Winter Sports Day

Story and Photo by Mary Sjowall

The annual Winter Sports Day sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Association will take place on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10.

Plan to come for a fun evening of family skating with your friends and neighbors on Saturday. An extended program this year offers an evening Cross Country skiing and at 7:00 p.m. competition hockey—parents versus children. To keep your strength up for the evening's activities, refreshments—chili dogs, potato chips, pop, coffee and cocoa and doughnuts will be sold. Plan to eat suppers at Langford Park and then attend the evening's activities.

In addition to family skating all day, the following events will take place on Sunday, February 10.

1:30 p.m. - Winter Joggers Fun Run - 2 miles and 4 miles
1:00 p.m. Registration at the Warming House.
1:00 (approximate) - Royal Coronation - King Boreas XXXIV and Queen of the Snows Crowning of Princess Antonia and Prince Anthony Presentation of Scrolls.
1:00 p.m. - Cross Country Skiing in the Park - some equipment will be available.
2:00 p.m. - Langford Exhibition Hockey Games - at Hockey Rink.
2:15 p.m. - Skating Races - Age Groups: Under 5, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, plus a special family relay race for parents and children.
4:00 p.m. - Broomball - Hockey Rink, bring your broom and boots.

Refreshments will also be served on Sunday.

Copeland to Serve

By Mollie Hoben

District 12 has a new Community Organizer. She is Ann Copeland, who has been hired by the community council to replace Jerry Jenkins. Jenkins resigned in early January, after 3 years in the position, to become Citizen Participation Coordinator for St. Paul. (see p. 8)

Copeland has been a Community Council delegate for three years and has been active in League of Women Voters and the St. Anthony Park Association. Currently president of the Association, she was the first woman elected to that post. She expects her familiarity with the Council and local organizations to “make it easier” for her to step into the organizer position.

“My goal is to get the concept of district councils better known in our community,” Copeland says. “Our community council is playing a very important role in the city and it is affecting decisions that affect our community.”

Copeland defines her job as that of facilitator of the Council’s work and liaison between the council, the community, and the city. She is optimistic about working with the council. “We have a beautiful cooperative going on here in our district. There is a very good working relationship.

Baker School: Real Possibilities

By Mollie Hoben

Imagine old Baker School as a center for the arts, a condominium, an office building, the Butler Square of St. Anthony Park—even as a school again.

These are possible futures proposed for the building by interested developers. On February 7, the District 12 Council is meeting in the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board which will choose the developer.

The proposals will be judged according to criteria set by the District 12 Council, which identifies creation of quality housing and rehabilitation of the former school building as priorities.

The school and the land adjacent to it on the west were offered as separate sites for development, but the city has indicated it wishes to have both sites developed at the same time. Only five of the proposals, however, include plans for the west site.

Four of the interested developers are groups with ties to St. Anthony Park: the Montessori program currently housed in the old St. Cecilia’s School in South St. Anthony; St. Anthony Associates, a partnership comprised of seven people who live or work in the Park; Ankeny, Kell, and Associates, an architectural and planning firm located in the Midway area; and Abbey Associates, of which a key figure is Park resident and Baker School advocate, Dick Schoen.

Nine proposals from the Twin Cities area, with the tenth submitted by a North Carolina firm.

Copies of the proposals are available for public review in the District 12 office, 2380 St. Paul. The public is invited to the February 7 meeting, at which time proposers will make oral presentations.

Abbey Associates, Minneapolis, proposes to renovate Baker School for use as offices and to construct 17 townhouses on the west site.

Ankeny, Kell, and Associates, St. Paul, would redevelop the school to contain office and commercial space, a restaurant, and artist studios. Fifteen townhouses would be built on the adjacent site, to be priced in the $65,000-80,000 range.

Dirlam Properties, Eden Prairie, would construct 19 townhouses on the empty site and renovate Baker School to contain 18 walk-up units.

Environment for Learning, St. Paul, would create a Montessori primary and elementary school and a facility in the school building, while Environment for Living would construct 14-20 single family townhouses on the west site.

A partnership headed by Greg Fouks, St. Paul, wished to turn the school into an apartment building.

Nautilus Athletic Center, St. Louis Park, proposes to turn the former school into a health club and racquetball center.

Wallace Orfield, Minneapolis, proposes to construct 30 condominiums within homes within the existing building.

St. Anthony Associates proposes to create Baker Place, a Center for the Arts, providing “affordable, studio/workshop/gallery spaces for artists, artisans, and related groups.” The Associates indicated interest in the west site but did not submit a proposal.

Several of the proposals were incomplete when submitted and the developers were given deadlines for completion. Thus, perhaps not all of these proposals will be considered on February 7.

Trim Your Waste

By Mark M. Beecham

Kevin Whitey, project director for the Youth Community Recycling Center (YCRC) of St. Paul, announced the agency’s plans for the house to house pick-up of solid recyclable items in the St. Anthony Park community. The pick-up program will begin Tuesday, February 26, for those homes in St. Anthony Park south of Como Avenue, and Thursday, February 28, for those homes north of Como Avenue.

Whitey said, “The YCRC has distributed flyers door to door which explain the schedule in detail.” He also said that he and his staff are grateful and would like, “to thank the St. Anthony Park community for their tremendous response over the past year. Support like this is unprecedented.”

YCRC began its operation at 790 Cromwell Avenue in November, 1978. Since that time the program has recycled 600,000 pounds of solid waste and employed 100 youth, half of whom were high school drop-outs and all hard-to-employ. The YCRC program is administered by the Center for Community Action based in the Firehouse in Minneapolis. CCA designed the YCRC program in cooperation with the St. Paul School System’s Youth Training and Employment Program (YTEP). The YCRC program combines employment opportunities with community conservation projects. The youths are provided a chance to earn a reasonable wage while gaining valuable job skills and references necessary for private-sector employment. While employed at the recycling center they also have access to a wide variety of alternative educational programs and are strongly encouraged to complete their education.

Since November, 1978 one hundred percent of the drop-outs employed by YCRC have returned to school and have also helped recycle their own educational goals.
Baker School Redevelopment Process

Proposals for the reuse of Baker School and the development of vacant land between the school and South St. Anthony Park Playground will receive community review on Feb. 7, 1980 starting at 7 p.m.

Copies of the proposals received by the City by closing of the work day of January 14, 1980 are in the District 12 office at 2380 Hampden for community examination. Please contact the Community Organizer (646-8884) if you wish to come into the office to read them.

After members of District 12 Community Council listen to presentations of the proposals on the evening of February 7, they will rank the proposals in order of preference. These preferences will be conveyed to City staff and the City Council/HRA Board.

The date for the HRA/City Council hearing has not been set. The City Council makes the decision.

City Sign Ordinance Discussed

A redraft of the City’s Sign Ordinance was presented by City Planner Rick Wiedhorn and Counselman Ruby Hunt at the December 12 Community Council meeting. Ms. Hunt commented that the present ordinance was drafted under the old zoning code and is not compatible with the new zoning code, which makes administration difficult.

Wiedhorn used slides to show the types, sizes and locations of signs which would be controlled under the proposed new ordinance. The Community Council was asked to read the ordinance and make comments.

A letter has been drafted for approval at the Feb. 13 Community Council meeting supporting changes suggested by a Westside resident and Planning Commission member, Jane Nelson. Her amendments are as follows:

1. The distance between billboards should be increased from 100 to 300 linear feet.
2. The distance from any residential yard or residence district should be increased from 75 to 150 feet and that distance should refer to the billboard face - not supporting structure.
3. The distance from a park, playground, parkway, historic site, church or school should be increased to 1,000 feet. It should not be less than 500 feet.
4. No billboard should be erected that is higher than any adjacent structure.

Quickies

District 12's General District Plan was approved by the City Council Jan. 10, 1980. Greg Haley made the presentation. City Council members praised the high quality of the product and the citizen participation it represented.

Ann Copeland has been hired as the new Community Organizer for District 12. (See page 1.)

The Sewer and Transit Plans, elements of the City’s comprehensive plan, have been received for review by District 12.

A hearing regarding the proposed expansion of St. Anthony Park Bank was held January 29 at the City Council.

District 12 Community Council bylaw change was presented at the joint meeting with the St. Anthony Park Association on January 8. The proposed change would add District 12 Community Council elections in February rather than in March. A formal vote will take place at the next designated Town Meeting. The three associations have agreed to a February election. Persons wishing to serve should contact Midway Civic & Commerce, St. Anthony Park Association or South St. Anthony Park Association.

Meetings Coming Up

(All meetings are open to the public and are held at 2380 Hampden unless otherwise indicated.)

Feb. 7 - Review of Baker School proposals - 7 p.m.


Feb. 19 - History Play Script Conference - 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 27 - Human Services Committee - 7 p.m. Tentative agenda: Discussion of school reorganization.
By D. Perry Kidder

"I appreciate the motto Question Authority that we have been drilled on t-shirts and buttons lately," says Enid Griffin. "That was how I was brought up. Since both my parents taught in technical fields, I've always taken it for granted that ways of doing things should be able to be changed. Meanings are constant, yes, but methods are open for innovation. I don't see change as threatening, and I don't see questions as disrespectful. That's one reason I've always been interested in educational innovation."

Indeed, the younger four of Griffin's children presently attend the Open School--St. Paul Public School's answer to requests for innovation in education. They are Olaf, 15, Ben, 14, Millie, 12, and Luella Jeanne, 10.

One wonders how Enid, with a large family of children aged 10 to 25, finds the time to be as active and involved as she is.

"Well," she laughs, "it's partly self-preservation." But then she adds reflectively, "Also, it's a way of working out improvisations in the conditions under which the kids will live. If I had no children, I'd probably not care as much -- I'd still care, but it might be a theoretical rather than an activist stance."

Her activism has taken her into feminism, feminism in the church, in politics, and in education as an involved parent.

In school affairs, Griffin currently is co-chair of the Task Force on Sex Equity, a group which tries to steer St. Paul Public Schools away from sex-ist practices and attitudes. Other educational activities include work for the Coalition for Gifted and Talented, and for Women in Community Service (WICS), the latter a coalition of women's groups supporting vocational training, especially for young women. As citizen action chair of Minnesota Church Women United, she is delegate to WICS, which has a contract with the Labor Department to recruit Job Corps applicants.

"All my life I have tried for consistency between what I believe and what I devote my time to," Griffin says, naming off a dozen or so time-consuming activities. "I wouldn't be part of the church if I didn't see it as an agent for change. I grew up in SAP Congregational Church and currently am a member of Plymouth Church." She reminisces easily about former Park neighbors. "Some of the people who were very important to development of my life were people in the church: Ruth and Skali Rutford, Dr. George Stickney, Dr. Willard Boyd, and Frances Herrmann, for whom I received my middle name." The Stickney youngsters she says were like brothers and sisters. "I had no brothers or sisters and felt that keenly, which is one reason I had many children."

Griffin's childhood home was at 1551 Grantham Avenue.

Carol Ryrie Brink lived across the street and was her Girl Scout leader. "She was my role model, too, for the expectation that a woman would be concerned about many things beyond her family. I have appreciated in later years how much her example meant to me."

Griffin also credits her father, Alvin Larson, with many of her views about the place of women in the world. "Dad emphasized that I shouldn't expect to have things done for me just because I was a woman, but should carry my own responsibilities. I can remember his indignation that female graduates were not considered for the same teaching positions as his male students. I guess that's where I would trace the beginnings of my feminist consciousness to."

"Dad taught agricultural botany at the St. Paul campus. Mother (Ruby Coons Larson) had taught home economics education at the University also, but was forced off the faculty when she married. When mother lost her professional identity, it seemed as though everything that was important to her as a person was lost. In large measure I've had to depend on secondhand accounts, especially from her alumnae, to know what she was like in her prime. It's been important for me to realize that Dad did not impose this on her--Dad wanted her to continue to be herself--but that University policy forced it on her. She had been an outstanding professor, but deprived of her identity, she disintegrated."

Griffin describes herself as growing up a frustrated horse doctor spending afternoons with other high school kids hanging around the diagnosis lab of Dr. Ben Pomeroy. As time for college neared, she wrote for bulletins from vet medicine schools but, "No vet school would even send me information, so I headed for the ministry instead."

She was graduated from Yankton College in three years with a BA in psychology, then went on to Chicago Theological Seminary where she met and married Russ; he was a student in the same seminary.

"We lived in Illinois and Michigan for awhile before

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Teachers of the Isabella team four times, I would like to clarify a possible misunderstanding in the January editorial. It is true that the "Tribune did capture this incredible experience for our youngsters!" It is true that there is no doubt that fifth and sixth graders will return to Isabella in the fall of 1980. However, it is not a lack of parents that is the cause of the doubt. Each year, students are accompanied by their five dedicated teachers and ten to twelve parents, who also teach students in their environmental classes at Isabella.

There is some thought that perhaps the trip should be made every other year, so that each student would go once, instead of twice, as at present. Reasons for this are: 1) cost, especially transportation; 2) time for planning, fundraising, etc. by teachers; 3) a feeling by some that the personnel at Isabella is neglecting the facility there while looking ahead to building their new one at Tettegouche State Park. The new Environmental Learning Center is due for completion in 1982. A decision will be made in the next month or two regarding a trip for next fall.

However the outcome for next year, all students will have the opportunity to experience this wilderness environment at least once in the grade school.

Add Your Dimension to School

In the summer of 1979, the St. Paul School Board designated Murray Junior High as a magnet school starting enrollment to seventh, eighth, and ninth graders from anywhere in St. Paul. Special courses and programs have been designed and continue to be developed to help all students develop their particular gifts to the fullest, while learning to apply and strengthen the basic skills in all areas. To support the magnet school concept, the School Board provided funding for a full-time community liaison to implement a broad-based community volunteer program at Murray. Parents, friends, and other community representatives are being asked to provide a variety of special help and talent to round out the curriculum. Marge Christensen, Murray parent and St. Anthony Park resident, asks anyone willing to volunteer one or more hours per week to serve as a tutor please call her at Murray (645-9474) during the day or at home (646-2177) in the evening. Tutors are needed for small group sessions and for small group sessions to assist students in math, reading and German.

Another service can be supplied only by community volunteers which gives an added dimension to a junior high curriculum. Murray teachers have requested speakers on careers, communications (television, newspaper reporting), life and culture of foreign countries (specifically right now is for speakers on European and South American cultures), and an interdisciplinary environmental education program. St. Anthony Park is especially rich in friends and neighbors who could speak on these and other topics and we hope that Murray students will be able to profit from their presence.

Community volunteers bring variety, stimulation, support and encouragement to both students and faculty in a school — resources not otherwise available because of economic limitations. For this reason, and because the resulting sense of accomplishment and participation provides an invaluable reward, we hope that many St. Anthony Park residents will set aside an hour or two each week (any time of day) — for tutoring, or to offer to make a special presentation to a class.

Call Murray (645-9474) and participate!
Enlist in Mayor’s Energy Blitz

By Greg Haley

St. Paul is taking a number of positive steps to deal with the energy crisis in our city. Last August Mayor Latimer hoped that he could enlist 100 citizens to formulate an energy policy in 100 days. When President Carter came to St. Paul on August 17 to inaugurate the Energy program, the Mayor’s Committee of 100 numbered over 250.

The Committee of 250 divided itself into five subcommittees: Existing Housing, New Housing and Construction, Large Energy Users, Transportation and Education. Each committee met weekly for three months and presented their energy recommendations to the mayor on January 3. Mayor Latimer responded to these recommendations at the Landmark Center a week later by announcing the first steps of his “Energy Mobilization.”

Mayor Latimer proposes an “energy blitz,” a massive education and information program which will hopefully reach every household in St. Paul. The city will mail out a home energy survey in early February. The information will be used by the city to develop a comprehensive energy plan for the neighborhoods.

Mayor Latimer has assured residents that they do not have to identify themselves, nor will any of the information gathered be available to the assessors or the inspection department. Participation is completely voluntary.

Residents may mail in the surveys or have them picked up by volunteers between 12-7 p.m. on February 14, 15, and 16.

Volunteers are being installed from throughout the city. A number of neighborhoods have already made commitments to canvas their entire neighborhood. The St. Anthony Park Association will ask the blockheaders to pick up the surveys in our neighborhood. Other interested individuals or groups should call the St. Paul Energy Office at 292-6730.

Although still in the planning stages at the time this article was written, the volunteers will collect the energy survey, help residents fill it out if necessary, leave energy conservation packets, answer questions, or direct the resident to a phone bank manned by energy experts during the blitz.

The city plans an intense media campaign to generate interest. A local TV station has already filmed “energy blitz” spots with Hollywood personalities to be shown locally.

The energy blitz and the heightened awareness of the energy crisis will hopefully induce residents to institute energy conservation measures at home and at work. Energy related home improvements can be done individually or residents can join neighbors and group contract for a better price based on quantity. Park residents have an added resource in the St. Anthony Park Home Improvement Center located in the St. Anthony Park Drive-In Bank on Saturday mornings.

Two skiers watch the Bactrian camels and Asiatic wild horses while cross-country skiing one of the three trails at the Minnesota Zoo.

Skiing Goes Wild at Zoo

Cross-country skiing has gone wild at the Minnesota Zoo.

This unique ski program, traversing six miles of track, offers visitors a variety of skiing terrain and the opportunity to see rare Northern Hemisphere animals displaying their winter behavior.

The see and ski events will begin at the Bear Ski Center and continue past musk ovens. Asiatic wild horses, Bactrian camels, moose, Siberian tigers, then through the Zoo’s natural hillside, ponds and marshes and end circling the indigenous Minnesota exhibit animals.

The trails are marked with interpretive signs that will enlighten skiers about the various Minnesota animal tracks, trees and environmental highlights.

Volunteer and staff naturalists will give guided tours of the exhibited animals and natural wildlife on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Ski rental, storage and accessories are available along with warm-up food at the Ski Center.

When the skiing tour is over, tour the Zoo and the largest sports ski warming house in the world — the Tropics Building.

There is no extra charge for the use of the ski program. Admission rates are 17 and over $3, 12-16 $1.50, 6-11 $1, 62 and over $1.50, and children under 6 are admitted free. Discount group rates are available.

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She Loves People & Socializing

By Kathy Diedrich

Mary Blanchette has seen a great deal of change in the Park. She remembers when the large white building that is Commonwealth Nursing Home was painted red and housed children without families. When she moved here with her husband, Henry, there were large tracks of land for blocks in every direction. There were street car tracks, nickle ice cream, and you could ride to Minneapolis for a dime. The Park has changed, but “all for the better,” Mary states.

Mary Walton Blanchette will be 93 on September 13. She was born in Holton, Wisconsin, in 1887. She had two brothers, one two years older, and one two years younger. The three children were orphaned when a Typhoid pneumonia epidemic took both parents in the same year. They were moved to Minneapolis to live with relatives. Mary Walton finished the eighth grade and then started work at age 13. For fun, Mary attended parties and danced. At 16, she met Henry Blanchette. They were married April 19, 1903. They lived with Henry’s parents their first year; their only baby was still born.

In 1918 the Blanchettes moved to Gibbs Avenue to a temporary house—one that they did not plan to live in permanently. Mary recalls a hollow area near the railroad trestle where there was quick sand. People dumped every conceivable item into it and children dared each other to run across it. They also dared each other to cross the lake that once was in the location of Langford Park. Children played in and around it; Mary’s little neighbor drowned in it.

Henry Blanchette decided to move his shoe rebuilding business to Como Avenue and together with Mary they planned to have their home in the back of the building. Blanchette, known to everyone as Hank, was in a different category than a cobbler. He could rejuvenate almost any shoe and mothers in the Park could have all their prescription shoes fitted. While Blanchette worked in the shop, his wife worked in the house. She gardened and took long walks, the latter she calls the “elixir” of life. Henry had a ‘million dollar personality’ and he had a successful shop.

Since his death in 1947, Mary has taken care of all of the children in the area. She loves people and socializing. She is frugal and felicitous, gracious and kind. “A happy death means having a sound mind to the end. I want people to have a good time. I’ll not have anyone minding over me.” With a twinkle in her eye, she said, “I’m just as bad sometimes as I’m good, I am not an in-between. When one reaches the age of 90, you are not as good.”

Schools to Reorganize

Should the six St. Paul high schools remain open? Should ninth grade students be moved into the high schools, making them four-year high schools?

These are questions to which residents of the St. Paul Public Schools district will have an opportunity to respond as part of a continuing study of possible school reorganization.

Superintendent George Young is presenting a proposal to the citizens of St. Paul at a series of meetings. His proposal: 1) That the six St. Paul high schools remain open. 2) That the ninth grade move into the high schools, thus making them four-year schools. After these meetings, the proposal will be given to the School Board on February 12.

If this plan is passed by the Board, each high school area will be asked to decide on the arrangement for the lower schools in that area: K-8, or K-4, 5-8, or K-5, 6-8. Pros and cons of each plan are being discussed by the PTSA’s at St. Anthony Park, Chelsea Heights, Murray, and Como. No schools will be closed this year, with possible moves proposed for September, 1981.

All citizens, especially parents of school children, should think about the various implications of these proposals. Make your views known to the Board of Education members, 360 Colborne, before February 12.

Cable Input

The public’s chance to have input into the St. Paul cable decision will be at 7:30 p.m. on February 5, 1980 in City Council Chambers, 3rd floor City Hall. For more information about District 12’s cable crew, the Human Services Committee, call Ann Cope, 646-8884.
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moving back to Minnesota in 1959 and to the Park in 1964. “Since Griffin has been an electronics engineer in the U.S. Bureau of Mines experiment station at Fort Snelling for about 18 years.”

“Russ is as much an activist as I am—he’s just more quiet about it. We’re both very political in lots of ways. He’s a behind-the-scenes person and I’m very vocal. It certainly wouldn’t have been possible for me to be the kind of community activist I am without his support,” she acknowledges.

Russ Griffin, an elder in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, does some teaching in the field of electronics. “Originally we had tried to go as a minister-teach-er to either domestic or foreign missions but the kind of church position we sought in the 1950s was not available. When Russ retires from federal service, in possibly five to ten years, we may both be available for full-time church service,” she says. To that possibility, Griffin returned to Chicago in 1977 to continue her work toward a master’s of divinity degree. “I didn’t quite finish then, but I hope to soon.”

The family has lived at 2285 Dowwell since 1964. “How ard Williams, Sr., was my neighbor across the street on Dowwell. He became an important influence on my community work,” said the religious leader. Mr. Griffin also served as a ‘borrowed grandfather’ to the eight Griffin children. Yes, in addition to the above, there are four more. “With our older youngsters, I have some sense of being at the dividend years of parenthood.”

Enid Griffin. Frances, 25, is a nurse married to a vocational agriculture teacher and farmer in southwestern Minnesota. Bonnie, 24, dropped out of school but is now talking about resuming her education probably in criminal justice. Alvin, 23, is teaching aviation electronics in the Navy; he’s stationed at San Diego. Glenn, 21, is an internal communications technician in the Navy.

Probably the most visible of Griffin’s activities has been in the political sphere. (She says her interest in politics was crystallized by the influence of Elmer L. Andersen and especially his comment that conservative politics “dirty business” unless they are willing to clean it up.) She is delegate-at-large to the national board of the

Women’s Political Caucus. During January the coordinator of a religious workshop at a Conference on the News and the ecumenical workshop work which began the Minnesota Women’s Political Caucus convention at Macalester. In the past she’s been Republican precinct co-chair and GOP convention delegate up to the state level. And in 1978, she ran unsuccessfully for the Ramsey County Commission, a non-partisan office. “At least half my campaign committee members were Democrats,” she found, adding with a chuckle that “They supported me either because they knew me or else they didn’t.” She found the campaign exhilarating: “I could imagine myself running again,” says Griffin the politician. “Politics is one expression of the killer instinct; whatever talents or abilities I have are meant to be used in public service.”

February 4, 1980

St. Anthony Park Association

The Association meeting on March 11 will be a joint meeting with the PTSA’s from St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Magnet Junior High, and Como Park Senior High. It will feature a community discussion on the school curriculum in the junior and senior high schools. Administration and faculty from the three schools will attend.

Home Improvement Center

The Home Improvement Center at the St. Anthony Park Bank is open on Saturday mornings from 9 ‘til noon. With the current emphasis in St. Paul on energy conservation, each homeowner should make an inventory of every home. Pamphlets and advice are available to help with this project.

New Association Members

Welcome to new members Richard and Gail Dennis, Kathleen Treigleis, Joseph Opattz and Linda Dlugosch. All Park residents are potential members. If you would like to join, call Kathy Fury, 647-1869, or contact her at her meeting on February 12.

St. A. P. A. A. Board to Meet

The Executive Board of the St. Anthony Park Association will meet on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Malcolm MacGregor, 2185 Knapp Street. All members are urged to attend.

February Features

“February is the Future of Business in the Park.” This will be the topic of an energy-related St. Anthony Park Association meeting on Tuesday, February 12, at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Dinner at 6 p.m. will be followed by the public session at 7:00. After the meeting at 8 p.m., there will be a vote on the proposed amendments for District 12 and election of district 12 delegates. Andy Boss, president of St. Anthony Park Bank, will moderate the discussion. Speakers will be Tony Anderson, president of H.B. Fuller Co., Roxana Merrill, owner of The Bibelot, and Stew McIntosh, owner of Park Hardware. Opinions will be solicited from community residents. With the growing reputation of the Park’s commercial district and the future move of H. B. Fuller, this should be an interesting program.

Kiki Gore will cook another Greek feast for only $3. Mrs. Olga Halberg will call Association members by February 8. To cancel or add or on your David and Linda Mac- witz, 646-4530, by February 11. Reservations must be honored if not cancelled 24 hours in advance. Care will be provided for children. On the following day, February 10, after the meeting, call Joanne Rohrlich, 645-6043.

February 5 - 7:30 p.m. - STAPA Board - 2185 Knapp

February 5 - 7:00 p.m. - Student Project Night - Como Park Senior High

February 7 - 3:30 p.m. - Duplex zoning hearing - City Council

February 9 & 10 - Winter Sports Days - Langford Park

February 12 - 6:00 p.m. - STAPA Dinner Meeting - St. Anthony Park Elementary

February 12 - 8:00 p.m. - Town Meeting and District 12 Election - St. Anthony Elementary

February 18 - Presidents’ Day - School holiday

February 26 and 28 - Recycling Pickups - Park Picking

February 28 - 8:00 p.m. - Political Caucuses

February 28 - 7:30 p.m. - Winter Exposition - Murray Magnet Junior High

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A Nice Touch with People

Story and Photos by Michael Hazard

When I called Jerry Jenkins to arrange an interview, I thought I heard a bird in her house. She chuckled and put the warbler, her 3-year-old grandson, Benjamin, on the phone while she searched for her appointment book. Although he was telephone savvy, Benjamin was at a loss for words for a thing to say about Gramma. As we picked our date, I heard the happy warbler again in the background.

Jerry Jenkins is a natural for her job as Citizen Participation Coordinator for the city of St. Paul. Since she wears her heart where people can feel it, she is particularly responsive to all kinds of people. My trip around District 12, where she has been Community Organizer for the past 3 years, to accompany her on her rounds for Meals on Wheels (see Bugle March, 1978) was one of the warmest Minnesota Valentines I can remember.

Bringing parts of the hidden populace—senior citizens, people interested in the arts, people who have never been active in neighborhood politics before—into local politics has given Jenkins the most satisfaction in her work for District 12. “Of course it is not the little things that you get done, like securing handicapped ramps for Seal-Hi-Rise, that you remember though,” Jenkins groans, bustling at her desk on the fourteenth floor of the City Hall Annex.

“One is haunted by what is left undone. The first two major issues I picked to organize—Baker School and Ellis housing—have taken a painful enough time to develop. There were reasons for this slowness, the changes in procedures with the loss of the HRA for example. But the newness of this method for citizen participation was another. We started with something artificial demarcations for districts and the confusion of numbers. Our district for instance takes in 3 distinct areas—North and South SAP and part of the Midway.

“Each of these areas had their own internal mechanisms for political action, the associations and the Midway Civic and Commerce Association to be exact. These areas grew suspicious of each other at first and it has taken several years to cultivate a working relationship with the council, let alone, to bring a district-wide public awareness of the Community Council.”

“To bring another good excuse for the slow system into play,” Jenkins winks, “I’d have to say a thing or two about the Volunteer. The community council offices around St. Paul are not little neighborhood city halls. While the 12 people who serve on the council are elected, they are only elected by those who come to the meetings, not a neighborhood wide vote. Many people who serve on the council have been extremely uncomfortable in their role as semi-officials.”

A volunteer and participant since the sixth grade, Jerry Jenkins wanted to talk about one more of the past ghosts before she got on to the bottom line of her evaluation of this citizen participation system. Her most regular duty for the council was writing and editing the District 12 page. “The nitty gritty of that office is a lot of hard business—zoning changes, tax structures, street repairs, health studies—that can get to be pretty dreary stuff for someone people. But I guess I could say in its defense that Gail McGlue (the founding editor of the Bugle) has always insisted ‘that that page is the only hard news in the paper.’”

“Anyway, I believe in this network of citizen participation, while the districts were originally set up in response to federal legislation which required local community involvement, the Community Development Block Grants, the councils have grown way beyond that. Here in St. Paul, local councils have the option, due to the way the City Council defined them, of being involved and active in any issue they choose. The districts have gotten three-fourths of the requests which they originated and have recommended through the Capital Improvement Budget, a remarkable success.”

Jenkins continues with obvious relish, “Some of the
conflicts that used to go downtown, now get initial hearings on the neighborhood level. The council thus acts as a filter. And even so, a citizen does not have to go through the district system. Anyone can still go straight downtown. I like to say citizen participation comes in all flavors," Jenkins grins.

"But the best part of this new network is that many people who have never been volunteers or participants in public processes, like the community council, or its various committees, especially those parts I call 'the hidden populace,' have been drawn into these new neighborhood meetings. Once they get into the process, they get a lot out of it. I see alienation, especially to government, being changed by this."

Her new job will be to relate the districts and create forums for issues that can allow the district councils to be district specific in questions that will touch each or all, like billboards or the cable. "Cable is the first issue I'm drawing into a city wide forum. Like most people, I don't feel like I know what the hell is going on."

Ann Copeland, the new District 12 Community Organizer, was understandably at a loss for words, much like Benjamin, when I asked her what she might like to add about Jerry. "I guess after I was done with all the superlatives, I'd just have to say she has such a nice touch with people."

Jenkins joined many community meetings. Here she meets with neighbors and COMPAS artists.
By Jim Kelly

"Everyone look up here," Florence Butler told her third graders as she left the room. "Don't see everyone's eyeballs," The kids stopped all their chatter and activity and watched their teacher attentively. "Kathy will be taking names, so I had better not see any names on the board when I come back," she warned.

The third graders in Room 103 at St. Anthony Park Elementary are used to being well-behaved and attentive in the presence of Mayor George Lateiner, Dave Moore, Bud Kraehling, assorted sports heroes, community leaders, businessmen and professionals. These people have visited Butler's class for the past three years, telling the students about their jobs.

In addition to receiving visitors, the third graders have been all around the Twin Cities doing everything from sampling Polynesian food to seeing how a television station works.

"Talking about these things in the classroom is one thing," Butler said, "But the actual hands on experience is really great for the kids."

Butler's excursions are not funded by an anonymous benefactor of St. Anthony Park School, but by her personal fundraising drive which consists of sitting down and turning out dozens of letters to local organizations and businesses asking for their support.

"First I call up the company and find out who's in charge, the president or whoever has the power to say yes or no. Then I write the letter, explain what I'm doing and ask for their help. Most are very nice with wanting to help," Butler said.

Butler has incorporated a transportation unit into her class for the past three years. The first year emphasis was on bus transportation and the class took a trip on the bus. The next year dealt with travel and that class went to Red Wing on the Amtrak train. This year's class has studied air travel and Butler has been busy trying to put together $3,000 for a plane trip to Duluth. With the help of H.B. Fuller, Honeywell and other organizations, the trip fund is well on its way.

"The kids understand what I'm doing," she explains. "I'll be at my desk writing letters to companies while they're working and a couple of the kids will come up and ask what I'm doing."

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The third graders study several units each year like Careers, Weather, Black Brotherhood, Community and others and the people from each area come in to speak about the topic.

"The units I use are dependent upon the children. I write units to go along with the things that they're interested in and also that I'm interested in. To do something that the kids aren't interested in wouldn't be worth anything," she explained.

Butler, a graduate of Bishop College in Dallas and Tuskegee Institute has been teaching for 11 years. She taught at Homecroft School for two years and has been at St. Anthony Park for four.

She said that most of those she asks to speak to her class are happy to accept and some are even surprised.

"Dave Moore was a little apprehensive when he first came to the class, since he said he hadn't done it since his kids were in school. But he really got along well with the kids and said he'd love to do it again.

"I have a rocking chair in the classroom and they sit down and talk to the kids and feel right at home," she said.

Butler also has the parents of children come in and talk to the class about their jobs and had a day for the parents of new students to come in "so the kids could meet other kids' moms and dads."

"I guess I do it to help the whole child instead of just the academic child," Butler said and walked over to check on the class. They played quietly or read and there were no names on the board.

Above, Florence Butler charms her third-graders. Lower left, her students enjoy a breakfast provided by Chuck Haine of the International Pancake House at Sun Ray Plaza. Lower right, her third-graders entertain at Commonwealth Nursing Home. Photos by Nancy Hailey.
An informal preview and auditions will be taking place soon for "Those Who Favor Fire," a new play by Marisha Chamberlain, St. Anthony Park writer-in-residence. The preview, a reading of selected scenes, will be announced by the Actors' Guild of Saint Paul. It will be performed Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p.m., at the District 12 office, 2380 Hampden Avenue. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Auditions for both speaking and non-speaking roles will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 5 and 6; at 2:45 and 6:00-9:00 p.m. Major roles include one teenage boy; four girls, 12-16; three men, 25-50; and three women, 20-50. Numerous teenagers and adults of all ages are needed for smaller speaking and non-speaking roles. The play will be performed April 18-20 and 24-26 at Murray Junior High School.

Set at the turn of the century at Stryker Seminary in St. Anthony Park, the play deals with the shenanigans of four young schoolgirls. In addition to the girls, other characters included are Reverend Peter Stryker, his son Henry, and sister Anna; Gussie Eloise Shroyck, a pretty and untaught assistant music teacher; a fireman and a hobo named Charlemagne Lumber.

Two teams of junior high students have been taping interviews with Park residents, to help Marisha Chamberlain, COMPAS writer in residence, with research for a history play. The play will be about the Stryker Seminary, a school for young girls that existed on Dowsell Avenue at the turn of the century. COMPAS/St. Paul History Theatre will produce the play in the Murray Junior High auditorium in April.

On a recent afternoon, one of the history teams composed of Ruth Ryan, Julie Dilworth, Carol Rees and Jenny Siegl, interviewed Mr. Heck Remington in his home on Knapp. Heck told them about some "spectacular" mischief he got involved in as a youngster, growing up in the Park many years ago:

"When they were building the Methodian Church, they had a tar bucket that they would melt tar in, for the roof. During recess the kids would get sticks and take the bucket, and then put them in the fire underneath. You’d run around with this torch with burning tar on it. It just happened that somebody—it might have been me, or somebody else—put the stick back into the tar bucket before it was completely out. The tar bucket caught fire. The fire department, at that time, came from over on the south side. They had horses to pull the big steamer. To get up to the church (where the fire had started) the horses had to go up a hill, and it slowed them down quite a bit. That was a spectacular time.

"Right at the same location, there was a big spool of electric cable that stood higher than we were tall. Some of the older kids started monkeying around to see if they could move it—and some stupid kid took out the block that held it. They had to figure out how to get it—it started down the hill, and fortunately it whanged into the tree and didn’t kill anyone."

This gave them a team trophy, a medal for each girl, and an ice cream sundae at Bridge- man’s, a treat from Coach Brian Wold! The afternoons spent running up three flights of stairs at Murray finally paid off.

Anyone desiring to become involved with this project may call COMPAS at 292-3354. COMPAS is a member agency of the St. Paul, Ramsey Arts and Science Council. Through its Intersection program, funded by the MHS Foundation, Marisha Chamberlain is working in the Park as poet and playwright.

The community production is a joint venture of the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum and the MHS COMPAS programs, Intersection and St. Paul History Theater. Don St. Pierre, assistant director of Intersection, will direct the play. Steven Buda, mime artist in residence in St. Anthony Park, who is currently teaching acting classes to students at Murray in preparation for auditions, will act as choreographer and movement coach. Volunteers are needed for all phases of production.

Winter Water Paper

On Saturday, February 16, Troop #17 is having a special winter water paper party. Here’s your chance to empty out that corner in your basement or porch. We will be making our usual curb-side pick-ups all day Saturday. If you have paper, you cannot get out to the curb, call Don Kelsey, 373-7815 or 645-7112 and we will have Scouts bundle and carry out your paper.

Student Projects

Como Park Senior High will hold its first annual Student Projects Night on Tuesday, February 5, at 7 p.m. The evening will begin with a program in the school auditorium, to be followed by tours of the building. Displays and exhibits in the various departments will be featured. The community is invited, with a special invitation to all ninth graders and their parents.

In their first year of junior high competition, the girls’ basketball team from Murray Magnet Junior High has captured a tie for the city title. With an 8 and 1 record, the girls tied with Battle Creek Junior High for first place.

Key Notes

"The Guatemalan Aberration: Color, Design and Indian Culture" will be the subject of the February meeting of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota, Inc., to be presented by noted Guatemalan folk art collector, Gordon Frost. They have highlighted the presentation will be Frost’s award winning color slides and museum quality sample textiles. The lecture will be Thursday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the Weavers Guild, 2402 University Avenue, St. Paul 55114, and is open to the public.

Aberration

Story Hour Resumes

Story hour will resume on February 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library. It will continue through April on each Wednesday of the week. The story hour is held for children ages 3-5.

There will be a St. Paul Winter Carnival Backgammon Tournament for all juniors (ages 7-15) at the St. Anthony Park Library, Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Please call 292-6635 or sign up in the Library lobby.
Pre-schoolers Screened for Health Problems

The St. Paul Public School District No. 625 is sponsoring a free health and developmental screening program for pre-school children.

Pre-school screening is a simple, careful check for vision, hearing, dental health, developmental and nutritional status, physical health and an immunization review for three and four-year-old children. Participation in the screening is completely voluntary and free. This screening program is not a substitute for a medical examination or ongoing family health care from a physician, dentist or other health provider.

The school district's Pre-School Screening Program is designed to reach "healthy" children and find problems that can be corrected by early treatment. A Rand Corporation survey found that one-third to one-half of the nation's blind and deaf children are needlessly handicapped. Many of these children could have been helped by early detection.

Parents are told at the screening if a health or developmental problem is discovered and referral recommendations are made. More than one-half of the children checked in previous Minnesota screening programs have needed further evaluation and treatment.

Most of these referrals were for incomplete immunizations, speech and hearing problems, and dental needs.

For further information on dates and clinic sites for the Pre-School Screening Program for children living in the City of St. Paul, call the school nurse at the closest elementary public school or Mrs. Ardye Carlson, School Health Program, 298-5812.

Scouts Mark 63rd Year

This month Boy Scout Troop #17 was rechartered having completed 63 years of continuous Scouting in St. Anthony Park, sponsored by St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. 1980 marks the seventieth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America so the support which this community has given us is a truly remarkable accomplishment.

An important part of Scouting is service given to the community. The troop service commitment for this winter is a side-walk snow removal project for a number of St. Anthony Park residents who are not able to keep their walks clear. Leadership for this project is being given by Ken Hershbell, an Eagle Scout candidate.

One of the goals our Scouts have set for themselves is a complete uniform for every boy in the troop. If you had a boy or boys who were in Scouting whose uniforms are now long outgrown and packed away, we could put those uniforms back to good use. Please contact: Don Kelsey, Scoutmaster at 373-7815 or 645-7112 if you would like to help support the troop in this way.

Skate the Park

Join your friends and neighbors on February 9 and 10. Ski, skate, and play hockey with the kids. Winter Sports Day festivities are sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Association. Photo by Mary Sjowall.
Support the Gift of Intelligence

Parents, students, teachers and counselors will want to attend the St. Paul Chapter of the Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented meeting on Thursday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Highland Park Branch Library Auditorium, 1974 Ford Parkway.

Mr. Charles Carlson, Director of the Twin City Institute at Macalester College, will give a presentation on the classes that will be offered this summer for highly motivated junior and senior high school students. In the past, students have enjoyed computer math, acting, wilderness training, creative writing, scientography, music, etc.

Ms. Carole Snyder, Coordinator of the Gifted Programs for the St. Paul Schools, will explain the present programs and opportunities available for high potential students in the elementary and secondary grades.

This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call Jan Schuler, 644-5338 or Sheryl Hove, 738-4908.

Cleveland Avenue. Meetings are open to the public without charge.

Brownbug lunch discussions will be held on the first and third Mondays in February at the St. Paul Campus Ministry. International Dimensions in Education in a Changing World will be the topic at noon Monday, February 5.

Dr. Malcolm Purvis, professor of agriculture and applied economics at the University of Minnesota, will be the speaker.

Dr. Janice Hogan of the family social science department at the University of Minnesota will speak at noon on Monday, February 19. Her topic will be The Family and the Eco-System.

The talks are both free and open to the public.

Whitely asked that if you have participated in the program, tell a neighbor. If you have not, please feel free to call YCRC if you have any questions. The phone number is 645-8999.

Glass (green, amber and clear) should be rinsed out. Tin cans should have paper removed and be rinsed out. Aluminum, newspaper and cardboard should be separated and put in paper bags or boxes. To have items picked up leave them on the curb or steps after 9:30 a.m.

South of Como pickup dates are February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26 and September 23.

North of Como pickup dates are February 28, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26, July 24, August 28 and September 25.
Caucuses Meet

Independent-Republicans will be holding precinct caucuses at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26 in accordance with state statutes. A pre-caucus meeting will be held at 7:30. We encourage all qualified voters to participate in this grass roots meeting where they may influence selection of candidates, campaign issues, party platforms and election of delegates to represent their precinct at the legislative district level. Caucus locations are as follows: Gordon School 11-2, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10; Hancock School 10-6, 10-8, 10-9; Murray Jr. High School 10-5, 10-10, 10-12; Lauderdale Village Hall (1891 Walnut) LA-1 and Falcon Heights Village Hall FH-1, FH-4.

If you have a question about what precinct you live in, contact the county auditor. For additional information about the Independent-Republicans call their office at 291-1286 or Joy Albrecth 644-8833.

D.F.L. caucuses will also be held on February 26. Call your representative for time and place.

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Three Financial Counseling Seminars will be offered to our customers and friends this year as follows. Information on seminar dates and times will be forthcoming.

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- "Financial Planning and Record Keeping"
  Reviews financial assets, develops personal financial goals and designs systems for organizing personal finances.

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