

## The St. Anthony Park Bugle

# Dutch Elm Disease Threatens Park

Did you realize St. Anthony Park faces a grim situation? It is probably going to lose most of its elm tree population.

Dutch elm disease can strike all species of elms native to North America. First described in the Netherlands in 1919; this disease spread throughout Europe and entered the US, probably in logs which contained the fungus causing the disease, as well as the carrier, the European elm bark beetle.

This killing disease literally dehydrates the tree. The water-conducting vessels become clogged by fungal growth and products of the tree's own protective mechanisms. The clogging prevents the uptake of water; the tree wilts and dies.

In the US, the fungus is spread by the smaller European elm bark beetle and the native elm bark beetle. During feeding periods, fungus spores are introduced into the large vessels of healthy trees. Early infections may not be very apparent, but when the fungus does move into larger branches, rapid wilting occurs.

Trees infected by beetle feeding usually occur within 100 ft. to 200 ft. of another diseased tree. Feeding and tunneling activities by adult beetles late in the summer evidently do not spread the disease. However, after feeding, the beetles search out suitable breeding sites under the bark of recently dead trees. For this, they may fly 3 miles or further.

Roots of adjacent trees are usually naturally fused together. The killing fungus can spread from tree to tree through such root grafts. It is highly probable in trees less than 30 ft. apart.



Pruning equipment probably does not spread the Dutch Elm disease.

Cooperative preventive action by city and county offices and by private property owners is essential to curb the spread of the disease.

Prompt destruction of dead and dying elms is important. This means burning, burying, chipping and debarking trees with tight bark where elm bark beetle larvae can develop. The wood must be disposed of, not saved for the fireplace or woodworking projects.

The disruption of root grafts between infected and healthy trees can be achieved by a mechanical trenching method or the placement of a chemical barrier between a diseased tree and an adjacent healthy one. Stauffer Co. produces a commercial compound, Vapam, which is recommended for chemical treatment.

The trenching or chemical action should precede tree removal by 2 weeks. It's important that the root grafts are disrupted before a dead tree is removed.

Dr. David French, professor of Plant Pathology, University of Minnesota, points out that Minnesota's cold winters and highly fluctuating temperatures may help make control programs more effective. However, he insists that vigilant quality control is absolutely necessary if elm losses are to be kept in check.

For additional information about the cause and control of the disease and for replacement policies, interested citizens should contact the Agricultural Extension Services at the university.

If a tree looks infected, if it is wilting or flagging, leaves turning dull green to yellow and curling, residents should contact the city of St. Paul, Dept. of Parks and Forestry. Crews will come and check all trees and mark them if removal is required. The city removes diseased boulevard trees. Trees on private property require a test. Samples are sent free of charge to the State Department of Agriculture for a definite diagnosis; this takes a week to 10 days. If the results are positive, the owner is expected to have the tree treated and removed at his own expense. If he fails to do so, the city will remove the tree and charge the expense to the proper-



Looking south down Carter on a weekday. Photo by Don Svendsen.

BUGLE SURVEY REVEALS-

## CARS CHOKE TRAFFIC FLOW IN PARK

Does the business district of St. Anthony Park have a parking problem? In casual discussion, residents seemed to vary in their opinions—all the way from "yes, definitely" to "absolutely not."

The Bugle staff designed a set of questionnaires and called 75 residents in North St. Anthony Park. The situation appeared two-fold: First, nearby residents off Como, along Carter, Commonwealth and Doswell, looked especially vulnerable to the fact that shoppers and employees park in front of their houses. Twenty-five people, living within a two-block radius, answered questions for this part of the study.

Second, residents from further out, those most likely to drive to the business area were queried concerning their personal experience with parking conditions. We collected 50 responses to this set of questions.

All numbers were selected randomly from the St. Paul City Directory. Attention was given only to the address, making sure it fell inside the questionnaire's geographical limits.

In the first study, 28% complained that cars were at the curb in front "all the time." "Often" was an answer 12% chose; 20% said "sometimes," 40% said "never."

Nearly split down the middle on the matter, 52% indicated they had no reaction to the cars. A vocal 48% found the conditions either "irritating" or "inconvenient."

As a final question, people were asked "Is there a parking problem in St. Anthony Park's business district? A. Yes B. No C. Don't know." Without hesitation, 64% said there was a parking problem. Twenty-eight percent answered "no" and 8% "didn't know." Some responses to this question appeared in conflict with earlier answers.

Fifty people picked up phones and answered questions on parking conditions from their experience as a driver. One half of this number said they shopped in the business district "sometimes." "Often" best described the shopping habits of 42% and 6% said "all the time."

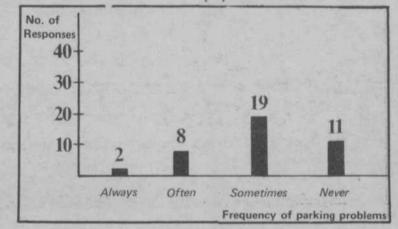
Thirty-one people, or 62%, said they most often drove to the business district. Others favored bicycling, walking or riding with a friend. Of those who drove 58% had trouble finding parking.

Parking problems made 12% reluctant to shop in the area. About 14% found the parking situation irritating. "Inconvenient" said 22%. The remainder expressed the feeling that conditions were tolerable. Certainly more so than possible alternatives.

The last question on this set was the same as on the first. Combining results, 50% of the persons called on said "yes" when asked if there was a parking problem. Fourteen percent chose not to venture an opinion, but 3% said a definite "NO."

In conducting this survey, we heard citizens complain of many things. Parking conditions close to the U of M campus and the volume and noise of traffic passing through the area were major sore spots.

If you have any complaints, or would like your views on the carparking-traffic situation known, notify the Bugle. We'll keep readers posted on responses and pass information along to the proper authorities.



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Langford Park in 1885. Picture taken when section of city was being platted by C. H. Pratt (left) and W. W. Clark (right). Photo courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society.

History of St. Anthony, Part II.

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LANGFORD PARK was once a small lake called "Rocky Lake." Pioneers recall that boats were used on it. A bridge crossed the lake approximately where the band shell now stands. The St. Anthony Park Company filled the lake for sanitary reasons. The fill was taken from a large hill just south of the lake. Legend has it that a small train used to carry the fill sank into the ground at the southern end of the Park. Only the engine is supposed to have been saved. Early settlers, however, vividly recall the colorful language of the mule-drivers as their animals sank to their bellies in ooze.

A slough-peat bog existed on the east side of Cleveland Avenue, near where Como and Raymond join, and college students participated in tugs-of-war over the bog with rather dire results for members of the losing side. Well into this century the area in the vicinity of Eustis, Commonwealth, Hillside and Gordon provided a hunting ground for men and boys, as ducks and blackbirds were available there.

Throughout the history of the Park, institutions have played a dominant role. The University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus has been mentioned. Another significant institution was the Murray School, named after William Pitt Murray, an early St. Paul attorney and political figure. The school, near the corner of Commonwealth and Como, opened in January of 1888. Emma Cooper was the first teacher, and there were nine pupils.

At first the school had four rooms. Later, four more were added. When the junior high school was built in 1925, it was named Murray, and the elementary school was renamed for Gilbert Gutterson, an early community leader. In 1955, the St. Anthony Park Elementary School replaced the Gutterson School at a different location. Murray added a high school and graduated its first class in 1940.

THE STRYKER SEMINARY for girls was established in 1888 by Peter D. Stryker, a Presbyterian minister. It was located on Doswell, but apparently it was defunct by 1900. The main building suffered from fires in 1903, 1904 and 1905. Stryker was a colorful man. It is said that every morning he ran from the seminary to the railroad station and back to keep fit. His son, Henry, was reputed to be very dapper in his silk hat and cutaway coat—at

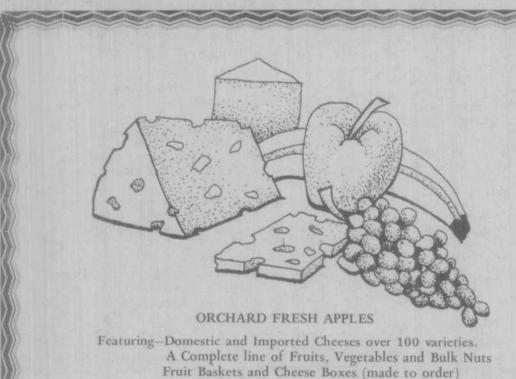
least the St. Anthony Park girls and those enrolled at the school seemed to think so. The local boys enjoyed the seminary,too. Walking back and forth in front of the school was a favorite evening pastime. One night two young "foreign" male visitors at the seminary found their buggies missing when they tried to leave. The conveyances were recovered, and the visitors left behind them a memento — a beautiful "shiner" on one of the local boys' eyes.

Another institution was the Children's Home Society of Minnesota (formerly the Children's Aid Society), incorporated in 1889 and located in St. Anthony Park North. Its founder and first superintendent was the Rev. E. P. Savage, and its first president was Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president of the University of Minnesota.

Realizing the importance of a library to a community, residents led by Mrs. Francis Parker, a teacher at Murray School, and A. J. Franke, a real estate developer, pressed for one to be built. (Incidentally, it was Franke who built the English-style building complex at Carter and Como Avenues which still lends a distinctive air to the shopping area there. The building contained two relatively spacious halls — Fireside and Tamarack — where residents once gathered socially.)

The establishment of a permanent library followed a familiar pattern. In July of 1905, Fiesler's Drug Store at Raymond and Hampden in St. Anthony Park South displayed a small number of books for loan. In 1917, this little library was replaced by a library station in Baker School, also in the southern section of St. Anthony Park. Staffed by a public library assistant, this station was open one afternoon a week.

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### History ...

EARLIER, on June 25, 1913, space was provided for a small library in the Wallace and Franke grocery store in St. Anthony Park North. The store's bookkeeper acted as the librarian. A local committee, in the meantime, led by Mrs. Parker, secured the present library site and presented it to the city. Funds for the building were provided by Andrew Carnegie. On July 28, 1917, the library opened with a collection of 5,000 books.

In the meantime, other institutions were establishing themselves in St. Anthony Park North. In 1902, the United Church Seminary, the seminary for the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, moved to St. Anthony Park from Minneapolis. After the union in 1917 of three Norwegian Lutheran Synods, Luther Theological Seminary was the American seminary for the Evangelical Lutheran Church. With the formation of the American Lutheran Church in 1961, Luther Theological Seminary became the church's largest seminary.

ON THE SEMINARY grounds is an historic building, Old Muskego Church, which in 1904 was transported from Wisconsin, board by board, to the campus and reconstructed there. The church was built by early Norwegian immigrants on Indian Hill, Norway Township, Racine County, Wisconsin, in 1844. Except for the outside protective covering, the church has been completely reconstructed. Much of the interior is original, including the pews, pulpit, stove and altar.

Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, previously located in Minneapolis, bagan classes in 1967 in a new building adjacent to Luther Theological Seminary.

FROM THE EARLY activities of Marshall, Knapp and others, to the present, St. Anthony Park residents have displayed a penchant for organizing and planning. The St. Anthony Park Association (not to be confused with today's organization bearing that name) was a women's organization, established in 1897 to collect money to erect a memorial in St. Paul to Civil War veterans. The association continued as a "Study Club interested in Civic Improvement." The founders saw their group as a patriotic, civic, literary and philanthropic organization," and set out "to do what our hands find to do and do it with our might." Mrs. Andrew R. McGill was the first president. The St. Anthony Park Association waxed and then waned, until, in 1926 its members voted it out of existence. The association's last act was philanthropic: its remaining money, \$3.78, was given to the Children's Home Society.

The St. Anthony Park School Union was organized in 1897 at the suggestion of the St. Anthony Park Association.

THE ANCESTOR of the present St. Anthony Park Association was the North St. Anthony Park Improvement League established May 28, 1902. According to the late Coates P. Bull, former presi-•dent of the Ramsey County Historical Society, the League was the brainchild of E. B. Hause, a St. Paul dentist living in St. Anthony Park.

According to its constitution, the League attempted to work for the beautification and betterment of the community, and provide the city of St. Paul with information on the needs of St. Anthony Park. It is interesting to note how closely the purposes and activities of the present St. Anthony Park Association resemble those of the old League. One of the League's most important activities was the sponsoring of an annual Fourth of July celebration.

The only part of the League's constitution which today seems archaic is this section: "To discourage the erection of front line fences, and to prevent by every possible means the free roaming of cattle, poultry and dogs.'

THE LEAGUE became defunct in 1928. The present St. Anthony Park Association was incorporated in 1947.

Another organization which had its beginning in St. Anthony Park is the Ramsey County Historical Society. Ethel Hall Stewart's long interest in the history of St. Anthony Park resulted in the establishment of The St. Anthony Park Area Historical Association in 1944. In 1949, the association became the Ramsey County Historical Society.

One achievement of the Historical Association was the discovery of Horace W. S. Cleveland's burial site. During the 1940's, Mrs. Stewart became curious about Cleveland's later life. She learned that he had lived in the Twin Cities area until his death in 1900, and after much sleuthing, she found that he was buried in an unmarked grave in Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Taking advantage of a monument company's offer to place a free marker on any unmarked grave of a pioneer, the Association led by Mrs. Stewart and Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, then dean of the University of Minnesota Graduate School, arranged a ceremony held on October 17, 1948, at Lakewood Cemetery to honor the early planner of St. Anthony Park.

It should be added here that Cleveland also planned the early Minneapolis campus of the University; he worked on park planning for Charles H. Loring in Minneapolis; he was the first to suggest the establishment of Como and Phalen Parks in St. Paul, and he contributed to the development of the twin roads along either side of the Mississippi River.

In 1954, the Ramsey County Historical Society opened to the public the Gibbs Farm House, built by Heman Gibbs in 1854 at what



Dutch elm disease if rapidly spreading in the Twin Cities, but residents have not shown much concern. We in South St. Anthony are alarmed, because we are one of the areas to be hit first. Many trees have been marked for removal and many more have the disease but have not yet been marked.

There is not much that can be done once a tree has the disease. But there are ways of helping to prevent the spread of the disease. St. Paul is not acting on these. Trees that were identified as diseased two months ago are still standing. Although Mayor Cohen has suggested using revenue sharing money to plant new trees, the city administration does not seem to be willing to fight for our existing trees.

The South St. Anthony Park Association will soon be establishing a task force to find ways to limit the spread of the disease. We invite any interested neighbor in South or North St. Anthony to help. If you are as concerned as we are, call our office, 646-8884, and we will notify you when the task force will meet.

For the first time since 1885, the children of South St. Anthony Park will not be returning to Baker School this fall. The old school was closed for good last spring and will eventually be replaced by new housing. The children from Baker will be attending St. Anthony Park Elementary beginning this fall. We would like to thank the St. Anthony Park PTA and the St. Anthony Park Association for their assistance in getting the school district to provide bus service to carry South St. Anthony children past the dangerous traffic area at Raymond and Kasota.

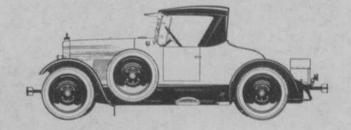
is now the junction of Cleveland and Larpenteur Avenues. The society's headquarters was located there until 1973 when it moved to its present location in the old Federal Courts Building, in downtown St. Paul

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Lloyd Burkholder, Assistant Superintendent of Parks, says St.
Paul has an area of about 55 sq.
miles. Within this area, elm
trees number 130,000. A cumulative figure of 1,400 trees are
diagnosed as dead or dying from
Dutch elm disease. Over-all this
1.6 percentage is considered a respectable control figure.

However, there have been epidemic outbreaks in areas where conditions favor the spread of the disease. St. Anthony Park is one of these areas.

Drive south along Raymond toward University and count the number of trees with red rings around them. Dutch elm disease is in the process of wiping out the tree population in the southem area.

The beetle is in the park. Count the number of elm trees in your yard and realize the disease will spread by normal beetle feeding and root grafts.

Conservative estimates place 85% of all boulevard trees in the park as elm. They are spaced 20-30 ft. apart, likely victims of destruction.

Certain other conditions favor the spread of the disease and make an epidemic in St. Anthony Park very probable. Outbreaks are often first noticed along major transportation routes. St. Anthony Park is surrounded by such routes and has plenty of truck traffic which may import beetles. The disease can run rampant in areas not easily accessible to control measures, e. g. river bottoms, bluff, and industrial areas.

A high correlation exists between epidemic outbreaks and construction. Construction can cause tree mortality. If dead trees are not removed, they become ideal breeding places for beetles.

In addition, construction causes root damage and temporarily weakens trees, making them more susceptible to beetle infestation.

Perhaps the most perilous barrier to a quality control program is the individual human mind. There's something in us all that refuses to accept the death of a tree by any other means than an axe. After all, trees do outlive people; and it may look dead now, but wait till spring, it'll be better then. Such attitudes are dangerous.

This disease is swift. To wait a season will be too late, for that tree, and the one next to it, and the one next to it, and

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### Three Challengers in County Commission Race

The District 3 County Commissioner's race is the only contest for St. Anthony Park voters on Primary Election day, Sept. 10. Incumbent John T. Finley faces three opponents in his first hurdle in seeking reelection. Finley cruises into the primary with 4 years of experience and DFL-Labor endorsement.



Struggling to gain momentum by Sept. 10 are three candidates running independent of party affiliation.

Lois Anderson, wife of former state senator John Tracy Anderson, has a strong Republican background. However, she feels the County Commission is a level of government that is highly compatible with an independent status.



Lois Anderson

Major concerns for Mrs. Anderson are "fiscal responsibility and keeping government control at the local level." A wife and mother, Mrs. Anderson feels she has 2 major assets to offer the taxpayer: her time and her background. For the last 10 years, she has been very active in church and civic organizations as well as politics.

M. K. Heinn, another Como area resident, says she has been "chased by dogs and kicked by kids," in her daily door-to-door campaign. Handshaking her way through the district, M. K. Heinn hopes to

persuade voters with her personal touch.



M. K. Heinn

Promising to return her entire salary if she votes herself an increase, M. K. Heinn characterizes lierself as "an earthy person who can relate to the people." A data-input control analyst for 3M, she believes "a commissioner should be someone who is accessible to the people, someone who can be approached by any citizen at any time on any issue."



Wanda Lorentzen, endorsed by the

the Ramsey County Women's Political Causus, decided to run after attending the DFL Endorsing Convention. She said Mr. Finley's endorsement wasn't strong, and she didn't want to see him run unopposed, which he was at the time she filed.

She favors adoption of the County-Manager form of government.

The appointment of a strong executive by the Board would allow the Board to operate as a citizens' group, focusing on the establishment of policy not the implementation of it, she observed. The prompt procurement of all open spaces in the county is another area of special interest to her.

When asked how he felt about having 3 women for opponents, Mr. Finley responded that he had always worked with women in politics, and "any differences of opinion have always been political in nature, not sexist."

"Mike" Fritz filed but later withdrew from the contest. His name will appear on the ballot, but he is no longer a candidate.

### Voting Information

Qualifications for voting on the Primary Election Day, Sept. 10:

1. A voter must have been a resident of Minnesota 20 days.

2. A voter must be a US citizen.

3. A voter must be at least 18 years of age.

4. A voter can register on election day at his designated polling place by providing proper identification, such as a valid Minnesota driver's license,

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10-12 Murray High School.

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### Park's First Baby Responds to Bugle

I am delighted to enclose a check for a year's subscription to the St. Anthony Park Bugle. Nothing can please me more than to find that a regular monthly paper has been established to give the present and the past story of St. Anthony Park.

You may be interested to know that I was the first baby born in St. Anthony Park, February 28, 1887, in a house just down the street a half block away from the old grocery store and post office pictured with the railroad station in your Vol. 1, No. 2 issue.

I am going to suggest one error in your story about the removal of the house at Como and Scudder. I am sure from my memory of early events that 1914 is too late a date for the building of that house.

The Bullards were the first occupants of the house. Betty, the youngest daughter, was my age and in my grade in school. The Bullards moved to a new home farther downtown, but Betty and I were together again at old St. Paul Central from 1901 to 1905. During part of those years, I used to go home sometimes from school with her and stay the night with her in their new home.

So I am certain their move from the Como-Scudder house had to be at least in the very early 1900's, placing its construction much earlier than 1914 surely.

Ruth M. Hall Minneapolis, Minn.

## "Buddies" for Baker Students

South St. Anthony Park students made their exodus from Baker to St. Anthony Park Elementary September 3. In August, Genevieve Nelson, principal, initiated a "buddy" system to help students with predictable adjustments.

Many returning St. Anthony Park students received the name of an incoming Baker child and were asked to telephone that child before school began. Parents were encouraged to help the children make contact with their South St. Anthony Park classmates.

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As St. Anthony Park enters its second hundred years as "a small town within a city," all members of the community are invited to join the St. Anthony Park Association. This is the 27th year of the association. It began holding meetings in October of 1946, and was incorporated on June 26, 1947.

Official charter members numbered 105. Of this number about 30 members, or 27%, are still active in the organization.

In 1973, the association became a complete civic organization with women of the community joining as members.

There are 17 different committees in the association which allows

each member a wide range of choice for participatory activities. Athletics, Community Planning, Programs, Public Affairs, Recreation & Youth And Schools are examples of committees.

I urge you to make the second hundred years of St. Anthony Park a complete participatory project with all citizens working towards a better neighborhood.

Membership fees are \$12 per year for single membership, and \$15.00 per year for a family membership (husband and wife or a limit of two members per family). Any interested party should contact, Robert Lee Shoffner, at 1339

The Commercial Committee of

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were Councilmen David Hozza

and Jack Christensen and appro-

ximately 20 business people and

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concern about recent increases in

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Wayne Burlingame, Commercial

Committee chairman, and Dwight

Solberg, Commercial Committee

Security Representative, met the

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church representatives. The coun-

the St. Anthony Park Association

met August 20 at the Lamplighter



Lois Baron hosted her 4th annual Porch Musicale, August 6. Carol Christensen joined her for an evening of singing predominantly show tunes. Lynn Hobbie accompanied the twosome as they entertained a lawn audience of nearly 100 friends and neighbors.

### University Housing Office Serves Residents and Students

The purpose of the Off-Campus Housing Department is to provide University students, staff, and faculty with housing information through a vacancy listing service. The St. Paul office has the responsibility for the St. Paul area. The listings are available in books classified by category, i.e. rooms, apartments, houses and duplexes.

In order to have the cooperation of property owners, it is necessary to develop strong lines of communication between the housing office and the neighborhood through personal contact by the housing counselor either by phone or by field visits.

Through education and understanding disputes between landlords and tenants are minimized. When they do develop, the housing office will mediate. However, the final resolution is usually the responsibility of the parties directly involved.

Community input is welcome and information about housing needs are available. With the growing emphasis on ecology, more per-

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sons are aware of the many assets of St. Anthony Park area. At the present time, many students are forced to live three to five miles from campus.

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At the July city council meeting, many people complained about the patrolling services contracted with Roseville by the City of Lauderdale. No fault was expressed concerning emergency service, but citizens wanted the police to patrol more frequently. The biggest complaint has been noise from cars and motorcycles. Citizens were urged to call in their complaints to the department.

Dr. French from the University of Minnesota discussed Dutch elm disease with the council and audience. A program has been implemented to find the diseased trees and to instruct owners to remove them. Booklets explaining the disease and its treatment are available at the City Hall.

The City of Lauderdale is interested in the purchase of the elementary school property at the corner of Eustis and Ione Streets. Lauderdale presently leases the property from School District 623.

Since the property is a desirable recreational site, Lauderdale would like to hold it permanently. The property is scheduled to go out on bid and just recently, the School Board has agreed to allow the city of Lauderdale first chance to see if purchase is feasible. The building would likely be razed as

maintenance costs would be prohibitive.

At the August meeting, the council agreed to hire an appraiser to look at the school property. The next step is to arrive at a price and float a bond issue to see what the voters want to do. Voters would be informed as to what alternatives mean in actual tax dollars to them.

The city council agreed to put out a quarterly newsletter to inform citizens of events and keep them aware of ordinances that are in force.

Chairperson Peine made a presentation on the Roseville Police ser-Council members had met view Lauderdale's problems. These gistered.

### Local Couple Active In Area Politics

A St. Anthony Park couple originally from Sioux City, Iowa, Jack and Marjorie Christensen find politics increasingly important in their lives.

Jack Christensen, after years of DFL activity, was elected to the City Council this spring. His wife, Marjorie, works as office manager at MECCA, a politically active environmental association.

Although they have lived in St. Paul since 1962, they have been residents of 2194 Dudley in St. Anthony Park for about a year. Before, they have lived in Randolph Heights in the Edgecumbe area in a house directly underneath the path for incoming planes headed for the airport.

In 1966, Christensen made his first try for elective office in Minnesota when he ran for State Representative in the old 47B district. "It was a bad year for Democrats," said Christensen. The Republicans won back several congressional seats lost two years before. After his defeat, he became active in DFL politics and held several party offices in the 4th District. He became involved in neighborhood politics when a group of citizens organized to stop a 22-story high-rise from beingbuilt.

included: enforcement of curfew, patrolling, registration of bicycles, 15-minute parking enforcement on the corner of Eustis and Ione.

In the police ledger, 51 calls were answered in Lauderdale last month. The police reportedly patrolled the area 16-18 times daily.

If vandals damage city property, the city has the power to require some kind of restitution. Council members showed interest in implementing a work program for juveniles. If parents' permission were obtained, the youth would be put to work on city jobs. If permission from parents could not be obtained, the matter would be settled in court.

Citizens were urged to register their bicycles at either Lauderdale or Roseville City Halls. There is no extra charge for registration, and insurance companies are much more receptive to the payment with Police Chief Goneau to re- of a claim if the bike has been re-

"After we defeated it, we got together and formally organized ourselves as the Edgecumbe Playground Association," he said.

"We opposed a widening of Hamline Avenue which would have taken out at least 150 trees and left both sides of the street stripped," he said.

Christensen said his first participation in politics was at University of Iowa, in Iowa City. He was elected president of the Young Democrats while a student there during the middle 50's.

After graduation from Iowa in 1956, he spent the next three years teaching high school in Illinois and in Iowa City. He taught college-level courses at Southwestern Missouri College. "It was just like the Mississippi Delta down there," he said. "In the 20's, whole families from Alabama and Mississippi came north to escape from the boll weevil and the Delta way of life was brought to southeastern Missouri as entire plantations were transplanted north."

In 1962, he accepted a position as a teacher with the St. Paul Public Schools. In 1968, Christensen was elected social studies resource teacher by the 250 teachers in that department in the 21 secondary schools in St. Paul. The resource teacher helps teachers supplement their classes with additional material and serves as a spokesman for the teachers within the school administration.

Christensen's days with the school system ended after he was given DFL party endorsement for the Council seat held by William Konopatzki, an independent, in the city's first municipal election in which the ballot had party designation.

Christensen's prospects were complicated by the entry into the race of a third candidate, John Gehan, another independent, who had support among the young. But Christensen beat Konopatzki by a couple of thousand votes.

Although she had not been active in politics as long as her husband, Marjorie Christensen found her place in the Minnesota Environ mental Control Citizens Association (MECCA). "We became active as a group about six years ago when people began to develop environmental awareness," she said. The group's most publicized cause to date is its opposition to Reserve Mining's policy of dumping taconite wastes into Lake Supe-

She said her most important duty is the preparation of the newsletter which is sent out to members. At present, she works half days at MECCA because her two children are still in grade school.







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As soon as the center is opened, programs will start for residents. We hope that many of our programs will reflect the international nature of the community. State funds have been obtained to assist in establishing programs.

Commonwealth Terrace will also open a day care facility in the new Community Center. In addition, the center will house a playcenter for younger children.

Hopefully, October will also herald a reduction in resident turnover, and student families can begin getting well-acquainted with their neighbors.



Mrs. Heck Remington reports that the St. Paul Audubon Society now has over 1,000 members. With the trend toward ecological awareness, she has observed a definite increase in the local society's ranks, which number many youths and young

National Audubon Society membership offers many benefits according to Mrs. Remington. The national member automatically receives membership in his area society. For St. Anthony residents that would be the St. Paul Audubon Society. In addition, national members receive the nature magazine, Audubon, and the monthly newsletter from the St. Paul group. Anyone desiring additional information about national and/or local affiliation should contact Isabelle Goldberg, 1915 Palace Avenue,



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  - Grass Park, Vic Tedesco's Band, 1-3 p.m.
  - Youth on the Farm Days, Ramsey County 4-H creative crafts people, Gibbs Farm, 1-4 p.m.
  - South St. Anthony Super Adults, St. Cecilia's Church, 12 noon.
  - 22 Antique Restoring and Refinishing, Gibbs Farm, 1-4 p.m.
  - St. Anthony Park Association regular membership meeting, Congregational Church,6pm.
  - Annual Members' Steak Fry, Lauderdale City
  - Natural dyeing, using onion and beet skins, walnuts, etc. Gibbs Farm, 1-4 p.m.
  - Class in Dried Flower Arrangements, \$3 fee, Como Park Conserva-
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  - Lauderdale City Coun-
  - Free concert in Green

  - PAC meeting, 7:00 p.m.

  - Antique Restoring and Refinishing, Gibbs Farm, 1-4 p.m.
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