



Murray Spared

After a heated debate, and the passing of a petition, the St. Paul School Board determined that Murray Junior Senior High School would remain open during the 1979-1980 school year and would serve this and other neighborhoods as a junior high school.

The Recommendations by a long range study committee and by St. Paul School Superintendent George Young that certain St. Paul elementary and secondary schools be closed next year due to declining enrollment stirred discussions.

Murray is scheduled to close as a senior high school in our area at the end of this year. Senior high school students from Washington and Murray will attend a new, consolidated Como Senior High School at the expanded Como Junior High facility. Como Junior High students and faculty will move to the Washington High School facility.

Because the long range committee discussed the alternative of closing down Murray completely, the local PTSA drafted and circulated this Statement of Common Sup-

port among area parents and residents.

We declare our common support for the recommendation of the Five-Year Long-Range Planning Committee and for the recommendation of Superintendent George Young that Murray be maintained as a junior high school in the St. Paul public school system.

As members of the Murray community, we further declare our readiness to work together with students, school staff, parents, and neighborhood leaders in any areas assigned to our school in order to build a new and broader community of support for Murray.

Over 1,000 citizens from Summit-University, north and south St. Anthony and Como Park signed the petition.

John Everson, President of the Murray Junior-Senior High School P.T.S.A., presented the statement of concern to an open hearing of the St. Paul School Board on Tuesday, November 14. He explained, "Having studied carefully the evidence that has been gathered by the Long Range Planning Committee and by the Superintendent, we support whole heartedly their recommendation that Murray remain open as a Junior high."

The P.T.S.A. reminded the School Board that, "When the decision was made to move Murray senior high students to Como, the clear intention was expressed that this facility would be maintained as the area junior high school."

December 4, 7:00 p.m.:

Portable Discussed

By Pat Copa

The Extended Day-Latch Key space problem has not been resolved. As reported in last month's *Bugle*, the School Board authorized the development of bid speculations for moving a module to St. Anthony Park. Although the movement of the free-standing (portable) classroom is in Superintendent Young's words "simply a proposal," it seems to be the most viable solution that has been advanced up to this time.

A community meeting will be held Monday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m., in the library area of St. Anthony Park Elementary School. The purpose of

the gathering is to share information concerning the situation and to solicit ideas for dealing with the space problem. Special emphasis will be given to the advantages and disadvantages of moving a free-standing classroom to St. Anthony Park. Any concerned person or group is encouraged to participate.

The December 4 meeting will be conducted by the PTSA, St. Anthony Park Association, South St. Anthony Park Association, District 12, and the Extended Day-Latch Key Program. For questions or comments, call Bill Cecchi, 645-5151, or Pat Copa, 646-5870.

'...a Sense of Contentment'

by Dee Perry Kidder

Mayor George Latimer's October 21 visit to the neighborhood proved to be successful. The neighborhood's concern about the traffic volume was expressed. A stop sign was installed on the corner of Cromwell and Bayless. The traffic department will re-explore the possibility of installing a traffic light at Como and Doswell. This study began right after the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Friday, November 24, Mayor Latimer met with Gene Sigvertsen regarding city cooperation in fixing up Baker School.

Finally, Latimer reported that stumps from trees taken down for Dutch elm disease should be removed no later than midwinter.

The following interview deals with his attempt to see and hear first hand what the problems and concerns of our community are.

Bugle: Your visit started with coffee and a briefing tour beginning in South St. Anthony. As an outsider, what parallels do you note between this area and North St. Anthony other than the similarity in names?

Latimer: To the average St. Paulite, there is a stereotype of the St. Anthony Park resident, whether South or North. On my Saturday in the Neighborhood, I discovered there is a more diverse population than I had thought. There are more people

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Photo by Paul Currie.

Wine Goes with Food

By Nancy Haley

Diners chat in a sidewalk cafe which is enclosed and protected from the winter weather.

Families gather in a Swiss fondue room where 30 to 50 separate sauces are served.

Friends meet over dessert in a tea room atmosphere.

Some of these possibilities could become realities at the Muffuletta, if plans for expansion take place, according to Phil Roberts, co-owner. Expansion cannot be separated from the wine license issue, however. Without a wine license, the owners will not add new rooms to the Muffuletta.

"Food is our statement," says Roberts, "and wine goes with food. Wine complements our menu."

Any plans for expansion depend on an increase in the dinner business at the Muffuletta. Roberts feels that wine will bring in new dinner customers. "I think most people interested in the range of our menu would prefer wine."

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A Fortunate Community, But...

A summary of the data gathered in the Needs Assessment Survey of North and South St. Anthony Park and the West Midway (District 12) indicates that the people living and working here perceive the community as fortunate. This perception is verified by comparisons with other districts of St. Paul as the article on crime statistics elsewhere on this page reveals.

General Attitude

The general image of the community is: it has an enjoyable "small town" atmosphere; people who live in the community are friendly and work toward the benefit of the community; the neighborhood is quiet and conveniently located.

General Perception of Need

Less than one-fifth of families in the districts indicate having a "serious need" for social services listed in the survey. Consumer protection was mentioned as a serious need by 18 percent of the people; low cost legal help and the availability of arts events were mentioned by 16 percent of all residents surveyed.

Of those families with preschool children, 16 percent said they have a serious need for day child care, and 14 percent said they have a serious need for child care at night.

Forty percent of all residents believe more should be done to meet the special needs of senior citizens and of people who live alone. Further analysis shows that young respondents are more emphatic in their insistence that more be done for senior citizens than are the senior citizens themselves. The needs most frequently expressed by the families with senior citizens in them are for help with home maintenance and yard work.

Answers to questions regarding business needs were for a 5 and 10 cent store and a supermarket. Twenty-four percent of respondents believe there is a need for more restaurants while 38 percent do not believe that more restaurants are needed.

Transportation needs of the district were probed in the survey. Less than one-third of residents say they need more types of transportation listed. For families in which at least one person is 65 years of age or older the needs were somewhat greater. Bus service at night was deemed as inferior. Fifty-eight percent of residents believe more bike paths are needed.

Residents were asked if they are able to obtain various types of health care and, if so, whether this care is obtained in the neighborhood. The only types of care not obtainable to 10 percent or more of residents are a low cost health clinic and education. Most people are able to obtain the services of a family doctor but only one-third use a doctor in the neighborhood.

Twenty-four percent believe better access is needed to library services. In follow up interviews people favored longer library hours, more varied services such as records, films, video tapes and more books. Residents would also like to be better informed about services the library currently provides.

About one-third of the mail survey respondents believe the neighborhood needs a teen center to provide organized activities for youth. Better programs in the Park and Recreation facilities are needed, according to some of those interviewed.

Serious Problems

Issues related to heavy traffic and too many parked cars on streets are perceived to present the most serious problems.

Housing

Only 17 percent of respondents believe that run-down housing is a serious problem. Twenty-eight percent believe that an area organization should be formed to coordinate home repairs; 29 percent do not believe such a group should be formed. Forty-nine percent would like more single family houses, and 39 percent would like more duplexes. Fifty-four percent believe some type of housing should be made available for senior citizens who wish to move out of their houses yet wish to remain in the neighborhood.

Trees

Seventy-one percent believe the loss of shade trees is a serious neighborhood problem.

Education

Twenty-six percent of respondents said that the schools do an adequate job of teaching basic skills, while 24 percent believe they do not; the other residents did not give an opinion.

Seventy-nine percent of families with elementary age children are satisfied with education at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Forty-six percent of families with junior high age children and 44 percent of families with high school age children are satisfied with education at Murray. Open-ended responses suggested that some people believe the quality of education is deteriorating. Two percent of respondents to the mail survey said they have children living at home who attend school in the Roseville School District.

An overview of the community's needs indicates that there is no major area of concern about human problems. Nonetheless, frequent requests for community volunteers are directed to the District 12 Community Council to meet special needs. The needs assessment uncovered some of these.

Minnesota Society for the Blind

These residents feel isolated from the rest of the community. Several ways to overcome these feelings of isolation were suggested in personal interviews conducted by the Needs Assessment survey team. First, that someone from the community visit the home on a weekly basis to read articles of community interest; second, that people from the community visit the home to share their arts and crafts and general conversation with the residents of the home. Third, that the community use an auditorium in the home at a minimal cost to increase interaction of home residents with other community residents. Contact Hazel, 644-6400.

Seal Hi Rise

A representative from the Seal Hi Rise located in South St. Anthony Park expressed concerns about the handicapped residents who seldom have an opportunity to leave the building. She suggested that organizations and/or couples could brighten the lives of about 12 of their residents by arranging to take an individual to a shopping center, a beauty shop, or on a picnic or other outing three or four times a year. The person to contact is Gert Gordanier, 644-9223.

Meals to the Home Bound

Meals are delivered by volunteers in North and



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Ramsey County Welfare Department

The Volunteer Services Department sent a notice to the *Bugle* and District 12 Community Council that a woman who lives in North St. Anthony Parks needs a ride to and from a day activity center on Monday and Wednesday. Contact Leon Oman, 298-4650.

In the closing sentence of the report on the Needs Assessment Survey, the consultants, Anderson and Berdie Association, conclude: "One senses that the problems that do exist in District 12 can be effectively addressed if methods are used that unite community effort in these directions." Letters have gone out to churches and other organizations asking for help in getting volunteers to answer the needs of some of the less fortunate who reside in this fortunate community. Individuals are encouraged to volunteer also.

★ Crime Doesn't Pay

A committee made up of representatives of the seventeen planning districts has been working on a citywide Public Safety/Crime Prevention Plan, along with the following City departments: Police, Fire, Community Service, Planning and Economic Development, St. Paul Public Schools. W.J. Kortsmaki, 2383 Doswell, is representing District 12. At the committee's final meeting on November 30, a planning document will be approved for presentation at district council meetings. A summary of the Plan will be available before the District 12 Community Council meeting on December 13 at 5 p.m. at 2380 Hampden. All interested citizens are invited to attend the presentation in District 12.

★ Meetings Coming Up

All meetings are open to the public and held at 2380 Hampden.

November 29 - Economic Committee - 5 p.m.
December 7 - Physical Committee - 5 p.m.
December 13 - Community Council - 5 p.m.
(presentation and discussion of Public Safety/Crime Prevention Plan.)

Sun Shines Bright on New Park Home

By Martha Saul

Gerald Alexander and his sons, Tom, Dave and Bob, are building a contemporary, solar heated house on Knapp Street near Como Avenue.

"I want to get my family into an energy-conscious home," Gerald Alexander said. "I have overcome all sorts of hurdles, including a lot of negative thinking about the concept of solar heating," he said. "Now that the major problems have been resolved, I feel confident that this house will be a truly energy efficient home." Alexander became interested in solar heating several years ago and has made a thorough study of the subject.

by the solar system. Large, flat plate collectors are located on the front of the roof of the house at a 57 degree angle. The collector consists of a layer of glass with a layer of dark, absorber material behind it.

When the sun hits the absorber plate, it can create a temperature as high as 400 degrees F. on sunny days. The warmed air passes behind the plate and is forced into the house and through the duct system by a fan. The warmed air will heat the house and also part of the hot water used in the household.

When the house does not call for heat, the warmed air will be diverted to a storage rock box. The rock box can store enough warmed air to heat the

porated many energy efficient ideas into the design of their house. It is oriented so the solar collectors face south. Trees are used as wind barriers. A ledge of soil, a berm, is used at the back of the house for protection from the elements. Purposely, there are only a few windows on the north side of the structure.

Walls are six inches thick, instead of the four inches that is usual for an ordinary house. Wall studs were placed 24" apart, instead of 16", and they are filled with six inches of insulation.

Four inches of insulation board has been glued to the outside of the foundation walls. Strips of rough cedar will give the exterior walls a



Tom Alexander plans to go into the construction and management of solar homes. This, the second house the Alexanders have built, will be a demonstration house for that purpose.

Gerald Alexander worked with an architect for over a year to design the house. He feels the architect did a good job of orienting the house to the lot. The house is specifically designed to accommodate the solar heating system.

Alexander expects that about 70 per cent of the heating needs of the house will be met

house for one night. A bypass in the duct system allows warmed air to be circulated in the house at night without passing by the solar panels.

There will be two wood burning units, a stove and a fireplace, on the first floor of the house, to provide additional heat. There is an electrical heat pump back up system also for the four bedroom house. The house was designed with a balcony and a wide cathedral ceiling to facilitate the flow of air from the first floor to the second floor.

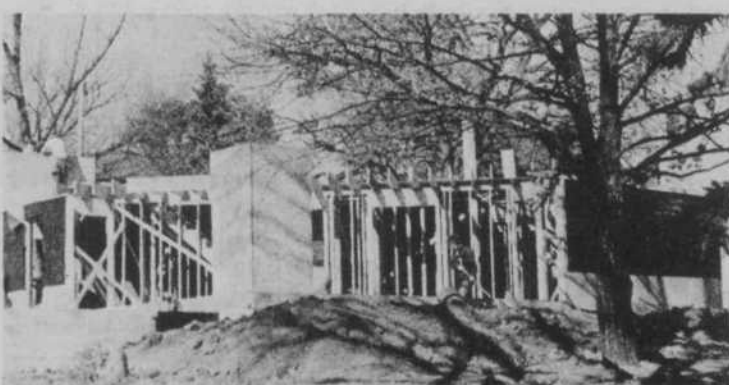
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The house will have triple glazed windows on all but the south walls. Here double glazed windows will be used to take advantage of radiant heat from the sun. A dark roof will be used to conduct heat into the house. On the north side of the house, the sliding glass door will have a special cover to be used in the winter.

Alexander refers to these as "little things" that are being done to minimize heat loss and maximize the heat that is gained by use of the solar collectors.

The Alexanders believe that our present energy crunch will eventually mean a different lifestyle for all of us. Meanwhile, Gerald Alexander feels they are doing their bit by promoting the use of solar energy. "I want my sons to get a lot of credit for their work," he said. "It has been a teamwork effort. We think it will work, and we think more people should get into it."



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I am often amazed that the *Bugle* gets out on time. We have no fancy offices, no fancy secretaries, no fancy salaries. Much of our work is done over the telephone; copy appears in the mailbox, at the library, is sometimes brought to the door by a six-year old daughter running errands for busy parents. There is really no "boss" to check up on us. The artists and writers do their work because they believe that it's important.

The *Bugle*, then, in many ways is a gift. John Currie tried to wrap it up this month—tried to show the *Bugle* for what it is. His cover is a gift to us: the \$10.00 he will receive in payment will just barely cover the expenses. The photos of Park people which decorate the pages of this Christmas issue are gifts to us from our photographers. Paul Currie and Tom Rizzo agreed to spend their time shooting and processing the photos for a buck a piece. If they are lucky, that will cover their expenses. The ornaments designed by Scott Cleland were his gift.

Each story comes with a tale to tell. Our regulars, Martha Saul, Mollie Hoben, Jane Lindberg, Mary Warpeha, Vicki Feirtag and Florence Chambers give over their time to make the *Bugle* and the neighborhood work. Those new to our writing staff, Mike Baizerman, Lorraine Baker, Nancy Haley and Dee Kidder come believing that the *Bugle* can help to define a neighborhood, can help to keep the neighborhood alive.

Most of what you see in the *Bugle* comes through volunteers. As you read this issue during the special holiday season, look closely: perhaps you'll see the face of someone you know, or a story, or a picture, or some art work by one of your friends. We hope that there is something for everyone. Our Merry Christmas to you.

P.M.R.



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Letters



to the Editor

Signatures Help

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to people in the Como Park, Summit-University, North and South St. Anthony Park areas who have joined in public support for Murray to continue as a junior high school in St. Paul. We believe that the Statement of Common Support signed by over 1000 citizens of St. Paul and presented to the St. Paul Board of Education (see page 1) is an important gesture at this time indicating widespread positive feelings about Murray. We express particular thanks to the many volunteers and block workers who assisted in small group discussions and in gathering signatures.

A. Joseph Everson
PTSA President

Murray Jr./Sr. High School

Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation, and thanks, to each and everyone, who helped, in any way, to make our 1978 UNICEF drive so successful! For the fifth consecutive year we have topped the previous year! That is because of your belief in what UNICEF does, and because of your generosity. The grand total this year is \$578.51.

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These funds will, indeed, go a long way to helping alleviate the starvation and suffering of many children who live in the shantytowns of the world. But even better than that is the fact that our own children are being sensitized to the needs of their counterparts, who share this planet, Earth.

Mrs. Mary Mergenthal and Mrs. Mary Ann Peterson, again, were our UNICEF Captain and Co-Captain. Without their many hours of extremely efficient work, our drive would not have taken place. They numbered, distributed, collected the boxes, took the proceeds to the bank, had the



checks made out and delivered to school, and many other deeds which were indispensable to the success of our drive. We sincerely thank them.

Mrs. Maggie MacGregor, Debbie Matuska and Carolyn Nielsen also helped in the drive and we are very grateful for their help.

On behalf of the many children, who will benefit from your concern, and cooperation, we extend a sincere "thank you" and a "Happy Thanksgiving."

Berneice Herron
School Social Worker

Dr. Charles Weldin
Principal

No Surf

As a resident of Bourne Avenue, I got a real chuckle out of the statement by Mr. Grebner to the District 12 Community Council Office, regarding the noise from highway 280. He said, "one gets used to the sound - it's like being next to the ocean."

I'll try to remember that every time I attempt to converse with my neighbors out in my yard, or try to call the kids in for supper, over the din of traffic! From where he lives, it may sound like the ocean, but from over here it's more like the dull, unrelenting roar of the Indianapolis 500.

Mr. Grebner objects to building sound barriers because they are "aesthetically unacceptable." I wonder if he'd find the sight of constant traffic (not to mention the flashing of lights in your win-

dows from traffic at night) aesthetically pleasing?

I, too, would like to see more trees, shrubs, and foliage along 280, in addition to, desperately needed sound barriers.

Very truly yours,
Lynn P. Hessler

Bees Beware

The hornets and wasps have said "night, night" for the season (we hope) but they'll be back next year. We have had battles with them, and three times we solved the problem with the vacuum cleaner. One summer we had them by our back door. Last year we had them by the entrance to the garage. This summer we had them under the floor of the deck above the bay window.

In the chill of the morning I placed a ladder against the deck, and attached a vacuum cleaner, with the end of the hose quite snugly against the opening between some warped shingles. From a distance we could see the returning wasps heading for their home and getting sucked into the vacuum tube. Those disturbed in the nest coming out to investigate suffered the same fate. Then I held a carton of powdered insect killer near the vacuum tube, and the poison powder was sucked into the bag of the vacuum cleaner where it killed the stingers by the hundreds. I took out the bag and immersed it in water, to make sure all expired.

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Good Will and Gifts on a Budget

By John Currie

You've spent every Christmas season you remember shopping in the midst of plastic icicles and tinsel, surrounded by thousands eager to slap down their charge cards and squeeze through "Disney at the Dales". How about a store where there are always places to park and no Santa to persuade your kids to ask for the high-priced stuff?

If that sounds good to you, jump in the car and drive in to *Goodwill*. Really. The prices are terrific and you'll find a selection of items that you'll never find in Super Shopper-ama. How about a large solid wood carpenter's chest, complete with a set of wood planes, beautifully weathered and big enough to use as a casual table in the den? Try to find that at the Furniture Barn for \$55.00.

For the craftsperson, why not try some iron shoe lasts with stands? Used when shoes were still made by hand, they could be arranged alone or in groups for a unique decorating accent.

The kids want to learn to ski this year, right? Before you sink a month's wages into

ultra-deluxe gear, why not shop the large variety of quality boots, skis, and accessories? With boots starting at \$5.00, skis at \$10.00, and names like *Head* and *Killy*, it could be a good way to start yourself.

They have skates, too, and even a *Flexible Flyer*, the kind you used before those silly plastic things filled up the department store shelves. There's even an antique tricycle in their "Oldies and Goodies" room. Sure, you say, I love to save money, but I want to give a gift that I made with my own hands. Say no more, friend. Try refinishing a four drawer chest, solidly constructed, featuring inlaid wood drawer-fronts. Start with \$45.00, a package of fine sandpaper, and you'll complete a piece so fine you'll want to keep it.

Some time spent shuffling hangers can result in very fine play clothes for the children

and even work clothes you can wear to refinish furniture.

Goodwill even sells Christmas tree stands for less than half the price at Target, and their own bows and ornaments to brighten up your home.

You'll save money. The gifts could be one-of-a-kind. Best of all, you'll be helping to support an organization that helps those who need support. It's Christmas, and Goodwill for all, friend, goodwill for all.



\$ Community Project\$

Do you or your group have an idea for making the St. Anthony Park Community a better place in which to live? Or, is there an area of interest that you and your neighbors would like to explore if there were the means and funds for "putting it all together?"

The means and the funds may be available through Community Education. Some of the monies that were allocated to the St. Anthony Park Community Education site have been designated by the local council for use in innovative, worthwhile "one-shot" or on-going community programs.

An effective "meal-on-wheels" program for those unable to provide nourishing foods for themselves, transportation for an intergenerational grandparent-child pro-

gram, a community project to upgrade our parks, a means for gathering and distributing information about local resources, or an event featuring a well-known speaker on a public interest topic are examples of "appropriate" ideas.

Although the monies cannot be used to purchase large equipment, there are few restrictions to the creative, concerned individual or group.

Grants up to \$500 are available. Those projects promoting neighborhood process or involvement will receive priority. Plans which include an itemized budget should be submitted to Cathy Hare, Community Education Director, at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. For more information, call 645-2456.

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We carried on this process of occasionally turning on the current, and in time the problem was solved. I really believe that the hornets that did not succumb to the suction must have decided that it was a very unhealthy environment and pulled out for a safer place.

Gerald Giving

Clean Up Your Act

This is an excerpt from a letter from my Aunt Mabel who spends about 6 months a year here.

Sincerely,
W. Andrew Boss

"If the St. Anthony Park Association wants a project, they should foster cleaner sidewalks on Como Avenue. They were always disgracefully littered this summer—maybe they expect the snow to cover it up."

Mabel E. Boss
St. Louis, Missouri



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A Season of Great Excitement

By Mike Baizerman

Like the ancients, we too look to the holidays and to closing and finishing the year.

So, too, do our neighborhood merchants. For them this season has even more meaning than for the rest of us: a season of hard work and an opportunity to earn. But most important, it is a chance to serve the neighborhood; to buy what they enjoy so that others might too; to open their orders placed often so many months before in September and October; to sell—not only for the sale—but as a way to share what they bought for us so that we in turn can give and receive.

Like the circle wanting to close.

Our merchants have more than an entrepreneurial interest in the season. They enjoy their work—the ordering, receiving, unwrapping and store wrapping which goes with the holidays.

Jim Nelson of *Micawber's Books* saves until Friday the task of opening the new arrivals. Then. WOW! If he has bought overstock from a company, it is like opening a big present of unknowns, or surprises. If the books are ones he ordered long ago in September, each is welcomed like someone whose face we've seen but who we never really got to know well.

Imagine an 80 lb. provolone cheese from Italy (about \$400) or a 75 lb. wheel of cheddar cut and laid close to pieces from the 18 lb. Rubschlager Jewish Rye (about \$12). Or, imagine 500 to 600 lbs. of cheese—the amount sold in a week at the *Four Seasons Shop* in Milton Square. Bob also talked about his olives, his pickles and what's coming in February—the merchant's first season.

This is the fourth season, but unlike several other merchants, the framing business does not seem to follow the same seasons, to get snow when the others do. Framing is a year long business which has a small peak during this season. Many who come want their work done quickly so that it can be brought home before the guests arrive. Mark Fredrickson of the *Carter Avenue Frame Shop* still approaches the season with great excitement.

There is much to enjoy—to just stand in front of and stare at—at the *Country Peddler*: quilts from the Ozarks (prices up to \$495), baby buntings, pillows to make, books and patterns, fiberfill, tools and almost enough cloth to fill a downstairs room. The calicos show different American eras,

poetic metaphor—gentle and flowing gifts from China and India, vivid cards and striking clothing, jewelry boxes, toys, culinary artifacts, clothes, candles, cups, calendars, pots and on and on. Owner Roxanna Freese's recent buying venture in India brings the exotic to St. Anthony Park.



Photo by Don Svendsen.

allow us to recapture our craft, family and natural histories. Items can be bought ready-made, or made to order, or history can be made and remade with one of the wide varieties of kits.

Stew McIntosh, from *Park Hardware*, claims that one can find most anything but a car at his place. Stew caters, to be sure, to the owner of an old home: outdated plumbing and lighting fixtures can usually be found at Hardware Hank's. For the younger set there are toys and toys, all discounted at least 25 and up to 35 per cent, all priced competitively to the best buys in other nearby shopping areas. A full nut and bolt selection, a bird feeder, indeed all kinds of gadgets and gizmos can be gifts not only for the doer, but from the one who wants it done.

If we have almost closed the circle, the poem has yet to be finished. The *Bibelot* is our

A stop next door will find "Christmas Candy"—*Bridge-man's* flavor of the month or perhaps "Candy Cane"—the special sundae. The former is peppermint ice cream with candies in it, the latter is the same ice cream with grenadine and a marshmallow topping. How else to close a circle or finish a poem?



Neighbors Come Together

By Mollie Hoben

North St. Anthony Park consists of approximately 70 city blocks. Through a recently-established St. Anthony Park Association program, most of those blocks are now represented by resident block workers. The purpose of the block-worker program is to provide communication links among block residents and to act as catalysts for local action. Since its initiation this summer, the program has done both things.

When a subcommittee of the School Board's long-range planning committee recently recommended Murray as one of three junior high schools to be closed, the block worker organization was used to obtain signatures on a petition protesting that recommendation.

In less than a week, block workers reached a majority of homes in the community with the petition, according to Greg Haley, Association president. Of approximately 1,000 signatures on the petition, over 600 were obtained by block workers.

The block workers found success. The subcommittee's recommendation was not accepted by the full committee.

Another instance of the program's effectiveness is the recently completed neighborhood survey. Again, large numbers of households were reached. Block workers report that response to the survey was enthusiastic.

According to Haley, tabulation of responses has provided an "affirmation of what we are doing and want to do." It indicated that people are interested in getting more involved in their neighborhood.

Haley sees the block worker program as a way to mobilize this interest to work on immediate problems. He pre-

dicts block workers will be catalysts for action on "regional issues": issues which directly affect only a small area of the community, such as noise pollution from highway 280, parking congestion around the University campus, or neighborhood involvement in Seminary building plans.

In addition, Haley predicts that the block worker program will be "very much a socializing thing—like a small town where people know their neighbors. It's one way to counteract the isolation that can occur in city neighborhoods."

Blockworker Virginia Christian echoes Haley's comments. "I hope this program will let people know each other and be concerned about one another," she said. "People on my block said, 'Oh, it would be so good to be acquainted with one another.'"

The program grew from an informal block system that the Association used last fall in its tree planting program and in conducting a survey of parking problems near the University

campus. Both times Haley says, the block system "proved to be very effective."

Based on these experiences, the Association decided this summer to institute a formal, permanent blockworker organization.

The individuals who have volunteered to be block workers "run the gamut of types of people," according to Haley. Some are individuals who have been active in community affairs in the past; others have not been active before at all.



Weavers Renew Old Ties

By Katherine Frank

South St. Anthony Park welcomes an old friend back after a long absence: the Weavers Guild of Minnesota. The Guild will be renewing acquaintances in St. Anthony Park from its new location in the Chittenden and Eastman Building at 2402 University Avenue, St. Paul.

Moving back to St. Anthony Park re-establishes a tradition set in the 1940's. The newly formed Weavers Guild then met in St. Paul homes, later in the downtown St. Paul "Y", and in 1968 moved into the space now occupied by the *Four Seasons* at Carter and Como.

The move to South St. Anthony Park follows at 4 1/2 year residency in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis near the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. Now, instead of serving only one campus conveniently, the Guild sits equidistant between the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses.

The Weavers hope more St. Paul students and residents will join them in their activities since they've crossed the border again.

The move terminated a two-year search during which time many commercial as well as warehouse spaces were considered, including Baker School on Raymond Avenue. With its new proximity to *Film In the Cities* and other artists in nearby warehouse studies, the Guild anticipates a developing awareness of the arts along University and Raymond Avenues.



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Over the Back Fence

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tolerud, 2292 Valentine Avenue wrote, "When first we moved to St. Paul from Austin, Minnesota, we bought a home on Commonwealth Avenue where we lived for about four years. Through this experience we became acquainted with the virtues of living in St. Anthony Park. Then, when we returned to St. Paul in 1947, we headed, believe me, to a residence in St. Anthony Park. We just couldn't think of living anywhere else. This means that we have lived in The Park continuously for a total of 32 years come next April. This may be some kind of a record? Of course, the grand total will be 36 years.

Jim Christenson, 2345 Doswell Avenue, wanted to be sure that the Bugle, "Welcome back Rev. Jack Kemp, Sharon, David Paul and Sarah who are returning just before Christmas from their Sabbatical to Ahmednagar College in Ahmednagar, India. We also would like to thank and wish the best to Rev. Joseph Barnabas and his family, Sarela, Nandita and Tarun who have added immensely to the life of the SAP U.C.C. during their visit and ministry. Dr. Barnabas will be preaching on December 9 and December 16 and anyone who is interested is invited to attend."

Mary Jane Addison of 1345 Chelmsford announces, "John Addison and Tamara Glanz were married on October 14 at the Lake Johanna Trinity Lutheran church. They are living in their home at 120 Case Ave. Also, Mrs. Dymple Elliott has moved to East Troy, Wisconsin. She formerly lived at 1435 Hythe St."

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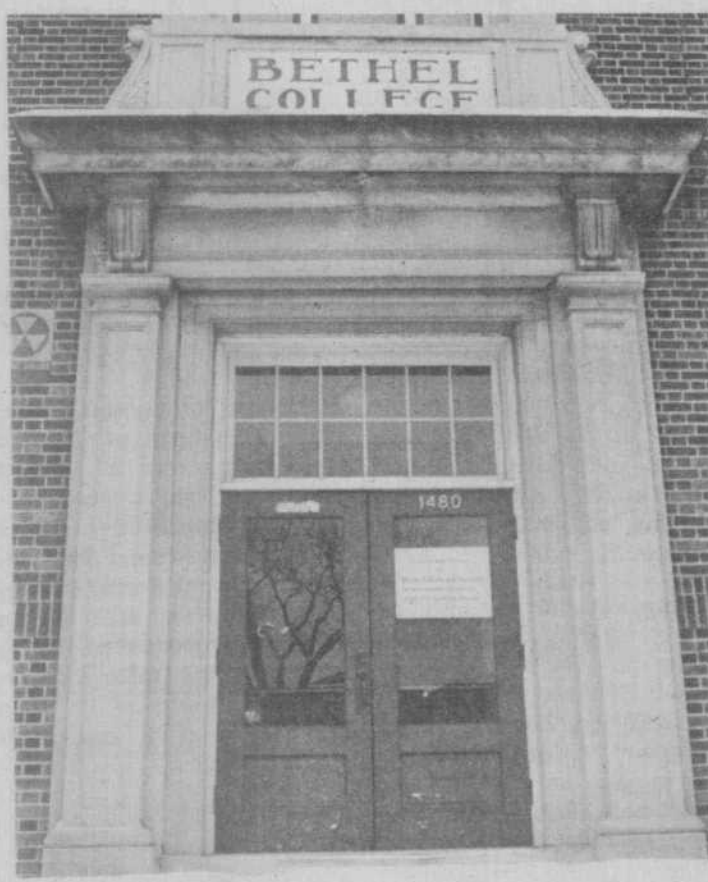


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The year old controversy over plans to use the former Bethel College campus as a site for a Job Corps center is still alive. In a recent judicial hearing, the Como-Falcon Heights Community Coalition requested a permanent injunction to stop implementation of the plans. At Bugle press time, the judge hearing the case had not yet handed down a ruling. Bob Modor, executive administrator of the CFCC, said that if the injunction is not granted, his group will appeal the case to St. Louis and eventually to the Supreme Court if necessary. Photo by Don Svendsen.

As the Snow Flies

Thanksgiving is a time to smile,
to be grateful to your ancestors,
To have people come and reminisce old times.
Christmas is a time to cheer,
to wait for Santa Claus to come with presents for the young,
to drink wine and have fun.
With all that snow to go and jump and play
in and forget about life and have fun.

Vicki Feirtag
age 12



Hoe Hoe Hoe

Two St. Anthony Park residents have been certified as "master gardeners" by the University of Minnesota Agriculture Extension Service. Elizabeth Willis and Alice Duggan are among 56 trained home gardeners from the metropolitan area to receive the certification.

Each master gardener completes 50 hours of classroom instruction from Extension faculty members at the University on various gardening topics. In exchange for this training, each participant agrees to volunteer 50 hours of time to helping others learn about gardening. They may staff clinics where the public can bring plant problems for answers, or they may work on other community projects.

Willis' activities have included conducting clinics at Como Conservatory, speaking to senior citizens groups, and answering gardening questions at booths set up in shopping centers.

The master gardener program in Minnesota, is beginning its third year, hopes to make gardening information available to a larger public than can be served directly from the Extension Service. For the master gardeners themselves, Willis says, it is a "marvelous opportunity" to expand gardening knowledge.

The volunteer program offers experienced gardeners an opportunity to learn through participation in a free 48-hour course on the basic of home gardening, plant culture and plant problem solving. Classes will be held on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 30 to February 22, 1979.

Experienced gardeners can get more information and applications forms from the Ramsey County Extension Service, 2020 White Bear Avenue, or by calling 777-8156. Participants will be selected according to their gardening competence, desire to learn and their desire to help others.



Rehab Money Available for Homeowners

More than \$900,000 in rehabilitation money is currently available to Saint Paul homeowners to fix up their homes for the Winter season. The money is available from St. Paul's Department of Planning and Economic Development at interest rates varying from one to eight percent.

Loans are also available to owners of multi-family buildings (up to six units), provided the property owner occupies one of the units.

Interested homeowners are encouraged to apply for the loans as soon as possible, as the funds will be available only through December 31, 1978.

St. Paul no longer requires an inspection by city inspectors for loan approval. A rehabilitation advisor from the PED department inspects the house and

outlines the health and safety problems. The advisor and the homeowner jointly prepare the list of needed repairs.

A family of four may earn up to \$18,500 and still be eligible for the program. Properties must conform to the city's zoning ordinance, contain no more than six dwelling units (one must be owner-occupied) and be at least 15 years old or in need of energy conservation, health or safety improvements. The funds are available for most home improvements projects except "luxury" items.

Homeowners who are interested in making improvements to their structures should contact Gordon Juveli of the PED Rehabilitation section at 298-5495 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to complete an application and determine their eligibility.

December, 1978

St. Anthony Park Association



Edited by Mary Warpeha, 644-6990

Meeting a Success

Steve Markowitz, planner for the St. Paul campus of the U. of M., told those attending the November meeting of SAPA that the expansion of the campus now underway, and that proposed for the future, is designed to orient the campus to the east, away from neighboring St. Anthony Park residences. Markowitz stated that the University's guidelines for growth call for "in-fill," that is, adding on to or filling in the space between existing structures rather than the construction of new, free-standing buildings.

In response to questions about preserving the campus' open fields and farm lands, Markowitz declared that since most of these lands were laboratories essential for the U's agricultural programs, they were invaluable and would not, therefore, be sold to developers nor considered as sites for future expansion.

Markowitz also reviewed the U's plan for an intercampus bus expressway. The route would follow existing railway corridors and a completed Kasota Avenue.

Police Lieutenant Bob Pavlok spoke after Markowitz. He answered questions about the parking problems in residential areas adjacent to the St. Paul campus. The two-hour parking regulation had caused residents problems. Association President Greg Haley explained that the City feels a parking permit program, which is favored by community and association leaders, would be too burdensome to administer at this time. The meeting concluded with some good-natured suggestions from the Lt. Pavlok about how residents might be able to avoid future parking tickets.

Christmas Gathering Planned

Program: Our annual Christmas Gathering will be a visit to the Science Museum of Minnesota. The film "Genesis" in the OMNI Theatre will be the featured highlight.

Date: Tuesday, December 12. Dinner at St. Anthony Park School at 6:00 PM. Bus leaves from the School at 6:30 PM sharp. "Genesis" begins at 7:00 with a one hour running time.

Reservations: A stand up dinner of homemade breads, cheeses, fruit and beverage will be catered. Cost for the dinner is \$2.00 per person. The Bus and OMNI Theater ticket prices are as follows: \$3.25 adults, \$2.75 under 12, \$3.00 seniors. These are group dis-

count prices with an additional amount for bus transportation. Money will be collected at the School. Reservations have been made previously through Mrs. Olga Hallberg. Additional reservations may be arranged now on a seat availability basis by calling Mrs. Hallberg at 644-6725. Persons making a reservation are responsible to attend or cancel in advance. Those not cancelling will be billed the price of the reservations. Reservations may be for either or both the dinner and theater.

No Child Care: Child care will not be provided this evening. Older children are invited to attend the festivities.

Potpourri: Items of Note

- December Board meeting of St. APA is to be held on December 5 at 7:30 PM at the home of Mary Warpeha, 1460 Hythe.

- The Education Committee makes a plea to persons with interest and time. A resident is needed to attend budget hearings of the St. Paul School Board. These hearings take place in January and February. Our community needs persons who will watch dog the proceedings, report on what is happening and speak if necessary. If you are interested, contact Faith Fretheim at 646-6684.

- A welcome to new members: Mark Fredrickson, Anne & Hans Gregersen, and Janie & Steve Schomberg.

- Treasurer Stuart Peterson reminds members to pay dues for this year. A second reminder was sent in November. If you were slow to send this year's dues, please make the effort now. The Association represents community interests only because it receives community support.

- Greg Searles, halfback for the Langford Midget Football Team, recently was spotlighted in October 23 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. The magazine article praised Greg's 230 yards gained in 19 carries leading to a 26-0 win for the Langford team over the Northdale playground. Greg also scored all 26 points in that game. Greg Searles and the Midget Football Team had a great year. Midget football is another activity sponsored by the St. APA through members dues and participation. Congratulations Greg and team.

- Registration for the winter sports season is being held now at Langford Park. Sports included are hockey, basketball, broomball, and volleyball. Information and registration by calling Langford at 645-9985.

- Congratulations to the Langford Park sponsored High School Girls Football Team. The girls ended the season with a 5-1 winning record making them League Champions. The Champions were coached to victory by Rex Harrison.

- Coaches, They Need Coaches! Winter sports at Langford Park need men and women to assist coaches. Perfect opportunity for "old timers" who like to work with kids. Call Jim Christenson 645-4493 or K. Hare 645-2456.

Thanks Again

In mid-November the Saint Paul School Board was to decide which two junior high schools would close in St. Paul. Within a one week period, the blockworkers were mobilized and collected over 600 signatures on a statement of support for Murray. Another 400 signatures were collected from the Como and South St. Anthony neighborhoods, and in the Como-Carter shopping area.

We were very impressed with the community's response and feel that our statement had a strong impact on the School Board.

A special thanks to blockworkers who braved the cold weekend weather to keep Murray open as a junior high school.

Greg Haley, President



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PARK PEOPLE

By Vicki Feirtag, age 12

When you call the Darryl Thayer residence at 2406 Doswell you might hear "Hello, Darryl Thayer and Associates."

Darryl is always designing new homes for people who care about their country. If everybody used solar energy we wouldn't have to worry about gas, oil or electricity shortages. His family Tracy A., Jay D., Cheryl K., Alan R., and wife Mary Kay live in a two story high home with an attic and basement. They also have a garden on the east side of their house. The garden contains a lot of rhubarb.

Darryl also teaches at the

University of Minnesota to students who are interested in the learning and process of his work in solar energy.

Thayer's associates are Ed Mass, Kathy Prokop, Steve Austin, and Kathy, his secretary. When he was younger he built a few solar collectors on his mother's home. When he bought the home he is presently living in, he built a solar collector onto the back of the house. He did this after he was married to Mary Kay.

He attended the University of Minnesota for 13 years and while he was there he studied physics. Darryl was in men's gymnastics while he attended Patrick Henry senior high

school. He also attended Jordan Junior high, and Earl Brown elementary.

The Thayers have one dog which is a mix, her name is "Pouche"; they also had a cat but it just got killed by a car recently. It's name was "licorice" and was a black cat like the ones on halloween. Darryl and son Jay both own motorcycles and use them while on vacation in South Dakota. Darryl doesn't talk all that much, he's always busy with his work at home in his office while talking on the telephone or discussing new plans and ideas for upcoming solar energy homes. Darryl isn't your ordinary worker; he's one of a kind.

LATIMER, Continued from page 1

on both ends of the socio-economic and age spectrums than I realized. I met a number of new young families with babies, and also many retired workers who have lived there with their families for 35 or 40 years. There simply was not the difference in the people north or south of the railroad tracks that one might expect. Of course, there is a somewhat different focus and the neighborhood problems are quite dramatically different, with land-use and housing plans of concern in South St. Anthony whereas in North St. Anthony it would appear to be more largely traffic control and maintenance in the sense of curbing and tree removal. Historically I understand that there has been a difficult feeling—the one neighborhood trying to find its identity and the other more proud of itself and trying to retain its character in the face of incursions from traffic and parking by University of Minnesota staff and students.

Bugle: Did you hear about traffic and parking?

Latimer: Yes, I heard a good deal about the parking situation in and around the University and the Seminary and about the fear and annoyance of high-speed dangerous traffic, particularly heavy truck traffic in the Eustis-University Raymond area.

Bugle: While I haven't had a ticket in the past month, I have noticed that there has been increased chalking of tires since you visited the Park.

Latimer: Well, I hope so. We try to respond to the ideas we hear. In addition to more surveillance by police, we are negotiating for a U of M brochure, telling about parking alternatives such as the fairground lots, to be distributed by police when they pad. I understand that the University's long range development plan orients the campus eastward, encouraging more parking at the fairgrounds. So far, action has been limited to negotiation with Jim Sinclair of the Fairground Association who has agreed to open the Baldwin Hall lot at the northwest corner for parking.

Beginning in January, we will have a full-time planner to work solely on parking problems in the area, considering such steps as deputizing and asking SAP residents to tag cars and help with enforcement; closing some streets; removing loading zones, cab stands and bus stops to provide additional on-street parking; encouraging fairgrounds parking such as a covered walkway system and reduction or elimination of parking fees at the fairgrounds.

Bugle: Speaking of the fairgrounds, some traffic and parking complaints stem from the State Fair itself. During the years I have lived in the Park, the length of the State Fair has nearly doubled and the attendance of course has skyrocketed.

Latimer: The neighborhoods around the fairgrounds just weren't built to handle a million or more people. I don't know what the answer to the problem is—better use of peripheral points for mass transit, perhaps? If the Snelling improvement ends when it's supposed to, traffic in St. Anthony Park may not be as heavy during next year's State Fair. If it's any comfort to you, I get quite a few complaints about traffic and parking during the State Fair time.

Bugle: Did you hear about any other problems when you visited District 12?

Latimer: There was one thing I didn't hear about. While to say that there is no crime problem is to invite dissent, the simple fact is that no one spoke about crimes, other than traffic violations, during my entire day in District 12. With the vitality and the diversity and the obvious beauty of the area, there was really a sense of contentment that is very unusual. You hear so much about angry people these days. It was very refreshing to visit the Park, where the residents seem to be fully occupied with their lives; concerned about problems such as the education of their children, yes, but not a people in great distress.

It seems to be a classic urban setting where people walk and live and talk in a very natural way, not at all forced. I really did enjoy my trip there, outside the public position, just as a person. It makes me feel that there is a foundation of strength and health and human-ness to draw upon in responding to the problems.

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Anticipate Problems...to Avoid Them

By Mike Baizerman

There is a dark, sad, lonely side of the joyful season, one of depression, isolation and pain. Oddly, the very richness of holiday color and feeling also make the greyness and heaviness so clear and poignant.

It is usual for people who feel happy to not think about those who are sad; it is common for those who are sad to think and believe that they are unusual and that no one else feels the same way.

The fact is that many of us—our sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, friends and neighbors—will feel sad, lonely or depressed sometime this holiday season.

For most of us, this period of being down will last for a relatively short time—an instant during which we are again children at home opening presents; a few minutes while we think about those who are so close they are in us. But they may be miles away, or just unable to respond. Or dead. The depression may last a few hours; at most, a day. Then we are ourselves again: happy, bouncy and full of spirit and spirits.

Another fact is that some of us will feel sad, lonely and depressed for a long time—from early in the season to Christmas or New Year's Day. Recently, this phenomenon has come to be recognized as recurring annually. This is Christmas or Holiday depression.

To recognize yourself or a friend or family as one who feels depressed, sad, lonely or especially angry during holidays is to be able to do something about yourself and your feelings.

If you expect that something will happen, you can plan how to avoid it and you can do something to keep it from happening. You can take control of your everyday life and

make your world more comfortable and pleasant or even a happy time and place for yourself. "No," you say? "Yes!" say I.

Plan ahead, the sign reads, rightly. Anticipate. Invite yourself to visit a friend or neighbor. This may be hard to do and it may seem impolite. But then, people are for people to be with. Go to the movies, to a play, to a concert. Of course, go to church. Think about what you can do with others.

Sometimes talking with someone helps. "YES" is a telephone service open 24-hours a day. People are there to talk with you, to listen to you, to help you find others, or services or information. YES: 339-7033.

The spirits of the holiday season raise the spirit of many. For some, the spirits are temptation and are terrifying. The holiday season is so hard for people who have trouble with alcohol because for many families it is a time during which alcohol plays a celebratory part in enhancing the colors and feelings of the holidays. If you have trouble with alcohol, plan: What will you say when you are offered a drink? What will you do? Remember that the ultimate freedom, the one no one can take from us, is our right and ability to say "No!"

The diabetic, too, can have a tough time; so too, the person on a diet. To all of you—us—think. Plan. "What do I expect will happen to me this holiday season? How have I felt during other holidays? What if I don't get that gift? What if I'm not invited? What do I do now that my loved one is gone?"

Many churches, hospitals and other agencies have helping services available during the holiday season. To use these if you need them is to make your life, your future. And this you owe yourself—at least.

We checked with several local

churches and learned that the clergy is aware of and sensitive to this issue. Special effort is being made to meet the needs of residents who can not easily attend services and, as always, the clergy is available to help those who want and need them.

Helping services outside our community are available through other religious, public or voluntary groups and agencies.



J.S.B.

Music lovers who enjoy the works of Johann Sebastian Bach might like to come to the 11:00 a.m. service at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on some of the Sundays in Advent. On December 10, for example, the choir will present Bach's *Cantata 140-Sleepers, Wake*; on December 17 *Cantata 61-Come Thou Savior of our Race*. All accompaniments will be strings, oboe and possibly harpsichord.

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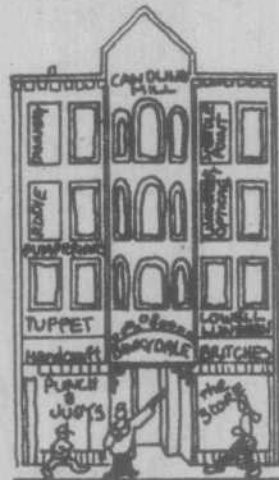
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about snow and I looked and I thought I
saw some.

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Mike Baizerman

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ment and family life, will be presented in neighborhood groups which are led by experienced parents. Special emphasis is given to learning about community resources.

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Interested expectant parents who will deliver in March, April or May and who live in these areas, can call 870-4477 for further information and a brochure.

Old Friend Finds More Success

By Kathryn Diedrich and
Peggy Mann Rinehart

She was the principal of St. Anthony Park Elementary School for 12 years; she was our principal. And, even though she's been gone for a year we still think of Mrs. Genevieve Nelson and wonder where she has gone. She gave us many years and with her leadership, gardens, a media center, stations, learning centers and a strong elementary school became realities.

The best educators continually seek to educate themselves. Nelson successfully completed the required courses for a specialist's degree in administration during her 1977-78 sabbatical leave.

"I improved my skills in understanding computers as an educational tool and resource," Nelson completed a course in computer competencies in education under Professor Tom King. "In addition, I worked with Miss Linda Borey of the Minnesota Education Computer Consortium and prepared a slide presentation which will be valuable in future staff development."

Nelson has always believed that the essence of good education is in the classroom, that excellent teachers make excellent education. To continue and expand her expertise, Nelson participated in a course designed to help administrators evaluate and improve teacher performance.

"The purpose of supervision," Nelson explains, "is to improve instruction." As any child who attended SAP Elementary knows, Mrs. Nelson was always keenly aware of what was going on in each classroom. She knew most of the students by name.

Nelson continues to keep abreast of legal trends in education. Much of her course work focused on new laws which affect elementary school education.

Nelson continues to share parents' concern that public education provide the best possible education for kids. "Because of that concern I have chosen to work in the area of gifted education for my thesis for the specialist degree.

She has studied with Ms. Lorraine Hertz, Coordinator for the Gifted, State of Minnesota; Dr. Sidney Parnes, from the University of Buffalo; and Ms. Bev Milam, Educational Consulting Associates, Englewood, Colorado.

"I am in the process of evaluating the Minnesota Young Writers Project which was held at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts during the spring of 1978. Although 260 talented junior high school students from the Twin Cities greater metropolitan area applied to participate, there was only room for 25 students."

Nelson believes, "This is a field where education must be extended."

Nelson spent much of her sabbatical time visiting other elementary schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. "Many Wisconsin schools are organized K-8. Both Wisconsin and Illinois schools have impressive graduation exercises upon completion of grade eight. The Movement Education Program in use in the kindergarten of the Thomas Jefferson School is one I would like to implement."

Even during her 14-day summer vacation tour of Alaska, Nelson was preoccupied with education. "It was of interest to me that Anchorage has 53 elementary schools. Anchorage is the home for 200,000 of the state's 320,000 residents. Fairbanks has 18 elementary schools."

Nelson returns to the St. Paul School district this year as the principal of both Prosperity Heights and Frost Lake Elementary Schools. Their combined enrollment is 575.

Frost Lake houses four learning centers: woodworking, geology, horticulture and environmental studies. SAP youngsters lucky enough to attend one of these programs will again be able to see Mrs. Nelson, who, no doubt, will greet each of her former students by name.



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Kenyon Strengthens Murray

By Mollie Hoben

Vern Kenyon is the new principal of Murray Junior-Senior High School. Kenyon is a veteran of the St. Paul school system, and he has extensive experience in junior high schools, especially schools with diverse populations. He replaces Reno Rossini, who is now principal at Monroe Junior High School.

Steps have been taken to strengthen the junior high program as the school prepares for its eventual change-over to a junior high school only. "The junior high has traditionally gotten the left overs," Kenyon explains. "There have not been many new programs and there were few alternatives offered."

Kenyon does not take credit for the expansion, however. He attributes them to the efforts last year of an ad hoc parents' committee and Murray administrators at the time, Rossini and Assistant Principal Joe Nathan.

The ad hoc group met last spring to discuss a variety of parent concerns, including curriculum, discipline, and the school's future. The first meeting was planned by Rossini, Nathan, and Norma Harrisville, last year's coordinator of the parent-volunteer program. Three additional meetings grew out of the first session with about 30 parents attending each.

Both parents and school officials viewed the meeting as helpful. Nathan describes them as "extremely helpful to the school and in the very best interests of the students." Bobbi Megard, parent of a sixth-grader, remembers that "at the end we all felt better having had a chance to sit down and talk."

Kiki Gore, a parent of an eighth-grader, was impressed with the investment of the group. "These parents tend not to just sit and complain, but to work to try to solve problems."

Curriculum changes that grew out of the meetings involve more course alternatives and more emphasis on reading. As examples, Kenyon notes new reading classes and the initiation of a reading lab, new English and math classes which are directed more at individual needs, and foreign language courses available for eighth graders.



Photo by Paul Currie.

Kenyon's appointment to Murray this summer, combined with Nathan's assignment last December as assistant principal, produces a new administrative team for the school. This appears to be, one parent commented, "clear acknowledgement by downtown of the need for changes."

In addition to changes related to curriculum, Kenyon will emphasize increased opportunity for parent input, improved articulation of goals with the elementary schools, and creation of "new ways to let students know each other."

Kenyon planned a community meeting this fall, "after the students get settled," to obtain parent feedback about the school program. He also hopes to conduct small parent group meetings during the year.

Another avenue to be used for school-community communication will be Murray's Planning, Evaluation, and Reporting Committee (PER) which has both teachers and parents as members. "We will look at as many ways as possible of reporting back to the community about the school," Kenyon promises.

"It is very important that there be good communication between school and parents—especially in the junior high years," the new principal believes.

Better communication between Murray faculty and the elementary school was a major concern emerging from the parent meetings last year. "There was little continuity

between the junior high and SAP Elementary," Megard explains. "Seventh graders were placed in groups without their teacher's knowledge of what they had done in sixth grade. Often the seventh grade books didn't follow at all from the books they used in sixth grade."

According to Nathan, several steps have been taken to improve the continuity between elementary and junior high programs. New math books have been ordered to tie better into the elementary math series. Teachers and counselors from Murray have visited the elementary feeder schools to learn more about their programs and several sixth grade teachers have met with teachers at Murray.

Along with strengthening the academic program, Kenyon is concerned that students have chances to get acquainted in school situations other than classes. "We are looking forward to expanding the junior high intramural program this year," he says, as one way to encourage this.

The new principal came to Murray from Cleveland Junior High School, where he had been principal since 1972. He has worked in the St. Paul Schools since 1951, as a junior high science and math teacher, as a junior high counselor, assistant principal, and principal. He was principal at Marshall Junior High before his post at Cleveland. Nathan came to Murray after seven years at the St. Paul Open School. He has been teacher, director of a federally-funded project, and Program Coordinator at the Open School.

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A Family Opens Their Arms and Hearts All Year

By K. Lorraine Baker

A family of eight—mother, father, three born-to-them children and three adopted children—this is the family of Craig and Judy Gannon. Theirs is a most special Christmas.

The Gannons planned a large family before they took their marriage vows. After the birth of their first child, Kathleen, and working with an adoption agency, the Gannons found that interracial Korean babies were in real need of loving homes. Although they had not considered this previously, they decided to adopt a black Korean and thus brought into their family a beautiful baby girl, Laura-Jean. Last May, after Jamie and Ned had been born to them, they adopted two more Korean children, Stephen and Meg.

Meg and Stephen's Korean grandmother cared for them for as long as she could manage. When funds ran out and she had lost her home, a Catholic Parish Priest, Father Ben, gave the children a home with him just so they would not be homeless.

Stephen, age 11, related the story of their arrival in the States with help from his parents.

Their arrival was delayed for a couple of months because Meg's birth certificate proclaimed - "born: February 31." They had to work their way through much red tape because of the error in the date. When they finally were allowed to leave, they wore nice, new store-bought clothes which Father Ben purchased for them, a tradition with him when children were leaving the orphanage for the States.

The other children in the family had been well prepared for their coming and opened their hearts to Meg and Stephen right away. Laurie Jean, their first adopted child, was displaced as the oldest child in the family but remarked, "Oh, I'll have a big brother to protect me and I'll

lose some rights as the oldest — I won't have to do all the work." The Gannon children had been included in all adoption plans from the very first. Craig explained that "children are adaptable."

The family who had opened their hearts and their home so joyously to Meg and Stephen had opened a happy and peacefully quiet home to them. "Other children love to come and play, Judy says, "because there is always something to do and someone there for playing, but my own children prefer to stay home for the same reason!" This is what she and Craig were after when they decided to adopt, making the circle complete.

When the children started talking of their number one Christmas in America, Steve rushed to point out the spot in

their living room where the tree had been erected. They had never seen a Christmas Tree in Korea and they both got excited telling about the tree trimming.

Then, almost before they knew it

'twas the night before Christmas

and late in the afternoon they attended church service at the Warrendale Presbyterian Church. Meg remarked, "I like American church better," but Steve burst in, "then we went to a Christmas party at a great big house where they gave us presents and told us the Christmas Story."

On opening their gifts, Stephen found his favorite to be an Erector Set while Meg loved a dark-haired baby doll which she promptly christened Betty.

After dinner the Gannon family read stories and played games. The stories read traditionally aloud in the Gannon's home are Bird's *Christmas Carol* and Rebecca Caudill's *A Certain Small Sheperd*, a touching story about little Jamie who was mute many years until he first glimpsed a newborn babe, born in his father's stable on Christmas Eve.

After the stories, they all acted out the Biblical Christmas Story and Stephen played the part of a King (and wore a crown) while Meg, "Got to be an angel who had a lot of fun waving her wings." And Meg promptly obliged by waving her arms around to illustrate!

I think you'll agree that Meg's and Stephen's number one Christmas sounds like a recipe: take two little strangers, add a

loving home with a new Mom called Judy and a new Dad, Craig, add sisters Kathleen, Laura-Jean, add brothers Jamie and little Ned, stir in the Children's Home Society for flavor and there you have a scrumptuous dish: a Number One Christmas in a new and exciting land! "I like being in America."



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By Jane I. Lindberg

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The program will be a presentation of color slides, printed reproductions and objects entitled "The Jewelled Light of Stained Glass." Mibs Swanson, Program Director of the Minneapolis YWCA, will share with us her happy response to her encounter with stained glass of European cathedrals and churches. The program for January 3 will begin at the regular time, 2 p.m., with a slide presentation by Mr. Wallace Hanlon of his experiences on a recent trip to Sweden.

Six members of F&N took advantage of the free bus provided by the North Suburban Senior Council to tour the new Ramsey County Community Health Clinic at 701 NW 8th Avenue in New Brighton. It is a part of the Community Resource Center in the New Brighton Elementary School closed by that School District. Flu shots were available at a fee of \$1, and free blood pressure checks were made by the nurses.

The new clinic offers a wide range of health services: weight control, nutrition counseling, adult & child health screening, plus numerous tests including cholesterol, mantoux, urine, venereal disease and throat cultures. Some are free, others have nominal fees. All Ramsey County residents are eligible. For information call 633-0310.

Make a Joyful Noise. On Friday evening, December 15, Peace Lutheran Church will host a Community Caroler. The singers will move slowly

down each of the north-south streets in our town. If you have a shut-in or visitors who would enjoy the singing, turn on your light, open your door and invite the singers in. Residents are invited to put on coats, come out and join the southerly progression. All groups will converge at the church for refreshments and a genuine old-time community sing. Pastor Geist has issued a special invitation to the congregation and choirs of the Chinese Christian Fellowship.

Election. The national level of participation in the recent general election has been determined at 30 percent of the eligible voters. Possibly because of the high interest in our write-in campaigns being run by three local residents for the one City Council vacancy, 1085 ballots were cast, 67.5 percent of registered voters. Two hundred thirty-nine new

registrations were logged on election day, with seven refusals due to insufficient documentation of residence.

Our new Mayor is David Nelson who will take office January 1. Craig Dachtera won the write-in for City Councilman, and James Landsberger was returned to office for 4 terms. Bensen and Lindberg have two years left in their terms of office.



By Florence Chambers

In response to inquiries received at City Hall, the Falcon Heights Fire Chief has made the following announcement: The Falcon Heights Fire Department Rescue Squad is still responding to calls from Falcon Heights residents, regardless of whatever information has been delivered to their homes. Those who have received stickers in the mail from another source should disregard them. The emergency number in Falcon Heights is 484-3366. Stickers for the telephone with this

emergency number is available at Falcon Heights City Hall for any residents who would like them.

Leaf-raking has given way to snow-shoveling, and that fact prompts the following reminder. It is *illegal* to park on the street in Falcon Heights following a snowfall of two inches or more, until the streets have been cleared. On a more cheerful note, all four skating rinks will be open now as weather permits. Three of the rinks will have attendants on duty and warming houses open during the following hours: Monday through Thursday, 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 3:30 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. During Christmas vacation and midwinter break, the daytime hours will be extended. Locations are as follows: Falcon Heights School, Snelling and Idaho, and Cleveland and Roselawn. University Grove, at Folwell and Coffman, will be flooded but will not have warming house facilities or attendants.

The city commissions provide an opportunity for residents to participate in their local government in an advisory capacity. Persons interested in serving on the Tree, Recreation Advisory, Park Development, Human Rights or Planning Commissions are encouraged to call the Falcon Heights City Hall, 644-5050, for more information.



SSAP Rec Plans

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Ice Skating will start sometime in December with continued cooperation of the weatherman. Weekday skating hours will be 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Weekend hours will be announced.

We are looking for young people in grades 8-11 to be candidates in our 1979 **Junior Royalty Coronation**. See Howie at the center if you are interested. The coronation is Tuesday, January 9 at 8:30 p.m.

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Roberts now thinks that the future of the Muffuletta depends on the wine license. Without the license he says it may be necessary to decrease the hours, perhaps close evenings or even sell the restaurant. "We don't compromise on the quality of the food that Muffuletta customers have come to expect, but a compromise on hours may become necessary. We would hope to stay in business on that. I really think our success or failure is dependent on the wine license."

Both city and legislative action are necessary before a wine license can be issued. Action on the license may be taken this spring.

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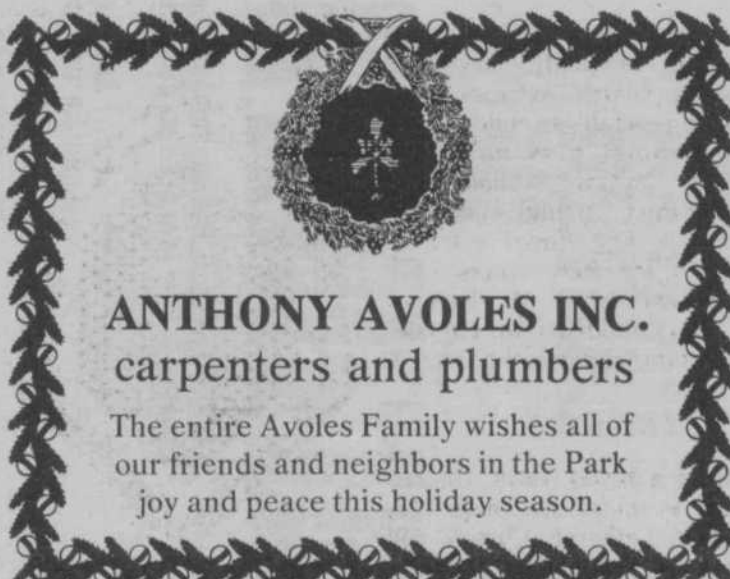


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This Sunday, Attend the Church of Your Choice

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP (BAPTIST)

Sunday Worship Hour 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Adult Discussion Group 11 a.m. Wednesday Youth Group: for reservations call 644-2576. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 800 S. 1st St., St. Paul, MN 55108. Sunday, December 17, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Community Room at the Seal Street Apartments.

PEACE LUTHERAN

Friday, December 15, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Community Carol Sing. Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. Family Christian Service and Wednesday, December 6, December 20, 8:00 p.m. Advent Worship. Sunday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service. 5:00 p.m. Family Candlelighting Service. Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m. Church school Christmas Eve Service. Monday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

ST. ANTHONY PARK METHODIST

Sunday, December 3, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Sunday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service. Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m. Church school Christmas Eve Service. Sunday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. Penance Service. Monday, December 11, 8:00 p.m. Special Christmas Mass at the Seal Street Apartments. Sunday, December 24, 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with the Choir. Monday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas Day.

ST. MATHEWS EPISCOPAL

Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Sunday 10 a.m. Holy Communion. Sunday 12:00 p.m. Holy Communion. Sunday 4th. Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Monday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.

OPEN HOUSE IN HONOR OF ALVINA DOUGLAS



St. Anthony Park Bank is having a neighborhood gathering to recognize Alvina Douglas for 28 years of service to the bank and the community.

Alvina has worked in many areas of the bank and has earned a reputation as one of the most helpful and popular bank employees.

Her many friends and customers are cordially invited to celebrate her retirement at an Open House Friday, December 15—1:00-6:00 PM, at the main bank building, 2250 Como Avenue, St. Paul.

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