New Stadium To Be in District 12

By Catherine Madison and Mollie Hohen

The Physical Committee of the District 12 Council reviewed concept plans for the new Midway athletic facility at a meeting Dec. 10. Planned to replace Midway Stadium, the new facility will be located west of K-Mart and north of Kasota Avenue, which is within the District 12 boundaries. The site will cover about 13.8 acres; approximately 7.6 acres of that will be used for the buildings and lighted playing field, with the additional space providing parking for 500 cars and 15 buses. (Overflow parking in the lots of planned adjacent businesses has also been proposed).

Although the design is not yet final, current plans call for 3,500 seats. At least 2,000 of these will be permanent; the remainder will be movable in order to provide better seating for the various athletic events. The field will accommodate football, baseball and soccer. Showers, locker rooms, a press box, restrooms, a meeting room and a maintenance building are included in the initial design. The cost is projected at $2.4 million.

Several committee members objected to the fact that although the site is located in District 12, the council did not have any say in its selection.

“Selection of this site was cased through the Planning Commission and the City Council, and nobody knew what happened. It suddenly just appeared as the site. It was not presented to the district,” said John Ruford.

“It was purely an oversight,” said Parks and Rec superintendent Bob Piram. “Before it was decided that Midway Stadium would be demolished, we set up a design committee of users, such as the youth teams and the American Legion. They looked into where they could be relocated in the event another facility would be needed. By about the middle of July, they came down to the four or five sites and finally recommended this one. It was accepted when the City Council approved it; it never did go to the District 12 Council. It probably should have, in retrospect.”

Committee members expressed concerns about various aspects of the plan. “Taking away existing meeting facilities (now at Midway Stadium) and replacing them with one 12-foot by 18-foot room and three offices is inadequate. We need public meeting rooms,” said Stewart McIntosh.

Bob Brightman, representative of the Parks and Recreation Department, explained that the Parks and Rec offices now housed in the stadium would be moved downtown rather than to the new facility.

In response to another question, he explained that there would be no direct access to Como Avenue, because tunneling under or erecting a bypass over the railroad tracks between the site and Como would be too expensive.

Both sides are part of the proposed 250-acre Energy Park development, which is expected to include light industry and energy-related businesses as well as 950 housing units. Housing and a Control Data Energy Technology Center, an $18 million facility expected to employ 1,000 people, was projected completion is in three years.

Residents discuss Cleveland Avenue traffic problem at Community Council meeting. Photo by Steve Drahay.

Residents Recommend Status Quo

By Laurie Nelson

The Cleveland Avenue traffic problem belongs to and should be solved by the University of Minnesota. St. Paul campus president agreed a group of North St. Anthony Park residents at the District 12 Community Council meeting on Dec. 10. Many of them expressed their reluctance to make concessions that might prove detrimental to the neighborhood.

The traffic problem, which has become notorious for its periodic emergence, centers around the heavy intercampus bus use of the street, which is six feet narrower than most other streets with two traffic lanes and one parking lane. According to Warren Hendricks of the Transit Workers Union, driving and turning are difficult for the buses, especially in the winter.

Several solutions were suggested by Robert Peterson, a Department of Public Works spokeperson who also heads the Streets Division. They included a total or partial parking ban on the avenue, widening the street, a one-way plan, and doing nothing.

A lively discussion found all solutions except the last—maintaining the status quo—to be unacceptable to a number of citizens.

Doing nothing may be acceptable because the University of Minnesota, according to St. Paul campus planner Claude Schutte, received special permission for an intercampus bus route that would eventually remove almost all the university buses from Cleveland Avenue. Its projected completion is in three years.

The new route would make use of land currently owned by the Burlington Northern Railroad. A decrease in university automobile traffic using Cleveland Avenue between Folwell and Como, as well as the other avenues, has been seen soon enough, Schutte said, since entrances to the campus at these streets are being further developed right now, taking the burden off Folwell Avenue.

To be removed was the idea of removing Lake Street and converting it to a one-way street.

The judgment was made by the Twin Cities Neighborhood Press Association, with 31 newspapers participating. The Bugle competed against 14 other newspapers. Awards were announced at the NPA conference Nov. 22.

First place awards garnered by the Bugle were in the following categories:

- Best Single Issue News Story, "Federation to Sell homes for the Blind," Mollie Hohen, September
- Best News Story on an Event or Meeting, "One More Time: Ankeny and Keil to Develop," Catherine Madison, May
- Best Feature Story, "Relationships Are the Key," Catherine Madison, August
- Best Feature Photo, "Splash," Dave Shippe, July
- Best Editorial, "Al Who?" Peggy Mann Rinehart, October
- Best Feature Series, "Aging," Jo Ann Rohricht, June, July, August
- Best Graphics on a Continuing Basis
- Best Overall Ad Design
- Best Technical Editing
- Second Place awards went to:
  - Best Individual Graphic Unit, two-page spread, September
  - Best Concept and Execution of an Individual Ad, "Knudsen Realty," May
  - Best Editorial, "On Streets," Peggy Mann Rinehart, May
  - Best Continuing News Coverage, Baker School site

The judging covered issues from January to October, 1980. Peggy Mann Rinehart was editor of the Bugle during that period.
Housing Link Studied
Moderate cost rental housing closely tied to University needs would be feasible on the land now occupied by the trucking firms between North and South St. Anthony Park according to a report recently completed for the city.

This study resulted from recommendations in the District 12 plan that this land be used for housing and studio apartments for the two parts of the community together. The St. Paul Planning Commission flagged that part of the plan as needing more study.

The Department of Planning and Economic Development hired a consultant, Barbara Lukermann, to do the analysis. She worked closely with the Physical Committee of District 12. Results were presented to the full District Council in November. The study has also been referred to the Neighborhood and Small Areas Committee of the Planning Commission.

Lukermann found that there is general compatibility between District 12's desire for housing on this site and the goals that St. Paul has for its neighborhoods. The land is presently underutilized. The tax base could be increased by putting it to other use. The parcels studied are bounded by Raymond and Kasota Avenues, Highway 280, and the Burlington Northern railroad tracks on the south.

Lukermann concluded that although the land in question has a number of constraints on it that restrict the area available for building, the location, close to proposed bus and bike routes in both camps of the University, gives it good possibilities for student, staff, and faculty housing. This type of rental housing is in high demand and short supply in this area.

Because of the cost of land assembly, housing would have to be of fairly high density in order to be financially practical. District 12 Council concluded that it should continue to consider housing for the site. It also decided to seek widespread community reaction to the proposed idea.

A copy of the study is available for use at the District 12 Office for interested citizens.

Cable TV Forum Set
A City Council decision to be made within the next six weeks will affect the lives of St. Paul residents into the next century. Yet many people are avoiding participating in this decision, terming it "too confusing, too complicating, and not that important."

A community forum on cable television is scheduled for Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. by the District 12 Council to present to citizens necessary information about the companies vying for the franchise. St. Paul will be bound by the original franchise for 15 years with a 10-year renewal option.

All residents are urged to attend the meeting in the community room of the St. Anthony Park Library to hear from Linda Camp, cable TV representative for the city, explain how cable TV will function in St. Paul. Each of the seven companies bidding for the franchise will briefly explain its own proposal as it pertains to community access to the cable. The District 12 Council is reproducing handouts for the audience to compare the companies and their offerings, costs and records of service.

A panel of local residents familiar with cable TV will question the companies, the meeting will also be open to questions from the audience.

As its regular meeting on Jan. 14, the District 12 Council will vote on which company it will recommend to receive the franchise. This recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council. City Council will make its decision in early February. It will receive written comments from citizens through Jan. 21.

City Council has scheduled two public hearings on cable TV on Jan. 13 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Council chambers. Five cable companies will make presentations on Jan. 13 and two will be on Jan. 15. Public comment will be heard on Jan. 15 also.

Citizens' Group to Monitor Utility Rates
All 17 district councils in St. Paul have been invited to join a coalition of citizens' groups considering action to protect consumers against unreasonable increases in utility rates. District 12 Council voted in December to join the coalition.

A citywide energy convention is scheduled in mid-February to bring all groups together to consider the exact issues. The convention, sponsored by Minnesota Citizen Action, will include neighborhood groups, church organizations, senior citizen clubs, and consumer organizations. MCA hopes to hold mini-conventions in neighborhoods in January to decide local action and to choose representatives to the citywide meeting. Anyone interested in working on this issue should call District 12, 646-8884, after Jan. 5.

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**You Are Needed!**

Ebenezer Center for Aging is looking for participants in a project to study the feasibility of paying families and friends to provide assistance to older people who need care to stay in their homes. There are record-keeping requirements and the Center cannot guarantee any special services, but study participants may receive payment and/or special training for services given. Contact 671-7112, ext. 311, if interested.

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**Homebound Services of the St. Paul Public Library needs volunteers to take books to people in our area who are confined to their homes. It would involve one or two hours every 3 or 4 weeks. Call Joan Kramer, 292-6939.**

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This space brought to you by District 12 Community Council.
It is not unusual that four young children, on their way outside to play one Saturday morning, plod painstakingly through the rigors of finding mittens and shoes and trying to unlatch jacket zippers. It is unusual that these four are the adopted family of a single mother and are planning to accompany her on a six-month working stint at a refugee camp in Thailand.

Carolyn McKay, 2221 Hillside Ave., is "Mommy" to these children of various races and national origins: Martin, 9; Roy, 9; Caroline, 8; and Anna, 4. She is also a pediatrician at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center, a board member of Minnesota International Health Volunteers, and chairwoman of the social services committee for the Children's Home Society.

A 1968 medical school graduate from the University of Minnesota, McKay has long had an interest in serving people in underprivileged areas, particularly in the undeveloped parts of the world. She went to Southeast Asia in 1970 as a medical volunteer and has spent six years in Nicaragua and other parts of South America, working in remote villages with a missionary group and also as part of a research team. It was in Nicaragua that her family began.

"I grew up assuming that part of being an adult was having a family. But I was between my residency and a public health fellowship at Johns Hopkins University when Martin, a tiny baby at the time, landed in my lap," she said. "I had to take him with me to do my fellowship—it wasn’t exactly a nice, stable situation. And it wasn’t exactly what I planned.

"When I came home from the hospital the first time with Martin, he was about a year old, after his mother abandoned him in the hospital, saying she couldn’t feed him. Caroline, a godchild, joined the family at age 5. Anna was adopted through more conventional channels.

Adopting foreign children "takes a fair bit of money and an awful lot of patience," McKay said. "It took me seven years to get Roy’s papers straightened out.

McKay finally settled in St. Anthony Park, where she had grown up with her parents, Gerald and Mary McKay, 2231 Honder Ave. She did not abandon her international professional interests, however.

The McKays: left to right, Martin, Roy, Caroline, Anna and Carolyn. Photo by Dave Shippee.

"About five years ago, several others and myself had an overwhelming urge to see something more happen around here," she said. "I know there are a number of people who volunteer to go to foreign countries are young. It takes about two years to learn all the pitfalls. It struck us that there was a lot of wheel-spinning going on."

A postgraduate course in international health grew out of this concern. The first quarter it was offered, 15 persons signed up. That number has grown to about 80. According to McKay, some of the students are physicians, about half of them are second-year medical students, and others are nurses, dentists and hospital administrators.

The Minnesota International Health Volunteers, organized in December 1979, is a group of about 50 individuals who recruit and train qualified personnel to work in refugee camps in the Far East, then fit them into other groups which provide funding. Through such organizations as the American Refugee Committee and the International Rescue Committee, volunteers are sent to 18 different refugee camps.

McKay and her children hope to go next spring to Nong Khai, a camp located in Thailand just across the Mekong River from Vientiane, the capital of Laos. A year ago the camp was populated by about 40,000 refugees. About 1,000 refugees came across the river each month, and about 1,000 a month left to resettle in the United States, Canada, France and Australia. McKay said that at times the rate of departure has increased to 1,000 per day, which has dropped the camp population to about 20,000.

"It is our intent to get into an area with a chronic need for our input," she said. "We want a place where staff level physicians can work to provide services, teach medical students, and upgrade and improve the skills of the indigenous people."

McKay said there is about a 90 percent turnover of native doctors and nurses. They do come across the river, but they leave much more quickly than others because their skills make them easier to place. Many were killed as a result of the Khmer’s policy of eliminating anyone with education, she said; there are also some students who have completed the seven-year medical school program in their native country, but their training has been unsystematic.

"The majority of diseases seen are malaria, TB, infections or trauma. There is also a high incidence of cancer," McKay said. "One reason it is frustrating is that the solutions to the problems there are known already, and a lot of them are not medical. A sanitary engineer could do more to decrease the mortality rate than we can.

"Since about half of the population are women and children, maternal and child health is a vast part of the medical care. In India, for example, three-fourths of the deaths are kids under 5. That is why the life expectancy at birth is so short," she said.

McKay said that people in our country are not used to the concepts of poverty as having absolutely nothing. "It’s just a different world. They have no food, no worldly goods, their families are decimated. It makes what we’ve got here look a whole lot better."

Not that underserved areas are not here as well. McKay spends

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Looking back at 1980.

In many ways it was a year of changes for this community—some of them welcome. We were challenged to manage change as best we could, and we responded differently depending on our natures and the situation: sometimes resisting, sometimes accommodating, and sometimes actively shaping the changes.

We learned to live with changes in our schools. At Como and Murray the uncertainties of the first year of new arrangements were worked through and the second year was begun with more calmness and confidence.

Our sense of security was threatened in 1980, as crime and fears of crime intruded more than we liked.

Our sense of insularity was threatened too. Plans for Energy Park, which will change the face of our neighborhood to the rest of the city, moved closer to reality. Midway Stadium was marked for destruction and a new stadium site chosen within the District 12 boundaries.

More and more shoppers from outside the area came to shop here as St. Anthony Park came to be seen as trendy. This led to discussion—part whimsy and part serious—of plans for a parking ramp of our own.

After years of citizen effort, a means of controlling parking in North St. Anthony Park was achieved when the permit parking plan was finally initiated.

Traditions remained strong—witness the Fourth of July and the Festival. Efforts to retain and revitalize the old prevailed. The Home Improvement Center assisted homeowners and it seemed that more additional remodeling projects appeared than ever before. A developer for Baker School was chosen and the process of building city and federal red tape began.

Many changes effect us whether we will them or not, but some we can help to shape. In 1981 some of the things we can work to influence will include: the future of Kasota Pond, plans for a housing link between north and south St. Anthony Park, Arts Forum attempts to gain more community involvement in its activities, the continued need for a stop light at the Como/Downsville intersection.

Continued change seems to be a given. Within that context it’s good to encounter some cases, such as these, where the kind of change will depend on us. M.H.

Midway Stadium: Two Views

The Midway Stadium issue is a complex one and is part of the larger Energy Park issue. The Bugle asked two community members who are familiar with the issues to present their views.

by Steve Wellington

The Energy Park project is an important development not only for the St. Anthony Park neighborhood but for the City as a whole. What is proposed is the establishment of a unique urban village where energy would be saved not only by the creative design of buildings but also as the result of the proximity of the residents to their place of employment.

This concept is envisioned on a very bold scale with the eventual involvement of 250 acres with the production of up to 1000 housing units, 4000 to 6000 new jobs, and new real estate taxes generated of $4 million annually.

While most of my neighbors are quite supportive of the general concept, many are concerned about the ability of the city to actually pull off all of what it has promised. I am the first to admit that what the city is proposing is challenging (to say the least) and the obstacles that remain are numerous. These obstacles include the acquisition of the Bur-lington-Northern land (adjacent to Newell Park) and the completion of the $12 million UDAW (Urban Development Action Grant) contract with HUD for the roads, the sewers, and the utilities, and the cost essential for the development of the park.

Some members of Council 46 feel that all of these unresolvable issues must be pinned down before any steps are taken relative to proceeding with the development. I feel this would be a serious mistake. In government, the biggest obstacle to achieving any type of new program is time. The bureaucracy moves exceedingly slowly.

There is an element of risk in this process for the city as well as for the developer. The city is in the process of building a large city at a time of simultaneous inflation and recession is difficult, and there are all those political contributors to keep satisfied. Pumping up the local economy with federal bucks seems to be a perfect solution. After all, who could oppose new jobs, new housing, additional tax base, and innovative energy technology?

Let’s look at the benefits claimed for the Energy Park.

First, there are jobs. The initial Energy Park commitment is for 1400 jobs, but only a few will come from already committed developers. Most will be from tenants who are unknown at this time. Many of these tenants will be existing companies which move to the energy park without creating additional jobs.

Secondly, there’s housing. Of the 950 units to be built in Energy Park, only 237 will be affordable for families with incomes under $19,000. Although the city has lately been criticized for using housing bonds to help upper income families, 333 units in Energy Park, financed with city funds, will be in the Energy Park.

by Sherman Eagles

When the St. Paul City Council held their public meeting on the vacation and demolition of Midway Stadium, I spoke in opposition. It is not because I feel that Midway Stadium is an irreplaceable asset; it is because I believe that the city, in its rush to gather as many federal grants as it possibly can, is in danger of repeating the inadequate planning and unrealistic optimism that led to creating such a white elephant in the first place.

Like the Downtown People Mover, the real force behind the Energy Park is the availability of federal subsidies. Let’s face it, governing a large city at a time of simultaneous inflation and recession is difficult, and there are all those political contributors who keep satisfied. Pumping up the local economy with federal bucks seems to be a perfect solution. After all, who could oppose new jobs, new housing, additional tax base, and innovative energy technology?

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Letters to the Editor

Menus Not for Sale

We had an unfortunate incident that occurred here last week and we need your help in informing the community of the situation.

We had disposed of several hundred obsolete menus in our trash. Some kids took the menus out of the trash and proceeded to go door to door in the neighborhood representing themselves as Muffuletta sponsored and attempting to sell the menus.

Entreprising youngsters no doubt—but you can imagine people’s reaction to this sort of thing—particularly if they believed that Muffuletta was doing this. Our phone started ringing that day with angry neighbors chastising us for sponsoring such a tacky promotion.

Please set the record straight. We’ll be more careful next time that we dispose of old menus.

Philip A. Roberts
Muffuletta

Saturday Story Hours

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library will feature Michelle Nicolleto conducting Saturday morning story hours at 10 a.m. on Jan. 17 and 24. Nicolelto, a teacher at the Midway YMCA, has recently moved to St. Anthony Park from Pennsylvania, where she taught at the early childhood level.

The programs which are open to children ages 3 and older, will offer weekday morning parents an opportunity to share story time with their children. "Animals in Winter" will be the theme of both sessions.

The library will have the usual 10 a.m. Wednesday Pre-School Story Hours in January. The first two weeks will also conclude the Parent Education class that began in December.
HEADWINDS

By James Wesley Brogan

It may be that I'm peculiar in my long history of disappointments on New Year's Eve. Most Americans, I imagine, look forward to the holiday eagerly, expecting that at the magic stroke of midnight the party they are attending will explode in a cascade of confetti and song and heartfelt happiness, not to mention that special glass of vintage champagne.

My own experience, I am sorry to say, has not been so happy, but has consisted rather of extremely high expectations followed by sudden disillusionment and the unpleasant realization that the new year is going to be very much like the old one.

When finally I grew old enough to stay up until midnight, I learned to my dismay that the "special" TV programs weren't half as interesting as the dreams of a child. Four solid hours of Ray Anthony and Lawrence Welk followed by a mob in Times Square pushing and shoving and showing off for the cameras? Was this what I'd waited for these years to see?

Later still, when I knew better than to count on TV to show me a good time, I found that the real world could be frustrating, too. I wasn't invited to parties, or the parties were dull, or I wasn't old enough to drive, or I couldn't have the car, or all the good parts had been cut out of the midnight movie starring Bridget Bardot. I suppose the high point in my chronicle of disappointments on New Year's Eve occurred when I was a junior in college. Having by this time experienced a few spectacular drunks followed by even more spectacular hangovers, I decided this once not to do anything foolish. I was going to spend the evening at my girlfriend's house babysitting with her younger brothers.

The situation had forced us into the position of grown-ups. We simply couldn't drink, or go anywhere, or get into trouble. My car was parked on the street directly in front of the house where it would remain for the rest of the evening. I had no illusions whatever (how could I?), but was at last content just to spend a quiet evening inside, doing nothing in particular.

CRAHSH! From outside the house came the sound of an explosion. I looked out the front window to make sure that my car was OK, but to my surprise, it wasn't there!

In its place was an old Chevrolet with its front end completely smashed, the hood bent double and sprung open, and clouds of steam pouring out of the radiator. My curiosity got the better of my new-found caution, and I went outside to investigate.

My safely-parked car, the first, best car I ever owned, was, in complete silence, dying a horrible death half a block away, its rear end crunched under the back window and flattened out like the tail of a Thanksgiving turkey.

At the wheel of the Chevrolet was a 15-year-old kid with his lip split open and several of his teeth broken back against the roof of his mouth. He had been driving too fast, he had no license, the car wasn't his, and he was obviously drunk, but not so drunk that he didn't realize how much trouble he was in.

"Oh, God! Please!" he bawled through his swollen lips. "Don't call the police! Please, don't call the police!"

By this time my girlfriend had come out to survey the wreckage, and the two of us persuaded the boy to get out of the car and come in to the house. We gave him a towel full of ice cubes to suck on, called his mother—and called the police.

And on the following day, January 1, 1965, they put a hook in the rear end of my blue and silver Galaxy and quietly towed it away to the junkyard.

P.M.R.

One of the radicals who helped shape the sixties generation was shot down last month. The press described John Lennon as "the creative force of the Beatles." Yes. A leader died last month and as a nation—a world—followed the details on TV, on radio, in the press. We've learned how to mourn our dead.

Before finishing our morning coffee we have noted the day's change in schedule; get home by 5, catch all the news. Lehrer McNell do we a half hour. At 10:30 there are thirty minute in-depth reports on CBS and NBC. In short, we have the details of a man's life, details that only the few hard core had ever cared to know. Over and over the same details.

No. John Lennon didn't create the sixties generation alone. But his death epitomized that which sets apart those born in the late forties. While other generations always seemed to know what they wanted, the sixties kids were never quite sure. They could tell you what they didn't want (war, hypocrisy, poverty, racism) but they could never quite tell you what they wanted. The old dreams—a house in the suburbs, two cars, two kids, a job with a future—had become stale. They wanted more. They wanted meaning in their lives. They wanted peace.

If you were in your teens in the fall of 1963 you know it all too well. While other generations measure their lives through accomplishments, the sixties generation marks the passage of time in the details reported in the news. In the violent deaths and assassinations of our heroes.

Peggy Mann Rinehart

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Hoopers Make Beautiful Music

by Jim Brogan

On Jan. 11 at 4 p.m., when the Chicago-based Fireworks Baroque Music Ensemble appears in concert at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, one of the performers will be coming home to play for his grandmother.

Keith A. Hooper, an oboist currently living in Winnetka on Chicago's North Shore, was born in the Twin Cities and is the grandson of Margaret P. (Mrs. Stanley) Hooper, who has lived in the Park since she was married 54 years ago.

Margaret Hooper has always had an interest in music. While growing up in a farmhouse at the north edge of Blaine, she rode a pony 11 miles to Anoka every week in order to take piano lessons.

Seated at an old Clinton upright piano which her husband bought for her in 1938, she proves that the intervening years have taken nothing away from her skill at the keyboard by playing from memory two of her favorite melodies, "The Pixies' Goodnight Song," and the religious hymn, "The Great Physician."

Looking up through her black and silver framed glasses at an old photograph on her living room wall, she recalls that her own mother, and her mother's mother were similarly inclined toward the playing of music.

"My mother was self-taught on the guitar," she says, "and I never heard anyone who could play the guitar any better."

Her grandmother, whose portrait also hangs on the living room wall, was a church organist in Hertfordshire, England. One begins to suspect that the family talent may go many generations back.

"It goes through her side of the family," says Ilia, her daughter-in-law. "The Hoopers don't play anything."

"But they all had it in 'em!" insists Margaret Hooper graciously. "It's just that they weren't exposed and didn't have the means."

The Hooper side of things is a different story, but no less interesting. Margaret Hooper's husband, Stanley, who now lives in a nursing home north of the Twin Cities, worked for 33 years as a shepherd for the University of Minnesota. Born and raised in England on a sheep farm, he came to this country in 1912 at the age of 22, narrowly missing a voyage on the ill-fated Titanic.

Keith Hooper.

Having contracted with an American farmer to bring some 200 sheep from Dorsetshire to Vermont, Hooper was given a choice between traveling on a freighter with the sheep or on the maiden voyage on the new luxury liner with his employer. Fortunately, he stayed with the sheep and, despite the untimely death of the man who had hired him, was able to make his living for the next few years by traveling up and down the East Coast fitting and showing sheep.

In 1925, while working at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, he happened to meet Dean Coffey from the University of Minnesota and was persuaded to take a job on the agricultural campus tending the sheep. He met Margaret Peebles in the poultry office while consulting some of the veterinarians there, and in June of the next year they married. In 1927 they moved into their house at 1501 Raymond Ave., where she still resides.

While growing up in this house Pete Hooper, Keith's father, developed an interest in playing the piano and the violin. Although music was not to be his own career (he is a businessman in Hamburg, New York), it has become the profession of both his children.

Keith's sister, Linda, plays piano, violin, and organ and works as a musical therapist in children's hospitals in Buffalo, New York. Keith Hooper, in addition to playing oboe, is also manager and director of the Fireworks Ensemble. He has twice toured Europe as a soloist and is the principal oboist for both the Elgin Symphony and the Hinsdale Opera in Illinois.

The Fireworks program, sponsored by COMPAS/Intersection and the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum, will include music by Quantz, Telemann, Buxtehude, Haydn, Handel, C.P.E. Bach, and Beethoven. Tickets will be available at the door.
School News

By Ann Bulger

The PTSA Board from Murray Magnet Junior High School will meet on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Plans are being made for the Winter Exposition on Feb. 24. The community is invited to see the school in action. There will be exhibits and demonstrations throughout the school.

Superintendent George Young of the St. Paul public schools has accepted the recommendations approved by the Como Area Reorganization Committee.

A decision on reorganization is expected by the Board of Education in January.

In each of the six high school areas committees have been meeting since last spring to formulate plans for their area. In the Central and Humboldt areas, ninth-graders would move to the senior highs in September 1981. The Highland committee has asked for more time to consider a 6, 7, 8 middle school. Three junior highs are slated for closing: Wilson, Monroe and Mounds Park. These changes will be between Central and Highland, also between Harding and Johnson. Most of the ninth-graders in the city would move to the senior highs by September 1982.

Ann Bulger, a life-long resident of St. Anthony Park, is President of Murray PTSA and served on the Como Area Reorganization Committee.

A Success?

Caustic optimism seems to be the tone of residents' initial reactions to the permit parking plan.

"It has cleared the streets over here, but the best time to judge will be spring quarter." - Bobbie Megard, 1439 Hythe.

"It has made a great difference here. There are a few students who ignore it, but many are obeying it." - Orpha McDearmid, 1473 Fulham.

Parking permits were sold to St. Anthony Park residents at the library on Dec. 1 and Dec. 4, and the police began enforcing the ordinance on Dec. 8.

"Enforcement is the key to the whole program," said Don Tuft, Department of Public Works. "We can issue all the permits and put up all the signs in the world, but if it's not enforced it won't make any difference."

Obtaining the parking permits became a source of frustration for some residents. There were long lines at the library during the two evenings when permits were being issued there. Kathy Tregillus, librarian, commented, "It appeared a number of people were frustrated. They thought the permits were available all week at the library. They were unclear about the process."

"DPW simply did not allow enough time for people to buy permits," said Ann Copeland, District 12 Community Organizer.

Residents who wish to purchase permits may obtain them at Traffic Operations, 899 N. Dale or at Room 800, City Hall Annex, 22 W. 4th Street, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Purchasers must present proof of residency.

Home Energy Project

Mary Pavlik is the coordinator for a new home energy project sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Home Improvement Center. The St. Anthony Park District 12 Community Council. It's a home weatherization program designed to save energy. Mary will have morning office hours in the District 12 office starting Jan. 5.

About four blocks in which a high percentage of the homeowners have agreed to participate will be selected. Gary Anderson of the St. Paul energy office will do energy audits as part of the program.

Funding for the program is from the St. Paul Foundation and Northwestern National Bank. For more information, call Mary Pavlik at the District 12 office, 646-8884. Remember, the program starts Jan. 5. Please call in the morning between 9 a.m. and noon.

Board Meeting

The January board meeting will be at Cathy Furry's home, 2174 Commonwealth Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Hmong Culture

Hmong culture is the topic of the January meeting. A speaker from the Minnesota International Center will show a short film, and discuss life in Laos and transition problems encountered by the Hmong people in urban America.

The program will be Jan. 13 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational). Cost of the meal will be $3. If you'd like to come but haven't been called by Friday, Jan. 9, call Ric or Barb Rose at 645-1802 to make meal reservations.

Photo by Dave Sieppe.

July 4th celebration. The blockworker system of communication is a grassroots network that helps us respond quickly and efficiently to pressing concerns.

None of this is to suggest that the Association is the only organization working to improve the quality of life in this area. The St. Anthony Park Arts Forum, COMPAS Interaction, the Bigrig, District 12 Council, churches, PTSA and many other organizations all enhance our life. We are also related to the larger community of St. Paul, the Twin Cities and beyond.

There are people working on your behalf in all these areas, and we believe that the Association operates on an appropriate scale, interfacing with many of the other communities of which we are a part.

A three-monthly membership meeting gives us a chance to socialize with neighbors around a meal prepared with loving care by a volunteer food committee. The program which follows informs, motivates, challenges and reinforces members and guests about our life together in this place.

Many of us who come to St. Anthony Park from other suburban or urban areas where the "small town" atmosphere was missing know that cohesion and citizen participation are precious commodities. The Association's committees need input and participation. If you are interested in any of these concerns please join us in shaping our future. It's possible in the face of outside influences and pressures to come together in a cooperative spirit to create and celebrate a caring community. We can be people inventing the future together.

Holiday Program

We'd like to thank the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum and COMPAS Interaction for the wonderful holiday program they presented on December membership meeting.

Marisha Chamberlain, Steve Budas, Julie Hemmersup, Don St. Pierre and others planned the event and included the talents of neighborhood people. Sharing the many gifts offered that evening enhanced the spirit of the season.

This month's sessions will be on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

All residents are invited to an Appreciation Party for the City Council's outgoing members on Jan. 18, 2-3 p.m. Roy Benson and J. M. Lindberg will be honored for their many years of public service.

In addition, this event will welcome re-elected members Dave Nelson and Lauderdale's two new Council members Dale Barr and Harry Speicher. The party will be held at the City Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The January meeting of Friends and Neighbors, Lauderdale's senior citizens group, will be on Jan. 6, 2-4 p.m. As a City Hall Open House event it will be card games. All senior citizens are welcome.

Kathy Egerton grew up in Lauderdale. She recently graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, where she wrote for the school newspaper.
History under the Eaves

By Catherine Madison

For Peter and Arlene Mann, 2249 Carter Avenue, the drudgery of home maintenance was recently relieved somewhat by an historical discovery.

"I found two old books, and they were identical. We were repairing the corner of the roof, which had been damaged by ice, and they had been stuffed up under the eaves, apparently to break the wind," Peter Mann said.

Tattered and timeworn, the books contained information about Bethel Academy in 1906-1907. They include pictures of the St. Anthony Park site for the permanent home of the academy, it is described as "a beautiful site... on the Como Interurban Electric Line, within the five cent limit to either city."

When the historical societies yielded no additional information about the Academy, a glimpse at the current telephone directories turned up David Gordh, who lives in Shoreview. His grandfather, Arvid Gordh, was the principal of Bethel in 1906.

"The original Academy building is still being used, I think," David Gordh said. "It was across the street from the library, at the intersection of Como and Carter." Gordh said he also remembers his grandparents living in a few houses down from the intersection, probably in the house now owned by the Manns.

The academy building, at 2267 Como Ave., has a new front and now houses the research laboratories for the H. B. Fuller Company. David Guston, archivist for the Baptist General Conference and former librarian at Bethel Seminary, has studied its history.

"The Academy was designed originally to meet the needs of Swedish immigrants who came out of Sweden with roughly what we would call a grammar school education here," he said. "It was founded by the Swedish Baptists of America in 1905. They held classes in the Elim Baptist Church, 515 Fifth Ave., S.E., Minneapolis, until the new building was completed in 1907."

The students, who numbered from 50 up to 200 or 300, were of high school age and concentrated on learning English as well as business and secretarial skills, Guston said.

According to the book, students could enroll in the academic department, which included either scientific or classical courses, the normal department, or the preparatory department. Tuition was $8 for one semester or $15 for the full year. Classes include geometry, Greek, Latin, medieval history, pedagogy, photography, botany and physics.

In 1914, Bethel Academy united with Bethel Seminary, which had been started in Chicago. They occupied the campus on North Snelling Avenue when the buildings were completed in 1916. The academy became a junior college in 1917 and is now a four-year college. Bethel College and Seminary are now located on a rolling, wooded campus in Arden Hills.

When they moved here from Atlanta just before Halloween in 1979, the Manns were looking for an area with a sense of community. Apparently they have found a sense of history as well.

Catherine Madison is a freelance writer and erasthene Park resident who still enjoys writing about Park people and places.

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Dedication of Bethel Academy, summer of 1947, at the corner of Como and Carter Avenues. Photo courtesy Bethel College archives.
Robert van der Wege watches a fencer compete in a dry foil open tournament at the University of Minnesota. Photo by Steve Drahbay.

Fencers Lunge, Parry
by Jim Brogan

"Advance!"
"Retreat!"
"Advance-retreat!"

Although the commands echoing loudly through the South St. Anthony Park recreation center may call to mind a field general in the throes of indecision, in fact they issue from Bob van der Wege, fencing instructor for St. Anthony Arms.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m., van der Wege teaches a class in fencing to eight or ten students, three of whom (Miles Phillips, 14; Mark Lageson, 14; and Chris Stout, 11) come from the neighborhood.

In addition to learning how to advance and retreat—both incidentally, standard tactical moves with a specific meaning—van der Wege's charges must be prepared, on command, to execute a variety of maneuvers, such as "extend," "lunge" or "parry," and then put them together in series, rapidly, but in a well-controlled manner.

"Extend, second position, lunge!" they might be told, or "parry, four, and riposte!" The idea is that once these combinations become second-nature through constant repetition, the fledgling fencers will be able to acquit themselves skillfully in tournament combat.

As in any sport, the skill does not come without strenuous effort. Classes begin with anaerobics and warm-up exercises designed to stretch and loosen the muscles in the back and legs. Fencing, though not as violent as football or hockey, is nonetheless a vigorous sport, requiring a good deal of strength and flexibility, a precise coordination between hands and feet, and the mind of a Machiavelli in overdrive.

What is it that prompts these students to undergo such a physical and mental regimen six hours a week? Is it only the urge to compete, the satisfaction of developing a skill or a desire to keep in shape? Lisa Hess, a student at Marshall–University High School, says she's not sure; she was looking for something in place of gymnastics and dancing lessons were too expensive.

Damian Hess, her younger brother, attributes his interest to a romantic temperament and the fact he was entranced several years ago by the stories of J.R. Tolkien.

Perhaps 11-year-old Chris Stout expresses these various motives in their simplest and most believable form when he acknowledges honestly that he just "always wanted to be a sworfighter."

Their instructor's interest in the sport began, by comparison, rather late, when he was 26 or 27. While working at the University of Hawaii, van der Wege trained for the pentathlon, a competition which included fencing.

When he moved to Minnesota two years ago, he hoped to locate a fencing master under whom he could continue to train, but he was unsuccessful. He had reached a point where his alternatives were either to forget about fencing or start his own club. And so, while not claiming to be a master, he began in small steps to organize a group of young fencers under the name of St. Anthony Arms.

In the summer of 1979, Chris Stout, his brother, and later, Miles Phillips and Mark Lageson began a kind of informal training in van der Wege's front yard on Wednesday nights. Van der Wege had some foils, masks and a jacket or two to which the boys added, at their own expense whatever equipment they needed. The sessions usually lasted an hour or two "till it got dark."

In October of this year they decided that if they were going to be serious about the sport they were going to have to organize formally, practice on a regular basis, and enter themselves in fencing tournaments.

It hasn't been easy. The expenses, for one thing, are considerable. A single foil, new, costs $25; a jacket, $30. Electric equipment, the kind used in competitions to make the scoring scientific, costs even more.

The fencers have also had a problem locating space in which to practice regularly. Their arrangement with the South St. Anthony Park recreation center cannot be guaranteed beyond this month, when the more traditional indoor sports begin to use up more of the time and space available.

Other community institutions either can't guarantee a regular time or charge rent. Although van der Wege prefers to keep St. Anthony Arms in the neighborhood, he says he may eventually have to move somewhere else.

Aside from these housekeeping problems, however, the club's success has been remarkable.

Last year, Phillips and Lageson qualified second and third in the state for the Junior Olympics (16-and-under category), and van der Wege says he thinks they can rank first and second this year.

Last month, at the 2nd Annual Rosedale Open, St. Anthony Arms captured four of the first six places in the 14-and-under mixed foil competition. Mark Lageson went undefeated in five bouts and came in first. The team as a whole came in second in a field of 12.

Van der Wege does not seem to exaggerate when he says that with a little more time and support from the community, some of his fencers, by the time they're 18 or 22, actually could have a chance to make the U.S. Olympic team.

Anyone interested in St. Anthony Arms can get more information by calling van der Wege at 646-4275.

Jim Brogan is a freelance writer who had lived in St. Anthony Park since the spring of 1977.
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Recycled Rubble

by Jim Brogan

The Brown and Bigelow building on University Avenue has been demolished, and the rubble created by the wrecking ball has been transported to a site directly south of the fairgrounds coliseum behind K-Mart.

The various pieces of concrete, stone, and brick are to be crushed and recycled for use in the projected Energy Park. According to Don Dunshee, Director of Industrial Development for the St. Paul Port Authority, the crushed rock will be used as an infrastructure in the construction of utility roads, gas and water mains, sewers, and other elements necessary in the construction of Energy Park.

For the time being, the debris is merely being dumped near the site where it is later to be used. The Port Authority, lead agency in Energy Park development, has been granted a temporary land-use permit for the dumping by the city of St. Paul. Dunshee believes that Energy Park will be well underway within the next few months and that the material will have been recycled by the time the land-use permit expires in July 1981.

The Brown and Bigelow building was destroyed because it was inefficient and expensive to develop.

Rubble from Brown and Bigelow building, looking north towards fairgrounds. Photo by Steve Dunshee.
A recent study shows that more accidents occur at that intersection than at Snelling and Larpenteur—and that doesn’t include the service drives, where many more accidents occur. We will keep you posted on the outcome.

There will be vacancies on various city committees (i.e., Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission and Human Rights). If you are interested, please contact City Hall (644-5050).

The Falcon Heights Falcons, a senior citizen organization, meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, Garden and Holten Avenues. After a short business meeting, generally they play cards and have coffee and treats. They now have a membership of approximately 45 and are always looking for more members. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Helen Brown (645-2656) or Marion Hood (645-3520).

Sandy Larson, a member of the Falcon Heights City Council, lives at 1883 N. Albert, which is within a mile of her great, great, great grandfather’s farm.

Arts Forum Meets

On Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m., members of the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum will meet in the District 12 office, 2380 Hampden, to discuss programming. The Arts Forum board wishes to expand arts programming in the community and make it more accessible to the people who live in St. Anthony Park. Residents are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions.

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more convenient, for that could be extremely dangerous to our community."

He continued, "Cleveland does provide parking and keeps some people out of the neighborhoods further in. If the problem is caused by the University, then let the University find a solution for its problem with its buses."

A partial parking ban on the avenue from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays was proposed by a number of residents, although there was general opposition to a 24-hour ban.

The possibility of an additional traffic light along the heavily traveled part of Cleveland was mentioned by Gladys Shoffner, who is concerned with the number of vehicles that pass on Cleveland, especially trucks that use the street as a thoroughfare.

A motion that included a status quo stance was finally passed by the District 12 Council. Possible changes for Cleveland Avenue included in the motion were a traffic light at Cleveland and Commonwealth and a tightening of rules to keep non-local trucks off the street.

Quentin Elliott offered a concluding statement, "We can live with the problem for three years if we have the University's promise of a solution at the end of those three years," he said. Whether that promise is fulfilled remains to be seen.

Laurie Nelson is a media specialist for the Minneapolis Public Schools and enjoys writing free lance.

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about two days of each working week at clinics which cater to communities with a high prevalence of Lao, Hmong, Thai and other foreign populations.

Out of 14 or 15 patients, I'll see only 3 or 4 who speak English. There are still pockets in this city of mothers and children who, because of language and cultural differences, need care and are not getting it," she said.

Having one's own children probably improves a pediatrician's ability to cope with the normal concerns of parents and also gives one a different perception of the stress parents experience, McKay said. "With four of them, they nicely demonstrate exceptions to any theory you come up with. You can't be dogmatic.

"I don't think anyone can raise a family alone," she added. "She relies on a live-in student to prepare dinner and care for the children after school and at night when she is on call at the hospital. She occasionally falls back on help from friends and families. "You do whatever you have to do at the time," she said.

How has being a mother changed her life? Laughing, she said, "It used to be that when I decided to do something, it took five seconds. Now just getting out the door takes about 15 minutes. They really end up having to put up with a lot of guff from me, too."

Are there plans for more children? "I think we're pretty well saturated," McKay said. "We'll wait about ten years. Things just happen, you know. You don't always plan them.
St. Anthony Park's Community Calendar

January

Monday/5
School Resumes — St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray and Como Community Education registration, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School, (through Jan. 8)

Tuesday/6
St. Anthony Park Association Board Meeting

Wednesday/7
Pre-School Story Hour and Parent Education, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.
Leisure Center Activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.
District 12 Community Cable TV Forum, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

Thursday/8
District 12 Physical Committee meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 5 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Elementary School PTSA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday/11
St. Anthony Park Arts Forum, Baroque Concert, United Church of Christ, 4 p.m.

Monday/12
Community Education registration, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Elementary School, (through Jan. 15)

Tuesday/13
St. Anthony Park Lions Club, Copper Dome, Como Avenue, 12-1 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Association meeting, United Church of Christ, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday/14
Pre-School Story Hour and Puppet Show, and Parent Education, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.
Leisure Center Activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.
District 12 Council meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.

Saturday/17
Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m. (ages 3 and up)

Sunday/18
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South St. Anthony Park Booster Club, SSAP Recreation Center, 7 p.m.
League of Women Voters meeting, "Solid Waste Consensus," 2124 Hoyt, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday/21
Bookmobile, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.
Pre-School Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m.

Leisure Center Activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Arts Forum Board meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday/22
District 12 Housing Task Force meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7-8:30 p.m.

Friday/23
NO-SCHOOL — St. Anthony Park, Murray and Como

Saturday/24
Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m. (ages 3 and up)

Tuesday/27
RECYCLING — NORTH AND SOUTH OF COMO AVENUE
St. Anthony Park Lions Club, Copper Dome, Como Avenue, 12-1 p.m.

Wednesday/28
Pre-School Story Hour, St. Anthony Park Library, 10 a.m. Leisure Center Activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.
District 12 Human Service Committee meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.
Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7-30 p.m.

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to demolish it. Built in 1957 to attract a major league baseball team, the 10,600-seat stadium is described by city staffers as too large and inefficient to maintain.

"It's a great place to watch baseball," Piram said, "but for the other sports, there isn't a good seat in the house." Excluding rock concerts, which are no longer allowed, average attendance over the last 14 years has been 450 people per event. Over the last five years, the stadium has operated at a net loss of $140,000 per year.

Both District 12 and the St. Anthony Park Association were in favor of demolishing the old stadium to make way for Energy Park, but District 12 tied its approval to the assurance that low and moderate-income housing would be included in that development.

Progress on Energy Park plans is related to securing a $12.1 million Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG), which in turn is related to the Port Authority's success in selling several million dollars worth of revenue bonds by Dec. 31. Port Authority spokesman Don Dunsmore said neither the federal grant nor the bond sale would affect financing for the athletic facility, however.

"We have already paid the city $1 million, and we will pay them an additional $1 million in 1981," he said. The Port Authority has, in effect, bought Midway Stadium from the city for $2 million. The city will use the proceeds to erect the new facility. The Port Authority has also agreed to retire the $850,000 debt still outstanding on Midway. They have agreed to pay the $260,000 cost of the parking lot at the new site as well, said Energy Park coordinator Ken Druzan.

According to Parks and Rec staff, the new site was chosen for its easy access to existing roads, its reasonable price, and the minimal impact it will have on existing residences. Although there are some soft soil problems there, Piram said they are "not insurmountable." Some excavation will be required, but the latest tests indicate that pilings will probably not be necessary, he said.

Demolition of Midway Stadium will not occur until construction is begun on the new facility, which should be late January or early February, Piram said. The target date for completion is spring of 1982.

Piram said the final plans will be presented to the District 12 Council for approval some time in the middle of January.

Company Moves

The St. Anthony Park Insurance Company has moved to suite 204 in the Healy building, 2301 Como Ave., across the street from the drive-up facility of St. Anthony Park Bank.

Although an independent agency, the company is owned by the bank and has been located downstairs in the main facility at 2250 Como Ave.

"We moved because of space requirements, both for us and the bank," said agent Karl Klein Jr., "We're all growing a little bit, and it was easier to move the insurance agency than the bank."

20,000 Lbs. of Paper

Boy Scout Troop 17 collected 20,000 pounds of newspapers from St. Anthony Park residents during its fall paper drive, according to Bob Megard, member of the troop advisory committee.

"We want to thank the communities for their support," Megard said. Money raised will be used for a variety of troop activities. Another paper drive has been scheduled for Feb. 26.

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