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First Ward candidate for Council Harold A. Webbink, 55 years old, resides at 240 Thomas Avenue with his wife Eunice. The Webbink's have three married sons and a daughter; Dr. Ronald Webbink on staff at the University of Illinois Champaign; Greg with the Bank of America in New York; Mark on staff at Duke University Durham, North Carolina and Ann a freshman at Purdue University.

Mr. Webbink is plant manager for the Gear Products Company, a manufacturer of fine pitch precision gears and gear trains, in Bridgeton, MO. He is a graduate of Augusta High, Augusta, MO; Brayton Aircraft School, St. Louis, MO; USN NANC-Aircraft, Norman, Oklahoma; and Ranken Technical Institute, St. Louis, MO.

A World War II Naval veteran, Mr. Webbink has been active in civic affairs and as a member of St. John Church, as well as Councilman. He has served with The Boy Scouts both at local and district levels. He has been active in The Little League ball program and served as a member of the St. Charles Community Council, also as V.P. for the St. Charles Co. Council of Churches and as a past PTA President. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the St. Louis UCC Neighborhood Houses, also as chairman of the sponsoring committee for the International Exchange Students which were sponsored by St. John as well as being moderator for that congregation. He is currently serving as a member of the Police and Fire Personnel Board.

Having first been elected as First Ward Councilman January 1971, to fill an unexpired term, Mr. Webbink was re-elected to full two year terms in April 1971, 1973 and 1975. He was chosen to serve as Mayor Pro tem in 1972 and was continued in that office until he retired from the Council in April 1977. He has served on most all of the Council's committees as well as some ad hoc committees. He has served as chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and the Growth and Development Committee.

Mr. Webbink believes this experience along with his interest in the St. Charles community as witnessed by his past activities would make him the best qualified candidate for the First Ward Council post.

In answer to questions regarding some of the current issues, Mr. Webbink had the following comments.

Regarding restrictions concerning new subdivisions, he tends to concur with those of lights and sidewalks, but believes that street width restrictions may need to be reconsidered with some relief given to developers in certain instances where the norm causes such difficulties in layout that development is neither practical or feasible.

Mr. Webbink states that the City should continue to annex, to the extent of maintaining orderly growth and development, especially those areas for which sewage treatment plants have been designed and/or have capacity to serve.

As a member of the Police and Fire Personnel Board, Mr. Webbink feels it would be improper for him to make a public statement regarding the police department. The possibility exists that he may subsequently be required to hear and rule on department findings and a statement now could possibly prejudice that ruling. He states that he would resign from the Board if elected.