

# Apartment Spotlight

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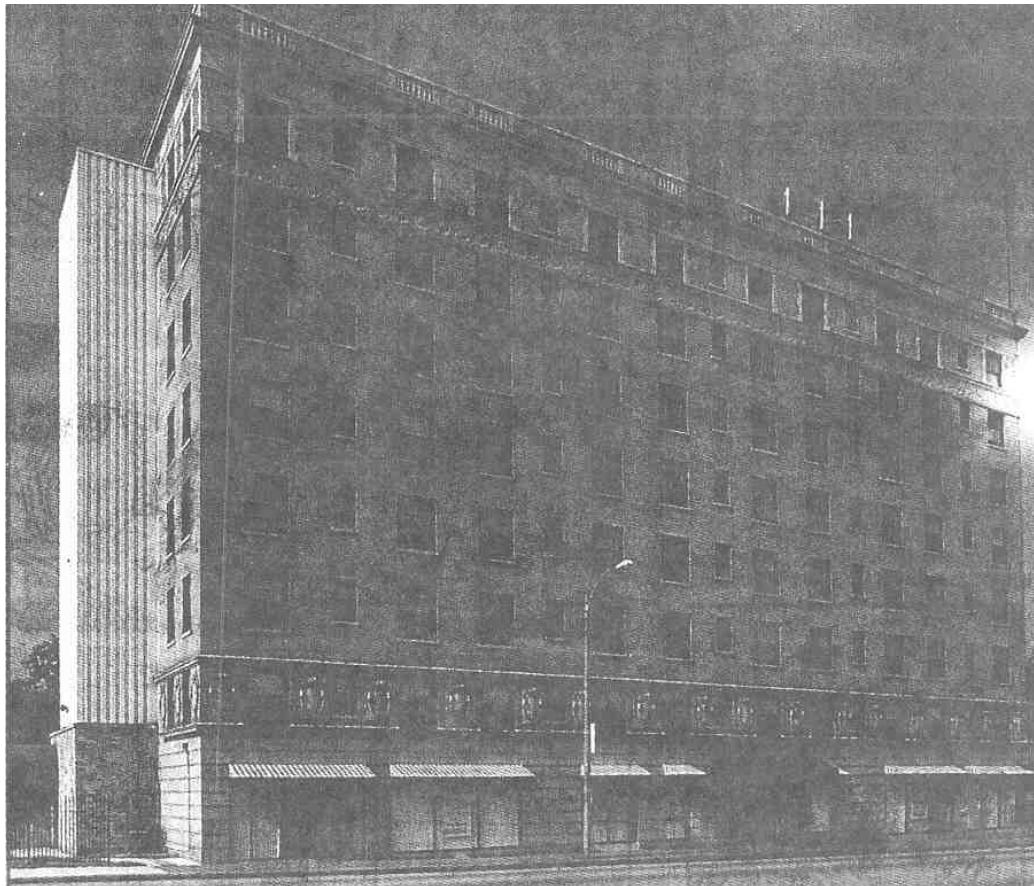
*Former Fairgrounds Hotel being transformed into apartments*

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Construction of the \$1 million, eight-story mid-rise began in 1927. Upon completion, the Fairgrounds Hotel quickly became quarters for baseball players with the St. Louis Cardinals and Browns. In it's heyday it was know as one of the best hotels in St. Louis.

By 1966, the building had outlived its use as a hotel with the demolition of Sportsman Park and was converted into a 400-bed extended-care nursing home. Now owned by Kohner Properties Inc., their plan is to renovate it and offer affordable housing to the area as Fairgrounds Park Place Apartments. A \$1.1 million renovation began this past June.

The one-and two-bedroom apartment homes are being upgraded with all new electric kitchens, including brand new refrigerator, range and new countertops. They will have new wall-to-wall carpeting and all are freshly painted. Each unit has central air conditioning and

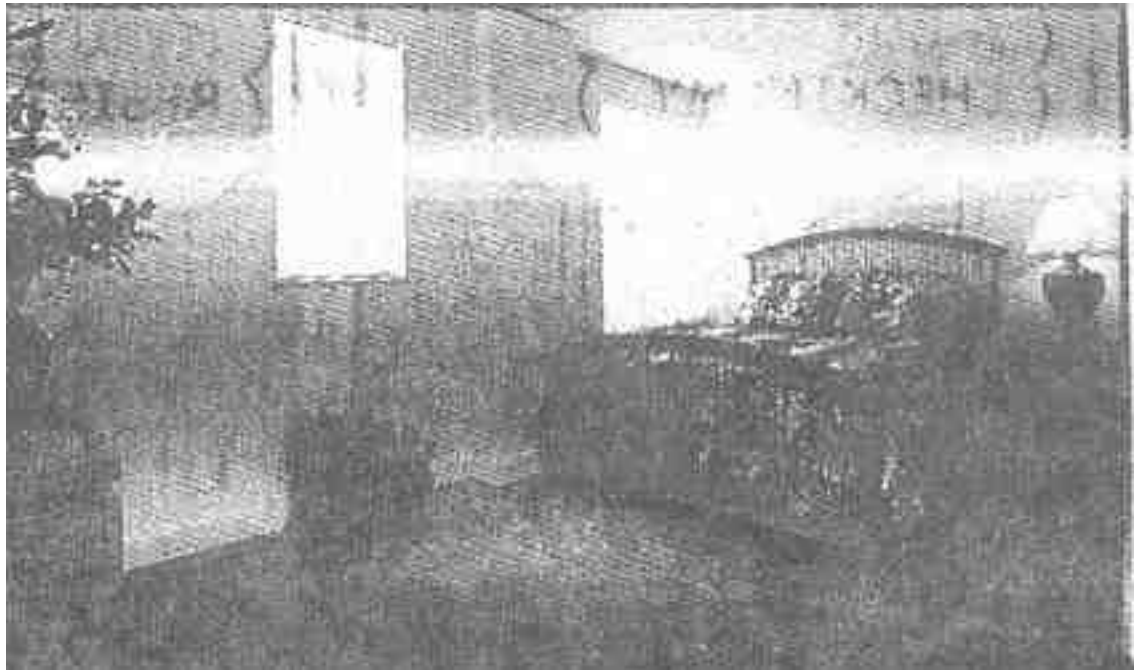


forced air heat. There are 13 different floor plans, with square footage from 500 square feet to 710 square feet, and the rent ranges from \$400 to \$465.

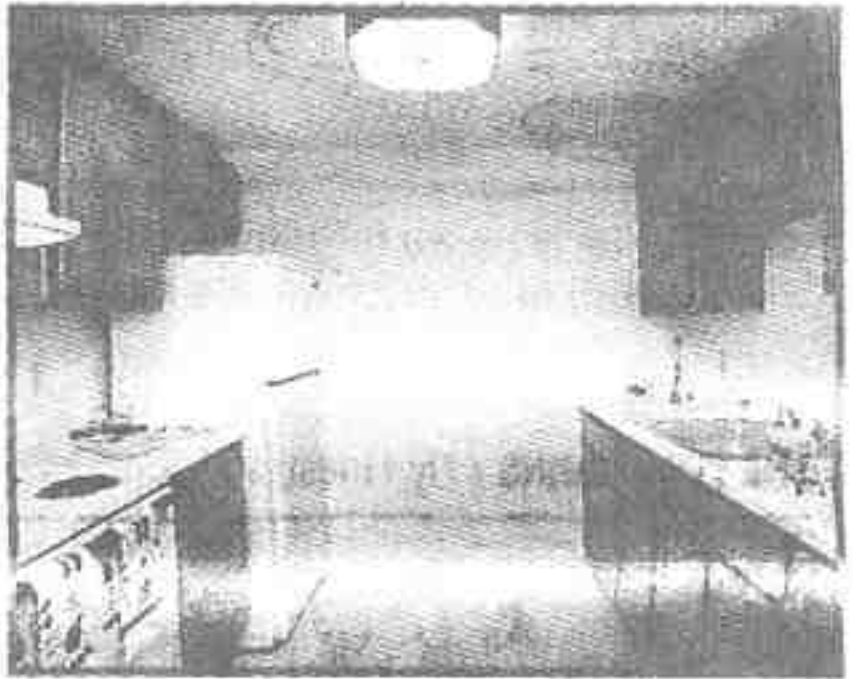
The original terra cotta floors have been restored in the lobby, the awnings have been erected and the storefronts will soon open, offering this area the potential for small business growth. The advertisements are already running to get these retail spaces rented, For information on the availability of these individually addressed storefronts, contact 314-534-7573.

The building is located just west of the intersection of Grand Boulevard and Natural Bridge Road, just minutes from downtown St. Louis and Interstate 70. This is a high traffic area, and hopefully the renovation of this historic building will help contribute to the restoration of urban living in and around the city of St. Louis.

The community itself will offer 24-hour monitored intercom entry, new gated parking with electronic entry, 24-hour emergency maintenance, two coin-operated laundry facilities and a billiard room. An on-site



professional staff is available to give tours of this historic building. Call 314-534-7573 or stop by the leasing office at 3644 Natural Bridge Road.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Fairgrounds Park Place at 3644 Natural Bridge Road was formerly known as the Drew Towers Apartments; kitchens have been upgraded with new appliances; all units have wall-to-wall carpeting; and several floors plans are available.**