Post Office Robbed
By Catherine Madison

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, at about 11:45 a.m., three men robbed the post office at 2286 Como Ave. The robbers wore masks, hoods, and gloves, and carried sawed-off shotguns. They escaped with about $400 from the clerk's cash drawers.

"They came in through the back door," said manager Bob O'Neill. "They made us all get down on the floor, including two customers. One kicked me in the shoulder and told me to open the safe. He just sort of brought his foot up from the floor; we figured they didn't want to hurt us too much."

O'Neill said the post office had been broken into before at night but had never been the scene of an armed robbery. The crime is a federal offense and carries a mandatory sentence of 25 years in prison.

There were about five such offenses in St. Paul last year, and practically all of them were solved, said A.F. Lamden, assistant inspector of the external crimes section of the St. Paul division of the Postal Inspection Service. This federal agency is responsible for enforcing the postal laws, and its personnel work in conjunction with local police.

"So far we have no suspects, but we are aggressively investigating the case," Lamden said. "We look for physical evidence, similar MOs (methods of operation), things like that. We have a fairly good track record. Of course, the fact that they were wearing masks makes it much more difficult."

Lamden said that information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects could bring a $5,000 reward.

The occurrence has resulted in a few changes. "We're trying to make sure all the doors are locked," O'Neill said. "With carriers going in and out all the time, it's pretty hard to make sure the doors are locked after them."

Other shops in the area have not been without similar problems. Villa Sportswear owner Mary Slind, who called police when cashier Robert Huchner managed to escape the post office and report the robbery in progress, said she had lost nearly $400 in merchandise recently when her Como Avenue display window was broken into.

"It happened twice in the last month. Everything was stolen out of the window, and they cut the Plexiglas," she said.

Country Peddler has also had a problem with theft, but the manager declined to comment on specific details at this time.

The post office robbery has certainly "heightened people's awareness," said Bibelot owner Roxana Freese Merrill. Although her store has not been a target, she said that she and others may feel "a small sense of paranoia," particularly in view of the upcoming Christmas shopping season.

Citizens to Speak Out on Cleveland Ave. Issue
by Laurie Nelson

North St. Anthony Park residents concerned with a possible St. Paul City Council decision affecting Cleveland Avenue will be heard at a special meeting of the District 12 Community Council on Dec. 10. (See page 2.)

One resident who will state his views at the meeting is Quentin Elliott, 1209 Cleveland Ave. He says that a compromise will be necessary to best satisfy the parties concerned.

"Personally, I'd like to see parking bays (recessed parking areas) rather than just widening the street, since bays would be more aesthetically pleasing. Also, there must be more interruption of traffic, so the avenue won't become a thoroughfare," Elliott said.

John Rutford, 1384 Raymond, has a different opinion. He said that to ban parking on Cleveland would be "doing the wrong thing."

"Those who live on the avenue will have problems. Where will they go? Probably into the alleys and that will make the alley parking worse than it already is," he said.

Rutford proposes that the University of Minnesota make any concessions since the parking problem is mainly caused by university students. He said, "The university's got the room for widening if it needs to be done. If buses have trouble turning from Cleveland they can use other routes or the curbs at those corners would be cut back so it's easier."

Some residents feel that Cleveland Avenue is definitely too dangerous under the present conditions. Dr. Frederick Arny, 2117 Dudley, wouldn't mind if the city engineers "painted the curbs yellow right now."

Neighborhood participation and compromise from both sides will be necessary to resolve the problem, Elliott said. "We're being ostriches if we demand no change whatsoever. If we here in the Park try to be reasonable, I think the City Council will be reasonable."

Condo Comes to Lauderdale
by Kathy Egerton

Construction has begun on Bran- dychase, a 104-unit condominium complex north of Larpenteur Ave. at the old Rose Hill Nursery Site in Lauderdale.

Because this is a site-zoned for single family dwellings, a multiple family dwelling of this sort required thorough investigation by the Lauderdale City Council and the Plan Unit Development Committee as well as approval of Lauderdale residents.

Although private homes were originally intended for the site, Lauderdale Mayor Dave Nelson explains that current land and building costs now prohibit the construction of private homes there. Another option was an industrial or commercial project. Although economically practical, this alternative was unacceptable to the residential community in which the site is located.

Once these choices were narrowed, a consultant studied the relationship between the project and the community, analyzing factors such as traffic, sewer usage, and police and fire protection. Only after determining that there would be no negative impact upon the community was the project approved by the Development Committee and presented for public approval.

Because it has altered zoning provisions to permit this project, the city has more voice in the planning of the developments than usual. Although some residents feared that Brandychase would lower the value of surrounding properties, Mayor Nelson says he is convinced that the project will be an asset to the community and will actually raise neighborhood property values.

Brandychase, designed for moderate income families, will have one-bedroom units at $53,500 and two-bedroom units at $65,000. Contractor Stuart Nolan describes the structures as two-story buildings, with each unit having a private entrance, garage, and balcony. The complex will also include a swimming pool, tennis court, and children's play area.
Cleveland Ave. Meeting

Residents wanting to voice an opinion to the Department of Public Works about the possible widening of Cleveland Avenue are urged to attend a special meeting of the District 12 Community Council on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at the United Church of Christ. The church is located on the corner of Chelmsford and Commonwealth.

The District Council voted to hold the meeting in North St. Anthony Park to make attendance easier for many people as possible who might be concerned with this issue.

A parking ban on Cleveland Avenue was included in the ordinance establishing the residential parking permit system. This caused so much controversy that the City Council voted at the public hearing in October to separate the two issues.

At the same time, however, the Council directed the Department of Public Works (DPW) to return in 60 days with some recommendations on ways to solve the Cleveland Avenue traffic problems. This report will be made to the City Council in late December.

Special complaints have come from the MTC bus drivers saying that Cleveland is dangerous to drive. They specifically refer to winter conditions when snow at the curb causes cars to park farther into the street. The District 12 Council is inviting representatives of the unions to be present at the Dec. 10 meeting.

Four possible alternatives are:
1. To do nothing.
2. To ban parking on the street, either permanently or during the day.
3. To widen each side approximately two feet to allow for better traffic passage plus parking.
4. To construct recessed parking on one side of the street.

A representative of the Department of Public Works will be present at the meeting and will have plans and cost estimates for each of the various alternatives.

Residents who would like to express an opinion and will be unable to attend the meeting are asked to write a letter to the District 12 Council, 2380 Hampden Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114.

You Are Needed!

New trees are planted on many boulevards in North St. Anthony Park. Residents should water them thoroughly every seven to ten days this fall. Put the hose by the tree base and run water gently for about two hours. Do not fertilize the tree or remove the stakes or wood chips. If the tree does not seem to do well call the Forestry Section, 488-7291.

Numerous Indian families in St. Paul are finding the food shelves bare at the Department of Indian Work, St. Paul Council of Churches. Requests have increased this fall and responses to the appeals for canned and packaged foods have been less than usual. If you can donate food, take it to the Council offices, 1671 Summit Ave.

Do You Know?

An ENERGY HOTLINE and SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICE will be in operation 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, during the heating season. Trained volunteers will help seniors in need of emergency housing due to power or furnace outage, or in need of emergency fuel fills. Call 291-6795. The hotline is co-sponsored by the Ramsey County Commissioners and the St. Paul chapter of the Red Cross.

Free legal information is available from the Minnesota Bar Association by calling the Tel-Law tape library. The three-to-six minute tapes must be requested by number. For example, dial 227-5297 and ask for No. 112 to hear “What is estate planning?” Others are: No. 4, “What is Legal Assistance of Ramsey County?” or No. 50, “Financial benefits for the innocent victim of a violent crime.” A directory of all 125 tapes may be obtained from Minnesota Tel-Law, 700 Cargill Bldg., Minneapolis, MN 55402.

Frequently we are asked, “What does the District 12 Council DO?” The usual answer involves decisions on issues related to land use, zoning, etc. But a project initiated through Council’s Human Services Committee is moving on a new direction—outreach, especially to senior citizens, but also to meet other residents’ service needs.

As part of this outreach you will now find two new blocks of information on the District 12 page, “You Are Needed!” and “Do You Know?” The District 12 Council voted in September to include these items regularly in order to give residents information that might not otherwise reach them.

LEAF COMPOSTING is underway on city owned land north of Robbins Street between Bayless and Manuel. City trucks dumped a few loads here during the Concentrated Services Delivery Week. Residents who are taking leaves and would like to add them to the compost pile can take them to the site. Leaves in plastic bags must be dumped out and the bags taken away. The compost will be available to residents next spring for use on gardens and flower beds. Photo by Gerald McKay.

Season's Greetings from District 12
By Jim Brogan

Charles Anderson, newly appointed president of Augsburg College in Minneapolis, frankly admits that in St. Anthony Park his wife, Catherine, is far better known than he is.

"The kids call me 'Mrs. Anderson's husband,'" he laughs, "and sometimes even Mrs. Anderson's father!"

His wife gallantly offers an explanation: "Children that age don't really know what 'husband' means," she says. "Father is something they understand."

The reason local youngsters give her top billing is readily understandable. While her husband has pursued a career in academics and the Lutheran ministry, Kate Anderson has been teaching at St. Anthony Park Nursery School and leaving a personal imprint on many children in the community. She has only this fall decided, after 17 years, to leave the classroom and devote full attention to her duties as director of the school.

When asked if she considers her move a retirement, she shakes her head. "No," she says. "I miss the children, but your time fills up. There aren't any holes."

Anderson does not appear to be someone who is ready to retire. A handsome woman with long gray hair pulled tight against her ears and falling down her back, she seems too young to have two grown children already setting out on their own careers. But Eric, 25, has recently begun work as an officer in the St. Paul police department, and Kristin, 22, is a graduate student in Scandinavian art history at the University of Minnesota.

Charles Anderson, too, presents a youthful appearance, despite the readiness of his wife's students to promote him 20 years beyond his time. Trim and in evident good health, he keeps in shape by playing handball whenever his busy schedule allows it, and more recently, by keeping their new wood-burning stove supplied with fuel.

The Andersons have been acquainted with St. Anthony Park since 1954, when Charles enrolled as a student at Luther Theological Seminary. They moved here in 1961, when Charles returned to the seminary to teach in the field of reformation studies. In 1976, he took a position as academic dean at Augsburg, where he remained until he became president earlier this year.

Their two careers have thus proceeded along parallel lines, although at opposite ends of the educational spectrum. Do they notice any similarities?

"Well, I guess so," volunteers Kate Anderson. "I work with the little kids and he works with the big kids."

When reminded that a two-career marriage is far more common today than it was almost 20 years ago, she insists that for her it was no particular problem because both of their children were already in school, and she had her mornings free to work.

"It was like it is for mothers today," she says. "I was only away from home three mornings a week."

"Some parents are probably better for being away from home," she says. They're more attentive to the children when they get back, and perhaps more honestly in a position to show them affection. As many of us know, who have been confined all day at home with a child, the nerves can wear thin by late afternoon. So nursery school in many cases is doubly desirable.

"Sure, there's an advantage for the children," she says. "It gives them confidence to be away from home, and they know what it means to be a part of a group. They know what it means to have responsibility. It's good for the family and it's good for the children."

The same could no doubt be said of a college education, although as president, Anderson is learning to his dismay, sometimes the benefits to be gained from school are not quite as evident as the effort required to maintain enrollment and balance the books.

As a teacher, or even as a dean, he says, you have only two or three constituencies. As president, "the difference is that you have so many more constituencies," not only the students and teachers, but also the parents, the trustees, politicians and government officials—even the corporate community.

"It's like juggling with eight different balls in the air," he says, shaking his head.

For the most part, however, he says he enjoys his work as an administrator. He travels a lot, attending conferences, preaching in churches, and giving lectures at various places throughout the country. He appears to be a man quite comfortable with increased responsibilities.

There must of course be at least one drawback to life as a college president.

"Turn to page 17"
Community Is a Process

A neighborhood is made up of people, and in this neighborhood, it seems, they’re all interesting. Look at the people who appear on the pages of this issue of the Bugle: a nursery school director and college president who are married to each other, a teacher who has made it to the pages of “Corporate Reports,” a farmer who shares his skill with children. Look at the eleven individuals, ages ten to eighty, who have reminisced about memorable holidays. Consider the individuals quoted in news stories, expressing their views on a variety of topics.

The Bugle keeps a list of interesting people to write about, and the list keeps getting longer. It’s nice to feel that this neighborhood has a corner on interesting people. But the truth is, of course, that you can take 100 random people you will have 100 interesting stories, if you ask the right questions. All neighborhoods are made up of interesting people.

Not every neighborhood is a community however. For community you need not just people, but people who have a sense of belonging together—people who possess a shared sense of the past and commitment to the future.

St. Anthony Park is a community. More than in most neighborhoods the people who live here feel they are in something together. These are people who value the area’s past and articulate it. Here the wisdom of elders is sought and appreciated. Here it is recognized that myths emerging from the past are as valuable as fact. Ma Barker lived here if we believe she did. A house still belongs to its early residents even if they moved out 20 years ago.

The people of this neighborhood contribute to their common future. They examine, speak out on, and work to influence things that will affect the neighborhood: Cleveland Avenue, school reorganization, Kataza pond are current examples.

A community like this is a process, and people make it happen. To the extent that people use the Bugle to express themselves and their sense of the community, it is part of that process. It offers a common forum for reflecting upon the past, giving form to the present, and anticipating the future. In coming months the Bugle staff will be encouraging more individuals to write for the paper, either regularly or for a particular issue. If this is a role you would like to play in the community process, call us.

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Remembering Thanksgiving: Turkey Raisers’ Revenge

by James Wesley Brogan

From the time I was old enough to keep an entire calendar year in my mind and make comparisons, I realized that Thanksgiving was, among holidays, my favorite. It lacks the glitter and spectacle of some of its more celebrated counterparts, notably Christmas and the 4th of July, but to my mind this modesty is to its credit. It does not have to announce its importance with skyrockets and fireworks, nor appoint merchants and marketers to publicize its significance from a silent night into several noisy weeks of shopping. Somewhat Thanksgiving has managed to retain its spiritual integrity, to keep it pure and rustic, remembering our close friends and family by means of a quiet communion at the dinner table.

When I was a kid, we had Thanksgiving dinner at our house. My grandparents were already in their eighties, too old to manage all the work involved in feeding so many relatives, and in any case, if I’ve my memory can be trusted (I was my father’s), Grandma’s cooking was not something to be looked forward to on a holiday. More importantly, Irv raised turkeys for a living. My sisters and I grew up on a turkey farm, and it simply would not have made sense to go anywhere else for dinner.

Raising turkeys, I hasten to add, is a miserable business in many ways, and only a saint or an imbicile could spend a year in their company without coming to hate them a little. We raised 20,000 of them every year, the first flock of which arrived in late February and the third, or last of which did not leave until early November. For eight or nine months of the year we fed turkeys, watered turkeys, and cleaned up after turkeys, de-beaked turkeys, moved turkeys from the brooder house into the field, treated turkeys for disease, and finally, loaded turkeys into trucks for their journey to the packing plant.

It is characteristic of the aggregation involved in raising them that our last turkeys each year was also the most unpleasant. Full-grown toms (hens are sold separately a few weeks earlier) can average 30 pounds apiece or more, and the effort required to get them cornered, caught by the

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Maybe they’re right. Maybe I am hysterical. But just when most stay-at-home parents are looking forward to September the time the kids go back to school with relish, my palms begin to sweat. Things that used stay-at-home parents handle with ease, I dread.

First there are the get-acquainted meetings for the preschoolers and kindergartners, to help parents understand the curriculum. I am invitation comes home the first week of school and my husband and I sit down after dinner and over coffee. The state down. At 10:30 a.m. the school is prepared to tell us all about our child’s school. If one of its doesn’t go our kid will be labeled the child whose parents don’t give a damn. The meeting can’t be held at 6 or 7 p.m. No. It’s 10:30 a.m. So I spend two hours writing a note to my daughter’s teacher explaining how much we love her but that leaving work is tough—especially at 10:30. And would they please send us the materials from the meeting?

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Was Ma Barker a Park Person?

by Dave Shippee

Did Ma Barker, senior member of the murderous, bank robbing Barker gang of the 1930's, once reside on Knapp Street in St. Anthony Park?

One person who thinks she might have is Marion Hartwick. In the summer of '32 or '33 "a grandmotherly looking woman" named Barker lived in the house at 2227 Knapp St., according to Hartwick who lived next door at that time.

Hartwick was 10 years old then, and it was not until "years later" that she heard that the woman may have been the infamous Ma Barker.

Barker, born Arizona Donnie Clark, her two sons, Freddie and Doc (Arthur), Alvin Karpis, and other assorted mugs joined forces in the middle of the Great Depression to rob, murder, and kidnap their way into notoriety and fortune.

The gang operated in the Midwest and the South, occasionally retreating to St. Paul when the police were in pursuit. (Criminals and gangs were granted amnesty in St. Paul by Police Chief John J. O'Conor in 1924 as long as they did not commit crimes in the area. The "O'Connor System" was an unwritten law until late 1933 - about the time the Barker gang successfully kidnapped a St. Paul woman. Hartwick said Barker was "very ordinary looking." She was heavy, wore house dresses and "her hair was wound in a peg or bun."

According to Hartwick, Barker seemed to live by herself except for her grandson, Johnny, who would play outside while his grandmother remained in the house with the shades pulled. "Total I might have seen her seven times," remembered Hartwick. "I went to the store maybe twice for her."

In April, 1933, the Barkers robbed the bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, of $150,000. Shortly thereafter the gang kidnapped William A. Hamm, Jr., a wealthy St. Paul brewer, and collected $100,000 in ransom. A year later they kidnapped Edward G. Bremer for twice as much.

By late 1934 the gang could no longer evade the police by staying in Minnesota. They split up. Barker and her son Freddie were killed in a 45-minute shootout with the FBI in Florida a couple of months later.

Gordon Biehler, Jr., lived on Hillside Avenue in the 1930's, behind the house on Knapp Street. He didn't know of anyone named Barker living there, but recalls that a man named Crane lived in the house between 1930 and 1933.

"People wondered if he was a gangster because he ran off to Chicago a lot and had no regular job," Biehler said.

Sonny McCure, who grew up at 2231 Hillside Ave. during those years, also said no one named Barker had lived on Knapp. He remembers hearing about the Barker gang.

"Ma Barker and that gang lived in an apartment on Lexington right off Grand Avenue," McCure said. "My brother-in-law, who was in medical school at the University, lived there. His apartment or the one across the hall was shot up and raved when they were after Barker."

Since 1957 Sarabeth Barnes and family have owned the house at 2227 Knapp. She said she had heard about Ma Barker staying in the house from Hartwick.

"It was an interesting fact that led us always to speculate that we might find something in the house," she said.

Nothing that could be positively identified with the Barkers has been found yet. But Barnes and her husband did find a telegram in the attic that said, "Mom, don't Son." "It's just a conversation piece," said Barnes. She said it is fun to look at all the "nooks and crannies" and to think about the possibility of something hidden in a cistern under the basement floor.

Dave Shippee grew up in St. Anthony Park. He is a journalism student at the University of Minnesota.

Bakery Closes, New to Come

By Catherine Madison

The King's Bake Shoppe, which closed Nov. 14, was replaced by Sherman Bakery Ltd., a new bakery opening Dec. 1 in Milton Square.

According to Milton Square owner Mary Ann Milton, the King's Bake Shoppe was doing well but its owner, Bob Lietzke, was forced to close his East Side bakery that supplied the baked goods.

The new bakery will be run by Pamela Sherman, one of the founders of the New French Cafe in Minneapolis. Baked goods will be supplied twice daily by her other bakery, which opened in Southtown shopping center two and a half months ago.

"We are noted for our French bread and croissants," Sherman said. "We have also just started a line of all-butter Danish pastries."

Other specialties are all-butter Sheba cake, an extra rich French cake made with chocolate, butter, eggs, ground almonds and "very little flour," Sherman said. She said her bakery products contain butter only, whole fresh eggs, fresh fruit and real chocolate.

The bakery will also carry various "sturdy European-style" breads with no sweetening in addition to brownies and assorted cookies. Yule logs will be available for Christmas.

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Fire Hits Elevator on Hampden

Fire destroyed an old grain elevator on Hampden Avenue near Territorial Road on the night of Nov. 17. Flames shooting from the top of the 100-foot tall structure provided a spectacular scene for many St. Anthony Park residents.

The blaze started about 10:45 p.m. and was still burning the next morning.

The top half of the structure collapsed about 2 a.m., endangering fire fighters, but there were no injuries. Damage was estimated at $1 million. About a half million bushels of grain were in the building.

Bugle photographers Steve Dzubay and Dave Shippee were at the fire.
Fire Fighters Worked All Night

by Marge Adkisson

Did you attend a performance of “Those Who Favor Fire” at Murray last spring? Or take part a year ago in a workshop on ways to deal with sexual assault? Perhaps your child wore a painted face created at the library for Halloween or enjoyed an outdoor rendition of “Anansi” in Milton Square in August.

What do these events have in common? They took place chiefly because of the energy and talent of Steve Budas, one of St. Anthony Park’s artists-in-residence. For the past year and a half, Budas has responded to the needs of the community with 30 public performances and 50 workshops in a variety of forms.

Budas majored in theatre at Southern Illinois University and has specialized in mime and dance for the past ten years, seven of which have been on a professional level. After touring for two years with the Caravan Dance Company of St. Paul, Budas joined COMPAS (Community Programs in Arts and Sciences) Intersection, which is funded by the Mott Foundation. As a professional artist with COMPAS, he studied at the Samuel Ayital Mime School in Boulder, Colo. He is now establishing himself as a mime in the Twin Cities while continuing to work with COMPAS.

Budas was placed in this neighborhood by COMPAS. Intersection in March 1979, to serve as a resource in theatre and dance. He began by using mime as a medium, doing demonstrations in people’s homes. He designed and conducted a three-part program to help people prevent sexual assault. It included educating children about their rights to their own bodies, teaching nonviolent self-defense techniques to use if attacked, dispelling “myths” about sexual attack and suggesting ways to offer support to victims.

For residents interested in learning to appreciate ballet, Budas organized a “Nutcracker” evening that began with a 20-minute demonstration to a group who then boarded a bus and attended a full-length ballet at reduced prices.

For the last two St. Anthony Park festivals, Budas coordinated all the theatre and some dance presentations. During the summer, he conducted a children’s theater workshop, out of which came “Anansi,” based on an African folk tale.

Besides teaching adult acting classes at Linnea Home and the University this fall, Budas has taught an acting class for children in the library. The group will present several character studies for the public on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. The library staff will serve refreshments honoring Steve Budas and his students following the program.

Budas has announced the formation of a drama club for anyone interested in promoting theatre in the Park. The goal will be to present regular performances. The club, for anyone 10 years and older, will collect nominal dues and hope for donations from the community. In addition to acting and production crews, the club will welcome anyone interested in writing new scripts for children. The information meeting will be on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Flyers posted in the Park will announce location, or for more information call Budas at 292-3254.

As of January, 1981, Budas will no longer be regularly assigned to the Park. His considerable talents will be the good fortune of Dayton’s Bluff and West Side communities. He will, however, be available for consulting, special workshops with the drama club, and for performances, if requested.

Marge Adkisson is assistant librarian at the St. Anthony Park Library.

Fiesta / Fête

A Spanish-French Christmas celebration will occur in St. Anthony Park on Dec. 17. Children who are students of French and Spanish taught by Arlene Mann are planning the party for themselves and their parents and friends.

“As far as I know,” Mann said, “it’s the first Fiesta de Navidad or Fête de Noel in the Park.” The party will be held in the Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

The 25 children will sing carols and perform skits in the two languages, and refreshments will be typical holiday foods from Spanish-speaking and French-speaking countries. Breaking a large piñata filled with nuts, dried fruits, and candy will be a highlight of the party.
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Mumbleau Moves into Computers

by Linda Breitag

Every weekday, businessman Richard Mumbleau leaves his home office in disgrace (no three-piece suit, no briefcase), arrives at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, greets his co-workers, and faces a crowd of sixth graders. Each evening, he leaves school to work as vice president of his own company, Minnesota Software Inc. His business—selling computer programs.

Officially formed last November, MSI was the brainchild of Mumbleau's friend, John West, whose longtime enthusiasm for computers has spread gradually to Minneapolis. It was after purchasing an Apple II microcomputer, Mumbleau began searching for good microcomputer programs (software). Both he and West, however, experienced a frustrating difficulty in locating and acquiring these materials. Orders could take weeks or even months to arrive, and programs available at commercial retailers were limited.

Perceiving that this problem was caused less by lack of consumer interest than by the sheer youth of the industry, the two computer buffs decided to provide a software service geared to the home computer owner. They wanted to offer a fast response to orders (Mumbleau fills orders the day they are received) and a broad selection of programs ranging from games to educational and home-and-business aids.

Rarely a year later, the MSI catalog is in its second printing, an advertising campaign is well underway, customer lists approach 1000, and the two-man corporation has been featured in "Corporate Report" magazine.

Mumbleau's desire to make computers less intimidating carries over into his teaching: he is eager to hasten the development of computer use in schools. At MSI, Mumbleau locates and chooses among educational programs from 100 or so vendors which offer microcomputer software. In the process, Mumbleau has discovered many programs which he believes would be helpful both in schools and home-tutoring aid.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School has phone-terminal access to a time-shared computer, but Mumbleau has been encouraging the purchase of an Apple computer. He emphasizes that the acquisition would benefit students and also assist in simplifying office and administrative tasks such as inventories and records, mailing lists, and budget and curriculum designing.

Mumbleau realizes that parents may have reservations about the impersonality of "education by machine." Far from advocating less-teacher-student contact, however, he sees computer programs as complementary to conventional education.

Many programs offered in the MSI catalog are designed to strengthen skills in vocabulary, reading, and spelling or to increase math, logic and memory aptitude. A computer can give the immediate and individual response that teachers often cannot. Mumbleau argues, and programs can be adjusted to the child's comprehension and ability level, helping to alleviate problems of frustration and boredom.

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Volunteers: 'I'm Glad They Come'

By Mary Mergenthaler

Follow her around to see a school volunteer in action. One day she works in the school library helping a child find just the right book on dinosaurs. The next she listens to a sixth grader eagerly relating details of a book he just read. Or perhaps, she'll be talking quietly to a child who forgot his lunch, helping another find a lost jacket, or even sending a wandering student back to class.

She's Mary Ann Peterson and she's one of more than 80 volunteers at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. "I help at school because I enjoy working with children and I get to know the teachers better and to meet my children's friends. It seems that helpers are needed more than ever now because of the increasing number of working parents," says Peterson.

Most volunteers choose one or two areas in which to serve. They can work on a one-to-one basis with students, particularly the younger ones, or with groups of students in programs like second-grade learning stations, where teacher-planned learning games are provided. They can choose to work behind the scenes, shelving books in the school library or helping in the office, or directly with students in programs such as book conferences (individual oral book reports). They might decide to teach a short course in an area of special interest.

The volunteer program offers parents and people in the community an opportunity to be partners in the educational process. They become partners with teachers and other professional staff in ways which are supportive to the teacher's role, consistent with the school's goals, and, most important, helpful to children.

Nancy Braseol, left, assists Joshua Becerra on a reading machine in the media center. Photo by Truman Olson.

Sometimes the partnership role requires preparation time for teaching mini-courses or tutoring. But there are many jobs which simply require the presence of adults. No matter what age, a community member who loves children can perform significant service by being available to children read aloud or by being willing to read a story to a small group.

On the subject of senior citizen volunteers, school principal Dr. Charles Welden commented, "There are many opportunities at the school for the involvement of the elderly, and we're anxious to help make that happen."

Our team couldn't operate the reading center without the volunteers we have," says fifth-grade teacher Midge Hultman and sixth-grade teacher Blanch Burroughs. "Our program really is dependent on them. They're phenomenal!"

Some volunteers perform "traditional" tasks such as serving as room parents or helping when safety patrols are solved away from school, but many others help in a variety of more unusual ways.

Bonnie Brandt regularly hauls pick-up truckfuls of used clothing to the St. Paul PTSA's used clothing center for families in need. Carolyn Herrmann, Karen Underbakke, and Mary Ann Jers help locate people willing to put Block Home signs in their windows. The signs indicate people's willingness to be available to help a child in need.

When asked what she thought about learning stations, second grader Hilary Elavsky exclaimed, "They're wonderful!"

When it was pointed out that volunteers are necessary to help the teachers with that program, she announced, "I'm glad they come!"

If you are interested in volunteering at St. Anthony Park Elementary School in any capacity, contact volunteer coordinator Mary Mergenthaler, 644-1650.
Notes from Murray & Como

by Ann Bulger

Winter trimester begins Dec. 1 at Murray Magnet Junior High.

The community is invited to the winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Murray gym. The concert will include selections from both the band and the choir. Refreshments will be served by the PTSA. Felix James is the director for vocal and instrumental music.

Winter athletics are getting into full swing. Wrestling will be coached by Roy Magnussen, boys’ basketball by Bill Acree, and girls’ basketball by Brian Wold. Bobbi Fitznerberger coached the girls’ volleyball team, which just concluded a season of interscholastic games with other junior highs in the city.

The Como Park Senior High girls’ swim team captured first place in the St. Paul city meet after winning the city conference top ranking during the season. They are currently preparing for the Twin City Swim meet, which was burned by Minneapolis, and the sectional meet, which will determine qualifiers for the state meet.

Coached by Ron Slottve, team members are: seniors Carol Harmsville, Marie Marchio and Theresa Nelson; juniors Sarah Zottola, Ann Sargent, Lisa Stroscian and Kaia Harth; sophomores Maran Jordan, Tamia Gali, for Denovit, Lisa and Lia Gore; freshman Corrine Monahan, Amy Pearson, Ruth Lageson and Barb Plankkolu; seventh-grader: Nancy Walstrom. Lisa Stroscian, Kaia Harth and Lia Gore are also divers. The junior high girls attend Murray but are allowed to swim for Como.

Winter athletics at Como will begin with the new trimester on Dec. 1. These include basketball, tennis, soccer, swimming, and gymnastics.

The Como band will perform its winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The public is welcome.

On Dec. 11, Como students begin their Mistletoe Magic Program, through which they bring food and toys for needy families for the holidays.

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St. Anthony Park Association

by Kevin Whiteley

The St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform Hodie’s “This Day,” by Ralph Von Williams, on Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. Ken Fletcher will conduct.

The traditional children’s pageant will be on Dec. 14, at 10 a.m., and the family celebration on Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. The Christmas Eve service will be held at 11 p.m.

The “Hanging of the Greens” Advent celebration will take place at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Como Avenue at Lura Street, which will include special music pointing to the approach of Christmas.

Choir, soloists, and instrumentalists will present Bach’s Cantata “Lobe, Come,” on Dec. 7. Dolley’s “A Little Advent Music” on Dec. 14, and Bach’s cantata “Come, Thou Saviour of Our Race” on Dec. 21. All services are at 11:00 a.m.

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legs and handed up to the truck drivers is, to say the least, considerable, especially when the weather gets cold and your hands grow numb after the first couple of hours. If you are lucky, you can get rid of the last 2500 or 3000 birds in two days of hard work. If you are not stronger than I am, you are by this time completely exhausted, your back and legs and arms ache, you have been stung in the face, or across the bridge of your nose by more flapping wings than you care to remember, and you have taken on the unmistakable smell of the turkey yard, which does not wash away in one bath or one day.

You can imagine how grateful we were to be rid of turkeys for the next few months. Our general attitude at this time of year led us to enjoy (perhaps more than we should have) the prospect of roasting one of them for several hours. Although I never thought about this at the time, I suppose our holiday dinner was made more delicious by some slight tinge of revenge.

Cooperative Crime Control

St. Anthony Park citizenry need to assume major responsibilities for crime prevention, according to Mike Perichilli, officer with the crime prevention unit of the St. Paul Police Department. Perichilli spoke at the St. Anthony Park Association’s monthly meeting Nov. 11.

“Crime control philosophies of police chiefs around the country have changed,” he said. “Not long ago police chiefs were telling city councils to give them enough officers and money and they’d take care of crime prevention. Now cooperation with citizen groups is being emphasized,” he said.

“Crime control isn’t just about arming yourself and knowing where to hide when you’re afraid. There is a certain social responsibility which we all share. And it’s not just about locking bad people up; it’s about making our community safer.”

Perichilli encourages you to mark and identify your property. If it’s stolen, then the burden of proof in the courtroom shifts to the defendant who was caught possessing marked property and his attorney. If the property isn’t marked, you need to establish that it belongs to you. Applications for the Operation ID program are available from St. Anthony Park Library.

“Operation ID is the time of the year when snowmobiles are apt to be stolen from garages. They take the expensive ones like Toros— not usually K-Mart specials,” Perichilli added. He suggested chaining snowmobiles to a stationary object in the garage.

Locks Are “Delay” Factor

Good locks are a delay factor if someone tries to break into your house. “It may slow burglars down enough so that a neighbor will notice something suspicious and call police. There’s also a good chance that burglars will give up with good locks and look for easier pickings down the block,” Officer Perichilli said.

“If you see anything that looks suspicious, call the police,” he emphasized. “We need your help. There’s no way we can have enough police officers on patrol to prevent break-ins without the help of alert citizens.”

Crime prevention boils down to three essentials—anticipate, recognize and implement. Anticipation is making reasonable preparations to delay easy entrance to your home or garage. Recognizing potential trouble—people cruising in alleys, parked cars and other “irregular” activities—is the second ingredient. Implementing the police’s help for if you’re the last bit suspicious.

Get a Watchdog?

If you’ve been tempted to get a watchdog to guard your house while you’re away, you may want to reconsider why you want a dog and how effective it’s apt to be at chasing burglars.

A dog can be good at alerting you to prowlers while you’re at home. But when your house is unoccupied, a vicious dog isn’t worth the liability risk involved if it bites your friends and neighbors.

Small terriers and poodles are effective watchdogs when you’re at home. They make a lot of noise and will alert you if someone is around.

“But many big, vicious dogs are easily bribed by a McDonald’s cheeseburger,” Perichilli says. When you’re gone, he suggests leaving a radio turned up and outside lights on at night.

Electronic Alarm Systems

Officer Perichilli describes electronic alarm systems as “good but costly.” They start at about $800, and there are two types. A “local” system activates a signal like a bell or siren in your home in the event of a forced entry. The noise makes the uninivated guests depart. You buy the equipment and it’s yours.

Centrally installed systems are monitoring a central security system. In the event of an attempted forced entry, the police are called. You pay for the installation plus a monthly charge.

Local systems are more common since they’re less expensive.
The Advent wreath is a tradition in our family. For the past 28 years, on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we have covered a large weathered metal rim with evergreen boughs and topiary with a soft purple ribbon. After four white candles have been placed in the wreath's holders, it is hung from the ceiling in the Pusch home.

Our children are no longer present to turn them lighting the tapers and to reflect on the meaning of Advent, but the wreath remains to bring memories of Advents past and hope for the future.

Joyce Pusch
1400 Raymond

Every year on Christmas morning my brother, sister, and I have to wait at the top of the stairs and pose for a picture. Then we get to go downstairs and see what is there. First we see what Santa brought and then we open presents. We open presents in age order, so I go first because I'm the youngest.

At Christmas time I always feel really good because I don't have to worry about anything and I never have any problems. To me Christmas is not just presents and gifts. It is a time for being together and to have peace.

Doug Martin
2135 Hoyt

Christmas memories, oh so dear. The saving of our pennies for our Christmas tree excursion. Ah yes! Those winter air-conditioned rides in our car with a broken heater for our tree, to which we almost always had to add branches. My mother's typing of her Christmas letter that brought a chuckle to all who read it. The line of statues that she painted to sell to buy our Christmas presents. But most of all our trudging through the snow to Midnight Mass with my mother and sisters to celebrate the Baby Jesus birth. Then home we would go to open our gifts and to Mama fixing breakfast for us all.

Kathleen Clark
973 Bayless

Christmas memories.
The year our family got together to celebrate Christmas two weeks late, waiting for the return of a family member who was in the service overseas. Their return was the best present ever to the family.

The long trip home at Christmas time. It is easy to remember the long rides from BisMARK, North Dakota to Fairbault, Minnesota, in a 1954 Ford wagon sitting in the back seat with my two brothers and the back of the wagon full to the top with gifts. The longest, most memorable trip was when the heater went out and we were traveling down the highway very cold, with all the windows frosted over.

It was a Christmas tradition in my family to enter the house-decorating contest. Each year while Mom decorated inside with the newest decorating ideas of the time, such as flocked trees that rotated on the stand or trees with one-color ornaments save one external flood light, my Dad and I would light up the outside of the house. Our two biggest jobs were to make a six-foot wreath and to keep our fingers warm and movable during the process. The family efforts were often rewarded by winning or placing in the contests.

Brad Roosevelt
1431 Hyde

Christmas always has been a time for our family to be together. We build snowmen, go caroling, decorate our tree, bake all kinds of goodies, cook the dinner and do all the things that a typical, average family is supposed to do. Except, I honestly believe that the reason we do all these things is because we want to, and we want to be together. For me, the Christmas holidays would mean nothing without a family to share it with.

Liz Gore
1302 Raymond
Holiday memories. Should I write about the year my cat ate the Christmas Eve lutefisk, the year I really saw Santa Claus outside my house, or our storybook Christmas in Connecticut? Better think again.

Since earliest childhood, Christmas and Germany have been synonymous in my mind: Martin Luther and the legend of the fir tree, "O Tannenbaum," "Away In A Manger," "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht." So, what a thrill it was to live in Germany in 1975-76! That meant Christkindlmarke, marzipan, chocolate Santas, and real candles and handmade wooden ornaments on our tree. At 4 a.m. on Christmas Eve is began to snow—big, fat, lazy flakes. It fell throughout the night and all Christmas Day.

We relive this Christmas each year as we decorate our tree with the wooden ornaments. It will always be in our family's memory—warm, cozy, stiff...perfect!

Faith Freseh
c.256 Hendon

Complementing the celebration of Christmas in the churches of our community, many related activities are remembered as we look back over 35 years. It was a tradition to take our five children down to Nicollet Avenue on the way home from Thanksgiving dinner to see the decorated windows of Dayton's, Donaldsons and the other stores. The animation of fairy tales and Mother Goose rhymes made these windows exciting.

And all of the children looked forward to helping mix, cut, bake and decorate a gingerbread house for Christmas. We often had burned fingers from the hot melted sugar used to glue the house together. But it was fun to put the white frosting on to indicate windows and other features. When the house was finished, everybody helped with cinnamon rolls for Christmas Eve.

Gerald R. McKay
2231 Hendon

In December 1940, in Miss Ohman's room at Gutersen, we wrote a play. Each of us was to describe Christmas observances in our family's part of "the old country."

What I remember best was not my own contribution, but that of my friend, Ruth Rigler. She told of a Polish Christmas, then explained that her family had a different observance because they were Jews. She emphasized the lighting of the menorah each evening during Hanukkah.

In later years I sang through many Christmas festivals at Murray and was uncomfortable with the theological orthodoxy of the words and the tableaux. Much as I loved the music, I longed to celebrate our cultural and religious diversity as we had done in Miss Ohman's sixth grade.

Errol Larson Griffin
2285 Doswell

That was the year we lived in Kinderhook, N.Y., not long before the "War To End All Wars." My brother was nine and I was eight, and there was a little sister around somewhere, too. As usual on Christmas Eve, we were relegated to bed at what seemed an unnecessarily early hour, but we were told, in effect, that the coast had to be clear for Santa Claus.

Now, my brother and I were far from sophisticated; we did not even go to public school with other kids, but had a tutor instead. Yet, by that time we sensed there was something fishy going on. Keyed up as we were, we listened carefully. We heard much rustling and opening and closing of the back door. (Santa bringing in the tree and stuff?) Then we heard the unaccustomed rumble as the sliding doors between the hall and living room were closed. This was almost too much.

We waited what seemed ages, maybe half an hour, and finally crept downstairs to peer through the crack between the doors. There they were, Mother and Father, trimming the tree and piling presents under it; all those things we had hoped for and more. My, but they seemed to be having such a jolly time! Unfortunately, while my brother and I got to scrambling for the best position where we could see, we banged the door, and the jig was up. Remonstrances were loud and clear, "You have spoiled everything," and we were packed off upstairs again. My parents' anger was obvious, but I did not sense until later that we had spoiled their game, their charade. Today, I suppose, one would have said that we helped them "face reality."

Nevertheless, the next day there was nothing to do but join them in their game, maybe partly for the little sister's sake, and partly to reassure ourselves. We said, "Boy, what a tree, candles and all, Santa brought." and "He didn't forget the sled and skates." It didn't spoil the fun; it added to it. We had gained a new respect for our parents and what they had always done for us in Santa's name, and now we were allies.

Romney Clarke
2228 Knapp

Photograms by Nancy Haley

At the Christmas Tree program 70 years ago the children sang "Jeg Er Saa Glad" (I am so glad.) They had no visions in their heads of sugar plums, but rather of "Julkake." They were the children of Luther Seminary personnel and others in the Saint Anthony Park area. It was called The Wartburg Lutheran Church, named after Wartburg Castle, Eisenach, Germany where Luther translated the New Testament into the German language.

The congregation was formed in 1903, and was the only church in the area formed by an ethnic group using a language other than English. They worshiped in the beautiful chapel wing of the Seminary, a portion of which has been rebuilt into two floors of dormitory rooms in Bockman Hall. By the 1930's the name was changed to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, and the present sanctuary was built in the 1950's.

The congregation was initially served by Seminary professors, such as Dr. C. M. Weswig, 1920 to 1938. The first full-time pastor was Rev. Langemo, 1938 to 1943. Gerald Giving served interim for a year during the war, until Alvin Lewis Sr. became the pastor.

Christmas 1943 was a colorful and suspenseful event, especially when the large group of children was crowded around the small altar area. There were four companies of Navy men in training on the St. Paul Campus. Some had their families, or the families came to spend Christmas with them here. Some of the children had a charming down-south accent, or a Hoosier accent. Occasionally a Navy man had his fiancee come and they were married in our church. One such couple came back from California last year, after 46 years, to Pastor Giving to reaffirm and consecrate their vows.

One dear and special family unit was the Andersons Malme family, missionaries from the Sanul Mission in India. They could not go home to Norway during the occupation, so chanced to procure passage across the Pacific on a freighter, and settled down in St. Anthony Park for the duration. They had two little children, Hans Olaf and Astrid, and the mother taught Norwegian to military personnel on the campus; there was the possibility of a military invasion of occupied Norway.

By a system of rotation, a new company of Navy men came to the campus every two weeks, and the clergy of the five churches in north Saint Anthony Park met with them on their arrival, and invited them to our churches, especially for the Christmas program. The Christchild and the manger story were the links that bound us all together, regardless of where our guests came from.

Gerald Giving
2301 Carter
Assistant Principal with a Difference

by Laurie Nelson

JoAnn McMahon is a high school assistant principal with a difference. Not only is she a woman in a traditionally male position, but she also brings to Como Park Senior High School a special concern for drawing diverse groups of students closer together through school courses and activities.

This is McMahon’s first year as one of two assistant principals at Como, which was created when Murray and Washington high schools merged last year. Como is a large school made up of several neighborhood populations, such as St. Anthony Park, Como Park and Rice Street, several racial populations, and other special populations, such as the handicapped. As an assistant principal, McMahon paves the way for students to join classes and activities that have normally drawn from only one segment of the school’s population.

For example, she works with the school’s intercultural committee to lure more minority students into clubs and extracurricular activities. College prep courses actively recruit students who have usually chosen easier classes.

McMahon encourages girls to register for higher level math and science courses and traditionally male classes such as industrial arts. She believes this helps steer more girls into college and on to exciting occupations.

While teaching English at Harding High School in the early 70’s, McMahon was drawn to leadership roles, becoming head of her department and chairperson of the curriculum committee. In 1978 she completed a doctorate in educational administration and began a series of jobs that led to her present position at Como.

According to McMahon, Como students don’t question having a female administrator. “Never has a student commented to me that it’s unusual having a woman principal. They are so used to having woman teachers that it probably seems more normal to them than it does to adults,” she said.

“I have heard it said that some students think I’m tougher than the men administrators,” she added. “But that’s just due to a difference in personalities.”

One of McMahon’s goals for Como is improving reading skills. With a strong background in the humanities, she is an administrator unusually well-qualified in this area. “Principals need to be more involved in curriculum and should provide leadership in emphasizing certain subjects, especially reading,” she said.

McMahon’s daily tasks include managing the school’s formidable master schedule. Of the six female assistant principals in the St. Paul school system, she is the only one with this responsibility, which includes deciding which subjects and how many sections of each will be offered each semester and working with the different departments in deciding which teachers will teach the courses. She also handles discipline and support services for the sophomore class.

Helping to create a school that offers equality of educational opportunity for all students is McMahon’s chief professional interest. She pursues this interest not only in her office, but by working closely with teachers on curriculum and by talking with students while out in the building. She is especially interested in helping girls recognize their potential and pursue courses in high school and beyond to fulfill this potential.

McMahon shared a conversation she frequently has. “If a sharp girl tells me she wants to go to secretarial school and then work in an office, I say sure, why not work in an office? But be the boss instead. My own daughter is a stock broker, although I don’t know if it’s through any influence of mine,” she added with a smile.

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Christmas Tree Tips

While almost any evergreen will do as a Christmas tree, most people look for the traditional conical shape and dense boughs. According to Dr. Marvin Smith of the University of Minnesota Forestry Extension Service, Scotch and Norway pine are Minnesota favorites.

Smith estimates that the average tree this year will cost between $1.75 and $2.25 per foot.

A tree that is bought in Minnesota was probably grown here. "Minnesota has a very large Christmas tree industry" said Smith. "Tree cutting begins about mid-October and shipping begins in mid-November. Christmas trees can be cut that early because evergreens lose moisture very slowly. However there is a point at which lost moisture cannot be replaced and the tree will wither and die."

There are four good ways to check tree freshness. It is best to use at least two of the methods for tree selection and if possible all four.

• Stroke the needles gently. If they remain firmly in place or the tree is fresh.

• Thump the stump on the ground. If this results in a shower of needles, don't buy that tree.

• If the temperature is above 32° bend a needle gently. It should spring back. If the tree is fresh, the needle will break even if the tree is fresh.

• Check the bottom of the stump. If it is moist, the tree is fresh. (However if a lot of other people have been trying the second test, then the bottom of a fresh tree will be dry.)

Whether the tree you have selected is fir, pine or spruce, you'll need to give it the same care to keep it fresh, attractive and safe throughout the holiday season. It is best to store the tree outside before it is set up. If the temperature is above freezing, keep the stump in a bucket of water. And regardless of temperature keep the tree out of the sun and wind.

Right before placing the tree in its stand, cut one to two inches from the bottom of the stump in a straight line. This will allow the tree to begin to take up water. Check the well after the first two hours and add more water if necessary. A tree can take up a quart of water a day, or more, so be sure to check on the tree daily after that. The water helps keep the needles soft, the branches from drooping and the tree smelling fresh.

There are many family traditions about what to put in the water to keep the tree fresh, but according to Smith no chemical or combination of chemicals has been found to be any more effective than plain water. Just be sure to use a tree stand that holds water and to check the water level daily.

During the holiday season a Christmas tree can be the center of the festivities. After the holiday your tree still has some uses. It can be placed outside as a bird feeder and shelter. Branches can be cut and used as window-box decoration. The trunk can be used as firewood, or chipped for mulch. One or more trees (which are very cheap on Dec. 25 and after) can be used for winter landscaping around your house to fill in snow covered flower beds. Placed outside the tree will last until April.

Patricia Force is a former resident of St. Anthony Park. She is currently getting a master's degree in Horticulture at the University of Minnesota.

South Park Rec

The South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center will hold its Christmas show on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. Santa Claus will be there for the kids, and everyone is invited to attend. Volunteers are needed to help with the show, if you are interested, please call Curt at 644-9188.

Registrations are being taken at the center for the following activities: basketball, broomball, arts and crafts, cooking classes, aerobics, dance, country western swing and film animation.

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Parking permits will be on sale at the St. Anthony Park Library on Monday, Dec. 1, and Thursday, Dec. 4, from 7-8:45 p.m. A letter of explanation and two permit applications were mailed in mid-November to all residents affected by the permit parking ordinance.

Residents not able to purchase permits at the Library should contact the Department of Public Works, 294-7091.

Each permit costs $5 and application must be made on the authorized forms. Each applicant, including students and other temporary residents, must submit proof of residency.

Transferable visitor permits also may be purchased at a cost of $5 each. Unlimited numbers of visitor permits are available to residents.

Residents desiring special permits at 50 cents each for a one-time event must contact the Director of Public Works. These permits can be denied if the location or time of the event is found to create a serious traffic problem.

Permit stickers are to be placed in the lower rear corner of the left side window closest to the rear of the car. Visitor permits shall be placed in a conspicuous spot on the front of the vehicle.

After the Permit Parking signs are installed, all vehicles must display the stickers or permits or be subject to ticketing. Permits do not guarantee a parking space in front of a particular house, but only allow residents to park within the designated permit area without limit.

Handicapped persons holding a valid identifying certificate under Minnesota Statutes are exempt from the limit time parking regulations.

Festivities at Gibbs Farm

The excitement of a traditional holiday will be discovered and its folkways explored in a series of special events planned for December by the Ramsey County Historical Society's Gibbs Farm Museum in Falcon Heights.

On Dec. 7, the Gibbs Farm's pioneer kitchen will be filled with exciting aromas as staff members demonstrate traditional methods for candy-making on the old-fashioned kitchen range. Children will be given a chance to help pull the taffy, and hot cider and coffee will be served.

On Dec. 14, staff members will be in the kitchen again to demonstrate recipes for traditional holiday breads, including cranberry, apple and cheese, as well as fruitcakes.

Holiday decorations and Christmas caroling will greet visitors to the farm on Dec. 21, when the staff will host a special Christmas celebration. Ginger and sugar cookies, coffee and hot cider will be served.

In a series of five programs, titled "Christmas Folkways in the Twin Cities," traditional customs, holiday recipes, and decorations of several ethnic groups will be explored. They include the Germans on Dec. 23, the Irish on Dec. 26, the English on Dec. 28 and the Scandinavians on Dec. 30. Ethnic stories will be presented during each session, and coffee and cider will be served.

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that "sounds like something out of Star Wars." He hopes to utilize these attention-getters to replace or enhance the excessive printed material in most programs. Eventually, these programs would be made available to other schools through MSI.

Mumbleau is excited about "being on the ground floor" of a technological wave with far-reaching implications for the future, implications which he admits can be frightening. He cites predictions that by 1984, 50 percent of all business will be conducted from private-home computer communication centers.

"I know it sounds a bit impersonal," he says, "but there is also an oil crisis to consider. Why drive from White Bear Lake to the IDS Center when most business takes place by phone already?"

Ten years ago, microwave ovens and hand-held calculators were a marvel; today, they are commonplace in many, if not most, homes. Mumbleau still keeps a slide rule in his desk to show students, and says, "It's like pulling out a dinosaur. Who wants to look at a slide rule?"

At least two of his students have computers at home, and one former student is interested in writing programs for MSI. Already, high school and college graduates seeking to enter the business world find themselves handicapped without some familiarity with computers. Mumbleau notes, and this trend promises to continue.

Linda Breitag is a recent graduate of St. Olaf College. She is currently doing free-lance writing while looking for something a bit less free.

Christmas Boutique

by Martha Saul

The Corpus Christi Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon till 4 p.m. at Corpus Christi School, Fairview Avenue and County Road B.

Mami St. Anthony Park people are helping prepare for the event, including Lois Mattman, Mary Faber, Carole Meyers and Lori Ensmo, who is heading up the bake sale.

A special feature of the boutique will be the raffle for a three-piece ceramic nativity set, painted and donated by parish member, Kathy Clemen.

Other features include crocheted knitted and sewn articles for gift-giving and year-around use. There will be Christmas specialties such as small-fabric trees, calico wreaths, lollipop ornaments, quilted Christmas balls and Danish crostitch Christmas scenes and miniature pictures.

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Foreign students will no longer be eligible to apply for the Rental Assistance Programs as a result of a 1980 legislative decision. As soon as guidelines are provided by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office, the new rules will be implemented.

Parent Education
The St. Anthony Park Library will offer a five-session parent education class during the preschool story hour beginning Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. The series, led by parent education specialist Corine Nirenstein, will begin with the topic of toys. Participants will bring an example of a toy that has worked for them and one that has not. The group members will decide on future topics according to their particular areas of interest. Meetings will not include the last two Wednesdays in December, but will resume in January.

Child care for toddlers will be provided by students from Murray, High with the library staff. Pre-registration for the class, free to the public, is being done in the library.

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Rising energy costs are an unpleasant reality for all of us. For an increasing number of people, though, energy bills place a very heavy burden on the family budget, especially during the heating months.

We at NSP believe prices should reflect the actual costs of providing energy services. We make every effort to control our costs, but inflation and higher fuel prices eventually must appear in customer rates.

At the same time, we recognize our responsibility to help customers who sincerely cannot meet the costs of our services. I'd like you to know our plans for helping customers this heating season.

Even if you're not facing a serious problem with your bills, you may still need a relative, neighbor or friend who might need assistance this year.

Coping with Higher Bills.

There are ways to gain more control over your energy bills. The first is to use the minimum amount of energy you really need. Your local NSP office has many booklets on insulating, weatherstripping and other energy efficiency techniques. You may also call our ASK NSP information service (330-6000), call collected from outside the 612 area code for pre-recorded conservation tips. If you need information on more complicated conservation matters, the service will refer you to an NSP energy counselor.

In 1981, Minnesota utilities will begin a new home energy audit program. Once the program is operating in your area, you may request a thorough energy evaluation of your home for a minimal charge.

Finally, our Speakers Bureau offers several energy conservation presentations tailored to various groups. For instance, one program explains conservation techniques for those on a very tight budget. For more information, call the Speakers Bureau at (612) 330-6677.

Our Budget Helper Plan is another way to manage your NSP bills. This approach levels out your payments over 11 months. The last month is a "clean-up" payment to cover the difference between your actual annual bill and the payments you've made. We base the Budget Helper monthly payment on your average consumption during the previous year. We monitor the amount throughout the year and periodically adjust it to keep it in line with your probable annual bill. Many people like this approach because it makes budget planning easier. If your NSP account is up to date and you've had NSP service for at least a year, you may request the Budget Helper Plan at any time by contacting your local NSP office.

Coping with Unmanageable Bills.

Temporary Problems

It's easy for expenses to get out of hand these days, and energy bills are no exception. If you cannot pay your full bill because of some temporary problem, call our local office as soon as possible. We'll be happy to work out a payment plan with you. We exist to provide people with service, not disconnect it, but we must hear from you in order to help.

Severe Problems

Severe financial problems require individual attention. When necessary, we do arrange reasonable payment plans to help customers in extreme difficulties. If your financial circumstances are severe, you should know the rules and procedures regarding service disconnections.

The rules set forth by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) are intended to help customers during the cold weather months. Between October 15 and April 15, NSP will not disconnect service for non-payment if the disconnection affects your home heating and if you inform NSP that you're unable to pay the full amount and arrange a reasonable payment schedule with us.

If you are unable to pay your bill because of a severe problem, the first step is to contact the NSP office. We will make every effort to work out a reasonable plan for future payments to fit your individual circumstances. We'll base the plan on the actual amount you owe NSP, plus an estimate of what your bills will be for the time you are on the plan.

Your second step is to fill out the "Inability to Pay" form that comes with your overdue "Final Notice" NSP bill. You must complete and return this form to NSP within 10 days to avoid disconnection while your bill is not fully paid. The form will request some optional income information.

If we cannot agree with you on a payment plan, you may appeal to the PUC. NSP will not disconnect your service during the 30-day appeal process. Further, we will not disconnect your service as long as you follow the payment plan the PUC has selected for you. If NSP challenges your inability to pay claim, NSP will appeal to the PUC. The PUC will review your situation and decide within 30 days. NSP will not disconnect your service during this process.

It is still your responsibility to contact NSP to make payment arrangements. If you find you cannot fulfill your agreement with us, call us and we will try to work out a new payment plan that's mutually agreeable.

Again, it's important that you call us as soon as you think you'll have a problem. The sooner we hear from you, the sooner we can begin to help you.

Financial Help

If you will need financial help to pay your energy bills, we'll try to help you find the assistance you need. Our staff is aware of state and federal programs available to help with fuel bills. In most cases, our staff can direct you to the proper helping agencies in your community. Some programs provide fuel bill aid even if you don't qualify for federal income assistance. Other programs are designed to help even if your problem is only temporary.

In addition, NSP's Consumer Advisory Panel exists as a group to hear the concerns and issues of NSP customers.

Strength in Numbers.

There is another new feature this year known as the "Third Party" notice. If you are ill, elderly or living alone—or if someone you know is—you may wish to consider this.

With the third party provision, you may authorize NSP to send any disconnection notices regarding your account to another person in addition to yourself. Your third party must agree to this in writing, but the third party cannot be held responsible for actually paying the bill. In this way, you know that someone you can count on would be informed before your service is disconnected for non-payment—even if you are unable to respond. Your third party—a relative, friend, church or community agency—would be able to provide information and help make payment arrangements for you if you wish. However, you are still responsible for actually paying your bill.

All Minnesota NSP customers have received detailed information on these provisions in their September bills. This mailing also included a third party form, which you and your third party may fill out and return to NSP if you wish.

If you're facing financial problems with your NSP bill this winter, please contact us as soon as possible. We understand the strain many people are under today, and we want to help.

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<td>District 12 Physical Committee meeting, 2380 Hampden, 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Registration for Broomball, Arts, &amp; Crafts, Cooking at SSAP Recreation Center, Monday - Friday, 2-10 p.m., thru Dec. 15.</td>
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Solemn Eveson, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 5 p.m.

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RINGENDemption deadline (Note changes)

**16**

South St. Anthony Park Booster Club, SSAP Recreation Center, Activities Room, 7 p.m.

**17**

Murray Junior High Winter Band and Choir Concert, gym, 7:30 p.m.

**18**

Como High Boys’ Basketball Preview, 7 p.m.

**19**

Boy Scout Troop 17 Father-Son “Camping”, Good Medicine Lodge, Fred C. Anderson Camp.

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Public Schools, Winter Vacation Begins

**21**

RECYCLING North and South of Como Avenue - Note Change because of Holiday

**22**

St. Anthony Park Lions Club, Copper Dime, Como Avenue, 12-1 p.m.

**23**

South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center Christmas Show, 7 p.m.

**24**

Pre-School Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.

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Pre-School Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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Pre-School Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.

**27**

Leisure Center Activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

**28**

AFS Potluck Dinner, 5:30 p.m., United Methodist Church.

**29**

Happy New Year!

**30**

Bookmobile, Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**31**

Pre-School Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.

Items for the Community Calendar should be sent to District 12 Council, 2380 Hampden, St. Paul, 55114, by the 15th of the month. They should state event, date, time, time, please include your name and phone number.

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