Festival 1978

By Martha Saul

Whatever you do, don’t miss the St. Anthony Park Festival, Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, and the Ninth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair and Book Sale on Saturday, June 3.

Festival goers will be able to breakfast on pancakes, learn to disco, absorb a bit of Chinese culture, banquet on a New Orleans sandwich, buy a Park T-shirt, lunch at a sidewalk cafe, invest in an original work of art, buy some inexpensive books, nibble Greek pastry and enjoy a vast assortment of entertainment. Mime artists, strolling banjo players, bagpipers, jugglers and a folk-singer will all be doing their thing at the coming neighborhood extravaganza.

The Festival opens Friday night at 6:30 to the resounding strains of the Boy Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps, marching from Carter Court to the St. Anthony Park church.

Later, the Park’s Ark, a multimedia, multi-art zoo will present a video tape of Robert Bly, reading his poetry at Muskego church. This will take place at Carter Court, behind Bridgeman’s.

The grand finale of the evening will be a dance in the parking lot of the bank, with an added feature to be disco and polka instructions.

Saturday’s festivities will commence with a pancake breakfast in the parish hall of the Lutheran church, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The arts and crafts fair opens at 9:00 on the library lawn. More than 80 local artists and craftspeople will display their pottery, weaving, paintings, woodcarvings, photography, jewelry and stained glass. Ten per cent of the sales will be donated to the library.

Some 5,500 withdrawn library books will be offered for sale at very reasonable prices, also for the benefit of the library. “If it doesn’t rain!” says librarian Magel Hedback. “In case of bad weather, the book sale only will be postponed for one week.”

This year’s Park Festival will feature the China Culture Festival in its only Twin Cities presentation, which will include Chinese opera, folk songs, films, dances and martial arts, to be presented Saturday from 11:00 to 3:30.

“We think we have put together an outstanding festival,” says Janet Quale, festival chairperson. “The committee has done a tremendous job, and the library staff has helped out greatly. We were told it was impossible to air condition a library such as ours, but we did it, using procedures from previous fairs. Now we hope to refurbish the community room at the library, after this fair.”

The following Park merchants have contributed to the Park Festival:

Agri Business Service, Inc.
All Americans Bar
American Dairy Assn.
American Legion Post #34
Dr. Robert Biersadaki
Bauman Insurance Agency
Biblet Shop & Bakery
Bridgeman’s
Children’s Home Society
Como Raymond Standard Service
Dr. James T. Dodds
Dumont’s House of Beauty
Four Seasons
H.B. Fuller Co.
Dr. Ray Gerst
Group Health Services
Dr. William Harrwick
Heritage II
Homsten Ice Rinks
Knudsen Realty
Lederica
Lil Kids Shop
Micabeers
Miller Drug Store
Milton Investment
Muffuletta
O’Donnell’s Cleaners
Park Hardware
Park Mobil Service
Peterson-Stodola Pig & Htg
Dr. Lewis Pierce
St. Anthony Park Barber Shop
St. Anthony Park Library Assn.
St. Anthony Park State Bank
Speedy Market
Threadbenders
Tobak Shop
The Villa

‘Some People Are Scared’

By Catherine Madison

Serious damage to seven parked cars is the latest in a series of vandalism incidents directed at the Chinese Christian Fellowship Church at 1795 Eustis in Lauderdale.

The cars were attacked during a four-hour deacons’ board meeting on the evening of April 26. Windows and windshields were broken, and sand and rocks were poured into gas tanks and carburetors.

The dollar amount of the damage, estimated in the thousands, has not yet been determined.

“The general feeling is that some people are scared to come to our church. This has a bad influence on our growth,” said Pastor Joseph Wong. Other incidents have included graffiti on the walls of the building, numerous broken windows, and firecrackers and pop cans tossed in the doors.

Weekly services are often interrupted by the sound of a rock crashing through a window, Wong said. On two occasions, individuals broke into the building and sprayed chemical fire extinguishers throughout the interior, including inside kitchen cabinets.

“We had to throw away all the food,” Wong said. “This has cost us so much in terms of money and labor.” The organization’s insurance policy does not cover vandalism.

According to Wong, the Chinese Christian Fellowship is the only Chinese church in the metro area. The approximately 200 members come from various suburbs as well as both university campuses. They bought the building, a former elementary school, from the Roseville school district three years ago because the price was right and they liked the central location.

Although city officials and various individuals have called and written to express their concern and support, church members and police say they have found others less than cooperative. “We have had trouble getting people we feel are witnesses to talk to us,” said Roseville police chief John Erskine.

Erskine said that although prejudice against the Chinese may be one factor in the vandalism, other problems are involved. These date back to 1974, when the school was closed and Roseville took over the building. “When they sold it to the Chinese, it just added salt to the wound,” he said.

After a previous incident, police caught six youths ranging in age from 13 to 18. Wong and other church members visited the home of each. “They said they had no prejudice against us, that they just ‘like to have fun’,” Wong said. “I don’t know what they genuinely feel.”

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District 12 Representative Named

Eileen Michels, 2183 Hendon, has agreed to represent District 12 in a city wide effort to identify and preserve buildings of historical and architectural significance. Mrs. Michels will work with other persons in District 12 to ensure the preservation of such buildings in the district.

Case Study Available

The Association of St. Paul Communities has published "The Battle of Dunning Field", a case study of a neighborhood's effort to determine the use of a park. The publication is part of the Association's Operation Resource Exchange project. It is interesting reading and illustrates the strategy one neighborhood used to get what they wanted.

Port Authority News

The staff of the Port Authority has been working with Interior Wood Products, Inc., on their proposed expansion in Midway Industrial Park. The company is located at 858 Transfer Road. They propose an expansion of 21,000 square feet.

Padoe, Inc., a Minneapolis-based producer of foam rubber paint pad applicators, will build a $4,360,000 office, warehouse and manufacturing facility in St. Paul's Midway area. The 200,000 sq. ft. facility will be constructed on an 8.27 acre tract of Burlington Northern Railroad land near Kasota Avenue and Minnesota Highway 280. Padoe now employs some 400 persons which has grown from just 75 in the past three years. They currently have 75% of the market for foam rubber paint pad applicators serving clients as K-Mart, Zayre, Coast to Coast, Montgomery Ward, Our Own Hardware, True Value Hardware, F.O.K., G.C. Murphy and others. In addition, they also provide product for competitors and the private label market. In their new plant, Padoe will expand their operations to include a manufacturer as well as an assembler. The total annual estimated real estate taxes for the new facility are $90,000.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals to the homebound. Call Ann McDonald, 645-0349, to volunteer. Deliveries are made in North and South St. Anthony Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. A Wednesday volunteer is especially needed. The volunteer picks up the meals at Merriam Park Community Center at 11:30 a.m.

Meetings Coming Up

All meetings are open to the public and are held at 2380 Hampden (corner of Raymond and Hampden in St. South Anthony Park).

June 6 -

Physical and Economic Committee - Meeting with Midwest Planning and Research on University Avenue/West Midway Study - 5 p.m.

June 14 -

June 28 -

District 12 News

Serving Residents of North & South St. Anthony Park.

What's On The Agenda?

The joint meeting of the Economic and Physical Committees on June 6 at 5 p.m. will be devoted to a discussion with Midwest Planning and Research consultants on their findings and recommendations regarding University Avenue.

The agenda for the June 14th Community Council at 5 p.m. has not been firmed up at this writing but it is likely that there will be a discussion of the needs of the library. The meeting may also include a presentation of the River Corridor study by Rick Wiederhorn, City Planning. The Human Services Committee will report on its meetings with Joanne Weber on the Apollo Cluster of the St. Paul Public Schools. The Human Services Committee expects to have a summary of the findings from the Needs Assessment interviews and surveys at their meeting on June 28 at 7 p.m.

Debbie Olin, Terry Sovil. Photo by Peggy Verhulst.

New Trees

Eleven new trees were adopted by Green Grass Park on May 5. Participating in the planting and following picnic were about 40 H.B. Fuller Company employees and several neighborhood citizens.

One of the trees was a 19-foot blue spruce planted in memory of Elizabeth Clark, a former community activist. The $200 individual contributions collected for this tree was matched by a donation from Fuller.

The other trees—six small spruce, two ash, and two linden—were purchased with the remainder of a $2,000 grant allocated by Fuller's Community Affairs Council, which donated an equal amount to each of the other three Fuller office sites in the metro area. As part of their community participation program, the company matches the time employees are willing to donate to projects such as this.

Jim Bever of Bever Brothers nursery "went to a lot of effort" to provide the requested trees at wholesale cost, said Becky Noble, one of the neighborhood coordinators. Also "extremely helpful" was John Wirka, Department of Community Services, who helped decide where the trees would be located in conjunction with community plans for the park, she said.
The One & Only Retires

By Gerald McKay

After 23 years as receptionist at S.A.P. Elementary School, Mrs. Vivian Peterson is retiring May 31st. She was honored at the school’s Parent-Teacher-Student Association meeting on May 16th when she was presented with a watch by residents of the community and a silver bowl by the PTSA.

In her 23 years at the local school, Mrs. Peterson has registered more than 10,000 students, assisted with 23 carnivals, cooperated with two major building addition programs, and helped with the adjustments necessitated by busing for integration.

Trees Planted on Lawns, in Parks

By Gerald R. McKay

The North St. Anthony Park Association’s 1978 tree planting campaign will end in June with 119 trees purchased for private property and $1568 contributed for trees to be planted in Langford and Alden Parks.

Since the City of St. Paul plans to replant the St. Anthony Park boulevards where elms were lost by the spring of 1979, residents were not encouraged to buy trees for this purpose. The City also plans to plant trees around the periphery of Langford Park.

Trees for the interior of both Langford and Alden Parks, however, will be planted with funds from 56 individual contributions totalling $1136, and $43 that was provided by the No. S.A.P.A. These trees which are to be planted this spring will be considerably larger than the ones bought for private property. Langford Park will get four Marshall ash, four green spire linden and two Colorado blue spruce while Alden Park will get two Marshall ash.

Neighbors immediately adjacent to Langford Park have also raised another $300 with which to plant additional trees in the Park in memory of Dr. Arthur E. Hutchins, a long-time resident of the community.

Five tree varieties were offered for planting on private property—Norway maple, honey locust, green ash, American linden and littleleaf linden. Norway maple was the most popular with 58 trees being bought.

Heading the committee which planned and coordinated the tree planting campaign were Jo Anne Rohricht, Wm. Bulger and Gerald McKay. More than seventy residents of St. Anthony Park took part in the house to house contacts.
Letters

To the Editor

Applause
I like reading your paper. Keep it up.
Ruby Hunt

Editorial

I have taken to watching television news shows again. And, after 2 weeks of the nightly ordeal, the strain has begun to show: grim events whirl around all our heads in enough numbers to confound even the clearest thinkers. Evacuation in Zaire. Kidnappings, kneecappings and assassinations. Unemployment. Medical costs. Unsafe cars. Cancer causing agents in bacon. Oil spills. The price of lettuce. The price of stamps. The drowning of children. It's all very confusing and makes us all want to return to a simpler time.

Last month, the voters in St. Paul faced another confusing issue and, forgetting that the U.S. was formed to guarantee all Americans "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," opted for what seemed to be the simple answer. Now, a few people face legal discrimination because their sexual preference is different from ours.

Last month, also, parents in Forest Lake, parents afraid of these hard times, afraid of choices their children might make, successfully had outstanding authors like Shirley Jackson and John Steinbeck banned from the library shelves and classrooms of their local schools.

Last month, while a deacon's meeting was in session at the Chinese Christian Fellowship Church, a group of confused young people managed to inflict thousands of dollars worth of havoc on the church and parked cars. Sand in gas tanks. Shattered windshields. Graffiti on walls. I doubt if these vandals ever read The Lottery or The Pearl. I feel certain however, that they would attack any minority in the area: Chinese, Jews, Blacks, Gays.

A rash of thievery has broken out even in our community. Boys, becoming sophisticated burglars, have entered the homes of working folks to steal T.V.'s, stereos, silver and antiques. While at Bridgeman's last evening, I watched a seventh or eighth grade girl sitting on the curb by the gas station shouting obscenities at passers-by. How do we deal with that? I cannot help but wonder if parents, overwhelmed by so much wrong with this planet, discouraged at work or at home, haven't begun to wish that their children's behavior, like the nightly news, could simply be turned off.

Kicking the nightly news habit is easy. But, with so much confounding our lives and disturbing our future, we must avoid invoking simplistic answers. The freedoms guaranteed in this country are intricate and fine, our children, complicated and rich with potential: neither can grow nor be nurtured with ease. Out of fear, we deny others the freedom to work, to live, to read and to worship. Out of fear, we throw our hands up at our responsibilities.

Certainly we are deluding ourselves if we think we can simplify our lives by legalizing discrimination, by banning books, by pretending our children's behavior is someone else's problem or caused by others: the law, the schools, television, the times.

P.M.R.

I-R Dispute to Rest

As a retiring director on the Park Press Board and as member of this community immediately associated with the Bugle for the past 3½ years, I wish to comment on the matter of the March issue of the Bugle failing to list the Independent Republican (I-R) caucus locations. This first came to my attention during the day on February 23 and I was quite displeased.

At the Board of Directors meeting on February 23, I introduced a resolution which stated: "that this matter be referred to the Editorial Policy Committee for consideration and that an editorial be printed in the next Bugle admitting oversight and apologizing to the community with indication of future intent." This resolution was approved.

The explanation of what occurred as printed in the editorial column of the April issue did not satisfy either me or many of my Republican friends. In my judgement it merely inflamed the matter further. As stated in several of the letters a simple telephone call would have obtained the desired information. Be that as it may.

I see no useful purpose in continuing this dialogue any further. I do not think a similar omission will occur in the future.

The Bugle is not without its faults but in 4 short years, I believe it has performed a very useful community service. A good bit of sweat, some tears and even a little blood have been expended. But, I believe the effort expended has been very worth while.

Now is the time for persons of all political persuasions to support the Bugle in the current fund drive. I am sure that all thinking Republicans will join with me in this effort. The Bugle needs us and we need the Bugle.

Joe Skovholt

Who's Who

I too would like to see the Muffuleta in "Black Numbers", but well intentioned as Peter and Philip may be and probably are, the process of erosion does begin with the first drops though barely discernable at the outset.

R.K. Fletcher

P.S. I appreciate the graphic quality of the Bugle!

Believe It or Not

Would you believe it? My 12 year old son, a member of Scout Troop 30, was returning Saturday afternoon (May 13th) by bus from his judo lesson. He spied members of his scout troop on the corner of Hamline and Hoyt working at their bi-monthly paper drive (heaving brown sacks of newspapers into a large Hoerner Waldorf truck). He stopped off for several hours to help.

At the day's end, he looked beneath the truck to get his judo uniform (also in a brown sack). You guessed it. No sack. No uniform.

Scoutmaster Gary Ruud, called Hoerner Waldorf and told them the problem. Employee Sue Szafrański, was sympathetic. A few days later employee Russ Edlund called to say that the load had been sorted and the uniform recovered, yellow belt and all!

Thank you, Hoerner Waldorf! A big business can have a heart!

JoAnne Rakricht

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field, a track, 2 softball diamonds, a hard ball diamond and 2 tennis courts; an auto body shop; $85,000 worth of cabinets; and some small repairs and renovations of the cafeteria.

But, there is no money for equipment. None. The $221,000 for such sundries as chemistry, biology and physics labs, for such extras as sewing machines, stoves, refrigerators and sinks for home economics, for such items as desks, tables, curtains, blackboards, well, that money was cut from the budget. Equipment from the old high schools will simply be moved to Como.

My concern, however, goes beyond equipment. We all know that the very best teachers could do an outstanding job even if they had to hold class in a boiler room. Good equipment, good supplies enhance the best teachers, but do not make them the best teachers.

Near the end of the last meeting of the Como Senior High School Planning Committee, one concerned parent asked the teachers would be permitted to advise the builders: "Will they have some say as to where cabinets and such will be placed?" The answer was ominous. The district cannot know at this point who will be teaching in what school. In fact, it looks as though many teachers will be placed on unrequested leave of absence when the switch to Como occurs. And, of course, such a cutback will be done according to seniority.

No new equipment. Fewer teachers. This seems to be the prospect for our school. For some, the solution will be simple: I suspect that many more Park parents will opt to send their kids to private schools. But, as a teacher in a public high school, this option appalls me. I cannot help but think that our public schools are refusing to do what they can do best: they are refusing to provide the taxpayers with quality education.

It is too late for the community to change building priorities. But it is not too late to change the trend toward mediocre education. (I, for one, have often wanted to see a per pupil cost comparison between the bottom 10 percent of the high school student population, and the top 10 percent.) We have all seen how effective parent participation has been in our elementary school; that kind of participation is needed desperately in the high P.M.R.

Positive Press
The Bugle is a good medium for informing local residents of community history, new happenings and events, new shops in the business area, and about some of the interesting vocations and people in the St. Anthony Park area.

The business community has been generous in its support of the Bugle through advertising, and I am sure this support will continue to help publish The Bugle.

Bob Bulger
Part Owner, Miller Pharmacy

Power to the Bugle
Awareness is the life blood of a thriving community—one that lives, grows, changes, contributes, progresses. The Bugle provides the awareness that St. Anthony Park needs in order to flourish as a community. It informs, supports, criticizes, stimulates, provokes, connects. As a teacher of communications on the St. Paul Campus of the University and a happy resident of the Park, I am pleased to see each issue of the Bugle—not because I agree or disagree with its editorials, or whether it covered "sufficiently" the Park Association activities that I am involved in, or whether it interprets community events as I believe they should be interpreted, but I am pleased because it gives voice and balanced dimension to all of us living in the Park. It helps us become aware. The Bugle does need and deserve our support, but we need it even more. Thanks, Bugle, power to you!

Warren Y. Gore
1302 Raymond Avenue
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

Who Needs It?
Your publication is just more junk mail to be picked up and disposed of by us. We have never asked for it and think you are out of line in asking for payment.

Editor's Note: The above note was written on the flyer we sent out as part of our fund drive. The writer, however, neglected to include a name and address. If someone would kindly supply us with this information, we would be happy to remove the party from our mailing list. We can't win 'em all.

Chinese Art on Display
By Martha Saul

A textured silk hanging, antique snuff bottles, ritual wine vessels, libation cups, ceremonial daggers, several carvings, four scrolls representing the four seasons, and several antique posters, all Chinese artifacts, have been on display since May 15, at the St. Anthony Park Bank.

"This display, on loan from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, is part of an effort by the China Culture Program in Minnesota to allow Minnesotans to learn something about Chinese art," says Cathy (Chen Ron) Bryant, program director.

"This exhibit and the China Culture Festival part of the Park Festival are great opportunities to explain who we are and what we do in our Chinese community. I hope it will bring all the people of Lauderdale and the Park together, to better understand each other."

The display at the bank continues through June 5.
Sidewalk Sale
Saturday, June 3
Women's summer clothing
marked down for this one-day sale
during the St. Anthony Park Festi-
tival. You'll find additional
savings on imported fabrics and
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South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890
Cromwell; Vacation Bible School June 12-16.

PEACE LUTHERAN
Worship at Ione, Lauderdale. Worship 9:00 a.m.
Eucharist 1st and 3rd Sunday.

ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN
Sunday 8:45 Service. Continuing Education 10
a.m. 11 a.m. Service—nursery provided. Commu-
nion both services 1st Sunday and 11 a.m. 3rd
Sunday. June 25 Congregational Picnic. Vacation
Bible School June 12-16, K-6, 645-0371.

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Church School and Services at 10 a.m. Beginning
June 18, Union Services at 9:30 a.m.

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Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.
Beginning June 18, Union Services at U.C.C. at
9:30 a.m.

ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC
Mass: Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.
Cromwell and Bayless Place. Nursery service pro-
vided at 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL
Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10:30 a.m. Holy
Communion 1st and 3rd. Morning Prayer 2nd and
4th.

Como to Be Remodeled
By Catherine Madison
A $4.4 million budget for re-
modeling and adding to Como
Senior High School was ap-
proved May 16, by the St. Paul
Board of Education. Construc-
tion is scheduled to begin this
month and should be com-
pleted sometime during the
1979-80 school year, when
Como becomes the senior high
fed by Washington and Murray
junior high schools.

The project includes a per-
imeter fence, football field and
track, auto body shop addi-
tion, ball fields and tennis
outs, cabinetry for science,
languages, business and home
esthetics, and enlarging the
building to hold an expected
1350 students. (Current en-
rollment is about 835.) Plans
for a transportation learning
center were dropped.

In a meeting prior to the bud-
get approval, some planning
committee members ex-
pressed concern that the
$221,000 originally intended
for equipment had been
moved into the construction
budget. St. Anthony Park resi-
dent Janet Quale said later
she was "very concerned" about
the effect this cut would have
on the academic pro-
gam.

"We do not intend for Como Senior High to be opened and
not have chemistry and phys-
sics labs," said Dr. James
Phillips, assistant superinten-
dent in charge of secondary
education. "We will have the
academic equipment needed.
" Much of the equipment
may come from the former
high schools (such as Murray)
that no longer need it, he said.

Como principal Bill Funk said this is "standard procedure"
and it would be a question of
picking and choosing among
the equipment available. "I

-look for any shortages of
any kind," he said.

"We've looked at all the
money available to the Board in the
next couple of years, and we've also looked at the
needs," said Board of Educa-
tion member Eleanor Weber.
"There's just no way to get
that extra money for equip-
ment at this time. The most
important thing is to get the
proper kind of building put to-
gether, because after that's
done, it's hard to go back and
change it."

Funding for the construc-
tion comes from $3 million in state
desegregation funds, a
$12,500 state tennis court
grant, $427,000 from the dis-
trict's capital outlay budget,
and $965,761 from the
$2,177,700 sale of Mechanic
Arts High School to the state.

Projected equipment budgets for
the next two years average
over $600,000 and must be
distributed among all the
schools in the district.

"I am concerned because
these things can drag along,"
Weber said. "It will take in-
terest on the part of the com-
nunity and interest on the
part of the Board members to
see to it that the needs of the
school are met."

"I believe something can be
placed in the building so
classes can be held," she con-
cluded. "How long it will take
is still an open question. We
will have to weigh one need
against the other."

The construction contracts were awarded to Shaw Lund-
quist & Associates, general
contractors; H. Conrad Manu-
facturing Company; and Keh-
e Electric Company.

Who Should Pay for It?
By JoAnne Rohricht
Ten thousand people enjoy it
once every month.

Considering all the communi-
ty news, human interest, story
swapping and advertising that
it provides and knowing the
current cost of things, $23,000
doesn't seem an unreasonable
bill for "services rendered."
But who pays for it? Who
should pay for it?

I have a point of view and I
should like to share it.

Advertisers, certainly, should
pay. And they do—about
$17,000 a year. That leaves
$6,000.

Who else should pay? Well,
business should pay as a con-
tribution to their community.
And a number do and more
are being asked.

And who else? My idea is sim-
ple and still I hope, in
style—those who benefit. You
and I should support the Bugle
because we benefit from it.
The sharing of news, views
and interests lies at the heart of
community life. We are all
enriched by it.

Join me and contribute today.
Better still, make a three-year
pledge. Ten dollars a year will
cover costs and provide a
cushion for those who can't
contribute. More or less will
be welcome as well.

With your help "The Bugle's"
campaign can end on May
31st in the black.
No. SAP Association Reorganized

By Greg Haley

The No. S.A.P.A. has made many contributions to our community in its more than 30 years of existence. Created in 1947, some of its original stated purposes are "...to promote the proper growth and development of our children by providing a favorable and balanced cultural environment in our community...to initiate and support sound plans for long range projects of recognized value...to foster friendship, neighborliness, and vigorous community spirit..."

The Association would like to improve its image and become the community’s voice by representing a broad cross-section of the community. To do this we have reorganized our committees to allow greater participation. The reorganized committees are:

Community Information. Publicize Association events, disseminate community information, and act as a clearinghouse for city-wide and neighborhood news and events.

Program & Arrangements. Provide programs and activities of interest to the Association and the entire community.

Education. Work to improve the quality of St. Paul Public Schools, the Community Education Program, daycare facilities, the library and the U. of M.

Athletics and Recreation. Administer youth athletic programs and promote recreational programs for the entire community.

Commercial. A source of community support and counsel to existing and potential neighborhood businesses.

Community History. Preserve a record of current neighborhood activities and promote an interest in our past.

Community Planning. Establish goals and objectives for the betterment of the physical environment of our community.

Community Services. Implement the goals and objectives of the Planning Committee and work to improve community services such as parks, police, fire, streets, social services, institutions, etc.

Housing Services. Implement the goals and objectives of the Planning Committee, provide the community with housing services information, and work to maintain the quality of our neighborhood.

Fourth of July. Coordinate the annual celebration.

Membership. Promote the Association in order to maintain and expand an active membership.

Public Affairs. Work on city-side issues which affect our community.

In addition to reorganizing the committees, the Association would like to organize a permanent blockworker program similar to what we used for the tree replanting program. Seven areas composed of 7-12 blocks would be represented by one of the members of the Association Board of Directors. Blockworkers could be used for community wide events or any of the seven sub-areas could deal with their "regional" issues (Hwy 280, parking, water tower, sewers, etc.) or to organize alley cleanups and social events.

If you have an interest in serving your community in order to improve it, call one of the Associations 1978-79 Board of Directors listed below. Your ideas are wanted—whether in a committee or the blockworker program. If you are not now a member of the Association, come and participate—you may see that community spirit is alive and well in St. Anthony Park.

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Amtrak: Modern Railroading

By Martha Saul and Peggy Mann Rinehart

In an essay written in 1960, E.B. White mentioned that trains in 1905 ran at a speed of 31 mph. Just prior to writing the essay he timed a trip from New York to Bangor, and discovered that the train averaged 34 mph. “Thus, in fifty-five years, while the motor car was lifting its road speed to the dazzling rate of seventy miles an hour, the thrushways, and the airplane was becoming a jet in the sky, the railroad steadfastly maintained its accustomed gait, between thirty and thirty-five miles an hour.”

Now, after two decades of rail improvement, a decade of Amtrak hype and federal legislation, including the Railroad Revitalization and Re-organization Act of 1970 (effective, Monday, April 17, 1978), the railroads may just be outdoing themselves.

In 1978, a passenger can leave the new St. Paul Amtrak Station at 11:50 p.m. on a Sunday evening and, with luck and determination, can arrive in Boston at 3:35 p.m.—on Tuesday, that is. Calculating the thirty-five hour marathon trip over some 1220 miles, we can see that in the 18 years since White’s essay, the rails have steadfastly held to their snail’s pace; they move across the heartland at a commendable average of thirty-seven miles per hour. By the way, the passenger’s cost is $148 round trip, not including berth or meals.

And, according to a comment in the April 3 Industry Week, “For the second time in the last six months, Amtrak is raising the price of rail travel. Effective April 30, fares on most routes will be increased 2.5%, bringing them to a level 5% higher than they were last October.”

We all have memories dear of the railroads: traveling home to the Twin Cities from Altona, Pa., one reader recalls the horseshoe curve. “We could look out the window and see the end of the long train, snaking around the very sharp turn.” But, she went on to say, “That’s hardly enough to keep a 5 year old and a 6 month old content for 2 days. Of course, sleeping on the train was something else. I was sure we’d never make it to Chicago.” She would make it though, collecting the luggage and transferring to yet another train and more rattles and squeaks and jolts, grinding breaks and the soil of the tracks.

“I had my first sandwich on the Pheasant Special in 1954,” another reader recalled. “Some excitement for a six year old. And, in the observation car, porters handed out playing cards while my parents sipped their drinks and looked at their watches.” But, this 30 year old woman would not travel the railroad now. Perhaps our romance with railroads has ended. Amtrak has switched to the 19th century stone station with cinder block. Although the convenient parking outside, the yellow and red station at 730 Transfer Road resembles the interior of any well-designed airport terminal, with one exception—at most times of the day, the station is empty. Roman Seide, station manager, states, “Eighteen thousand people per month pass through the station.” Apparently, the busiest times are between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 and 12:00 p.m.

Clearly, we have raised a generation of consumer-wise jetsetters. Even the 9-year-olds are seasoned flyers. “I had my first bagel on a plane last week,” one third grader commented.

“Yeah, I like the food,” said another.

“The bathroom’s got little handwashers!”

“I always get to sit by the window. Once we had to fly around Boston for an hour. Boy, was my dad mad!”

An hour? Still, add one hour to the 2 1/4 hours of regular flying time from the Twin City International Airport to Logan Airport, and there’s still 31 1/2 fewer travel hours than on the train. The fare? $149.00, round trip on Allegheny. One dollar more than Amtrak.
OmniSci? Not really. This column had announced the planting of 100 trees in April. As a resident pointed out Saturday, May 6, as we stood watching the tree being placed on the boulevard in front of her home, “Why, you even knew who helped.” We admit being caught with our pants down. Wet fields held up delivery and the carefully laid plans.

Supervised by U of M foresters, Carol Czaia, Dave Gullifer, Jane Hess and Fred Kamke, 25 community volunteers, including youngsters John & Ross Bensen and Michael Brasier, did plant the trees that beautiful May day. Along every street, entire families came out to watch, rushed to hook up hoses for watering, and questioned the foresters as to how “we should care for our tree.”

As the auger was poised to drill the hole, there were the last minute refusals of “that kind of tree,” “don’t put it there—I want it on the other side of the walk,” to the demand that the hole be moved 3 inches. Many residents expressed surprise that city property extended “so far into my yard” as there are no sidewalks to define boulevards. Crowds of children followed the tractor, and sidewalk superintendents had a heyday.

A delicious noon meal was furnished to the workers by Joann Czaia who said, “I had to feed all my family who were working with Carol’s forestry friends, so I just put out a few extra plates.”

Late in the afternoon as a sturdy Red Maple was carefully placed in front of the Bakke home on Malvern, Ilkens said, “In the old days, there were barn raisings. This is just a beautiful community effort—a tree raising!” It was an immensely satisfying day—one of negotiation and community cooperation.

Summer time is vacation time—and that’s a good time for a reminder about the Crime Watch program sponsored last year by the Falcon Heights Human Rights Commission. Booklets providing tips on safeguarding your premises from burglars were distributed, and neighbors were urged to “keep an eye out” for invited guests next door or down the street. A good supply of the booklets is still on hand in the City Hall—printing costs of which were defrayed by the Lido Cafe. More on the HRC and its tenth anniversary elsewhere in the Bugle.
So, SAP into Summer

Call 644-9188 daily 2 pm - 10 pm to register for the following activities being offered this summer at So. St. Anthony Recreation Center. Last day to register is Thursday, June 8th, unless otherwise stated. All activities except tennis lessons begin week of June 12th.

Small Fry Activities
Tues & Thurs mornings 10:15-11:45. Boys and girls ages 4-7. Simple crafts, games, short tours & more. Begins Tues, June 13th and ends Thurs, Aug. 10th. $3.50 fee.

Arts & Crafts

Pottery: Thursdays 6:30-8:30. Kids ages 6-12. Lasts 6 weeks. $3.00 clay fee.


Roller Skating
Every other Friday from 1:30-3:30. Bus pick-up at the center at approx. 1:00. Return by 4:15. $1.75 fee each time covers bus, skating & skate rental. Money due in at Center by Wed. each skating week. Boys & girls 8 & over.

Day Camp
Kids ages 8-14. First session is Monday, June 26th-Friday, June 30. Second session is Monday, July 24-Friday July 28. Cost is $14.50 per session or $3.00 per day. Call or stop in for more information.

Tennis Lessons
Lessons for men & women 16 & over are offered on Tuesday evenings as follows: May 30-June 27th—Beginners. 5 one-hour lessons for $12.00. Classes offered from 6:00-7:00 or 7:30-8:30. Limit 10 per class. Registration at first class Tues, May 30, July 11-August 8—Beginners. Same as above except classes start & finish 1/2 hour later. Registration Tues, July 11, August 15-29—Advanced Beginners. 3 one-hour lessons for $8.00. Classes from 6:30-7:30 or 8:00-9:00. Limit 8 per class. Registration Tues, Aug. 15.

A more complete program may be picked up at the Center.

YMCA Day Camp
The Midway Branch YMCA is recruiting 6-9 year old girls and boys for summer day camp. Morning activities include: the YMCA Progressive Learn to Swim Program, new games, and self and environmental awareness activities. Afternoons are spent at Fort Snelling State Park participating in archery, boating, camping, skills, fishing, and a great deal more.

Four two-week sessions run throughout the summer months: Session I (June 19-June 30), Session II (July 10-July 21), Session III (July 24-August 4), Session IV (August 7-August 18). Enrollment is limited so sign up early. The cost is $55 per session.

For further information regarding the program, contact Stan Finkelstein at 646-3919 or 646-4557.

Families Invited

We invite you to attend the Spring open house of Parent and Child Together on Tuesday, evening, June 6th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at S.A.P. United Methodist Church. To find out what our program is about and to meet mothers and children of the current session plan to come and have some fun. Hear guests speak on musical topics, and participate in activities with your tots. The open house will also be an opportunity to introduce you to the Parent and Child Together programs in this area. Summer fun and education will again be available this summer for parents and their preschool children. These three classes, which are sponsored by Community Education, St. Paul Public Schools, and Adult Vocational Education, will start the week of June 19.

Contact Cathy Hare, 645-2456 or Sheryl Hove, 739-8534 for information and registration. June 14 Deadline.

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WANTED: Reliable teenager or woman to babysit for two children during the summer. $35 a week—phone 641-4435 days or 645-6218 evenings. Hampden Square Complex.


OPENINGS AVAILABLE: For Fall for 3-5 yr. olds at St. Anthony Park Nursery School, 2129 Commonwealth. Call 647-9679 or 645-3462.


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WANTED: Wooden duck decoys, any quantity. 690-5212.

WANTED: Seminary married couple without children or pets seeks 1 or 2 bedroom apartment in Luther/St. Paul campus area. Sept 1 occupancy. Lawrence and Victoria Eyre, 2105 14th St., Moline, Il 61265. 309-764-7796. Must secure by mid-June.

INTERESTED IN AVON? Call Joan Jensen, 645-4729 to set up an appointment.

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AA—St. Anthony Park group meets every Monday 8:00 p.m. SAP Lutheran Church. Call 645-5427 or 645-2329.

FOR SALE: Sears refrigerator freezer: excellent condition. 3 years old, avocado, $150. Grand gas stove: $75. Sears Kenmore washer: portable or permanent, full 10 lb. capacity. 4 years old, excellent condition, $125. Older Hamilton gas dryer: $25.

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HELP WANTED: Part time office girl. Two days a week. Call Mr. Radke, Scaffold Service, 2554 Como Ave., 646-7129.

OWN A HOUSE OR DUPLEX? Responsible couple, moving into area to work, seek caretaker or renter position in structure with two or more bedrooms for July 1. 1 cat, 1 dog, no kids. References. Contact: Mr. T. Wagars, 2056 Colfax Avenue S., Mpls., Minn.

Openings on Community Ed Council

By Pat Copa

The Community Education Program of St. Anthony Park is two years old! During those two years, the program has grown from an idea to a functioning operation of classes and ongoing activities guided by Cathy Hare, Community Education Coordinator and a local advisory council. The Latch Key Program, Community Chorus, the Early Childhood Program, and a host of classes such as baton, art, creative writing, and gymnastics are offered through Community Education.

The local advisory council guides the direction of the Community Education Program and advises its coordinator. The next council meeting will be held Monday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School. There are now openings on the council and officers are being elected for 1978-79. If you are interested in serving on the council, contact Cathy Hare, 645-2456, or Pat Copa, 646-5870.

Lessons, Anyone?

Junior tennis, sponsored by the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation, will begin June 12. Lessons are open to boys and girls ages 10-18. The fee is $6.00 for 6 one-hour lessons.

For additional information, call the Special Services Office at 643-4631.

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