

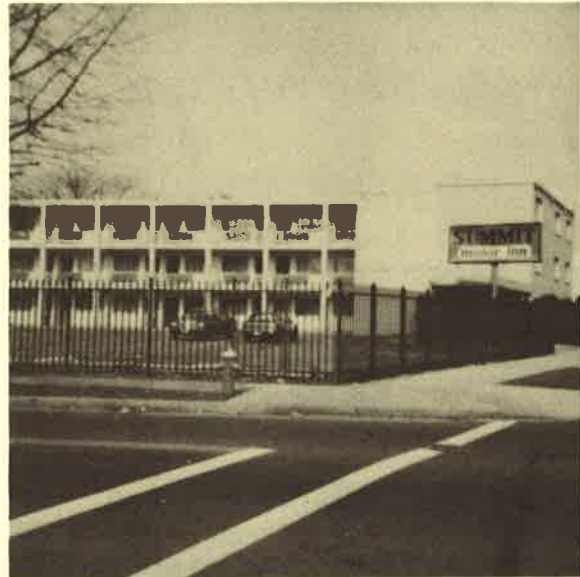
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MULBERRY STREET UPDATE

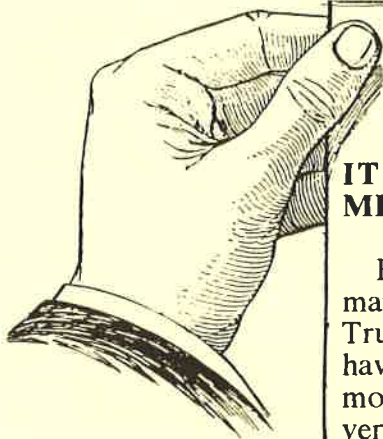
The City of Springfield has taken legal action against the people responsible for the demolition of 51 Mulberry Street. The demolition was undertaken without permission of the Historic Commission or the Building Department. The newspapers report that the owner is suing the wrecking company and the wrecking company is suing the owner. The case is in the hands of the courts. The Mayor has stated that he wants the building restored.



CAN YOU GUESS?



This underutilized motel and adjoining vacant land located on State Street makes one wonder what used to be here. Can you imagine? Turn to Page 3 and be amazed.



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

By now you should have received a letter in the mail asking you to renew your membership in the Trust and to pay your membership dues. If you haven't yet done so, won't you please take a few moments to do this now? Your membership is very important to us!

SPT CALENDAR

Monthly meetings
held at 7:30 P.M. in
the **Memorial House at Mercy Hospital**

Next meetings are
July 7, August 4 and September 1

SPT Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 22nd at 2 P.M.

SPRING TOUR FORCED TO CANCEL

The SPT Board of Directors had to cancel the Annual Spring House Tour due to a lack of houses available to open. By early April, houses had been found in McKnight, Ridgewood and Mattoon districts, but not in the Maple Hill and Forest Park Heights districts. With time running out to prepare research and photographs for printing the tour booklet and to disseminate publicity, the decision to cancel the May 2nd tour was reluctantly made. This is meant to be only a one year hiatus, with the annual tour resuming in 1994. Additionally, the Board will be considering some type of event to be held this autumn. Anyone interested in serving on a planning committee should contact Bob McCarroll at 736-0629.



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The only good reason to sell your old house is to move to a bigger or better one! If that is the case, then those who have always wanted an old house will want to buy yours. Now is the time!

- Jim Boone



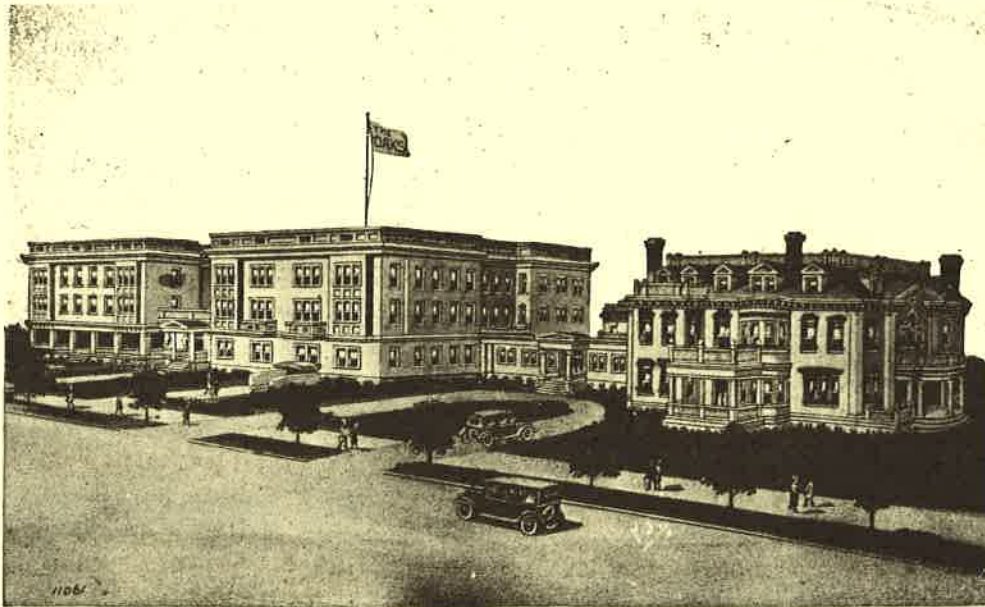
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CAN YOU GUESS? Continued from page 1.

The original Oaks Inn at the corner of State and Thompson Streets is a reminder of the beautiful mansions that used to line State Street from Maple to Winchester (now Mason) Square. The only mansions left today are the ones which were turned into funeral homes. The old Inn was expanded from one original home and it later added on the two large buildings that held rooms, restaurant and banquet facilities. The old mansion was taken down in order to build what is now called the Summit Motor Inn, but the two additions survived until the early 1970's. They are now vacant lots.

CHECK-UP TIME FOR YOUR HOUSE

After the last winter season and before the next one, you need to take some time to see how your house fared through the ice and snow as well as to do some preventative maintenance.

- (1) Check roof and flashing around chimney and waste stack for winter ice damage.
- (2) Did you lose any slates over the winter?
- (3) Any damage to the gutters or downspouts?
- (4) Any puddles around your foundation or drainpipes? Get that water away from the foundation or you will have a wet basement.
- (5) Any damage to grillwork under porches?
- (6) Porch floors need paint?
- (7) Basement windows need glazing or painting?
- (8) Any storm windows or screens need repair?
- (9) Hatchways need paint?
- (10) Does house need any paint touch-ups?

Do it now so that you'll be ready for next winter's onslaught!

- Jim Boone

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ANNUAL PICNIC IS SCHEDULED

The annual Preservation Trust Pot-Luck Picnic will be happening on Sunday, August 22nd at 2 P.M. The picnic will be held at the same location as last year, on the adjoining grounds of two McKnight district homes. The feast will take place in the beautiful gardens behind the Ted Devanski/Bill Guzy home at 129 Dartmouth Terrace, with swimming available at the adjacent Bob Wool/Lynne Goldberg home at 120 Harvard Street. Please phone Ted & Bill at 732-3033 or Lynne at 781-6640 by August 15th to say how many people are in your party and what food you will be bringing.

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