Park Fourth Set to Go Off

by Jim Brogan

Footraces, horseshoe pitching, the grand parade and chicken barbecue! For the 25th consecutive year the St. Anthony Park Association has scheduled a full day of celebration for Park residents on the 4th of July. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the Langford Park distance races and continuing throughout the day to a special evening program featuring "the Rockin' Hollywoods," the festivities promise to entertain most of the children and exhaust most of the parents in the time-honored manner.

According to Tom Frost, chairman of the Association's 4th of July committee, the basic pattern of the day's many activities was established way back in 1947 when the St. Anthony Park Association was founded.

"If you look at the events scheduled for this year," he says, "and compare them to 20 years ago, you'd probably see a lot of similarity."

A probable exception to this rule will be the performance beginning at 7 p.m. by the Rockin' Hollywoods, a 50's group complete with slicked-back hair, penny loafers and white socks. According to Bill Paist, organizer of the evening program, the band consists of five musicians who not only play the music of an earlier era but also manage to have a lot of fun while they're doing it.

Earlier in the evening Igor Ratskarol's old-time band will entertain picnickers from the band shell.

The American Field Service (AFS) will again invite residents to enjoy a chicken dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., the main course of which will be barbecued over open pits by Dr. Ben Pomeroy and members of his family. Julia Leitzke, president of the Como Park Senior High school chapter of AFS, has already made arrangements with Speedy Market for chicken and trimmings as well as with selected local residents for homemade cookies. Last year, she says, picnickers consumed 577 pounds of chicken, 76 dollars of milk and soft drinks, 50 dozen rolls, and 100 dozen home-made cookies. Proceeds from the dinner go to help AFS students from Como pay their expenses for a summer abroad. This year Susan Dicks will be going to Germany; Berenette Behrke will be visiting the Netherlands; and Kari Arhart will be traveling to Finland with the assistance of money earned by the barbecue.

Past notes that the entire 4th of July celebration has managed to come out $100 and $200 ahead for each of the last six or seven years and that this money is used toward capital improvements in Langford Park. Paist and frost and the rest of the organizers of the 4th of July program wish to thank the businesses and individuals who helped to make it possible year after year.

Potential Hazardous Waste Site Includes Park

by Mollie Hohen

A large section of St. Anthony Park lies within the boundaries of one of 60 "preliminary areas" in Minnesota identified last week by the Waste Management Board as potential sites for hazardous waste processing facilities.

From these 60 areas the Board will propose approximately 20 areas for further evaluation by its own evaluators and the Pollution Control Agency, according to Patrick Hirigoyen, Waste Management Board information officer. This designation will occur in August.

By January, 1982, the Board will issue an inventory of nine "preferred areas" for hazardous waste processing three each for a hazardous waste incinerator, transfer storage facility and hazardous waste treatment center. Private developers would then be encouraged to look for suitable sites in the nine areas for development of facilities.

However, "There are no teeth in the law that would enable the Board to force development of a facility in a preferred area," Hirigoyen noted.

The Waste Management Board will conduct a public meeting for this preliminary area on Monday, July 20 at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

The boundaries of the preliminary area that includes St. Anthony Park extend from the point where Como Avenue intersects the western boundary of Ramsey County (just east of Como and 280), east to Hamline Avenue (including the State Fairgrounds and University of Minnesota), south on Hamline to Marshall Avenue, back west to the river, and then north along the Ramsey county line.

A major criterion for identifying preliminary areas was close proximity to industries that generate hazardous waste, Hirigoyen said.

The special edition—the first ever published by the Bugle—appeared in stores and businesses June 17, providing local coverage of the June 14 tornado. Because of continued demand for copies we have reprinted it here.
Vacant Residential Land Considered

Recommendations for future use of all vacant residential land in District 12 will be discussed at a town meeting on July 8 at 7 p.m. Since most of the vacant land is in north St. Anthony Park, the District 12 Community Council voted to have the meeting in the library community room.

The council’s housing task force has identified all vacant lots in the area and has recommended the type and amount of housing that should be built on them if they become available. In addition, the task force considered potential redevelopment sites such as the Board of Education property on Fifield Street and Murray athletic field and school.

All task forces in this citywide process were asked to consider the feasibility of conversion of large homes into smaller units as a way of meeting housing needs in the next 10 years. The city planning commission also asked for guidelines that districts believe might be workable for this process. Opinions of District 12 task force members are varied, but the draft plan recommends that such conversions not be allowed.

The housing plan will become part of the official District 12 plan after approval by the planning commission and adoption by the City Council. It is important that residents know what it contains and state any opinions or reservations regarding it. It will be referred to when future rezonings or redevelopments are requested to see if they conform to the plan.

After the July 8 public hearing, task force members will discuss suggested revisions and will finalize the plan for presentation to the District 12 Council in August. Copies of the final draft should be available at the District 12 office after July 1.

Housing costs and needs promise to be controversial topics in the 80s. The number of people per household is decreasing but the number of households is rising as more people live alone. With rising costs the size of housing units is decreasing. Ten years ago a 850-square-foot condominium was unaffordable, but it is now an accepted size. People are finding the rule of 25 percent of income for housing is no longer possible and that 33 percent and higher is more likely.

All of these factors contribute to a housing crunch that will lead to changes in housing and in the character of neighborhoods. The District 12 housing task force has endeavored to look at the various housing sites with both future needs and potential in mind.

Members of the composting workshop held in District 12 on June 13 chop green for a second batch of compost. The 3-compartment bin was built at the workshop and will be part of a demonstration project on neighborhood composting at Robbins Street and Bayley Avenue. With proper materials and proportions compost can be made in 14-21 days. Each section of the bin holds one cubic yard.

Caregivers’ Support Group

The District 12 Council has invited the Wilder Foundation to begin a support group in St. Anthony Park for caregivers. A caregiver is anyone who has primary responsibility for the care of an elderly parent or a disabled spouse whether in the home, the neighborhood or in a nursing home.

The group will be facilitated by a professional staff person and will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss their experiences as caregivers with others who understand and who want to give new support and insight in their effort to care for their loved ones. Sitters and transportation will be provided if needed.

If you are interested in such a group or know of others who might be, call Ann Copeland, 646-8884, and watch for additional information from the Wilder Foundation in the September Bugle.

TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, July 8

7 p.m.

Library Community Room

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Public Hearing on District Housing Plan

draft and vote on additions to the

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Do You Know?

A new ordinance has been enacted by City Council that provides tighter controls and regulations on activities in city parks. Police and park employees can now ban from the park persons who are "infringing on the rights of others" by fighting, using obscene language or loud radios, or tossing objects over the heads of other parkgoers. All alcoholic beverages are prohibited in city parks.

Quickie

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by Mary Querna

“We were sitting around at a coffee break one day and someone asked, ‘Who’s the oldest resident of St. Anthony Park?’” said Steve Townley, Knudsen Realty.

“No one was certain, so we decided to run a questionnaire in the Bugle and ask the area readers,” said Townley. “We received 13 different nominations. According to the responses received, the oldest resident of St. Anthony Park is Emma Hughes, who lives on Long Avenue.”

“Yes, I have lived in St. Anthony Park almost 92 years. And it looks like I’ll be hanging around a little longer,” she said, her eyes sparkling.

Hughes was born on Robbins Street. She and her family moved to Wheeler Street, which is now Kasota Avenue, and then to Tainter Street before moving to Long Avenue, where she is living now.

Memories are vivid in her mind. Her stories reflect history and hilarity.

Emma Hughes.

“Did you know Langford Park used to be a sink hole?” she asked. “The city of St. Paul filled it up with dirt. The ground sank in again, so the city concreted the area and made it an artificial lake called Rock Lake. Later, a young child drowned in the lake. They filled it in and made the area into Langford Park.”

As a youth, Hughes enjoyed fun times with her friends.

“In the evening we’d run down to the fire barn to watch the horses drill on the corner of Hampden and Raymond. At 8 p.m. a gong sounded. The horses ran out to stand under their harnesses, the firemen slid down the fire poles in a hurry. Then, another gong sounded and the horses walked calmly back to their stalls.”

Olaf Berge is another long-time resident of St. Anthony Park. He was born on Como Avenue where the St. Anthony Park Bank stands today. Berge later moved to a house on Carter Avenue and finally moved to Commonwealth Avenue.

He has spent 20 years of his life as a commercial artist for Red Owl Food Stores. “I could have gone out west to the Disney Studios, but I was a home town boy,” said Berge.

Blanche Arhart’s childhood memories of St. Anthony Park bring her back to the time the old bank was built. “I saw them digging the hole for the bank on my way to school each day,” she recalled. She moved to St. Anthony Park when she was six years old and has lived on Eustis Street for 71 years.

Arhart, Berge and Hughes have special feelings about St. Anthony Park.

On Hughes’ 90th birthday, 135 friends and relatives came by to extend their greetings to her. “I have a lot of friends. I guess I should after all these years in one spot,” she smiled. “Couldn’t get rid of me. You know, I love St. Anthony Park.”

Olaf Berge.

Blanche Arhart. Photos by Jon Maden.

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After the storm

The tornado brought out the best in people in this community. We talked to one another, looked out for each other, and worked together.

We were fortunate here. No one was injured, and, considering the number of trees that went toppling, damage to homes was surprisingly light. But the lost trees leave gaps in our landscape. As a woman on Raymond Avenue said looking at downed trees in her neighbors’ yards, “This hurts us all. The trees were so lovely. It changes the look of everything.”

After the storm was over, everyone, it seemed, had a story to tell—stories of fear, bravery, close calls, ironic twists, comfort given and received. Some of these stories were shared with the community in the Bugle special tornado edition, but there are many more. All will be told and retold and will become part of our shared community history, one of the “remember whens” that tie us together.

M.H.

Reflections on a Break-in

Ed. Note: The writer, a St. Anthony resident, has asked not to be identified.

On Monday, June 18, 1980, at 3:10 p.m. I came home tired and hungry and with my 2½ year old having a tantrum. I was looking forward to getting home to start supper and prepare for our evening family homecoming.

Once inside, I found broken glass from the front door. “If only my husband would clean up.” Glancing around the living room, I saw that a dresser was opened with some items dangling from it and others were thrown about. “Why didn’t he shut these drawers?” A camera that had been sitting on the dresser was gone.

“A burglar?” Upstairs more dressers had been disarranged. My home! Can’t be! —Must be! Call the police. Get out of the house.

Disbelief had overtaken hunger. Within eleven minutes both husband and policeman had arrived. I accompanied the policeman through the house distinguishing the laundry piles from burglary piles. From this, the first feeling of non-ownership—this is someone else’s—began to develop. It wasn’t a peaceful warm feeling of security I felt anymore.

Each day coming to our house was more and more difficult. The third day was hardest: I rang our doorbell, then rapped on our door, hoping if anyone was inside they would leave. Then, with my son’s hands clutching my shoulder and neck and his legs wrapped around my waist, I slowly turned the key and entered yelling. “Honey, I’m home!” and ever-so-cautiously crept in. I felt something sinister against my face! I swung around immediately, attacking a helium balloon floating with a string.

Since that June Monday, I have experienced a range of feelings that are either real or imagined—or maybe both, because my perceptions and feelings have been distorted as well. I am really not sure what I am seeing. I can’t interpret fairly. I see people walk down the block and I don’t trust anyone—including you, I suspect.

For instance: calling the police to report that “there are two suspicious characters using binoculars, in an older two-tone car casing our house. I take myself outside, adrenaline pumping to confront these ‘criminals,’” only to realize that the criminals are the two elderly former owners who were merely looking at their former home. Adrenaline changes course and now pumps my face red.

I wear my glasses more often now, and I purchased binoculars at an attic sale. Although I still have to work on interpreting what I see, the raw data isn’t blurred.

Both my husband and I considered changing locks and adding deadbolts, bars, clamps, etc. But we decided broken glass was easier to repair than broken door jams. We considered selling and moving to a different house, to a different neighborhood, to a different city. We were running and not resolving our lost sense of security and trust. We wanted to live here—didn’t we?

Having a burglary in our house also entailed us to re-evaluate: “Where’s the cardable?...Who ate the rest of the lasagne?...Have you seen the sewing machine?...“The burglar must have taken...put it there.” For us this was the only source of humor. And for me the beginning point from which I could feel I was recovering—to begin to laugh was a value of relief.

Six weeks after the burglary the police called: “We believe we have located your camera at Carson’s Pawn Shop.”

“I sir, where is that exactly located?”

“In Pensacola, Florida. A man from St. Paul is being held for the possession of stolen property.”

Hurray, for the police! The feelings of security began to re-emerge, not the old “assumed” sense of security, but a new sense that was beginning to develop.

Bugle Dates

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Opinions and commentary by readers are welcome and may be submitted as letters to the editor or as guest columns. Letters must be signed and should not exceed 200 words. Readers wishing to submit guest columns are asked to contact the editor.

News items are also welcome. Inclusion will be determined by newsworthiness and available space. Materials may be rewritten or edited for printing.

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HEADWINDS
by James Wesley Brogan

In a very few days we will be celebrating the anniversary of America's declaration of independence. The fireworks in Iowa, where my parents live, began several weeks early this year when Mr. Schotz's woodburning stove set fire to the house. It seems that the metal pipe leading up through the roof had filled up with soot, which can burn a second time if it gets hot enough. There also seems to have been a problem with the stove itself in that the damper wouldn't close completely, allowing air into the chimney when it should have been shut off.

Luckily, the fire occurred during the afternoon, when the volunteer fire departments from Thornton and Meservey could get there quickly and keep the house from being burned to the ground. Three trucks poured something like 5000 gallons of water on the blaze and were able to confine it for the most part to the roof. Of course, the water didn't stop at the roof, but poured down on the second floor, finding its way there through the walls and light fixtures and cracks in the ceiling below to the main part of the house.

I am told that after the fire had been put out and the trucks had gone away, Marian and Irv and the neighbors from up the road spent more than two hours sweeping water out of the front door.

It is typical of both my parents that they didn't think it important enough to call and tell me what happened. I heard the story from my sister Jean around eleven o'clock that night. She said they didn't want her to tell me, either—since it's none of my business, really—forgetting that she's just as independent as they are and never did pay any attention to what they said.

She told me they stayed in the house that night as if nothing happened, and fire or no fire, roof or no roof, insisted on sleeping in their own beds. After all, the firemen had covered the upper story with sheets of plastic before they left, the weather was fairly warm, and since Irv and Marian were both dog-tired from all the work, they did not expect to have any trouble getting to sleep. It makes perfect sense if you know what kind of people they are.

Jean said that when the fire was at its worst and everyone in doubt as to whether the building could be saved, my mother hurried around to get the silverware out of the house and several pairs of her shoes. Her feet give her trouble and comfortable shoes are important to her. The wringer Maytag she was willing to sacrifice.

She asked Irv what he wanted to save.

“Nothing,” he said, which was probably true. He can only wear one pair of blue overalls at a time, anyway, and never has been one to value personal possessions. I suppose the one thing in the house he cared about was that damned stove. He would hate to lose it, you know. It saves him so much money in fuel bills.

BREAK-IN: continued from page 4

At an evening fashion show, open to the public, awards were given honoring three-year participants in two fashion shows, those in the Court of Honor, and State Fair delegates.

Kreuter Honored

Dr. Kent Kreuter, 2158 Commonwealth Ave., received the Merrill Burgess Award for Excellence in Teaching during Honors Day ceremonies at Hamline University in May.

Kreuter, a professor of history and American studies, joined the Hamline faculty in 1966. The Burgess award is given annually to a full-time faculty member at Hamline who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in teaching.

Fashionable 4-H Winners

By Anne Libera

It is the dream of many little girls to be in a fashion show. It seems glamorous, exciting and very grownup. On May 16 members of the St. Anthony Park Northern Lights 4-H Club participated in two fashion shows, modeling their own creations as part of the Ramsey County 4-H Fashion Evaluation and Show.

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Sarah Forde

Sarah Forde, 2245 Luther Place, went home with a triple crown. Besides an award for her three years of participation, Forde's vest and slack ensemble earned her a place in the Court of Honor and made her an alternate delegate to the State Fair.

Other members of the Northern Lights Club to receive three-year certificates were Tanya Fretheim, Rebekah Mengenthal and Sarah Skovholm.

The fashion shows gave the 4-H members a chance to model their outfits before a panel of professional home economists who evaluated each of the more than 150 outfits and who also chose 70 outstanding outfits for the Court of Honor.

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Scouts Recreate Old Hike

In April Scout Troop 17 commemorated its 55th anniversary by hiking along the Minnesota River to Boiling Springs near Savage. A similar hike is recorded as one of the earliest hikes taken by the troop.

by Tom Green, Troop Scribe

We started our hike by the Cedar Avenue Bridge. We hiked over 12 miles down to a place called Rice Lake Park. On the hike we had to locate ourselves on a map either by using compasses or by using land markers. We had to cross streams, gulleys and ditches. We also used ropes to help cross the streams.

When we got to Rice Lake we set up camp sites. Each patrol had an area to set up their camps. When the camps were set up, some of the Scouts who had brought fishing equipment went fishing while others started to gather some wood and start the patrols’ dinners. No one caught any fish.

After dinner and cleaning up, it was getting dark so we captured the flag in the dark. After the game was over some of the guys went to bed, and when they were asleep some of the other guys raided the tents.

The next morning we ate breakfast and cleaned up. After that we took down camp. Then we put the packs into the cars that had come to pick up the gear. Then we took our day packs and went on our hike to Boiling Springs.

We hiked about two miles and then some of the guys discovered an electric fence just before we got to Boiling Springs. Some of us saw a wooden gate that looked like it led to a road down to Eagle Bluff Island. We checked it out and then we saw it: Boiling Springs. We walked down to the edge of the pond that was Boiling Springs. Mr. Megard said that the bottom of the pool was quicksand.

The water started to bubble. Then there was a loud rumbling. The water bubbled even more and the water that was bubbling turned brown. Mr. Megard said the cause of the bubbling was that there was an underwater spring, and when the pressure builds up it makes the water bubble up and shoot towards the surface. After we spent some time there, we piled into the cars and came home.

218 Years of Service Honored

Six area residents, whose combined total of work at the University of Minnesota is 218 years, were honored at a retirement ceremony May 21 on the Minneapolis campus. The six were among 54 university faculty members and 122 staff people honored.

Area residents who were honored are:

- Earl S. Bergerud, 2121 Como Ave., St. Paul. Bergerud, a professor and assistant district extension director with the Agricultural Extension Service, worked at the University from 1949 to 1980.
- Daniel V. Bryan, 2141 Hoyt Ave. W., St. Paul. Bryan, a professor and chairman of the communication program, College of Liberal Arts, worked at the University from 1946 to 1981.
- Alfred C. Caldwell, 1305 Cleveland Ave. N., St. Paul. Caldwell, a professor of soil science in the College of Agriculture, worked at the University from 1939 to 1941 and from 1942 to 1981.
- Henrietta N. Miller, 2313 Priscilla St., St. Paul. Miller retired from the Department of Biochemistry, St. Paul, after working at the University from 1938 to 1980.
- Benjamin S. Pomeroy, 1443 Raymond Ave. St. Paul. Pomeroy, a professor of veterinary pathology in the College of Veterinary Medicine, worked at the University from 1934 to 1981.
Not an Ordinary Story: Walter Sandgren & His Building

by Catherine Madison

On May 22, the board of regents decided to name the 51-unit apartment building being constructed on the Luther-Northwestern Seminaries campus after Walter D. Sandgren, 2271 Hillside Ave.

Being neither president nor benefactor, Sandgren, 66, was surprised. As a matter of fact, he said he was very surprised: “I’ve never happened before. All those other buildings were named after presidents of the church or the seminary. This is the first time they took an ordinary man.”

Ordinary? Well, perhaps. But apparently the regents saw something unusual in the “loving spirit and strong commitment” (as they stated in their proclamation) with which Sandgren has served the institution since he began working there as building and grounds superintendent on May 8, 1944.

He had come to St. Paul from Scandinavia when he was 19. He first worked at Bethesda Hospital where he learned to stoke boilers and earned a first class engineer’s license. He then spent a few years at the Twin City Linnea Home, which was also operated by the former Augustana Lutheran Church, before coming to the seminary.

Sandgren’s chief duty at Luther, as it was known then, was to keep the furnaces going. Since they were not converted to gas and oil until 1967, this meant shoveling coal. “If I had all the coal I shoveled today, it would be a good-size pile,” Sandgren said.

His hours were long and busy in those days. He began stoking the furnaces about 5 a.m., then checked them every three hours throughout the day. He finished at 10 p.m., shutting them down before going to bed.

When he wasn’t shoveling coal, he tended to the little things that needed to be done. He replaced windows, did repairs, and made sure that things worked the way they were supposed to. “They have carpenters for that sort of thing now,” he said.

Now partially retired, Sandgren still rises at 5 a.m. in the winter to help with the snow shoveling. These days he runs a small tractor, but he remembers doing it all by hand.

“Of course we didn’t have the big parking lots then,” he said. “There was that long sidewalk down to Como Avenue, though. It used to be shoveled just wide enough for one person to walk. If you met somebody, one of you had to jump into the snow.”

While at Bethesda, Sandgren met and married Gladys Stenstrom of Clinton, Minnesota. Until 1959 they lived in a house provided for them on campus. When their twins (Sherman, of North Oaks, and Sharon, St. Anthony Park) were in school, Gladys Sandgren also worked at the seminary in the kitchen and as a switchboard operator.

“You get to meet so many different people, from all different walks of life,” said Sandgren, explaining why he and his wife still enjoy their long association with the seminaries. “We used to know all the students pretty well, but now there are so many we can’t keep up with them. They know who I am, though. A lot of the students were students when I came up there.”

Sandgren still works four hours a day. He runs errands, makes trips to the bank and greets visitors at the lobby. “For your health’s sake, you have to do something,” he says. “I guess I’ll stay on as long as they’ll keep me.”

The building named after Sandgren consists of 15 one-bedroom, 27 two-bedroom and 9 three-bedroom apartments. Construction is expected to be completed in late spring, 1982, with the apartments available for students in the summer of ’82.

Enjoy July 4 in the Park

You’ll find another article in this issue on what’s happening in St. Anthony Park July 4. Read that article (and the rest of this one) and enjoy the 4th in the Park.

General chairperson is Tom Frost, who says he’s in charge of “nothing except the weather” once the day arrives. “I can’t guarantee perfect weather, but I hope you enjoy the day,” he says.

You’ve probably enjoyed July 4 celebrations in the Park before. If that’s the case, we don’t want you to feel guilty, but contributions are needed to pay the bills.

“It costs several thousand dollars, not counting volunteer hours of the planning committee,” Frost says. The majority of the expenses are paid for by donations from businesses and individuals.

You can make your contribution on the 4th at a table near the tennis courts where you buy tickets.

Frost and about a dozen committee members have been planning this year’s celebration since last August. Peter Mann is vice chairperson and will inherit Frost’s job coordinating the celebration next year.

Other committee members and their assignments include Warren Hanson, publicity; Stu Peterson and Charlie Finn, parade; Bill Pais, evening program; Jim Christenson, concessions; Don Rankaroff, drawing prizes; John Magnus, athletic tournaments; Jack Pearson and Bruce Perrizo, afternoon races; Tom Ruddy, fund raising; Bob Habben, opening ceremony; and Mary Spowell, photography.

The committee has worked many hours to plan the program. They and other volunteers will tally many more hours on the 4th. Our thanks to all of them, and don’t forget to make your contribution.

Blood is Needed

Blood donors are needed, says Eric Huckle of the St. Paul Regional Blood Center. “Blood is provided to all people who need it. It’s not a requirement that you must give blood before you can receive it,” he says.

Huckle says there is always a shortage of blood, although “it’s not an emergency.” The population is growing older, and elderly citizens are more apt to require blood. In addition, science has discovered more ways to use blood, which adds to requirements.

“On a national basis, if every donor gave only once every seven years there would be plenty of blood,” he says. You can safely give blood every 56 days, he says, but even the blood drive isn’t pushing you to bleed that often.

Take note, you officers and board of directors out there: Huckle would like to organize community blood drives in St. Anthony Park. He’d like to work with community organizations, churches and businesses. Call him during office hours at 291-6771.

Presently, the only scheduled blood drives in the community are on the University’s St. Paul campus, at Luther-Northwestern Seminaries and Group Health.

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Library Programs

During July the St. Anthony Park Branch Library will continue to offer special children’s programs in conjunction with the summer reading program. Children’s films will be shown on July 5 at 10 a.m. and each Wednesday thereafter at 2 p.m.

Michelle Nicoletti will conduct two “Bedtime Story-hours” on Thursdays, July 9 and July 16, at 7 p.m. Children ages 3-5 may wear their pajamas and bring their parents and teddy bears.

“Manfred the Magnificent and the Frump,” thirty minutes of Mask and Puppet Theater, will be presented by the Pangolin Puppeteers on July 2 at 2 p.m. On July 23 at 2 p.m. the Eclectic Company will present a program made up of songs, stories, legends and people from America’s traditional past, entitled “Singing a Story, Telling a Song.”

To reward participants of the summer reading program, library staff will hand out “Teddy Bear’s Picnic,” on Thursday, July 30, at 2 p.m. Drawings will be held for book prizes and refreshments will be served. Bring your teddy bear!
Lucky 13

Fire Station No. 13 was built on the corner of Raymond and Hampden avenues in 1894. For 80 years horse-drawn and later self-propelled fire trucks raced with firemen to serve the community.

Today the old firehouse looks much as it did in the past, but the horses and trucks have given way to a potter’s studio, and the old bay loft and hose storage space is now a residence.

Curtis Hoard and Constance Mayeron are professional potters and teachers who purchased the station in 1979 upon recommendation of the District 12 Community Council.

For the past year and a half they have worked with very little outside help to restore the exterior and renovate the interior.

“We really had to do this on a shoestring,” said Hoard, “but from time to time we would get help.” Old photographs provided clues to the original exterior, but inside they essentially built a house within the structure.

The neighborhood’s sense of history as a future residence for artists exists in their development of the station.

“What was so impressive about it was that instead of saying ‘It got a studio, but artists?’ Are you kidding, building should go to someone with tremendous responsibility to do with it would be a reinforcement to the support of artists in the space.”

Curtis Hoard grew up in St. Anthony Park High School. He introduced his wife Mayeron, to the neighborhood and together for a combined studio and living space.

“When we were trying to get the building, we nearly 70 percent of the residents in south St. Paul. Mayeron. ‘We came back saying, ‘What’s it important is making everything in this neighborhood we love about it. It’s not one type of person are all kinds of people coming from all kinds, they all really care and are interested in the people who have lived in this neighborhood years. They talk about the horses in this fire remember seeing the firemen coming out with

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United Church of Christ and United Methodist
July Union Services at United Methodist, 9:30 a.m.

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St. Matthew’s Episcopal
Sunday 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist (nursery available).
and commitment to the space enraged Hoard and Mayron.

community," Hoard said. "I think it would be a good place for me to live." They said. "We think this can be a good use of the space." We felt a little bit like we said we would do so that the community council for their good would like it.

They graduated from Constance Community College and began looking for a place to live. "I saw a house in Anthony Park," said Hoard. "And that's what I saw there." There are a lot of houses in the neighborhood. There is one house that is as long as 80 feet and they said it's being used by their horses.

Hoard revealed the arches over the windows by removing wood inserts. Now they look much the same as they did in old photographs. Many other features have been restored or retained. They kept the high interior ceilings and the brass pole used by the firemen hangs in the new entrance under a new skylight. The mechanical door was replaced with large, oak doors.

"We strove to meet the proportions of the space, but it was difficult to know what had really been done," said Hoard. "We tried to find out but when they used to take pictures of their fire station, they would bring out the horse and put the doors up, so we never could get a photograph of what it looked like with the doors," said Mayron.

"My big project in this building was the tile," said Mayron. "That took about four months, solid, of my time." Hand-crafted tiles embellish the floors, walls and counter tops in the kitchen, bathrooms and bedroom. "I think that everybody that worked on this house enjoyed the work. It was, in a way, a family." In addition to Hoard and Mayron, one of Hoard's students and a few hired workers worked from time to time on the station.
Baker Project Proceeds

Story and Photos by Jim Brogan

The architects for the Baker School project, Ankeny-Kell and Associates, have been granted an extension of their "tentative developer status" by the city of St. Paul.

At a meeting held on June 3 the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), acknowledging that current interest rates make it very difficult, if not impossible, for developers to provide new housing at an affordable cost, gave the local firm until December 31, 1981, to locate financing for fifteen townhouses to be constructed on the property directly west of the old schoolhouse.

Work on the school itself has been proceeding as planned. According to Ron Ankeny, one of the architects, the interior of the building has changed dramatically. The atrium, or central court, has been cut through from bottom to top, opening the building structurally and at the same time linking the various parts together.

"A lot of work is being done," he said. "There is a full-time crew working there now."

As passersby on Raymond Avenue may have noticed, there have also been changes on the outside. The bricks have been washed with a mild acid, the first of two treatments intended to restore the exterior to its original color and appearance. In addition, the outside walls have been tack-pointed and work on the cornices has been set to begin, followed by the installation of new windows.

"It's really going to be a first-class building," insisted Ankeny. He believes that once Baker School itself has been completed and people have an opportunity to appreciate the quality of work involved in its restoration, the adjacent housing project will go forward more quickly. At present the housing is stalled as it waits for a financing plan mutually satisfactory to the city, the HRA, the developers and prospective residents.

Sixty-five percent of the school building, however, has already been leased. The Ankeny-Kell firm itself will occupy part of the top floor, along with some medical offices and the mechanical and engineering firm of Lundquist, Wilmar, Schulz and Martin, Inc. (LW&M). LW&M has also leased the entire second floor, or mezzanine level. Most of the space yet to be occupied is located on the main floor and on the basement level, which Ankeny considers more attractive than the upper stories for retail or community-oriented services.

"I know we can lease the whole thing as office space," he said. "but we're trying to keep the promises we made to the community. We're trying to get some restaurants in the basement and also trying to get a drugstore on the main floor."

This latter ambition has been more troublesome than expected, in part because the commercial possibilities depend somewhat on the housing project, while the housing project has been ambushed by sky-high interest rates.

"We've had a real hard time getting the kind of retail businesses we want," Ankeny admitted candidly, but he remains confident that as work on the building nears completion, not only will commercial establishments want to become part of it, but the townhouses scheduled for construction nearby will become more attractive as places to live.
Scouts Clean-Up
by Jon Madsen

On a wet Saturday morning, June 13, Scoutmaster Don Kelsey and six Boy Scouts from troop 17 collected trash at the pond near Kasota Avenue and highway 280.

"The District 12 Council would like this pond declared an open space," said Ann Copeeland, community coordinator. While the council considers the pond an asset to the community, the city may be reluctant to declare the pond open space because of the maintenance required.

"A need was recognized by the Council that we were able to meet," said Kelsey. Because of rain the scouts had to quit before they reached the west side of the pond.

Scouts who participated in the clean-up included Ned Wenberg, Chris and Greg Stout, Mike Kelsey, Tyson Conner and Tom Green.

Festival a Success as Anticipated
by Cori Martin

The annual St. Anthony Park Festival once again was a success, according to Robin Lindquist, co-chairperson, and Susan McIntyre and Janet Quale of the arts fair committee. The success of the festival reflected the coordination of the business community and the St. Anthony Park Library Association.

The variety of entertainment at this year's Festival was enjoyed by many Festival-goers of all ages. Lindquist said, jugglers, clowns on stilts, and puppet shows kept the younger members of the crowd entertained, while musical groups and varied types of dancing from modern to Hungarian and Romanian, were enjoyed by others.

For some long-time Park residents, a look into the past was provided by churches and organizations of the community as they related their histories and those of the community using old photos and historic papers. This added a spirit of nostalgia to the Festival that was "especially enjoyed by the older residents of the Park," noted Lindquist.

Attendance was perhaps somewhat higher than previous years, Lindquist conjectured, as advertising was extended to all Twin Cities radio stations for the first time this year.

The library lawn was filled with craftpeople and artists whose variety of talents was displayed. A total of eighty-eight exhibitors was present at the arts fair and boutique. Textile artist Diane Schultz was first on the list in terms of sales. New Festival activities this year fared well. Lindquist reported, with the attic sale showing a promising future.

Although the Festival is not meant to be a money-making event, the Library Association's treasury is roughly $700 richer after obtaining its percentage of art fair profits. In addition the library-sponsored book sale was "well worth the effort," Librarian Kathy Tregilgas said, with a $820 profit which will be used to buy new books.

And as was predicted in last month's Bugle, it did not rain, and the sun shone brightly all day.
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PARK WRITER:

‘Don’t Read This Late at Night’

by Marisha Chamberlain

Trina Smith is a student at Murray Junior High School and an aspiring artist in a number of forms. She draws nicely, she acted in the school play last year and this year she wrote this marvelous story as part of a crime studies unit in Steve Eghazi’s government class.

What strikes me about the story is Trina’s sophistication about fear. Fear does make its own landscape and acts out its stories inside us. The interior nature of this story is a neat innovation in the form we usually expect a crime story to take.

The other aspect of the story I particularly admire is the development of setting. Trina has taken a safe environment and by small detail infused it with horror. And that environment, dear reader, is our own St. Anthony Park.

A word of caution: don’t read this story late at night.

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by Trina Smith

I was walking home very late on a Saturday night and I felt frightened. I had no reason to be afraid; my neighborhood was one of the safest in the city. But it was a Saturday night, because I had just come from a Saturday night party. Strangely, there had been a blackout during the party. It was very brief. We turned on the television when the lights came back on, and the newscaster reported some sort of temporary power outage all over the city. It had lasted one minute—perhaps two, but no more.

I turned the corner and went along Dowwell Avenue, having eight blocks left to walk home. I decided not to be afraid. I was aware. Yes, aware. A warm night. I began to unzip my jacket, but thinking twice, I thought it safer to leave it on. Oh, what could possibly happen? True, I was thirteen years old, but I always thought of myself as being somewhat mature, and that I would act out of intelligence rather than fear in any given situation.

I turned onto Como Avenue. Six blocks down the avenue, and then one block home. I began walking fast, so fast. I didn’t realize my speed until I found myself cursing at the man who was walking ahead of me. He was skipping home across the two blocks. I wasn’t running. No, I was walking as if I had business to attend to: this was the smartest way.

Como Avenue was very well lit, which made me feel much more secure. I was almost feeling better. Suddenly, my school bus button was gone. My button that I’d bought the first year of high school. For some reason, it meant a lot to me. I’d had it when I left the party; it must have fallen off my coat. I turned around to look for it. That’s all—just look.

Turning back was easy. I walked slowly, looking up often to make sure no one was near. A very odd thing—there wasn’t a single passing car. There was usually some traffic on Como Avenue, but now there was nothing—no cars, no people. I didn’t know if I should feel secure or terrified.

The street lights grew dim. How could the lights on Como Avenue be dimming? Perhaps another blackout. Ah, the button. I found it at the corner. The night was dark; I slipped it into my pants pocket. I couldn’t lose it again. Finding the button was easy, but turning towards home again was hard, somehow. Now the lights were dim and I had eight blocks to walk back, alone, all alone.

As I quickly passed by all the closed shops for the second time, my mind was not as one around, what could happen to me? I thought about statistics: a victim of crime most often knows his or her offender. Ah, this was something to think about. I felt better.

I was cautiously walking by the bank. It was very dark. I felt better, but I was still aware. Now I surveyed the church parking lot. There were three cars, perhaps four. At the chance I took, it looked life like.

“HEY!” The scream came from the side, from a car, a car facing me, less than ten feet away. And a man’s voice. “Should we get her?” Another voice. I didn’t slow down. I turned my head, nothing. I saw an old red car out of the corner of my eye, a car that held four young men. One had an arm stretched out of his window, holding a beer. They were drunk. I could perhaps be sorry of one man, two if I was lucky, but Trina would take a miracle.

“Nana... As... let’s?” They all were talking at once. I never did hear their decision.

Now I faced a fork in the road. Como Avenue curved. If I went along Como, the man in the car would be able to see me walking for at least two blocks longer. My other choice was to go down the hill past the church and walk across the ugly parking lot. I decided to go across the park.

I reached the bottom of the hill and began across the street. At the old beat-up sounding muffler broke the silence. The car was approaching. And so I ran, ran into the park, hit the ground and lay in a shadow. It was like a game I had played when I was younger. The red car passed. A second time, it came by. I lay there still in the shadows. I don’t know how long, perhaps five minutes, or perhaps I even passed. I heard the muffler for the third time. This time the car was going faster too fast.

I looked up and saw a girl crossing the street. She looked like me. The car was approaching her, fast. I wanted to scream to her. I opened my mouth, but no sound came out. I didn’t even hear her scream as the car hit her. I didn’t hear a sound. The car didn’t even slow, it just went as fast as it had come.

The air was silent again. I couldn’t cry, or scream. I was numb. A young woman had been killed less than fifty feet away from me, and I couldn’t save her from her terror.

I had to see if she was still alive. I crawled to her body which had now been thrown to the side of the road. No. She looked exactly like me. My eyes, my nose, my hair, my clothing...I reached out to touch her and felt nothing. I had to reach someone, a phone, a person, anything. But somehow, I couldn’t get up. I lost track of time. It seemed as though many hours passed, perhaps whole nights. Maybe I’d passed out again. When I came to, I was sitting at the edge of the park. The body was gone. An old couple passed on the sidewalk. I asked them the time.

“It’s ten-forty-five, dear. Shouldn’t you be home?”

I asked them what night it was. They looked at me, puzzled. “Why, it’s Saturday night.”
It was east versus west as Lauderdale residents engaged in the traditional tug of war at the Lauderdale picnic, June 16. East won, receiving the traveling trophy, a knotted piece of rope. Volleyball games and a potluck supper were also part of the picnic, which was sponsored by the Lauderdale Civic Club.

The Fourth in the Park

8:30 a.m. LANGFORD DISTANCE RACES. Registration at 8:30 near the tennis courts. Races start at 9.4 miles: divisions for men, women and masters. 2 miles: divisions for joggers and juniors.

11 a.m. GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLES. Children, bikes, trikes and wagons assemble at Park Mobil Station. Band, teams, vehicles and other marching units assemble at Luther Place and Como Ave.

11:30 a.m. GRAND PARADE BEGINS. Como Avenue, from Luther Place to Langford Park.

12 noon. REFRESHMENT STAND OPENS. East end of Playground Building.

12:15-1:30 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY. Bandstand area, north end of Langford Park. 1-5 p.m. REGISTRATION FOR EVENING DOOR PRIZES. Near tennis courts.

1 p.m. VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT. Registration from 12:00 to 1:00. Play begins at 1:00. There will be two tournaments: a "power" tournament and a recreational tournament.

1:30 p.m. TALES OF MYSTERY AND MAGIC. The Park Company. Players will present a series of short plays for children.

2 p.m. HORSESHOES. Registration from 1:30 to 2.

2:30 p.m. RACES, CONTESTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. Kids of all ages. Near Bandstand in Langford Park.

4-6 p.m. IGOR RAZSKAZOFF’S BAND.

5-7 p.m. A.F.S. CHICKEN BARBEQUE PICNIC.

5-7 p.m. DRAWINGS FOR DOOR PRIZES. You must be present to win.

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By Mollie Hohen

As far as anyone around the Minnesota House of Represen-
tatives can recall, a woman has never presided over House ses-
Sions until this year. Then Ann Wynia took the gavel.

Wynia, representative from Dis-
 tract 62A, which includes St.
Anthony Park, was designated by
Speaker Harry Sieben to serve as
his substitute when he could not be at the sessions.

Because of his membership on the
tax conference committee, Sieben was frequently absent from the House as the legislative session drew to a close. Wynia was presiding officer at least part of every day near the end of the session. She also presided during the one-day special session.

Reflecting on her experience as presiding officer, Wynia noted that qualifications for the post are “knowledge of parliamentary
procedures and a strong arm.” After her first few times wielding the gavel she received notes from colleagues urging her to hammer with greater force.

“They said my use of the gavel sounded too effeminate,” Wynia laughed. So she increased the force of her blows. “By the end of the session they were telling me to back off.”

Wynia is proud of her pioneer role and believes that having women seen in traditionally male-held roles is important. “All the women in the House (17 representatives) felt really good about it,” she reported. On the last night of the session they gave her a dozen roses in recognition.

She got reactions from male col-
leagues, too. “I wouldn’t have thought a woman could do it,” a veteran male House member told her. “But you did a real good job.”

ST. ANTHONY PARK’S
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June
Tuesday/30
RECYCLING in north and south St.
Anthony Park.

July
Wednesday/1
Children’s films: “Ben and Me” and “The Cat in the Hat,” library, 10 a.m.

Leisure Center activities, United
Methodist Church, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Thursday/2
Pantolli Puppeteers: “Manfred the
Magnificent and the Frump,” library, 2 p.m.

Physical Committee meeting, 2380
Hamden, 5 p.m.

Saturday/4
JULY FOURTH festivities in Lang-
ford Park.

Wednesday/8
Leisure Center activities, United
Methodist Church, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children’s films: “Me and You, Kangaroo” and “Sand Castle,”
library, 2 p.m.

TOWN MEETING, public hearing
on draft of District 12 Housing plan,
library community room, 7 p.m.

Thursday/9
Bedtime story hour with Michelle
Niccollette; theme is pets, library, 7 p.m.

Wednesday/15
Leisure Center activities, United
Methodist Church, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children’s film: “Cicero the Queen’s
Drum Horse,” library, 2 p.m.

Thursday/16
Housing Task Force meeting, 2380
Hamden, 7 p.m.

Bedtime story hour with Michelle
Niccollette; theme is fairy tales,
library, 7 p.m.

Monday/20
South St. Anthony Booster Club,
activities room of recreation center,
7 p.m.

Wednesday/22
Leisure Center activities, United
Methodist Church, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children’s films: “Crafty Animal
Caper and the Gingerbread Man,”
library, 2 p.m.

Human Services Committee
meeting, 2380 Hamden, 7 p.m.

Thursday/23
Eclectic Company: Singing a Story,
Telling a Song, library, 2 p.m.

Tuesday/28
RECYCLING, north and south St.
Anthony Park.

Wednesday/29
Leisure Center activities, United
Methodist Church, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children’s film: “Mandy’s
Grandmother,” library, 2 p.m.

Thursday/30
Summer Reading Club party,
“Teddy Bear’s Picnic,” library, 2 p.m.

Items for the Community Calendar
should be sent to District 12
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55114, by the 15th of the month.
They should state event, date,
place, time; please include your
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