

The Soulard Restorationist

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A CLEAN SLATE

The nominating committee of SRG has been busily selecting candidates for the November election. As you know, there are many capable people in Soulard but the trick is finding those who are both capable and willing. No matter how you look at the role the officers and directors play, it's a time-consuming, frustrating, and sometimes annoying job. We applaud these people and seek your support for them.

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WINDOWS ON SOULARD

Thanks to The Arts and Humanities Commission of St. Louis, some of Soulard's boarded up buildings have been brightened considerably. Perhaps you noticed walking south from the Market that the corner of 10th and Lafayette now has the illusion of occupancy - shutters, potted plants

and a ginger cat. Terry Berger, Roger and Luanne Rimel and an army of volunteers have been working for the past month to produce adhesive-backed vinyl decals to decorate some of our boarded up buildings.

Late last spring President Peter Sortino was approached by the Commission to consider a grant proposal for an arts-related project in Soulard. Peter delegated the the project to Terry Berger who in turn approached the Rimels with a suggestion inspired by a similar project in New York City. The SRG and First National Bank provided matching funds after the AHC awarded the grant. The POST-DISPATCH donated the former Berberich garage at 13th and Shenandoah for a work space and the project was underway. Volunteers discovered that it was great fun to produce silk screened illusions and the old truck garage has been a busy place. One hundred "trompe l'oeil" window designs have been completed and two buildings now have the decals in place. The second building belongs to Phyllis and Jim Young at 2342 South 9th.

More windows will be enhanced before the snow flies and additional prints will be available in the spring. A special commemorative poster was available during the house tour. For additional information call Terry Berger at 241-2684.

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The city resumed the monthly pickup of bulky trash Monday, September 21.

The service was discontinued in April when the city lost the federally paid employees who made the special pickups.

Large items, such as furniture, appliances

and building materials, must be placed at the resident's regular refuse-pickup point by 6 a.m. on the Monday of the week when the crews are scheduled to work in that area.

The maximum is three large items per household. Small or loose items must be bundled or placed in containers weighing no more than 100 pounds.

Residents who can identify themselves with a city auto sticker, a paid property tax receipt or a driver's license can take excess bulky trash to the city landfill, 8700 Hall St., between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For information on the trash service, call 353-8877.

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Book Review: Neighborhoods That Work
Sandra Perlman Schoenberg and
Patricia L. Rosenbaum
Rutgers University Press
New Brunswick, NJ 1980

Early in the book Neighborhoods That Work the authors set up a four part proposition to measure neighborhood viability. To this set

of measurements the authors test 5 St. Louis neighborhoods: The Hill, Lafayette Square, Soulard, Hyde Park and the Ville. The four part measurements described sound extremely practical and seem to be a sound measuring device. As the reader proceeds page by page through each neighborhood's account it becomes quite evident that the authors are very out of touch with the communities involved. There also appears to be quite a bias regarding certain neighborhood issues which the authors' tried not to show but came through anyhow.

For information on each neighborhood there seemed to be an over reliance on using one group in preference over another. This is the case in the Hyde Park and Soulard areas. As a result a distorted picture of these areas is the end product. One of the authors points out a stroll with the president of the neighborhood association which she experienced in Soulard. She points out that most of the people they met on the walk knew him personally. In actuality, no leader of any group in Soulard is that well recognized. The neighborhood leadership is much more subtle and at most it's approximately 5000 residents know or care little about such people.

The authors point out that the churches of Soulard play an insignificant role in community life. This is a direct slam at their hard work in the neighborhood. For example, Jesus Church decided to stay in the community and help rebuild and restore along with the private efforts. Trinity Lutheran, another example, has directed its efforts in the area of improved private educational facilities for all of the area's residents along with many other fine programs.

From just these examples one can plainly see that research on specifics is sorely lacking in the book. The newest information used in the book is from research done in 1977 which makes Neighborhoods That Work sorely out of date. After reading this book I know one thing that does not work - this book!

Neighborhoods That Work is available from the Barr Branch Public Library at Lafayette and Jefferson. The Barr Branch has a fine selection of reading available. Everything from the finest literature, poetry, current best sellers, children's books to books on restoration. If you are looking for a good book to snuggle up with by the fire this fall and winter, the Barr Branch is the place to go. Oh, yes Neighborhoods That Work should be read by the fire, it should be in the fire.

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The company will specialize on customized tours in St. Louis and surrounding areas. The company was formed to promote the positive aspects of city living with a slant toward the historic aspect.

Nancy Daniel, Vice President, and one of the founders said "We plan to customize our approach to the needs of our clientele, and will offer a broad spectrum of interest ranging from medical quackery to boy scouts on an outing to the planetarium."

See St. Louis Tour, Inc. will launch into this venture with a FUN-TASTIC trip to Historic Hermann, Mo. for the Octoberfest activities on October 17, 1981. The group will depart at 9 am from 1901 Park Ave. and return at 6 pm on the 17th. The total cost for the day is \$12.00 per person and includes the following:

- 1) Round trip transportation, via scenic cruiser with facilities. Enjoy the beautiful autumn colors.
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 - b. Folk dancing
 - c. Craft demonstrations
 - d. Antique show

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HERITAGE AND URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION REPORT

Permits Approved

- 1859 S. 10th - Exterior general repairs - secure and board-up
- 1861-63 S. 10th - Re-hab
- 2222 S. 12th - Install in-ground swimming pool

2000-02 S. 12th - Construct conventional rear porch

1031 Lynch - (Lynch Street Regulars) 4x6 canvas canopy

1322 Shenandoah - Construct two story side and rear porch (final approval subject to paint matching)

1221 Allen Market Lane - Construct two-story side and rear porch.

Permits Denied

701 Utah - General repairs. Denied because of absence of elevations on plans. Request stop work order.

2121 S. 12th (rear) - Exterior re-hab. Request tabled.

Demolitions Approved

2312 South 12th St. (rear) - Rear Structure

704 Soulard

Demolitions Denied

1829-31 S. 9th Street

2302-04 Menard

2318 S. 11th Street

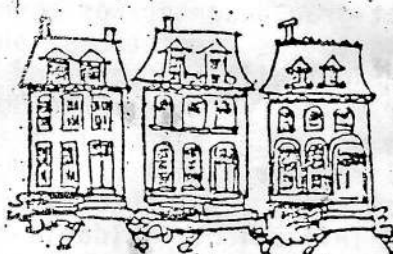
909-11 Emmet - Denied subject to building permit being reissued and work beginning with 45 days of August 27.

706-12 Soulard

Demolitions Continued

800 - 02 Geyer - Back bearing wall bulging - continued

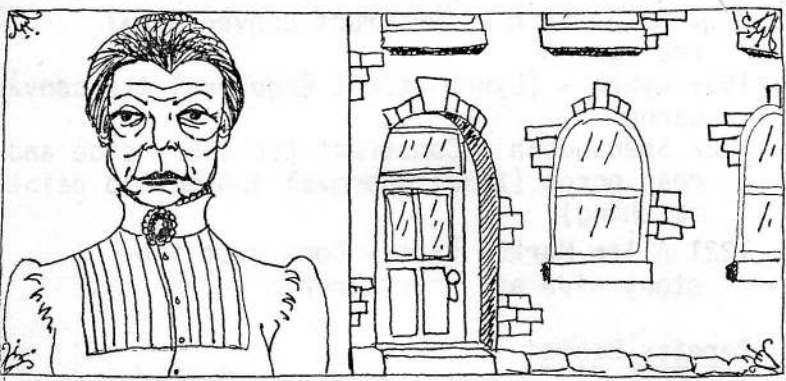
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GREAT GRANDMOTHER'S REVENGE

by - Ann Sidney Brickstreet

Synopsis: Davis has just sent her "ghost" home with best wishes. Several cups of tea have made her wide awake. She has been searching a trunk in the attic and has discovered a very disturbing entry in an old journal.

Chapter 7.

Holding the journal against her chest, Davia climbed down to the kitchen which now seemed the friendliest room in the house. She settled herself at the table and wished she'd had the sense to have bought a bottle of wine. An impulse led her to open the cupboard; in the back corner was a tall, unlabeled bottle with a cork. Slivovitz - Great Grandmother's cure-all. Remembering its legendary qualities, she poured a small amount in her tea cup. She savored one fiery swallow and felt it burn all the way down. She shook her head involuntarily, but she felt better.

Thus fortified she opened the leather-bound book. The first entry was dated February 13th, 1946, her birthday. She reread the entry which had produced the shock in the attic. "My great-granddaughter was born today. According to the predictions, she will have the ancient gift and carry on the tradition of our women. Praise be to God that witches are no longer burned in this country. When I see her I will know the gypsy signs. How sorry I was that my granddaughter refused initiation. Moldavia the Fourth will make her regret it. When she comes of age, she will be contacted. That much I am able to arrange. How sorry I am not to begin her training early. But I will watch carefully and be comforted, of that I am sure. The tradition is too ancient not to endure."

Davia sat up straight in her chair and sipped more of the brandy. She closed her eyes and tried to stop the chills that were causing her to tremble. For twenty-three years she had not admitted the strange, unexplained enmity

between her aunt and her great grandmother. It had been so simple to assume that it was a case of old world versus new. Urban versus suburban. No wonder her parents had avoided the old neighborhood. No wonder the relatives were never invited to holiday dinners. How much did her father know? She felt she had discovered a curse.

She looked at her watch and discovered it was 2 a.m. "Great-grandmother," she said aloud, "you were right. I've known it for years. May your spirit help me." She finished the plum brandy and stood up. She had come home. This was indeed her place. Great waves of emotion were washing over her. All she felt capable of was crawling into Great-grandmother's bed. Her powers would protect her from the horrors outside. They had protected Great-grandmother for years. They were still here. All the times of feeling not quite right were resolved. "Thank-you," she said aloud and climbed upstairs to bed.

To be continued!



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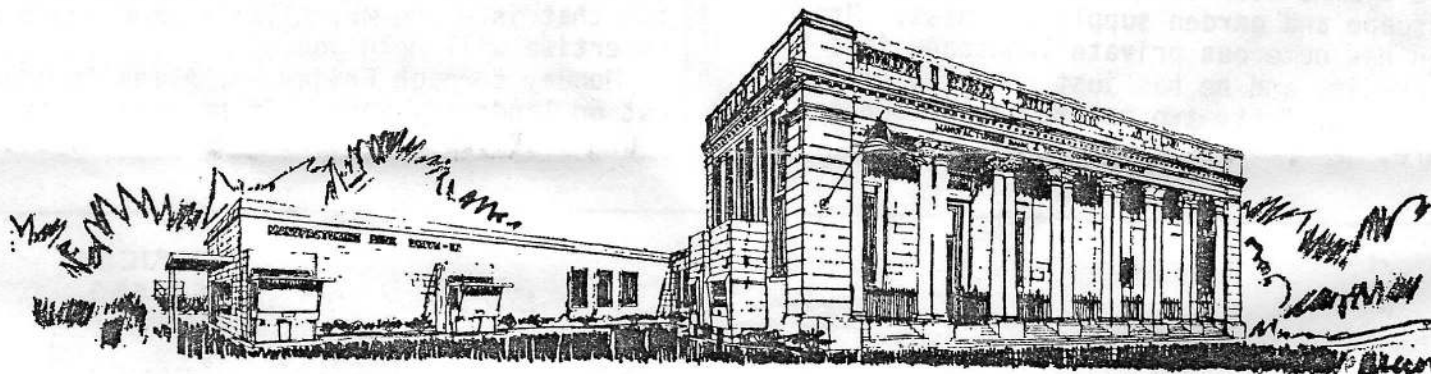


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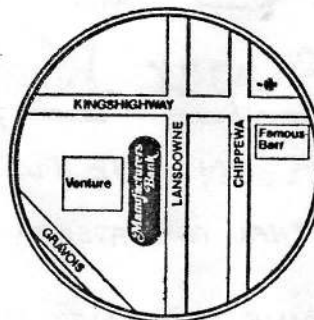


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THE RESTORATIONIST SHOPPER
by - Suzanne Connelly

Besides the time for painted leaves, ghosts and goblins, October is the month for fall planting, re-seeding and fertilizing lawns.

According to John Allen, owner of Allens Garden Shop at 3201 Cherokee Street, St. Louis, the biggest mistake gardeners make when it comes to landscaping is not having a definite master plan when they start planting. The end result is a hodgepodge garden, and dissatisfaction on the part of the gardener.

Mr. Allen graciously gave of his time on a Saturday morning to provide the "do it yourself" restorationist with helpful

suggestions to make the fruits of your labor blossom.

Mr. Allen started out at this present location thirty-five years ago with an ice cream and watermelon garden. Approximately twenty years ago he started building his successful landscape and garden supply business. Mr. Allen has numerous private landscape jobs to his credit, and he has just recently completed landscaping forty-two townhouses in Senate Square.

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To begin your landscaping project you will need graph paper, a pencil and a rule. First measure the area you desire to landscape, and replicate these measurements on a smaller scale on graph paper.

After this first task is achieved, set out to determine your master plan. In order to clearly convey your gardening needs locate a picture from a magazine, gardening book or obtain a photograph of an existing garden to give your garden supplier a concrete idea of the overall look you want to achieve.

If there are existing trees, shrubs or bulbs in the area you wish to landscape remember to indicate these locations on your graph paper.

When you are deciding on your master plan do not neglect to take into consideration maintenance, safety and scale.

Now that you know the square footage to be covered and you have obtained a picture of what you want your finished yard to look like, you are ready to visit your garden supplier. You may have clipped a picture of a California garden that cannot be replicated in St. Louis, but that is where Mr. Allen's experience and expertise will help you.

Monday through Friday Mr. Allen is usually out on landscape jobs, but he said he is usually available Saturdays and Sundays to

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Landscaping can be expensive whether you do it yourself or hire someone else to do it. A couple of ways to save money is to have your landscaping done in stages. Stage completion is no problem when you have a definite master plan to work from. Mr. Allen had one client that took five years to complete his garden. Another way to save is to buy young plants, shrubs and trees. Small plants usually save the purchaser approximately one-third the cost of larger plants.

When asked about the quality of city soil, Mr. Allen stated that "most city soil is ideal for planting", but he suggested adding peat moss to loosen it.

For those of us who will be re-seeding and fertilizing our lawns he said to be sure to use a low nitrogen fertlizer (a number under 12), rather than a high nitrogen fertilizer to avoid burning the seeds. Regarding bulb plants he warned against planting too early. Bulbs should not be planted prior to six weeks before the first frost or they will begin blooming prematurely. Generally, October 20th is a good time to plant spring bulbs.

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Other than bulbs, container plants, such as evergreens and mums can be bedded in the fall.

In the course of Mr. Allen's landscaping work he and his crew have frequently laid brick sidewalks, patios, and done repair work on iron fences and gates. He also makes custom wrought iron fences.

Noting that the city has many brick sidewalks and patios he offered step by step instructions to successfully re-lay your bricks.

The first project is to build a frame in which to re-lay the bricks. Using 2" by 4"s' make a frame around your existing brick work. After the frame has been securely hammered in place begin removing the old bricks. Be sure to make note of your particular brick pattern if you plan on replicating it, or if you are insecure lay out your bricks exactly as they were laid, next to your frame.

The next step is to level the existing dirt and sand in the bed of your frame. At this point Mr. Allen pours a layer of screening in the frame, levels it and waters it. The bed is left to settle overnight. If you cannot obtain screenings (residue from white rock) use sand. The next day pour a new layer of sand

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or screenings and level it off using a level. Once your bed is level begin laying the bricks. After all the bricks are laid pour another layer of sand on top of the bricks and brush the sand with a broom to work it in between the bricks. Now you can remove your form, or hammer the form below the surface level. Mr. Allen chooses the latter method. Hopefully, you now have a professional looking sidewalk.

Should you decide to visit Mr. Allen's gardening shop you will find it open from 8 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Other than seasonal plants, shrubs, trees, and bulbs you will also find a varied selection of pottery planters, decorative items and garden supplies.

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PRESCHOOL ANNOUNCES OPENINGS FOR FALL SEMESTER

Lafayette Square Preschool announces openings for the fall semester. The school has a qualified teacher who introduces reading, math and social skills to children ages 2-3 years on Tuesday-Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. Similar classes are offered to children ages 3-1/2-5 years on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. Music, art and sciences concepts are also explored. A snack is provided. Field trips include concerts, plays and tours. Tuition is \$25.00 per month for the younger group and \$35.00 per month for the older group. For more information call Mary Kay Owens at 664-1264. The preschool holds classes at the Lafayette Park United Methodist Church at 2300 Lafayette Avenue.

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Millard Fillmore's began the playoffs with a 16-5 victory over Dutchtown Inn and followed with an 8-2 win over Direct Mail Corporation. Millard Fillmore's then met Becker Paint, the defending class A champions, and were beaten 19-11.

Millard Fillmore's completed their season with an overall record of 25 wins against 3 losses. Fillmore's won first place in both regular season leagues entered and won the City Championship in the St. Louis Community Schools League to go with their third place Khoury League finish.



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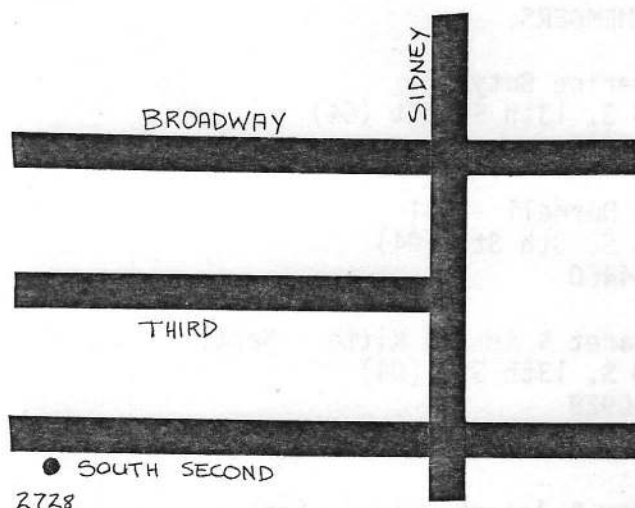
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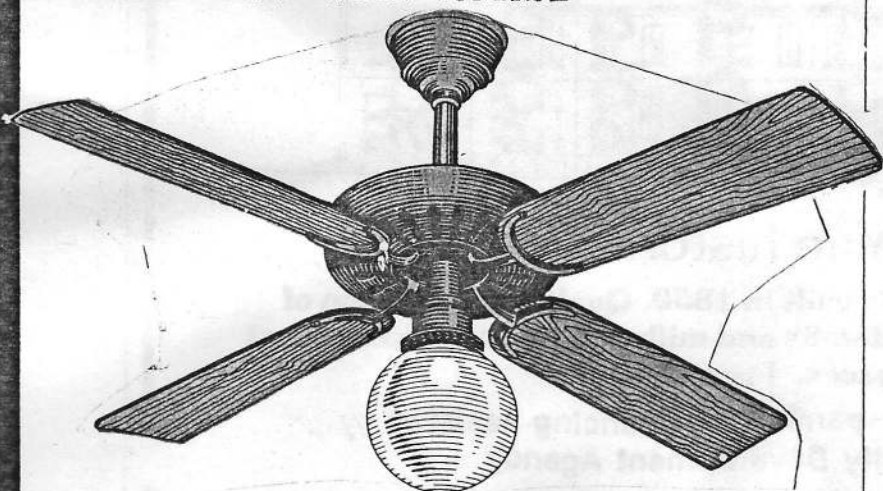
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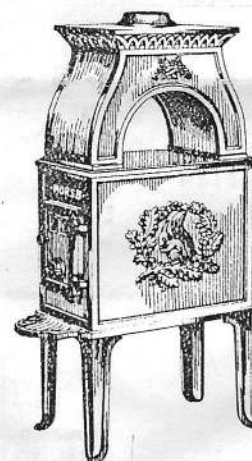


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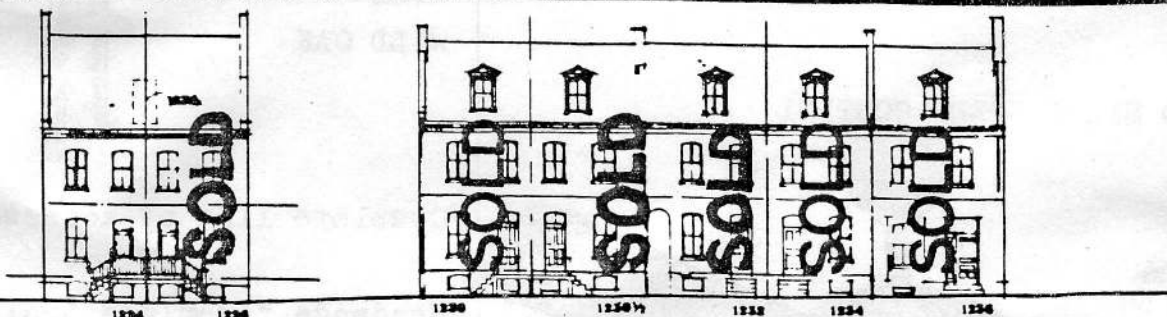
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1823 S. 8th Street (04)
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Thanks to Carl the membership once again has it from A to Z!

SOULARD MARDI GRAS

Mark your calendar: February 20, 1982, is Soulard Mardi Gras. A corporation has been formed by residents and businesses to operate the big event. Tentative plans include tours, crafts and entertainment during the afternoon; a big parade at dusk; and whoopee after dark. Soulard residents are encouraged to invite their friends to spend the day in the neighborhood and enjoy Mardi Gras in an old world atmosphere- a lot cheaper than traveling to New Orleans. Start now to plan for your party. Order these red bends, Dixie beer, sausage, whistles and masks. Wait awhile to order the shrimp. It doesn't keep as well as beans.

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in order for you to be able to
vote November 4 for election
of officers.

PANAMA REDS COME CLOSE, LOSE 8-7

The Panama Reds, Soulard's entry in the St. Louis Community Schools Senior Women's Softball playoffs, lost their opening round game 8-7 to Furlan's Tavern. Finishing second in the Siegel Community School League with a 6-2 record, the Panama Reds make the playoffs their first year in existence.

Burkhardt's, the first place team from Sigel, lost the championship game 11-9 to the Playmates.

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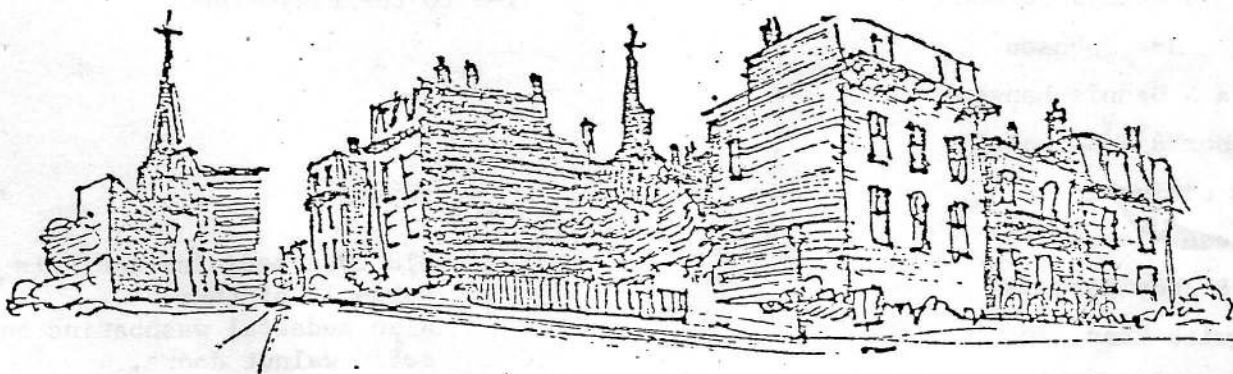
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