

The Soulard Restorationist

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LaMAISON

By - Charlie Derleth

"I was raised in this house."

The gentleman speaking to me as I was taking tickets for the house tour was dressed in a suit and tie. When I asked him his name... Arthur Belohradsky... I recognized it immediately from the original survey done in 1886. The piece of paper is yellow with age, and the street name is Rosatti instead of Eleventh, but the name of the

person who owned the land was indeed Belohradsky... Mary Belohradsky.

She was a tailor by trade, and was a widow who lived here at 2355 South Eleventh with her children. I interviewed Mr. Belohradsky for quite a while, asking details of the history and structure of the house. As I took him through the rooms he paused to indicate ornamentation or furniture, or to indicate whose bedroom this was and where the "Heatrola" was (an early coal stove). One of the memories that stood out in his mind most vividly was the times he and his sister used to walk out on the cornice from one of the mansard windows to the other in a childhood death defying dare. The upstairs which is now the studio was their bedroom. The home had two kitchens, one was a winter kitchen upstairs in the rear, and the other was a summer kitchen in the basement, along with a dining room. The marble sink and brass faucet for the basement kitchen are still intact.

Bath time in the summer included a tub which was built into a corner of the basement. Winter baths were taken upstairs in portable tubs. There was an outhouse and also a woodshed or stable in back. Photographs show various family members in the yard around the turn of the century, including a sister of

Mr. Belohradsky who died as a child and was laid out in the front parlor. As was the custom in those days, the front parlor was reserved for formal occasions.

The home at 2355 South Eleventh was one of the first in Souland to be electrified. Much of the work of electrification, including taking up of the floor was done by the family. The tornado of 1898 which destroyed much of Lafayette Square and Souland wrecked a rear chimney of the house. A large bronze clock stood on the mantel in the main parlor, which included a massive gilt pier mirror with a marble seat. When the Belohradskys moved away between 1910 and 1920, the history of the house becomes hazy (or perhaps I need to do more research). It was about the end of the second world war or a little later that the place was finally broken up into four single family units. When I bought the house, from the Bible family, it was abandoned and unboarded, the front door swinging in the wind, and pigeons called the attic home. With the help of friends and contractors and sweat and equity galore, my home is about eighty percent complete. It is now heated with a combination of gas furnaces, wood stoves and two fireplaces. My home now is no longer abandoned, but on the road to recovery.

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MINUTES FROM APRIL 4, 1979 SRG MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The board minutes were read.

Phyllis Young gave a treasurer's report for Paul Houghland.

Deb Manning reported from House Sales. T-shirts, tote bags, and bumper stickers are now available.

Kathy Dabrowski-Poe reported that the VIP House Tour was successful. May 13 is the date for the walking tour. Tickets are \$2.00 in advance and \$2.50 at the door.

Hilary Clements from the Code Committee described the condemned notices that are appearing in Souland.

Phyllis Young reported from the Publicity Committee.

On March 13 four people from the SRG met with members of YEHS and Dean Burns. The need for a revision of the plan for Souland was discussed. On April 12 will be another meeting.

The closing of the Menard Street properties will occur as soon as the liens the city has against the properties are cleared up.

An announcement was made that Missouri Life Magazine has several watercolor pictures of Souland in the magazine.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a poster available to announce "Preservation Week" from May 6 - 12. A discount is available if over five poster are ordered.

General discussion took place until our speakers arrived. Meeting adjourned.

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NOTES FROM THE BRICK HOUSE

by Phyllis Young

Well, team, it's the six month slump! The phone doesn't ring as frequently and meetings aren't so numerous. However, things are still rolling along. Matter of fact, Peter Sortino and I have spent some hours rolling past the buildings of Souland searching for mailboxes, gas or electric meters. We're attempting to determine how many buildings are still here, how many are occupied, and how many are undergoing restoration. Soon we'll present the information we have in hopes that you'll be able to give us more accurate information and help us keep it up-to-date. This information is valuable for housing sales as well as future proposals.

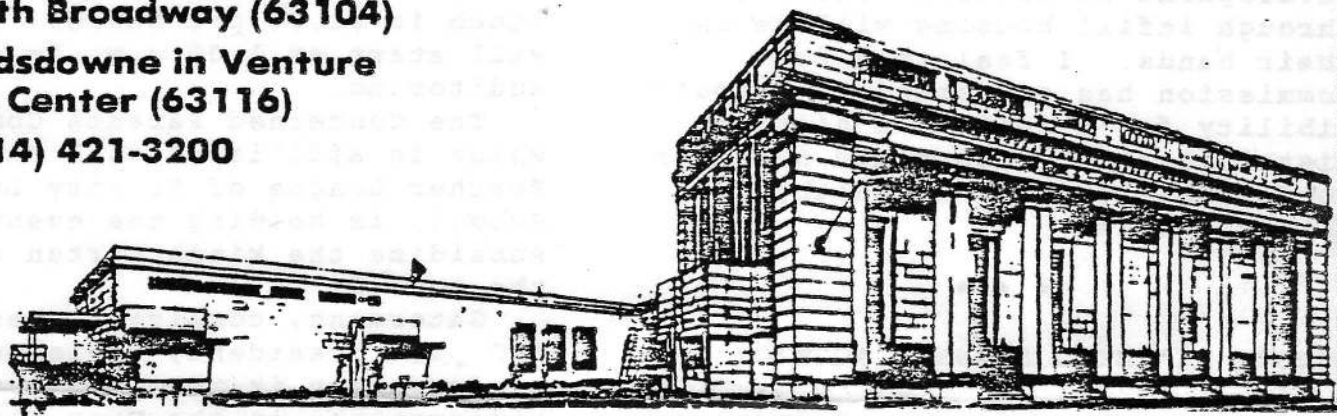
Acquisition of the lots on 18th Street between Barton and Lami for the park proposed in the Souland Restoration Plan of 1975 will be requested in the proposal. This was one of the lots originally optioned by Baron and McCormack.

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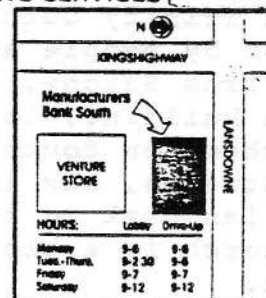
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and incentive to mesh forces with other preservationist organizations to draw up specific guidelines for infill housing within historic districts.

Along this line it was very disappointing to learn that Lynn Springer & Donald Royse have been replaced on the Landmarks and Urban Design Commission. Both have been staunch supporters of the historic neighborhoods of St. Louis. Much attention will be directed to the newly appointed members and to the new complexity of the Commission since the future development of historic districts through infill housing will be in their hands. I feel that the Commission has a tremendous responsibility for I feel that historic districts along with other neighborhoods are providing a healthy core for St. Louis.

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SCHOOL PLANNING DINNER, AUCTION

To keep their kindergarten in operation, the Trinity Lutheran School is holding a dinner and auction on June 10.

Serving the historic Soulard neighborhood, the school enjoys considerable neighborhood support and auction items are being donated by a number of local businesses and individuals.

Located at 1809 South Eighth St., the school is the oldest, continuously operating elementary school in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Classes started in 1839.

The school is owned and operated by Old Trinity Lutheran Church, founded by people arriving in St. Louis from Saxony, Germany. The church building, located next door to the school on South Eighth and Soulard Streets, has long been a prominent landmark in the neighborhood. The church is a block south of Soulard Market.

At present the school holds classes from kindergarten through eighth grade. To maintain the kindergarten, the

Concerned Parents for Trinity Lutheran Committee is holding the fund raiser.

A family style roast beef dinner will begin at 11:45 on June 10 in the school building. Admission is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children. Those planning to attend must make reservations. To reserve tickets, call Robert Freymark or Mrs. Virginia Stewart at the school at 621-0228 during school hours. During the evening or on weekends, call Darlene or Skip Gatermann at 771-4191 or Mr. or Mrs. Freymark at 352-1042.

For those attending the lunch, the auction is free. General admission to the auction for those not attending the lunch is \$1.00 per person. The auction will start at 1:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The Concerned Parents Committee, which is affiliated with the Parent-Teacher League of Trinity Lutheran School, is holding the event to help subsidize the kindergarten capability of the school.

Gatermann, committee president, and SRG past president, explained that "this kindergarten is the only Lutheran kindergarten on the Near South Side, and it provides students for the other grades in the school. Curtailing kindergarten services would undermine the flow of students to the entire school. We see this as a problem because, as Soulard gets back on its feet as a viable residential neighborhood, we are going to need all the educational facilities that we can get. Maintaining this kindergarten is very important.

Current kindergarten enrollment is 15. Projections indicate this level of enrollment will be maintained next year if the class is still offered. Total school enrollment is 115.

The Concerned Parents Committee is still seeking donations for the auction. Many local restaurants and businesses have made contributions, including meals, piano tuning services, a leaded glass jewel box, sporting events tickets, a framed portrait of Ulysses S. Grant (a former Soulard resident) and miscellaneous gift certificates. For auction donations, contact people at the telephone numbers listed above. VISA and Master Charge

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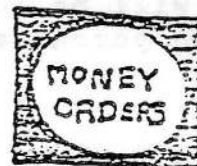
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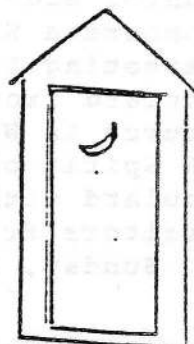
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HOUSE TOUR WRAP-UP

Spring is the season for house tours in Souland. On March 30 the SRG hosted a house tour for elected and appointed City of St. Louis officials. Some of those in attendance included Mayor James Conway, Alderman Martie Aboussie, Ninth Ward, Alderman Ray Leisure, Seventh Ward, Sorkis Webbe, Jr., Seventh Ward Committeeman-Democrat, Paul Simon, President of the Board of Alderman, Robert Volz, Building Commissioner, and Raymond Percich, Comptroller.

The day started with a guided bus tour of Souland and stops at several Souland homes. Luncheon and social hour followed at the Great Grizzly Bear Restaurant.

Many people were surprised to see the progress that has been made in Souland in the past five years. For many of those in attendance this was the first opportunity for them to actually get inside Souland homes. They were very impressed with Larry Hollenberg's restoration of his first floor. Mr. Volz was particularly interested in Larry's gas lights (watch out Larry). Hillary Clement's home with its dramatic touches stole the show. Guests commented on the tasteful blend of the old and new in the Poe home and were intrigued with the hole in the backyard. (sewer work was in progress at that time). One visitor suggested they restore their outhouse since the vault had been discovered and was visible.

In May, the SRG conducted private tours for students from East Ladue Junior High School, Villa Duchesne and Concordia Seminary. Neighborhood Marketing Services brought a group to Souland from Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Webster Groves and Seva Roberts of Spirit of St. Louis Tours came to Souland with two Bi-State buses and visitors from all over the United States. Sunday, May 13 kicked off our normal

house tour season with the third annual Souland Walking Tour. About 300 people came to Souland for a guided walking tour of the area around the Poster Art Gallery. Housing Sales did a brisk business that day as did local businesses. On tour was the Keitel home on S. 11th Street, the Nancy Lay home at 908 Lami, and Caleb Wheeler's apartment on Menard in the most recently completed Mead-McClellan building.

Visitors learned about Souland, its architecture, historical significance, and its plans for the future. The tour guests were thrilled with the contrast the three homes on tour displayed.

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CAPITOL VIEW: BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE ED BUSHMEYER

Mentioning reassessment to people who have spent thousands of dollars and countless hours upgrading their family homes is not a recommended way to win friends. However, recent developments in the courts and the state legislature have made front page news of this issue, and a candid look at what reassessment would likely mean is in order.

For the past couple of years, the Missouri House of Representatives has been grappling with possible remedies to the current inequities in property assessments. As a precursor to any direct legislative action on this issue, a proposition was submitted to the voters last August which would give counties the power to "roll back" tax levies. Thus should reassessment occur, the revenue generated from the property tax could, in effect, be frozen so that the counties would not realize windfall increases in tax revenues caused by reassessment. This proposition was passed by the voters.

Earlier this year, the State Supreme Court, in response to a suit filed in St. Louis County, ordered statewide reassessment. What had been a controversial idea, now became a mandate.

Basically, we have an option: the legislature can do nothing and let the State Tax Commission carry

out the task of reassessment, in which case there might be no roll back, or the legislature can act to minimize the disruption caused by court-ordered reassessment.

The Senate has adopted a bill which would mandate a roll back when reassessment occurs. The House has passed a more comprehensive reassessment package in which the state would: (1) reimburse counties for the cost of reappraising tax parcels, (2) increase "circuit breaker" benefits from \$7,500 to \$12,000, thereby easing the effects of property tax increases on the elderly, (3) mandate roll backs, (4) increase funding to public schools by \$105 million to reduce school systems' reliance on the property tax, and (5) reduce property taxes by the same amount. This program would be financed by the normal growth of state revenues, and would require no tax increase.

Due to the high cost of county-wide reassessment, many counties would be unable to carry out the task without a tax increase unless the state provides financial assistance. For this reason, the House bill goes far beyond a simple mandatory roll back provision. The reassessment bill which reaches the Governor's desk will undoubtedly strike a middle-ground between the Senate and House approaches. I suspect that the final version will include partial reimbursement to counties for reappraisal costs, a mandatory roll back, and an increase in the circuit breaker ceiling.

What effect will reassessment have on us? Although by law tax parcels are suppose to be assessed at 1/3 of true market value, the statewide average assessment was only 21.63% of true value in 1978. Assessment ratios ranged from a low of 16.6% in Texas County to a high of 29.8% in Howard County. St. Louis

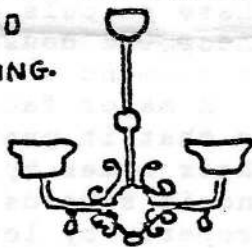
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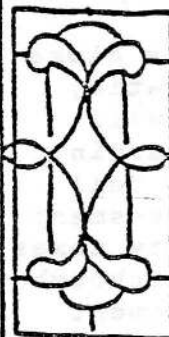
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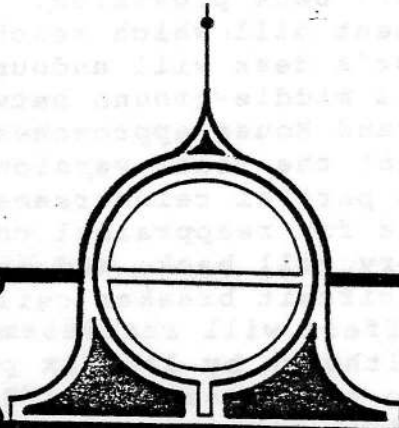
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city came in at 29.3%, and St. Louis County at 22.3%. In simple terms, those parcels which are assessed at more than the statewide average are carrying a disproportionate share of the tax burden. Thus the City of St. Louis as a whole is paying more than its fair share and would stand to benefit by statewide reassessment.

Within a given county, reassessment with a concurrent tax levy roll back would mean that about 50% of the people would receive some sort of tax increase and the other half would see a decrease in their tax bill. If the additional \$105 million property tax roll back called for in the House reassessment bill is actually enacted, 62% of the taxpayers would get a tax cut and 90% would see their tax bill decline, remain the same or increase by less than \$10 a month according to a study by the Home Builders Association.

Since the City of St. Louis is close to the 1/3 required assessment ratio, the total valuation of the City will increase by a relatively small margin. However, I'm not going to try to tell you that the court ordered reassessment won't mean an increase in property taxes in rejuvenated neighborhoods. Although the city has an on-going reassessment program (few counties do), some owners

of rehabilitated homes have escaped the de facto penalty of increased property assessments. I think that we all realize that the city would have reassessed these parcels at some point in the future. Under the House legislation the new assessment would take effect in 1983.

A major fault with the property tax is that it punishes those who improve their homes by raising their tax bill, and it rewards those who neglect their property by lowering their assessments. I co-sponsored legislation this session to allow tax deductions for home improvements. Unfortunately the bill died in the Revenue and Economics Committee. If anyone wishes further information on the topic, please contact me.

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BUSINESS IN SOULARD, Part II

This month the RESTORATIONIST is featuring four of our commercial establishments, Radio Station WEW, Mithra Glassworks, Architectural Antiques and Design One Shapery Drop. Here's hoping that next year at this time, we'll have an additional list four times larger!



NEW

Surely everyone knows that St. Louis' oldest radio station, WEW Radio 77, has found a home in the city's oldest neighborhood. Soulard's homeowners have watched with growing anticipation as station owner, Charles Stanley, transformed the derelict building at North and Lafayette into what is now one of the neighborhood's greatest prizes.

An open house earlier this year formally inaugurated the radio station-apartment complex which is probably unheralded in its detailed appointments. Mr. Stanley, a one-man dynamo with vision to boot, spared no expense and the results are striking even to the casual passer-by.

A closer inspection reveals a radio station that is a bustling broadcast center and office place for Mr. Stanley. His apartment dwellers, who are just now getting settled in, can coast through the upcoming summer months sipping lemonade in the New Orleans-style courtyard and swaying to the big-band tunes that originate right next door. And we all can toast Mr. Stanley and his enthusiasm for Soulard.

THE POSTER ART GALLERY

This unique renovated storefront is one of its kind in the St. Louis area. A bar, restaurant, art gallery and custom framing shop. Al Swenson opened his bar at Menard and Lami Streets on Wednesday, May 16. Many Soulard residents who were anxiously awaiting the opening spent a fun evening sipping drinks and enjoying the scenery. The Poster Art Gallery will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday. Call 776-5500 for information.

THE SIXTH DAY

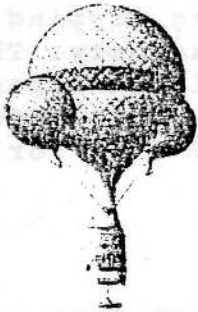
Fine antique furniture and quality collectibles are available at this shop recently opened by Dick and Delores Phelps. Open on Saturdays (the 6th day) for browsing at 1208 Russell, the shop will specialize in furniture. Delores has been collecting since she was five years old and her enthusiasm is fortunately shared by her husband. Just look for the soon-to-be-installed new sign on its wrought iron bracket. If Saturdays are inconvenient or for more information, call 773-6298.

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Loosening Rusted Screws

One of the simplest and readiest ways of loosening a rusted screw is to apply heat to the head of the screws. A small bar or rod of iron, flat at the end, if reddened in the fire and applied for two or three minutes to the head of a rusty screw, will as soon as it heats the screw, render its withdrawal as easy with the screwdriver as if it were only a recently inserted screw. This is not particularly novel, but it is well worth knowing.

Stove Cleaning Liquid

An excellent stove cleaner and polish is made by dissolving two ounces of beeswax in one quart of gasoline and then add 1/4 pint of turpentine. Shake well before using, and never use near a light or fire.

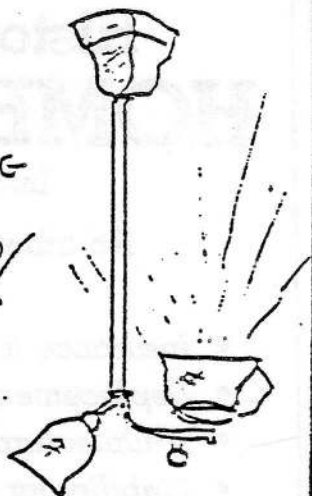
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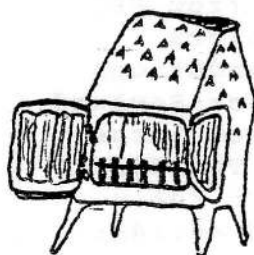
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NEW COLOR COLLECTION CREATED FOR SOULARD

Choosing the correct paint colors for the outside of your home is a tough problem. Many people settle for white or black because they reduce the chances of making a color error.

Fortunately, however, assistance is available for those who wish to accent the architectural detail and balance of their structures. We now have two collections of historic colors which have been coordinated specifically for Soulard buildings. One collection consists of colors from the Historical

Color Collection of Benjamin Moore. Kenneth X. Charbonneau, design and color communications manager for the company and a leading color stylist in the country, has broken out a number of coordinated color combinations which will go well with unpainted brick. Each combination features two colors which will go well with unpainted brick. Each combination features two colors which are historically authentic and which will serve to enliven a Soulard building and emphasize its style.

In addition, Bonnie Bender, color stylist for PPG Industries, has presented us with five sets of color combinations featuring two colors per set. Each will harmonize with brick. Also, eight sets of color combinations featuring three colors have been suggested, in case you plan to paint or repaint your brick. Bonnie Bender is a nationally known color expert who designed the PPG interior

and exterior color collections and the merchandising materials to assist the consumer in color selections and the merchandising materials to assist the consumer in color selection. The systems she developed have become standard for the paint industry, and other companies are seeking to provide similar merchandising aids.

The suggested colors from PPG are from the Historic Colors collection. The recommendations were created specially for Soulard and are presented on three large charts for easy study. The display was received in late February, in time for Soulard residents to get several weeks of good arguing under their belts before buying the paint.

Also available are historic color cards from a number of other paint manufacturers, although the colors are not grouped for trim and accent use.

Those interested in the use of color to enhance their restoration effort are invited to contact Clark Rowley at 773-3543 at 2322 South 12th Street.

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The Girl Scout Council of Greater St. Louis started with the first troop being formed in 1918 at Pilgrim Congregational Church on Union. Girls are served from first grade thru high school in 5 levels: Pixie, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Seniors.

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As a Girl Scout, adults have the opportunity to help girls grow while using their own creativity and self expression.

We need your help to have Girl Scouting in the Soulard area, Pixies are now in Kindergarten. Brownies are now in

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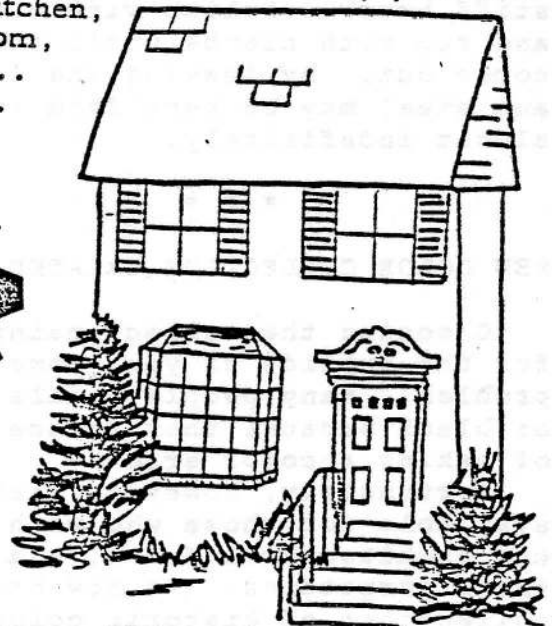
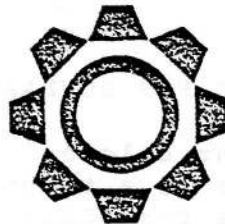
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first and second grades, Juniors now in grades 3-5, Cadettes grades 6-8 now.

Please, do not wait for other to take the responsibility. Men may be leaders, too. Call the Girl Scout office 241-1270 to volunteer to be a Girl Scout leader and for more information.

Thank you for your interest.

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CAPITOL REPORT FROM SENATOR JIM MURPHY

The Missouri Department of Consumer Affairs, Regulation and Licensing has expanded its consumer services program. The department offers consumer information guides and booklets on a variety of subjects of interest to Missouri citizens. I have included a list of publications available free of charge to consumers. These are:

Shopping Guide for Auto Ins.
Shopping Guide for Homeowners Ins.
Consumer Guide for Health Ins.
Known your Insurance Rights!
Before you Borrow - A Guide to Credit Shopping
Renters have Rights
An Introduction to Small Claims Court
Flood Insurance Facts
Do's and Don'ts of Auto Repair
Cheaper by the Dozen - Food Shopping
Your Department of Consumer Affairs
Utility Consumers Bill of Rights
Generic Drugs - RX for Savings
Complaint Against a Utility?
What to Do

In addition, the Department of Consumer Affairs has set up the Missouri Consumer Information Center which helps consumers with problems or complaints. Of course, the department suggests that consumers try to work out their problems first, but if they then need help, the Missouri Consumer Information Center is there to help.

The Missouri Consumer Infor-

mation Center also acts as a clearing house for consumer-related problems which are under jurisdiction of other state agencies or come under federal or local government review.

I urge you to take advantage of the services and information provided by the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Missouri Consumer Information Center.

The address to write is:
Missouri Consumer Information Center
Missouri Department of Consumer Affairs
P. O. Box 1157
Jefferson City, Mo. 65102

If you have a problem that needs immediate attention, the Governor's Action Line provides a toll-free telephone number for your convenience. Call: 1-800-392-8269 (toll free) 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. weekdays.

Please let me know if I can be of help to you.

Notice:

the next SRG membership meeting, June 6th, is a closed meeting for members only - topics will include:

- * LRA lots
- * Infill housing
- * Section 8 and other critical issues

7:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church Meeting Room.



Dear Abner,

I do enjoy wearing Mexican hats, but recently I learned I will not be able to purchase them any longer because the factory has been turned into closets for the elderly. Why are they to displace Mexican hats?

Signed,

John B. Stetson

Dear John,

The federal government found it could not subsidize sombreros because they are illegal aliens.

LOOK OUT, HERE COME THE FIRE TRUCKS! by Fred Stroup and Skip Gatermann

(Mr. Stroup is the archivist and historian for the St. Louis Fire Department.)

The history of fire protection in the Souldard neighborhood is the story of several fire companies and their fire houses. The Phoenix Fire Company No. 7 was organized in 1843 and incorporated in 1845. This company was a volunteer unit and was housed in a frame building near Second Street, Fifth Street and Park Avenue. The Phoenix Company was disbanded on September 11, 1858. Before this date, however, a second engine house was built in 1846. The new engine house was constructed of brick and was located on the west side of Broadway three doors north of Park Avenue.

Steam engine No.6 of the paid fire department was put into service here in 1858. The original Phoenix engine house was enlarged and was finished and put into service by July 1, 1867. In 1875 this engine company was moved to 216 N. Seventh Street.

The South Saint Louis Company was organized in May of 1857. This company had a hand operated engine. The engine house was on Fulton Street (now Eighth Street) between

Dear Abner,

The exhibitionist across the street has found a new way of exposing himself. He climbs up on the scaffolding in front of his house and opens his trench coat and reveals his bare brick. What do you think of this?

Signed,

Victoria Morals

Dear Vic,

I am mortarfied!

Dear Abner,

My common wall collapsed, after stripping the plaster from it to have a bare brick wall. Since that time, I've been terribly depressed. What do you suggest to lift my spirits?

Signed,

Barren Under Developed

Dear B.U.D.,

Rather than lifting your spirits, why don't you raze your building?

Russell and Ann Avenues. Beginning on January 2, 1858, this engine company house was equipped with a bell for the new fire alarm system. In the early 1860's this engine house was closed.

Within the boundaries of the now Soulard Historic District stands one remaining fire station at 912 Allen Avenue. Engine house No. 45 was opened on May 1, 1906 and put into full service. It was equipped with a Crane Neck Ahrens Engine, built in 1886, at a cost of \$4,600. Its shop number was 467, and two horses pulled this steamer.

Engine house No. 45 also housed a hose wagon which had a steel body, a 20 foot ladder and a 30 gallon acid chemical tank. The acid chemical tank was used to put out small fires. Two horses pulled this wagon. The roster of men assigned to this company in 1907 was as follows: J. Sweiger (Engine Captain), B. Keller (Lieutenant), J. Hartung (Engineer), R. Stephenson (Fireman, A. Sippel (Driver). The following were on the hose wagon: C. Hartwig (Driver), C. Gander (Pipeman), O. Stieber (Pipeman), T. E. Sullivan (Pipeman). The night watchman at the fire house was G. Koenig. The engineer was responsible for the maintenance of the steamer.

The pipeman's job was to uncoil the hoses and hook them up and was also responsible for their operation and up keep. After the station was in operation one-year, No. 45 had made 184 runs.

Twenty one years after No. 45 opened, it received its first motorized equipment. This engine was a 750 RPM Stutz (Shop #205) and had been built at a cost of \$10,000. In 1940, Engine House No. 45 was closed and the company was moved to Fourth and Barton Streets to join Company No. 11. In 1943, Engine Company No. 45 went out of service due to a renumbering of companies.

In 1961, Company No. 11 was joined by Company No. 16, which was moved to Barton and 4th from 216 North Seventh Street where old steamer #6 had gone. In 1963, both companies were moved to their new home at 7th Boulevard and Shenandoah Avenue, their current home.

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FANNIE MAE: MEET GINNIE

A new program designed to spur the use of graduated payment mortgages was recently announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Under the program, lenders will use their mortgages as collateral on securities by HUD's Government National Mortgage Association. The money from the sale of the securities will then be made available for more mortgage loans.

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The association, known as Ginnie Mae, initially approved 250 applications for \$1.8 billion in securities.

A second market already exists for graduated payment mortgages through the Federal National Mortgage Association, known as Fannie Mae. Fannie Mae borrows money to buy mortgages, which also makes additional funds available to lenders for more home loans.

The graduated payment mortgages are geared to first-time homebuyers in the \$15,000 to \$25,000 income range. Mortgage payments are low the first year, then rise gradually over the next five or ten years.

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THE SQUARE GOES GREENE

Increasing interest in city property has brought the John R. Greene Inc. Real Estate Brokerage firm to the Lafayette Square Historic District. Greene recently announced it will open an office at 1901 Park Avenue on June 1.

Mary Dean Keyes, who has been named manager of the new office, said it was needed "because of the increased interest in the purchase and preservation of residences and commercial structures on the Near Southside. We will be handling city property ranging from shells to completely renovated townhouse and row houses, as well as condominiums."

The office will serve company agents handling real estate in Lafayette Square, Souldard, Compton Heights, Shaw, LaSalle Park, Benton Park and other city neighborhoods.

Ms. Keyes, who lives in the Square, stressed that Greene has been specializing in city property during the last 18 months.

"The market in city property has really blossomed during the past two years," she said, "and we are fortunate in having a number of experienced representatives living in the neighborhoods we are serving."

PRESERVATIONISTS WIN A ROUND

The Lafayette Park Baptist Church cannot demolish a building in the Lafayette Square Historic District, according to a recent ruling by St. Louis Circuit Judge Richard J. Mehan. The church is free to take their case to the Missouri Court of Appeals.

In a 29-page opinion released in early May, Mehan upheld the constitutionality of the historic district ordinance which generally prohibits demolition within the district's boundaries.

The church had challenged the validity of the ordinance in its attempt to demolish a vacant, multi-family building at 1720-22 Mississippi Avenue to make room for a church parking lot. The church purchased the building adjacent to it in 1973 to provide the lot, but the city denied it a demolition permit the next year.

The city's Board of Adjustment denied the issuance of the demolition permit in 1974, but the church went to the Missouri Court of Appeals which sent the case back to the board saying that it did not consider the feasibility of renovation in its decision. The board again denied the permit, and the case went back up to circuit court.

In his opinion, Mehan cited considerable testimony from experts in the field of building renovation that the building is structurally sound and can be successfully renovated and marketed as apartments. Guy McClellan, of Souldard's Mead-McClellan Partnership development firm, testified on behalf of the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee which has been fighting the demolition.

Mehan upheld the validity of the historic district ordinance, ruling that the ordinance provides "sufficient guidelines" to govern demolition procedures.

The judge added: "The overall effect to be gleaned from the Restoration Plan is that...great emphasis should be placed on the goal of fully utilizing the existing structures and preserving the streetscape which should only be outweighed by a project of significant community interest."

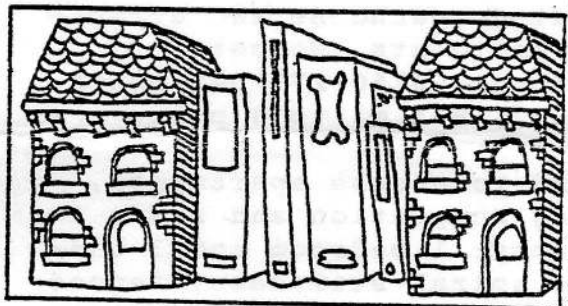
WIN SOFTBALL GAME, 49-0

Millard Fillmore's defeated Bill's Belles, 49-0, in a Khoury Senior Women's Softball League game at Tower Grove Park Tuesday. Millard Fillmore's got 61 hits and nine home runs. Debbie Dempsey was the winning pitcher. Kathy Boyer had three homers, five hits and seven RBIS.

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RESTORATION GROUPS SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
Compton Heights	1	0
Lafayette Square	1	0
Soulard Blues	1	0
Hyde Park	0	1
Shaw	0	1
Soulard Reds	0	1



HISTORIC BOOK SHELF

The Wood Burning Stove Book by Geri Harrington, Collier MacMillan Publishers, copyright 1977, 175 pages, price \$6.95, reviewed by Bill Poe

This is the time of year when the last thing Soulard residents want to think about is winter. But those serious about keeping warm know that the best time to purchase heating devices is in the off-season, and this is especially true for wood burning stoves. Sellers know that stoves bought in January signal a dire need -- and a price to match.

If you do not already own a wood or coal burning stove or plan to add additional units, Geri Harrington's book is a great place to start shopping.

You can browse through pages of photos and specifications outlining all the major types of stoves including Franklin stoves, Scandinavian stoves, kitchen cookstoves and ranges, box stoves, thermostatically controlled heaters, as well as fireplaces and furnaces. If you can't find a stove here to match your needs, it probably doesn't exist.

The book also includes tips on buying stoves and provides useful information on upkeep, availability of parts, stove construction materials (such as the cast iron vs. sheet-metal controversy), flue lining requirements, firewood thermal ratings, and where to buy that stove of your dreams.

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NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDES

Two new guides are available to groups interested in revitalizing city neighborhoods, the University of Missouri Extension Division has announced.

The free guides, published by the university, are the "Neighborhood Resources Center Manual" and a series of "Guidesheets" providing detailed lists of strategies and resources available to neighborhood groups. Contact Virginia Vinyard, of the extension division, at 454-1058 or 367-2585 for further information.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. 13th St. & Second Carondelet Ave.
2. Illinois State House
3. Cave Street
4. A butcher & slaughter house
5. St. Lucas Slovak Evangelical and Lutheran Church
6. Tornado of 1896
7. Tower Grove Park
8. Marquis
9. Kosciusko
10. Antoine Soulard
11. Ulysses S. Grant
12. Henri Chatillion

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MARKET PLACE

Members may place ads up to 20 words free. To place your ad, call Skip or Darlene at 771-4191 before the 12th of each month. FOR SALE, TRADE OR RENT.

WANT - A metal fire escape stairs 20-24' reach Phil Betts. 1-618-462-4049.

FOR SALE - Good clawfoot tub, sink and basin. Phil Betts. 1-618-462-4049.

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FOR SALE - Two Square pedestal sinks. \$45 ea. Call Jeff Hicks 776-0792.

FOR SALE - 4,012 sq. ft. dark oak paneling. \$21 per sq. ft. 776-4109 after 6 p.m. Ask for Christ

FOR SALE - Elaborate mantel with hearth stones and beveled glass mirror. Has 2 column with 2 shelves and a summer screen included. Mark offer. Call Bob - 423-2834.

FOR SALE - Electric blanket for king size bed. Never used. \$45. Call Skip 771-4191.

FOR SALE - Wood mantel with mirror. 59" wide x 81" high. Call Skip 771-4191.

FOR SALE - Antique, walk-in wood freezer, 7'x7'. Six yr. old compressor. Good condition. \$700 - Call Patrick McKenzie 773-1321.

FOR SALE - Fireplace, excellent cond. Beveled mirror. Beautiful carving. Iron grate with broken shield. Make offer. 618-271-8261.

FOR SALE - All slate mantle - painted to look like marble. Comes in 5 piece. Excellent condition \$300 - call James Bowman 535-4975. Also claw foot bathtub with faucets. Very good cond. \$80.

FOR SALE - New Fisher brand wood burning stoves. Bob Griffin 645-8649.

WANTED: Sliding door for standard 3'x7' door in a period 1800 townhouse. Will pay cash. Call Gary at 776-1315.

FOR RENT - Renovated townhouse for rent across from the market. \$275 per month. Paul Piersma 776-3097.

Unfurnished apartment - Souldard Historic District - spacious, renovated townhouse and efficiency apartments. No pets. References. \$160-275 per month. 776-3097, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Souldard townhouse apartments, nearing completion and ready for occupancy: 1 bedroom and 3 bedrooms: spiral staircase, fenced off-street parking, patio with fountain, New Orleans wrought iron porch, all electric, burglar alarms and smoke protectors, fireplaces, and completely carpeted. \$300, \$360 and \$450. Open any weekend. 8th & Lafayette.

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ROSTER UPDATE

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91-1117

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St. Louis, Mo. 63138
741-5046

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Tony Lipinski

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St. Louis, Mo. 63111

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776-2694

Bob M. Stowe (Zeno)
915 Ann Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63104
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THE JULY MEETING WILL BE ON THE 11TH
INSTEAD OF THE 4th.

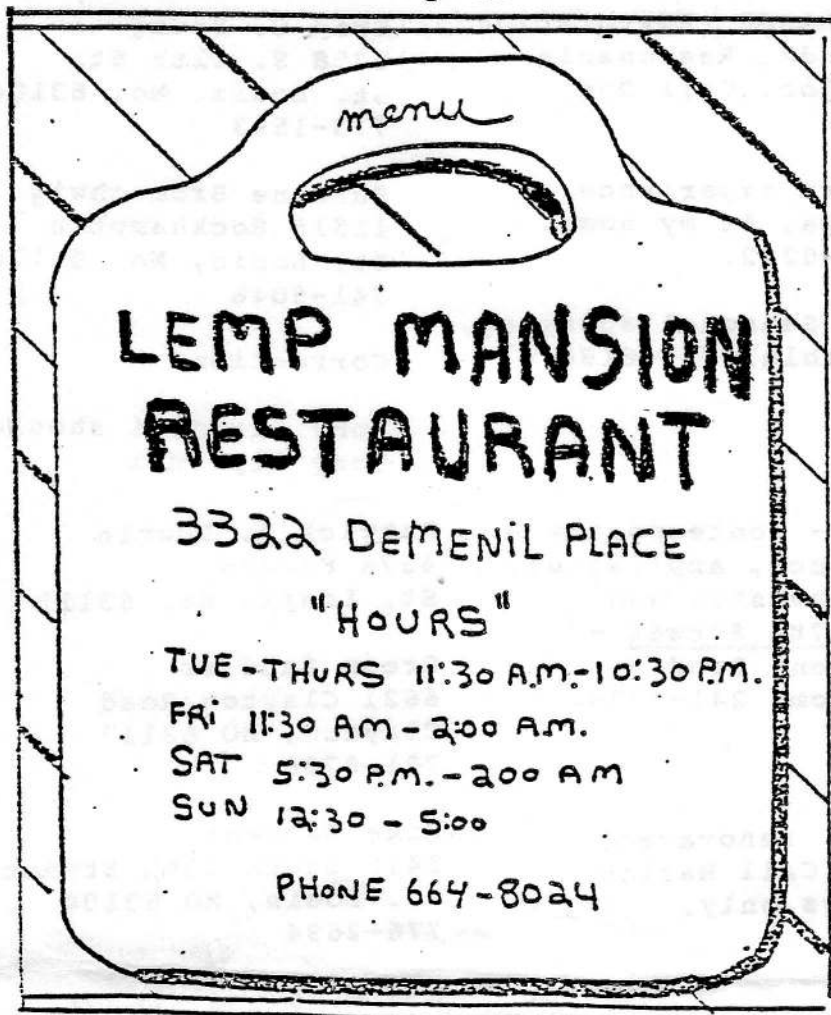
Questions or problems concerning restoration? Write "Dear Abner", P. O. Box 12281, Souldard Station, St. Louis, Missouri 63157

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ONE FINAL NOTE:

As you are undoubtedly aware, a study of displacement is currently being done in the City of St. Louis. Please call Gary Slemmons at 776-1315 and let him know if anyone was displaced when you bought your building.

Writers for the RESTORATIONST ARE NEEDED. Call Carol Ray at 664-2164.



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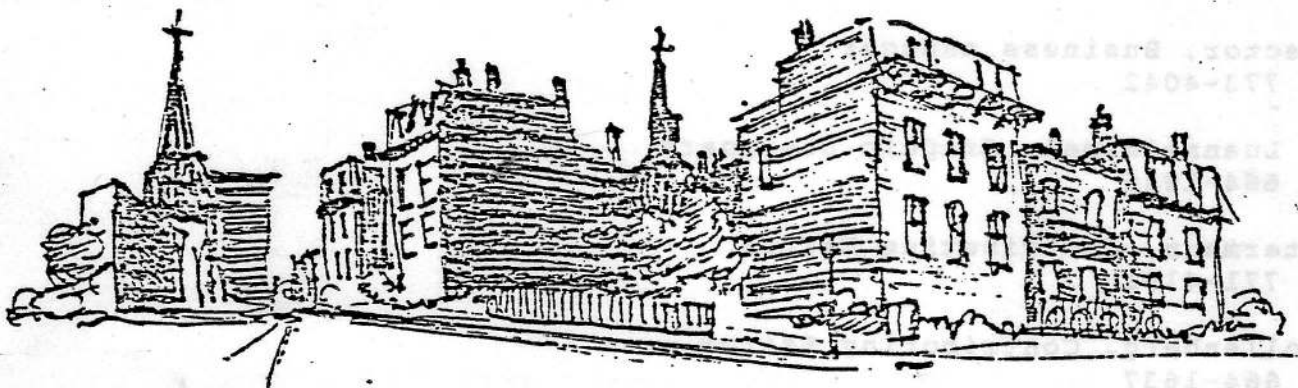
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Empty lots next door to you may still be available for purchase. If you are interested in finding out whether or not the vacant lot adjoining your home is available to buy, call Debbie Manning at 664 9181.

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