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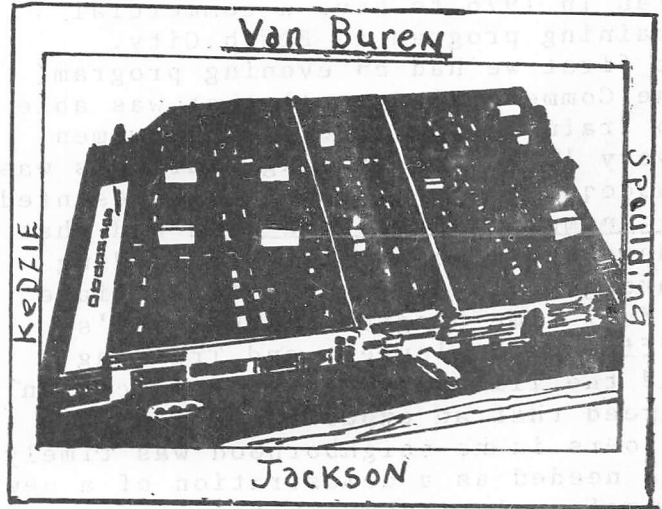
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## NEW CTA BUILDING COMING

As the residents watched the demonilation of the old Kedzie Van Euren Street CTA Bus Barn, last Fall they wondered what would replace it. "Here It Is." A chart of what's to come. On Thursday Feb 19, 1981 at City Hall this photo was given to us as the proposed new CTA Barn. Construction is scheduled to begin in March. At the hearing it was also announced that no additional land would be required to build the CTA Barn. There was no opposition to the construction of this building because it will improve the psyhical appearance of the community, and increase value of homes in the area.

The intrence to the barn will be from Kedzie, Van Buran, Spaulding and Jackson will have scrubby and greenery.



## AUTO SERVICE CENTER COMING TO FIFTH CITY

Twenty or more people heard plans for the construction of the Fifth City Automotive Service Center and coporate reports of the Fifth City Industrial Promotion Corporation at its first annual membership meeting which was held February 14, 1981 at 3324 West Fifth Ave.

The Automotive Center which has been on the drawing board for several years is the latest venture of the Industrial Promotion Corporation. The other ventures are the Business Careers, the Neighborhood Environment Corps and the Business Revitalization.

## FIFTH CITY CORP REPORTS

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## CAREERS SCHOOL GRADUATES 24

On January 23, I graduated from Fifth City Business Careers. I had accomplished so much in such a short time. Now it seems sad that it must end.

Fifth City Business has a full curriculum. All the time, the work, the effort, that the students and faculty had pushed into their ten weeks, the endless hours of typing, working the ten key calculator, working in a simulated office setting called the Lester Hill Corporation. And being an account clerk for a company called Mountain View.

The graduation at which 24 graduated was at Stouffers Restaurant in the Prudential building. There were about 70 people present at the graduation, 20 CETA counselors from around the city, 27 students and the faculty from Fifth City and about 20 members of the business community.

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## Fifth City Business Careers Report

To Fifth City Industrial Promotion Corporation Membership

February 14, 1981

Fifth City Business Careers opened on January 21, 1980 as a full time clerical training program with the possibility of training 27 CETA eligible persons every thirteen weeks. This program grew out of the community's plan in 1976 to have a commercial training program in Fifth City. At first we had an evening program (The Commercial School) that was able to train approximately eight women every 13 weeks. Seeing that this was inadequate to meet the needs presented by unemployment in the area and that there was a possibility of funding through CETA, we moved to initiate a full time program. The Mayor's Office of Employment and Training and the Illinois Office of Education agreed that an experimentation such as ours in the neighborhood was timely and needed as a demonstration of a new dynamic relationship between government, business, community and education. A contract for \$100,000 based on the number of students attending at any one time was signed and implemented. In addition CETA pays students a minimum wage for the hours on the job. Four staff members trained in imaginal education and business skills were hired. Prospective students sent to us by the Urban Progress Centers were interviewed and enrolled. Corporations and foundations donated money, furniture and equipment to provide a business like atmosphere.

To date Fifth City Business Careers has touched the lives of 136 students, their counselors, their families and over 100 companies. Four Sessions has graduated a total of 94 persons, with a placement average of over 50% (at a time when unemployment has increased and the job market has become tighter than this country has seen for many years). In addition to the intensive training our students receive in this program, between 9 and 12 students a session prepared for their GED examination. Approximately half of those passed the exam the first time; the others have reinitiate study and will

take the exam again as soon as the regulations permit. In the first two sessions the school drew its students exclusively from the west side of Chicago, but as it proved itself and the community demonstrated that it welcomed people from all of Chicago, there has been an increasing number from the north and south (giving) more of Chicago a chance to see first hand what Fifth City is doing). It has become apparent that the changes in our economy are presenting us with a situation where those seeking entry level positions in the clerical field need to have data processing or word processing background. Therefore, the current plan is to expand our program to include training in this arena. This means we must think through many questions such as expanded space use, the acquiring of the necessary equipment, the possibility of increasing the number of students and staff, a redesigning of our time design and the creation of additional curriculum, as well as creating an effective strategy to get adequate funding.

### Fifth City Automotive Service Center

From the outset, the Industrial promotion Corporation has conducted research to identify significant new business opportunities and therefore MORE JOBS for the Fifth City community. After studying many businesses, the corporation determined that an automotive service center would be a useful venture in the area. The Board of Directors then began working on four proposals.

1. Prepare a business market feasibility report
2. Acquire the land for the Center at 212 South Kedzie.
3. Find a source of money to build the Center
4. Assist a new local auto business to be tenant of the Center.

The Board of Directors reports the following

#### Accomplishments;

1. FCIPC has received a \$672,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration to build the Center. This money will pay for 80% of the cost.

The total cost will be \$840,000. The grant requires that the remaining money (168,000). Come from a "private source" such as bank loan.

2. The Board has successfully negotiated a \$168,000 twenty-five year loan with the National Boulevard Bank, with the condition of a Small Business Administration (SBA) guaranty from the Local Development Corporation (KDC) Program.

3. FCIPC has been certified by SBA as a local Development Corporation and is now eligible for loans and guarantys. We qualified for this program because FCIPS has more than 25 members, has proven to be a strong organization in helping the community, and is dedicated to supporting the economic development of Fifth City.

4. A new local business called Fifth City Automotive Services, Inc. will be the tenant of the Center. The Business will have three operations: a car wash, a NAPA auto parts store, and a 10-bay service garage. The business will provide at least 26 new jobs in the first years, increasing to 40 jobs after the second year. Mr Verdell Trice is president of this company.

Plans for 1981 are as follows:

1. Final approval form SBA for the \$168,000 loan guaranty.
2. Begin the Auto Center construction by March 15.
3. Hold a festive Ground Breaking Event in the Spring.
4. Grand Opening of business in November.
5. Rent payments from the business to FCIPS will be used to pay back the loan and help other future programs of the Industrial Promotion Corporation.

#### FIFTH CITY NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENT GROUPS

As a result of the need for some kind of team to care for the environment in 5th City, the community designed a program called the 5th City Neighborhood Environment Corps in 1976.

In 1979, the Industrial Promotion Corporation wrote and signed a contract with the City of Chicago the Department of Human Services which resulted in the actuation of that plan. From this contract we were able to provide 11 jobs in 5th City. The purpose of the program was to reclaim space streets and vacant lots, removing snow painting rurals, and organizing community work-days.

During the year under this program, we were able to employ six CETA workers, a coordinator, bookkeeper, mechanic, and two foremen. For most of 1980 we had a corps of men who were responsible for the environment and also with some community facility maintenance. The eventual goal of this City-sponsored program was that it become totally self-supporting, either through charging for its services, or through having the community organizations support it. During the past year many things have been accomplished through this program. We have acquired a tractor with brush and snow attachments so that streets can be swept and vacant lots can be mowed. In winter the tractor is being used to remove snow from the Mall, sidewalks, and alleys in Fifth City. As well as the tractor, the Industrial Promotion Corporation has acquired the use of a dump truck with which many pick-ups and deliveries have been made. Manure for gardens, materials for construction in the Community Center and Industry Center, as well as in-kind equipment and materials for Elder's Program have been delivered with this truck and with this truck and these employees of the Neighborhood Environment Corps Program. The men have worked with the Minizone (block-improvement) Program by roto-tilling gardens, putting up fences, watering and painting grass sod, etc. The equipment from this program has been used by many in 5th City, such as hoes, rakes, shovels, roto-tiller, snow-blower. water hose, wheel barrows brooms, etc. Another accomplishment has been the story of 5th City. The neighborhood Environment Corps, artist and Volunteers by his company, to paint the mural.

Since the creation of this project, the goals have been surpassed in many ways. For example, relative to the organization of the Business Association, instead of holding two meetings during the first quarter, we held seven, with new members joining each week. Instead of sponsoring one project during the quarter, the Business Association sponsored three. The first was the printing and distribution of the 5th City Business Association 1981 calendar. The Second was the Christmas tree and lights on the 5th Ave. Mall. The Third project was the Las Vegas Night fund-raising event on Dec 19, 1980. Which netted over \$800. In accordance with the planned goals of the project, we have been able to provide technical assistance to at least four business, particularly in regard to legal and financial matters. Jim and Ato have been offering their services to Business Association members in dealing with things like how to purchase a building, and how to get insurance for your business. Verdell Trice has been able to provide managerial services to Superfoods on a daily basis, and has been crucial in the transition that Superfoods is going through to become a member of Certified. Ato Coleman has been made available to Floyd's Laundry and Drycleaners as a financial and managerial consult. This project has been able to prepare for the new Automotive Service Center by preparing the market feasibility study which resulted in a favorable report for the Automotive Service Center. Jim and Carolyn have been available to provide assistance in legal and financial matters for the Industrial Promotion Corporation and the Auto Center Project.

In the future, the Business Association becoming an important dynamic in the development of 5th City. Already, there has been serious discussion about how to use the money from the fund-raising events to improve the business strip. Cooperative efforts are now being made to help each other with information-sharing, and linking business owners with the proper legal or financial institutions to deal with particular issues. It is anticipated that the members of the Business Association will soon be ready to engage in educational seminars which will improve individual abilities as well as increase the ability of the Business Association to make sure that the Auto Center becomes a successful business in 5th City. Expertise in management, finances, and legal matters will be offered in order to insure success.

We anticipate that the success to the existing Businesses, along with the construction of the Auto Center this year, will cause other business to come to 5th City.

Most of the paints were also donated by the company. Other men in the N.E.C. Program prepared the wall for painting. Because of this program we have been able to provide men to clean the mall and streets daily, some vacant lots, as well as provide men to do some minor repair and Industry Center, as well as to train the men in community housing maintenance.

After September 30, 1981, this program will no longer receive any funds from the City to carry out these environmental activities, and beginning April 1 1981 the environmental activities will diminish in terms of the City contract. We are very pleased to report, though, that 5th City has already begun to make this environmental care a community-supportive activity. The Shopping Center and the Industry Center are providing one salary for a full-time person to clean the mall, the Industry Center and part of 5th Ave., as well as to do other tasks like drive the tractor and truck when needed. Beginning April 1, 1981 we will be phasing the CETA workers more and more out of the environmental program and using them to enable the the set-up of some on-going structures in 5th City that will be able to handle all the environmental care and social programs. We have been able to acquire some good, usable equipment from this program that we will be able to use on our own in the future, with the support of 5th City organizations and individual who volunteer their services

#### THE FIFTH CITY BUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROJECT

In accordance with the 1976 planning consult, and also due to what we are already doing in 5th City with some of the businesses, the 5th City Industrial Promotion Corporation wrote and signed a contract with the City of Chicago, the Department of Planning to do a Business Revitalization Project from November 1, 1980 to September 30, 1981. The geographical focus of the 5th City business district. the overall purpose of this project is to strengthen businesses along 5th Ave., increase the visibility and identifiability of the business strip, as well as to encourage new businesses. These are to be accomplished through business education activities, organization of the Business Association, store-front and street improvement projects, business counseling, and financial loan packaging.

# COMMUNITY NOTEBOOK

## What Is A MINIZONE?

The Fifth City Minizone Project is an extension of the Fifth City Citizens Redevelopment Corp., which is the Housing Program.

The minizone is a Beautification Program. It motivates the home owner to start block clubs.

We do projects such as community gardens, planning and seeding the front and back lawns, and concreting the side walks. The minizone coordinator provides one third of the funds, the home owners provide the rest of the funds.

We have fund raising drives and that money is spent for fencing in vacant lots, buying sod and what ever is needed.

We do mini repairs such as; doors, windows, porches and stairways. The home owner pays for the material and the minizone coordinator pays the contractor for the work from the minizone contract. We assist the home owner in making application for the weatherization program and the home development loan.

The community gardens is coordinated through the Department of Human Services. We receive garden plants, seeds and lawn seeds. We also get our tools from the Department of Human services.

We survey the blocks to make sure that we can account for everyone in the block, then we plan meetings by the block. We try and have a leadership meeting with the leader of the block club. We let the people decide what kind of services they need then we help them to acquire them.

We participate in workshops such as:

- 1.) Self Help Workshop
- 2.) Health Workshop
- 3.) Community Planning Workshop

We have block workdays then we have community wide work days. In our workdays we clean streets, alleys, We have block workdays then we have community wide work days. In our workdays we clean streets, alleys, and vacant lots. We plant grass where it is needed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

What? Arts & Crafts Classes for Seniors

Where? The Mildred Robinson Elders Center,

Registrations are now being taken. Contact

Mrs. Mattie Simpson at 265-1902

The Garfield Senior Steppers 13th Anniversary will be March 14, 1981 at the Original Providence Baptist Church.

Some of the guests will be:

The Original Providence People's Choir,  
Versatile Ac Appella Choral Group, People's  
Choir, Louise

Overall Weaver---

Alberta Lacy-President

Elitabeth Tatum-Advisor

Anna Ward Chairperson

Inez Verrett-Co-Chairperson

Spring is here, and the United Block Club Association is in swing. The UBCA meets every Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at 3350 West Jackson.

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### SYMPOSIUM I:

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE 80s

SHAPING A NEW CONSENSUS FOR

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

March 18 - 19, 1981

We have annual fund raising events such as:

Valentine Las Vegas Ball, Community Festival in the middle of June. We now have a United Block association which grew out of the block minizone project. We have moved on to improve three new minizones. As soon as a minizone can become self supporting then we began to work with new ones.

Carrie Neff  
Coordinator



## Graduates

The speakers were, Shirley Mueller, Director of Fifth City Business Careers and hostess for the graduation, Ms. Estella Hambuick and Mr. Isaac Roach, students at Fifth City Business Careers, Mr. Verdell Trice, business man in the Fifth City community, Mr. Hadley, Vice President of the Lawndale National Bank and Mrs. Mosley, the grandmother of Fifth City. The most touching part of the graduation was the speech by Mrs. Estella Hambuick. She expressed our feelings to the faculty and to the Chicago CETA program. The class awarded the instructors with roses and admiration.

The class ended up with a celebration for their family and friends at the Fifth City Community Center where we congratulated those who had jobs and passed their GED test.

William G. Kelly

## HALL FOR RENT

IT WILL SEAT OVER 500 PEOPLE FOR

Banquets	Weddings
Receptions	Reunions
Gospel Singing	Discos

Contact Ms. Lela Mosely at the 5th City Center. 265-1902

### SENIORS VALENTINE PARTY

The number of seniors who waltzed around chairs to the playing of a piano was greater than the amount of chairs. When the piano stopped, there was a scramble for chairs.

The seniors who played musical chairs, wore mittens as they raced with others to unwrap candy, played parlor games, swapped valentines and ate cake were at the valentine party given February 13, at the Mildred Robinson Elders Action Center 3350 W. Jackson.

"If you don't stand for Something, you will fall for Anything."- Fred Hunley

## Industrial Promotion Corp

The Fifth City Industrial Promotion Corporation, formed in 1976, works cooperatively with other Fifth City Corporations to enable comprehensive social and economic redevelopment in Fifth City. Fifth City is commonly referred to as the area bounded on the south by the Eisenhower Expressway, on the north by Madison, on the west by Garfiels Park, on the east by Kedzie Avenue.

FCIPC is a not-for-profit local development corporation established for planning, developing and implementing economic redevelopment programs and activities consistent with the total plans of the City of Chicago. The five member board of directors, elected annually by over 34 person membership, meets monthly.

Successful ventures of the FCIPC are:  
- Fifth City Business Careers. This unique award winning secretarial and office skill training school graduates over 100 students yearly and has a job placement rate of 50%. Operating and staff costs for the program have been funded through CETA. The professional staff of four are hired by and report to the FCIPC Board of Directors.

- Neighborhood Environment Corps. This program, funded in part through CETA recourse, serves the community through snow removal on all public sidewalks and areas, ongoing neighborhood beautification, street cleaning, building and vacant lot maintenance, and community outdoor art projects. Staff is maintained at eight, including one professional manager.

- Neighborhoods Revitalization Program. The FCIPC staff has formed an ongoing comprehensive effort with local business community through establishment of the Business Association, promotion of the Fifth Avenue business strip, no (or when appropriate low) fee management and technical services, and major research analysis of business expansion feasibility. This program is funded in part from Block grants funds of the Chicago Department of Planning and maintains a full-time professional staff of three.

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## For Parents

### THE CHILD WHO IS READY TO READ IS

- a child who listens
  - to directions—without interrupting.
  - to stories and poems for five or ten minutes without restlessness.
- a child who hears
  - words that rhyme.
  - words that begin with the same sound, or different sounds.
- a child who sees
  - likenesses and differences in pictures and designs.
  - letters and words which match.
- a child who speaks and can
  - stay on the topic in class discussions.
  - retell a story or poem in correct sequence.
  - tell a story or relate an experience of his own.
- a child who thinks and can
  - give the main ideas of a story.
  - give unique ideas and important details.
  - give reasons for his opinions.
- a child who understands
  - the relationship inherent in such words as Up and Down, Top and Bottom, Little and Big.
  - The classifications of words which represent people, places and things.
- a child who experiences
  - everyday activities and events commonplace for his peer group.
  - loving concern from adults around him.
- a child who adjusts
  - to changes in routine and to new situations without becoming fearful to opposition or defeat without crying or sulking.
  - to the necessity of asking for help when needed.

a child who plays

- cooperatively with other children.
- and shares, takes turns, and assumes his share of group responsibilities and can run, jump, skip, and bounce a ball with comparative dexterity.
- and has adequate eye-hand coordination

a child who works

- without being easily distracted.
- and follows directions.
- and completes each task.
- and takes pride in his work.

a child who feels good about himself and his contributions to his group.

Parents and Reading Committee  
International Reading Association

### \$\$ Saving Tips

When buying a whole chicken, save liver and freeze. After a few times, you'll have enough for a whole chicken liver dinner.

Eggs are a good source of protein, and if a dozen eggs cost \$.90 a pound for iron, phosphorous, and vitamins A, D, E, K and B.

### Industrial Promotion Corp

- Industrial Development Center. Located at 3324 West Fifth Avenue, the 7,000 square foot multi-purpose building was acquired and rehabbed to house: Fifth City Business Careers, Neighborhood Environment Corps, the Industrial Promotion Corporation' staff offices, and space in which new businesses can operate with minimal capital, and have access to the daily managerial assistance and resources of the staff at the Center.

The Corporation has also worked with the Business Association in successfully locating resources to establish a revolving loan fund for local businesses. Assets of the fund are currently \$ 25,000.

Full time staff of 15 as well as 27 Business Careers students year round.

City News



National News



RTA Seeks Subsidy to Stay Afloat

"The U.S. becomes more deeply involved in El Salvador." - Time

" You don't mind being on the Scene when the Neighborhood is Clean. Woody Gibson-

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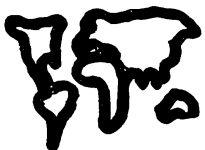
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BERTHA PINESTON

"A political party is launched in Britain." Time

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