwillo, president of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association, was the organizer of the evening, which has become an annual event. The weather was lovely for an evening on ice. Nancy Farmer, executive director of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council served as the ticket-taker for the evening, but where were her skates?

The following weekend, the SI, Louis Rag-timers concert was held in the St. Roch's gym. The concert featured Trebor Tichenor and those who attended reported a great jazz performance.

On March 1.1, the annual St. Pat's Party was held in the St. Roch's Church Hall. In a departure from previous years, this year's party format included dancing and a wonderful buffet of delicious party food. The highlight of the evening, however, were the follies, featuring performances by neighbors and choir members. Performers included: Mary Bea and Ed Stout, Terry Vanicelli, Ginny and Tom Klevorn, John, Delores and Denise O'Connell, Donna and Gene Hart, Jack Flynn, Rose Flynn, Dan Shea, Kris Meyer. Cindy and Kim Boucher, Gracie and Racquel Hutchinson, and yours truly. Greg Schweizer not only directed and performed in the show, but also

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entertained the guests all evening long with his music. Hats off to Ginny and Tom Kleborn and Claire and Tim Hanlon who co-chaired the party, as well as the priests of St. Roch, who were the hosts.

Congratulations to Marjie Brammeier of 6100 Westminster. Marjie, who is a representative for newSpace Closet Interiors, was top seller for 1986 — for the second year in a row. Congrats also to our neighbor Dan McGuire, who was re-elected last month as 28th Ward Alderman, Dan, his wife Jill, and their two sons live on 6100 Westminster. Linda and John Nunley, 6100 McPherson, just returned from Trinidad, John was there doing background and organizational work for the Caribbean Festival Arts exhibition which will open at the Art Museum in the Fall of (988. John is curator of Oceanic and American Art at the Museum, The exhibition will focus on the origins and current traditions of festivals in Trinidad, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Bermuda, and Belize; as well as the diffusion of festivals into Brooklyn, Toronto, London, and New Orleans, When the show is over in St. Louis. it will begin it tour of museums including the Smithsonian, Seattle, Brooklyn, Oakland, and Ontario, Linda Nunley was able to join her husband in Trinidad and participate in the pre-Lenten Carnival. John and Linda even had drinks with the prime minister of Trinidad in Tobago.

Ray Breun, 6100 McPherson, traveled to Great Falls, Montana, for a Charles Russell auction. This annual event, to support the Charles Russell Museum, is the largest gathering of American West artists and collectors of books, objects, and art of the American West, This was an opportunity for Ray, curator of the Western Expansion Memorial at the Arch and the Courthouse, to meet other curators, artists, and collectors from around the country.

The neighborhood mourns the death John Elder Ph.D.. Dr. Elder was a long time resident of the neighborhood, 6000 Kingsbury, having moved here with his wife in the '60s From Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dr, Elder had been well known in the community and at St. Louis University where he had at one time served as chairman of the math department. He had quite a few talents, not the least of which was gourmet cooking, and he loved to travel as well. In fact. the day he died he had just returned from a trip to California. Dr Elder is survived by his children: John, a Jesuit: Mary Lou, a librarian of rare books at the Smithsonian: and Richard, a biochemist. He was 88 years old.

May 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Welcome to the neighborhood to Dan Feinberg of Feinberg Real Estate Co. Dan recently moved to Parkview from the Central West End.

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Welcome also to Larry Gallamore and family. The Reverend Gallamore will be appointed as the new pastor of Grace Methodist in May and will assume his duties there in June. Reverend Gallamore is coming to the area from North Hills Methodist Church in Florissant, and will be residing at the parsonage in Parkview.

Speaking of Grace Methodist Church, we sadly report the loss of two of its members. Helen Daniel, 97 years old, was a long-time member. She had resided most recently at Delmar Gardens. Harold Coose also died in April, a member of Grace for 50 years. He was in charge of the food pantry there and had used on Waterman in years past. They will both be missed.

A neighborhood resident, Rochelle Nwadibia, 5700 Waterman, was selected by Mayor Schoemehl for appointment to the seven-member Construction Industry Compliance Committee. Rochelle received endorsement from the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council.

A few neighborhood representatives, including Nancy Farmer, Melanie Harvey, of the Business Association and Bruce Yampolsky, of DeBaliviere Place, attended the April 4 performance by the Metropolitan Ballet of St. Louis at the Center of Contemporary Art. The event was to benefit the new Women and Infants Center at Regional Medical Center. The benefit was organized by Torris Caston, a dancer with the ballet as well as the assistant director of volunteers at Regional. Torris lives in DeBaliviere Place.

Operation Brightside Project Blitz is coming to our neighborhood on May 2. Sam Green got a head start on our neighborhood's special project — the beautification of the Four Corners area — on Saturday, April 18. Sam organized a crew — Brad Weir, Greg Schoemehl, and Nancy Farmer — who repaired the benches and painted there. Thanks to them all.

A few neighbors have already begun enjoying holidays out of town. Jane and Jim Geer and daughters Sarah and Susan, 6100 Kingsbury, spent some time in March in Florida with Jim's family. Dee and King Schoenfeld and sons Jeremy and Jeffrey, 6100 Westminster, also vacationed in Florida at Disneyworld. They hail a great time camping at Fort Wilderness for four days. Paula Repetto and son Reeve, 6100 Kingsbury, took a week of spring vacation in Gulfshores, Alabama. They took along neighbor Hilary Hitchcock, as babysitter and traveling companion. Congratulations to new grandparents, Rick and Joan Bender, 6100 Kingsbury. Their son Andy and wife Patty, of Webster Groves, became parents to Ashley Anne on February 6. Ashley weighed in at six pounds, four ounces. It has always been exciting that our neighborhood is home to several noteworthy St. Louis artists, and April marked achievements by two of them. An exhibition, CURRENTS 35: WILLIAM HAWK, opened at the St. Louis Art Museum on April 28. Bill lives with his family on 6100 Washington and is employed as an artist with Fortune Bank Building and Design, a subsidiary of Mark Twain Bancshares, Inc. The show runs through June 7 in Gallery 111 and 112.

Bill Christman, formerly of 6000 Kingsbury — where his study is still located — designed the monumental banner which currently adorns the West Wing of the

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Jefferson Memorial Building in Forest Park. The banner commemorates the renovation and reopening of the Lindbergh Gallery at the Missouri Historical Society in bold, bright graphics. It's an eye-catcher as you drive or walk along Lindell. A few of us were entertained by storyteller Jeanne Breeze at the Kingsbury Kiosk on Saturday; April 11. The attendance was rather small, but I'm told this event will be held again on May 9, at 11 a.m., so those of you with children, try to attend.

Rosedale Square Apartments had their annual spring party on Wednesday, April 15. Those in attendance enjoyed hot dogs, beer, and a good time.

Neighborhood resident and artist Bill Kohn gave a talk and slide show at Marcia Smith's on Lindell on April 2. Over 100 people attended this event which was part of the Evening At Home series to benefit the Library Association of St. Louis University.

It's not often that one gets an opportunity to thank someone publicly for their assistance. I owe a debt of gratitude to a fine gentleman of our neighborhood — Ray Breun. Ray rescued me at Clayton Schnucks on April 18, when I realized that I had no checks in my checkbook (have you ever done that?) and very little money. Ray was kind enough to loan me some cash and I thank him from the bottom of my heart. He really saved the day. Not a terribly significant incident, but just an example of what a great neighborhood in which we live.

June 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Congratulations to Rick and Venita Lake, 5800 Waterman, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 2, The Lakes have really been in the celebratory spirit because Rick was recently promoted to full professor at Florissant Valley Community College, and he also just graduated Washington University with a Masters in Liberal Arts, Venita is also pursuing a Masters at this time, in addition to working full time and being The Times layout chief.

Ginny Klevorn, 6100 Washington, graduated from St. Louis University in May. Her mother, Thelma Lehr, was in town visiting for the occasion, She was also visiting her daughter, Ginny's sister, Robin Stoecklin, 6100 McPherson.

More congrats to DeBaliviere Place resident, Dena Gilby. Dena is a recent graduate of St. Louis University, majoring in Art History and Classical Humanities, who was awarded the Kleist. Greek Award for excellence in the study of Ancient Greek language and literature. She will pursue graduate studies in Art History next fall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Also graduating from St. Louis University was Danny Hamilton, 6200 McPherson, son of Kathleen and Alan Hamilton, Speaking of Kathleen, she was honored with a Tres

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Bien Award for alumnae achievement from the Villa Duchesne, City House Alumnae Association. The annual awards are presented at the annual spring meeting and luncheon. Kathleen's mother, Helen O'Connell, was on hand to see her daughter receive the award and it was particularly special for her, since she herself had received the award in 1982. Mrs. O'Connell was a resident of Parkview for 36 years and now resides at the Dorchester on Skinker. Another daughter, Susan Krasniewski, husband John and children Karen and Mark were in town over the Memorial Day Weekend, visiting from Decatur, The Krasniewskis are also former residents of Parkview.

Bill and Mary Christman enlarged their family last month when they adopted Kevin George Christman. Kevin is nine months old and is a new brother to Sam 4, and Keeley Mary, Bill and Sam went to Mexico to get Kevin and were able to have a family vacation while they were there, The Christmans, you may recall, recently moved to University City; however, Bill's studio remains at 6000 Kingsbury

A belated welcome to Ola Fincke and her husband Stephen Mulkey who moved onto 6000 Westminster last fall. Both Ola and Stephen are biologists, Stephen is a professor at University of Missouri-St. Louis; Ola is currently at home with their five-month-old son, Andrew.

Grace Methodist held an Ice Cream Social on May 14 and celebrated the eleventh anniversary of the Breitmayer Ministry The Young Missouri Singers were on hand to entertain the guests,

If you've ever met Art Santen, 6100 McPherson, you know he's quite proud of his can/bottle opener collection. Well, so he should be, since his display of openers won first prize at the Opener Collectors convention in Chicago in April. His display was entitled How Dry I Am — Around the World, Openers from 80 countries, and is quite an unusual collection of openers.

Congratulations to Mike and Mary Jo Biondo on the birth this past spring of their daughter Emily, The Biondos live in the 6100 block of McPherson.

The neighborhood and parish of St. Roch's was pleased to honor a very fine lady in May. Sister Leo Ann Bubb celebrated twenty years as principal of St, Roch's School. A special Mass and reception was held in her honor.

More neighbors in the news. Artist Bill Hawk was featured as the cover story of the Riverfront Times Live section. Bill lives in the 6100 block of Washington.

That's all from here until the fall, Have a great summer! I appreciate all the feedback I get about the article and how much you enjoy reading it. It's fun to write too, but sometimes a little difficult to gather material, I know there are a lot of stories out there — graduations, promotions, vacations, awards, births, deaths—but many of these stories will never be told, unless you call me, 863-0947 Think about it over the summer and let me hear from you in the fall.

September 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Bernadette and Rocco DiLorenzo, 6100 Kingsbury, traveled to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, this summer for vacation and a visit with their daughter, Gabrielle. Gabrielle teaches Spanish at the Country Day School, a private school there. The DiLorenzos were captivated by gorgeous beaches, warm ocean water, and beautiful tropical birds. They swam at a number of beaches including one at Columbus Landing, where Christopher Columbus first landed and battled the Carib Indians. The island is surrounded by a coral reef which protects it from hurricanes and tidal waves.

They were amazed at the cultural differences in this U.S. territory. Spanish is spoken almost as much as English and there is an island, dialect as well, spoken by the native Cruzan people, who are a mixture of African and Danish. They were especially fascinated by a group called Rastafarians, who, among other things, do not cut or comb their hair. The men twist their hair into strands and coil it into huge woolen caps. Rocco and Bernadette were in St. Croix for approximately two weeks. All in all they had a remarkable time,

Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6110 Kingsbury, took some time off for another European vacation. This time the Hoerrs traveled to Brussels and Amsterdam.

Ginny and Tom Klevorn, 6100 Washington, vacationed in Philadelphia, New York, and Montreal. They visited Tom's brother in Philadelphia and were able to see the Cardinals play both there and in Montreal.

Ginny's sister, Robin Stoecklin and her husband Darrell, 6100 McPherson, became new parents early this summer when Robin gave birth to a baby girl, Page. Congratulations to the Stoecklins.

Hitch Powell has a new job. He has just started a position with PHINET — Prentice Hall's Information Systems Network. Speaking of the Powells, 6100 Westminster, Hitch and his wife Mary are expecting their first child in early December.

Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, began her new position this summer. Marcia is the new director of development for the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Joyce Criglar, of DeBaliviere Place and former SDCC secretary, has begun her own dressmaking business. We wish her much success in this new venture.

Congratulations to those from the neighborhood who received graduate degrees this spring. Those from St. Louis University included the following: Ed Stout, Masters in Urban Affairs (6100 McPherson); Helen Carter Edwards, Ph.D. (6100 Westminster); and Cynthia Short, Juris Doctor (5600 Waterman).

Welcome to the neighborhood to Leland and Melva Ware and their son, Leland, Jr., 6100 Westminster, The Wares are formerly from Virginia and have their roots in [Vicissitudes](#), [Parkview Perspective](#), [Window on Washington Heights](#)

Atlanta. Leland has just begun his new position as assistant professor of law at St. Louis University, teaching Civil Procedure and Administrative Law.

Ken and Kathleen Cook are also new neighbors, The Cooks moved to 6100 McPherson from quite nearby in University City. Ken is a writer for the St. Louis Business Journal, reporting on banking, stock brokers, and politics. He also teaches politics at Washington University night school. Kathleen is a full time grad student in anthropology at Washington University, specializing in U.S. farmers, She has also worked part time at the St. Louis Business Journal, By the time you read this, the Cooks might very well have become new parents, as they are awaiting the arrival of their baby girl any day.

We also wish to welcome Rheba Symeonoglou to 6100 McPherson and Steve and Patricia Gianotti to 6100 Kingsbury.

Congratulations and best wishes to Janice Kuhl and Gary Bierman on their recent nuptials. Jan, formerly of 6100 McPherson, and Gary have taken up new residence in Parkview,

Rose Flynn, 5900 Pershing, is fast becoming a neighborhood celebrity with the great coverage our National Night Out is getting (see related article in this issue), Reporters especially like covering the Love Your Neighbor parade organized by Rose every year, This year the parade featured a fire engine, two mounted police, and a clown. Rose would like to have music next year, so she'll be interviewing marching bands, Rose was also interviewed by Sargeant Kerwin Young for a local cable t.v. program-

Speaking of Rose Flynn, children who attended the July story hour at the Kingsbury Kiosk were delighted with her as the story lady. Rose was kind enough to fill in for Jeannie Breeze, who usually does the stories, and she did a wonderful job.

The West End Neighbors annual picnic was held from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Forest Park, Sunday, August 16. Congratulations to Al and Shirley Polk, 5700 DeGiverville, who annually organize the event, on this year's tremendous success!

Nearly 250 West Enders feasted on barbecue, corn on the cob and watermelon, participated in games and races organized by Joyce Criglar, and enjoyed music by the Oliver Sane Review and D.J. Phil Brown, Raffle winners included Roy Tagger, 5700 DeGiverville, who won a ten-speed bicycle and Joyce Criglar, 5500 Pershing, who won a 30-pound box of ribs.

The gold suit worn by "Elvis" during Blueberry Hill's Elvis Presley Memorial Weekend a few weeks ago is one of Joyce Criglar's creations.

Congratulations are in order to two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Kinds, 5900 DeGiverville. Angela Kinds has been elected by the National Secondary Education Council as an Academic All-American for 1987. The Kinds traveled to Chicago where Angela received her Bachelor Degree in June from the National College of Education. This has been a busy year for the Kinds as they took the opportunity for a mini-vacation when another daughter, Beverly, received her Juris Doctor degree from the

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University of Maryland Law School at Baltimore. Both of the Kinds' daughters attended St. Roch Grade School and Rosati Kain High School.

October 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Congratulations to newlyweds Dan Feinberg and Susie Roach who were married last month. Dan had recently purchased a home in Parkview, which is where the Feinbergs will be residing.

A belated congratulations to Mark and Mary Gorman who were married last spring. The Gormans live on 6100 Waterman, New residents, Ken and Kathleen Cook, 6100 McPherson, who were introduced last month are now proud parents. Their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, was born on September 17, weighing six pounds, fifteen ounces and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Many neighbors are still talking about their late summer-early autumn vacations, Mary and Peter Schmit, 6100 McPherson, had a "great escape" with their seven-day inland waterways cruise to Alaska. They flew to Anchorage and boarded their ship which then cruised Alaska and wound up at Vancouver. Even though it rained a lot and was quite chilly, they thoroughly enjoyed the cruise which provided lots of food, entertainment and gambling. Peter's brother and sister-in-law accompanied them on the trip. The "high" light of the trip was a helicopter ride to the top of a glacier. Following the cruise, they drove the Cascade Loop through Washington State and visited Whidbey Island,

Speaking of Alaska, it was also the vacation spot for Peggy Hermes, 6100 Kingsbury. Peggy spent a couple of weeks there visiting friends in Bethel and camping in the mountain lakes,

Paul, Paula and Reeve Repetto, 6100 Kingsbury, vacationed in Wyoming. They stayed at C.M. Ranch in DuBois and also visited Jackson Hole.

Katie Kurtz, Times editor, her husband Paul and baby son, Jim have just returned from their vacation to Richmond and Virginia Beach, Baltimore and Philadelphia. They visited relatives and took it easy sunning and relaxing,

Neighbors are hoping for a speedy recovery for both Phyllis and Bob Towns, 6000 Washington. Both Phyllis and Bob were hospitalized recently.

Neighbors and friends will certainly miss Ginny and Tom Klevorn, 6100 Washington, when they leave for Brussels this fall. Tom is being transferred there for two years by Monsanto. Fortunately, they are planning to return and are looking to rent their home, so we will have them back. They are very busy packing and organizing, as well as taking French lessons,

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Tom Garnett, formerly of 6100 Washington, was also transferred recently, Tom has left St. Louis for Atlanta with A.T. & T, Congratulations to Bob Horner of Parkview, who became Vice-President of Hospital Sales for H.B.E, Corp, in early August. Hospital Building and Equipment Co. is in the business of hospital construction on a design-build basis.

The 6100 and 6000 blocks of McPherson held a fall barbeque and block party on September 20. Initially planned by Judy Crees and Bill Davis, others who helped were: Dave Schmidt, Frank Burke, Kate Robinson, Mary Schmit and Ellen Lowenstein. Barricades blocked the street and there were games and prizes as well as good food and a great time. Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Charlotte Larson, 6200 Washington, who passed away recently, A memorial get-together was held in her honor at the Lantern House on Delmar, She is survived by a son, Paul.

Deepest sympathies are also extended to the family of Henry Burgdorf, 6100 Pershing, who also died in August. Henry was the husband of Florence Burgdorf and the father of Arline Webb, also of 6100 Pershing.

Don't forget to make your holiday shopping list for all the "kids" in your family and come to our Discovery Toys fundraiser for the Times, It will be held on October 18 from 2-4 p.m. Discovery Toys has a very unique line of educational toys, games and books for children of all ages (birth to adult). You can plan to do your holiday shopping early, visit with your neighbors and benefit the Times with every purchase. There is no easier way to shop and there is nothing quite as fun, You can open every box and play with everything- Your purchases will be delivered in a couple of weeks, Call 863-0947 Or 727-6377 for more information and location.

December 1987

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Congratulations to artist Bill Kohn, 6100 Kingsbury, who was honored with Washington University's "Distinguished Faculty Award" on Founders Day. Bill is presenting a new audio-visual work "Pilgrimage to the Virgin of Rocio" on December 6 at Washington University's Steinberg Auditorium. The work is based in his experiences in Spain and captures the spirit of the Spanish people in their devotion and annual pilgrimage during a three-day, 45 mile procession on foot to the Virgin of Rocio. Bill also has an exhibition of new watercolors which will be featured in Directions 1988. a group show at the Elliot Smith Gallery on Skinker.

Joe Shaughnessy, of Lindell Blvd., president and chief operating officer of Bannes-Shaughnessy, Inc., a neighborhood construction company, received the Alumni Merit Award from St. Louis University. The award was presented at the annual Founders Week civic dinner on October 25. Joe co-founded Bannes-Shaughnessy in 1972. They have completed more than 750 area construction projects.

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Delphine McClellan, also of Lindell, was on hand at the St. Roch Book Fair, Nov. 15, to autograph copies of her new book, *We Stayed to Fight for City Living*. She was also honored at a reception at Central Library on November 22.

Another neighborhood author, Norbury L. Wayman, 5700 Kingsbury Place, has just announced the publication of an expanded edition of his book, *St. Louis Union Station and Its Railroads*. The expanded edition includes a section on famous trains which arrived and departed from the station, and a section of historic pictures.

Kathleen Szczesniak, a resident of DeBaliviere Place, has been appointed vice president of property management for Lockwood Management, Inc., a fully-owned subsidiary of The Lockwood Group of St- Louis. The Lockwood Group specializes in the development, management, and syndication of apartment projects throughout the Midwest and the South. Prior to joining Lockwood, Szczesniak was vice president of Pantheon Management Co.

Gail Farwell, 6000 Westminster, has just received an Associate's degree in nursing from Forest Park Community College. Gail already holds a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics and Business from Lincoln University. Did you catch Jim McLeod on the November 15 program East Side/West Side? Jim was a guest, discussing a scholarship program at Washington University, where he is a professor of German. Jim also serves as president of the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Council,

Barbara Joffe Clewell is director of the new Riverway School which will open next fall in the renovated J.I. Sullivan Building at 11th and Lucas downtown. Riverway will offer an innovative year-round program, initially for children kindergarten through third grade and is designed to meet the needs of working parents. Barbara resides in the 6100 block of Pershing and is the former assistant director of New City School,

Everyone's pleased to see Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, up and about following a recent bout with pneumonia. Paul had a great chance to recuperate in November, however, when he took a business trip to the Virgin Islands. A warm neighborhood welcome to Amelia and Edwin McClesky of 6100 McPherson. The McClesky's have moved into the home formerly occupied by Tim and Clare Hanlon and family. The Hanlons moved to Westerville, Ohio, just outside Columbus.

Friday the 13th will always be a lucky day for Mary and Hitch Powell, 6100 Westminster. Their son, Charles Philip Hitchcock, was born at 7 pounds, 20 1/2 inches on November 13.

Ginny and Tom Klevorn bid their adieus to friends and neighbors last month when they took off for their new home in Brussels, Belgium. The Klevorns are planning to return to the neighborhood after a couple of years abroad. They are expecting their first child in April and promise to keep in touch and let us know.

Jan Pitts, 6100 McPherson, has just started a new business. She and her father-in-law have just opened Rainbow Finishes at 5839 Delmar next to McDonalds. They carry Pratt & Lambert and Benjamin Moore paints, as well as hand tools and all sorts of

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supplies for home do-it-yourself projects, They welcome your business. You can reach Rainbow Finishes at 367-4795,

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February 1988

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

The holidays are great, but aren't you glad when they're all over and normal life has resumed? Of course, normal life never stays the same. Read on...

Marvin Nodiff and Marcia Kerz, 6100 Westminster, and Clare Kerz, 6100 Washington, traveled to London over the holidays. They were gone from December 25 to January 2. While in London, they were fortunate to get tickets to see Phantom of the Opera, which they found quite outstanding. Other highlights of their trip included a visit to Kew Gardens, shopping at Harrod's, and Trafalgar Square on New Year's Eve. London is also the current spot for 6100 Kingsbury's Chuck Larsen. Chuck, an English professor at U.M.S.L., is spending this semester there with the Missouri-London Program. This program, which involves several Missouri colleges, allows students to pay fees for their own home school and spend a semester in London attending classes. Debbie Larsen, Chuck's wife, was planning to go with Chuck for the semester, but a career move interfered. Debbie, who is also an English professor at U-M.S.L., has been the Acting Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since last fall. She plans to join Chuck in London later this spring. Also in a new position is Sam Green, 6100 Westminster, Sam recently joined Feinberg Real Estate as a commercial agent. Kingsbury, as well as the rest of the neighborhood, was sorry to lose Jane and Jim Geer and daughters Sarah and Susan in December. The Geers have moved to Ladue. Into the Geer's former home we welcome John Sappington and Mary Carr. John is co-owner of West End Wines at Pershing and Belt in the DeBaliviere Place area. Mary is an attorney at Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel and Hetlage downtown. Mary and John are expecting their first child this spring. Also expecting this spring are Bob and Heidi Dowgwillo. The Dowgwillos reside in the 6100 block of Pershing.

Bob was one of the many neighbors who organized caroling groups this holiday season. Bob led the St. Roch's Contemporary Choir, which he also directs, on a caroling walk around Rosedale and Parkview. Roy Bell and Claudia Lorenz organized a group to carol on their block of Kingsbury. Dee Hayes and Mary Schmit led their group on McPherson. This writer would like to personally thank all those who joined the Westminster carolers this year: Paul. Kurtz, Peggy and Andrew Droege, Brad Weir and the Schoenfelds. Thanks guys!

Congratulations to Raymond Breun, Ph.D., 6100 McPherson! Ray completed his dissertation—Federal Land Laws and Early Education in St. Louis—in October and graduated on January 3. We expect that explains the recent absences of his articles in The Times and hope to see their return. Ray was also recently elected to the board of the Lewis and Clark Trails Heritage Foundation.

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Dan Shea, 6100 Kingsbury, appeared at Washington University in November, in a British play, *The National Health*. This production placed fifth in a regional competition for college theater.

Speaking of theater, be looking for more news about a Skinker-DeBaliviere Dinner Theater coming this April. Anyone interested in participating should call Nancy Farmer at the SDCC office.

March 1988

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It was great to see lots of friends new and old at the annual St. Roch's Progressive Dinner on January 30. Gene and Delores Hoefel and Charlie and Mary Fleener co-chaired the event. A number of lovely cocktail parties and delicious dinners were held and attended throughout the area. Dessert and coffee at St. Roch's Church Hall was enjoyed by all and gave everyone a great chance to exchange rave reviews on their evenings.

A Valentine Dance was held at Grace Methodist on February 12 from 8 to midnight. The event was sponsored by the Breitmayer Community Ministry. Among the neighbors in attendance were: Sam and Lou Green, Terry and Mary Vanicelli, Neville and JoAnn Vatcha, Nancy Farmer, Tyrone and Gabrielle Wilson and Eddie and Helen Sanders. Bob Dowgwilllo was not only there, but was a runner-up in the evening's contest. Entrants submitted a written statement explaining why their Valentines were the best. Too bad Bob's Valentine, his wife Heidi, was not there to hear his stunning tribute.

Friends and neighbors were saddened to learn of the recent death of Betty Nerviani. Betty and her husband, Al, and they family had lived for many years in the 6100 block of Kingsbury.

Mary and Terry Vanicelli of Parkview are expecting a new baby at the end of the summer. Terry was quite disappointed to have missed the last issue of the Times with their news. He "blames" the expected baby all on Tom and Ginny Klevorn. The Klevorns, you may recall, left the area last November for a couple of years in Belgium, and their first child will be born in late April. The Vanicellis were gracious enough to give them their baby crib to take along.

Betty Klinefelter, 6100 Kingsbury, spent six weeks this winter at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. This was the third year at the ranch for Betty who studies weaving there. She is already quite an accomplished weaver. Congratulations to Polly O'Brien, 6100 Kingsbury, who has just been elected to head up the Neighborhood Arts Council. Polly has been a member of the council for three years and has many exciting plans for the future. A hearty congratulations to Bill Christman and Christman Studios, Kingsbury

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at Des Peres. The studio won first place in the 1987 Commercial Sign Design Competition sponsored by Signs of the Times, a national trade magazine. Their winning design, a billboard for a home developer, was judged against several thousand entries from all over the world.

Bill is not only a talented guy, but a nice one as well. He contacted librarian, Mary Ann Shickman, about repainting the Kiosk, and she put him in touch with Dr. Glen Holt, executive director of the St. Louis Public Library. Dr. Holt subsequently commissioned Christman Studios to study doing new signs for all the branches, and to design a new logo for the library system.

May 1988

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Thanks to all of you who noticed that this column did not appear last month. As Karen Bynum so aptly put it, "I don't see why you can't hold two part-time jobs, be a full-time mother, be in this play and also write your column. What's wrong with you anyway?" I don't know, just lazy I guess. Thanks to all of you, like Karen, who understood. Speaking of the play, it was great to see so many friends and neighbors at the Center of Contemporary Art for the Skinker-DeBaliviere theater performance April 9. Believe me, up there on that lonely stage, it was so wonderful to see so many smiling, encouraging faces. The performance was dedicated to the memory of Betty Nerviani, a long-time neighborhood resident, and frequent participant in neighborhood theater productions. Al Nerviani was in the audience and even promised to join a future cast. Personally speaking, it was a real pleasure to get to know well a number of neighbors whom I only knew casually before. A special treat was the opportunity to know and work with Rita Washington-Sweets, who directed the show. Rita, formerly of 6100 Westminster, now of 5600 Kingsbury, is the Director of the Artists-in-Education Residency Program of Young Audiences, Inc., 5615 Pershing.

Dan Shea, 6100 Kingsbury, was unable to be on hand to see his wife, Kathleen Williams, perform in the show. He was performing himself that night at the Edison Theater in Washington University's production of *Equus*. Dan was walking on a cloud when he showed up at our dress rehearsal, April 8. It seems that the cast of *Equus* had received a standing ovation that night.

Congratulations to another thespian, Mary Bea Stout, 6100 McPherson. Mary Bea appeared in *Voices*—an experimental theatre project—at the Mildred E. Bastian Center for the Performing Arts on the Forest Park Community College Campus.

Dr. Larry Gallamore, pastor at Grace United Methodist, Skinker and Waterman, is teaching a course in psychoneuroimmunology at Grace, which is also being taken as a correspondence course by people in St. Louis, as well as New York, and even one

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person in Europe. The course shows ways in which emotions and attitudes, both negative and positive, effect health and illness.

Dr- Carol Peck, 6100 McPherson, of the UMSL School of Optometry, was recently awarded a five-year, \$600,000 federal grant. The grant will be used to study the eyes' response to stimuli, designed to help researchers to better understand some neurological disorders. This represents the largest research grant ever awarded to someone at UMSL.

Congratulations to Mary Karr and John Sappington, 6100 Kingsbury, on the birth of their daughter, Anne Karr Sappington, on Easter Sunday, April 3. Baby Anne weighed in at eight and a half pounds.

DeWitt Campbell, 6100 Pershing, a sophomore at Roosevelt, was selected by the faculty there to be the first participant in a rural-urban student exchange program. DeWitt spent two weeks in February on the Proffitt family farm in Richmond, Missouri. Mr. Proffitt is a school board member in Richmond. Another sophomore from that school district was selected to spend two weeks in the city with the family of Marjorie Smith, a member of the St. Louis School Board. DeWitt, 16, says he learned a lot about rural living, and found that it wasn't all the way he had thought it would be.

Susan and Sandy Rothschild, 6200 Washington, had a splendid vacation earlier this year in Barbados. They visited Sandy's mother who vacations there from her home in Toronto. They were also able to spend a few days visiting Disney World and Epcot with Sandy's brother and his family.

Betty Klinefelter, 6100 Kingsbury, has been traveling again. She took a wonderful cruise to South America in March. They stopped in Caracas to sight-see and continued down the Atlantic coast past Devil's Island which was deserted in 1947, and quite eerie. The cruise continued on to the mouth of the Amazon, and then traveled 1,000 miles up the Amazon to Manaus, Brazil, a city of a million people. Along the way, they stopped at three villages; one so primitive, Betty said she felt as though she had stepped into another century. At some stops, the passengers even had to wade into the shore. Most of the time, however, the travelers were not "roughing-it." The cruise ship served six meals a day, and featured wonderful entertainment nightly. Never one to stay at home and rest, Betty also traveled to Chicago this past month to see the Georgia O'Keefe exhibition.

Other neighbors had spring vacations as well. Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, vacationed in Hawaii in March. Clare Kerz, 6100 Washington, spent her spring break in Florida.

Welcome to the neighborhood to August and Christopher White, 6100 Washington. Originally from Washington, D.C., the Whites are more recently from Little Rock, where Christopher was in the military for five years and August, received her Master's in Operations Management. Christopher now works in the Assets, Management and Pension Services department of Travelers Insurance Co. August is currently job-hunting.

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Next time there should be lots of baby news, there are many on the way. Til then...

June 1988

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

The Kingsbury Kiosk Library celebrated its fifth anniversary with a rededication ceremony and birthday party complete with cake and punch. James McLeod served as Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Glen Holt, executive director of St. Louis Public Library was on hand to address the group. Our librarian, Mary Ann Shickman made everyone feel welcome and the story lady, Rose Flynn led the children in a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday. The library sparkled with its brand new coat of paint, compliments of Bill Christman, and everyone admired the new poplar trees planted on the lot next door by Bill and other neighborhood volunteers. These were made possible by the contributions of neighborhood organizations and individuals.

The Bel Canto Chorus performed a program of Bach and an original composition by their director at St. Roch on May 20, and at the Sheldon on May 22. Claudia Lawrenz, 6100 Kingsbury, has been performing with that group for seven years.

Congratulations to Bob and Heidi Dowgwillo of 6100 Pershing. Emily Ann Dowgwillo was born on May 2 at around 6:30 a.m. The birth certificate says 6:32, but Bob says, "It was 6:23. We were there." Emily weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 1/2".

An entire continent away, in Belgium, Ginny and Tom Klevorn, had their first child, a son, on the same day, May 2. Paul Bernard Klevorn weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 20". Many of you will remember the Klevorns as neighborhood residents of 6100 Washington, before Monsanto asked Tom to work for a few years in Europe.

It is only fitting that these two children share a birth date. It was Paul's mom who introduced Emily's parents to each other only a few years ago.

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association held a potluck dinner and meeting on Tuesday, May 17. Election of officers was held and the results are as follows:

President

Terry Buckley, 6100 Waterman First Vice President

Marj Weir, 6100 Westminster Second Vice President

Henry Asbury, 6000 McPherson Secretary

Susan Littlefield, 6100 Waterman Treasurer

Clare Kerz, 6100 Washington Representatives to the Community Council Northside Rep.

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Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington Alternate
Frank Driscole, 6100 Washington Southside Rep.
Laura Cheaney, 6100 Waterman Alternate
Arline Webb, 6100 Pershing

Following the business portion of the meeting, those attending were really inspired to get out and use their green thumbs by the program speakers. Jackie Horton of the Gateway to Gardening Association spoke about cooperative gardens in various lots around the city. Jim Flynn, 5900 Pershing, delighted the group with his informative and helpful talk about trees and what we should and shouldn't do for them. Jim is an urban forester for the city of Clayton. Marcia Kerz, director of development for the Missouri Botanical Garden spoke briefly about the Garden and its services.

Norbury Wayman, Kingsbury Square resident and author of St. Louis Union Station and Its Railroads, has a series of detailed colored drawings of antique and classic automobiles available at the Norton's Fine Art Studios in the Central West End. Among them are rendering of Packard, Duesenberg, Pierce-Arrow, Cord, Auburn, Marmon, Stutz, and Moon motor cars.

Special congratulations go to Washington Heights resident Gregory Freeman. Greg, who is assistant city editor and political editor at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was named honorary chairman of the Black Alumni Council of Washington University's sixth annual Black Alumni Reunion which was held Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, with activities on campus and in the community. Greg received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from the university in 1978. Greg and his wife, Elizabeth, live with their son William on the 5700 block of DeGiverville.

Gail Farwell has a new position in nursing at St. Louis University. Gail and her husband, Victor and son, Jaegan were formerly of 6000 Westminster. They recently purchased a home in 4300 McPherson, and we wish them well.

I'll be joining Riverway School in the late summer. Riverway is a new, private, nonsectarian elementary school serving the needs of working parents in the downtown area. Barbara Clewell, 6100 Pershing, is the director. School opens in September.

Have a great summer! Adios 'til fall.

September 1988

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

Congratulations to Dee and Gary Hayes, and to Dee's son Rob, 6100 McPherson, on the recent addition of the newest member of their family, Elena Christine. Elena, three months, joined the Hayes family in Mexico on July 2, and they brought her home on July 12. The family then traveled east for a vacation in Virginia.

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Congratulations also to Nancy and Randy Bailey, 5800 Waterman, on the birth of their third child, a son, Clayton Allstan. Clayton was born on August 13.

The 6100 block of Kingsbury saw at least three graduates from St. Louis University-- Rachel Bender, Rachel DiLorenzo, and Christiane Leguey-Feilleux each received her B.A. last spring.

Air Force Major Mary Flynn, daughter of John and Gerry Flynn, has been decorated with the fourth award of the Meritorious Service Medal at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. The Flynn's live on 6100 McPherson. Peter and May Schmit, 6100 McPherson, took an August vacation to Irish Lake in northern Indiana, where Peter's brother has a cabin. From there they went on to Chicago, to meet Blandine Fremaux, their new French foreign exchange student from Reims. Blandine, 18, will be staying with Peter and Mary for the entire school year and is planning to attend Beaumont High School this fall. She will be there under the "fatherly" care of Peter who is a faculty member. Daughter of the manager of a small champagne business and an accountant, Blandine comes to St. Louis with the goal of meeting as many new people as she possibly can. Her interests include music, horses, languages, computers, and skiing. She comes to our area through the International Student Exchange of Iowa (ISE), which was recently re-located in St. Charles.

There are, of course, other vacations to report. Bob Wiltenberg, Candace O'Connor and daughters, Mary and Catherine (6100 Kingsbury), vacationed in the New York area in July. Mary, as you may know, has been a faithful helper to Mary Ann Shickman at the Kingsbury Kiosk library. Prior to their vacation, Mary was treated to a little party at the Kiosk celebrating her 12th birthday and, unfortunately, her "retirement" from her job as "assistant librarian."

Tom and Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, were lucky enough to be able to enjoy another European vacation—this time in Switzerland. The Homers (that's the Bill Homers) won the "Insane Parents of the Summer" award. We traveled, by car, to Maine with a two and a four-year old. It was great and the cool weather there made it well worth the effort. Rocco and Gabrielle DiLorenzo and family, 6100 Kingsbury, went to Washington, D.C. for quite a special celebration. Their daughter, Carrie, a medical illustrator, was married to Alan Jeffries at historic St. Peter's Church. Carrie's parents describe it as a "do-it-yourself" wedding, to which everyone was able to contribute. The rings were made by the groom. Carrie and her sisters picked the flowers and made the corsages, and family members participated in the wedding ceremony. The reception, held on a farm in Virginia, featured food grown and harvested by Carrie herself and prepared by the farm workers and the DiLorenzo girls.

Some of our number have left us this summer and we bid them adieu: Judy Bach, 6100 Westminster, has relocated in Illinois; Paul and Paula Repetto and son Reeve, 6100 Kingsbury, have moved out west to L.A.; and the Andreottis, formerly of Parkview, have moved to Hannibal, Missouri, where they are running a bed and breakfast. Leland and Melva Ware, and son Leland Jr., 6100 Westminster, have moved also, but happily

they have not left the neighborhood. They are relocated in Parkview. Some new neighbors will be introduced here next time.

Friends and neighbors are pleased to note the recuperation of three neighborhood residents who were hospitalized this summer: Jo Ann Vatcha, 6100 Westminster, Sam Green, 6100 Westminster, and Mary Bea Stout, 6100 McPherson.

Marian Davis and Taulby Roach are new agents in the Feinberg Real Estate office. Marian and her family live in Kingsbury Square. Taulby is the son of Susie Roach Feinberg and John Roach.

Marjorie Weir, 6100 Westminster, has a new position with Custom Computer Service in Clayton. Marj is doing programming analyzing software, supervising programming assistants, etc.

Don't you have a vacation, graduation, promotion, new job or new baby to share with your neighbors? We are waiting to hear from you. You won't see it here unless you TELL US!

November 1988

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

This seems to be the month for new neighbors. I know I can't get them all, but here are a few.

On 6100 Westminster, Brian Ragen is a new resident. Brian, originally from California, and most recently from Princeton, New Jersey, where he received his Ph.D., is an assistant professor of English at SIU-Edwardsville. He is currently teaching freshman composition and introduction to literature. The most exciting thing in Brian's life right now is the anticipation of the publication of his first book, A Wreck on the Road to Damascus, about Flannery O'Connor.

Also new on Westminster is Janine Blair. Janine, however, was in New York at the time this was written, and could not be interviewed. Her story will have to wait.

On 6100 Kingsbury, we welcome Lisa and Larry Zarin and their son, Max. Larry is executive Vice-president with Contemporary, and Lisa is a free-lance producer. Also new to that block, although not new to the area, are Jean and Bob Ducker and family. The Duckers moved from DeBaliviere Place. Kiki and Juan Chavez and family are new to the 6000 block of Washington. The Chavez family moved there from Parkview.

The 6000 block of McPherson has a large number of fairly new residents. Mark Gorman, who also lives in that block, has rehabbed a number of properties there and they now have new residents.

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Scott Jones is one of those new residents. Scott was born and raised in St. Louis, graduated from Clayton High School and is a 1981 graduate of Washington University. He attended medical school in Kirksville and is now a physician in private practice. He has his newly expanded offices in North County. Unfortunately, Scott recently had to undergo surgery, but he is recuperating well.

Walter and Jacqueline Weder are also new on 6000 McPherson. The Weders are from Zurich. Walter is an intern on a year fellowship at Barnes Hospital working with the lung transplant team.

Preston and Sheila Cole and Lou Hamilton round out the current list of new residents in that block. Preston works for the Missouri Conservation Department. Lou is well-known in the area as a resident and as one active in local politics. The last of Mark Gorman's rehabs was to close at the end of October. That new owner will be announced later. Speaking of Mark Gorman, sometime this month he and his wife, Mary, will become parents when they welcome Benjamin Liam Gorman into the world. Mark says that Mary will be evicting Ben around this time. They are eagerly awaiting the birth.

We extend a hearty welcome to Rusti Gormley and all of the new residents in the Nina Place condos. Rusti, an agent with Feinberg, and her daughter, Megan, were the first to move in.

Congratulations to Sharon and Phil Roberts, 6100 Kingsbury, on the recent birth of their son, Michael Dylan. Michael was born on September 14th and weighed seven pounds, nine ounces. He is the baby brother of Annie, five.

Another new arrival came in the person of Cameron Curtis Vanicelli on September 21. Cameron was born to Terry and Mary Vanicelli of Parkview. He is the new baby brother of Monica and Maddalyn.

Cameron will be playing with Joe and Nancy deBettencourt's new son, Christian Mark, who was born in June. The deBettencourts live in 6200 Washington.

Friends and neighbors are wishing a speedy recovery to Art Mounts. Art, 6100 Waterman, underwent surgery last month. Long-time residents and friends of Steve Vossmeier will be pleased to know that Steve and Celeste Schejbal were married on August 6th at their home in 5200 Westminster. Celeste is a third-year law student at St. Louis University. The couple were married by Cal Stuart. Cal did a beautiful job even though he had quite recently had an accident with a fan and his hands were really bandaged. Celeste and Steve honeymooned in Nantucket. Best wishes also go to Annie Decker Martin and Michael Cravens on their recent marriage. Annie formerly lived in the 5900 block of Waterman.

A most sincere congratulations to JoAnn Vatcha who was selected for Leadership St. Louis. JoAnn has just begun the year-long program this fall and is really enjoying the activities and the people. She says it's getting so that those involved with the program are in awe of Westminster Place and the number of Leadership participants it has

produced. Catherine Forslund and her husband, Roy Roncal, 6000 Waterman, have lived in the neighborhood for seven years. Roy, in fact, has lived in the neighborhood for most of his life. Catherine is the new secretary for the Community Council. She is a corporate paralegal, a picture-framer and a sometime-writer. The two went on a summer vacation this year to Ghost Ranch. This is not the first time that Catherine has taken an astronomy course there at the ranch in New Mexico which offers classes on a wide variety of topics and skills. Roy, a photographer, enjoyed the scenery and relaxation.

Neighbors and friends of Jim Parker, formerly of 6100 Westminster, will be saddened to learn of his recent death. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their children, Brad and Theresa.

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February 1989

Vicissitudes

by Lisa Horner

It seems so long since I last wrote here and so much has happened. Let's get on with the news.

Many congratulations are going 'round the neighborhood. Long time residents Margie Brammeier and Ken Cohen have decided to tie the knot soon. Friends were were pleased to hear they plan to stay in the neighborhood. Katie and Paul Kurtz, 6000 Washington, are enlarging their family. The Kurtz's are expecting their second child in July. Renee Flanders and Bill Yonker were blessed with a new arrival at the end of last year. Their first child, daughter Emily, was born on December 24th. The family resides at 6100 Westminster.

Feinberg real estate agent Karleen Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, was the number one agent in residential sales last year. Renni Shuter of Parkview took the number three spot. Commercial agent Jim L'Ecuyer of DeGiverville was number one in his division. Congratulations to them all.

Joseph F. Shaughnessy, 5500 Lindell, president and chief operating officer of Bannes-Shaughnessy, Inc., received the Best Small Business of 1988 award in November. Bannes-Shaughnessy is a general contracting and construction management firm.

Anne Judy of Parkview is the new administrative assistant to Martin Jaffee at Kingsbury Square. Interior designer Mary Jo Biondo, is responsible for the decor at the new display there. Mary Jo, Mike Biondo and family recently moved from 6100 McPherson to 6300 Washington. Congratulations also go to Gee Stuart, 6100 Kingsbury. Gee became the new executive director of Operation Impact in January. Operation Impact is a not-for-profit corporation that deals with blighting and condemnation of vacant property. More importantly, Impact serves as a conduit for Operation Conserv, whose new Director is Susie Feinberg of Parkview. You may have read about Conserv, which currently operates in thirteen city areas, including Skinker-DeBaliviere. Look for more information on Operation Conserv in the Times and in local news.

Meanwhile, Gee's departure from McPherson Management has left husband Cal Stuart to manage alone. Maureen Green has recently been hired to help fill in some of the gaps there.

Roy Bell has a new position at Metropolitan Life Insurance. Roy, 6100 Kingsbury, is in the management training program.

Dan Shea, also of 6100 Kingsbury, has gone professional. Dan has a part in the New Theatre's production of *And A Nightingale Sang*, which will be performed at the Chapter House of Christ Church Cathedral from February 2nd through February 19th. If you would like to join a neighborhood group attending the performance on Saturday, February 10th, call the Council office, 862-5122.

Skinker DeBaliviere is planning another theater production for May. New faces are currently being sought; minimal talent required. If you or a friend are interested, call the Council office, or come to the next organizational meeting at the Council offices on February 28th at 7:30.

Tom and Ginny Klevorn, formerly of 6100 Washington, more recently of Brussels, Belgium, were in town with their infant son, Paul, in November. They were so busy with family that they only had time for a few visits, but those of us who saw them were delighted and thought they all looked great.

Karleen and Tom Hoerr, 6100 Kingsbury, were in Los Angeles in December. They saw the Rose Bowl and visited with Paul and Paula Repetto, formerly of this neighborhood. Bernadette DiLorenzo, 6100 Kingsbury, traveled to Dubrovnik and Medjugorie, Yugoslavia in October. She was very impressed with the people, the shops and the beautiful countryside. The DiLorenzo's oldest son, Leo is currently living in Tokyo, Japan. He works there as an English teacher and a dancer.

Willie and Rogerine Kinds of 5900 DeGiverville are proud as can be of their daughter Beverly Kinds. Beverly was admitted to the Maryland Bar Association in June of last year, and her parents were there. She is currently working at the Justice Department in Washington D.C. The Kinds also were fortunate enough to take a Caribbean Cruise last July visiting St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Barbados and Martinique.

On January 7 the Skinker DeBaliviere Martin Luther King celebration took place at Grace Methodist Church. Speakers included Jim McLeod of our neighborhood and (Washington University) and Captain Charles Alphin of the St. Louis Police Department.

Joe Edwards and Blueberry Hill are the featured guests in the March issue of *Archie's Pals 'n Gals* comic book. Archie sees his old car parked in front of "a 50's place called Blueberry Hill" and comes to St. Louis to claim her. Archie and Jughead meet Joe and discover that it is Joe's car they've seen. Joe says of the story, "As far as I know, this has never happened in St. Louis before. I'm on cloud nine!" The Washington University Magazine, Fall 1988, featured a cover story on Parkview resident Sondra Stang. Ms. Stang, an adjunct professor of English, has done extensive research over the course of 20 years on novelist Ford Madox Ford, and has written and edited several works of or about Ford. Her most recent work is the Ford Madox Ford reader, a selection of his lesser-known and unpublished writings, which she edited in 1986.

The Times Board certainly appreciates all the donations that were received in December. The red and white envelope was a first for the Times, and we had some nice replies. Jim and Wilma Cantwell sent a note with their gift of \$33 that it was "\$1.00 for each year we have lived in this neighborhood at 6100 Kingsbury." Thank you!

March 1989

Vicissitudes

This is the space where our most read column, Vicissitudes, usually appears. But Lisa Horner, who has put in years of effort on writing of our comings and goings, must give it up. Her growing family and job responsibilities leave her too little time to do the research Vicissitudes requires. All her readers thank her for the work she has done for so many years, because through her writing we feel closer to our neighbors. Do we have any volunteers for a new Vicissitudes author? If you would like to continue this fine tradition, and also be the one "in the know" on local gossip, please call Sue Rothschild at 361-0880 or 725-0878.

April 1989

Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

I used to think that the most humiliating thing that could happen to a Journalist was getting scooped. My predecessor in this column has given that art a new twist. It all started when Sue Rothschild asked my wife if I'd be interested in writing this column. I talked to Sue a little bit, then I consulted with Lisa. I had pretty much made up my mind to do it, but first, I called Lisa again with some more questions. She then informed me that word was already out on the street that I was going to write the column. So was scooped on the story of my own new job!

Yup, Lisa Horner is gonna be a tough act to follow.

I won't try to fill her shoes—she's quite petite and they'd pinch my feet something fierce. I can emulate her standards and this column will continue to be informative and fun for all of us. Jerry Berger had better watch out.

Heidi and Bob Dowgwillo are expecting another baby. This one is due on Halloween.

Greg Schweitzer, the choirmaster at St. Roch's, was so encouraged by the success of the Christmas concert last December that he has kept the group together to do more performances in the neighborhood during the year. This Camerata Choir will do the Schubert Mass in G on May 21, at St. Roch. This is a nonsectarian group, so anyone in the neighborhood is welcome to join. Greg is an equal opportunity exploiter and a fine

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musician. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights at DuBourg High School. Call me for more information.

The Times received the following note from Helen Sanders, who has moved to Chandler, Arizona. "I am doing my best at keeping busy and caring for my mom. I miss the gang, think of past good times, love you all and miss The Paper. Please send it to me.'" We're happy to oblige, and have Helen's address for anyone who would like it.

Congratulations to Jim McLeod on his reappointment to the St. Louis County Youth Advisory Commission.

Sorry the column is so skimpy this month; this whole thing fell together at the very last minute and I didn't have time to fire up the old grape vine. We'll have lots for you next time. If you have a story, took a trip, had a baby, or anything else, please call me evenings at 727-0839. Help our grape vine continue to produce fine vintages.

May 1989

Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

It is all too easy in this trade to report unverified facts or, horrors, descend to rumor-mongering. Please accept my assurances that I will only monger facts. It's true, for example, that Monsignor Polizzi at St. Roch Church broke his arm awhile back and is making a pretty good recovery. Equally true is the fact that Fr. Samson, the associate pastor, had the bad luck to break his foot recently.

It is not true, however, that the Diocese wants to rename the parish St. Kamikaze. Equally untrue is the story that Rev. Larry Gallamore of Grace Methodist has sustained a hangnail to promote ecumenicism. Moving on to family matters, Mary Vanicelli of 62XX Washington recently joined the staff of the Electrical Engineering Department at Washington University. She will be trying to convert irregular grant income into some form of steady cash flow. Mary spent the last five years as the office manager at Grace Methodist Church and they miss each other very much.

John and Jan Pitts of 61XX McPherson are expecting their third child around the end of August.

More Babies: Tracy Shepherd is expecting a new baby on July 12 and Kim Fannon is due June 5. Both of these mothers-to-be are among the friendly faces at CWE Savings and Loan.

(West End Employers please note: many of your people spend as much time in the area as our residents. Since they are an integral part of this community, let me know about your new hires, new babies, etc. Call 727-0839 evenings.)

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Tom and Martha Hussey of 61XX Washington report that their daughter Mary will commit matrimony (can't use the "marry" sound twice in the same sentence) with James Achenbach at St. Roch on May 27. Tom's daughter may be leaving the nest, but not St. Louis; the couple plans to settle in the city. Eat your heart out, Crete Coeur.

Tom Hussey is busy with his new consulting business; after years with the University of Missouri and Washington University. He has put his financial and construction expertise to work in creating an "owner advocacy" office for educational institutions trying to form contracting teams for capital projects.

New neighbors on the 61XX block of Washington are David and Kerri James. David is doing medical research at Washington University Medical Center. Kerri, a nurse, is taking time off to enjoy their 11-month-old son, Joshua. Although they moved here from Boston, they both call Australia home. Robin Wald of 62XX Washington should enjoy having some cobbers down the next block.

Speaking of foreign countries, you may remember Paul and Paula Repetto, late of 61XX Kingsbury, who recently moved to California. Marty Stout of 61XX McPherson visited them at the end of March and filed a report with yr hmbl svt. Paul bought a health food store, while Paula's at a toy store. They are enjoying the warm weather in San Marino and appear to be adapting to what passes for culture there. They miss us and send their love.

Betty Burke of 61XX McPherson joined the staff of St. Mary's Health Center on May 1.

Nita Littlejohn of 61XX Kingsbury has emerged from the Illinois coal mines and joined the legal staff at McDonnell Douglas.

Karen Bynum of 60XX Pershing was recently named Senior Warden at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Ferguson. Tom Knoten, 63XX Pershing, has formed the law partnership of Bearden, Knoten & Matters, with offices in the University Club Tower.

The Great Gate of Parkview opened at last. Closed for at least the last decade, the gate at Limits and Washington, the uttermost northwest corner of the SDCC area, opened during the Thurtene Carnival. This allowed Captain Hook, holder of the Parkview towing contract, to tow out trespassing cars more easily. A record sixteen wayward cars were removed this year. Most Delmar traffic drove right on by the opening, but several Parkview residents took advantage of the opportunity to drive through the gates, including yr hmbl svt. Who knows if we'll ever have another chance?

Speaking of Thurtene Carnival, we take our hats off to the Thurtene Committee and the Wash U administration for their successful efforts to mitigate the effects of this boisterous event on the local population. There was noticeably less Donner und Blitz in the wee hours of the morning; this is the first year I have not been electronically blasted out of the sack. The Thurtene people had committed to cleaning up the neighborhood after the affair and this was accomplished quickly, thoroughly, and unobtrusively.

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Ottie's Corner:

Ottie Edwards has been the daytime security person for Parkview two years now. Fortunately, his attention and enthusiasm extend to the entire area, to the benefit of all of us. Ottie presented a bicycle safety program to the bringing Brownies of Troop 533 on April 11 at Grace Methodist Church. He plans to hold two more sessions this spring; one for Parkview and one for SDCC.

Ottie was recently pursuing a group of preteens who had broken into a local yard, when one of them pulled a 9mm pistol out and waved it at Officer Edwards. This "gun" turned out to be a toy pistol stolen from a Parkview backyard. The 14-year-old who pulled this stunt is only alive because of Ottie's training and discretion. Realistic toy guns like this can be very dangerous; please bear this in mind next time you think about buying one for your child—or before your child carelessly leaves one lying around. Local law enforcement people are asking you to paint the muzzles of these toys yellow. Now you know why.

University City police captured a man during Easter weekend who had attempted a burglary in Parkview. He admitted to several other area break-ins over the last several weeks. He pointed out that many of our residents do not set their alarms and leave valuables in view of windows.

Last I heard, the SDCC area included a lot of turf besides the 61XX blocks and Parkview. Keep those cards and letters comin', folks. If it's new, interesting, or mildly scandalous, let's share it with the neighbors. Thank you and here's my phone number: 727-0839.

This late bulletin just came in, seconds away from my deadline: Bill and Mary Christman, as in Christman Design on 60XX Kingsbury, have suddenly found themselves with a larger family. Kate, the new arrival, just 8 weeks old, joined the Christmans and their other three children on April 18.

June 1989

Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

Parkview is languishing under The Mummy's Curse. The mummy in this case is Cheops, builder of the Great Pyramid. While repaving its streets, the subdivision violated Cheops Law. This law reads:

No Construction Project is Ever Finished On Time or Within Budget.

The Parkview agents got a good price for the materials to perform this long- overdue task and Parkview is well within budget as a result. To compensate for this money saving, it seems as if Cheops' ghost is determined to mess with the time schedule for the project.

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Mechanical breakdowns, weather, and bad karma have plagued the work crews. The Residents became Restless; Washington was finally recapped on May 24, after five tries. Let's hope that Old Man Cheops will now be content to let the work continue without hindrance.

I hope you had a chance to read in the Post-Dispatch a fine article about Jerry Hunter, who has been nominated as chief counsel for the National Labor Relations Board. The article was incorrect in one respect, however. Jerry is not a resident of Jefferson City; he and his wife Yvonne and their two children have lived in the 62XX block of Washington for quite some time. Now, it appears that instead of living on Washington, the Hunters will be living in—or at least around—Washington (D.C.). We wish him best of luck on this appointment.

The Hunter's good news is bad news for this paper, I am afraid. Yvonne Hunter is on the board of directors for this paper, so we are losing more than just some fine neighbors.

Nesby Moore, Jr. of 62XX McPherson has been appointed by the Governor to the Police Board. Despite the promotion, we get to keep this neighbor and we wish him all success.

It may seem strange to see the Governor appointing people to the St. Louis Police Board; this system was set up around the beginning of the Civil War. The pro-Southern governor and legislators made this arrangement in order to weaken the pro-Union St. Louis power structure. Dan Shea and Kathleen Williams (61XX X Kingsbury) are recovering from playing their parts in the SDCC melodrama by taking a trip to England and Ireland. 'Tis said that Dan has some literary research to perform, but we suspect his inquiries will be more along the line of determining the vapor characteristics of Tullamore Dew. While Dan and Kathleen are languishing in the land of warm beer. Bob and Jean Ducker (& children) will be in Florida, ascertaining whether it is hotter and muggier than good ol' Lou'. They'll be back at 61XX Kingsbury by the time you read this.

Peter and Mary Schmit of 61XX McPherson have been harboring a French exchange student, one Blandine Fremaux. Ms. Fremaux just returned from a visit to Washington D.C. with her school's Close-up Club to see how Congress allegedly functions. Alas, she will return to France in June. Let's hope that what she tells the folks back in La Patrie about D.C. won't damage NATO. We will all miss Blandine, as her father is a champagne manufacturer and her care packages did not exactly contain cookies!

Congratulations to David Garin of 61XX Westminster. He has been named as the Interim Director of the brand-new UMSL Center for Science and Technology. The Center provides training and research opportunities to area industries, as well as lectures and workshops on current technology-oriented issues to the general public.

Bill Horner of 61XX Westminster has joined AJF Trailer Leasing. He will be working in marketing and operations. AJF leases reconditioned trailers nationwide and they're big; I was astounded to note how many semitrailers on the road sport AJF mudflaps.

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One of the roughest aspects of this column is trying to keep track of the Hoefels, of 61XX McPherson. Gene & Dolores Hoefel spent last August en route to France, where they stayed from September to December in Paris on sabbatical. While in Paris they managed to squeeze in trips to most of Western Europe south of Denmark. January through March were spent visiting long-lost friends in Costa Rica. They then visited St. Louis ("Really exotic!", says Delores) long enough to marry off their oldest son, then it was north to Minnesota and the family farm in Wisconsin. They finally returned home for keeps at the end of April. Joe and Betty Botz (61XX Kingsbury) recently returned from a Caribbean cruise, a 40th wedding anniversary present from their seven children. I hope my gang is reading this.

The Botz's will become in-laws again this year. Daughter Susan is committing matrimony in September.

Ottie's Corner: Officer Edwards had a relatively peaceful May. He did manage to become involved in a rather neat car theft scenario.

During the recent street repair work in Parkview, many of the residents simply parked behind their homes in the alley. Ottie observed a car cruising suspiciously around one of these parked cars. He turned on his bubble gum machine and the stranger took off, but not before Edwards was able to see that the car had been hot-wired. While calling for City Police backup, he set off in pursuit. This was no mean feat, considering that the only thing slower than his Chevette "cruiser" is a Yugo. Anyhow, he managed to corner the culprit down a dead-end street, so the thief abandoned the car and took off on foot. This fugitive was easy to catch; to fool a license check he had substituted the plates off of his own car. Ottie confronted the thief in a lineup and used a classic ploy to identify the suspect. Edwards simply walked up to the thief and fantasized what he would have done to the car thief, had he been the one to make the arrest. Stung, the thief blistered the air with a retort that clearly gave him away. As if our culprit were not in enough trouble, it turned out that the stolen car belonged to a member of the staff of Judge Michael Hart, of 62XX McPherson. Ottie loves to point out that many criminals are real pros at digging themselves in deep, but this guy is our Loser of the Month.

I just realized that this is my last column until after the summer. Whew! After doing this for three months, I am incredibly impressed by Lisa Horner, who held down this spot for many years. I would also like to thank her ten bushels (that's the biggest number I know of in Italian) for her help in getting started and her encouragement since. I am also indebted to my wife Mary for helping me find stories, proofreading, and letting me know when I'm going off the deep end. Last, but not least, I need to thank the Editor and Boss, Sue Rothschild, for giving me the chance to do this column, for her light-handed editorial touch, and for those extended deadlines!

Have a wonderful summer, everyone. As my Anglo/German in-laws would say: For Bitters or Wurst, we'll see you in the Fall.

September 1989

Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

Summer is supposed to be a slow time in the real estate business, but we managed to acquire a number of new neighbors anyway. Karleen Hoerr from Feinberg Realty was kind enough to give me the names of these new arrivals:

Mary Margaret Cross is new on 61XX McPherson. She has two daughters, Laura and Alison.

Andy and Linda Cross have moved into the 60XX block of McPherson.

Mark and Robin Mense are now in 59XX McPherson.

Ben and Annette Homan are new additions to Nina Place.

Look for Michael Holohan and Faith Sandler on 60XX Westminster.

Alan Larson has moved into 62XX Pershing.

Joe Griesmeier is new to 61XX Kingsbury.

We gain, but we lose, as well. Tom Hussey of 61XX Washington has become Associate VP of Physical Facilities at the University of Pittsburgh. He left all of his children here in St. Louis, however, so we can count on seeing Tom and Marty from time to time.

Our trusty photographer, King Schoenfeld, has successfully avoided the bedlam usually associated with cranking up our favorite paper for fall by going on vacation. He stashed his children with his folks in Wisconsin earlier this summer and has now gone to retrieve them and cool off a bit.

Jenny Fox went to Colorado Springs with some friends this summer and managed to avoid being snared by any of those dangerous young chaps at the Air Force Academy. Meanwhile, her brother Alex visited John and Ann Morris on Pauley Island, South Carolina,

Your humble servant took advantage of Southwest Airline's \$19.00 fare to take his tribe up to a provincial reunion in Detroit. Yep, provincial. It seems that a whole group of Italians left Perugia about the same time and settled in Detroit within a few blocks of my grandfather's bar. Guess where everybody used to hang out. Calling themselves the Paizans, they are now regrouping out in Suburbia. We couldn't pass on this opportunity to present our son Cameron—the newest male in the clan—to our tribe.

Jim McLeod took 12 students to Germany this summer. I don't know if an experience like that qualifies as a vacation, but I'll put it here, anyway.

The Breuns of 61XX McPherson had two rather interesting vacations. On the first trip the family traced the Lewis and Clark trail. Later, Ray and KMOX's Bob Hardy accompanied another group to Alaska to visit the more or less unspoiled and unopened wilderness there.

Tom and Karleen Hoerr had the most exciting vacation this year of anyone. They planned to visit the Far East: Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangkok. They had wanted to visit China, but there was this revolution going on and they were discouraged from seeking that destination. Once they arrived out there, they dropped Singapore (it didn't break) and got into China; the word was out that it was probably OK. Karleen assured me that she and Tom are not brave; all was peaceful in the areas they visited and the lack of tourist crowds was refreshing.

Everyone's favorite kind of trip is a honeymoon and Ken Cohen of 61XX Pershing and Margie Brammeier became eligible for one by getting married this summer. P.S. Thank you, Margie and Ken, for your contribution to the Times in honor of Cal Stuart presiding at your wedding. Marriage frequently leads to maternity, so let's see who is expecting babies. Robin Moore, Nancy Farmer's secretary at SDCC, is due to have twins in October, although her OB thinks September looks more likely.

Barrett Toan and Polly O'Brien of 61XX Kingsbury are expecting a baby on Halloween.

Larry and Nancy Hughes of 60XX McPherson are expecting their first child on November 17. Nancy actually went to the trouble of booking herself to Indianapolis on the same plane I was taking to Detroit so she could tell me about this. Paul and Katie Kurtz welcomed Nathaniel Polk Beckwith Kurtz to 60XX Washington on July 3, 1989.

SDCC Director Nancy Farmer and 28th Ward Committeeman Bruce Yampolsky (55XX Waterman) both were cited—not for speeding!—by the St. Louis Police District Public Affairs Committee for community service.

Rita Washington-Sweets, well known to melodrama lovers in this neighborhood, has been appointed Director of Audience Development for the St. Louis Chapter of Young Audiences, Inc.

Alexander T. Marshall, son of Genesee and James L. Jeter (58XX Waterman) has won a National Merit Scholarship. He will attend Washington University.

Leslie Peters succeeds Polly O'Brien (see maternity notices) at the West End Arts Council.

Nina Guirl, 55XX Waterman, has been appointed the Marketing Director of the St. Louis Artists Coalition. She moved back to St. Louis from New York City. The Happy Taco opened at 5917 Delmar, between Family Dollar and the Courtesy Country Store. This store is also locally owned, by Gloria Montano and Lourdes Henares of 63XX McPherson. These people are terribly nice, so be sure to visit them.

Terry Vanicelli of 62XX Washington has started up Help! Computer Services. This firm seeks to assist first time microcomputer users and others who need help or training outside of normal business hours. Terry is an old pro: he helped introduce the original IBM PC to St. Louis way back when.

Al and Shirley Polk hosted their twelfth West End Neighbors Picnic at Forest Park on August 13. This free affair included chow, a band, and a bike raffle.

Foreign Affairs: The Sister Cities program is alive and well, thanks in part to Ray Breun and Msgr. Sal Polizzi of St. Roch's. This summer about 10 young men and women from our sister city of Bologna spent three weeks with selected St. Louis families. Two of these families were the Shaughnesseys of 55XX Lindell and the Hamiltons of 62XX McPherson. Msgr. Polizzi hosted a barbecue for everyone participating over at St. Roch; about 50 attended.

OTTIE'S CORNER:

Officer Edwards gave a bike safety program in Parkview on July 22. This event began with a parade, featuring Cub Pack 31 as honor guards. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated navigable hike. Popcorn was provided in abundance by the folks at the Tivoli Theater. After the presentation, Ottie gave the children a test, prior to awarding bicycle licenses. The most important question was what to do when coming to a stop sign. All of the kids yelled "You Stop!" Officer Edwards then sent the kids home, asking them to remind their parents to do the same, a practice not often followed in Parkview.

SDCC and Officer Edwards will probably present another bike safety program for the SDCC neighborhood in the spring.

October 1989

Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

Halloween is right around the corner. Halloween parties are probably my favorite—sure beats having birthdays— and I'm convinced that this holiday is wasted on kids. But the young 'uns insist upon also having a good time on this occasion, so it behooves us all to resolve to take certain reasonable measures to make sure that our offspring all survive enjoying this night on the town.

First, bring 'em in early. Parkview, for example, is definitely shutting its doors at 7:30 P.M. and it would be an idea for everybody else to do this too, as 7:30 is plenty late for little tykes. I am not sympathetic with big tykes who have no business horning in on the youngsters' act.

Second, put the kids in sensible costumes. Sensible costumes are visible at night, easy to see out of, and fireproof (lotsa folks line their sidewalks with candles in bags).

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Third, travelling in groups is a terrific idea. It helps deter those yahoos that try to literally take the candy from the baby. Make sure at least one adult accompanies the group. It is also good tack not too have too big of a group. Many folks are intimidated by large groups of kids and turn off the lights.

Fourth, if a trick-or-treater doesn't wear a costume, he deserves what more and more folks are giving out: nothing. Finally, if you're old enough to drive, you are too old for trick-or-treating. I think twelve to fourteen ought to be the upper limit, but I'm encountering some resistance from my twelve year old. Oh well, I hope she has a good time and that all of you do, too.

Halloween season is a good opportunity to point out that once again there are aliens among us. Over on 60XX McPherson, Miriam Roy has left la belle Francais to

serve as a Teaching Assistant at UMSL. There are also some nefarious critters called Exchange Students lurking about, but I am still tracking them down. Please notify me immediately if you see any in the neighborhood.

We export as well as import around here. Bob Horner of 62XX Westminster (the younger of the two Bob Horners living there) has almost joined the Navy to See the World. Almost? Well, the Navy observed the Pat Holtz Singers perform and invited them to spend next March through June giving performances at various Naval installations in the exotic Far East. Bob is the only member of the group from around here. So he gets to see at least a big chunk of the world at gummint expense without having to say, even once, "Yessirrrrr!". And Grant thought war was hell.

Our favorite part-time Belgians were here to visit us last month. Tom and Ginni Klevorn (of 61XX Washington when Monsanto eventually transfers them back) came in to visit. Both of them look terrific; the rich Belgian cuisine has obviously not gotten to their waists. We learned to our delight that they are expecting their second child in January.

John Nunley has been getting lots of favorable press for his "Caribbean Festival Masks" exhibit. After its extremely successful debut at the Art Museum, the exhibit is now on national tour. Spies tell me that he received great writeups in both Smithsonian and outstate editions of Newsweek.

Neville Vatcha (61XX Westminster) turned 50 on September 15, with friends throwing a nice surprise party. About fifty showed up to throw a bash that Neville'll (I've always wanted to do a contraction like that!) probably not forget for another half-century.

Bruce Smith (60XX Pershing) has been certified as a state Hunter Safety Instructor. This is a handy skill to have in the neighborhood, as anyone born after 1967 and it seems like there are more of these people with each passing day) must take a ten-hour hunter safety course to obtain a hunting license. Bruce is available to scout troops, etc. to teach this material. Hunter safety revolves mainly around the concept of how to make absolutely sure that your firearm isn't pointing where it shouldn't be, thus

assuring that it doesn't go off by accident; or that the wrong sort of things are not endangered when it goes off deliberately.

I always seem to miss the stories that are happening right under my nose. Joe and Nancy DeBettencourt (62XX Washington), right down the street from me, are expecting their second child in February. We also note with sorrow the passing of Olga Ahrens of 61XX McPherson[actually Westminster]. A longtime resident of the area, she was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church.

How do you upstage a birdhouse patterned after the (in) famous Coral Court Motel? Watch for the Everyday section of the good of Post-Dispatch to feature Bill Christman of Christman Studios on 60XX Kingsbury (right next to the good of SDCC office). The article spotlights an old milk truck that Christman & Co. have transformed into a VooDoo Chili Parlor. You got it friends; this is humor in a jugular vein. This ghoumobile will be on prominent display during the Art Exposed affair on October 15.

Organization Activities:

The annual St. Roch Book Fair will be held from Oct. 12 to Oct. 14, probably at the gym. Their Youth Activities Dinner will be Saturday, Oct. 28.

St. Roch's Bridge Rondelet meets once a month at various houses in the neighborhood. They currently have 11 couples (all ladies), and there's always room for a new face or two- Contact Jane Hart (62XX McPherson).

Camerata Chorus has started rehearsals for their Christmas concert. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights at DuBourg High School. We would like to have a few more folks from the neighborhood join. Call me at 727-0839 for more information.

Ottie's Corner

Our good friend Officer Ottie Edwards thought that last month was really slow and Your Correspondent was lamenting the fact that this would lead to a skimpy October column.

Then Ottie got caught napping on the job.

What actually happened was that he got the itch. In his eyes. It seems that Officer Edwards is one of those rare individuals that suffers from allergies. Recently, while on patrol in the famous Parkview Pursuit Chevette, he put some drops in his eyes to alleviate the itching, then closed them for a couple of minutes while the medication took effect (this was all done at curbside, of course; Ottie seldom drives when he's blind). While thus indisposed, he overheard two youths, who approached him and duly remarked that he appeared to be asleep. This pair then proceeded to steal a bicycle from a nearby porch. Boy, were they surprised when, shortly afterwards, Ottie opened his eyes, opened the car door, and nailed the offenders in flagrante delicto! This put an end to a summer-long bike stealing spree in the area.

Ottie also put paid to a car thief who was more clever than most. This particular felon's modus operandi was to steal a car, then equip it with plates stolen from another vehicle of the same make and model year. His mistake was to park these cars in front of a house that Ottie knew was unoccupied during the day. The car thief was a local resident; an ex-thief who was training the folks in one of our local department stores on how to detect thieves. He doesn't live here anymore.

December 1989

Vicissitudes

by Terry Vanicelli

What did one frog say to the other? "Time's fun when you're having flies." Well we've been having lots of fun around here. I decided to give up on honest work and become self-employed on a full-time basis. This means, of course, that forty-hour work weeks are past history; what with startup adventures and all I've been busier than a one-armed paperhanger. That's how I utterly missed the deadline for last month's column. Sue Rothschild hasn't shot me because I had a note from my mommy. So let's get on with the rest of the news.

First and foremost, let me urge you to come to the Camerata Singers' Christmas concert at 4:00 P.M. December 10 at St. Roch Catholic Church. The concert is free and open to the public. There is also a reception afterward. This chorus originally was brought together as a scratch group to do a Christmas concert at St. Roch last year. The group had such a good time that the members decided to stay together and form a permanent group. Under the direction of Greg Schweizer, who persists in doing the difficult so well that it looks easy, the chorus gave a successful presentation of the Schubert Mass in G earlier this year. They will continue to perform in this area, so don't miss out on what I assure you will be an excellent time.

St. Roch is suffering from another strange epidemic. Last time, the pastor, assistant pastor, and parish secretary took turns getting hanged up. This time, the epidemic is almost scandalous. Every adult woman in the Contemporary Choir is pregnant!

Fortunately, there are only two of them. Carolyn Farrell is expecting in June and Alison Barcheck is due around the first of February. Congratulations to both. Incidentally, Contemporary Choir Director Bob Dowgwillo (and his wife Heidi) of 61XX Pershing, had a little boy named Alex on the day before Halloween- Everyone's fine.

Lana Stein, of UMSL's political science faculty, has been elected the resident representative to the Nina Place Condominium board.

Nancy Farmer, Executive Director of the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council, was named by Mayor Schoemehl to a special committee for input on the budget cuts

that will be necessary because of the failure of the sales tax election and other revenue losses.

We are sad to have to relate that Mrs. Irma White of 61XX Pershing passed away a couple of weeks ago after a bout with cancer.

Most months I report the coming and going of peoples' lives. It's not often I have the opportunity to report the saving of a life. It is with great pleasure that I relate to you that such an event has occurred- On November 17, Officer Ottie Edwards, the Parkview patrolman, overheard on his scanner an emergency dispatch, directing a rescue team to a neighborhood house to save a six-month-old baby who was choking. Officer Edwards rushed over to the house, found the infant, and cleared the obstruction before rescue workers arrived- While setting up the new business, I had occasion to visit Joe's Copy Shop on DeBaliviere. This place has a marvelously whimsical atmosphere; manager Michelle Harrison has named all of the copying machines after characters from the tales of King Arthur and the Round Table. This is cute and in no way interferes with her ability to do a good job quickly and spice it properly with good advice. She saved my neck twice in the last two weeks.

OTTIE'S CORNER

This month there is lots of good news. We don't have any good arrest stories, as malefactors seem to have avoided the area. I However, we have the Halloween Report and an old crime story for you.

This was a banner Halloween night: no trouble at all. Many families in the area bring their children to Parkview to trick-or-treat. In the past, there has been trouble with older bullies stealing candy from the little kids. This year, Ottie fielded extra volunteers, two on mopeds and several on foot- Each one had a radio. Result: no trouble at all.

One story we missed last month was that the garage belonging to Luke Hart of 63XX McPherson burned down. This was not a trivial fire—this garage was big enough to have its own basement! Ottie was helping clean up when he discovered two automobile fender skirts—in prime condition—in the wreckage. He pointed them out to Mr. Hart. Luke told him that he had found them in the wee hours of a summer morning in 1948, when he was sneaking into the house after a rather boisterous night out. Figuring that their loss would be reported, he stashed them in the garage- There they had sat ever since. Officer Edwards was then going through some of the old watchman reports to compare complaints and crimes of older periods- While going through the 1948 records, he discovered that John Green's sister, on Westgate Avenue, had reported the theft of some fender skirts that matched the ones he had found in Luke Hart's garage. Fortunately, the Greens still live at the Westgate residence, so Ottie was able to return the stolen merchandise to its rightful owner. After 41 years, case closed.

See Vicissitudes in the 90's for further columns.