

The Soulard Restorationist

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Agenda

Following is a tentative agenda for the monthly membership meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 1, 1977, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Agatha Parish Hall, 3221 South 9th Street:

1. Report on Fall, 1977 House Tour.
2. Update: Southside Coalition Application.
3. Financial Report including results of Spring Walking Tour.
4. Discussion re: Plans for the two Menard Street Buildings now owned by SRG.
5. Legal Update.
6. Discussion re: fund raising ideas.
7. Social Hour to follow meeting: location to be announced.

Notes from last meeting

On Wednesday, May 4, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. the membership meeting of the SRG was held at St. Agatha Parish Hall. Dick Phelps presided. Susan White gave the treasurer's report. A report on the Spring Walking Tour and the Fall House Tour was presented by Garry Waters.

Ruth Day presented slides of the Soulard neighborhood. A social was held after the meeting at Ruth Day's house.

FNMA COMES TO SOULARD

The Federal National Mortgage Association today announced the third area in which it will purchase mortgages under the St. Louis housing program. The area is bounded by Highway 55, Russell Blvd., Seventh Street and Lynch. This area is within the Soulard Historic District.

In announcing this area, Max Robinson, Program Manager, said, "We are moving forward as quickly as possible to meet our commitment to St. Louis and we will announce additional areas as we complete our study of them." Mr. Robinson also said, "We are placing heavy emphasis on the local neighborhood associations' ability to effectively market their area to the public. This is a vital ingredient which is necessary in an area for it to be included in our experimental program."

SOULARD TO HAVE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

The St. Louis Board of Education at its regular monthly meeting in May voted in favor of making Alexander Humboldt Elementary School into the Magnet High School for the Visual and Performing Arts. This move expands educational alternatives for area children. High schools such as the Visual and Performing Arts High School which has been temporarily housed at O'Fallon Technical School, have received much acclaim from educators around the country.

"Improving the quality of education in the Soulard area is a top priority of

the people in the neighborhood. This is a major first step toward improving education on the near southside," said Dick Phelps, Soulard Restoration Group President.

Charles Brasfield, Jr., District Superintendent of the McKinley-Roosevelt District, called a meeting of area residents which was held on the afternoon of April 27 in the Humboldt Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the Humboldt situation and to survey area feelings about the magnet school proposal.

Mr. Brasfield explained that Humboldt's local population has been declining in recent years. The 1970's saw a rapid decline to the present situation with 55% of Humboldt's student body coming from pupils bussed in from other neighborhoods. The schools from which these children are bussed are experiencing population loss, also. With bussing no longer needed and the projected local enrollment at Humboldt for next year to be only 160 students, the school board was faced with closing the school. "The physical plant is too large," Mr. Brasfield pointed out, "to make it economically feasible to operate Humboldt."

The turn out was rather low for this meeting and at the request of 7th Ward Alderman, Ray Leisure, Mr. Brasfield scheduled another meeting at Humboldt for the evening of May 5. Meanwhile, Skip Gatermann and Marjorie Wozniak, both of whom had been following the situation from the start, began soliciting area support for the Board's proposal. "It is the only way the area can keep its two public schools operating," commented Mrs. Wozniak. "If the building were not used for the magnet school it would most likely become vacant and vandalized. That's all Soulard needs is another shell and one with 30 rooms at that!"

Support came from area groups who all agree that improving education in the area should be one of our top priorities. The Soulard Restoration Group, Inc., The Soulard Association For Family Services, Inc. and the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee, Inc. quickly joined the list of supporters.

Charles Brasfield, Jr. hosted the meeting, which was preceeded by various groups from the Visual and Performing Arts High School, who put on a show displaying the various art forms studied at the school. Mr. Samuel Miller, Executive Director of the Magnet School Program, explained to the audience what the program was all about and what it offered to the citizens of St. Louis.

Mrs. Frances Smedley, president of the Humboldt Schools Mother's Circle and leader of those opposed to Humboldt becoming a magnet school, explained their main concern was that there was no assurance that the Humboldt's children would be sent to Lafayette School, and not out of the neighborhood. Mr. Brasfield assured her that the children would be sent to Lafayette. Lafayette has ample room for children from both schools because Lafayette's student body had also been shrinking. Alderman Marty Abboussie of the 9th ward came out in favor of the Magnet School proposal, sighting that it would benefit the promise of the area's rebirth. Alderman Leisure said that he would close off Ann Avenue at 7th Blvd. to help insure the safety of the larger student body at Lafayette. A vote was taken after all sides were heard and it showed 54 in favor and 29 opposed. Six of the 29 pointed out that they would favor it, if the street were closed.

When the Board of Education voted on the matter there were eight votes in favor and one opposed. The opposing vote came from Mrs. Dorothy Springer.

MAYOR CONWAY ANNOUNCES CLEAN-UP/PAINT-UP PROGRAM

Mayor Jim Conway today announced plans for a neighborhood residential clean-up/paint-up program which will -- for the first time -- include public funds to assist people in beautifying their homes and neighborhoods.

Under the program, which will be administered by the Residential Betterment Section of the Community Development Agency, estimators, how-to-do-it paint seminars, paint and equipment will be provided to homes in neighborhoods which meet the criteria of the program.

For the first time, a total of \$60,000 has been allocated to the program -- \$30,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds, and \$30,000 from beautification and conservation funds.

The St. Louis Paint and Coatings Association will provide to neighborhood groups paint estimators and will also conduct the seminars before neighborhood groups. In addition, the Association will provide \$500 worth of brushes and other equipment necessary to paint the exteriors of homes in selected neighborhoods.

The St. Louis Contractors, Painting and Decorating Association also will provide some paint in addition to that purchased with public funds.

"This improved paint-up and fix-up program is one of the first steps in our administration's plans to emphasize the neighborhoods which are so vital to our community," Mayor Conway said.

Equipment and paint will be supplied on a first-come, first-served neighborhood unit basis and the recipients will have to prove that they are financially incapable of purchasing paint and related materials to maintain a necessary basic standard of living.

Estimates and advice on painting the exterior of residences will be available to everyone, regardless of their personal financial situation. Individuals are urged to work with their neighborhood organizations to determine their eligibility for this program and questions involving the program should be directed to the Residential Betterment Section, Community Development Agency, 421-4700, Sta. 297 or 273.

Criteria for determining the neighborhoods which will be eligible will depend on such items as degree of need, extent of complementary resources that the community can generate, the number of persons and houses affected and other requirements.

Special emphasis will be placed on the program in neighborhoods where there is a concentrated housing code enforcement program underway.

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ST. AGATHA DAY CARE CENTER BECOMES A UNITED WAY AGENCY

On Tuesday, May 17 the Board of Directors of Soulard Association For Family Services, Inc. received a letter from H. Parker Smith, Chairman, Agency Operations and Programs Cabinet, of United Way of Greater St. Louis welcoming St. Agatha Day Care Center as a participating member of United Way. A revised 1978 budget will be presented to United Way in August, 1977 for budget negotiations. Funding will commence in January, 1978.

St. Agatha has previously been funded by a block grant from the Community Development Agency. Other funding sources have included fees, United States Department of Agriculture Reimbursement, and Title XX of the Social Security Act. These other funding sources will continue under United Way membership, while United Way picks up the subsidy once contributed by CDA.

The day care center has been in operation since June 1976 and presently serves 59 children ages two through six years with an after school and vacation program for 30 children through age 10. The program emphasizes early childhood education with parents participating in the planning and operation of the Center. Social services are provided by a full time social worker.

United Way membership insures the stability and growth of this community based program which serves the Soulard and greater St. Louis communities. St. Agatha Day Care Center was created by concerned residents and friends of the Soulard area in response to a critical need for quality day care services within the area. Block grant funds made the initial operation possible. Now it will be perpetuated by United Way.

SPEAKERS BUREAU EXPANDS

Jim Mazdra has joined the Soulard Restoration Group's list of available speakers. On May 7, 1977 at 1:15 P.M. Mazdra appeared on Radio KSTL's "What's

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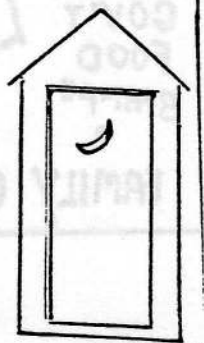
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On Your Mind?" Host Don O'Day interviewed Mazdra regarding the Spring Walking Tour.

On April 20, Jim Mazdra and Clark Rowley appeared before the Community Betterment Commission at CDA to discuss what is happening in Soulard. The appearance was set up by John Rataj of CDA.

Speaking engagements whether media or before community groups provide invaluable opportunities to spread the word about particular fund raising events, as well as the continued growth of the Soulard community. If you would like to join the Speakers Bureau, please contact Ruth Day, 865-4360.

HYDE PARK RESTORATION GROUP WELCOMES SPRING WITH TWO BIG EVENTS

On April 23, 1977 The Hyde Park Restoration Group formally opened its new information center at 3815 North Twentieth Street. Guests were escorted on tours of the center and were served refreshments at the tour's conclusion. Among the guests enjoying the afternoon's festivities were Mayor James Conway, Alderman Cornelius Carroll, Landmarks and Urban Design Commissioner Michael Pfefferkorn and many neighborhood organization leaders and their families.

The center is housed in a lovely well preserved townhouse which faces Hyde Park. The group invites anyone who is interested to come and visit their center which is open daily from noon until 4:00 P.M. Carol Lockert and Opal Meiers staff the center and will be happy to answer any and all questions one might have about the area.

On Saturday, May 7, the group also sponsored the Hyde Park Street Market. About 40 antique and crafts dealers lined up along Blair and Bremen Avenues to display and sell their wares. Despite threatening weather, an enormous crowd turned out to make the event an overwhelming success. Some of the most unusual displays were those of antique autos and motorcycles, and architectural items such as church pews. To top off the event the group served some very tasty food and drink.

GARAGE SALE DONATIONS

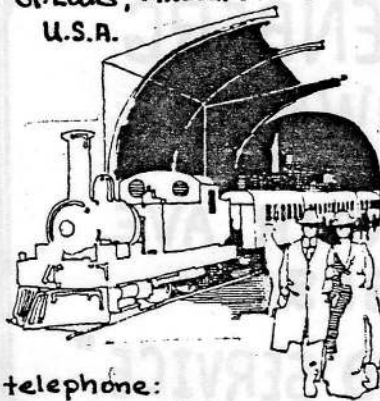
Is there a white elephant in your attic? Is there an object de junk in your basement? Are you an ecology buff who would like to help clean up the environment or garage? Well, tax deductible donations to the SRG booth at the World's Largest Garage Sale will help answer the above questions. We need volunteers to work at the booth. If you can donate some time on June 17, 18 or 19, call Skip at 771-4191 or Marjorie at 772-5702. For contribution pick up, call Skip and Marge.

SPRING WALKING TOUR ENJOYED BY MANY

On Saturday, May 14, bright skies and pleasant temperatures greeted the participants of the Soulard Walking Tour which began at 13th and Sidney Streets at

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Mithra Glassworks and St. Louis Architectural Antiques and which included Ruth Day's home on Lami, Paul Kjorlie's home on 11th, and Charlie Derleth's on 11th and Barton. Also on tour were the Dempsey garden and the Rowley garden. Tour guides provided a wealth of information on architectural styles, area history and unique details along the way.

The groups ranged in size from 5 to 40 and they were given an opportunity to ask varied questions about Soulard and its architectural heritage. Many seemed interested in searching for homes to purchase and did in fact return on Sunday to shop the current housing list.

Besides introducing Soulard as an exciting and unique neighborhood to a sizeable number of interested people, the tour by preliminary estimates, netted the SRG coffers approximately \$300.00.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We were saddened by FNMA's announcement that Soulard, north of Russell, would not be included in their program. Apparently, little consideration was given to the historic significance of the total Soulard District.

Any history or description of the Soulard District must mention the alley houses, the row houses, the middle houses, the churches that dominated the lives of the early immigrants and the area around Soulard Market itself.

The longest remaining row of alley houses is north of Russell; Eighth Street between Lafayette and Geyer; the epitome of European élan is north of Russell; the only lot that we know of with three separate buildings - shells but structurally sound - is north of Russell; churches dedicated to specific nationalities are north of Russell; and what could be our front door and best advertisement, the area around the Market, is north of Russell.

All of this must wait for another time or another benefactor.

Jim and Pat Riecken

PRESERVATION IN AMERICA'S THIRD CENTURY

The Missouri Heritage Trust Conference held in Columbia, Missouri on April 30 and May 1 centered its presentations around the what, how and why we should preserve America's Heritage in the next 100 years of our country's existence. The variety of presentations was a definite asset to the conference. Media presentations, panel discussions, and guest speakers highlighted the two days.

J. Reid Williamson, noted director of the Savannah Project was guest speaker on Saturday. Accompanied by an excellent slide presentation, Mr. Williamson gave a presentation that explained how concerned citizen's action through the efforts of Historic Savannah, Inc. saved an important part of that city's architectural heritage. The two day conference was topped off with a house tour of Columbia's very historic and beautiful homes.

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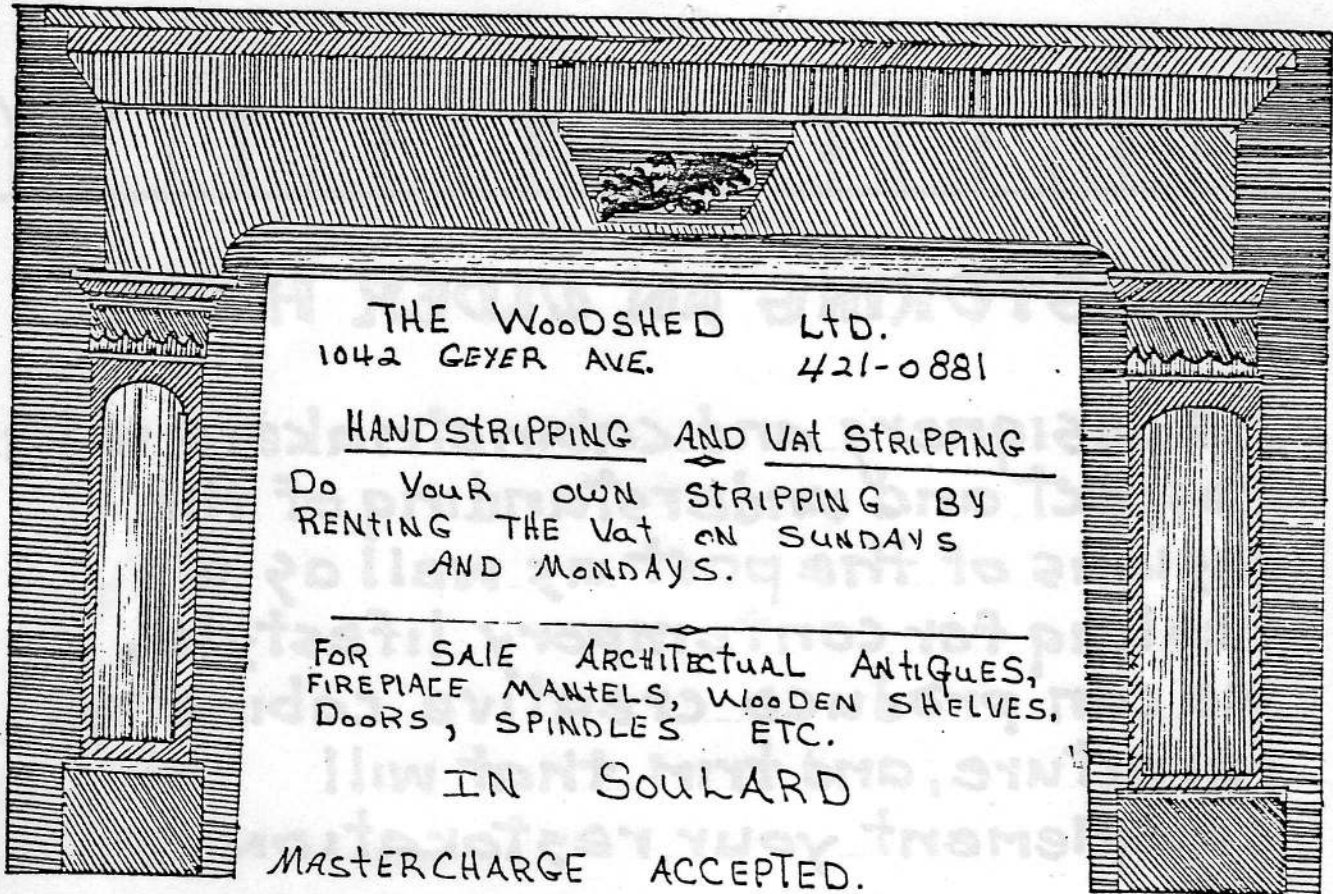
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NEWS AND NOTES

Fires and more fires are in the news. On Saturday afternoon, April 16, while area residents watched an attempt to illegally demolish 2310 Menard Street (which they succeeded in stopping temporarily) a fire broke out in 2308 Menard. Arson was suspected by many of those on the scene. The evening of April 27th saw another fire at 2318 South 13th. The odor of gasoline could be smelled as the blaze grew in intensity according to area residents. Ruth Hines had to evacuate her home at 1225R Lami because of the intense heat. About 2:00 A.M. on May 8, vandals set a trash container on fire in the rear of Skip and Darlene Gatermann's home at 2310 South 12th Street. The fire was quickly extinguished by the fire department. Area residents feel a meeting should be held with Lynch Street police to see what can be done to stop the suspected arson.....

Repairs to the retaining wall are to begin this month in Pontiac Square as a result of last years block grand funds for Soulard

The Landmarks and Urban Design Commission at their April meeting allowed the demolition of 2306, 2308, 2310 Menard Street. In another decision the aluminum addition to the Soulard Library Building was allowed to remain. Many area residents have expressed dismay at the handling of these two decisions by the Commission and want some sort of action to be taken pertaining to both.

BACK TO THE CITY

In the past 10 years, our nation has witnessed the birth and slow but continual growth of the "back to the cities" movement. Young adults have been in the vanguard of the movement, having come to the realization that suburban life no longer fulfilled their needs. The amenities of city life, closeness to work and cultural and educational institutions, the excitement and vitality of heterogeneous neighborhoods and the charm of old, spacious houses that express pride in workmanship and quality of materials have been rediscovered.

Due to this movement there has been some social dislocation on the part of low-income people. It is also a well-known fact that many have been forced to leave their old neighborhoods because they could not pay higher rents or the increased property taxes that have resulted from the neighborhood revitalization. There is no way to get around the fact that poor people are at the mercy of the real estate market. But there are solutions to this specific problem of dislocation. Rent subsidies and guaranteed loans to low-income people are available, but they are not numerous enough to assist all the people who need them. Assistance programs for the poor exist; however, they must be greatly strengthened with the infusion of more federal money.

No matter how much we may be concerned with the social costs of the back to the cities movement, we cannot allow the fear of success to frighten us off. People must capitalize on the renewed interest in the cities and support the revitalization of our old neighborhoods. The real question is not whether we have the resources to pay for the social costs. Rather it is, do we have the will to commit our resources to guarantee the solvency, and hence the life, of our cities?

Now that a new administration has taken over, the White House has publicly committed itself to aiding our decaying cities, and has declared itself for the preservation of the cultural heritage, it is time for people to act. In keeping with policies that support energy conservation, mass transportation and comprehensive land use planning, the Carter Administration should develop a national policy completely supportive of neighborhood conservation. Our national leaders should recognize that the city in America is the new frontier and that small measures will no longer suffice to meet the growing needs of this new frontier.

SPEAKING OF IMPORTANT ISSUES

In 1877, Mayor Overstolz incurred the wrath of many good citizens of this fair city by proposing that city workers should receive a pay increase. One indignant taxpayer wrote, "In the history of St. Louis, I dare say, there never

were more people of the working class idle and in absolute distress,... Some will say, perhaps, that if our city officials be not paid good salaries they will likely resort to illegitimate means to add to their perquisites... I am unable to endorse any such plea for the simple reason that experience proves that the greatest public plunderers have been men who enjoyed almost princely salaries... I am inclined to believe that there are men in the employ of the city government whose salaries range from \$1,800 to \$4,000 per annum, who could not command today in a business institution or house over \$100 per month...."

Taken from the St. Louis Daily Times, June 2, 1877.

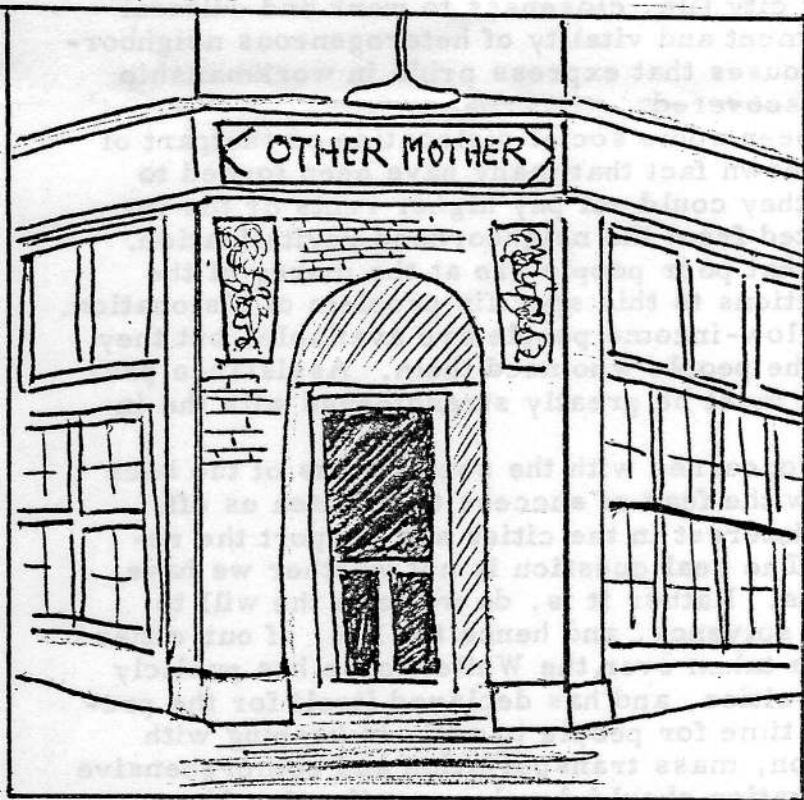
CHEAP AIR

By Charlie Derleth

It seems like just a couple of months ago we were doing all we could to keep warm in Soulard, but now that summer is well on the way, I have discovered a cheap "air conditioner" which uses little electricity. My basement is still very cool, and I discovered that by turning off the gas on my basement furnace and turning on the blower, this cool air is circulated up to the first floor.

By measuring the temperature in my parlor and the temperature of the air stream from the furnace, I found that there was a six degree differential. I plan to cut another air return register in my furnace which can be closed in the winter. This register will be located near the floor in the basement, and will draw in the coolest air and increase the efficiency of the operation. If anyone would like to observe how this works, you are welcome to drop by 2355 South Eleventh and see it.

THE OTHER MOTHER



Located at 2000 Sidney is a restaurant which many of us have come to know quite well. Those who haven't had the pleasure, should by all means.

What Chuck Conners opened two years ago as a carry out operation has grown into a popular and attractive restaurant and bar besides. That wasn't exactly what Chuck had in mind when as owner of another restaurant, "Mothers", located at Scanlon and Ivanhoe, he came to buy some baking equipment at the Sidney address. What he found was that while the equipment was very fine, it was also quite heavy and took up a lot of space. Not to be daunted, he convinced the family that had owned the property and run it as a bakery since the turn of the century, that if he were to buy the property, he would keep and preserve the building with great care. He eventually succeeded and the former owners remain

friends and advisors.

The original Scanlon restaurant took its name "Mothers" when a rare find of a stock of wooden letters was discovered in a warehouse chock full of Gaslight Square relics. When placing the letters in various ways, "mothers" was the most interesting word created. When work started on the new location it became easy to say "We will be at: The Other Mother". Thus a second name was born.

Pizza and salads were the original fare at "Mothers", with larger kitchen facilities here, the menu was developed with a large selection of sandwiches, poor-boys, soups and appetizers and more still to come.

With the help of many friends from Park Place, After the Paint, St. Louis Architectural Antiques, Mithra Glassworks, and many others, a warm and friendly atmosphere for dining has been created. Cypress paneling, art glass and mirrors accent the old back bar, while soft brick, plants, decorator items and warm wood tones blend into a relaxing dining area. Taped music adds to the soothing effect.

The operation, with the exception of the bar, is all manned by young people. For the future Chuck looks to plans for banquet rooms, a beer garden, and converting the now carry out area into a New York Style Deli.

New Faces

RICK AND PAT FINKELSTEIN

What brings people to Soulard? Well, Rick and Pat Finkelstein gave some insight into Soulard's attraction. Rick put it this way. "We looked at other

areas in the city and found that the nicest people we came across in our search for a home were in Soulard. It seems to be more of a neighborhood here. There is a distinct difference between Soulard people and other people in St. Louis, but I just can't put my finger on what it is!"

Rick and Pat discovered Soulard through the Restoration Group ad in the Sunday paper. They loved the neighborhood at first sight. With the help of a new friend in Soulard, Jerry Dempsey, the Finkelsteins found 2219 South Twelfth Street.

They felt that the townhouse would meet their needs adequately. The interior is generally intact in the original with little alterations having been done to the interior at all. This appealed to Rick especially because he feels he's more of a purist about restoration. The main parlors on the first and second floors still have their fireplaces. The front main stairs goes up to the second floor only. The rear or servants staircase goes all the way to the third.

Rick and Pat also find that Soulard will provide much convenience in their lives. Traveling to work will be one of them. Pat is a cardiac

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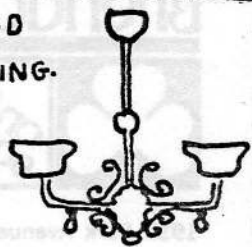
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catheterization technician at St. Mary's Medical Center, and Rick is a salesman of iron castings for Tower Grove Foundry. The Finkelsteins attended our last group meeting and then went to the social hour at Ruth Day's home afterward. They have decided to join the restoration group.

GENE BOND AND TONY LIPINSKI

It was no joke when the ownership of 1821 South Seventh Street went to Gene Bond and Tony Lipinski on April Fool's Day, 1977. Gene, a sales representative for Holscher-Wernig and Tony, purchasing agent for the Metropolitan Sewer District, have very serious plans for their new acquisition. In less than a month, this energetic pair has completely gutted the building, even removing partitions which are non-load bearing. So they already have a considerable amount of "sweat equity" in their property.

During a stint of clean-up work in the backyard, they discovered an unexpected bonus - brick paving covered with one to two inches of dirt, just waiting to be cleaned off.

Gene and Tony plan to create four two-story townhouses in their building, which is a former four family flat. To do this, they will utilize the basement area for living quarters, which will necessitate digging out 18 inches to obtain adequate ceiling height. The two lower units will have kitchen, half-bath, laundry area, and dining-family room with fireplace in the basement, and full bath, bedroom, and living room with fireplace on the first floor. The upper units will have the same arrangement on the second and third floors. Since the rear of the structure is only two stories tall, the upper units will have roof-top patios or decks. The present windows which open onto the roof will be enlarged to accommodate doors.

Both Gene and Tony are versatile craftsmen and plan on doing most of the restoration work themselves. Their purpose in joining the Soulard Community is to create their own retirement programs. Their goal is to restore a building a year for the next few years. This plan will provide an attractive income in rents when they reach retirement age.

Good luck, Gene and Tony, in your noble endeavor!

ART AND SUE KNOBEL

A few months ago Art and Sue Knobel moved into a very tidy two bay house at 2421 South 13th Street. They had been looking for a home that was liveable and priced right for them. This well kept home filled the bill.

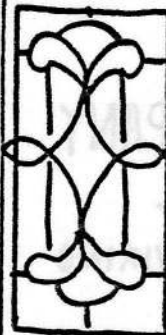
Art works for the Leased Housing Department of the St. Louis Housing Authority and is interested in helping older residents maintain their life styles and homes with dignity. Sue recently began working for the State Probation Office.

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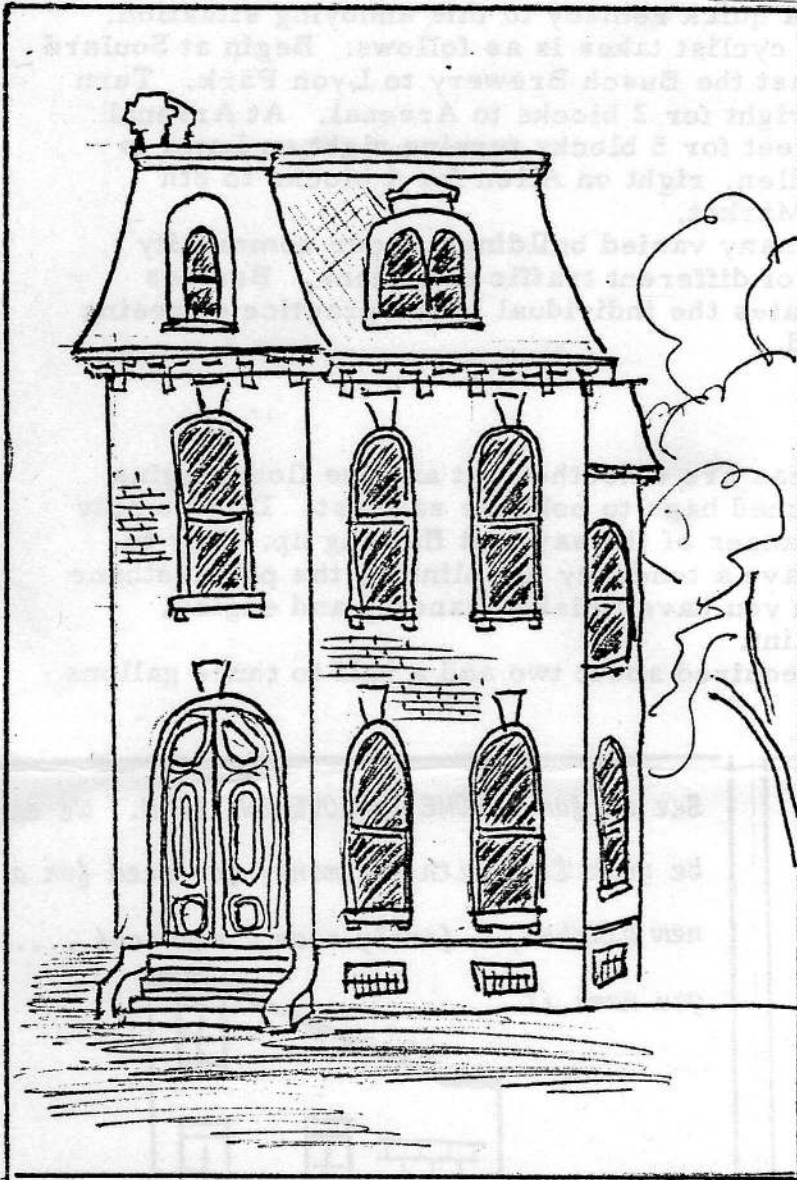
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La Maison



The Victorian townhouse at 3306 South Ninth Street is located in the St. Agatha area of the Soulard Historic District. Built about 1878, the house had several owners. One of the first was a German, Edward L. Gottschalk; his initials are inscribed in the window of one of the two front doors. (A similar pane of glass in the matching front door was destroyed several years ago.) Other owners were Robert L. Hirschberg, possibly the builder of the townhouse; Gottlieb Neumeister, his name is penciled inside the newel post; and Fidel Ganahl, an Austrian in the lumber business.

A short time after the original house was built, three rooms were added to the rear of the structure...one in the basement, one on the first floor, and one on the second floor. About 1920, the house was used for three separate families; however, the interior was left basically unchanged and intact. Few partitions were added.

During prohibition, the wine cellar was used to store illegal alcoholic drinks and a still. Paneling was nailed over the door to hide the entrance. The owner at this time had to spend some time in the federal penitentiary at Springfield, Missouri. After his release, he opened the Sidney Tavern near the river which is now torn down. He received an award for his tavern from Falstaff. This award was

found among the debris in the basement.

The house is presently owned by Tom and Karen Farmer, who purchased it in March, 1976, and moved in 10 days later in April, 1976. They had been looking for a home in Soulard for several months when they drove past this house and liked it. Unable to contact the owner by phone, they stopped at the house one evening, knocked on the door, and asked the owner if she had thought of selling her house. Answering in the affirmative, she took them on a tour of the first floor. They were impressed by the continuous bannister from the basement to the third floor, the medallions, and moldings on the ceilings and around the doors. Four months later, they bought the house.

After removing the debris, the Farmers had a new roof put on, the house re-wired, and some windows replaced. They are presently living on the first floor and are hoping to be able to work on the cornice and finish putting in the windows. Some work has been completed in the kitchen, living room, and entry hall.

SOULARD BIKING

Touring our community of Soulard by bike can be an exuberant experience. Spring is an excellent time to get your trusty two wheeled vehicle out of the basement and cleaned up to view Soulard by the scenic street level route.

One problem which arises from time-to-time is a barking dog racing to taste your leg or ankle. A burst of speed is a quick remedy to this annoying situation.

A suggested tour route which this cyclist takes is as follows: Begin at Soulard Market and travel north on 7th Street past the Busch Brewery to Lyon Park. Turn right on Utah Street to St. Agatha then right for 2 blocks to Arsenal. At Arsenal turn left to 13th Street, right on 13th Street for 5 blocks turning right on Lami to 11th Street. At 11th Street turn left to Allen, right on Allen for 4 blocks to 8th Street, turn left and travel back to the Market.

This course takes the rider past many varied buildings of our community and allows him to experience a number of different traffic situations. Besides being good exercise, this practice educates the individual in the practice of seeing and observing the many faces of Soulard.

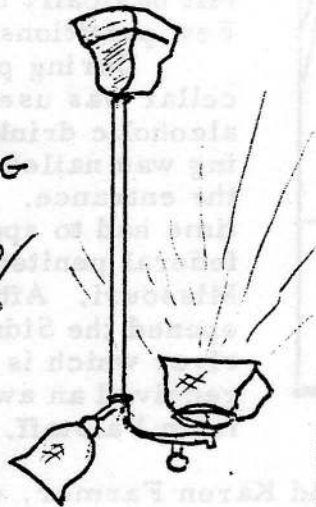
REFINISHING WOOD FLOORS (Part II)

By Charles Derleth

Work until most of the stained areas are smoothed out and the floor begins to look whole again. Sanders have attached bags to hold the sawdust. Don't empty these into a fire because there can be danger of the sawdust flaming up. Try to avoid splintering the floor. If it does have a tendency to splinter, the polyurethane can help seal the splinters down. When you have finished sanding and edging, vacuum the floor well and prepare to paint.

I found that a room 15 by 15 feet required about two and a half to three gallons

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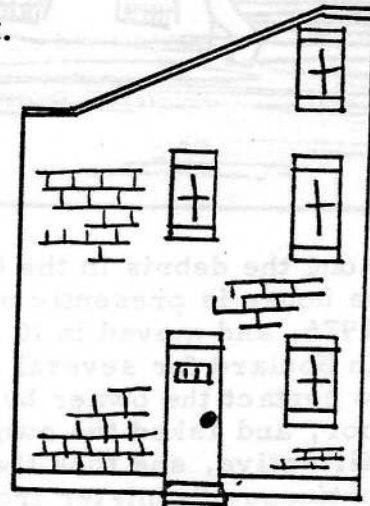
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(seven coats) of polyurethane to adequately seal and finish. There is a polyurethane sealer manufactured which can be used to seal the floor before the final coats are applied. The curing time for polyurethane coatings are given on the can. Allow the floor to cure completely before recoating. I had better luck with the brush method than with the pour and mop technique. Be careful that the paint does not drip through cracks in the floor to the floor below. If the room below the floor you are painting has no ceiling, it is a good idea to spread newspapers to catch the drips.

When painting, brush with the grain. The floor will appear much darker when you start painting than it will be after curing. When the floor has cured you can go over it with a piece of fine sandpaper or an orbital sander to knock off any rough spots. The last coat should not be sanded at all. The final coat should be allowed to cure for 24 hours before being subjected to heavy traffic and furniture.

Floor sanding and refinishing is hard work, and there are contractors who will do it for you. I enjoy the satisfaction of the process, though. But the most enjoyable part of all is the warmth and beauty of the newly refinished floor.

FROM THE RANGE

Recipes contributed by
Sheila Stuckwish

SALAD

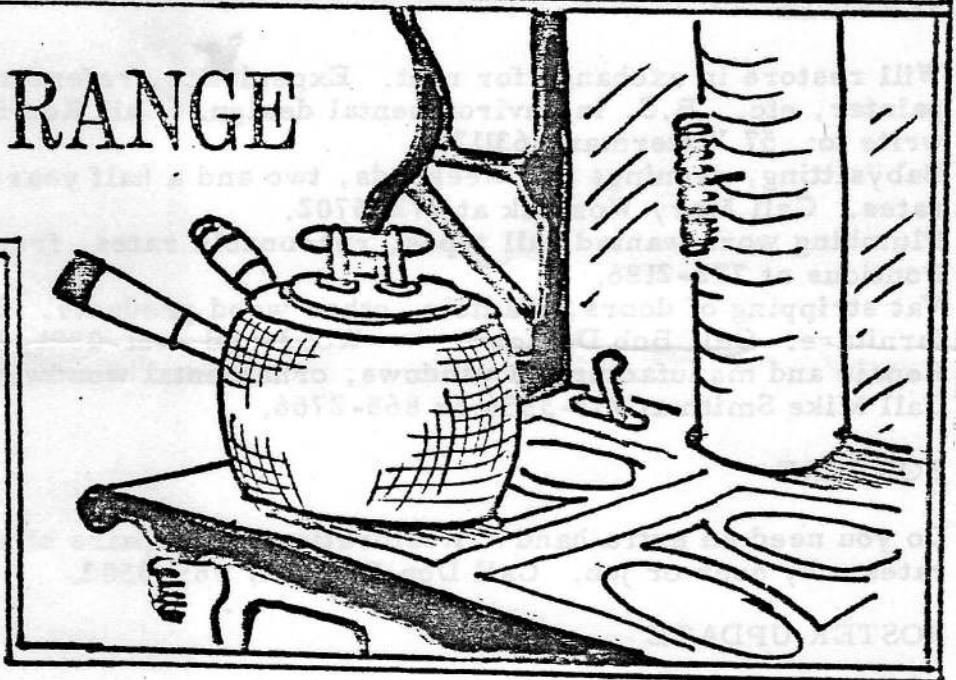
1/4 cup vinegar
3/4 cup water
Sugar
Salt
Pepper
Tomato slices
Cucumber slices
Onion slices
Green Pepper slices

--- Put vegetables in dressing to soak. Chill and Serve.

RAW APPLE CAKE

4 cups cubed apples
2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
2 teas. vanilla
1/2 teas. salt
1/2 cup water
2 eggs
1/2 cup Wesson Oil
1 teas. cinnamon
1 teas. soda
1 cup nuts

Combine ingredients, mix and
bake in a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan
for 25 to 30 minutes at 350°



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