Synanon Locates in Park

By Peggy Mann Rinchart and Mollie Hohen

"We’re in the people business," states John Coons, spokesman for the Synanon group presently renting a house at 2345 Buford. "We’re here to help the people of Minnesota. Send us your kids and we’ll straighten them out."

Unfortunately, that is the only statement the group would give to the Bugle.

Ruth Johnson, owner of the Buford home explains, "They’re here because they can’t afford motel rates." During past stays in the Twin Cities; Synanon people have resided at Ramada Inns. "They are selling products—clocks, thermal mugs, pens, Lucifer bookends—to raise funds for their rehab centers."

Synanon, whose original home at 2345 Buford burned nearly to the ground in July, 1976, has just finished rebuilding the house and explains, "They’re taking beautiful care of my home." She feels Synanon has received bad press and emphasizes first that the group staying at her house, "is not doing drug counselling" and second that, "My home is not going to be sold."

"The only reason they’re in the Park," Johnson says, "is because I was looking for someone to house-sit for six months."

Synanon, once merely a well respected and seemingly successful drug treatment program in California is now a self described, "American religion holding to some of the most noble ideals and traditions in the American experience." They have become a source of national publicity recently.

In the December 26, 1977, issue, Time magazine stated: "...Synanon has done very well by itself. The tax exemp- tion, non-profit organization has 883 adults and 300 children living in luxury on two ranches. Most members pay a minimum $40 a month for room, board and uplift. Time states Synanon’s assets are "almost $30 million" and says, "Former residents have begun to question whether the new, swelling Synanon should be spared paying taxes since it currently devotes much less time to rehabilitation."

Presently, Synanon has initiated libel suits against KGO-TV (a California affiliate of American Broadcasting Company), N.B.C. and Time, Inc. totaling well over $162 million.

Synanon residents on Buford

Syaanon residents on Buford were not hesitant to talk about the Time article at an openhouse they held Saturday, August 19. They believe that Time’s story was libelous and are suing the corporation for $76 million. A similar suit against the Hearst Corporation was settled out of court. Synanon received $600,000.

"We’re in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the biggest out of court settlement," one Buford Synanon resident said.

The nine or ten S.A.P. residents who attended the open house quickly became aware of the Synanon Group’s fundamental approach to life. They follow Synanon founder, Charles Dederich’s commands as gospel, referring to him as "our leader." They don’t eat sugar nor smoke cigarettes; Dederich’s first wife, Betty, died of lung cancer and, while alive, was a diabetic. Once a sign of repentence for having violated a Dederich edict, all Synanon men and women now keep their hair trimmed to at least an inch from the scalp. Many shave their heads entirely.

After the death of Dederich’s wife, according to the Time article, "Dederich found another woman and soon decided that everyone would benefit by taking a new mate."

Time quotes one member as saying, "Wife swapping used to be thought of as a vice. But we take a vice and turn it into a virtue. It’s been an exhilarating experience."

In a pamphlet given to persons attending the Buford open house, Synanon states, "Synanon does not permit demand or encourage in any way the exchange of mates or spouses for casual transient sexual promiscuity or intercourse."

Bette Jones, University Grove resident, found the Synanon group’s education posture unsettling. "My impression was dubious about what they are saying. Their literature is kind of frightening." Synanon isolates children from six months on and houses them in a separate dorm. They believe that strong children are those who turn to page 12.

Community Ed Meets

Monday, September 11, will mark the date of the first Community Education Advisory Council meeting of the new school year. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the library area of St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

The Advisory Council is composed of representatives from community organizations and interested members at large. Its purpose is to advise the Community Education director, Cathy Hare, on the direction of a relevant and appealing program of classes, activities, and community development projects. School resources are opened to people of all ages.

The Latch Key and Early Childhood programs will continue, and activities are planned for the Linnea Home. Watch for future announcements of a community theater night! For more information, contact Cathy Hare, 645-0245.

Childhood Ed Begins

Early Childhood and Family Education, "Parent and Child Together," begins the week of September 25. Eight week sessions for children ages 0 to 5 cost $20.00. Classes will be held on Monday mornings or Thursday evenings in North St. Anthony Park. South St. Anthony classes will meet on Friday mornings. The sessions are sponsored by Community Education and the St. Paul Schools Adult Vocational Educational Program. Call 733-8534 or 645-2456 for additional information.

INSIDE STORIES

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Midway Rehab Study Completed

Midwest Planning and Research Inc., submitted its final report to the City’s Planning Division and to District 12 Community Council on its study of the University Avenue/West Midway corridor. The report concluded that:

The economic future of the study area as an industrial/commercial complex is generally positive.

Redevelopment of the study area can only take place through the cooperation of businessmen and owners located in the area.

The existing positive land use relationships between industries and services should be maintained.

The predominance of vehicular transport has resulted in circulation problems which should be corrected.

Parking in the study area is inadequate for existing and future demands.

The poor image is a result of a lack of proper maintenance and design controls during previous building conversions.

Market demand generated within the study area and surrounding areas is not sufficient for support of a supermarket.

Although a number of options are available to resolve the existing needs within the University Avenue corridor, current development priorities of the City of St. Paul limit these alternatives. The report recommends that:

Plan implementation should be facilitated through the creation of locally oriented business organizations such as local development corporations.

Industry and business service land uses should be facilitated through redevelopment and rehabilitation.

Efforts should be made to meet the spatial and structural needs of viable land uses.

Access and loading areas should be reoriented away from University Avenue to facilitate overall access and circulation.

Parking needs should be met as soon as possible by increasing utilization of existing lots for long-term users, by providing additional on-street parking for short-term users, and by enforcing existing parking requirements for new construction.

The image should be improved by enforcing existing zoning, maintenance and building codes, and by establishing local design ordinances or guidelines for signs, building character, and site development. "Key" intersections look like optimal locations for initial image improvement projects.

Rehabilitation and redevelopment of the upper University Avenue should be accomplished by pooling governmental and private financial and management resources.

The full report is available at the District 12 Community Council Office.

The MPR study was discussed at the August 9th, Community Council meeting. A motion to accept the report passed but expressed reservations.

The Council disagreed with its negative finding for the location of a supermarket in the study area. Area residents suggested a market area made up of St. Anthony Park, South St. Anthony Park, Prospect Park and Merriam Park could lead to a different conclusion.

Midwest Planning and Research failed to revise the final report as suggested by Midway Civic and Commerce Association members in a letter dated July 21, 1978.

A group of interested people from the Midway Civic and Commerce Association met with staff members of the Economic Development Division of the City to learn about setting up a Local Development Corporation. For more information please call Kevin McGuire (646-8866) or Al McCormick (646-2636).

Community Input Needed on Baker School Decision!

The September 13, Community Council meeting will include discussion of the Baker School site. The City’s Economic Development Division needs clear direction from the community. The School District still holds the building and will not release it to the City without the assurance that the property will be used to produce taxes. The City’s Economic Development Division has said that any use of the building should meet with neighborhood approval, be financially feasible, and contribute real estate taxes. If the building is demolished, it is anticipated that the land will become part of the adjacent parcel of vacant land and will be for the development of Market-Rate houses which would be tax-producing. Some people have expressed support for reconverting the building for housing in addition to developing housing on the vacant land.
PARK PEOPLE

By John Currie

There are not any curtains, nor bright lights and noisy ticket hawkers, just a big front lawn, a lot of friends, and the warmth and music of Lois Baron.

On Tuesday, August 8, Lois held her annual front porch musical at 2106 Commonwealth. More than 300 people came to sit on her front yard and listen to what has become a very special S.A.P event.

"Well, we lucked out again, didn't we?" Lois laughs. "I don't know, every year except that first year, we've had perfect weather, and that's what this is.

"This was started several years ago as a get-together for the neighbors, and that's what this is. And it has grown so that I am just astounded myself.

"It's become something people look forward to. We're amazed at the number of people who call every year and say, 'When is it?'

Lois has sung for S.A.P for seven years, but her experience goes back to San Francisco and New York. "I used to make my living singing on the coast, singing some shows. I had a lot of good training. And I love it; it's a wonderful gift, and should be used.

Her loyal fans agree. As one woman said, 'They wouldn't do it somewhere else. That's because they don't have Lois. You've got to have Lois. She's the type of person who really likes people. She has to be to invite the whole neighborhood and say, I'm going to sing for you tonight.'"

Her music ranges from Cole Porter to Mozart, from Latin samba to opera. She even sang a piece composed especially for this occasion by her accompanist, Ruth Martin. She featured selections from The Music Man, her highlighted musical for the year.

"This is all very casual, but it still takes effort on several people's parts, mainly, my dear husband's, who puts up with all this nonsense. And Ruth, she does a Trojan job and I am glad she accepted a lifetime contract. And Jack Schneider, a dear friend and professional bassist, he said, 'Gee, I think I'll come this year.' And I waited, and he said, 'Would you like me to play?' Immediately we latched onto him.

"We just have great fun giving this, and those of you from the neighborhood that come, some of you from where I work, and from the church— thank you all for joining us. We're really thrilled that you come."

Lois is very happy, and she smiles. "What's great about this is the neighborhood. The neighborhood makes it. I don't think you could do this too many places in St. Paul, do you?"

Sample Community Ed

The St. Anthony Park Community Education Program will host its first annual "Sampler" at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 1978, at the elementary school. The Community Education Program is a state-supported effort designed to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all citizens of all ages, encourage taxpayer use of public school facilities, and stimulate community development processes. In North and South St. Anthony Park, Community Education special programs and mini-courses are provided with the help of a voluntary Advisory Committee. The courses are conducted at the schools and out in the community.

The event at the school is called Community Education in the Park and is presented by the Advisory Committee to familiarize community members with the program. Between 7:00 and 8:00 Community Education mini-courses such as ceramics, volleyball, investments, chorus, etc. will be conducted. Community members are invited to visit the various classes and "sample" what Community Education in the Park is all about.

Refreshments will be served by the Advisory Committee. See you there!
Park Residents Avoid Limelight

Features like "Park People" and "At Home" have become increasingly difficult for Bugle writers to do. Many Park people shy away from local publicity, afraid their neighbors will think ill of them if personal virtues are publically extolled. Homeowners express concern that by publicizing their homes they might encourage burglary or might encourage the unwanted tax assessor to re-evaluate the value of their property. Many people seem afraid to discuss their private lives publically, especially in so small a publication as the Bugle.

But, small local publications are essential to the intellectual health and vitality of the community. We are not like Time or Newsweek, the New York Times, the Tribune or Pioneer Press. We do not try to create a norm for a nation or a city. Ours is to individualize. We do not report items that will be of national interest, rather we need to view issues of national importance through our own very local, very personal lives. Faced with tales of our President canoeling in the rapids of Idaho or the success of three transatlantic balloonists, what does it mean to speak of a neighbor who merely creates a successful, life sustaining business out of his garage? Faced with massive, million dollar building projects, what does it mean when we speak glowingly about a family who has spent two years renovating a two bedroom house?

The stories of our neighbors are our stories, peculiar to St. Anthony Park. They tell who we are—we whom we come from or whom we go to. At a neighborhood level things really do matter; the activities, the successes and failures of our neighbors are not just a question of what's happening to them out there, but a question of what's happening to us, right here.

It is all very well to say, "Hey, I like reading stories about Park homes, about Park people. Please write more of them." But, as a matter of fact, most neighbors ask that we write about someone else, someone else's home.

If the Bugle is to do its job well—if the Bugle is to continue to reflect what makes St. Anthony Park so special (is there one among us who would trade a lovely old Park home and its inevitable problems for a new house in Edina?), we must ask our readers to be willing to sacrifice a little of their private lives.

P.M.R.

Dear Residents of St. Anthony Park,

Having decided not to reopen La Tarteelette Bakery again, I would like to thank the many, many people who came into the shop and became our friends. Being the owner of La Tarteelette has been one of the most delightful experiences of my life—just because of the many delightful people who came there and shared a bit of themselves. To me, it was more than just a business (certainly it didn't make much money)—it was an experiment in human relations as I think they should be. I feel that my goal to create an intimate decor with genuine human warmth accompanying the fun foods was achieved. Financially, it wasn't a big success, but not a failure either, and I learned very, very much about the problems of the small businessman.

I want to thank each of you for the role you played in coming to the shop. I leave it with lovely memories and hope that your experiences there were as pleasant as mine.

Best wishes to St. Anthony Park
Susan Miller

Guest Editorial

In the May editorial suggesting caution in supporting wine-only licenses for the Muffuletta, I stated: "What seems to be needed here and perhaps in other neighborhoods is a measure of neighborhood control. And, for years the North St. Anthony Association has exerted that control, inspite of their being a non-governamental and non-representational Mahajov and Roberts [Muffuletta owner] did not make the appeal to the District 12 Council, the council of officials elected to represent us on the city level." The following is a response to that specific paragraph.

Off Target

I think that the fourth paragraph in your May editorial misses the target. First of all, the District 12 Council is not a "council of officials elected to represent us in the city." Rather it is a bureaucratic means of putting the turn to page 5
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"public" stamp of approval on the expenditure of revenue sharing funds. As such, its main interest has been the development of long and short range plans for capital improvements in several adjoining areas of the city. It has not, to my knowledge, attempted to deal with the wide scope of issues which face North St. Anthony.

More importantly, the District 12 Council as a whole is not representative of the people in this area. One-third of its members are appointed by a commercial association in the Midway district which has little in common with or interest in the neighborhood concerns of St. Anthony Park. The remaining two-thirds are elected, one-third from North St. Anthony and one-third from South St. Anthony. This division is based wholly upon geographical areas and has no relation to the number of people living in a given area. Thus there is no basis for calling District 12 representative in the traditional one-person, one-vote sense.

Not only is District 12 not representative, it is even less so in the participatory sense. While I have great admiration for the efforts and accomplishments of District 12 members such as Greg Haley, Ed Hessele, and others, it would be a gross misrepresentation to say that they had been elected by the neighborhood at large. At the recent elections there were approximately 30 people present to select 5 members and 2 alternates from a list of 8 candidates. Those numbers speak for themselves.

The North St. Anthony Park Association, on the other hand, is probably one of the best means of exerting the type of neighborhood control to which you refer. True, it is not a governmental organization; however, this, in my opinion, is an advantage rather than a detriment. It is able to act independently of the political and bureaucratic pressures found in every level of government and in so doing fulfill the watch dog and neighborhood control role necessary to protect the specific interests and unique characteristics of this neighborhood. Furthermore, it is an organization which continually attempts to facilitate the interaction of the numerous interests found in this neighborhood. These include the residential, commercial, educational, social, and other interests important to a neighborhood. In doing so, it is, at least in theory, especially suited to carrying out the function you describe.

While it is true that the Association is not strictly representational, it does have a broadly based membership, and it is open to any citizen who is interested in the affairs of this community. I am the first to admit that the Association's recruitment of membership needs to be improved, and that is top priority for the coming year. Even so, the Association far outdistances District 12 in terms of neighborhood participation and visibility as is evidenced by the results of the District 12 neighborhood survey.

I think that the role of the "neighborhood control" group is an important one, and I think that it is best carried out by groups of interested people such as the North and South St. Anthony Park Association, the Citizen's League, the League of Women Voters, and many similar groups. As a result, I think that it is a disservice to advocate the removal of responsibility from these groups. Rather, you should encourage more participation in them and thus achieve a broader base of knowledge, evaluation, support, and opposition of the decisions at all levels of government as they affect each of us.

Yours truly,
James M. Christenson

Pastors Exchange

By Marjorie DeBoer

Saint Anthony Park United Church of Christ will be host to an exchange pastor from India for four months this year. Beginning September 10, the Reverend Joseph Barnabas, chaplain of Ahmednagar College, Ahmednagar, India, will preach and take over pastoral duties at the local UCC church while its minister, John Kemp, fulfills Mr. Barnabas's post in India.

Mr. Barnabas will be accompanied by his wife, Sarala, and two children, daughter Nandita, 17, and son Rajneesh, 15. Mr. Barnabas is also head of the Department of Physics at Ahmednagar College and his wife teaches American Literature there. They will live at the UCC parsonage until their return to India late in December.

Future site of Group Health, Inc. clinic, Photo by Paul Carrie

Rose Hill Nursery to Be Sold

By Peggy Mann Rinkehart

Although a spokesman at Rose Hill Nursery is quick to say that "no contract has been signed, no deed issued," plans for the sale of the Rose Hill Nursery property south of Larpenteur are well under way.

Group Health Plan, Inc., a consumer owned health maintenance organization with clinics throughout the Twin Cities area, plans to turn the Como Clinic into its business headquarters. A new clinic, to be built on Larpenteur, will house the medical services presently offered at the Como site.

John C. Kidney, President of Group Health Plan explained that "We have no idea yet what the building will be like. We just don't know." Group Health is in the process of having an architect design a building for the Larpenteur site.

Kidney indicated that although all the necessary government permits and approvals had not been issued, he was confident that they would be forthcoming.

The closing date on the sale of the property on the south side of Larpenteur owned by Rose Hill is September 15.

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Murray Gets Incomplete

By Martha Saul

All Murray students are asked to report for a full day of school on Tuesday, September 5. Students will receive their programs when they arrive.

Enrollment at Murray is down from 815 students last year to 715 students, says new principal, Vera Kenyon. Due to the decreased enrollment, four full-time positions have been eliminated, Kenyon said.

Clarence Fulmek, Les Williams, Jeanette Williams and half-time teachers Miss Richardson and Mr. Hodge have left Murray and will not be replaced.

Councilor Dan Sorenson has been transferred and will not be replaced.

Ann Green, physical education teacher, has resigned from the St. Paul school system. Her replacement has not yet been named.

Construction on the new media center has been at a standstill for more than a month due to the shortage of concrete. "We are fighting a deadline," Kenyon says. "The contractor tells us there is no concrete available to complete the job."

A final date has not been set for Murray to become a junior high school. "We can only guess at the time," says former Murray principal, Reno Rossini.

First, Como Junior High school will become a senior high school. "Como is scheduled to open as a senior high school in 1979," Rossini says. "I personally guess it will open in 1980. Como should be ready for occupancy during the second half of the 1979-80 school year. But we don't usually move students in mid-year. As I see the construction progress, that is my guess."

SAP Elementary Almost Ready

By Martha Saul

Kindergarten registration at St. Anthony Park Elementary School is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and proof of measles vaccination.

Several other school plans have not yet been finalized. It is not certain whether there will be two or three kindergarten sessions this year. Charles Weldin, principal, does not expect to have any combination grades this year, but this is not final. Both situations depend on the number of students attending SAP Elementary School this year.

There are several additions and changes in personnel this year. Pearl Odlund returns to the Park after several years absence. She will conduct morning and afternoon kindergarten sessions.

Barbara Uffman will join the staff as a new first grade teacher. She has taught for ten years in the St. Paul school system.

This year Dennis Amundson will be the full-time physical education instructor.

Special Learning-Behavior Problems (SLBP) teacher, Judy Brzinski, will be on sabbatical leave. Her replacement has not yet been named.

Gladys Peterson will serve as secretary and Jerry Hines, who began work at the school last April, will continue as head custodian.

Dr. Weldin invites friends and neighbors in the community to visit the school and view the dramatic, colorful mural in the entryway. The large mural, depicting animals and pine trees typical to Minnesota, is the work of COMPAS artist Paul Heidtke. As Heidtke worked on the mural last year, groups of children visited with him and watched the progress of the painting from outline to finish. "Heidtke had a beautiful way of communicating with children," Welden says. "The mural means something special to all of the children."
"Go" for Safety..."Stop" for Fun

By Vivian Z. Peterson

Seven students from St. Anthony Park Elementary School have had the unique opportunity of attending Legionville Camp for safety patrols this year with all expenses paid by their sponsors. Each year the generosity of five local organizations is exhibited when they set aside monies from their budgets to pay for camp fees and transportation costs for these honored students. The sponsors are the St. Anthony Park Association, the American Legion Post No. 34, the Tjernlund Post of the American Legion No. 451, the Ladles Auxiliary of the American Legion Post No. 451 and the St. Anthony Park Elementary School PTSA. For four years students from this area were sponsored, but with Barret School and McKinley School were incorporated, seven students were able to attend Legionville. These students will be part of the Barret Patrol in the 1978-79 school year.

Charlie Flinn, 2268 Knapp Street; Aaron Larson, 2396 Bourne Street; Carla Barton, 2106 Commonwealth Avenue; Erin Druzy, 2297 Standish Avenue; Ruth Holwege, 2123 Gordon Avenue; Tammi Winn, 426 Concordia Avenue and Sara Glew, 2235 Como Avenue are the students who attended Legionville.

The boys' session was in July and the girls' in August. Jonathan Gaiser, 1484 Branson Street, who will be the Captain of the Patrol in 1978-79, is Eric Kelvy, 2354 Hampden, who also will be on the force this coming year, were unable to attend. Both boys missed the camp experience, but substitutes were happy to use the scholarships which had already been provided.

The city of St. Paul holds the honor of being the birthplace of School Police or Safety Patrols as they are now known throughout the United States. The first School Police were on duty at Summit Avenue and Kellogg on February 17, 1921. Within six months St. Paul public and parochial schools had followed suit and set up School Police units. In 1924, Minneapolis also adopted the plan and started its School Police units. On October 1, 1950, the state legislature passed laws authorizing the STOP signs held up by the School Police youngsters as authority to regulate traffic so that students might have safe passage at busy intersections before and after school. The record of the School Patrol Program is without blemish. There has never been a death in traffic while patrols in the St. Paul Safety Program have been on duty since the program's inception in 1921.

Lt. Henry Winterhalter of the St. Paul Police Department has been in charge of the School Safety Program for 40 years. All St. Paul school students recognize him as their friend and also respect him for the honored position he holds. He will retire in a year or so.

The Legionville School Safety Patrol Training Center was established by the Minnesota American Legion for the purpose of training youngsters in school patrol operations. Each summer over 2,000 youngsters are taught the proper method of controlling traffic at school crossings and also servicing school buses. These trained patrols return to their communities and become teachers of hundreds of other school patrols.

Legionville isn't all classroom instruction. The afternoons and evenings are devoted to recreation—supervised sports activities, swimming and water safety programs, handicrafts and conservation. Americanism and good citizenship are emphasized during this week of training. Both boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, are accepted. Applications are taken at this center. Each child attends for one week and receives a certificate upon graduation.

A bit of nostalgia will be felt by long-time residents of St. Anthony Park, especially any who are students of the Old Gutterson School. Many of the badges which are numbered have been in constant use by students. Students attending the Old Gutterson School may have had the same star that is in use today. The numbers of the stars and belts are registered by the St. Paul Police Department.

It's Not Always Summer

The first fall gathering of the St. Anthony Park Association was scheduled for September 12, in S.A.P. Elementary School. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. A program highlighted by Ned Hoffman, Director of Ouroboros East, commences at 7 p.m. The menu treat will be a meal catered by the Muffuletta Restaurant of Milton Square. Child care will be available for pre-school and elementary school children.

Our speaker will touch on such pertinent topics as upgrading insulation and energy conservation through landscaping. Mr. Hoffman will give tips on tuning our home heating systems and the increasing potential for solar energy. For consumers, efficient energy use is more than just a trendy subject. It is practical for conservation, comfort and cost. Come and get the latest information from an expert.

The Muffuletta Restaurant promises a real dining treat. A choice of three entrees will be offered for $2.75 per person. Dinners will choose from the Muffuletta's own Quiche Loraine, a delectable "Deli-stacker" or the "Muffuletta," a true delight. Each of the above will be served with a salad and fresh fruit of the season.

Members of the Association will be called regarding reservations. Non-members may call Olga Hallberg at 644-6725 by September 7 indicating attendance and choice of dinner entrée.

The Tuesday evening activities begin with dinner in the Multi-Purpose Room of S.A.P. Elementary School. Our energy program will be near-by in the Media Center.

Child Care is being offered free in response to requests noted on the recent poll. Activities for 2-10 year olds will be provided by Diane Diers of Latchkey. If infant/toddler care is desired, the reservationist, Olga Hallberg, should be called. Dinner will not be provided for the children.

Welcome New Members

Our treasurer reports on many new memberships in the St. A.P.A. We welcome them all and hope to see more neighbors at upcoming meetings and activities.

The family membership option has attracted a number of new members: the Andrew and Judy Boss family, the Marilyn and Quentin Elliot family, the Dr. Robert Feigel and Ceesie Stickley family, the Brad and Sandy Risen family and the Barb and Dale Tennon family.

Scott Elsfstrom, Leon Green and Glenn Urbanski have also joined the Association.

Ouroboros East

Ouroboros East is an older home (circa 1910) which has been retrofitted with a range of alternative energy and resource conserving technologies.

Special emphasis is on alternative heating and cooling systems. The house is a combination of the visions of designers and the limitations of society.

Plans for a variety of education options are being made now. Ouroboros East will become a mecca for research and training in energy conservation for educators, tradesmen and homeowers.

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Are Breck Woods An Anachronism

By Lars Harnsville

At the northern edge of St. Anthony Park sits a tuck-away, two-acre wood. Over the years it has come to be known as Breck Woods after the school that was once located nearby.

When I walk through the wood it is not hard for me to imagine what St. Anthony Park was like a century ago. One hundred years ago Breck Woods was part of the meadow-dotted forest which spread itself over the rolling slopes of the Mississippi valley. The land was only then being sectioned off, and small farmers were just beginning to cut back the wilderness surrounding the young city of St. Paul. But through the years, St. Paul and its urban neighborhoods grew and replaced the forest. Today SAP’s only reminder of a forest is this two-acre spot of trees.

Breck Woods shows us point blank that our area has not always been in its present form: the mood of a genuine forest prevails there. And, the woods contain the remains of the old U. of M. streetcar line for adventurers to discover. Parts of the path of an old dirt road, barely discernable, are all overgrown. When crowds of hobos wandered the railroad lines of this country, some built their lean-to shelters in the woods that are with us today. Surely if some of the woods’ century-old trees could talk, they would tell many a story about buns and about adventures in our area long ago.

In addition to having an interesting background, our Woods continues to be a vital asset to the community.

One of the Woods’ contributions is its ability to control water. Breck Woods lies in a ravine which accepts tons of water runoff from Falcon Heights every time it rains. Its overgrown gullies draw water into the ground, filter it, and slow its flow. If the Woods were removed, the area around Eustis St. would probably become flooded after every rainfall because the drain system could not handle the increased flow. The storm drain system there carries water from the Woods and flows under and above ground all the way to the Mississippi. It follows the path of a once natural creek which wound through a large marsh which lay over most of the Highway 280 area years ago. Today’s stream starts from the woods, goes under Eustis and 280, and comes out along the Minne...
his city limits. At this point, it holds more water and contains minnows and crayfish. Flowing southward, the stream enters a pond on sota Ave. and from there it feeds into a main drain which finds the Mississippi River.

Where there is more water, a greater variety of plants and animals seem to exist. And Breck Woods is no exception. From the tops of hilllocks to the bottoms of gullies, the woods is dotted with countless species of wild undergrowth abound. Breck Woods offers a good example of a mixed hardwood forest section of wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. Because of this, the U. of M. forestry students have long used the woods for field-study.

The foliage of Breck Woods provides refuge for common and uncommon city-dwelling animals. The most obvious residents are rabbits, squirrels and songbirds, but the alert watcher will notice evidence of pheasants, garter snakes, field mice, woodchucks, muskrats and other animals. Other rarer visitors to the Woods are porcupines, skunks, and foxes.

Breck Woods controls water in a major flow area and acts as a needed reservoir of nature. These are contributions which help to keep our area ecologically healthy. The Woods is so small, yet it adds so much.

Breck Woods has also long been a favorite playground for children living near it. To a child, this Woods holds adventures and things to do which can be found nowhere else. A child can escape, play games, and let his imagination run wild. For me it was a place filled with creeping things and places waiting to be discovered. I could get dirty and do dangerous things with my friends, all without grownups to worry about. Breck Woods is a good place to build forts and treehouses. And if you take a walk there you will find some. Places like Breck Woods hold a lot for a kid in these ways and many others. What deserves more attention than a place that adds to the growth of a child?

But what does Breck Woods have for nose-to-the-groundstone adults? For them it really is not a grand monument but simply a nice spot to take a walk, relax, and just think. For most people, the woods is one of the little extras which make our community special.
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By Mollie Hoben

This summer has been a time of change for many businesses in the St. Anthony Park commercial area. Three businesses have disappeared, one has a new home, and several have given themselves new looks.

La Tartelette Bakery, which opened in November, 1977, closed at the end of June and will not reopen. Owner Susan Miller pointed to "inadequate profit margin" as the key to her decision to close.

The Tobak Shop closed on June 1, after a year of business, according to Richard Silld. Described the decision to close as a personal decision and cited his ownership of the building in which the shop was located as a factor.

As reported in the July Bugle, the Thermadores also closed this summer. Owner Marilyn Haun was quoted at the time as saying, "I decided I no longer wanted to run a retail business."

While three businesses were closing their doors during the summer, more were expanding their operations, remodeling their facilities, or—in one case—settling into new quarters.

The Lil Kids Shop moved in July from Milton Square to the space formerly occupied by Tobak. Owner Jerry Moulton reports that business doubled in his first month in the new location. He credits this to his street-level site and the presence of the Bibelot next door.

Along with the move, Moulton is adding more games and toys to his stock, with emphasis on educational items. The shop specializes in hand-made children's clothing, created by Moulton's mother-in-law and sisters-in-law. Lil Kids first opened in the area a year and a half ago.

The Bibelot Gift Shop is expanding its women's fashions section, which will be called the Bibelot Loft and will occupy the store's second floor. Owner Roxanne Arbisi has discontinued the sale of art fabrics and is remodeling the space they occupied to accommodate the Loft. The space used by La Tartelette will now be used as storage and office space.

This is the third major change in the past three years for the 12-year-old Bibelot. In 1976 the main floor area was enlarged and in 1977 the second floor area was added.

Speddy Market has undertaken a major remodeling effort, which includes new and expanded freezer space, new heating and air conditioning, new flooring, and redecoration.

Speddy opened in September, 1977; the site had been occupied for many years by Bliemberg's Grocery. Purchase of Blomberg's by Schroeder Milk Company, a Twin Cities firm, to add to its chain of about ten small grocery stores created fears among some residents that the personal, neighborhood flavor of the store would be lost.

Manager Dick Dimond believes that this has not happened. "We like this area and want to help keep it the way it is," he explained recently. Dimond summarized the store's policy as "trying to meet community needs and making a living doing it."

Muffuletta recently expanded to the back, creating a luncheon area called the Side Door, and in July moved out onto the sidewalk as well. The popularity of the sidewalk cafe has encouraged manager Wayne Skjelstad to increase the times it is open and to plan to continue sidewalk service into September.

In addition to the changes that have already occurred this summer, three more Park businesses have plans for major remodeling or expansion to begin this fall.

Stu Peterson, owner of Park Hardware, reports that he plans several expansions within the store over the next 18 months. Both the back room and the current office will become retail space. Peterson hopes to be able to expand into the basement area as well.

The basement was used for sales years ago by previous owners, but as business decreased it was closed off. Now, Peterson says, "We've built the business back up and we need the space."

The Park will acquire a delicatessen when Four Seasons Cheese & Fruit Shop carries out its expansion plans. Space will be added for a deli section offering a variety of traditional deli foods, including salads and platters.

Major remodeling is in the plans for Bridgeman's, according to Maria Erickson, supervisor. The effect will be to make better use of space in the restaurant. Redecorating will be carried out at the same time.

Tour New Fire Station

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An open house will be held on Wednesday, September 13, from 6 until 10 p.m., at the new Fire Station 23 at 1924 Como Avenue in St. Paul.

The new station replaces Station 13 at Raymond and Hampden, which was built in 1894, and Station 23 at Snelling and Canfield, which was built in 1922. Apparatus based at the new station include Engine 13, Engine 23, and Paramedic Ambulance 23.

The public is invited to tour the new station and talk with fire officials and firefighters who are assigned there. Coffee and doughnuts will be served and there will be balloons for the children. Door prizes will be given away every half hour during the open house.

Community Control of Local Economy

Specific proposals I advocate that would provide opportunities for greater citizen participation in economic developments that determine their future.

Large Corporations: Offer tax relief to corporations that assign a seat on the board of directors to a director elected by employees, and implement a program to transfer company stock (as wage supplements) to employees, with a goal of 25% of employee ownership. Start a state program to help employees (and community residents) purchase and operate plants that have been abandoned by corporations leaving the state.

Cooperatives: Provide state assistance for the development of consumer cooperatives, particularly in low income areas--technical advice and a loan guarantee program.

Direct Marketing: Provide staff to organize an extensive network of neighborhood farmers' markets, thus eliminating price gouging by middlemen.

Community owned businesses: Provide a tax credit for grants and loans by individuals to consumer cooperatives, employee owned businesses, non-profit community development corporations.

Housing: Start an aggressive program to convert apartment buildings into resident owned co-op apartments, by guaranteeing loans to apartment resident groups.
SYANON,
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are exposed to only one line of thought. It was no surprise to say
that the Synanon people were "charming and friendly, but I
think it's spooky. It [being in the Buford residence] gave me
some funny vibes about some of the science fiction you
read."

Ed Hessler, a member of the
District 12 Human Resources
Committee, found the groups
ideas stimulating. "Talking to
them has forced me to think
about intentional communi-
ties. The group's presence
adds to the diversity of the
community," he commented
on recent changes in Synanon
leadership. "It will be in-
teresting to watch how the
group reacts to changes. I
don't know what it's like to be
under a charismatic leader."

When the group moved into
the Buford house in July, at
first residents in the neigh-
borhood were concerned and
in some cases frightened.
"Suddenly there were eight
people coming and going and
eight cars parked in front. We
didn't know what was happen-
ing."

But the Synanon residents, sensitive to on-
street parking problems,
quickly moved their cars
down by Murray field.

Although the Synanon
residents are transient—no
one person will stay at the
Buford house for more than a
week or so—each will be re-
placed by another Synanon
member. Dick Amy, from the
City Zoning Department is
assured that no violation of
the single family zoning or-
dinance has occurred. "The
house is rented for six
months," he said. "Their
spokesman, Coons, told me
they were looking for a per-
manent residence in the Twin
City area."

The consensus now among
Synanon's neighbors seems to
be that the group is a "good
neighbor." They are described
as "quiet, very reasonable,
clean and neat."

"From what I've seen of their
actions and reactions and
neighbors, I have no objec-
tions to them," one woman
said in what was a typical
comment.

The Synanon residents invite
the community to open
houses held every Saturday
evening at 8:00 p.m.

English Gardener Sprouts in Park
By Kris Diedrich
The S.A.P. kiosk on Como
and Carter usually provides
information about local
babysitters, free pets, and
neighbors' garage sales,
but in early July a small card
appeared offering the services
of one English gardener.
Peter-David Walton is an ex-
change visitor from Manches-
ter, England. He came to St.
Paul with an exchange pro-
gram which allows its parti-
cipants to get a work permit
for 2 to 3 months.

But since his arrival in the
U.S. on June 26, he has not
been able to find a steady job.
He has kept himself busy do-
ing odd jobs as a carpenter
and donating blood.

Peter-David was born a farm-
boy and went to a state
school. After the equivalent
of high school he worked and
studied in Norway. When he
returned home he majored in
Scandinavian literature at the
University of East Anglia in
Norwich.

Mr. Walton chose to come to
St. Paul because of the Scan-
dinavian descent of the people
and the farmland in Min-
nesota. "It seemed to be a
civilized part of the U.S."

WOHELO Awarded
to Nona Narvaez
Nona Narvaez, 2200 Hendon
Avenue, recently received the
Camp Fire's highest award,
the WOHELO medallion.

Sixteen year old Nona,
daughter of Dr. and Mrs.
R.A. Narvaez, was a junior at
Concordia Academy, Rose-
vale, and a part time student
at the University of Minnesota
during the past school year.
She previously attended St.
Anthony Park Elementary,
King of Kings Lutheran
School and Murray High in
addition to schools in Spain
and Mexico.

To receive the Wohelo, a
Camp Fire girl must demon-
strate expert personal skill in
planning, decision making,
and leadership. She must be
acutely aware of all persons
within the community in their
settings and groups and live
the watchword WOHELO—
work, health, love.

Nona's catalogue of accom-
plishments forms a 30 page
book. Included among her
achievements were 116 hours
of volunteer work in various
departments at St. Joseph's
Hospital and 40 hours work on
a food, clothing and medicine
collection project for victims
of the 1976 Guatemala earth-
quake.

An avid writer of letters and
articles, she is concerned
about animals and ecology
also. She has received many
direct responses to her efforts
from many local, national and
foreign leaders.

Her Camp Fire leaders over
the years have been Ruby
Starr, Frances Hunt, and Julia
Leitzke of St. Anthony Park.
Donna Bulger and Janet
Quale of the Park served on
her Wohelo evaluation com-
mittee together with Rebecca
Rosales of Minneapolis.
MCCA: 60 Years Strong
By Gerald R. McKay

Next May the Midway Civic and Commerce Association will celebrate its sixtieth birthday. One of the oldest associations of businessmen in St. Paul, MCCA undoubtedly has done more to promote the development of the area west of downtown St. Paul than any other group in the City. MCCA is currently under the leadership of its president, Arthur Kruse, owner of Midway Sign Company, and his 20 member board of directors.

With the professional guidance of Al McCormick, dynamic executive director, MCCA has set up goals which will promote the business, industrial, social and civic welfare and interests of the Midway District.

These goals include active participation in District 11 and 12 Community Councils, reduction of property taxes, completion of Kasota Avenue from Highway 280 to Snelling Avenue, improving the appearance of University and Snelling Avenues, and organization of local development companies to provide loans for business improvements.

Membership in the Midway Civic and Commerce Association consists mainly of firms, corporations and partnerships engaged in business activities having an interest in the development of the Midway District. The current membership lists 460 firms or regular members and 26 associate members.

The elected board of directors which meets monthly is made up of key people from the firms in the Midway Area. Sister Alberta Huber, president of the College of St. Catherine, is one of the newly elected board. Several names of St. Anthony Park residents have been mentioned on this list. Those who have served as president of the board include Albert Sandberg, Kenneth Boss and Harry Frost. According to Gareth Hibbert, Pioneer Press staff writer, James J. Hill in the late 1870's proposed a mass purchase of land into which was put the Minnesota Transfer Railway. This was to be a huge marshalling yard for breaking down and remaking trains from the east and west. Hill's vision became a mammoth economic heart of the area. As leaders of both Minneap- polis and St. Paul watched their own metropolises follow independent courses, many persons recommended that plans for the downtown sections of both cities be scrapped and the Midway be turned into a business district for the Twin Cities. The late Archbishop Ireland, looking about for a site for a new cathedral, nearly built that edifice in the Midway—on a knoll along Ig- lehart Avenue near Cretin Avenue. He even went so far as to consacrate the ground.

In its 60 years, the MCCA has given leadership in many ways that have helped develop the Midway District. It has had a hand in attracting some of the state's (and the nation's) largest industrial and business firms. Herman Waldorf Champion Paper Co., Montgomery Ward, American Can Co., Central Warehouse Co., United States Bedding Co., Brown and Bigelow, and several large trucking firms—to this part of St. Paul.

Some of MCCA's efforts have also gone into the residential areas of Midway. More adequate lighting, improved sewers, more effective public transportation and better streets can be credited in part to MCCA efforts in the residential sections.

More specifically, MCCA has put in effort and money working on various projects over the years. They have conducted studies on economic and market conditions of the Midway District and on possible rapid transit systems, and they have worked with the

Arthur H. Kruse, President of Midway Civic and Commerce Association.

Housing and Redevelopment Authority in formulating long range plans for the area. In addition, they have played an important role in getting the new Amtrak passenger terminal located in the Midway District; promoted the improvement of lighting on Snelling Avenue; helped get Transfer Road built connecting University Avenue and Pierce Butler Route; worked on the expansion and improvement of the Midway Shopping Center, and had a major role in establishing the Midway Industrial Park, a 50 acre parcel of land which has provided space for such firms as Steenberg Construction Co., Wheel Service Co., Interior Wood Products Co. and the new Amtrak passenger terminal.

The Midway Civic and Commerce Association was first named the Midway Club and had offices in the Esslinger Building on University Avenue where it operated a restaurant and held weekly meetings. Henry Lund served as executive secretary from 1935 until 1960 when Clifton Holmgren came in for a ten year period. Then for a couple of years through 1972, the Association had part time secretaries from the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1973, Al McCormick joined MCCA as executive director and has given strong leadership to the organization the past five years. The president of MCCA is automatically a member of the board of directors of the St. Paul Area Chamber and MCCA has reciprocal memberships in several similar associations including the St. Paul Winter Carnival Association.

Midway Civic and Commerce Association's office is located in the Midway YMCA Building at 1761 University Avenue.

Extended Day at J.J. Hill
By Gerald R. Shannon, Principal

J.J. Hill and Longfellow Elementary Schools are primary and intermediate buildings in Apollo Cluster that offer a "continuous progress curriculum." In this type of organization pupils are grouped on the basis of achievement and are able to progress to another group when they are academically ready.

In addition to this unique component, both schools have an extended day option that will provide, on school days, care for students approximately one and one-half hours before and after school.

Non-minority students from Apollo Cluster Schools other than Hill and Longfellow (Randolph Heights, Grove- land Park, St. Anthony Park and Open Schools) and non-minority students from Apollo Cluster private and parochial schools transferring into the Hill-Longfellow pairing will be given first preference for the extended day. If any places are left, students presently attending Hill-Longfellow will be eligible for them.

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Thune Picked to Head Intersection

Molly LaBerge, Executive Director of COMPAS, announced that David Thune of St. Paul has been selected to direct a new COMPAS program called Intersection.

Thune, past-president of the West Seventh Street Federation and a director of the Downtown Community Development Council, has been hired by COMPAS, a community arts agency, to supervise the $117,000 Intersection program recently funded by the Mott Foundation.

Intersection is intended to make the arts an immediate part of the lives of St. Paul residents through community involvement in a decision-making process. The arts will be seen in relation to how they can benefit neighborhood goals. The first program year will focus Thune's attention, and that of nine salaried, professional artists, on three St. Paul neighborhoods — Dayton's Bluff, St. Anthony Park and the West Side.

"After the next several months of meetings with residents, businesses and neighborhood agencies, we will reach a neighborhood consensus on what kinds of artists can best benefit those neighborhoods," Thune stated. "Then we'll begin a search to hire nine artists who have that special ability and desire to blend their personal art concerns with neighborhood issues and goals."

Thune's undergraduate degree is in architecture and his work experience has been with the City of St. Paul, the Plains Art Museum (Moorhead), the Towle Company, and the Minnesota Historical Society. In his home neighborhood in St. Paul's West Seventh area of Irvine Park, he remains active in the West Seventh Street Federation, an inner-city neighborhood issues alliance. Thune has also had one-man and group art exhibits in Minnesota and North Dakota, and he is a professional musician. Thirteen architectural projects are to his credit in St. Paul and Fargo. He has also been instrumental in raising funds for six arts, community, and public works agencies.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint, Michigan, is a private foundation with assets of $400 million. It awards over 200 grants annually for programs fostering community self-improvement, with involvement in community leadership and development processes. The grant to COMPAS is one of the largest made to a community arts program by this foundation.

COMPAS is a member agency of the St. Paul-Ramsey Arts and Science Council.

Feet Fly at Langford

Tackle football, flag football, and soccer registration was held at Langford Park on August 14 and 15. Others interested in participating in any of these activities this fall are urged to register as soon as possible.

Langford's baseball and softball programs were highly successful this summer, with over 150 kids participating in the two combined programs. In league play, the Midget softball team finished runner-up in its league, second only to Crestview. In baseball, all three of the park's teams fared well, with the Cubs finishing second; the Pee Wees third; and the Midgets third in their respective leagues.

The Langford building has a new look for this fall. Over the summer, the COMPAS program painted a mural on the south side of the building, the Langford kids painted the rest of the building, and Gary Kampmann added his artistic touch by painting a "Langford Park" sign on the west side of the building. Thanks to all who contributed to the "new look," and special thanks to the St. Anthony Park Association for financing the project.

On October 8, Langford Park will sponsor its first Fall Booya. Advanced tickets will go on sale in September.

Look for additional information regarding the above activities plus the rest of Langford's fall program in early September.

New Gym Coach

The S.A.P. Gymnastics Club announces the appointment of Curt Adams to the position of head coach. Curt has been involved in gymnastics for seventeen years. He was a gymnast for Cooper High School in Minneapolis, and was on the U. of M. men's gymnastics team for five years. Curt has coached for the past six years at Gleasons, Johnathons Living Seagulls, Burnsville, and TAGS gymnastics club as well as at numerous gymnastics camps and clinics.

The S.A.P. Gymnastics Club was founded in 1974. Fall session marks the beginning of its fourth year. New members will be accepted prior to the beginning of the session on September 11. For registration information call Carol-489-6950 or Judy-644-1038.
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