

WEDGE

● SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE ●

CRITICAL CARE



By Joe DiDonato

Throughout the past several weeks members of the community have met with Ellicott Development, a firm that wishes to develop the property on the corner of South and Gregory known as the Critical Care building. The developers have identified the building and the adjacent lot as suitable for a future Rite Aid Pharmacy.

The building has been standing on that corner since around the 1860's and has had several occupants, most recently Critical Care. Its first use was as a grocery

store owned by the Ables family and at one time housed a branch of the Rochester Library.

Ellicott developers have determined that they are not interested in the existing building and have proposed its demolition. In its place they would construct a new

building housing about 8,000 sq. feet of store and pharmacy. The developers have first introduced a standard facade and then, after meeting with community members introduced a design including larger window-like fenestration, brickwork relief along the top edge and a change in the brick type to blend with the surrounding architecture.

At the last community meeting held at the Calvary-St. Andrew's Church, another presentation was made to the community by Mr. Bob Spahn, the architect for Ellicott development. At this meeting community members representing views for and against the project were present. The proponents for saving the building pointed out the lack of an explanation as to why the present building can not be modified to be used for the new pharmacy. Others feel that the use of the corner as a pharmacy with a large parking lot represents an inappropriate use of the space and a use not consistent with the "feel" of the corner. In

response Spahn has said that the cost of rehabilitating the building for use as a Rite Aid prohibits its consideration, although he could not give the exact numbers he used to arrive at this decision.

Other members of the community want to see the project proceed. They expressed concern over the effects on business of vacancies on South Ave and the need for stable businesses to be developed on the street. Throughout the meeting there were some spirited exchanges and a very candid discussion.

For some who attended, the reluctance to accept a proposal might have been tempered with the knowledge that Rite Aid will endeavor to build a structure that will enhance the remaining buildings at the intersection. In all, there will be other opportunities to see this as it develops. Interested community members can call the South Wedge Planning Committee (256-1740) for more information.

The Gregory Street Market Changes Hands

by Amy Gravitz

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Talli, the elderly retriever belonging to Art Jones and his family, still spends her mornings basking in the sunshine on the steps of the Gregory Street Market. Apparently, no one has told her that a new owner has purchased the store. Or if she does know, she doesn't care. "She may not be the proprietary dog anymore," explains Art's wife Yancey, "but she and the bread man go 'way back."

Customers clambering over and around Talli on their way into and out of the store is just one small example of business as usual at the Gregory Street Market. New owner Hugo Chun and his family are new faces behind the counter, but few other changes are apparent. The Gregory Street Market remains home to its famous submarine sandwiches, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, cold beer and pop, and a small selection of virtually anything found in larger grocery chains. Flocks of children still migrate in and out, making their candy selections as slowly and carefully as most of us purchase new cars. Dogs are still tied to the ice machine outside as their owners combine an evening stroll with picking up a few groceries. Local business people still make it a habit to stop by for a sub and enjoy a quick picnic beside the flower gardens in the Marie Daley Park.

The Chun family is committed to continuing the products, service, and atmosphere that the Gregory Street Market has enjoyed over its 50+ year history in the SouthWedge. The variety offered on the shelves will slowly increase. "I do not want anyone turning around and walking out because they could not find what they want to buy here," explains Hugo. One strategy for

providing quality produce at affordable prices is by taking advantage of selections from the Public Market. Mindful of competing with larger grocery chains and tough economic times for many in the area, he hopes to hold prices steady. "I do not intend to change. The customers know that better than I do."

"I liked the neighborhood - that's the reason I liked this the best," says Chun in describing how he chose the Gregory Street Market over other small businesses. "I like the work; the volume, the variety. Talking with the different people is what I most enjoy." His previous career at Kodak helped break the ice with many of the Gregory Street Market customers who work at Kodak. As a part of the maintenance crew, Chun worked throughout most of the local Kodak buildings, and many still remember him. "They come in and say, 'What are you doing here? You used to fix our elevators!' And that helps, too. We talk about the past, the Kodak days."

Talking is perhaps the most precious commodity at the Gregory Street Market, making it a neighborhood shop in the truest sense of the word. Employees know customers by name.

Neighbors stop to chat. Births are celebrated by all, sorrows of illnesses and deaths are shared by many. On some days more news can be gleaned by standing in line at the counter than culled from the newspapers sold behind it.

The Gregory Street Market is located at the corner of Gregory and Ashland, mid-way on Gregory between Mt. Hope and South Avenues, across from the Marie Daley Park. Open 7 days a week the hours are 8:00am - 9:00pm Mondays - Saturdays and 9:00am - 8:00pm on Sundays.

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Neighbor News

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

On Thursday evening, September 17th a South Wedge community meeting was held at Calvary St. Andrews church to discuss the impending move of the Highland Section police section.

Over thirty concerned residents were in attendance, along with the leadership of the South Wedge Planning Committee and two representatives from the police section.

Three very distinct areas of concern were raised at the meeting:

- 1) Why was the decision made to move the station without seeking comment from the South Wedge Planning Committee and/or the affected local residents?
- 2) What impact will the reduction in police presence in the neighborhood have on crime; and
- 3) Will our community have any recourse should crime in the area increase?

As for the first issue, both officers reported that all proper notification (ie. announcements of public hearings in the D&C and T/V) had been made and that in no way was it the interest of the police to "sneak the move" past the community or leadership.

Unfortunately, all such notices went unnoticed by the officials of SWPC and it was the consent of the residents, that if the police had truly wanted our input, they should have gone directly to the source.

This short fall in communication brings up several key points: The first which the two police officers present promised to relay to their superiors, was that a more open and direct line of communication between police authorities and our local leadership should be forged.

The second is that several residents in attendance had seen the notices, and were aware of the move for almost a

year. As residents, we should all make it our responsibility to share any information relating to our community with our neighbors and our leadership. Taking an active role in the happenings of our neighborhood is clearly in all of our best interest. Even if we think that the Planning Committee already knows and is doing something about an issue, a quick phone call to voice your concern certainly can't hurt.

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Dear Editor

When the SouthWedge first made the plunge into revitalization, there were reasons to shop the Wedge. That was before I moved in. Even before I moved in, the shopping opportunities began to dwindle. Why? The shopping was too upscale and needed a more transitional approach.

In the August 92 issue of The Wedge, excellent ideas were offered for the Critical Care building. With respect to all suggestions, service oriented facilities are fairly close. The only exceptions are a bank, a library and a dry cleaners. Of all suggestions submitted, I wish to concur with the "Parkleigh-type" variety store.

I have a retail background and access to several resources for items to make this approach a vital thriving attraction to our neighborhood.

Please give the approach considerable thought. How could we best combine a "Parkleigh-type"/ variety type/ Pier I type retail to our community? I feel the dollars would astound us all. I would like to be a part of that if this approach is taken.

Stephen Henderson

LOU ASANDROV



Lou Asandrov, resident of Cayuga street, is Secretary of the South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) Board. Asandrov, an attorney-at-law, is a partner in Bansbach, Zoghlin and Asandrov, PC. He holds a law degree from Albany Law School and a Master of Laws of Taxation

from Boston University.

At SWPC, Lou chairs the Long-Range Planning committee which is currently drafting a document to reflect the Board's goals and objectives for SWPC's

future. He also has a place on the Executive Committee by virtue of his Role as Secretary of the organization.

Specializing in taxation, pensions, employee benefits, estates and related matters, Lou is a valuable resource person for residents and businesses in the South Wedge.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS NOV 5, 1992.



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Technical assistance is now available to qualifying businesses in your neighborhood. The Business Builders from Deloitte & Touche will provide assistance in areas such as accounting, taxes, finance, computer technology and advertising.

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Business Builders is funded through the City's Community Development Block Grant program.

HOW TO "INSURE" YOUR FUTURE

How much insurance is too much? If Hurricane Andrew had struck YOUR home, would you have been covered?

On **Tuesday, November 10th, at 7 P.M.**, the South Wedge Planning Committee will be sponsoring an Insurance Workshop at the Wedge House (288 Sanford Street). Wedge resident, Linda Schultz, will provide a review of different types of homeowners', landlord and renters' policies. Part of the workshop will be to look at what individual policies cover and, more importantly, what they **DON'T** cover.

Other questions to be addressed include:

- What happens when you have a claim? What should you expect when the adjuster calls?
- What can a person do to prepare for a claim to make the process go smoother and quicker?
- What are frequent types of claims and what can a homeowner, landlord, or tenant do to prevent them?
- Are you covered for various kinds of claims like: **fire** (grease, electrical, cigarette-induced); **burglary and theft**; **vandalism**; **water damage** (toilet overflow, pipe burst, dishwasher break); **wind damage** (ice storm, hurricanes & smaller storms, shingles blowing off the roof)?

If you plan to attend this **FREE WORKSHOP**, please bring your own policy with you to review for yourself, and **call the SWPC Office (256-1740)** to reserve your seat. Admission will be limited to the first twenty people.

FALL CLEANING?

by Phil Stukas

Doing your fall cleaning? Finding a lot of things that are too good to throw away, but that you don't really need? Consider making an in-kind donation (probably deductible on your income taxes) to SWPC. We need the following:

- A wheelbarrow wheel
- The use of a sandblaster for a day
- A microwave oven for group meetings at meal times
- A TV & VCR for workshop speakers and presentations
- Two air conditioners and a dehumidifier
- A paper cutter
- A camera (35 mm) for documenting our programs
- Plants and flowers

Or perhaps you would like to donate some services or volunteer your time to SWPC as a charitable donation. We need to:

- Blacktop the driveway and Stucco our block walls

If you are able to address any of these needs, please call the SWPC office at 256-1740. All gifts of materials and time will be greatly appreciated!

A Day in the Park

by Marie E. Daley

At 11:00 a.m. on August 9th the rain came down. Would we need to move to our rain date? By noon the shower was over. Already Mac McDowell had set up his cooking apparatus, and The Third Degree, (Rock n' Roll Rhythms), were setting up their amplifier cords and trying out sound effects. Our capable chairman, Toni Francis, conferred with Ed Raskin, SWPC Director, and the word was "move ahead". A tent was placed over Mac's cookery. Preparations went forward. Tables were set up, one for our rehab specialist Philip Stukas; a table for painting kid's faces, childrens games and races; a table for learning about "grant programs", and such services by South Wedge Planning Committee, and Calvary St. Andrews Parish.



The annual park picnic added great features this year. Numbers of participant increase yearly. Perhaps we will have to call it a festival. The shouts emanating from the WDKX softball game gave evidence of a close score. The laughter of little children racing was a joy to hear. Purple balloons with our SWPC insignia were free to all children. Adults and children loved the entertainment; "Just Foolin' Around" with clowns, jugglers, tight rope walking, fire eaters, — well almost! The stilt walker, unicycling and storytelling were great fun. When the stilt walker dropped his juggling pins, he could not pick them up!

I had a good time at our annual picnic. I wrote to Rev. Judy Lee Hay and Rev. Anne Waasdorp to tell them about our 1992 picnic. They were both vacationing out of town. We missed you Judy and Anne! The idea of a Marie Daley Park emanated from Rev. Judy Lee Hayes fertile brain. Marie Daley Park will help to keep me young.

Bad News

by Ed Raskin

The City of Rochester has proposed major changes in the way plans and programs are developed for use of Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG). In past years, each neighborhood identified needs and developed plans for its own area. Now the city wants to plan and develop programs on a "quadrant" basis. This means that programs developed by South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. volunteers to benefit residents of our neighborhood may be in danger!

During the last decade, we have used CDBG funds for programs like the **SPECIAL MATERIALS GRANT**, and the **EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM**. Our **TOOL LIBRARY** was developed, our tools and insurance purchased with CDBG money. The **COMMERCIAL ENHANCEMENT DISTRICT** project, benefitting our business community is funded by CDBG. We have used these funds for our **HABITAT HOMES** on Gregory Street. Block grant monies have also been used by our organization for our **ANTI-GRAFFITI**, **ADOPT-A-BLOCK** and **ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAMS**. The kind of resident input that helped create these neighborhood benefits could now be lost.

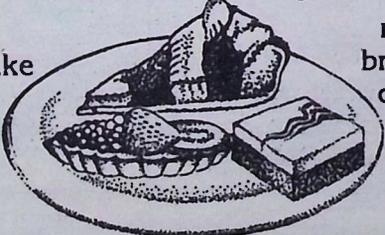
If you feel that it is important for residents to continue to plan for their own neighborhoods, we urge you to attend the upcoming Southeast Quadrant meeting to voice your concern about the loss of neighborhood based programs.

Contact City Council members Maxine Childress-Brown and Lois Giess (Chair of Council's Community Development Committee) at 428-7538 to voice your concern.

Questions?? Call the South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. office at 256-1740 and ask for Ed.



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SWPC News

WORK CAMP COMPLETES ITS 1992 SEASON

by Mike Morris

Once again, the South Wedge neighborhood benefitted from this year's Urban Work Camp. Under the direction of **Mike Morris**, eight young people built a porch, assembled a shed, performed basic structural repair, painted four houses and provided clerical/secretarial support at the Wedge House.

The South Wedge Work Camp is designed to help area residents who are senior citizens or are otherwise unable to perform exterior maintenance on their homes. The materials needed for the projects are attained through Special Materials Grants (SMG) and the work crew provides the labor at no charge to the homeowner.

This year, an "indoor component" was added by an office crew which aided the SWPC offices with much-needed clerical/secretarial assistance. Three of the work camp participants filled the office positions during the six-week program.

Participants of this year's camp included: **Phil Stukas**, SWPC Tool Librarian who served as technical advisor and part-time project supervisor; **Renel Piton**, a 5th year senior at the University of Rochester in his second year at the SWPC work camp; **Corey Adams**, a junior at Irondequoit High School, **Courtney**

Horton, a junior at the School Without Walls, **Nigel James**, a senior at the Rochester School for the Deaf, and **Roderick Johnson**, a junior at Edison HS. Office staff included: **Delicia Hill**, **Felina Fraguada**, and **Lorraine Best**. Delicia will continue at the SWPC office for 30 hours a week.

In retrospect, the summer of 92 was very successful, although participants would have liked to have finished two or three more projects, and would have been able to if the weather had been more cooperative. In spite of the rain delays, however, the group proudly acknowledged that they completed the summer without injuries.

A celebration luncheon was served up at the Wedge House at the end of the program and plans are already under way for the 1993 Urban Work Camp.

SWPC Receives \$500 Grant

Chase Lincoln First Bank has approved a \$500 Neighborhood Grant for the South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. in support of the Property Condition Survey Project. Executive Director Ed Raskin received the grant monies at a special ceremony September 23rd held at Lincoln Tower in Rochester.

PROPERTY CONDITION SURVEY

by Edward M. Raskin

Twenty-five volunteers, working under the tutelage of Hickory Street resident, Mark Darling, were trained in performing a sidewalk survey of our South Wedge residential properties. Mark, our Housing Development Committee chair (a voluntary position) is employed by Neighborhood Housing Services of Rochester, Inc.

Over 400 houses were surveyed and rated in sixteen categories. Each house received a "1" (for outstanding)-"5" (requiring replacement) on such items as the visibility of the house number, the roof, the exterior painting, siding, front door, steps, walks, porch, foundation, and other buildings.

Presently, the survey results are being input into a computer data

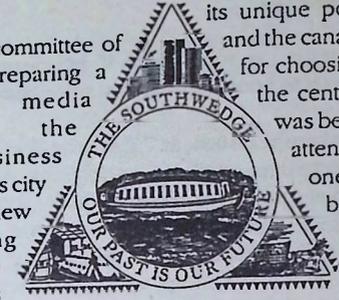
South Avenue Business Association

by Joe DiDonato

The executive committee of SABA has been preparing a marketing and media campaign for the SouthWedge Business district. As part of this city assisted project, a new logo is being developed. There are several designs under consideration, of which the front runner is pictured.

The committee chair, Dr. Joe DiDonato, has enlisted the help of Dick Poole and Pramilla Freitas, who have experience in graphic design and layout. Under the supervision of Freitas, the committee has evolved the circle within the triangle geometric pattern to highlight the connection that the Wedge owes its past.

This design helps to focus attention on the fact that the SouthWedge evolved in part due to



its unique position near the city and the canal. One of the reasons for choosing the Canal boat as the centered item of interest was because it served to call attention to our position as one of the largest canal boat yards in Upper New York State during the operation of the Erie Canal.

As part of a comprehensive program to develop the commercial district, this seal will be used in marketing promotions to identify the SouthWedge business community. The promotion will consist of billboards depicting the benefits of shopping in the Wedge, along with signage to be displayed by area businesses.

The entire program will begin in the Spring of 1993 and is available to area businesses. For more information, contact SWPC at 256-1740.

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base program. SWPC will be contacting all property owners with major deficiencies to advise them of the nature of the code violation, and to inform the owner of financing op-

tions, including loans and grants available through SWPC. For those properties owned by absentee landlords, SWPC can provide information on tenant selection, tenant/landlord

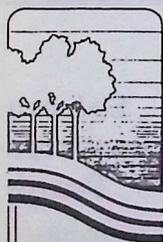
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U OF R WILSON DAYS

by Edward M. Raskin

Sophomores Dan and Don, members of D'Lions, volunteer alumni Cathy Spoto and Betty Turley, helped identify twenty-seven freshmen U of R students for community service at the South Wedge House. Led by SWPC staff, especially Tom Oberhue and Phil Stukas, as well as South Wedge Dental personnel: Chris Call, Mary Hughes and Ron Logory, the team went to work:

In less than five hours, weeds were plucked; lawns were edged; trees were felled; a door was painted, smoke detectors, electrical outlets, a door stop and a can opener were installed; steps and ramp approach were stained; siding was caulked; planting space was prepared; stones were relocated and The Wedge House basement was converted into archival space consisting of four shelving units which are now on display and are unparalleled in their uniqueness. Thanks to everyone involved!



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ATTENTION BUSINESSES

by Deborah Wood

In an effort to help businesses address the graffiti problem in the South Wedge, SWPC has secured a Graffiti Grant for the six month period beginning June 1992. Part of the funding is in support of a graffiti hotline (256-1740) for reporting incidents of graffiti in the neighborhood. However, other programs include:

GRAFFITI REMOVAL PRODUCTS - SWPC has protective apparel, many of the products needed for graffiti removal, sealants and equipment.

WORK CREWS - SWPC crews are available to perform the actual labor of removing the graffiti, if the property owner signs a release form removing SWPC from liability regarding the work.

COST - Grant funds will be used to reimburse the property owner a percentage of the cost to power wash buildings or to purchase paint, paint tools, graffiti removal products and sealants. **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR**

REIMBURSEMENT, the property owner must FIRST request a pre-qualifying inspection from SWPC and be issued a Notice to Proceed to purchase supplies. Upon completion of the work by the property owner or work crews, and following a post-inspection of the work by SWPC, the property owner may submit receipts for reimbursement. SWPC will reimburse for:

- 100% of the cost of paint & paint materials
- 50% of the cost of power washing services
- 100% of the cost of graffiti removal products
- 100% of the cost of sealants

However, the **maximum benefit to any single property owner shall not exceed \$500.**

If you have any questions about this program, **OR** if you would like to enlist our aid in helping you bring your business property up to property code standards in this regard, please call the SWPC Graffiti Hot-line 256-1740.

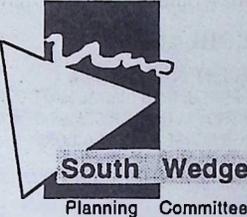
PROPERTY CONDITION SURVEY

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rights and responsibilities and the eviction process.

Under the leadership of Peter Stummer, volunteers Delicia Hill, Tom Oberhue, Pollyanna Johnson and Art Jones are going door-to-door, starting with South Avenue businesses, getting a handle on the property conditions of our commercial properties. For more information, contact SWPC at 256-1740.

The survey results will enable SWPC and SABA to determine what kinds of businesses we have in the South Wedge, and what kinds of businesses we need here. Other use of the information will include the construction of a neighborhood business directory. Our main purpose is to invigorate our business climate through promoting local shopping and jobs for South Wedge residents.



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Land Use Study Meeting

The City of Rochester Bureau of Planning, in conjunction with the South East Area Coalition, is currently undertaking a land use study of the southeast area with specific focus on Monroe Avenue. The boundary for the study is South Avenue on the west, the inner loop on the north, East Avenue to Culver Road, Culver Road south to Canterbury, west following Canterbury to Field Street, south to South Clinton Avenue, and across the northern boundary of Highland Park to South Avenue.

A public meeting is planned for:

Thursday November 5, 1992

Genesee Hospital in the Douglas Auditorium at 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The data to be discussed at the public meeting will include demographics, land use, zoning, traffic and transportation, parking and the Monroe Avenue focus area.

There will be a period of public question and comment at the end of the presentation. Please plan on attending. If you should have any questions you may call Marguerite Parrino at 428-6969 or the SEAC office at 244-7405.

Marie Daley Park Celebration Volunteers

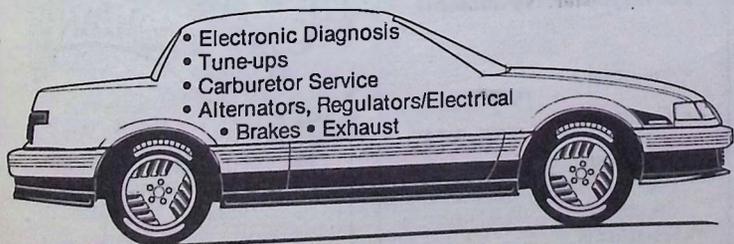
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| The Distillery | South Wedge Dental Group |
| Basha, | Dick Moll's |
| Cheesy Eddie's | GRC |
| Gregory St. Market | Braegger's Bagel |
| Vail Automotive | WDKX |
| Tops Friendly Market | Security Safe |
| The Little Theatre | Cappelli Salon |
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Business News

NEWS FROM THE HIGHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

The City's libraries will again be open on Saturdays, beginning on Saturday, Sept. 12. Highland's Saturday hours are from 12-5 pm; the other open hours remain the same.

Registration for the Tuesday am Story Time for children has begun. Toddler Story Time is especially designed for two-year-olds, with parents. This five-week program will start on Tuesday, October 20 at 10 am, and continues through November 17. Programs last 20-30 minutes. Children must be two, but not yet three by the start of the program.

Preschool Story time begins October 20 at 10:30 am and continues through May. Children ages 3-5 years are eligible. to register for either program, call the library during open hours at: 271-3840.

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Weaving a Tapestry at Calvary St. Andrew's

On Saturday, November 14th, Calvary-St. Andrew's Parish will hold its annual Arts Festival, this year titled, "Tapestry." Among the arts being woven together in this neighborhood tradition will be jazz, classical, New Age, and contemporary music, visual arts and dance. Participants include David Frackenpohl, Brian Soule, the C.S.A. Chapel Singers, Deborah Swift Wood, Jim Frackenpohl and other Wedge supporters.

Tickets will go on sale by October 1st. Please contact the church (325-4950) or the SWPC office (256-1740) to purchase your advance sale ticket at a reduced price. Keep your eyes open for further details.

PLEASE VOTE

TO THE EDITOR

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In terms of the impact the move will have on crime, the officers were quick to point out that the patrolling of the area (there are nine car patrol routes [Ed.: in the Highland Section]) would not be altered in any way. When asked what the reduction in visible police presence would have on crime, (ie. to and from the office) the officers admitted that they had no idea if this would have any effect.

They did agree to look into the impact such moves have had on other areas and report their findings back to us.

A resident at the meeting suggested that a sub-station be put in place in the South Wedge - a recommendation favored by just about everyone in attendance. Although it is unlikely that the police will take us up on the idea, the officers agreed to pass it on to their superiors.

As for the final issue as to whether our community will have any recourse should crime indeed increase, the officers said our neighborhood would be taken care of. Increase patrol routes and a stepped up presence would of course be the likely response.

This is clearly an area where all vocal residents should get involved. We must take note of and report any and all incidents. We must make it our responsibility to keep the police informed not only of any increase in crime, but also our awareness of the situation. This is probably the most important first step we can take in terms of building better and more direct lines of communication between our community and the police.

Shannon Dunn

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Arthritis Foundation Rose Day '92

by Amy Gravitz

What could be more beautiful than the gift of a dozen red roses? A gift of a dozen red roses purchased through the Arthritis Foundation's annual holiday Rose Day.

The Genesee Valley Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation makes its home here in the SouthWedge as a program of the Health Association located at One Mount Hope Avenue. The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to support research to find the cure for and prevention of arthritis and to improve the quality of life for those of us affected by arthritis. Proceeds from Rose Day will benefit the Arthritis Foundation's education and research efforts.

Our local Arthritis Foundation has been a neighbor we can all be proud of. Through arthritis self-help courses, support groups and exercise programs, the Arthritis Foundation seeks to serve more than 140,000 in the Genesee Valley Chapter's seven-county area who have some form of arthritis.

One neighbor in particular will be a special friend to the Genesee

Valley Chapter. Greater Rochester Cablevision is one of this year's corporate sponsors of Rose Day. GRC is hoping to help boost last year's sale of 2000 dozen roses to the 1992 goal of 3700 dozen roses.

As neighbors, each of us can help the Arthritis Foundation in two very important ways. The first is to purchase the medium-stemmed, boxed red roses for \$15 per dozen. The second is to volunteer to be a Rose Day sales representative where you work.

To place your order or volunteer for Rose Day, call the Arthritis Foundation at 423-9490. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 9th. Your roses can be picked up at the Health Association on Thursday, December 17th. Free delivery is available for purchases of 24 dozen or more.

As the holiday spirit of giving begins to take hold, think of delighting your friends, family, clients and customers with giving the beauty of a dozen red roses. Know that your gift to others is also a gift to

your neighbor, the Genesee Valley Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Never forget that your gift will help others be able to celebrate their holidays once more.

Introducing Mr. Fluff Dry Cleaners and Laundry

If you haven't noticed by now, the laundromat at 703 South Avenue is under new management and what a relief that is!

Walt and Barb Prystaj, both college teachers, have bought the building which includes the laundromat and South Wedge's only dry cleaner. Having a family member in the dry cleaning business made this venture a natural.

"We've got a long way to go," states Walt. "Our plans are eventually to rehab the entire building. It was a mess when we took over and the laundromat was a disaster. We're still cleaning up the mess. Our entire family is involved in this project. Our five children, along with us have scrubbed, painted, washed, waxed and sprayed, but we don't mind. We've met some super people in the neighborhood and look forward to meeting many more."

The first thing I noticed when I entered Mr. Fluff was the plants and Uncle Gene washing down the machines.

We're working to provide a clean, fresh and pleasant environment for our friends and neighbors to do their wash and drop off their cleaning", says Gene. "We also offer, for people in a hurry, Fluff Wash and fold, a service that allows you to drop off your laundry. We wash, dry and fold your wash."

We hope that the neighbors will stop in and say hi to Gene and Walt and we wish Mr. Fluff great success.

Tool Library Update!

As summer winds down we will be getting into more projects that take us inside our homes. To assist you with these projects the South Wedge Planning Committee is sponsoring two workshops: one on Energy Conservation to be given Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 pm and one on Plumbing & Heating to be given Saturday, November 14 at 10am.

Energy Conservation will be presented by Betty Weiss & Karen Marchand of the Demand Side Management Department of RG&E. They will speak about programs that reduce energy consumption and cover ways to increase the comfort of your home while saving you money!

Our workshop on plumbing and heating will be given by Walter Bachl of CLB Plumbing and Ken-Ron industrial air conditioning. They will cover tips to solve your plumbing headaches and ways to make your furnace run at peak efficiency.

This is a great opportunity to get your questions answered by two knowledgeable, South Wedge tradesmen, so don't pass it up. Both workshops are free and open to everyone so invite your friends.

THANKS!

We are indebted to the following neighbors for donations to the tool library over the summer:

- an anonymous donor contributing over \$200.00 worth of tools
- John Abbott for the lawn mower and spreader
- Paul and Mary Gloger for a Scotts pushmower

and

- the 27 students from the U of R who did so much to improve our office as part of Wilson Days
- Have a peaceful autumn

Phil Stukas
South Wedge
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South Avenue Between the Wars: WWI and WWII

by Vince Corsall

South Avenue in the 20's and 30's was the central business area for the South Wedge, just as it is today.

At the point where it met Mt. Hope Avenue was a store soon to become a gas station. (Now following the same format stands the Filling Station restaurant.)

Two sets of trolley tracks in the middle of the street ran from Summerville to Iola at Westfall Rd.

I remember when Dorothy Day, the Catholic Socialist Worker founded St. Joseph House of Hospitality in 1930, having spent a couple years of my high school days there as a worker myself, preparing meals for homeless men, a mission which still continues today.

On the northwest corner of Comfort St. was the very large Spencer Meat Market run by four brothers. It took up one-third of the block and had hanging carcasses of beef and pork with sawdust on the floor.

Heading south on the next block were the two Giambrone (unrelated) produce and grocery stores. At the age of nine, I worked as a stock and delivery boy for my uncle Vincent Giambrone who was opened seven days a week from 7am to 10pm.

Two delivery incidents still stand out in my mind. I had to deliver to the Frick Funeral Home on the northeast corner of Comfort Street. The Fricks lived above the parlor and in order to get there one had to go through the embalming room. This was always a quick trip with eyes closed. One day as I walked in, sure enough, a corpse was sitting as I opened the door. This called for a quick trip backwards and back to the store. I probably looked more like a corpse than the corpse.

Another incident involving making a delivery to one of the four attached apartments in the same block. (They are still there.) My aunt told me to ring the door bell and when the lady came to the door, give her the groceries, but not to go in. This

perplexed me to no end. I found out later that more activity went on there at night than in the daytime. Incidentally, she tipped well.

Next to my uncle's store was Mike's Barber Shop with the usual peppermint pole outside, where shaves were done with a straight razor and many customers gave him their own shaving mug for their next visit.

Above his store, my aunt Mary had a beauty parlor.

Two doors away, Benedetto Giambrone had his store, but did more wholesale than retail. This business has been carried on at the Union St. Public Market by some of his sons, especially Tony.

A little second hand bookstore stood next. I often stopped there to buy a book or two for about 10 cents from the kindly old couple who ran it.

Moving south on the corners of Alexander St. Were southeast, a hardware store, northeast a gas station, and northwest a novelty store.

At Hamilton St. was a red brick Methodist Church on the southeast corner and the Valenti grocery store, northwest corner. Halfway between Hamilton and Averill stood a gas station, but not for long, because it exploded killing one man later.

Joe Blanda's Produce store on the corner of Averill was well known, opened 24 hrs. Many of the neighborhood youth, including my brother, Sam, worked there nights preparing produce such as celery, lettuce, etc. for the next day's sales. Here, too, the business was still carried on by his son Andrew, recently deceased, and now by Andy's wife and her sons, at the public market.

Joe DeMaria also had a produce store on the southwest corner, but soon moved his business to S. Clinton near Goodman St.

After the repeal of prohibition, two taverns, The Cozy Oak on the southeast corner and the White Horse, across from Blanda's took care

of the neighborhood thirst and some social life. These were the gathering places for many hardworking blue collar workers living in the Wedge.

A shoemaker, Ray Latragna, resoled and reelected shoes and patched other leather products in a store next to the Cozy Oak.

Miller's Bakery was next to Demaria's store, where all baked goods from breads to cookies were made there at night, to be sold the next day.

Tony Termotto and his family lived next, and had several trucks which were used transport produce around the city. On the corner of Hickory St. later came Siebert Chevrolet sales and garage.

Across from Hickory St. was Tierney's market later to become the A&P. Here my brother worked his way through high school and was to remain with the company until it left Rochester.

Hoodies Hardware and Pinkerton Drug store followed down toward Gregory St. while on the corner was The Greek's Candy Store and soda fountain where the neighborhood teens gathered for 10 cent sundaes and 5 cent cones.

Dupre's Hardware and lock shop was across the street midblock.

On the northwest corner at Gregory St. was a Flickinger, formerly Harts and later to become Bells Grocery Store. On the southwest corner was Raffe's Bakery and next door was Fanny's Dry Goods. Upstairs were the offices of Dr. Buck, the only dentist in the Wedge at the time.

This was followed by Joe Pagano's Family Grocery Store. The public library had it's own building next door, and was divided into an adult and children's section. It served the whole south side well.

Across the street was the Rexy Theater (formerly The Princess). I remember well the silent movies, accompanied by an organist and hawkers moving up and down the

aisles with candy and popcorn. Saturday afternoon was kids time for a dime. There was always a main feature, usually a cowboy movie, a cartoon or two, a comedy, and the Pathe News Plus a serial, which usually left the hero hanging over a cliff and the heroine tied to a railroad track, thus forcing you to come back the following week to rescue them.

Tuesday evening was ladies nite when, for 25 cents, they would receive a piece of china to add to their set which consisted of cups, plates, platters, etc. ad infinitum. Our family still has some of brown with gold trim pieces around.

I saw my first "talkie" there: "Sonny Boy" with Al Jolson.

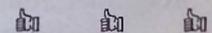
Miller's Funeral Home was next door and is still there. Lauterbach Hardware store at the corner of Caroline seems to have been there since the beginning of time.

Highland Hospital has been there all these years serving the physical needs of the south side.

All in all, it was and still is a self-sufficient community meeting the needs of the hard working families and singles living there.

The South Wedge has been build on a sound foundation of businesses and professionals making it still a vital, vibrant and friendly community.

Thank you to new Wedge volunteers-Jeanne Stillman, Sammy Quinn, Mark Livernash, Laura Goddard, Sue Lemai and Mike Marini- who labeled, sorted, counted, and prepared 2,500 copies of the Wedge for mailing in just three hours!



A special thanks to Brian Ambrose for his contribution of an air conditioner to the SWPC office.

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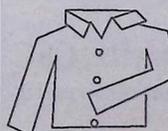
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