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High School Cuts

There is a public meeting at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Como Park Jr. High on August 1 to discuss the latest plan for the new senior high. The plans include a number of cuts from recommendations made by the Murray/ Como/ Washington planning committee. If you want to get a word in edgewise about our new high school, this is the time. Call 488-2538.

SSAP Social for All

The South St. Anthony Park Association is holding a potluck social in the South St. Anthony Recreation Center starting at 6 p.m. on August 3. Business of the meeting includes a slide show about COMPAS, and discussion of possible directions for the community artists program. All are welcome. Call 647-1756 or see story page 9 for details.

Great Caesar's Ghost

It doesn't take Superman to edit the *Bugle*, only 25-35 hours a month. If you want to be editor and get paid to boot, you must submit a resume before August 16. Resumes should be left in the *Bugle* box in either the library or the Community Council office. Call 646-8884 for details.

\$6,000!

A \$1,000 grant from Hoerner Waldorf has steered the total in Park Press' fund raising drive past the \$6,000 mark. Details page 8.

Board?

The next meeting of the Park Press Board is August 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the basement of the Park Library. Board meetings, which are held the third Thursday of the month, are free for all.

Energy Gathering

An all day energy seminar will be held at Murray High School on Saturday, September 24th starting at 9:00 a.m. Some of the topics to be presented or discussed will be: alternative energy sources, recycling-composting - conservation, community efforts, joint family group ventures. Main speakers will be Joel Barker, futurist at St. Paul Arts & Science Center, and Luther Gerlach, anthropologist at the University of Minnesota. Call 646-8884.



It was a long night for Richard Meshbesher (front) and Robert Brantingham as over 200 people let the City Council know what they thought about domes and homes.

City Council Dooms Dome

By Catherine Madison

"When money speaks, truth is silent," said Bruce Jones, quoting a Russian proverb. Truth, at least as it exists in the eyes of St. Anthony Park residents, was far from silent in the St. Paul City Council chambers Monday evening, July 11.

The occasion was a public hearing concerning Minnesota Domed Stadium Inc.'s proposed stadium to be located on a 46 acre site immediately west of Highway 280 and north of Territorial Avenue. In order for the site to be considered for selection by the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, formal approval by city government was required.

More than 200 protesting citizens comprised the standing-room-only crowd. The 47 speakers among them were armed with humor and history as well as persuasive ability.

Robert Brantingham and Richard Meshbesher, backers of the plan, began the meeting

with a slide presentation and description of the circular stadium domed with white fiberglass and Teflon. They cited advantages such as proximity to both downtowns, central location on major thoroughfares, and particularly integration with the proposed University transit system connecting the two campuses.

Transportation appeared to be the most troublesome hurdle. The plan assumed the use of about 10,000 private cars to shuttle people to the 65,000 seat stadium. On-site parking would accommodate only 3,000 cars. The remainder would be divided between the Minneapolis campus and the state fairgrounds, and their occupants would ride the transit system buses to the stadium. In contrast, the Met Stadium parking lot holds 14,000 cars.

"This plan assumes the greatest success in U.S. transportation history," said Todd Lefkow. He mentioned the current unsolved problems

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8 Artists to Work Fulltime in the Park

By Lois M. Anderson

Sculptures in both Langford and Green Grass Parks, architectural tours, folk dancing, pantomime, community bands, and murals were ideas discussed as possible projects for the Park community at a meeting of the District 12 Social Concerns Committee July 20.

The reason the above ideas can be considered is that three persons have been hired as artists for this community and as many as five more are soon to be hired.

Michael Hazard, photographer, Bob Rucker, writer, and Virginia Perrot, coordinator, will be at least temporarily located at the District 12 office, 2380 Hampden Ave.

Jim Dusso, director of administration for Community Programs in the Arts and Sciences (COMPAS), explained how the Comprehensive Employment & Training Act (CETA) money was made available in June to fund 62 artists in the St. Paul community.

COMPAS is a member agency of the St. Paul Ramsey Arts and Science Council that provides art experiences to a community. The program integrates artists into a community which then allows them to become known, Dusso said.

St. Anthony Park, West side, and Dayton's Bluff are the three neighborhoods that have been chosen for the one year project. "We've done projects here before that have been

successful," Dusso said as he explained why St. Anthony Park was chosen.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussing how the artists might be used in this neighborhood. "I'd like a broader sampling than we have here tonight," said Jane Baird, who presided at the meeting as chairperson of the social concerns committee of District 12 Community Council.

"I'd like to see a fountain in both parks," said Dee Marks, who is the public relations director for COMPAS as well as a Park resident.

"I like kids and want to take them to places like the fire station and get them to describe what's happening," said writer Rucker.

Architectural classes, house tours, woodcarving, pottery classes and a community band were a few of the many ideas that came from residents.

"There's a wealth of talent in the Park. I hope COMPAS will draw people out and use them," said Dusso.

"My feeling is that people with COMPAS have particular skills. We'll help them in any way we can. It's hard to get too much art," said Curt Johnson, a community resident.

The South St. Anthony Park Association is holding a picnic and meeting August 3 at the

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Find out how you can use and abuse the *Bugle*. Come to the planning meeting for the September issue on August 1 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Park Library. The deadline for stories, pictures, letters, and ads is August 22. Call the *Bugle* 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 646-8884.

DISTRICT 12

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Commerce & Industry.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DOMED STADIUM ADOPTED

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote at the July 13 Community Council meeting:

Whereas, the St. Paul City Council at its meeting on July 11, 1977, after a presentation by Minnesota Domed Stadium, Inc. and a public hearing on the proposed domed stadium to be located west of Highway 280 in District 12, did not adopt a resolution in support of this project, and,

Whereas, this lack of support from the City of St. Paul in effect eliminates this proposal from consideration by the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, and,

Whereas, the Minnesota Domed Stadium, Inc. cancelled its appearance as scheduled with District 12 Community Council on July 13, 1977, thereby precluding the District 12 Community Council from adequately evaluating this proposal, and,

Whereas, preliminary information from Minnesota Domed Stadium, Inc., newspaper stories, and the City Council hearing on July 11, 1977, attended by many members of the Community Council indicates that specific facets of the proposal on financing, land use, traffic, transit, noise, nuisance, and other unknown and unspecified impacts on St. Paul and District 12 have not been adequately identified, analysed. There offers to be little advantage to St. Paul and District 12, therefore,

Be it Resolved that the District 12 Community Council commend the City Council for not supporting the proposal, and,

SOCIAL NEEDS PLAN FOR DISTRICTS

A Social Needs Assessment project for five planning districts, one of which is District 12, was explained at the July 13 Council meeting by Ms. Mary Murphy, Department of Community Services.

Murphy explained that representatives of the five districts requesting a needs assessment in Community Development Year III have met but have not yet defined the total scope of services to be included. She anticipates the inclusion of such things as recreation and crime prevention as well as the usual social services.

A committee made up of representatives of the five districts involved will meet with consultants, aid in the design of a questionnaire, serve as communication liaisons and will review collected data and the final document. Ms. Murphy will serve as the coordinator of the project, if it is approved by the city. Cost of the project is an estimated \$50,000.

Jane Baird, Chairperson of District 12's Social Committee, and Curt Johnson, 2026 Brewster, a member of the Social Committee, and staff member Jerry Jenkins will attend the committee meetings on behalf of District 12.

Be it further resolved that the proposal in no way can be found to benefit District 12 and represents some very important potential dangers to District 12.

Be it further resolved that the St. Paul City Council adopt a resolution opposing a domed stadium at this site, and,

Be it further resolved that the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission be asked to deny this site, and,

Be it further resolved that any presentation of this resolution make known that one member organization of the District 12 Community Council, The Midway Civic and Commerce Association, has previously adopted a resolution approving the proposal, and,

Be it known that all delegates to the District 12 Community Council from the Midway Civic and Commerce Association abstained from voting on this resolution.

The delegation from Midway Civic and Commerce Association abstained because their organization had voted to support the Minnesota Domed Stadium, Inc. proposal. This information was included in the body of the resolution after considerable discussion in order to avoid any misunderstanding, particularly in City Hall.

District 12 Community Council is a coalition of two neighborhood associations and the Midway Civic and Commerce Association. This is the first time since the coalition was formed that the coalition could not take a position on an issue for District 12 as a whole.



BIKEWAY

A Bikeway linking North and South St. Anthony Parks was the subject of a study done by a University of Minnesota student, Kenton R. Price. Booklets are available at 2380 Hampden for check-out by all interested persons.

U of M Representative Added to Council

The bylaw change permitting additions of University of Minnesota staff/student representation on District 12 Community Council was adopted at the April Town Meeting. The following people have been approved by the Community Council to serve from the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus Community: Ernsta Olson, Housing Office; Steve Markowitz, Department of Physical Planning; Duncan Ferguson, School of Forestry student.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Community Council Meeting, August 10—5 p.m.
Dialogue with Bob Brantingham, architect, on possible development of BN lands west of T.H. 280, designing a mix of housing plus industrial.
Physical Committee, August 4—5 p.m.
Social Committee, August 24—7 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public and are held at 2380 Hampden [corner of Raymond and Hampden].

JULY 13 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

1. Approved letter to City Council regarding a proposed Ethics Ordinance.
2. Approved letter to COMPAS supporting the placement of artists in District 12 to work with the Community.
3. Adopted resolution regarding Midway domed stadium development action by City Council.
4. Approved Jane Baird and Curt Johnson to serve on City's Needs Assessment Committee.
5. Approved University of Minnesota representatives: Olson, Markowitz, Ferguson.
6. Approved letter to City Planning requesting planning assistance to document District 12's General District Plan and work through process of review, revision and adoption by City.

ARTISTS-IN-THE-COMMUNITY PROPOSAL BY COMPAS

The following letter was approved by District 12 Community Council and sent to the Director of Community Programs in the Arts and Sciences (COMPAS):

The District 12 Community Council is delighted that you are considering our community (St. Anthony Park, South St. Anthony Park and West Midway/University Avenue) as one of the places for your Artists in the Community Program. We regard this as an opportunity for the people who work and live in District 12 to heighten their awareness of the contributions working artists can make and to begin a coordinated approach to the enrichment of community projects, programs, and activities by involvement of artists.

We support your selection of District 12 as one of the first communities to utilize the artistic resources COMPAS is offering in your new community-based endeavor. We recognize that it is an untested concept at this point and that the first year will be a period of exploration requiring a flexible approach to identify the possibilities and test the limits. We believe that will make the experience more interesting.

Our staff member, Ms. Jerry Jenkins, will be available to assist you in communicating with the community and in other ways as her time permits. Our office at 2380 Hampden may be used by your coordinator on a temporary basis while the program is getting under way, when and if our community is selected. We will be glad to assist in identifying interested community members to serve on an advisory board and to help in other ways in this pilot project.

At Home



By Tyna Orren

One of the oldest homes in St. Anthony Park is the brown mansion constructed in 1887 for Andrew McGill, Minnesota's tenth governor, the man responsible for abolishing contract prison labor in Minnesota and for establishing the Old Soldiers' Home near Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis.

In 1975, the McGill house was entered in the National Register of Historic Places, a tribute to its age, its associations with Minnesota history, and the genial elegance evident in its green grounds, its lordly turret, its elaborately carved door hinges which even adorn the insides of the closets.

Passing the gateless iron fence, the visitor sees the

house's semi-Georgian front doorway. Originally, the house was fronted by a wide wrap-around porch with a second-floor porch just above, but both were removed in the thirties, when the McGills put in first- and second-floor sunrooms. You enter the house itself through two sets of double doors. The inner set is decorated with a scene in etched glass: two meadow birds take flight from a tangle of grasses. Then the doors swing open, you are in the front hall, and in the Victorian Age.

Polished woods shine on all sides, and if a breeze lifts the lace curtain over the stairway window ever so little, delicate carvings on the window frame delight your eye for a second, and the curtain falls back.

To your right through sliding double doors is the parlor, once two rooms, now one long narrow one, with an art deco fireplace at one end, a sunny bay window formed by the turret at the other. Here I listened as the present owners told me about the house that will always be the McGill

house (to the outside world) no matter who lives in it.

The house was in the McGill family until the mid-1960's, when Governor McGill's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thomas McGill, died. The present owners, Tom and Eileen Stack, who bought the house in 1974 ("It'll be three years August 9th," says Eileen), are the third family to live there. It was the Stacks who recognized the house's historical value and initiated the move to have it entered in the Register of Historic Places.

The Stacks lost some legal rights over the house when it became an official historic site—they can't make alterations without special permission. But they don't mind. They love the house as it is and registered it as a historic place to make sure it stays that way.

Keeping the McGill house just the way it is isn't always easy. Special problems go along with keeping up a really old house—problems like how to find replacements for porcelain light fixtures or for mother-of-pearl push button light switches.

But there were also many delightful surprises for the Stacks. For example, in an attic closet, the Stacks found boxes and boxes of old pictures—pictures of the McGills, pictures of old St. Paul, and pictures in abundance of the house. They hoped to find the house's original plans too, but according to best information, those were sold at auction after Mrs. McGill's death. The Stacks are still hoping to locate the buyer.

After my tour of the house, Eileen Stack sat me down in the dining room to look at pictures dating from the house's earliest days: pictures of the front of the house, the gardens, the rooms; pictures of every interior detail, taken from every angle; pictures outside, taken at every season of the year. "I hate to see things destroyed," Eileen was saying.

As she talked of her affection for lovely things from the past and her desire to preserve them, I looked out through the dining room's tall bay window onto the shaded lawn, then down at an 1890's photograph of the same scene.

Eileen and Tom Stack and their kids have done a great deal to make sure this place at least isn't destroyed.



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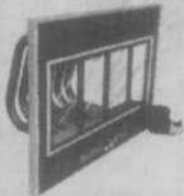
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Representative Wynia Highlights First Session

By Catherine Madison

After winning primary and general election victories that have been described as "comfortable," St. Anthony Park resident Ann Wynia embarked on a new career in January of this year. Representing this district, 62A, she joined a growing number of women serving in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

She described her first session as a good growth experience. "I found I didn't know it all," she said in a recent interview, "but I learned a lot this year. Now I have a much better grasp of the legislative process."

High on her list of priorities was the passage of a shade tree disease control bill which would benefit this and other communities. As a member of the environment committee, Wynia worked hard on one of the 12 bills initially introduced. She was also appointed to the conference committee responsible for working out the final measure.

"It was exciting," she said of the experience. The five senators and five representatives who comprised the committee were selected because of the conflicting views they held, she said, and it was quite a challenge to achieve a compromise.

Wynia was upset by the proposed amendment to restrict any city from using more than ten percent of the total funds available, which would hurt the metropolitan area Dutch Elm disease budgets. "I think the money should be spent where the problem is," she said. The amendment did not pass, however, and Wynia says the \$28.5 million program which finally passed is certainly "livable."

One program she regards as a personal accomplishment provides \$3.7 million for construction, repair and maintenance of Como Zoo.

"The zoo is the second most popular recreational facility in the state (the State Fair is the first)," she said. "One million people visit it every year. It is a convenient, free, and needed facility, and we have an obligation to maintain the animals in a humane fashion."

As well as authoring a successful bill banning the sale of fluorocarbon sprays, Wynia worked on a bill to clarify the Minnesota human rights act by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of pregnancy. She believes that such discrimination is at the root of sex discrimination and hopes that the recent controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision on the subject will eventually be reversed.

As far as major campaign issues are concerned, Wynia voted to increase legislative salaries from \$8,400 to \$18,500 by 1980. "I think that if we are to maintain quality in the legislature, we should be willing to pay for it," she said. She will not be affected by the raise unless she is reelected in 1978.

When the raise goes into effect, daily expense payments will be cut in half, providing \$24 per day to outstate legislators and \$20 per day to metro area residents. Although she supported the bill, Wynia preferred a provision that would reimburse metro area legislators for actual expenses instead of making a blanket per diem payment. Negative reaction to the pay raise this year was minimal, she said, as opposed to the overwhelming protest to a similar bill considered in 1974.

Wynia voted against the stadium bill. "Why should a successful private enterprise be publicly subsidized?" she asks. Although she would

prefer no tax support at all, she is pleased that partial financing is derived from liquor rather than property taxes.

The session was not without its disappointments. Wynia worked on the controversial ban-the-can bill, which failed to pass. She also would like to have seen more money allocated for school aid and the displaced homemakers bill.

Wynia is already hard at work on projects for the 1978 session. She plans to determine the extent of discrimination in the insurance industry. For example, she will investigate sex discrimination as well as the practice of "red-lining," or marking various areas of the city as "bad risks" for home and small business insurance. A bill regulating and guiding the implementation of Dutch elm control programs, including a penalty for storing diseased wood, is also on the agenda.

Although the summer will be spent pursuing legislative interests, she plans to resume teaching political science at North Hennepin Community College in the fall. And although the last few months have been hectic and "it's nice to get home before dark now," she looks forward to the next session. She also plans to run for reelection in 1978.

"I enjoy it," she said. "It takes experience and study to become an effective member, and one can't expect to get everything done in the first session."

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PARK PEOPLE

By Martha Saul

Writer, designer, artist, teacher and world traveler—Hazel Stoick Stoeckler wears all these hats with a special flair. She is a lady with a sense of humor, who has been a resident of St. Anthony Park for quite a few years. "Now don't start putting those dates together!" she warned me.

Stoeckler's common thread throughout her varied career, has been the manmade environment of houses. She has studied how people live in many parts of the world, and she is always a bit ahead of her time.

Early in her career, Stoeckler taught in Art Education, Studio Art and General College at the University of Minnesota. She was especially interested in murals and studied mural painting in Mexico. Her master's thesis was a 10 foot by 45 foot mural she painted in Green Hall, the Forestry building on the St. Paul campus of the University. It is a visual history of forestry in Minnesota. "It was such a fun place to work," she says, twinkling. "All those boys!" There, in Green Hall, while painting on a scaffold, she met her husband to be, Joseph H. Stoeckler, a forester.



This timber baron is a detail from Hazel Stoeckler's mural in Green Hall, a visual history of forestry.

They married a few years later and moved to Rhinelander, Wisconsin. She painted murals for various paper companies, had her own greeting card company and did "every kind of free lance design on a consulting basis."

In 1960, her husband's work brought them to St. Anthony Park. They scoured the Park for a lot, to build another house. "It's a small house, less than 1,000 square feet. The design concepts are mine," she says. It is at 2431 Como Avenue, nestled on a terraced lot, with shrubbery chosen to cut down noise and air pollution.

Through the years, there has been constant travel. One highlight was her husband's senior, post-doctoral fellowship to study and lecture in Stockholm, Helsinki and Munich. While he was learning European techniques for drainage of wetlands and forest productivity, she studied as a special student at Konstföskolan, the state school of design in Stockholm. "I absorbed the Scandinavian philosophy: a conservative respect for nature, and handcraft and machine, wedded nicely in design. I came back from Europe, full of ideas for my own designing."

Now, she has designed and is supervising a multi-disciplinary, team research into the quality of life as influenced by area of residence. Two hundred families in Minneapolis and Montevideo will be interviewed to find out how people perceive their environment and what they expect from their community.

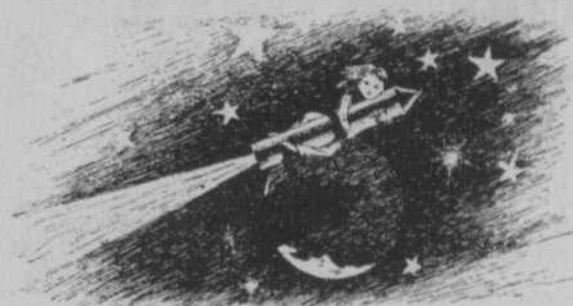
What does Stoeckler see for the future? "We Americans have had such opportunities for extravagance. We have had a *use and throw* philosophy for a long time. We should become more old fashioned about using our resources to the best advantage."

Animal Prone?

Como Zoo Docent Volunteers want junior high school students interested in animals to attend the summer Zoo School Classes scheduled in August. A three day reptile course will be offered August 2-4 and a two day birds of prey course will be offered August 9 and 10. Both courses are offered mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. and afternoons from noon to 2 p.m. For information call 488-4041.

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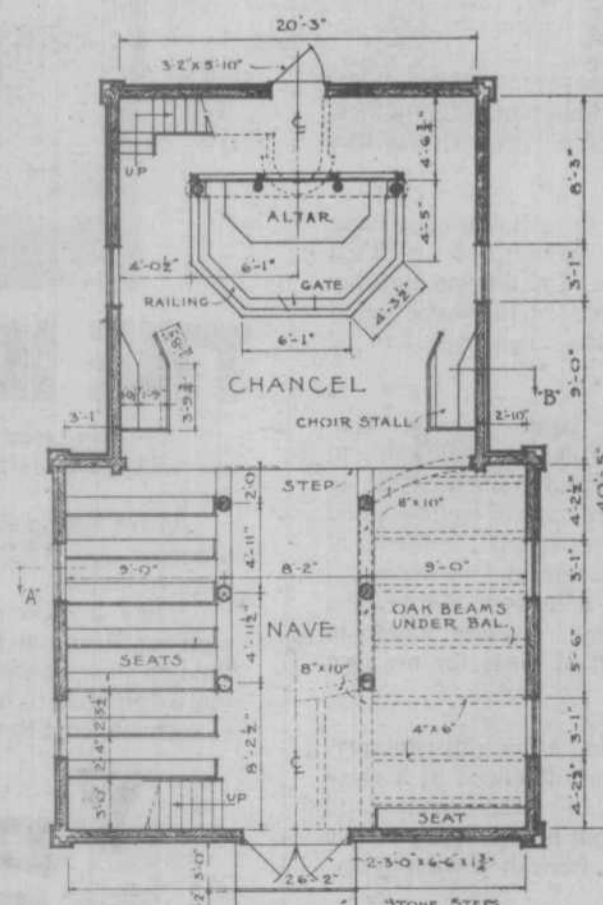
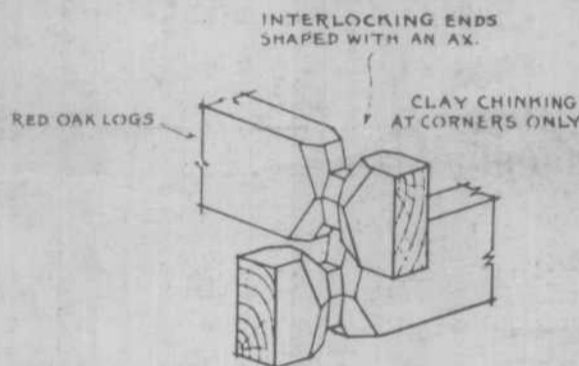
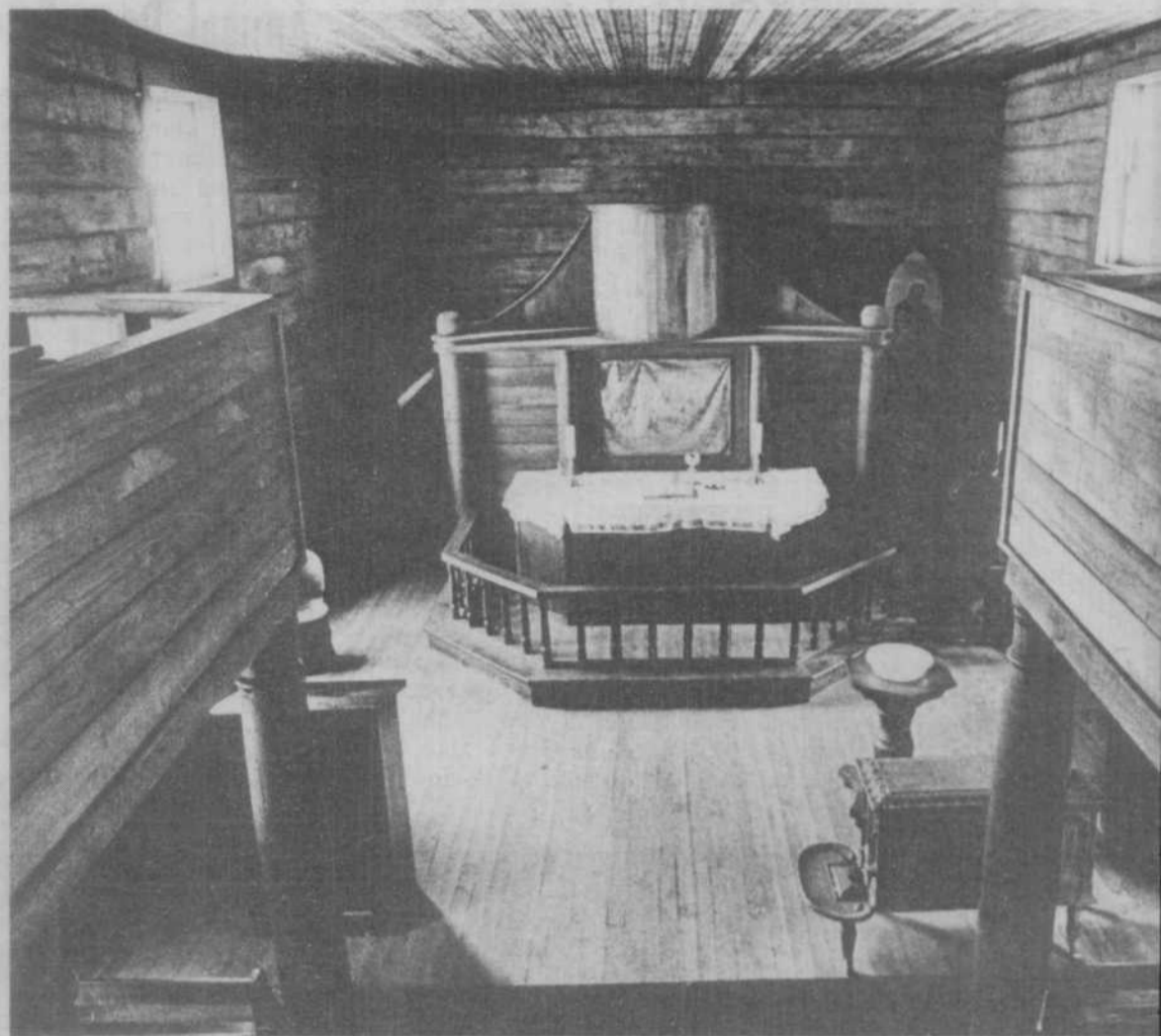
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The story behind it, as it was told to me by the student on duty at Bockman Hall where you get the tour of Muskego, is back in the good old days, before more modern conveniences, some pioneer family put the teeth of their children in the lip of the chair instead of quarters under the chair. Much later this fancy chair has become part of Muskego Church.

Muskego is so full of such interesting particulars, a visit in a good light will visit you will remember. Or try to find out when the voices of the past can be heard in the church through the chinks the squirrels make in summer. Or peek in the window some night.

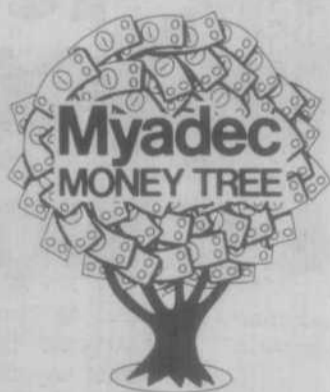
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Yesterday's Kids Help Today's

By Tyna Orren

The St. Anthony Park Association—a community organization for community action, for community improvement, and perhaps above all, for promoting the best development of the community's youth—is thirty years old this year. Well, thirty-one, actually; though officially, it's thirty.

The Association really began in 1946 with a conversation between John Dow, Gale Frost, Russell Lembke, and Elmer Ziegenhagen. All four men were members of the St. Anthony Park Youth Council, and all four were dissatisfied with the progress the Council was making in providing recreational and educational activities for Park kids.

They thought a men's club, one that would promote youth activities and other things as well, might be the answer to what they saw wrong with the Council, and that thought was the gleam in four men's eyes that soon would become the Park Association. (The Association did start out as a men's club, and it stayed that way for many years. Women were only admitted four years ago.)

Two months after that first conversation, thirteen men met together to formulate a constitution and a set of

by-laws and initiate the Association formally. Studying the constitutions and by-laws of such organizations as Rotary and the Kiwanis Club, L.B. Paist put together a set for the Association that the charter members passed in 1947. Then they got to work—bringing back to life the old Fourth of July picnics that had been an annual event in the Park long before, but had lapsed in the twenties; establishing friendly relations with the St. Paul City Council, so as to represent the Park's interests "downtown;" and, of course, organizing and supporting activities for Park children and youth.

During that first year, the Association lived a roving life, holding meetings successively in each of the five churches that were then in the Park. The idea was to encourage more people to get involved in the organization by involving the organization in the institutions people already were a part of.

Thirty years later, getting more people involved is still an ongoing goal of the Association, says Jack Pearson, the Association's current president. Though Pearson emphasizes that the Association is not a political organization, it does act as "a lever to make the community better,"

he says—and the more people it can speak for, the more effective it can be.

Today's Association measures its effectiveness—just as the Association's founders did thirty years ago—largely by how much it does for Park kids. Softball, baseball, and tennis for both boys and girls are just some of the activities the Association sponsors. Of this year's budget of \$4,000, \$1,800 went to support youth activities.

And the "other things" the charter members wanted to do too? They're still getting done. For example, the Association was active in helping block the domed stadium proposed for this neighborhood. And they're continually working to keep parking lots attached to the U of M's St. Paul campus from encroaching upon adjacent neighborhoods and destroying their residential character.

Of course, St. Anthony Park Association Fourth of July picnics are still a happy part of St. Anthony Park life.

"I want to stress that the Park Association is open to people in the community for membership," says President Jack Pearson. "They can have a vote and make it a stronger community association."



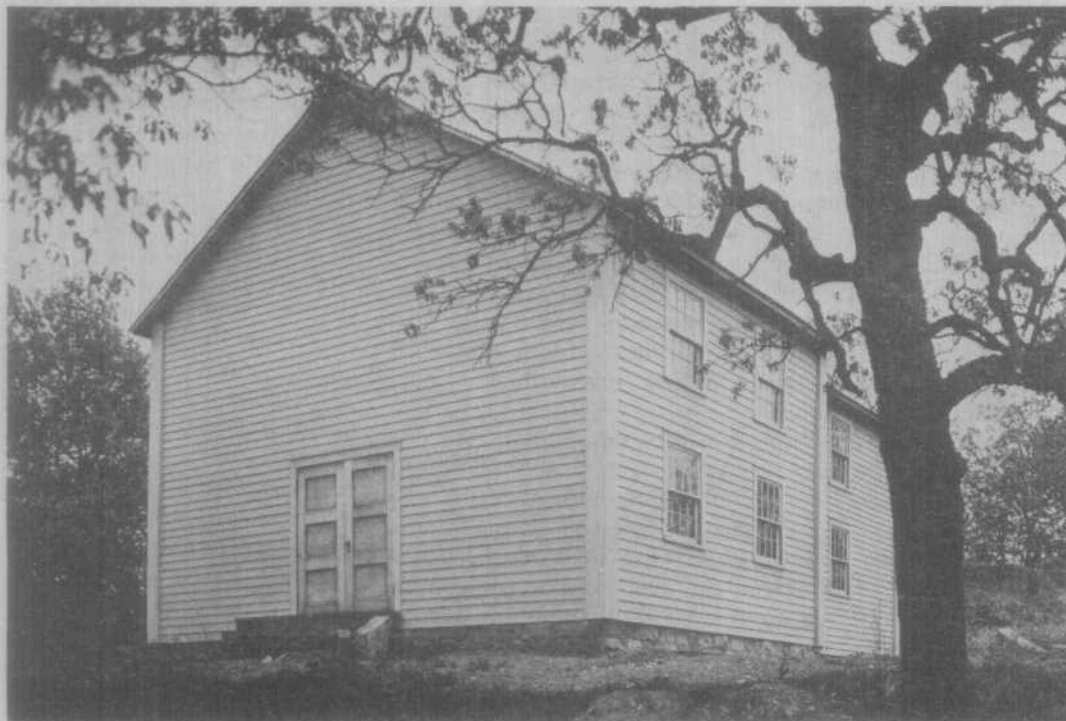
About to take a dive for the Bugle is Andy Boss, Park Press Board member and President of the St. Anthony Park State Bank. A Fourth of July full of dunks added \$100 to the Bugle fund. In addition a generous grant of \$1,000 from Hoerner Waldorf has steered Park Press' fundraising drive past the \$6,000 mark. At the nonprofit bulk rates we use to mail the Bugle now, we have cut our distribution costs by ⅓. It looks good for the Bugle this year. Photo by Mike Hazard.

In Muskego Church

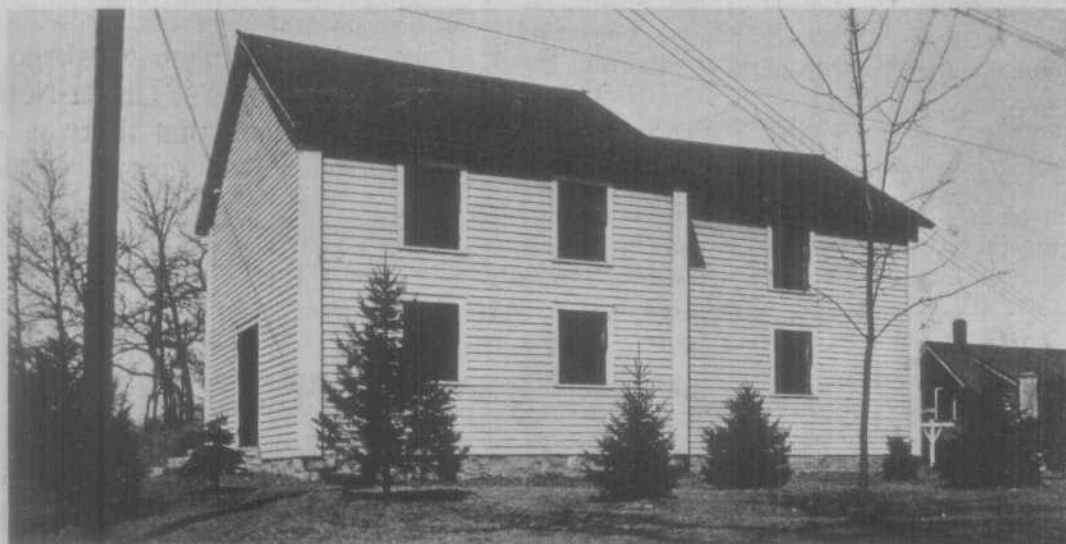
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Watermelon Gang Attacks Garden in South St. Anthony Park for Clean-Up

By Dennis Ferche

The article in the last *Bugle*, concerning the South St. Anthony Park Association may have seemed dry to some. However, it is the dry facts behind a neighborhood association that enable the spicier facts of life. Here is some salt for your watermelon.

At the city council hearing on "our" domed stadium, a chamber full of concerned residents said it quite well. One person stated an ancient Russian proverb: "When money talks, truth remains silent." One council member squirmed while another's ears turned red. Finally, red-eared Roedler withdrew his resolution from its rocky road. Congratulations to all concerned and to those who used the Association as a voice for their concerns.

More constructive spices are being ground by the Association. Our August 3rd meeting will begin with a 6:00 picnic, horseshoes and volleyball in the picnic area of the recreation center (between Raymond Ave. and Territorial Road). Bring your own food and utensils; charcoals and grills will be provided.

A 7:00 meeting will follow the picnic. There is much to be talked over. Several of the agenda items include: a) Presentation by and a Q and A session with Councilman David Hozza; b) Committee reports; c) Reports by delegates to District 12 Community Council; d) Suggestions for Community Education; e) Discussion of the proposal by COMPAS, the organization



The watermelon gang from left to right is Paul Montalbano, Andrew Craven, Dennis Ferche, Jimmy Paul, Tommy Paul, Vicki Dukek, Lawrence Hagen, and Lester Craven. Photo by Ben Craven.

that provided us with an evening of music and dance in the park. We have the opportunity to share in a program sponsoring artists who would come to our community as painters, poets, workshop coordinators, etc. if we want to; f) Discussion of the city ordinance about dogs in the park and alcoholic consumption in the park.

Grass Roots is doing well in our community garden site, and so are the zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers. Thanks to the Watermelon Gang (seven youngsters and two parents) who surfaced to remove wheelbarrow loads of litter from the site, which is nearing readiness for inspection by Councilman Hozza on August 3rd. Maybe his visit will prompt citywide support for a gardening program.

The clean-up evening was a real experience. One young-

ster taking his turn as wheelbarrow driver said, "This is really fun," as he and a friend each man-handled one handle of the wheelbarrow. Two wide-striped watermelons were supplied to the litter pickers by the Green Grass Coop, and at cost. One melon was done in on the spot with wide-eyed chomping; the other was put into the gang's treasury.

Besides Green Grass Grocery, thanks also go to Ben and Audrey Craven for picture taking and litter judging and to the Helesenes for the use of their back yard for our award ceremonies.

If you come to the August 3rd meeting of the association, you can share your thoughts and even join the Watermelon Gang. If you want to help out, call Dennis Ferche at 647-1756 or leave a message for the association at the District 12 Community Council Office, 646-8884.

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South St. Anthony Recreation Center. The picnic begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The COMPAS artist program will be discussed and all Park residents are welcome.

The COMPAS project will again be discussed August 31 at the District 12 social concerns committee meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave.

Participants at this meeting decided to include the following questionnaire, to be used as a survey of how residents might use the artists.

Artists-in-the-Community Questionnaire

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of University and rush hour traffic. And what, Ann Copeland later asked, would happen when the Twins had a home game during the State Fair?

The problem of 'X thousands of people parking in our neighborhood, their tailgates

down" was also brought up by Dennis Ferche, South St. Anthony Park Association's president, who presented that group's resolution opposing the stadium. He said he was pleased, however, that the stadium was considered by its backers to be "slideable," meaning it might be built

anywhere along the transit way. "Let it slide somewhere...anywhere," he said to hearty applause.

Nobody seemed to want to "share our uniqueness with 65,000 strangers," as Judy Vukich put it. Akiva Pour-El put it this way: "When those

gay spirits (tailgaters) imbibe their liquid spirits and spirit themselves across 280 into our neighborhood, our spirits will not be too high."

Aside from general neighborhood deterioration resulting from noise, air and people pollution, the question of paying for the facility was raised—again and again. Although the stadium itself is to be paid for through revenue certificates and an on sale liquor tax, the city of St. Paul would be expected to provide about \$1 million for sewers, utilities and road construction in addition to acquiring the land. That money could be used to better advantage, many said.

merce. A new stadium would provide jobs and stimulate private enterprise in the Midway area, they argued.

Although the validity of the job issue was acknowledged by most, Dimitri Tselos had another suggestion. Hire people to plant elm trees, he said. They'll still be working 20 years from now to chop them all down.

After some three hours of community input, the council surprised the audience by deciding to vote on the resolution supporting the stadium. Inside sources had claimed four solid votes of support among the seven council members, but they failed to materialize.



A haunting awareness of history was exhibited by several speakers, who reminisced about past stadium and other proposals, hearings, decisions and mistakes. Some were afraid that the new stadium would draw business away from the Civic Center, others that it would become a white elephant in the tradition of Midway Stadium.

Only four individuals spoke in favor of the site; they represented such groups as the Midway Civic and Commerce Association, the Trades and Labor Assembly, and the St. Paul Chamber of Com-

"I thought it was a tempting idea that made good sense," said Councilman Len Levine. "I still think it's tempting, but—" After members Butler, Hunt and Hozza also expressed doubts, Councilman Roedler withdrew the resolution.

Misquoting a campaign slogan of William Jennings Bryan, Ray Bryan had said earlier in the evening, "You cannot force down this crown of thorns upon the neighborhood's weary brow; you cannot crucify us on this cross of Teflon."



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Notice of application for the Extended Day Latch Key coordinator position has been posted. Resumes must be in by July 30 and interviewing will begin the following week.

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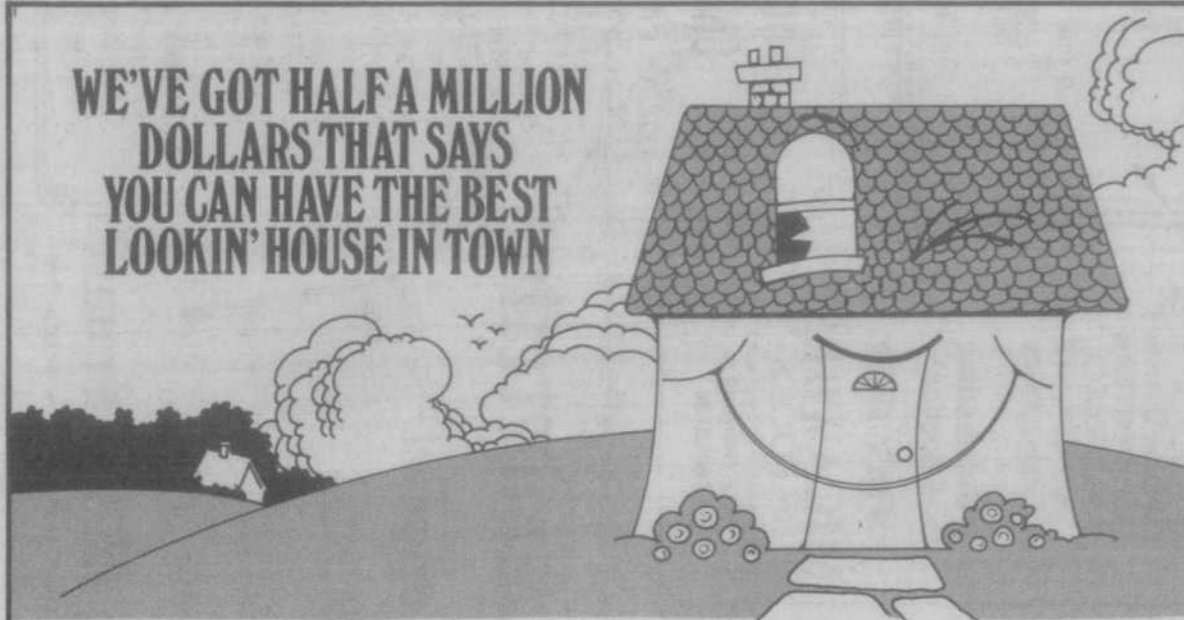
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