

The Soulard Restorationist

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November 1980

ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 1980 --
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - 7:30 P.M.

Main item of business -- Election of
1980-81 Officers and Directors

The following have been duly nominated and have accepted for office in 1980-81 --

President: Hilary Clements
Peter Sortino

Vice President:
Kathy Poe
Paul Kjorlie

Secretary:
Shirley Grant

Treasurer:
Amy Dawson

Directors:
Debbie Manning
Gale Hendrickson
Marjory Wozniac
Don Bennett
Jim Marquis
Ruth Uxa

The following statements have been submitted for the candidates.

HILARY CLEMENTS -

I have lived in Soulard since 1973 and have been an active restorationist since that time. While serving as Chairman of the Building Code Committee, we

were successful in locating buyers for several properties that were slated for demolition by the City. I am currently Chairman of the Program Committee.

One of my goals for the Soulard Restoration Group, if I am elected President, would be to increase membership by:

- A. Re-enlisting the support of past members.
- B. Soliciting new members from both new and established home owners in the Soulard area.
- C. Making a strong effort to gain members from the people moving into new apartments in the Soulard area.

I feel we must renew our efforts to gain support from our elected officials and the various city departments in order to obtain Soulard's share of the programs and services available. If this support is once again gained, we can then push for a beautification program in Soulard and get our alleys, streets and vacant lots cleaned up and show the area that SRG members are concerned about the area as a whole, not just concerned about our individual properties.

Lastly, but just as importantly, we need to locate a permanent place for our SRG headquarters. This will enable our group to make a good, strong, impression on people seeking more information on available properties, the Soulard area in general and the SRG.

All of the above can only be accomplished with the support of everyone in SRG.

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PETER SORTINO

After serving a term as Vice President of the Souland Restoration Group, I look forward to the prospect of services as President. SRG has in the past, through active membership and strong leadership, made great strides in revitalizing the Souland neighborhood. If elected President of SRG, the major thrust of my administration will be to increase the respectability of our organization within the community and hopefully, throughout the City. The key to achieving this objective, in my opinion, will be to emphasize informed decision making and to better communicate the meaning of our decisions. We must be committed to creating a positive image of our group's efforts concerning the physical development of the neighborhood (e.g., housing development and historic code enforcement) by continuing to effectively communicate our proposals to city officials and neighborhood residents. For example, the neighborhood resident survey, which I participated in developing, provides us with an excellent opportunity to make intelligent decisions concerning housing development within the Historic District.

In terms of the internal operation of SRG it is apparent that the success of our organization is contingent upon active membership involvement and continued efforts aimed at recruiting new members. In this regard, the committees of the organization are vital. It is my intention, that prior to considering committee appointments, each existing committee chairperson will be consulted in order to obtain input concerning the potential and problems of existing committees. Such discussions will be crucial in determining the future direction of the group.

In conclusion, the next year presents many opportunities for the continued development of SRG and the neighborhood. If elected, I hope to provide the leadership required to make SRG a major factor in decisions which will effect the future of the Souland Historic District.

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PAUL KJORLIE

Member of the Block Grants Committee -
1976-1977
Board of Directors - 1977-1979
Tour Committee - 1978-1979

When I bought my burned-out house five years ago, (against the advice of my employers) I thought I was to be a part of an exciting effort to renew a dead neighborhood. I thought we would be encouraged by city officials and city policy. How wrong I was! I've seen the amoral demolition of the Boys Club houses, contempt from HUD, CDA officials and ward-healders who have either delayed or stopped public improvements (even stop signs) and have attempted to create a housing project out of Souland. And, the gradual loss of volunteerism and neighborliness among our members. I will never understand why some of our members will not open their homes for tours or even vote in City elections. Baby, we've a long row to hoe yet! If elected, I will work for the return to the original SRG goal of encouraging owner-occupied homes.

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KATHY DABROWSKI-POE

SRG positions and committees

House Tour Chairman - 1978-1979
Restorationist Staff - 1977 - to present
Board of Directors - 1978-1980
Code Committee Member - 1979-1980

As vice president of the SRG I would work toward increasing membership in the SRG, enhancing the SRG's position in the community, strengthening our relationship with elected public officials and working toward a more unified Souland.

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SHIRLEY A. GRANT

I have lived here for one-year renting from Gene and Debbie Manning, but hope to purchase and restore in the future.

Since living in Soulard and joining the SRG, I have been attending the monthly meetings, have worked for the Channel 9 Auction with the group, and worked on the last house tour.

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AMY DAWSON

Residing at 1832 S. 8th Street since June 1979. I have served as Chairman of the Membership Committee during 1979-80.

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DON BENNETT

Resident and property owner in Soulard since 1974. Original and founding member of the organization which became the Soulard Restoration Group.

Publicity chairman of the first annual house tour. Designed and printed the first poster, tickets and brochure for first house tour. Served in various capacities on several committees during the existence of the SRG.

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DEBRA MANNING

1978-79 Chairman - House Sales Committee - developed SRG --

T-shirt
bumper stickers
balloons
brochure

1979-80 Treasurer

RUTH UXA

I have been a member of SRG since May 1980. I attended my first SRG meeting on February when I came to get

more information about purchasing a house in Soulard. Recently, I bought 1015-17 Ann. Since May, I have rented a house at 1011 Lynch.

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JIM MARQUIS

I have lived in Soulard for approximately two years. My wife, Judy, and I have nearly completed the total renovation of our home on South 11th Street. This experience has given me a keen insight into the problems, frustrations and needs of restorationists. I have also learned the value of building good relationships with one's neighbors - new and long-term.

Chairing the SRG Public Relations Committee this past year has made me aware of the necessity of effectively marketing the Soulard community; my experience in advertising has prepared me to do this.

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MARJORY WOZNAK

In 1975, Marjory Wozniak left the quiet country behind and moved to Soulard. She forgot about growing corn and became involved in trying to help a neighborhood grow. With her home at 1211 Victor virtually renovated, Marjory is now renovating 2425 S. 12th, where she and her husband have three apartment units and a storefront housing Wozniak Electric.

Since coming to Soulard, Marjory coming to Soulard, Marjory has been continuously involved with SRG, particularly in our house tours, newsletter, and fund raising projects. Marjory's associated activities have included the Visual & Performing Arts Magnet School, Missouri Housing Coalition, Insurance Red Lining Committee and the Citizen's Participation Council.

Marjory's concerns for Soulard are, of course, the preservation of our irreplaceable housing stock and helping to encourage the commitment, the pride and the identification in us, so that Soulard is not just another urban bedroom community, but a neighborhood.

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GALE HENDRICKSON

I am honored to be nominated for the SRG Board of Directors; however, it would take valuable time away from working on my house. I am sure that we all feel this way, and this is the reason most offices are run unopposed. Those who are running know; not only will they have a great deal of responsibility, but may also face the possibility of having little, or no support from the membership. I have served on several committees that failed out of lack of interest - and I am guilty as we all are.

We are too busy, perhaps, to put the care and attention needed into our neighborhood that we put into our houses. What is a finished home worth if the neighborhood is in decay?

Last summer I initiated a Souldard Clean-Up Program and helped in a neighborhood survey. I was chairman of the Code Committee for four short meetings and liaison for SRG at Landmarks and Urban Design meetings for one year.

I have helped in a small way in the past but never enough. No one wants to be chairman of a committee - for the fear that someday they will call a meeting and no one will come.

Whether I am elected to the Board or not does not matter. What matters is that we all get involved again (or for the first time). Don't come home from work and shut the door. If we want this community or organization to work we have to work at it. Take one hour a week, or one night a month and so something to better Souldard.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As the year rushes to a close I have mixed feelings about leaving office.

Some disappointment with a few personal goals were not realized. Some frustrations in the "systems" with which we have to work. Some aggravation with the broken promises. But the overriding feeling is one of gratitude for all the hard work done by members of SRG.

Many members have gone out of their way to attend meetings, serve on committees, haul desks, and work on a host of other tasks. For the hard work and cooperation I can only say "Thanks".

This past year we crossed a few key bridges and made considerable progress toward what we all want, a stable, progressive Souldard Historic District. The struggle is far from over, but the light is getting stronger. It has been a satisfying experience to be in the middle of that struggle for the past year.

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BY-LAWS

All recommended revisions to the SRG By-Laws were approved at the 10/1/80 membership meetings. Basically, the revisions designate the vice president and secretary as voting members of the Board, state meeting attendance requirements for Board members and provide a method for filling vacancies on the Board.

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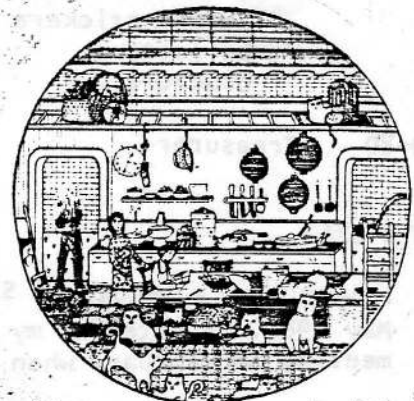
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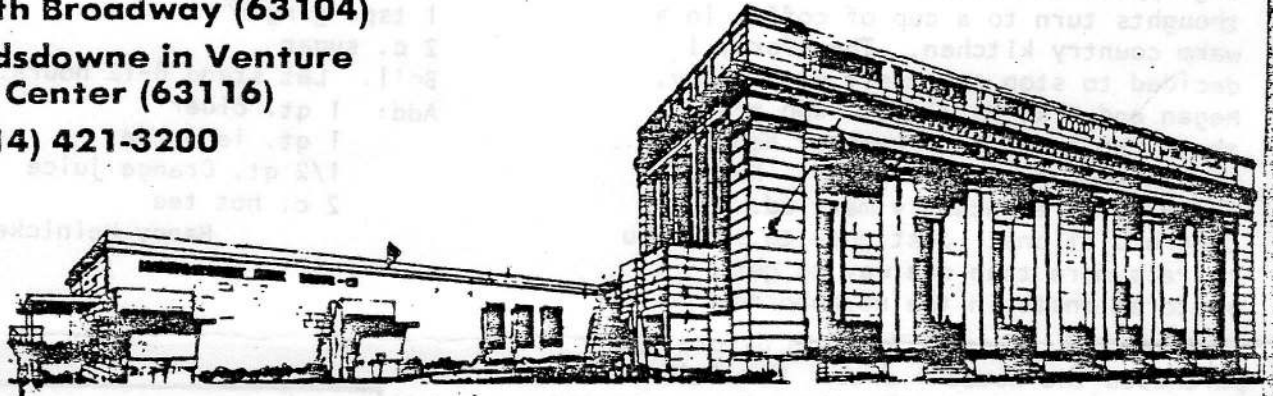
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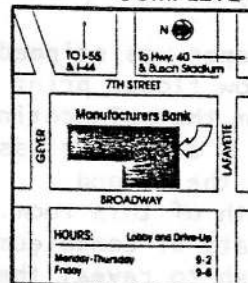
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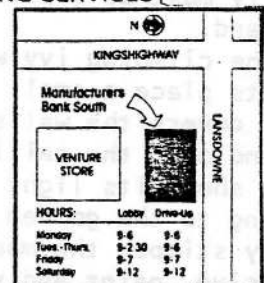
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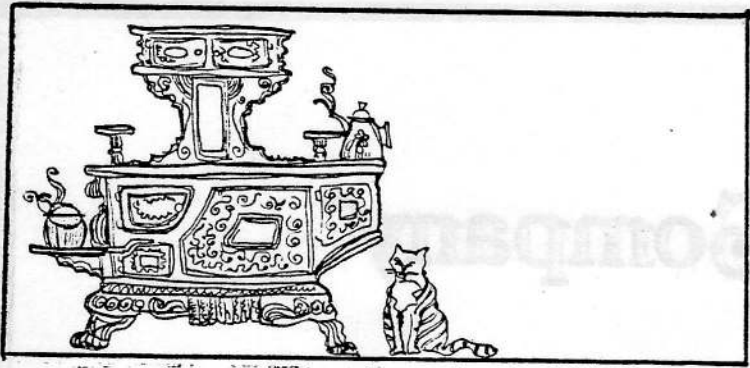
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THE KITCHENS OF SOULARD by Ma Bisco

After a morning in the country picking apples and raspberries one's thoughts turn to a cup of coffee in a warm country kitchen. Therefore, I decided to stop and visit with Nancy, Megan and Mike Heinicke. Who are they? Well you may remember Nancy Loy and Megan, her daughter. Nancy and Mike were recently married. Congratulations! Just goes to show you there's more than one way to get restorationists in the neighborhood.

I remember Nancy's kitchen before she purchased the house - drab! Now it's warm and cheery. This is the place Nancy started work on the house. She jerked the sink off the interior brick wall, repaired the portion where the sink had been, wire-brushed it all, and sealed it. Then up went the antique clock! The cabinets, which were ordered from a shop before she moved in, were soon in place. Their dark wooden fronts accented by the porcelain knobs and butcher block tops began to warm the room. The center island containing the sink and dishwasher also provided a snack bar for quick breakfasts and dinners for the busy women. Another stool was easily added when Mike joined the family. Just shows that flexibility must be a part of your floorplan in Souard.

The climbing ivy wallpaper was stripped. In its place a small yellow flower print now covers the walls from the wainscoting up and over the ceiling. A stained glass lamp sheds its light over the island adding to the golden warmth of this room. Nancy stripped the many coats of congoeum, adhesive, paint and varnish to reveal the original wainscoting. Now her natural woodwork shines - a monument to her patience!

After months of sub-floor Nancy stormed out one Saturday and ordered an easy-care vinyl flooring. The green, yellow and white tile-like pattern completed the room and made cleaning worthwhile. Everyone knows there's absolutely no motivation in cleaning a subfloor.

Sitting in a warm kitchen after a pleasant morning leads directly into a nap for us old-timers but before leaving I did remember to get a recipe. --

WASSAIL

2-1/2 cups H₂O
2 tsp. whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
1 tsp. ginger
2 c. sugar
Boil. Let stand 8-12 hours.
Add: 1 qt. cider
1 qt. lemonade
1/2 qt. Orange juice
2 c. hot tea

Nancy Heinicke

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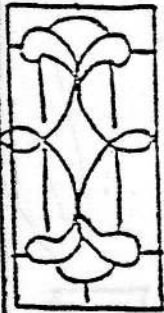


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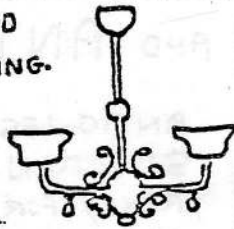


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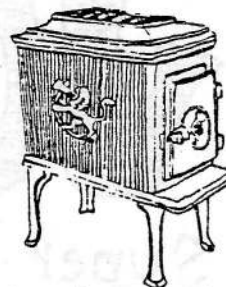
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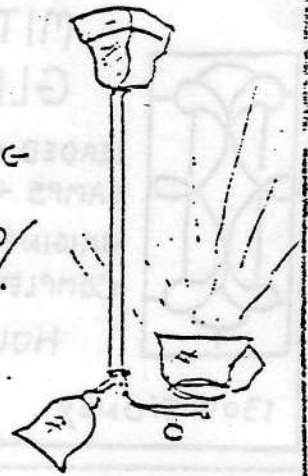
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Installation Dinner Party

All SRG members are urged to attend the 1980 installation dinner to be held on November 15th from 7:30 p.m. until ????. Location to be announced at the regular November meeting.

The evening will include a delectable menu, beer, music awards of appreciation and good times.

Let's take this opportunity to show our appreciation to departing officers and welcome the new officers.

RSVP by November 8th.

Amy Dawson - 421-6704
Nancy Grimshaw - 771-5087

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SRG FUND RAISER

Now that the house tour is over and the money has been safely deposited in the bank, the SRG is about to embark on another fund raiser --- a calendar sale. The calendar, which is being designed by Michael Davison will go on sale in November at the SRG monthly meeting. Each month will be depicted by a different, seasonal photograph of Souard. Important dates, such as SRG meetings and holidays will be included on the calendar.

The cost of the calendar will be \$3.50. SRG members may take a limited number of calendars to sell, but must return the money or the calendars to Kathy Dabrowski-Poe at the December SRG meeting. The calendar will also be sold at the Christmas Parlor Tour on Sunday, December 7.

Mail orders will also be accepted. To order by mail send a check or money order for \$4.00 (\$3.50 for the calendar and \$.50 for handling and postage) for each calendar desired to Calendar Sale, Souard Restoration Group, P. O. Box 13312, Souard Station, St. Louis, MO 63157. Orders will be filled in the order received and delivery will be within 10 days. The calendar will also be sold at the SRG Housing Office located in Memo Printing at the corner of 12th and Allen.
(The perfect gift for that hard to please relative or friend.)

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FREE TREES

It's that time again - time for planting trees. Free trees for Souard are still available through the Forestry Division under a special program called Project Greenback. Simply call 535-0075, ask for Denise and request an inspector to come to your house. Trees are planted every 35 feet along the street front and the inspector will mark with paint where your tree will be planted. It's then up to you to make a tree box (by clearing the brick or sawing clear a concrete square). Once done, the Forestry Division will come back and plant your tree; the trees are guaranteed for a year and requests for specific types of trees will be honored when possible. SPREAD THE WORD - TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS!

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DEAR NEIGHBOR LETTER

The Dear Neighbor Letter dated Sept. 4 which was sent to all Souard residents listed in the telephone street director. The objective was two-fold 1) to diffuse resentment about those historians by explaining how Souard come to be a historic district and 2) to improve SRG's relationship with the neighborhood by a special membership offer and a reduced price for tour tickets. At least a dozen letters were turned in during the tour.

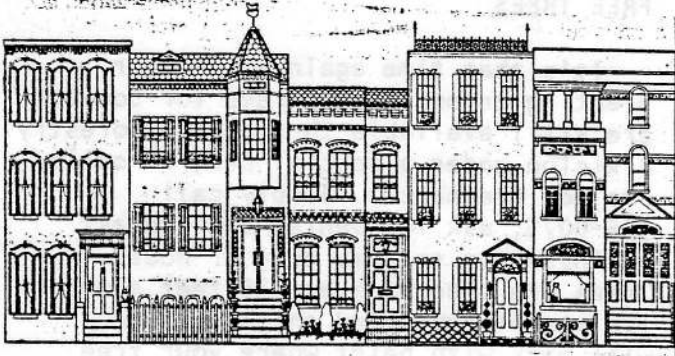
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2307 S. 11th St - 1882
 Trinity Lutheran Church - 1864
 (rebuilt 1896)
 Trinity Lutheran School - 1896
 1828 S. 8th St. - 1860
 1113 Lami St. - 1874
 2322 S. 12th St. - 1875
 2310 S. 12th - 1883
 2308 S. 12th - 1883
 2346 S. 13th - moved to this location in 1868 (moved 40 ft.)
 2337 S. 13th - 1873
 1126 Sidney St. - 1862-75
 3306 S. 9th - c. 1878
 2359 S. 13th - 1873
 2219 S. 12th St. - 1885
 2219 S. 11th St. - c. 1830
 (completed 1852)

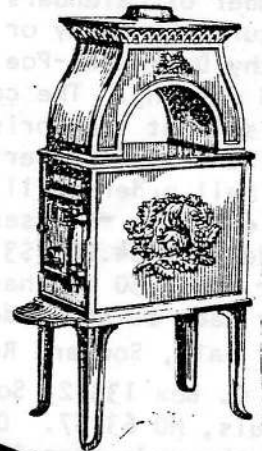
2212 Menard - 1869
 2620 S. 13th - 1884
 SS. Peter and Paul Church - 1871 & 1896
 2401 S. 11th St. - c. 1888
 2355 S. 11th St. - 1886
 St. Agatha Church - 1885
 Jesus Church - 1896
 3333 DeMenil Place - c. 1860
 Ripple Row 2622-30 S. 12th - 1888
 2410-16 S. 18th St. - 1874-76

DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

When Clark Rowely kissed Bob B.?
 *making peach ice cream at Judy Shehan's? . . .
 *when Cecelia Capiello threw herself on the ground in front of the 12th Street Hotel crowd to get Skip Gatermann's attention? . . .
 *when painting a cornice white was considered chic? . . .
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 *a time when Phyllis Young wasn't involved in every aspect of the SRG?

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We have been unable to learn if the move was the result of the desire of a greedy property owner who wanted to upgrade the building and attract a different class tenant and make a fair profit on his investment or if CDA was an undesirable tenant.

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HERITAGE & URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION MEETING September 25, 1980

BUILDING PERMITS (approved)

1214 Victor (General Permit)
Sortino
1722-28 S. 9th (rear proch) -
K. Sapp

DEMOLITION PERMITS (approved)

1014 Geyer (Mead-McClellan)*
1613 S. 9th (Inserra Bros.)
1619 S. 9th (Inserra Bros.)
815 R Allen (LRA) - concrete
block garage

Denied

1615-17 S. 9th (Inserra Bros.)

One month extension granted

812 Geyer (Bob Burkhart)
801 Allen (Mead-McClellan)

*= Approved over the objection of the Soulard Restoration Group.

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STOOP SNOOP

Mead McClellan and Tom Dobbins of Hartford, Connecticut (we all know Tom lives on 11th St., but how many knew he came from Hartford?) in Jerry Berger's column and Hilary Clements and his abode on Newsbeat -- all within a week -- my goodness, Soulard is certainly become THE place to live.

Who is Ma Bisco? Maybe Dear Abner knows.

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SOULARD FOOTBALL TEAM

Soulard is well represented in the National Touch Football League. Sponsored by Millard Fillmore's, the team features Jerry Boyer and John Ward of Sandcastles Construction, Jerry Dempsey and Craig Neumeister of Millard Fillmore's, and Rex Bridges, Dale Brunning, Gene Manning and Rick Zacker Soulard residents. The team plays on Thursday nights at Forest Park, #17.

RUTH UXA reminds us to watch
Channel 9, 6:30 p.m., Saturday's
for restoration hints.

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BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

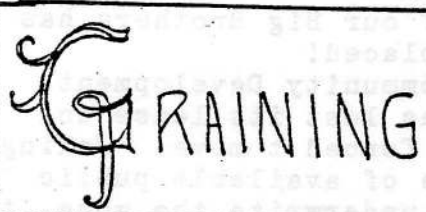
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The letter never sent,
The long forgotten message,
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For these some loved ones wait;
So show them that you care for
them - Before it is too late.

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with it a certain definite
responsibilities, some of which
are:

- LOYALTY to the objects of the
organization
- PAYMENT of dues and other financial
obligations
- ACCEPTANCE of some responsibility
for the growth, progress, and
accomplishments of the group
- WILLINGNESS to serve on a commit-
tee or accept other office or
responsibility when asked to
do so.
- ABIDING by the decisions of the
majority vote until and unless
proper steps are taken to
change action taken
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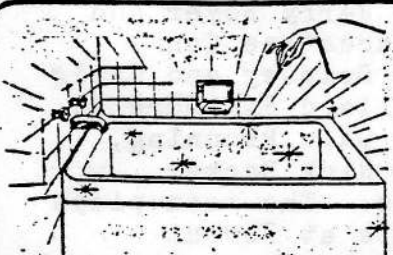
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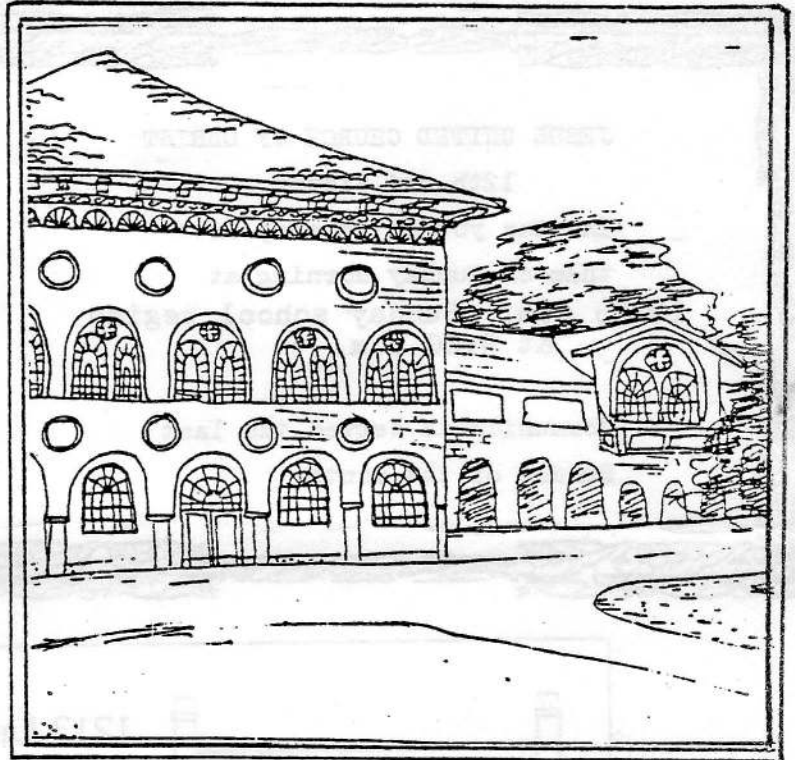
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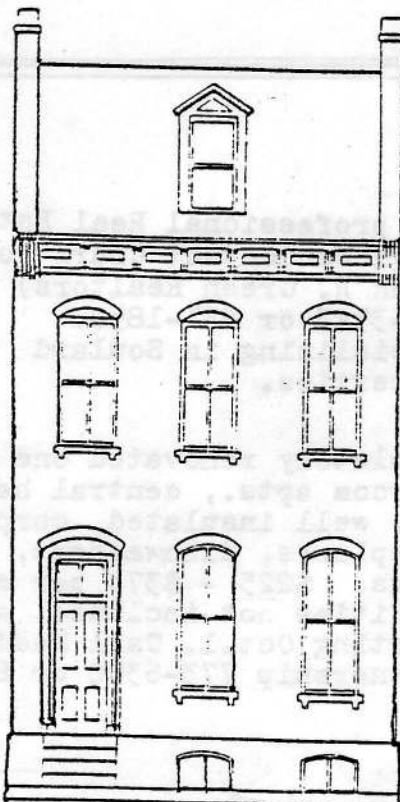
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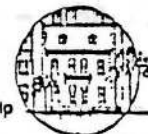
YARD: Fenced back yard with brick patio; parking area

FEATURES: Woodburning fireplace with original marble mantle,
original walnut stairway, original window moldings
in living room

WASHER & DRYER: Outlets in basement

AGE: House built approximately 1870

COST: \$79,500



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RONALD REAGAN / PRESIDENT

Governor Reagan's faith in private effort is certainly well known. Reagan's belief that owner-occupied neighborhoods are intrinsically more stable and conducive to investment is self evident.

GENE McNARY / U.S. SENATOR

McNary's successful fight with H.U.D. "paper-clip-benders" over subsidized housing is a classic David vs. Goliath story. As his constituents, we would at least have a Senator who would listen to our feelings politely. Don't forget how Tom Eagleton treated a delegation of Souland residents with indifference when they voiced concern over Souland's impact on Section 8 Housing.

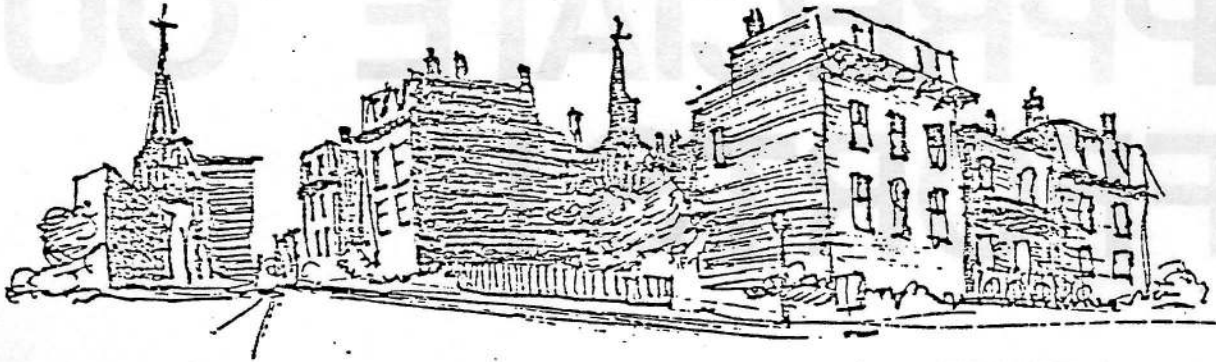
KIT BOND / GOVERNOR

Kit Bond gave us a restored Wainwright Building and Jefferson Landing (Jefferson City). Joe Teasdale gave us the North-South Distributor, St. Mary's "Honor" Center, and he tried to stop the Mid-Town State Office Building (after the state had already levelled a prime block of real estate). If we are "urban pioneers", then Teasdale is Cochise.

Stop fooling yourself, politics is important to you very intimately. Vote the way you've been thinking these past years; while you've watched H.U.D. and C.D.A. play games with your long-sought dream of creating a decent neighborhood. Remember the Good Old Days, when Lafayette Square received awards from H.U.D. for their restoration efforts?

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