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The St. Anthony Park Bagle

CRIME PREVENTION OF INCREASING CONCERN

A crime prevention program has been scheduled for the first part of next year by the St. Anthony Park Association. The dates of the program will be announced after the Christmas holidays.

Wayne Burlingame, commercial committee chairman, explained that members of the St. Paul police department will advise residents and merchants of preventive measures against crime. He said efforts to date to contain burglaries, robberies, vandalism, and malicious mischief have not been successful.

Burlingame said he and Dwight Solberg, committee security representative, met several weeks ago with the mayor and police chief. "They told us the police department is already 50 men short and will probably be cut back even further. The meeting must have served some purpose,"

he said, "You see more visual evidence of police cars."

Burlingame was quick to add that the presence of police cars has not cut crime in St. Anthony Park to any extent. "One week there were three robberies here," he said. On the other hand police figures showed crime in St. Anthony Park was the lowest of 21 areas in the city during 1974. "I suppose it makes sense for the police to not send their cars to the areas of low crime when they are short of men. But if a crook wants to try something, he's probably smart to go to the places where the police aren't patrolling," he added. Burlingame concluded by speculating that St. Anthony Park might be vulnerable because the Interstate highway offers easy escape to the city centers of both St. Paul and Minneapolis.



The old McGill residence at 2203 Scudder



Marie Schwabach

A. Marie Schwabach has been elected Vice President of the St. Anthony Park State Bank, St. Paul, it was announced by bank president, Andrew Boss.

Ms. Schwabach has been employed by the St. Anthony Park State Bank since 1943 and was elected Assistant Cashier in 1961 and Assistant Vice President in 1968. Her areas of responsibility include mortgage loans, customer service, and managing the St. Anthony Park Insurance Agency. Prior to joining the bank, she was employed by the Federal Land Bank.

She has received all certificates as a member of the American Institute of Banking. She belongs to the St. Anthony Park Association and the Ramsey-St. Paul Historical Society.

THE COVER

Photographer Don Svendsen found the playground already in use at Commonwealth Terrace's new Community Center. For more on the Center's opening, turn to page 9.

Friday, Nov. 14, St. Paul City Council voted unanimously to keep Fire Station No. 13 open through January, reported Councilman Jack Christianson.

"Last Friday's discussion paid off in aces," he said. The Fire Chief came in with 4 alternate plans, 2 of which recommended keeping no. 13 closed. The fourth plan kept it open, and it was accepted without much debate.

Citizens should keep in mind that the ultimate fate of the station is still undecided, pending the report from the mayor's office.

McGill Mansion Receives Nod from Review Board

Story and photo by Steve Rouch

On Oct. 1, the State Review Board for the National Register of Historic Places approved the Andrew McGill mansion, 2203 Scudder, for consideration as an historical landmark. Recommendation now will go to the national committee for final approval. The purpose of the National Register of Historic Places is to "record the story of a nation and preserve tangible reminders of the history of the United States." The McGill mansion received original nomination on the grounds of being "associated with the lives of persons significant to our past."

Constructed in 1887, prior to the date Andrew McGill took office as the 10th governor of the state of Minnesota, the mansion maintains a rich Victorian charm that reflects the dignity and elegance of the 19th century.

Much of the original woodwork and metal work, remain. As well as intricate glass work and

a crystal chandelier, the mansion has a library, guest rooms, a photographic darkroom (used by McGill's son Thomas), maids quarters, large living quarters, and six bathrooms. In one corner of the basement, an electoral districts map of St. Paul from 1917 still hangs on the wall. The house was occupied by Mrs. Thomas McGill, daughter-in-law to the governor, until recent years.

The house stands as a monument to its original occupant, Andrew McGill. Governor McGill was a dynamic and talented man. Born of Irish stock in Saegerstown, Pennsylvania, in 1840, he became a teacher at the age of 19. The army interrupted his career, and he became a 1st Lieutenant in a Cavalry division that was present at the hanging of the Sioux warriors in Mankato. McGill returned to civilian life and became the school superintendent for Nicollet County in Southern Minnesota.

Later, he bought the St. Peter Tribune and became editor. His

friend Governor Austin appointed McGill to the office of Insurance Commissioner. It was from this initial political stepping stone that McGill became governor in 1887. Barely securing a plurality among his electorate, his office terminated after his first two-year term, due to "political rivalry among the Republican party."

While in office, Governor McGill did manage to simplify many of the State's tax laws, abolish contract prison labor and establish the Soldiers Home. He remained in political life, first as a state senator for the 37th District, and later he was made Postmaster General of the City of St. Paul by President McKinley.

Andrew McGill died of apparent heart failure the morning of October 31, 1905, in his mansion on Scudder. Services were held at his home in St. Anthony Park, with four distinguished, former Minnesota governors serving as pall bearers.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS ON STATION 13

Councilman Jack Christianson reported that discussion on the closing of fire station no. 13 took place at the Nov. 8 meeting of the finance committee, a committee made up of the whole city council.

At that time, Christianson told the council that in checking the top 25 fires in St. Paul for the year 1973, he found that numbers 1, 3 and 5 were out of station no. 13. These were Central Warehouse Co., Fisher Nut Co., and Hoerner Waldorf Corp., respectively; all nearby industrial firms. The Central Warehouse fire was the worst in the city for that year, with estimated damages of \$400,000. He suggested that the mayor's proposal to not fund the station for 1975 may be based on some hastily gathered, misleading information and should be viewed from other perspectives.

Christianson expressed his desire to see the station remain open. However, he noted that at this point the council must await the results of a requested report from the Mayor's office on specific proposed allocations of budgetary funds for fire stations and playgrounds before any action can be taken.

Your thoughts and feelings on the future of this station may help the administration reach a decision, call 298-4323.



FIRE STATION NO. 13

The year 1909 marks an epoch in the annals of the St. Paul fire department, as during that year two of the worst fires in the history of the department occurred. The first has since become known as "The Cold Storage Fire," in which thousands of pounds of sugar, poultry, game, tobacco, tea and other stuff stored by commission men were destroyed. The second fire was most disastrous, and closed the careers of four brave firemen, who answered their last call while fighting the fire which broke out early Sunday morning, October 21, in the cooling room of the A.B. Hinman packing plant, in the Midway district.

The Midway fire, so called, was a most stubborn one to fight, as the hydrants were quite a distance from the origin of the blaze, which swept, by a westerly wind, soon spread to the great brick building just north of the Minnesota Transfer bridge owned by the McCormick Harvester Company.

This fire, which practically exterminated the personnel of

Engine Company 13, will be remembered as the fire in the history of the department which caused the largest sacrifice of life. Those who died in the Midway fire were: Assistant Chief Wm. H. Irvine, Frank M. Edey, Burt F. Irish, Louis Wagner, all of Engine Company 13. The crew were fighting the fire on the southerly side of the building, when suddenly and without warning the wall bulged in the middle and within an instant the men were buried beneath a mass of heated brick and mortar. Two other members of the company escaped with their lives, but suffered terrible weeks of agony in the hospitals. They were Pipeman A.J. Johnson, of Company 9, and Pipeman W.G. Peel, of Company 8, both of whom were promoted as soon as they were able to take up active duties.

This fire was believed to have been of incendiary origin, and although the police made several attempts to secure the conviction of men suspected of having caused the fire, nothing ever came of it. The loss was \$300,000.

Taken from the HISTORY OF THE SAINT PAUL FIRE DEPARTMENT by W.B. Hennessy, published in 1909.



Different Factors Cited for Closing

Story by Steve Rouch

Probes into the Mayor's Budget Office due to the recent closing of Fire Station No. 13 (Raymond and Hampden) have proven somewhat confusing as to the real reason for the shutdown. Roger Mattson, Director of the Budgetary Office for St. Paul, blames the number one problem on the outcome of the "Compensatory Time" law passed by the U.S. Congress in April of this year. This law requires governmental agencies to pay civil employees time and one half or give time and one half off if the employee works overtime. Mattson went on to reveal that the reason Fire Station No. 13 closed October 1, was to help pay over \$100,000.00 in overtime already logged by St. Paul fire fighters this year.

Fire Chief Steve Conroy takes another view of the fire station's closing. "Fire Station No. 13 was closed because the City Council felt there was just not enough runs out of the station, and we felt the area in question (North and South St. Anthony Park) had enough coverage from the other fire stations." "As far as the Compensatory Time law," Chief

Conroy continued, "we are not working people overtime anymore. Three or four of the city's fire stations are closed every day to remedy the overtime situation," he added.

One very important issue mentioned by several unnamed St. Paul firefighters was that of "neighborhood familiarity." Knowledge of how a neighborhood is laid out and what streets are closed for construction may be crucial to the success or failure of the fire fighting effort. When asked about neighborhood familiarity, Chief Conroy replied that "the fire fighters should know every part of the city." He went on further to add that "it doesn't make sense to wait for the fire to break out in your district, because most of the time other units have to come in anyway, because you may be out training or chasing false alarms. Neighborhood familiarity just isn't that big of a thing."

Several City Administrators mentioned the possibility of reopening Fire Station No. 13 on January 1st with a possible \$182,000 contingency fund. Frank Marzelli of Mayor Cohen's office was not available for comment on that subject.

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The beginnings of a new addition to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Photo by Don Svendsen

FROM NORWEGIAN BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH EVOLVES

What's the building project on Como Avenue next to Millers Pharmacy? A substantial addition to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

The nearly half-million dollar project consists of a greatly expanded narthex, includes space for a library and a visitation area, a sizeable fireplace lounge room, additional education rooms, increased office space, and provides for the refurbishing of the nave. A new organ is on order and will be installed later next year. Community Planning and Design Associates are the architects; Perry A. Swenson Co. is the general contractor.

The fourth building program since 1948, the congregation voted over 90% in favor of this project. Members enthusiastically look forward to its completion next spring.

Founded in 1902 as the Wartburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, the original 27 members of the congregation were mostly students and members of the faculty at the United Norwegian Lutheran Church Theological Seminary - today Luther Theological Seminary.

Until 1931, regular services were conducted in Norwegian. Even after the advent of English, Norwegian continued to be used in special services for some time. A notable year in church history, 1931 marked the establishment of a building fund campaign to begin arrangements for a permanent home for the congregation.

Gradually, as St. Anthony Park began to develop, residents of the community joined the congregation, until by 1935, membership numbered 146. Many students from the university farm campus worshiped with the congregation. Services were held in the old seminary chapel located in what is now known as Bockman Hall.

As St. Anthony Park grew, the church evolved from a seminary to a community congregation. The church formally changed its name to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in 1937. That same year, the Strickler property on Luther Place was purchased, and the building on the property (since demolished) became the parish house and parsonage for the congregation.

With growth came the need for a full-time pastor. In 1938, Pastor J.M. Langemo was installed in this capacity and faced a membership of 218. Growth also necessitated finding a permanent home for the church. Land for the building was acquired in 1944, by exchanging, with the synod, the parish house for the synod's vacant property on Luther Place. The congregation set a maximum cost of \$150,000 for the building, exclusive of services. Finding the funding for the project became a major problem; after money and commitments were secured, construction bids opened in 1948.

Disappointment reigned as bids were opened and the lowest was far in excess of the funds available. The building committee

went to work to trim costs, eliminating many desirable features contained in the first plan.

On Sunday, March 20, 1949, the congregation, now grown to 600 members, held its first worship service in the new sanctuary. One year later, the parsonage was built for the pastor.

By 1954, membership hit 1,000, and a building program to provide additional Sunday school and other working space was started. The expanded facility was dedicated in 1956.

During the 1960's and 1970's, several building committees have planned for additional facilities. After several aborted attempts, a plan was finally developed which met with congregational approval. Today, ministered to by its fifth full-time pastor, the Rev. Rolf Hanson, the congregation is in the midst of its forth building effort.

Creative Festival Held

The St. Anthony Park Congregational Church held a Festival of Human Creativity from November 10 to 17. The first Sunday the festival featured a dramatic choral reading of T.S. Eliot's verse play, "The Rock," anthems composed and sung by members of the church, and a creative expression and movement experience led by Sister Peggy O'Connell, teacher of creative drama

for the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Workshops and discussions in a variety of areas of creativity were held on Tuesday, November 12.

Internationally exhibited sculptor Paul Granlund sculpted a sermon in clay November 17. As he worked, he talked with the congregation on his life vision and the gift of creativity.

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Ad Hoc Committee Looks at 'Neighbor' Concept

Urban living, with its complex social problems, presents a challenge to the dweller of any major city who is willing to define "neighbor" in its broadest rather than limited sense. Parents of school-age children who have made a deliberate decision to live in St. Anthony Park can hardly have done so without knowledge of future inevitable change in city schools as equal educational opportunity is sought for all children.

District 625 elementary school changes, through consolidation, pairing, learning centers, and much new brick and mortar, are already a reality. Citizens' advice was instrumental in planning these changes. Citizens' input is now sought at the secondary level. As you know, the school administration has Murray slated to become a Senior High only, rather than a six-year school, with additional students coming from the present Washington and Central attendance areas. Junior High kids would go to Wilson and Como Park Junior High schools.

This fall, the local Ad Hoc Schools Committee has addressed itself to the myriad questions raised when envisioning this change for Murray. By the Bugle's publication date, the first city-wide secondary schools advisory committee meeting will have been held, on November 14. By next month a more detailed appraisal and report should be possible.

Prior to discussing particular attendance boundaries, minority ratios, declining enrollments, monies available, or educational programs, the Ad Hoc Committee would like to suggest that parents take time to evaluate their reasons for choosing city-life. Hopefully, we covet not only cultural/ethnic integrated schools for our youngsters, but also schools reflecting the socio-economic mix of the city.

There's obviously some overlap here. There are a variety of inequalities in secondary schools at present; the proposed desegregation/integration plan may solve minority differences, but it worsens the present social-economic situation.

Response to the invitation to participate in the very open Ad Hoc Schools Committee has been excellent — we invite any and all to offer their constructive help. Denis Dailey, 1540 Branston, is chairman of the committee.

*Ad Hoc Schools Committee
Carol Schoen, Reporter*

CITIZEN AWARE OF VIOLENCE

I've lived in this community for many years. For the most part, St. Anthony Park has enjoyed the reputation of being a quiet neighborhood with a very low incidence of crime and vandalism. Recently, there have been some dramatic changes in this respect.

Increased robberies and burglaries appear to follow a national trend and likely are not committed by park residents. But the build up of roving gangs and increased vandalism appear to be caused by our own youth.

It seems increasingly important that parents should know where their children are and what they are doing. Parents, more than anyone else, should be responsible for guiding and counseling their youngsters. No one says it's easy, but surely we can all work together to help achieve a more lawful environment for all park residents.

I'm concerned. How about you?

Joe Skovholt



A lot of changes occurred for the Bugle in the last month:

A NEW TIME

Starting with this issue, the Bugle will publish the third Wednesday of each month. Now that we've set the rule, let's talk about the exception. December's issue will come out one week early, so advertisers receive good circulation before Christmas. Otherwise, plan on the third Wednesday of each month as the rule. Deadlines fall at least 10 days prior to publication.

A NEW PLACE

Our office (which no one could ever find anyway) moved to a different location in the same building. We are now on Como, over the Bibelot Shop—top of the stairs, second door to the right. Staffed by part-time employees, regular Bugle office hours are limited to Saturday mornings. Our phone number stays 646-5415; the mailing address remains 2239 Carter.

NEW PEOPLE

Joe Skovholt, long-time St. Anthony Park resident, took charge of advertising this month. If ads are your concern, call and leave a message for Joe. Roger Fuller and Steve Rouch are staff writers for the Bugle. Steve also clicks a camera for us, as do Don Svendsen, Carl Brookins and Rich Kreisman.

Able but sporadically staffed, high above scenic Como Avenue, we are ready to publish a Bugle the third Wednesday of each month.

"THIRD WORLD" CHILDREN BENEFIT

UNICEF Drive Success in St. Anthony Park

We wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to each and every one who helped, in any way, to make our UNICEF Drive so very successful. We are happy to report that the total amount collected was \$323.44. This will, indeed, help buy many needed things such as medicine, garden tools, food and school supplies, for many destitute children of the "Third World."

We thank our teachers who helped our students understand what UNICEF is all about. This motivation was very important in making the drive so successful. Our special thanks to each student who so willingly, and unselfishly, gave time on such an inclement night, to collect for less fortunate children around the world. We are very proud of them and of their parents, who gave the students both permission and encourage-

ment to work on this worthwhile project.

Two students won prizes for collecting the most in their division: Kristin Stegneir, a second grader, for collecting more than any other second or third grader; she collected \$6.44; Mike Wirtz, a fifth grader, for collecting more than any other fourth, fifth or sixth grader; he collected \$11.61.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Mrs. Marian Glew and Mrs. Kiki Gore, who collected the boxes at school and counted the money. They did an excellent job.

On behalf of each of the children, who will be recipients of your generosity, we say, "thank you," "thank you," "thank you."

*Berneice Herron, school social worker
Genevieve Nelson, principal*

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Does anyone remember when and who? This photo is a group of St. Anthony Park PTA ladies. Can anyone tell us when it was taken and identify the 18 ladies? We'd offer a prize, except we don't have the answers. Photo submitted by Carl Brookins



Langford Parkway blocked by storm-sewer construction

Street Construction Until June of 1976

Story and photo by Steve Rouch

Many of the streets in St. Anthony Park will remain under construction into next spring, in order to complete the proposed "spider storm sewer" project for the city of St. Paul. John Streeter of Acton Construction Company, one concern involved with the project, describes the project as "an effort to save St. Paul from paying the bill for processing both storm water and sewage at the sewage treatment plant in St. Paul."

To date, both sewage and storm water ran together to the sewage treatment plant. "Our new spider system," Streeter continued, "will be exclusively for storm water, utilizing long spiderlike pipes to gather storm water and carry it to central locations."

One such central terminal for storm water will be located on Langford Parkway in St. Anthony Park. The project on Langford will include closing all traffic to the specific area and constructing a shaft 160 feet deep. Storm water and refuse will travel from various areas in the neighborhood and collect in the mammoth shaft scheduled to be built.

As a result of the project on Langford, a section of the street adjacent to the Parks and Recreation building will be fenced off and closed to traffic until June of 1976. Mr. Streeter assured, however, that all services to the neighborhood, such as snow removal, would continue without being affected by the project.

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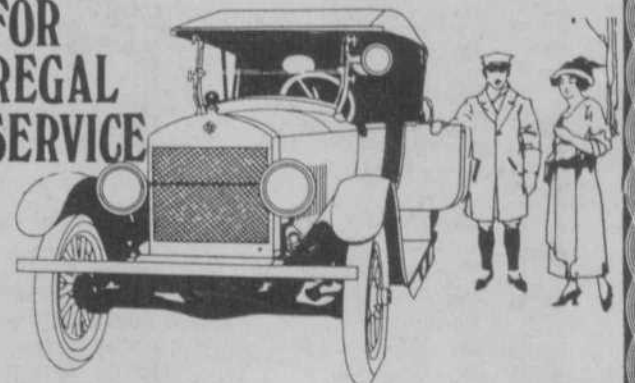
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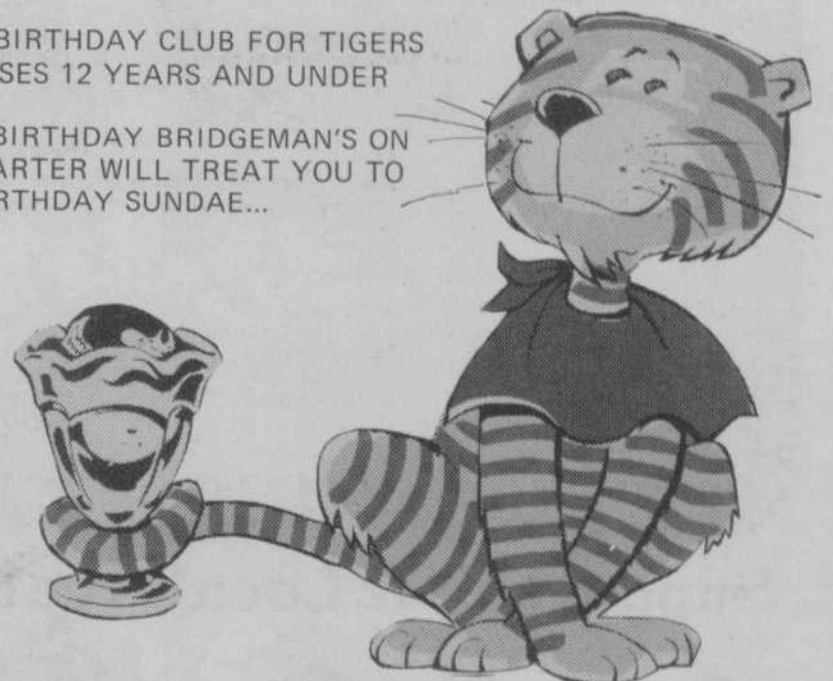
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Murray Athletic Calendar

GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE (All 4 P.M.)

Dec. 6
Dec. 10
Dec. 13
Dec. 17

GAME

Murray-Central
Murray-Mechanic Arts
Murray-Monroe
Murray-Highland Park

SITE

Como Park
Mechanic Arts
Monroe
Como Park

BOYS BASKETBALL

Junior Varsity, 6 P.M.

Senior Varsity, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 26
Dec. 6
Dec. 10
Dec. 13
Dec. 17

Preview
Murray-Central
Murray-Mechanic Arts
Murray-Monroe
Murray-Highland Park

Washington
Como Park
Mechanic Arts
Monroe
Murray

GYMNASTICS (All 7 P.M.)

Dec. 3
Dec. 11
Dec. 17
Dec. 19

Murray-Washington
Murray-Mechanic Arts
Murray-Harding
Murray-Humboldt

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HOCKEY

Nov. 23, 7 P.M.
Nov. 30, 5 P.M.
Dec. 7, 8:30 P.M.
Dec. 11, 8:30 P.M.
Dec. 18, 5 P.M.

Preview
Murray-Monroe
Murray-Johnson
Murray-Johnson
Murray-Humboldt

Auditorium
Auditorium
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Auditorium
Aldrich

HOCKEY, JUNIOR VARSITY

Dec. 13, 4:10 P.M.
Dec. 18, 4:10 P.M.

Murray-Monroe
Murray-Harding

Midway Arena
West Side

SWIMMING

Dec. 6, 7:30 P.M.
Dec. 13, 7:30 P.M.
Dec. 19, 3:30 P.M.

Preview
Murray-Johnson-Mechanic Arts
Murray-Humboldt-Central

Vocational Pool
Vocational Pool
Vocational Pool

WRESTLING

Junior and Senior Varsity

Nov. 27, 3:30 P.M.
Dec. 5, 3:30 P.M.
Dec. 13, 7:30 P.M.
Dec. 19, 3:30 P.M.

Murray-Johnson
Murray-Central
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THE BUGLE

SUNDAY MONDAY



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Transit Seminar (2nd in series), 2333 Long Ave. 8 pm.

1 DECEMBER

December 2-27, Russel Norberg - Water Colors, St. Paul Student Center, U of M, North Star Gallery.

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South St. Anthony Park general meeting, 2380 Hampden, 8 pm.



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"Great Music from Great Films," Leonard Slatkin conducting the Minnesota Orchestra, Orchestra Hall 3 pm.

Grand Meander, 1:00-6:00 pm. Grand Ave. and Lexington Parkway.

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Transit Seminar (3rd in series), 2333 Long Ave., 8 pm.

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

20 NOVEMBER 21

PAC Board Meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 pm.

Super Adult Group, St. Cecilia Church, Noon.



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FILM: "Billy Jack," St. Paul Student Center, U of M, 7:30 pm.

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Commonwealth Terrace Community Center Open House, 1250 Fifield Place, 2-5 pm.



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Pressed Flower Pictures workshop, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 6:30-8:30 pm. Pre-registration and fee, call 224-3383 ext. 28.

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THANKSGIVING



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"Mini 3," Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducting Zino Francescatti, violin, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, 8 pm.

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Community meeting on proposed Como/Knapp parking lot, elementary school.

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"Mini 2," Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducting Claudio Arrau, Piano. O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, 8 pm.

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Commonwealth Terrace Christmas Craft Sale, Community Center, 1250 Fifield Place, 10 am.-6 pm.

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"Handel's Messiah," Margaret Hillis, guest conductor, Minnesota Orchestra, O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, 8 pm. (Dec. 12, 13, 14 performances at Orchestra Hall)

12

Health Clinic, St. Cecilia Church, 1:30-3:30 pm.



Children's Christmas Party, St. Paul Student Center.





At the Nov. 14, executive committee meeting, a proposal for a group home for adolescents was presented by Dr. Ronald Collins of Group Homes, Inc., St. Paul. Dr. Collins seeks to establish a boarding home for ten adolescents ages 12-18 on property located on the northwest corner of Knapp and Raymond.

A brochure describes the program as highly structured and highly supervised. The homes' "behavioral expectations are strict and clear, and deviation from those expectations is met with a logical consequence prescribed and administered by adult staff. . . . The parental model is emphasized due to the fact that most residents return to their own or foster homes which operate with parents-as-authority."

Who would be living at the house? "Generally, residents exhibit behavior disorders and are social-emotionally dysfunctional, but not delinquent except that

many are status offenders (running, truanting). Homes operate with a Redd-like philosophy that external control applied consistently and fairly, ultimately will result in the formation of functioning internal (self-) control."

The St. Paul Board of Zoning will hold a public hearing in Rm. 356 of the City Hall and Courthouse at 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 21, 1974, on Dr. Collins' application for a permit to operate a home. The Board of Zoning is notifying owners of property within 350 feet of the above-mentioned property of this meeting. You are invited to attend if you have any interest in this matter.

John Rutford, president of the St. Anthony Park Association, said "pending the zoning meeting and prior to a city council meeting on the matter, I hope to schedule a community meeting on Dec. 2, so that Dr. Collins might come and explain the program to the community. We will make an effort to inform the community of the time and place of this meeting once it is scheduled."

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ms. Mary Mantis is planning an interesting Christmas program

for association members this year. The meeting will be held early, on Dec. 17, in the St. Paul Student Center. Among other things, the program will feature area oldsters who will recall Christmases of the past. Space will be limited; interested residents should make reservations as soon as possible by calling John Rutford, association president.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee of the St. Anthony Park Association will meet at 8:15 in the Congregational Church following the regular membership meeting.

The first item on the agenda will be discussion of the parking problem on St. Anthony Park streets. The city has expressed the desire to remove all parking on Cleveland to accommodate the traffic flow. Implementation could mean that residents have even more traffic and parking to contend with on nearby streets.

The second matter for discussion concerns the proposed parking lot for the elementary school on the corner of Como and Knapp. There will be a community meeting on this matter December 4, at the elementary school.



By Avery Brookins

On certain afternoons during the school year, a small woman, burdened with overflowing bags and boxes, may be seen entering the side door of the St. Anthony Park Library. This busy, bustling little lady is Joan Piper Jensen. The boxes and bags are likely to contain costumes, decorations for the "studio" walls, leotards and tights, and of course, diminutive ballet shoes.

Since 1962, more than sixty of our local small-fry have annually benefited from Mrs. Jensen's tender yet strict tutelage in the joys of physical fitness and the disciplined grace of ballet. Her rapport with her small pupils as well as the teen-agers is truly extraordinary. Rarely is a child so shy or withdrawn that he or she is not soon drawn into the circle of happy activity.

The annual spring program is the crowning event of the year's activities. The monumental tasks of finding a theme, planning and co-ordinating all the colors and styles of the costumes, arranging for them to be made are only the beginning.

On the night of the recital, the excitement and the volume of noise generated by fifty or sixty small children is not to be believed. Willing mothers help apply the light touches of make-up to ecstatic little faces. There has not been enough time for everything. Not enough time to learn the new dances, to sew the dresses, to get the programs printed, or to arrange the lighting. But the piano strikes the first chord, and somehow it all falls into place. Another big night has begun.

Joan Jensen is herself a product of St. Anthony Park. She began her study of ballet at the age of three under Miriam Phillips and continued long after her graduation from Murray High School. She did her teacher training in St. Paul and Minneapolis. She has taught at McBarry's Settlement House, at MacPhail School of Music, and in Edina, Bloomington and Lauderdale, to mention a few.

But Joan Jensen has been many things besides a teacher of dancing. She is the mother of six children, two boys and four girls. For ten years, Joan has been

very active in girl scout work in the park. She started as a scout leader, went on to be a councilor and then an area chairman.

She has taught for many years in the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Sunday school and now conducts the worship and music service for the kindergarten and first grade classes. She has held the office of secretary of the Mother's Circle in the church.

She and her husband, Warren, have a regular monthly get-together with seven other couples who went to Murray High School at the same time, and who have continued a close friendship throughout the years.

GET INVOLVED

Mrs. John DeVere Hunt suggested that bird watching enthusiasts could provide a lot of material that would be of interest to the community. She thought a give-and-take sort of column among watchers (new and old) telling of their techniques and experiences would be of interest to a wide audience. We agree. How about some volunteers?

Don Svendsen, resident photographer and frequent contributor to the Bugle, mentioned he would like to exchange views and answer questions with fellow shutter bugs. Whether its equipment or esthetics, whether you're a beginner or an expert, Don says he'll entertain questions or engage in discussions on any aspect of photography.

What's your particular hobby or interest? Your views on current issues affecting this area? What not share? Neighborhood newspapers are viable only if they reflect the values and interests of the community they serve.

BUS LINE BLUES

The MTC bus service began operating an extended 6B route through Har Mar Mall and Rosedale shopping center Oct. 7. To date, the route has not received sufficient ridership to continue service past the 6-month trial period.

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All of these modern buildings are the result of the joint efforts of Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative and the University of Minnesota to increase housing for student families and provide space for community recreation and activities. Planning began in the winter of 1972 and final touches in buildings and grounds are happening now. Many long hours and unmeasurable energy have made this housewarming a reality. We would like you to share with us as we officially open our doors.



Community Center opens its doors November 23. Photo by Don Svendsen



Residents of Commonwealth Terrace are planning a Christmas Craft Sale in the new Community Center at 1250 Fifield Place, on Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Plenty of parking is available on Fifield at the Center. Child care will be available while people browse.

Terrace residents will be selling their goods, and the St. Anthony Park neighborhood craft people are invited to sell at booths too. Persons interested in selling crafts must register by calling Chris Standal, 645-7126; Tony Horning, 645-1521; Liz Priedkalna, 644-7171.

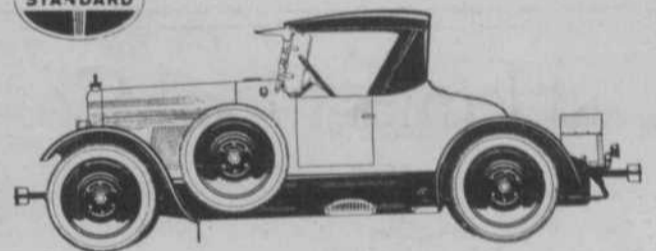
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Volunteers living in South St. Anthony Park are mostly University of Minnesota students who find time between their classes to help. As in other areas, these volunteers have been needed, because not enough parents are willing to tutor at the high school level. Murray, like many schools, is advocating more parental participation in education.

Presently active volunteers should be commended for working and providing tutorial help for Murray's students. However, teachers cry for tutors - especially for remedial reading. The School's open attitude indicates more neighborhood participation is needed. For remedial reading, tutors would work under the direct supervision of a specially trained teacher's aide. An investment of a few hours of your time now, could create untold future dividends in the life of a child. Let's take an active part in the growth of our kids..... Call Meg Rice at 646-8884.

TRANSIT SEMINAR

Since transportation is a vital part of our everyday lives, there will be a series of three (3) informational seminars in the Elizabeth Clark Community Building, 233 Long Avenue, (in the Hampden Square Housing Complex in South St. Anthony Park). The dates for the free seminars are NOVEMBER 11, NOVEMBER 25, and DECEMBER 9. The starting time is 8:00 p.m. and they are open to all.

Speakers will include representatives from the MTC, the Citizen's League, 3M Transport Program, Metro Clean Air and legislators involved in transit. This could prove to be a very interesting program — feel free to attend.

SENIOR HI-RISE

Construction has started on a 14 story high-rise for the elderly in the West Midway-South St. Anthony Park area, (Raymond Avenue between Territorial and Ellis). The \$2.9 million dollar building will have 144 apartments, including 14 specially equipped units for handicapped residents. If you are interested in placement on the waiting list or in obtaining information, call Rosemary Pream, HRA's Rental Aide for Public Housing, 298-5158.



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Playground Symbol of Neighborhood Unity

By Al Wroblewski

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The only place a story about the playground in South Saint Anthony Park can rightfully begin is the home of Elizabeth J. Clark. For Mrs. Clark, keeping the playground alive and saving the neighborhood are nearly one and the same. To a large extent, the story of the playground is the story of the South Saint Anthony Park neighborhood.

"Six years ago we were picked as a renewal candidate and while we were told we had a choice, the bulldozers were already humming our requiem," she said.

influx of part-time residents or whatever, it presented a challenge for the neighborhood folks to overcome.

Urban renewal received part of the blame for the playground's plight. When one's home is threatened it is hard to keep attention focused on recreation. The thought of rumbling bulldozers flattening the neighborhood shifted people's attention rather suddenly and dramatically to urban renewal and the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority. In response, the South Saint Anthony Park Association formed and moved immediately to the front lines.

The struggle taxed the energies of the residents as it spread out to dozens of issues. South Saint Anthony's most avid supporter, Mrs. Clark, said "The obstacle course is always rough. But we Southsiders have a lot going for us; we don't know the meaning of the word 'quit'."

The playground in South Saint Anthony Park is not the drawing card it once was, however, it remains a link to past efforts bonding a community together. In essence it symbolizes the small community's efforts to survive.

Lying in the shadows of heavy industry, from the very beginning the neighborhood needed a refuge for children and rallying point for adults. In the middle 1920's a playground was built in South Saint Anthony Park. In 1930, the Director of Recreation for St. Paul helped organize a neighborhood Booster Club. The club was an organization of neighborhood men and women which met once a month to conduct playground improvements and help carry out programs.

The advent of World War II brought new people into the Booster Club replacing those who left for overseas. After the War, returning GI's swung into action; and new enthusiasm for the playground emerged. Despite solid involvement of neighborhood parents, there never seemed to be enough money for adequate programs. Even the hassles with the Recreation Department or squeezing contributions out of neighborhood residents did not measure up to other headaches which surfaced in the early sixties. Attendance at the Booster Club fell. Parents' attitudes seemed to change. Some long-time residents felt a new breed of youngster inhabited the neighborhood. Whether the disinterest in the playground grew from changing values or life-styles, the aimless searching for new kicks outside the area, the distracting boob tube, the

The Association started out like the Booster Club. It was told by the Housing Authority what it should do and what it should approve. After a time, the residents started challenging the Housing Authority and grew to become hard negotiators over most phases of redevelopment. Without the many years of frustration endured by the Booster Club, it is doubtful whether the Association would have been able to move beyond a token role in deciding the neighborhood's future. Whether or not it survives and maintains a firm stance depends on its ability to adopt a practical and complete strategy for self-sufficiency.



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Supt. Nielsen told the board he received a call from Clayton L. LeFevre, attorney for the city of Lauderdale, Oct. 24, stating the city would pay up to \$65,000 for the old Lauderdale School and property.

LeFevre also indicated that the payment would require either a successful bond issue referendum in Lauderdale or installment payments over a period of approximately five years.

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