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Key Notes

Round Up

The annual kindergarten round-up for children who will be attending kindergarten next fall and their parents will be held on Tuesday, April 24 from 2:15-3:15 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. The meeting will be in the multi-purpose room.

At the Round-Up children are pre-registered for class and have an opportunity to become acquainted with the school. Parents also have a chance to meet staff and teachers and to have questions answered.

The Round-Up is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park School PTA. Organizers of the round-up are Anna Skovholt and Mary Mergenthal. Parents may call Mrs. Skovholt at 645-5334 for more information.

To be eligible for fall kindergarten, children must reach their fifth birthday on or before September 1, 1979.

Oral History

The first project to be funded by Community Education under its program to help worthwhile community projects has been chosen. Using funds from Community Education, volunteers from St. Anthony Park will tape interviews with older residents of the neighborhood in order to preserve the knowledge they have of the early days of the Park.

Copies of the tapes will be placed in the community library, the schools and the Ramsey County Historical Society.

Community Education will also help find additional funding so that the tapes can be transcribed when they are completed. For more information call Judy Probst, 644-0492.

Library

April activities at St. Anthony Park Branch Library will include: Thursday, April 19, 4:00-4:45 p.m. *After School Program* (ages 3-12); Wednesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:10-10:45 a.m. *Preschool Story Hours* (ages 3-5).

Murray to Remain Open Next Year

By Ann Bulger

The premature headline of the December *Bugle* ("Murray Spared") became a reality on Tuesday, March 13, when the St. Paul Board of Education voted unanimously to keep Murray open as a junior high.

At their November meeting the Board had passed a motion to close six elementary schools and two junior highs, from a possible list of nine elementaries and four junior highs, with the decision to be made by March 15. After many hours of meetings, studies, and public hearings, the Board voted to close only three small elementary schools and no junior highs.

The Citizens' Long-Range Planning Committee had recommended closing eight elementaries and two junior highs, while Superintendent George Young had seven elementaries and two junior highs on his list. Some schools were on both lists, others on only one. Murray was not on either list, but was added for study by the Board at their December meeting.

Discussion at the March meeting was limited. The only junior high that came close to



Students will be able to continue to take advantage of Murray's new IMC. Photo by Tom Rizzo.

being shut down was Monroe. After a 4 to 3 vote to close Monroe, board member Rosilyn Carroll asked if she could rescind her vote. She stated that she could not vote to close any junior highs without more time to study the issues and alternate measures of handling dropping enrollments. (St. Paul schools have 15,000 fewer students than in 1970.)

After some parliamentary maneuvers, the motion was reconsidered, and the vote was 4 to 3 to maintain Monroe,

with Bill Magnuson, Jim Griffin, and Catherine Piccolo voting with Ms. Carroll, while Eleanor Weber, Emery Barrette, and Bob Lowe voted for closure. Eleanor Weber stated that the losers are the children of St. Paul. There may have to be drastic cuts in teachers and supplies to make up for a projected 2 to 5 million deficit.

As for Murray itself, projected junior high enrollment for next year is 323, after the senior high moves to Como. At the current staffing rate of 27 to 1, Murray would receive

12 teachers. However, it will be necessary to add five or six teachers, in order to offer courses to meet state requirements and classes could be smaller.

Additional students could come to Murray. Boundaries might be changed, transferring students from the larger junior highs to the smaller ones. Cleveland, the largest, has 1200 students.

All junior highs might be opened to students from throughout the city, and students could transfer to any school.

Murray might become a magnet school and pull students from across the city.

The Open School might come to Murray and run as a separate program for kindergarten through twelfth grade, alongside the traditional junior high. The Open School's 500 students are now housed in the former Mechanic Arts High School, which is being sold to the state in June, 1980. The capacity of Murray is 910 students.

At presstime, the one certainty is that Murray Junior High will be open in 1979-80 for students in this area.

Secondary Curriculum Improves

by Joe Nathan, Assistant Principal, Murray Junior-Senior High School

Five major improvements at Murray Jr.-Sr. High School have been made this year as a result of extensive parent, teacher and community discussion last spring. These improvements affect both academic and extracurricular opportunities at the school.

"Parents clearly wanted Murray to strengthen its offerings for gifted and talented junior high students. This was a major factor in making several changes," explains Murray Principal Vern Kenyon. Innovations included making instruction in three languages (German, French and Spanish) available to all interested junior high students. A computer math class, junior high

debate and *Great Books* program have been developed that enable students to work with others at their skill level.

Kenyon points out that the debate program, coached by George Merritt, has done extremely well. "Murray has won far more than its share and has developed the nucleus for an outstanding high school team. More important, students have learned to do research, think and reason clearly and speak before groups." One of Murray's 7th-grade debaters made a widely-acclaimed presentation to the St. Paul Board of Education regarding reasons the school should stay open.

A second concern parents expressed was that the curriculum be enriched by offering more quality choices. In addition

to those mentioned above, 9th-grade students will be able to choose among five English classes for the third trimester. These include speech, creative writing, grammar, reading plays, and acting. Seventh and eighth grade choices include either American History, Geography, or

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Meetings for planning the 1979 St. Anthony Park Festival, will be held at the Muffaletta Restaurant on April 11, 18 and 28 at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in offering time and ideas is welcome to attend and contribute.

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**DISTRICT 12
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★ Baker School Redevelopment

The City has written development controls for a 104,000 square foot parcel of land bound by Territorial Road on the South, Hunt Place on the West, single family dwellings on the North and Raymond Avenue on the East. The site includes Baker School and the vacant land adjacent. The primary purpose for developing the site is to provide market rate housing. The secondary purpose is to explore the feasibility of rehabilitating Baker School for housing or office/retail space or a combination thereof.

The Community Council will work with the City and the School District on final development controls after which appraisals will be determined and the building and adjoining housing site will be advertised for redevelopment. The appraisal of the building and adjoining site will be determined and the site advertised for redevelopment if the School District transfers ownership of the building to the City.

★ District 12's CIB Requests

District 12 Community Council will submit five requests for the Capitol Improvement Budget: 1) South St. Anthony Park Tennis Practice Wall, 2) Hampden (Green Grass) Park Rehabilitation, 3) Como Commercial Area Parking Lot, 4) North/South Pedestrian-Bicycle Link and 5) University Avenue Street Rehabilitation.

Public Works Department will submit: 1) Kasota/Prior Extension, 2) Wabasha Street Paving and Street Lights and 3) Fairview North Pond Overflow (Districts 11 and 12).

The Fire Department is requesting a Training Building on their site near K-Mart, Kasota and Snelling Avenues.

★ Home Improvement Loans 298-5495

This is a City office located at 1010 University Avenue. If you call after working hours record your name and phone number asking someone to return your call and specify what hour of the day you can be reached. Brochures on loans and grants will be available also.

Council Delegates Elected

District 12 Community Council is a coalition of three organizations—St. Anthony Park, South St. Anthony Park, and Midway Civic and Commerce Associations. The delegates elected to represent these associations are:

North St. Anthony Park

Ann Copeland, 2331 Buford, 645-1160, Human Service Committee; Greg Haley, 2258 Commonwealth, 644-0811, Physical Committee; Alice Hausman, 2375 Como, House #21, 646-6220, Undecided on Committee; Curtis Johnson, 333 Sibley, 644-7520, Human Service Committee; Jerry Rinehart, 2368 Doswell, 644-7627, Undecided on Committee designation; Edward Hessler (Alternate), 2400 Bourne, 644-1460, Human Service Committee and Kathleen McIntosh (Alternate), 1364 Keston, 645-1858, Undecided on Committee.

Midway Civic and Commerce

John Agee, Central Warehouse, P.O. Box 3456, 646-2831, Undecided; Dave Bohn, Midwest Sign, 2222 Robbins, 646-7971, Undecided; Bruce Davis, 1st Security State Bank, 2383 University, 646-8866, Economic Committee; Bill Huestis, LP Gas Equipment, 2161 University, 646-9611, Physical Committee and Gary Pavlicek, ACG Mechanical, 797 Raymond, 646-2721, Economic Committee.

Alternates include: John Lambros, A&J Enterprises, 2376 University, 645-0341, Undecided; Tom Leonard, Alladin Electric, 2420 University, 645-2994, Undecided and Kurt Wagener, Midway Typewriter, 736 N. Snelling, 645-4615, Human Service Committee.

★ Youth Community Recycling Center Update

Call 645-8999 for information. February's pick up in St. Anthony Park: 33 (a 57 percent increase over January). Pick up is on the last Friday of the month.

★ Meetings Coming Up

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

April 5 - Physical Committee - 5 p.m.
April 11 - Community Council - 5 p.m.
April 25 - Human Services Committee - 7 p.m.

★ Fire Station Redevelopment

Fire Station #13 redevelopment proposals will be reviewed by the Physical Committee of District 12 Community Council after the proposed deadline (see ad this issue). A schedule will be set up with all the people who submit proposals. These meetings will be open to the public. For further information please call 646-8884.

After review, the Physical Committee will recommend to the full Community Council its preferences. The full Community Council will accept, reject or modify the committee's recommendations and then advise the City regarding District 12 Community Council's preferences.

South St. Anthony Park

Ray Bryan, 862 Raymond, 645-5194, Physical Committee; Adele Fadden, 966 Hampden, 644-6865, Human Services Committee; Michael Noble-Olson, 887 Raymond, 645-1771, Undecided; Patricia Noble-Olson, 887 Raymond, 645-1771, Human Service Committee; Becky Noble (Alternate), 887 Raymond, 644-3961, Member at large and Sherm Eagles (Alternate), 980 Hampden, 646-6667, Member at large.

★ Truth-In-Housing Passed

The City Council gave final reading to and passed an ordinance by Council person Hozza which will require inspections of one and two-family homes prior to their sale. The ordinance, designed as a consumer-protection measure, stipulates that buyers must be provided information about possible hazards to their health or safety in the homes they wish to buy. However, compliance with the ordinance will not be required until the City appoints a truth-in-housing examining board and the board begins certifying inspectors.



★ Community Education

The purpose of Community Education is to improve the quality of life for all citizens by providing opportunities for individuals to reach their full potential. It is designed to provide a comprehensive program of recreation services, leisure-time activities, and educational opportunities to meet the needs of the citizens of St. Paul.

Community Education in St. Paul began during the 1971-72 school year with a pilot project at one site. Since that time the program has experienced rapid growth and development and now boasts 16 project sites.

The Community Education Program is funded by the State Legislature on the basis of a \$2 per capita levy in St. Paul, with an additional \$.50 per capita contribution by the state. In 1976, the division of Parks and Recreation and Independent School District No. 625 entered into the first cooperative agreement to provide joint educational and recreational opportunities at one of the sites. By entering into a cooperative agreement to share facilities and personnel, the School District and the division of Parks and Recreation were able to make maximum use of the limited funding provided by the Legislature.

The success attained by this first cooperative agreement has led to an expansion of the agreement, which now covers 13 of the 16 project sites.

For more information regarding the educational opportunities and leisure time activities available to you, contact Cathy Hare, Coordinator in the St. Anthony Park Area.



PARK PEOPLE

by Clare Allyn

This last Christmas Gerald and Mary McKay sent their holiday greetings from Islamabad, Pakistan where they had been since October. McKay worked on a four month assignment with the Agency for International Development helping to prepare information sheets for farmers. This is just the most recent of many adventures for the McKays.

Since "retiring" four years ago, McKay has been half way around the world—to Pakistan—twice; he has worked two winters in Florida on a special agriculture project, and last year he traveled as a photographer with the U. of M. Band to Mexico City for an international music festival.

Other travels include a visit to England, Holland and the land of their great-grandparents, Scotland. After all this, the McKays still had time to visit family in Virginia, New York, and Colombo, Sri Lanka where "we were fortunate in being able to go on a safari to one of the animal sanctuaries."

In the meantime, McKay is active in the Alumni Band and president of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association.

"I like this freedom of choice in using your time," comments McKay about retirement. "You can do different things you want to do when you want to do them. Since last year federal legislation has been passed that makes it possible, almost mandatory; I think that people have the right to work beyond 68 if they want to. Generally speaking, people can be retired for other reasons, but age cannot be the prime reason."

McKay was selected for the Barani (non-irrigated farming) Agricultural Development Program because the U.S. State Department was looking for someone with experience in putting out informational materials. McKay took the pictures and did the writing in English which was then translated into Urdu—the official national language.

AID is trying to improve the living conditions of the people. "The living conditions," states McKay, "are usually related quite closely to agriculture; it's generally a food problem. If farmers do what we

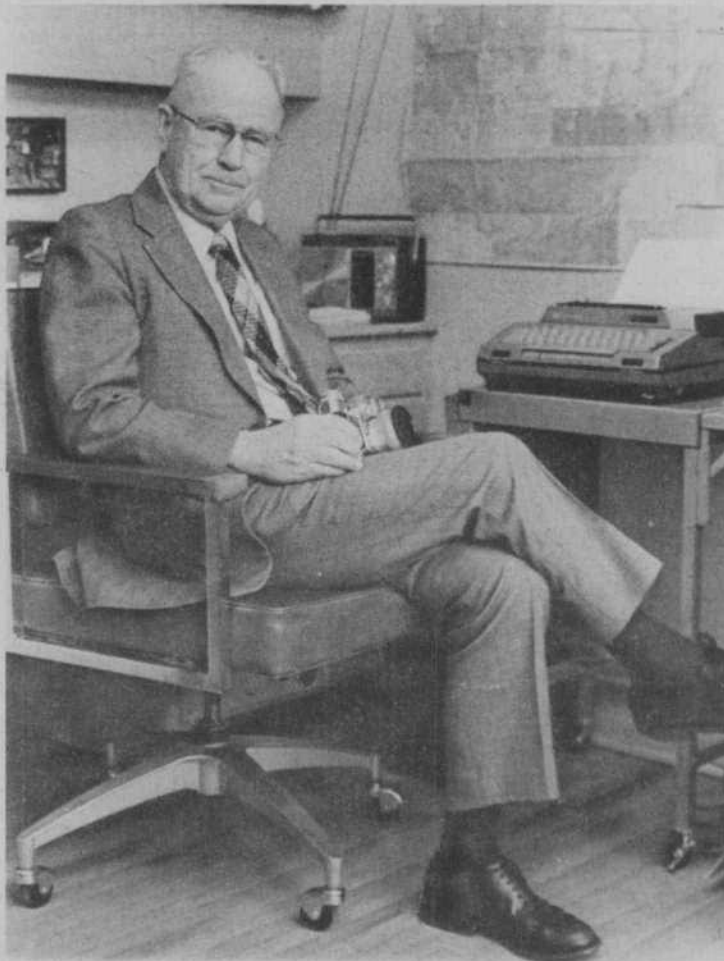


Photo by Paul Currie.

suggested, they will increase their yield of wheat, corn and peanuts by twenty-five per cent."

"The trip to Pakistan has been an interesting assignment, one of the most interesting ones we've had," added McKay. It was an interesting assignment for Mary McKay also. She taught English to nurses and patients in a local hospital and helped make items for a bazaar which was held to raise money for the hospital.

After getting his masters degree in agricultural journalism, McKay was a principal in Isanti, Minnesota for four years and a vocational agricultural teacher and band director in Brainerd for six years. Then the U. contacted him in 1945 at age 36—"one of those mid-career changes"—to prepare audio-visual materials for the state and to work with the county agents.

One would think there had been some drawbacks to his job, but "frankly," smiled McKay, "everything that we have done has been very interesting. I'd have to think pretty hard to find some drawbacks. Most of them are pluses. I've had a chance to work in a number of different places and with many different kinds of people so that there has been a lot of variety."

"There are other foreign opportunities like Pakistan, but there are still some things here in St. Paul that we haven't done. There are a lot of things in the community to do. I'd like to work on the Bugle again." McKay was one of the original incorporators of the Bugle and was vice president the first three years.

The McKays lived on Carter for 29 years and have lived on Hendon for the past five years. "It was hard to make the change. After you've lived in a house for almost 30 years, you become attached to it. "And," adds McKay, "our five kids were all raised there. Sentimentally, it was a little hard to leave, but we didn't leave the community anyway."

"I like this community. It's a good place to live. There's been a big change in the Park, although the basic principles for which we like the Park are the same. There's a big degree of dedication on the part of the people who live here."

The McKays lives have been so full of changes and activities that there has been little time for feeling stagnation or boredom. "We've always had more things to do than we could accomplish," emphasized McKay energetically. "We've had things waiting to be done."

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CONSUMER NEWS FROM ST. ANTHONY PARK BANK

low interest home loans

St. Anthony Park Bank is participating in the city of St. Paul's **Below Market Interest Rate Home Ownership Mortgage Program**. Interest rates have been set at 8 1/4%, and funds will be available early in April.

Qualified families may have an adjusted gross income up to \$22,000, and the principal mortgage amount must not exceed \$50,000. For further information, contact Phyllis Johnson, mortgage loan officer, 647-0131.

getting to know

We welcome **Lynn Basich** to the Drive-In Teller Department. You may already know Lynn from Lederviva Leather Shop or as advertising manager of the Bugle, positions she will retain.

We are also happy to announce that **Suzanne Sullivan** has joined us in our Proof Department. Sue brings with her two years experience in this area and is a welcome addition to our staff!

Barbara Ballis has joined the Drive-In Customer Service Department. Barb has been in our Proof Department during the past year.

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Editorial

School Board's Decision Confusing

For those neighbors—friends and parents alike—who wanted to see Murray continue to stay open, it has been a long, cold winter. Our St. Anthony Park friends worked long hours, first to understand the Citizen's Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation to close two junior high schools and eight elementary schools, and second, to develop a case that would support the Park's desire to keep Murray from being closed.

We can finally all cheer. Murray has been granted a stay. Although we do not know how many students will attend Murray Junior High, nor do we know where they will come from, the literally hundreds of hours spent by the PTSA Executive Board (Joe Everson, Ann Bulger, Julie Leitzke, Dick Phillips, Kiki Gore, Janet Quale and Charlie Thome) have not gone unnoticed. Their energy and vitality is just one more example of the strength of our community.

However, I cannot help but wonder if we really have cause for celebration. Did our school board take the easy out? Clearly, our need for fiscal responsibility in these times of excessive inflation demands that the school board make straight, tough decisions. Rumors have already begun to spread regarding the cuts in both staff and programs that must be made to offset the expense of keeping all but three of the schools open. Unless the Board is anticipating other funds to be made available in the near future, such cuts seem inevitable. Many of us are now afraid that we have been allowed to maintain the quantity rather than the quality of our schools.

A sound educational system can only be developed and maintained through the cooperation of the School Board, the administration and the teachers with the parents and students. Cooperation, mutual respect and trust. Why is it then, that after creating a citizen task force to study the problems facing the schools, the School Board has, essentially, been unable to act? Have they listened to everyone or to no one?

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Bugle Dates for May Issue

Staff Meeting: April 2, 6:30 p.m. at the S.A.P. Library.

Board of Director's Meeting: April 14, 5 p.m.,

Sidedoor of the Muffuletta.

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Church News deadline: April 13.

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"An Era Comes to a Close"

by Ann Bulger

An era came to a close on Como Avenue on February 8, with the death of Bert Miller, owner of Miller Drugstore.

Bert first came to St. Anthony Park as a young pharmacist from Faribault and purchased the tiny store on the corner of Como and Doswell in 1932. Forty-seven years later, Bert was still checking in at the store every day, the last of a number of long-time merchants on Como Avenue. Over the years, his property has grown with several additions to the drugstore, the barber shop, accountant's office, doctors' offices, and apartments upstairs.

For several generations of St. Anthony Park residents, Miller's soda fountain was the social center of the Park, and Bert Miller was the neighborhood's trusted pharmacist and friend. (The soda fountain closed when Bridgeman's opened down the street.) Countless teenagers got their first jobs at Miller's. Since Bert and Bee Miller had no children of their own, their "family" consisted of all the



Photo by Earl Mahle, Spring 1944.

"kids" at the store. Christmas parties at their home were an annual event. Their summer compound at Sioux Narrows, Ontario, has been a vacation spot for many.

In the days before the freezer in every home, Miller's was the source of the pint of chocolate ice cream for a quick dessert on a summer evening, as well as the two-

scoop nickel ice cream cone. If a child lost the top scoop on the sidewalk, Bert would quickly replace it.

Bert Miller had an unofficial role as guardian of his corner and helped many small children cross busy Como Avenue. Miller's was the first place to get the word on houses to buy, sell, or rent.

The Tuesday after Labor Day was a big day at the drugstore: a stein of free root beer was given away with every order of school supplies. If a parent was lucky, he could get one for himself, along with the kids!

In the forties, the booths at Miller's were the scene of budding romances, when the high-schoolers from Murray stopped in for a cherry coke after school. When the booths later gave way to the soda fountain, much of the privacy went with them!

Bert Miller was a charter member of the St. Anthony Park Association when it began in 1947. He was a leader in community affairs and a member of Corpus Christi Church, where his funeral was held on February 10.



By D. Perry Kidder

A community Good Friday service will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue. Worshipers may come and leave at any time between noon and 3 p.m., April 13.

Also at St. Matthew's church will be the traditional communion service at 7:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday. Flat loaves of bread of the type used in the time of Jesus will be baked for this communion service by Mrs. Rose Hanna, who was born in Jerusalem.

An ecumenical Tenebrae service will be held at 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, beginning Holy Week special services at the St. Paul Campus Ministry, 1497 N. Cleveland. On Maundy Thursday there will be a 7 p.m. Roman Catholic Holy Thursday Eucharist. The Good Friday service will be ecumenical, a

liturgy of the Passion at 12:15 p.m. On Saturday evening, a Service of Light is planned at 10 p.m. This Easter Vigil Eucharist will be Lutheran.

A 7:30 p.m. service on Maundy Thursday will be held at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth. According to Dr. John Kemp, a Service of Light will

follow the Office of Tenebrae.

In addition to the regular 10:30 a.m. service at Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut, Lauderdale, there will be an extra celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday. According to Pastor Ray Geist, a light breakfast will be served between services.



Continuity Added

According to Greg Haley, current president of the St. Anthony Park Association, the local blockworker system dates back to a parking survey in a 21-block area west of the St. Paul campus in the fall of 1977. A similar informal system used in the spring of 1978 to coordinate the group purchase and tree-planting program in Langford and Alden parks worked well too. "So it seemed like a good idea to organize the blockworker system on a permanent basis," Haley said. Accordingly, St. Anthony Park was divided into seven areas of from seven to 12 blocks each. An area coordinator was named to head up each of the seven areas—Association officers and directors took on this responsibility.

The reasons for setting up the system were to have a way to get information out to the residents; to provide someone to talk to if something went wrong; and possibly to facilitate such social activities as alley cleanings, group contracting, consolidated garage sales and block parties. "While St. Anthony Park Association meetings are open to the entire community, we wanted to provide a vehicle for that kind of association also to occur on a small level," Haley explains.

Bobbi Megard is one of the area coordinators. "My own personal involvement was in finding blockworkers. Then they distributed copies of our Resident Survey and, later, collected signatures in support of Murray Junior High School."

Although Megard supports the blockworkers system, there are some drawbacks. "Well, it's difficult to ask people to do something when they are really not interested in the subject matter; for instance, blockworkers who are not parents knew very little about the junior high and were reluctant to collect signatures. Another concern that I have is that blockworkers not be used so frequently that they are turned off by the process. And some people who have been contacted by blockworkers have indicated that it's nobody's business to ask certain of the survey questions. But on the whole I do think the response has been positive. My blockworkers said that it gave them a chance to get reacquainted with their neighbors and that they really enjoyed the experience."

How do the blockworkers themselves feel about taking part in the process? "It has

not been burdensome to me," says Jack Allison.

Allison comments that "it seems a reasonable use of the system if the issue is of community concern, as the Murray school issue was." He adds that the system is still somewhat untried, despite the "very solid contact" made at the time of the Murray petition. Allison fears that lack of continuity may be a problem with the blockworkers system as he feels it has been in other Association committee assignments. "I suggest that at the beginning of each Association year, blockworkers be given the opportunity to re-up if they wish. This may add to the continuity," he says.

Haley says that the blockworkers will be out again this spring to gather information so that people can share their experiences on home improvements.

Small Press Publications for the Asking at Library

by Jim Nelson

If you aren't familiar with the names—Harbinger, Abraxas, Crazy Horse, Sez or the Dacotah Territory, Minnesota South Dakota, Iowa and Kansas Reviews—ignorance is no longer an excuse.

The above titled quarterlies, reviews and some twenty five other small press publications are now available to be checked out of the St. Anthony Branch of the St. Paul Public Library. They have been available since March 1 and the public response has so far, according to Librarian Magel Hedback, been encouraging.

SAP Branch is the first library in the states five library system to receive the literary reviews, short story, criticism, assorted prose and poetry collections published by the less known but thriving small presses

throughout the U.S.

Coordinator for the SAP project, pilot program in Minnesota, is Paul Seroe. Seroe works with one of the largest of the small press distributors in the country, Bookslinger, locally located. Bookslinger, formerly Truck Distributors, distributes over 190 small

presses and 130 little magazines. According to Seroe and Jim Sitter, one of Bookslingers' directors, the funding for the St. Anthony Program comes from the Minnesota Regional Arts Council and is matched by Bookslinger. At this time the funding runs through November of this year.

Isabella Center a Hit

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from St. Anthony Park Elementary School are sponsoring a project from March 29 to April 2, in order to raise \$4000 for their trip to the Isabella Nature Center in northern Minnesota. Students will be soliciting orders for Subtle Reflections Ornamental Acrylics. Placing an order will help them reach their goal. Isabella is an invaluable ex-

perience for upper grade students.

Charlie Flinn, grade 5 and Laura Serfass, grade 5 explain, "We liked Isabella because it gave us a chance to get to know about nature and wildlife. We also learned climbing skills and different ways to survive in the woods. We think anyone who gets a chance to go should because it was a good experience for us."



Edited by Mary Warpeha, 644-6990

Sign Up NOW for Tour of NSP Energy House

St. Anthony Park Association and Community Ed are sponsoring tours of the NSP Energy House located on Fairview Avenue in Roseville. Guided tours of 12 persons are made in early evening and weekends. Dates and times of St. APA tours are available through Cathy Hare 645-2456 or Mary Warpeha 644-6990. Tours are free of charge and open to the public. A reservation must be made in advance, however.

Calling All Parents

Have you and your children participated in the athletic program at Langford? Are there activities which you are interested in, but are not available?

We would like to get the "big kids" together on Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 to discuss the coming year at Langford. Topics for discussion include both competitive and non-competitive sports for kids and adults.

We have a good staff at Langford but they need support and assistance. If you would like a voice in the programming, plan to attend.

April: Your Family's History

Program: *Searching Out Your Family's Personal History* will be the topic for the April 10th meeting. Pat Dooley of the Minnesota Historical Society will speak on how to preserve your history and how the community can benefit. She will also discuss the taping of interviews of family members—how to focus the interview and common problems.

Date and Place: A catered dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 in the Multi-Purpose Room of St. Anthony Park School. The Personal History Program will begin at 7:00 in the Media Center.

Reservations: Association members will be called for their reservation. Non-members wishing to attend may make a reservation for dinner by calling 644-6725 by noon on Thursday, April 5 or 645-2329 after that. Reservations must be honored or cancelled in advance.

4th of July Crew is Rolling

Stu McIntosh, Jim Christenson, Jack Pearson, Cathy Hare, Jean Baumgartner, and Don Razskazoff met recently to discuss the 33rd annual celebration. Plans are well under way and promise an exciting day for everyone. If you are interested in offering assistance on July 4th contact Stu McIntosh at 644-1695 or attend the next meeting April 10 at 8 p.m. in the Media Center of the school.

Langford Spring and Summer Registration

Registration for T-ball, softball, baseball and soccer is scheduled for 5-7:30 p.m. April 10, 11, 12 at the Langford Rec Center. There will be teams for all ages from Kindergarten on up.

For those attending the April Association meeting there will be a registration table at the school. If there are sufficient registrants, an adult softball home league will swing at Langford. More information is available from the Park, 645-9985. Coaches are also needed.

Jim Christenson, St. APA Athletics Chairperson, has scheduled a meeting April 5 at 7:30 at the Langford Recreation Center. All persons interested in the future of the Langford Recreation program are encouraged to attend. We have a good staff at Langford, but in order to have the type of park program our neighborhood deserves, they need our support and assistance. If you would like a voice in the programming, plan to attend.

Community Calendar

April 3 - St. APA Board Meeting at the home of Jim Christenson, 2345 Doswell, 7:30 p.m.

April 5 - Calling all Parents at Langford, 7:30 p.m.

April 10 - St. APA Membership Meeting at St. Anthony Park School, 6:00 p.m.; 4th of July Planning Meeting, 8:00 p.m., St. Anthony Park School Media Center.

April 10, 11, 12 - Registration for Spring and Summer Sports at Langford.

April 16 - League of Women Voters at the home of Rita Stenson, 1091 W. Montana, 488-8403. Topic: CMAL Housing Study.

April 24 - Kindergarten Round Up at St. Anthony Park School, all day.

April 25 - Parent Talk Session for Grade 1 with the topic Math.

Langford News

Congratulations to the Squirt Hockey Team and its coach Todd on their championship in the city tournament. Cheers also to the many other teams who played hard during the Winter Sports Program.



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For Sale

By Nancy Haley

Buying or selling a home is often one of the greatest financial and emotional commitments that people make during their lives. At today's rate of inflation and along with the high cost of financing, selling or purchasing a home can be both exciting and traumatic. Fortunately for both buyer and seller, help is available through the professional services of a realtor. And, if you live in St. Anthony Park, friends, neighbors, and the neighborhood itself lend a helping hand.

"The house almost becomes secondary if people are interested in the neighborhood," says Marge Bodley, who is building a new home a block away from their present residence. Marge and James Bodley put their house up for sale and within two weeks of advertising, they signed an agreement for its sale.

"It was fun selling here, because I believe in the neighborhood," says Marge Bodley. "Our neighbors are here. We have just grown to love them. We've raised each other's children. The neighbors have become our extended family—the aunts, uncles and cousins that for us would be in the West."

A pattern of sales and purchases emerges from the history of the Bodley's residence in the Park. Bodley's purchased the home they now are selling from its owner. "A friend told me the house was for sale," says Marge Bodley. The people the Bodley's bought their house from now live next door. The present buyers of Bodley's house are the friends of a neighbor who told them the house was for sale. By word of mouth from owner to owner, the Bodley's house has been bought and sold.

A home for sale by owner can be troublesome, however, and is definitely not for everyone. The

owner is not always able to adequately inform potential buyers to determine their capabilities. Emotional attachment to a house can result in defensiveness about problems a potential buyer. The owner must be able to show the house. Inexperience with legal documents can create costly misunderstandings. There are only a few problems an owner may encounter when attempting to sell a home.

"A lot of people have trouble selling a house," says Stuart Hoarn, who recently sold his home on Fulham. "That's why a realtor is good."

Hoarn placed a display ad in the Bugle two days of publication the house was sold. "Eighty percent of the people who came looking for another place in the Park were from here, so I decided to advertise in the neighborhood newspaper."



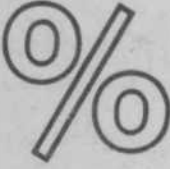
Hoarn's advice to people trying to sell a home is to list its availability with the housing service, advertise wisely, don't over-price the house, and recognize the

"Some people can do a good job of selling their own house, some cannot," says Park Charles Knudsen of Knudsen Realty. "If they are capable, we actually have helped them." Both Hoarns and Bodley have benefited from Knudsen's services. Bodley's bought their new house is being built by Knudsen. Hoarn purchased his house from Knudsen and has received advice from him.

"Deal with a pro," offers Knudsen on selling your own home, "unless you are professional enough to do it yourself."

Real estate agents offer vast services to both sellers and buyers, although their financial responsibility is to the seller. Realtors assist in appraising a house to determine its market value. They make suggestions for minor improvements that will make a house more marketable. They also advise the house which may include la

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Selling real estate is a service profession. Realtors are paid to take the trauma out of selling a house. They are in business to make people happy with an often difficult phase in their lives.

"Finding a buyer is only a small part of the services we offer," says Knudsen. "Among other things, we're experts at imaginative financing."

Positive services to both buyer and seller are also emphasized by Carol Weber, manager of the Maplewood office of Bermel-Smaby Realty and Park resident. "Real estate is exciting because you are working with people," says Weber. "It's our responsibility to see that the closing goes smoothly and that everybody has a good feeling. The buyer feels he got a good house and the seller feels the service was good from the agent."

What can a real estate agent offer that a home owner cannot easily do for themselves? "We can qualify buyers," says Weber. We can pursue a buyer a lot easier than an owner can. We can call them and ask them how they felt about the house. We are professionals in dealing with people's objections to a house. We can make suggestions for changes. We are also good at negotiations. Often people don't want to tell the owner that the house is over-priced. Buyers can tell a real estate agent their real feelings and the agent can begin negotiations to keep things going."

For sale by agent or by owner, homes in St. Anthony Park are commanding top dollar. The average price exceeds \$60,000. There continues to be a high demand for housing here. Charles Knudsen summarizes the feelings of many who live in the Park "Why would they (sellers) want to leave the Park?"

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The Forum is an outgrowth of the Arts Advisory Committee which served in conjunction with COMPAS/Intersection to secure the services of the three artists with funding from the Mott Foundation.



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by Florence Chambers

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The Stingers will provide the wheel chairs for their opponents, whose ranks will be augmented by the likes of mayors, council members, sheriffs and other notables from the community. During half-time (while the locals try to regain strength) the Perfect Squares, a wheel chair square dance group, will perform.

The game begins at 7:30; voluntary contributions by those attending will help to offset the expenses involved. The evening promises to be both entertaining and enlightening, and a valuable experience in handicapped awareness. For further information call Paul Ciernia, 644-1749, or Falcon Heights City Hall, 644-5050.

Among the distinguished citizens of Falcon Heights are two women whose talents have been recognized by appointment to state positions. **Barbara Lukermann** was appointed more than a year ago by Governor Perpich to the post of Chairman of the Metropolitan Waste Commission, and just this March, Governor Quie appointed **Marilyn McClure** State Commissioner of Human Rights. Congratulations to them both.

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Peer Counseling, which will help students learn about problems they and their friends face, and ways to deal with those dilemmas.

Parents suggested that Murray take a careful look at itself, its strengths and weaknesses. This has been done through the PER (Planning, Evaluation and Reporting) Committee and research sponsored by a grant to the school from the Rockefeller Family Fund in New York City. The grant (recently extended for another year) enables Murray and two other St. Paul Public Schools to examine and improve their methods of student service to the schools. The Peer Counseling Program is one outgrowth of the grant.

Another result of the Rockefeller grant ties in with parents' fourth suggestion: that Murray make greater use of community resources. Early in March, all parents will be asked if they would talk with Murray students about their careers and allow a student to follow them around for a day as part of a "shadow study." This program will be organized by the Murray guidance department and operated by students.

Many Murray students already

have participated in the community outreach organized by teacher Mike Schmidt as part of his government courses. Last summer Mike participated in a workshop which helped 16 St. Paul teachers gather resources for combining classroom instruction with community work in government. State Representative Ann Wynia and Senator Neil Dieterich are working with Schmidt.

Finally, parents suggested that ways be found to increase participation of Murray students in extracurricular activities. "After four months of work, we were able to obtain an activity bus for our students," explained Kenyon. The bus leaves Murray at 5:00 p.m. and runs through the Como Park and Summit University areas.

Kenyon concludes, "We look

forward to Murray's transformation to a junior high. With continued community suggestions and assistance, we shall strengthen and improve educational opportunities at Murray. We welcome the advice and interest of community members. After all, our purpose is to serve the public."

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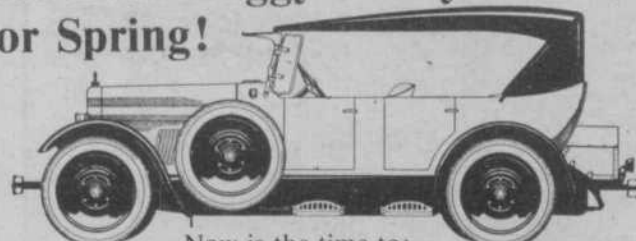
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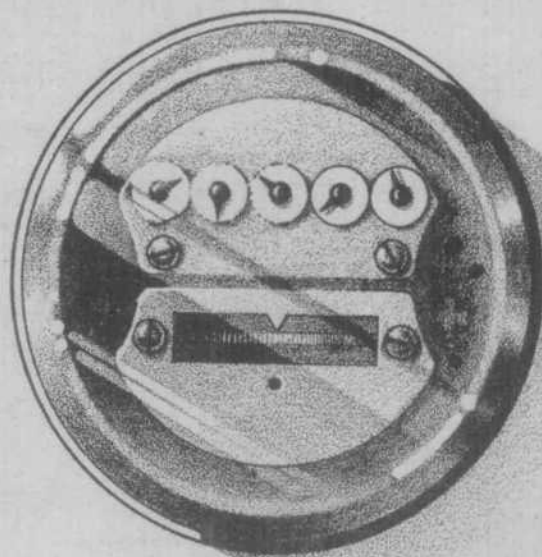
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George Howes works for you as vice president in charge of the loan department at St. Anthony Park Bank. He can help you with all lending, but his specialty is commercial loans.

George draws from 25 years experience in lending, experience that tells him business financial needs are not the same and are always changing. George knows he has to stay flexible to adapt a loan to best suit your business. This flexibility is reflected in the bank's attitude, too, he says — the bank will consider and design special programs to meet commercial customers' individual needs.

George joined St. Anthony Park Bank in fall 1978. He sees the bank as progressive and community-spirited, serving St. Anthony Park as well as the surrounding area.

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