After 60 Years, New Band Strikes Up in Park

by J.C.G. Suhadolnik

Kathleen Ecklund had been looking for people to play her flute with since moving to St. Anthony Park a few years ago.

In the early 1900s she might have played with the old St. Anthony Park Community Band. Now she can play with the newly organized St. Anthony Park Community Band.

The new band got its start with an ad Park resident Gae Check placed in the Bugle. The response was “discouraging,” Check said, since “no one called for a week or so.”

Karen Howland, another Park resident, was the first to call Check, and she became co-organizer. She became interested in playing in a band after the “saw the band show in Langford (Park). Besides,” she added, “the alto sax is not as much fun to play by yourself.”

So far the band has about 20 members and Howland said they are looking for more members, especially percussionists, since current members play mostly woodwinds and brass.

“Anyone who might want to learn to play bass drum would really be welcome,” Check said.

The band also needs a director. The position would be volunteer, Howland said, but it could become a paid position if sponsors are found.

Howland and Check said they would plan public appearances for the band at community events, for example, the annual St. Anthony Park Festival. If all goes well, Howland said, a holiday performance could be arranged.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14.

Playing an instrument may be enjoyable in itself, but as Ecklund said of her reason for joining the band, “there’s an extra bonus in playing with others.”

Residents, Athletes Cry Foul in Ballfield Dispute

by Jim Brogan

A growing controversy over the use of the playing fields in South St. Anthony Park was given a public hearing at the recreation center, Aug. 3. A special meeting of the District 12 Human Services committee, chairman JoAnne Rohricht, city councilman Bob Fletcher, parks and recreation district supervisor Howard Bell, and officer Anderson and Gritzmacher of the St. Paul police department listened as parties in the neighborhood dispute clarified their several positions.

Residents living adjacent to the ball diamonds, particularly the baseball field at the far east end, complained that weekend games are too often accompanied by delinquent behavior. Cars are parked without regard for regulations, and many times prevent residents from entering or leaving their own driveways.

In addition, according to residents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Link and others, players and fans frequently drink, become loud and abusive, and urinate on the shrubbery.

As a result of such behavior and the persistence of resident complaints, the parks and recreation department recently put up signs saying “ballplaying by permit only.” According to supervisor Bell, the signs are only a temporary measure to give the department time to work out a consistent and enforceable policy.

Ballplayers, however, many of whom attended the meeting, expressed dismay at the new restrictions. Arguing that they have played softball in South St. Anthony Park for years, and they have never been the cause of rowdy behavior, they see no reason why they should be forbidden to play.

Inside the perimeter marked out by these two positions—residents wanting to live in peace and players wanting to play softball—discussion at the meeting moved back and forth and around in circles.

Are the permits intended to allow people access to the fields or prevent them from playing? Does the task of enforcement fall to parks and rec or to the police? Who pays for broken windows? Is it reasonable to suppose that players will park near the rec center building and walk a quarter of a mile to their favorite playing field rather than park on Hunt Place directly adjacent to that field?

A recurring question involved bathroom facilities. The center building is locked on weekends, leaving players nowhere to turn for relief.

One of the beleaguered residents, Ken Mack, admitted that the lack of bathroom facilities was unfair to the ballplayers, and perhaps even cruel. “You can’t,” he said, “and I don’t care how good you are—whether you go to church on Sundays and everything else—you can’t play softball for six hours without having to go to the bathroom.”

Although the discussion was not always polite, nor carried forward with Mack’s good humor and open-mindedness, it was candid. At the end of the meeting the factions did seem to gain some understanding for opposing points of view, and a grudging willingness to work toward a compromise.

As Bell said a few days later, “At least everything is out in the open and people realize there is no magic solution.”

Immediately after Tuesday’s meeting, a number of people, including Bell, Councilman Fletcher, the Macks, the Links, and several ballplayers, walked over to the playing field at the center of the controversy. Examining the area carefully and talking among themselves, they discussed the pros and cons of various courses of action.

Library Fate Uncertain

by Mary Winget

Two differing sets of recommendations for St. Paul’s library system continue to move through the city’s decision-making process. Both propose cuts in service; one, from a committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission, threatens the existence of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

The Mayor’s Responsive Services Task Force has recommended reduced service at four libraries, to be achieved by pairing the Arlington Hill and Riverview branch libraries and the Rice Street and Hamline branches to provide two days of service in each building.

In addition, the task force recommended no capital outlays for libraries in the 1983 operating budget. It also recommended that the library system’s materials budget not be reduced from its 1982 level of $313,000. The budget Mayor George Latimer vetoed following a recommendation to the City Council recently reflects these recommendations.

The recommendations of the comprehensive planning committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission are more sweeping than the task force recommendations, and are possibly quite damaging to the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.

The planning committee proposes that any branch library with an annual circulation of less than 90,000 be altered to provide a reduced level of library service to the community. The plan recommends reading centers instead of libraries, to be located in multi-service centers in order to reduce the high cost of building maintenance.

With circulation of about 83,000, the St. Anthony Park branch would be affected if this plan is adopted.

A public hearing on the planning committee’s proposal is set for Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in the City Hall Annex. A copy of the proposed plan can be obtained from Nancy Homans of the Planning Commission at 292-6235.
Visiting Backyard Sites; Compost Before Winter

by Brian Pap

With the record setting heat we've had this summer, you may ask yourself, "Why the concern about winter composting?" The State Fair is here and you may soon be swamping through the Midway. Remind yourself then that leaves may be falling in as little as six weeks.

Attend the District 12 meeting on winter composting on Saturday, Sept. 18 at our office, 2280 Hampden Ave., 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. we will take a tour to see some of the different composting methods being used by residents throughout St. Anthony Park. We'll be finished by noon so all early season football enthusiasts; myself included, can get home to watch the early afternoon game.

Call us if you plan to attend either or both workshops, 646-8884.

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If you can help at 11:15 a.m. on either Monday or Wednesday in September or October, call 646-8884. You will be scheduled for a ONE TIME delivery of meals from Merriam Park Community Center to District 12 residents. District 12 will provide a sheet of instructions and a map.

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That yawning garage door is an open invitation to burglars to come to your home. It shows that the car is gone and also allows a potential thief to quickly enter and take tools or other items of value.

During State Fair time, homes near the Fairgrounds are often targets for burglars. Crime Watch members need to be particularly alert to strangers in and around your neighbor's home. DON'T just assume it's someone going to the Fair. And KEEP THAT GARAGE DOOR CLOSED!

Property Tax Refund

Due August 31

Homeowners and renters who can claim a property tax refund must file Form M-1PR by Aug. 31 with the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Forms are available by calling 297-3737. There is a special refund (up to $200) available to owners whose taxes rose more than 20% this year. It can be claimed on the same form.
Miss Vetta Still ‘Lives’ in U. Department
by Mollie Hoben

Vetta Goldstein, one of two sisters for whom the Goldstein Gallery in the College of Home Economics at the University of Minnesota was named, died July 26 in Los Angeles after a brief illness. She was 91.—U. of M. press release, July 27, 1982.

Vetta Goldstein retired from the University of Minnesota more than 30 years ago and moved from St. Anthony Park to Los Angeles, but if you ask about her today in the Department of Home Economics, it’s almost as if she never left.

“Miss Vetta” to generations of students, is still a very real presence in the department’s academic thinking and in people’s minds.

The text she wrote in 1925 with her sister and colleague, Harriet Goldstein, Art in Everyday Life, is a classic in the field and still is used at the University as a resource.

“I doubt there is any other text in our field that touches this one in recognition and impact,” said Keith McFarland, dean of the department, in a recent interview. The work the Goldsteins did had a marked influence on teaching in home economics departments across the country, he said.

Their teaching influence in Minnesota was just as great. “They built a tremendous loyalty among their students,” McFarland said. Many of their students gracious and generous teacher who never put a student down. She remembered students long after they graduated and she had a genuine interest in their lives.

When she returned to the University in 1976 for the dedication of the Goldstein Gallery, some 500 former students and friends gathered to greet her. She recognized people she hadn’t seen in 30 years, Gallagher said, and called them by name.

They wanted people to see the art in everyday objects as well as in great paintings or antique furniture. They key was good taste—and the Goldsteins were not shy about pointing out good taste and the lack of it.

Miss Vetta was “animated, intense, lively in manner, quicksilver in response,” said McFarland. And age didn’t change her.

When he visited her in Los Angeles last year, McFarland recalled, it was she who drove them to lunch, through Los Angeles traffic. She was 90 years old.

“She talked about curriculum issues, discussed program philosophy, was keenly interested in affairs of the day, and was eager to share new nuggets that came out of her reading,” McFarland remembered.

The Goldsteins lived for years in a house on Langford Place and they frequently used their home as a laboratory for students, showing classes how they used their theories in their own lives.

Some of the numerous photographs in their textbook were of their home and possessions. They took most of the 350 photos themselves, while traveling around the world.

The Goldsteins insisted that art could and should be part of everyday life. “They always stressed the inexpensive,” Myren said. “They weren’t showy people.”

In the early 1970s when building plans for the home economics department included a much needed exhibition room and (Turn to page 11).

As we surround ourselves with beauty, art actually becomes a part of our life and personality—not to be set apart for occasional enjoyment, but rather to be sought and enjoyed in everything we do and in everything we select—Art in Everyday Life, by Vetta and Harriet Goldstein.
Don't Play Numbers Game With Community Libraries

The planners are at it again. If criteria recommended by a committee of St. Paul’s Planning Commission are accepted by the City Council, the St. Anthony Park branch library may have to be closed. It seems that in the committee’s scale of values the figure 90,000 has attained a kind of magical significance. Community libraries with annual circulation above that number should be allowed to survive. Libraries where circulation falls below 90,000 should be replaced by something called “reading centers.”

Circulation at the Park branch library for 1981 totaled 82,868.

As it happens, the Park library even at that supposedly “inadequate” figure, last year circulated more items per capita than any other library in the city. Unfortunately, items per capita apparently is a statistic of little interest to the planners downtown. They have decided, with the blessing of the agency that sets “national library standards,” that per capita is the total figure, never mind the particular circumstances.

The Park library serves a population of 6,601, by far the smallest constituency in the entire city. The next smallest library in terms of population served is the Hamline branch with a constituency of 12,410, almost twice as many people. With the exception of the Riverview branch, with 13,840, every other library in the city serves well over 20,000. Merriam Park serves almost 30,000. Highland Park almost 40,000.

Obviously we cannot compete in terms of total circulation with libraries serving five or six times the number of people we have in our district. Nor, for that matter, should we be stamped into this numbers game as if we believed that the value of a library can be measured numerically.

Of course, we can play their silly game if we have to. Should the planning commission have its way and make 90,000 the arbitrary cut-off figure, we can in November or early December organize a “check-out charade” and run our numbers up another ten or fifteen thousand to put ourselves over the top. Eighty people checking out 100 books apiece would have done the job in 1981.

A better solution, however, would be to attend the public hearing of the library plan Friday morning, Sept. 10, at 9 in the 15th-floor auditorium of the City Hall Annex, 25 W 4th St., and tell the planners that their numbers don’t add up.

If they really believe that Mickey Spillane outweighs William Shakespeare because more of his books are checked out of the library each year, we have an obligation to enlighten them. Some books weigh more than others, just as some people gain more than others from reading them. We might remind the planners also that many patrons make excellent use of the library without even leaving the premises, staying to read and to study because they find the atmosphere congenial to thinking.

Perhaps the planners, if the proposal is any indication of their understanding, could make better use of their own libraries. As a modest beginning, they might do some research on the topic of quality versus quantity. If they do, they will learn that you can’t measure value with a check-out machine.

Local Library 65 Years Old This Year

by Mary Winget

“Despite the intense heat, 150 people attended the new Carnegie branch library at St. Anthony Park,” reported the St. Paul Pioneer Press 65 years ago.

The library opened July 28, 1917, while workers were still busy laying linoleum and adding the final touches to the new building.

It was a gala day for the community.

One four-year-old child who waited for the doors to open at 10 a.m. amidst festive signs, posters and decorations had to be sent home for dinner at 6 p.m. by the librarian, so enraged was she by the parents of the book thief.

After dinner, she brought her mother to see her new-found treasure, 5,000 attractive new books.

Two and a half months later, “despite the fact that the weather was colder than had been known for the second week in October for the past 46 years,” a two-day dedication ceremony was “well attended and enthusiastically received.”

The ceremony began with a flag parade from the old Murray School (later replaced by Gun- terson) and proceeded to the new library with Miss Grace Wauffle presiding. There was music by the Murray orchestra followed that evening by a house warming in the new Community Interest Center (the large room downstairs in the library) with speeches and more music.

The following day was filled with stories and songs for community children.

Library service in St. Anthony Park, however, predates the public library. In 1905, some books, not many, were placed in Fischer’s Drug Store on the corner of Raymond and Humpden avenues.

On June 25, 1913, Wallace & Frank’s grocery store at 2258 Como Ave. offered space so that library service might be provided to residents of north St. An- thony Park also.

Patrons browsed through the books in a case at the front of the store while waiting for the streetcar, then borrowed a book to read on their way downtown.

Eventually the library service became so burdensome to the store’s employees that the books had to be moved to the old Murray School, where library service was provided one day a week.

The site of the present library was presented to the city by resi- dents of north St. Anthony Park through the efforts of the local library committee led by Mrs. Francis Parker. Then, in 1917, the St. Anthony Park Library (as well as the Central library and Arlington Hill and Riverview branches were constructed with a $75,000 Carnegie endowment matched by the city. As an institution, the St. Paul Public Library was established in 1882.)

The importance of the local li- brary to the St. Anthony Park community has been well-documented. Since its doors opened, there has been a constant effort to extend library service to meet the needs of the community, and the Community Interest Center has been the meeting place for countless groups.

Because of its natural boundaries, the branch serves a comparatively small section of the city, but even in 1926 it reported that 5,172 books were checked out, an average of one book for each person in the Park.

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Help Bugle Earn $2000 Gift

An anonymous donor has pledged to contribute $2000 to the Bugle’s fund drive if individual contributions reach $5000.

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New Contributors

Robin Nelson is an English major at the University of Minnesota who does freelance writing and is interested in community newspaper papers... Joe Suhadolin is a PhD candidate in chemistry at the University; he enjoys writing as a hobby... Terri Wilson studied agriculture journalism on the St. Paul campus of the University and graduated last year.
HEADWINDS

The Finishing Touch
by James Wesley Brogan

I learned about the process of refinishing furniture some ten years ago while living in San Francisco. My old neighborhood, Fillmore Street, contained numerous "used furniture" shops, and several of my friends made their living there, buying junk and selling "antiques". One in particular, a woman named Alice, was highly adept at the work, and could refinish a large table or cabinet while carrying on a casual conversation.

She made it look so easy that when I happened to locate a big, half-painted, and spectacularly ugly oak desk in a store on Nob Hill, I asked Alice to refinish it. She did, and when I picked it up, I bought it. Having watched Alice effortlessly strip three coats of paint off a big table in the space of an afternoon, I felt certain I could get my desk in valuable condition within a couple of days at the most.

I bought some Strip-It (even the name made it sound easy), hauled my potential antique out on the rooftop for a quick session or two, and zipped right into the top coat of paint, a nice, brittle black, boiled up just like it was supposed to and peeled off with no trouble. Underneath it, however, lay a cream-colored substance which I later concluded must have contained a particularly vicious kind of bubble gum. The chemicals in the furniture stripper, when blended with this stuff, smeared it into the wood so indelibly that I despised of seeing the grain again. Like chewing gum, at first it was sticky, and then became as hard as plastic.

When I finally screamed out my last curses and quit, my desk resembled a large, square calico cat. Some parts of it—primarily those which had never been painted—still carried the original varnish and oak grain; some were still black; large patches, especially on the drawers and across the top, were plasticized cream. The remainder, where these three intermixed, was a Picasso of indecision.

Obviously, the problem called for a creative solution, and I found one. Instead of doing further damage with stripper, brush and putty knife, I simply dragged the calico beast as it was back indoors, and covered it as completely as possible with a mess of papers, writing instruments, books and flea market pollutants.

It was a work of genius. What it lacked in rich, natural wood grain and beauty, it more than made up for with bohemian je ne sais quoi and camouflage. Only the extremely curious ever knew what my desk looked like underneath. I found that I could sit down and write with perfect ease, and never had to worry about spilling a cup of coffee on it.

The job of refinishing, in other words, was complete. I was more than finished working on that desk, and "refinished" is as good a word as any to describe the way I felt about it.

Residents to Compete at State Fair
by Marsha Miller

When the 1982 Minnesota State Fair opens its 12-day run Aug. 26, an expected 13,000 exhibitors will compete for premiums totaling $400,000. Among those involved in the competitions will be St. Anthony Park residents Peter Rupert and Kathy Svendsen.

Rupert is one of 50 junior contestants to make it to the semifinals of the State Fair Amateur Talent Contest. The 14-year-old trumpeter will play "Bugler's Holiday" during semifinal competition on Sept. 3. The talent contest junior division winner, ages 15 and under, will receive a $300 cash prize.

Kathy Svendsen will enter her china painting in the creative activities competition.

Peterson said one of his most memorable experiences occurred in front of a concession stand filled with stuffed animals. He stood very still, attempting to blend in with the other animals.

Two women studied him, debating if he was real. They began to feel his fingers and, after much discussion, decided the fingers were merely made of wire and that Fairchild was in fact a stuffed toy. As they walked away, Peterson followed them and tapped one of them on the shoulder, surprising and delighting both of them.

Agency Seeks Housing Data

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency wants to find out whether it should get involved in helping people finance conversion of their single family house into an owner-occupied home that includes a self-contained unit with its own separate kitchen and bathroom (an "accessory apartment").

Barbara Lukermann, Falcon Heights, a consultant for the agency, is seeking information from owners (and their renters) who have either bought a home with an accessory unit, made a conversion themselves, or now want to create that rental unit for whatever reason.

The study will identify the kind of housing that lends itself to this doubling up with least impact on the neighborhood, how many houses could be affected if communities started changing their codes and ordinances to permit it to happen legally, and whether it is likely to be a good investment and smooth process for those getting into the market.

Persons interested in sharing their experiences or plans with Lukermann may call her at 376-3684 or write to 2211 Folwell Street, St. Paul, 55108.

Flea Market Set for Sept. 24

Linnea Home Auxiliary will sponsor a flea market and bake and craft sale on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the home, 2040 Como Avenue. Proceeds from the sale will go to provide trips and extra entertainment for the residents.

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Local Candidates Stake Out Positions

by Terri Ezechiel

The state’s economy, property taxes, crime and cuts in social programs are among the main concerns of the candidates for the State Legislature in the districts that cover St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale.

Candidates for the state House of Representatives and the state Senate will bypass the primary on Sept. 14.

In District 63B, which includes north and south St. Anthony Park, incumbent representative Ann Wynia (DFL), running for a fourth term, will face challenger Jim Snodell, a lifelong Park resident.

The race in District 63A, which includes Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, will have incumbent representative John Rose (IR) running for a fourth term, opposed by St. Anthony city councilman George Marks.

In the Senate election, Ralph Keys will challenge incumbent Neil Dieterich (DFL).

Snodell (IR), a lawyer and an active member of the St. Anthony Park Association, said he decided to run for the Legislature because he “was concerned about the direction the state was taking.”

“The economy in the past few years has not been good,” he said, “and we have to realize that social programs have a cost.” He cautioned against “increasing the tax burden to pay for them.”

Wynia also said that the state’s economy was an “important” issue, particularly recent large increases in property taxes.

“Those were pretty big increases,” she said. “I am concerned about the state budget and the volume of state spending.”

District 63A incumbent John Rose (IR) said one of the “underlying issues” of the campaign was the question of “how we are going to perceive the role of state government in tough times.”

Rose said he favored “the middle ground,” a combination of “tightening our belts and developing ways to enhance our revenue.”

Rose’s challenger, George Marks, has been involved in public activities in the city of St. Anthony for almost 15 years as city councilman, as member of its planning commission and in a variety of other community activities.

Marks named employment, the environment and cuts in social services as the main issues of the campaign. His experience both in business (Sperry-Univac) and in local politics would provide him, Marks says, with the background needed to address the state’s financial problems.

Neil Dieterich (DFL), District 63 incumbent, said he agreed that the state’s economy was an important issue, but he also said that it has “overshadowed” the problem of crime control, which he pointed out is “a big problem in St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, and Lauderdale.”

Ralph Keys, Dieterich’s opponent, is a lawyer who has been executive director of the Association of Minnesota Counties.

He said he decided to run for state senator because, “I didn’t think the incumbent was interested in protecting the employment and business climate.”

Like the races for the State Legislature, the contest between Ron Maddox and Diane Ahrens for Ahrens’ seat on the Ramsey County Board will not heat up until after Sept. 14, because neither candidate has to run in the primary.

Gymnastics for Kids
The St. Anthony Park Gymnastics Club, in cooperation with St. Paul Community Education, will offer beginning, intermediate and advanced gymnastics instruction during the 1982-83 school year.

Registration for the program must be made in advance with classes being filled on a first come, first served basis. For more information call Joanne Laird (644-6433) or Karen Ulstad (488-9885); for registration materials call Joanne Martin (645-6885).
By 1931, reports show a per capita circulation of 11.6 volumes, "a much larger showing than that of any other branch or of the Central Library." It still has the highest per capita circulation of any branch library.

As part of the St. Paul Public Library's centennial celebration, the St. Paul Foundation has made a $100,000 matching grant to the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. They will match one-for-one the first $5,000 of any cash contribution. To obtain matching funds, checks should be made payable to the St. Paul Foundation for the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library Endowment Fund. Contributions are being used for the St. Anthony Park branch, which should be specified on the check. The friends contribute funds to be dropped at the library or mailed to Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, 1120 Northwestern Bank Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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These include: 1) erecting a cyclone fence between the playing field and the residences on Hunt Place; 2) recommending that HRA, owner of the property across the street from the ball field, erect barriers to keep cars from parking there; 3) lifting the parking restrictions currently in force on Territorial Road; 4) upgrading one of the other two ball diamonds to make it comparable to the one in question; 5) closing the ball field.

There are distinct disadvantages to each of these solutions, foremost among which is that most of them address the effects rather than the cause of trouble. As Bell puts it, "We would really like to get at the root of the problem. Right now, we're just getting at the symptoms.

There may be disagreement about what that root is, but excessive drinking seems to be an important component of it. And since drinking in the park is expressly forbidden by city ordinance, it is certain that the police will be asked to enforce the law more vigorously.

As Bell explains, "It's not enough to ask offenders to leave, to give them nothing but a slap on the wrist. The police are going to have to issue citations."

Under the circumstances, it was more than a little ironic the group of problem-solvers standing next to the ball diamond after the meeting that evening were joined by a carload of young people who promptly invited them to share a few drinks and have a party.

Councilman Fletcher, on behalf of the group, respectfully declined.

Fiscal difficulties are not a new phenomenon to the library either. On Nov. 14, 1932, a group of interested citizens representing various community organizations, churches and schools met to organize a local library association because, according to a report of the time, "a shortage of funds for new books and for facilities for those already owned is felt very keenly.

The St. Anthony Park Association, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, was formed for the purpose of representing "the interest of the community" in the library.

The Association shall, its constitution states, "undertake to make the library of greater significance in the life of the community and to increase the influence exerted by the community in the maintenance of the building and growth of the library."

To achieve its goal, the association has organized many different activities at the library. For example, there was a two-day international exhibit for the purchase of books (1938), a hobby display (1940), a local historical exhibit (1942), a lecture and entertainment series climaxing by a musical review (1944), a sampler with costumes from foreign countries (1944), and an antique toy display (1945).

In 1954, the most requested books were Not a Stranger, Gone with the Wind, and, because of the movie, The Egyptian. A record collection was acquired in 1957 and renovation of the office and check-out area began.

Less colorful, but no less vital to the operation of the library are the many physical repairs, both large and small, for which the Library Association is responsible—everything from patching roofs, gutters, foundations, stairways and window panes to new linoleum, shelves and lights and the removal and replanting of trees. Air conditioning in the library is also the result of the Association's efforts.

To celebrate its fifty years of commitment and service the St. Anthony Park Library Association is planning an anniversary celebration in October, with an old-fashioned formal tea on Oct. 3 complete with candelabras and flowers, tea served from samovars and coffee from urns.

There will also be an historic exhibit throughout the week in the Community Interest Center.

Jim Christianson, 1982-83 program chairperson, reports that the program will be a presentation by personnel from the St. Paul Fire Department Paramedic Unit covering, among other things, the capabilities and equipment of the unit and the scope of emergency medical assistance available. The presentation will include a short multi-media show, a talk covering what to do in an emergency, and a question-and-answer period.

On the personal side, Florence hail's from Roseville (a 35-year resident), where she watched the "great tornado" but "didn't lose a leaf." In her earlier years, she taught in a rural elementary school near Wyoming, Minnesota. She is a mother of two and granddaughter of six. Florence also is an avid member of the Audubon Society.

Meet Florence King

A new face will be accompanying the kitchen at the monthly dinner meetings of the Association this year. Florence M. King, an experienced caterer for groups about our size, will be in charge of preparing the meals. Some of you already may have tasted her lunches or dinners if you have attended meetings (with meals) of the St. Paul Council of Churches or of the United Leisure Age Center at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. She also is the Food Service Director at the Hamline Methodist Church.

Recreation News

Jerry Exboldt, Director of the Langford and South St. Anthony Recreation centers, reports that the Fall program includes a variety of events designed to meet the recreational needs of all residents. Copies of the Schedule of Events are available at the Recreation Centers.

Special events of note scheduled for September are:

- Sept. 9-6-week Beginning Horsemen Class begins (for 5th and 8th grades) 6:45-8 p.m. every Thursday at Langford
- Sept. 14, Partners Horse Shoe Tournament (junior and senior high) 6:15-8 p.m. at South St. Anthony
- Sept. 15, 8-week Arts and Crafts Class begins (ages 9-11), including painting, drawing, working with pipe cleaners, puppets, etc. 4:45 p.m. every Wednesday at Langford
- Sept. 16, 8-week Arts and Crafts Class (ages 8-9), including coloring, popsicle stick house making, etc. 4-5 p.m. every Thursday at South St. Anthony
- Various dates and times, 8-week classes (minimum of 8 per class) for pre-schooleers (minimum age 3) covering basic recreation activities and social skills, games, stories, arts, outside activities, etc.

Call recreation centers for details and registration forms (Langford: 645-9985; South St. Anthony: 644-9188).

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French Actress Now a Theater Director

by Diane DuBay

St. Anthony Park resident Georgette Pfannkuch tries to remember the names of new acquaintances, especially those who speak French. She is always looking for new recruits for Les Amis du Théâtre, the three-year-old French-language theater company of which she is a charter member.

The name means friends through the theatre, and Pfannkuch, a Parisian by birth, frequently directs plays produced by the group.

"I try to find people who speak perfectly in French; I keep and remember their names and call them when there is a part they might be suited to," she said.

The theater group has about 25 active members whose knowledge of French language and culture ranges from that of natives to teachers and others who have a professional interest in French.

Pfannkuch's interest stemmed from her early ties with the theater in France. She studied theater arts at the Charles Dullin School in Paris and worked as an actress before moving to the United States with her German-born husband in 1965.

In 1974, Pfannkuch assisted a group of Macalester College students in a French theatrical production and was later hired by Macalester to teach interim courses in French theater. She has worked in the same capacity at the College of St. Catherine and at St. Thomas College.

Bonnie Schmidt, a recent Macalester college graduate, who performed in the spring production of Jean Genet's "Les Bonnes" (The Maids), said that Pfannkuch's background and her relationships with well-known artists, as well as her ability as a director, are impressive.

"She has ties with extremely talented people," said Schmidt.

Donald Rice, a board member of the theater group, described Pfannkuch as the driving force behind the theater. Under her guidance the group produces three plays each year.

Translations of French plays to English are difficult. "Sometimes there is a play upon words and no translation is possible," said Pfannkuch. "Any play works its real effect in the word. (The plays are) French poetry and you can't translate poetry," she said.

Despite the language barrier, the format of the production of Les Amis du Théâtre allows individuals with a limited knowledge of French to benefit from the performance. A presentation is given in English before each performance.

This year's production of "Les Bonnes" was so well received that a repeat performance has been scheduled for October.

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Alliance Francaise

by Mollie Hoben


For most residents, the closest thing to a French connection in the area probably is the coquettish at Sherman bakery or perhaps the French wine at Sharrett's liquor store.

But on Sept. 1, the Twin Cities Alliance Francaise Center will open in Baker Court. It will provide classrooms and meeting space and will house a considerable library of French books, magazines and teaching materials.

During the fall, Alliance Francaise will offer 19 French language classes at the center—five for children—as well as two French cooking classes at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave.

Why all this French activity in St. Anthony Park? Marlen Raup, a vice-president of the organization and Falcon Heights resident, says the location is good. "We wanted to be as close to the center of the Twin Cities as possible," she explained.

At the same time, it perhaps didn't hurt that two of the four members of the search committee were area residents and that a small but dedicated group of residents are quite active in the organization in proportion larger than one would expect from a neighborhood this size.

Why such an interest in things French in this neighborhood?

Several residents active in the organization suggest that the University influence has something to do with it. "Many people affiliated with the University travel a lot or take sabbaticals in French-speaking countries," said Maryse Fan. "They learn French and want to continue with it."

This is how Raup came to the organization. When she went to France for a year with her husband, a University professor who was studying the Common Market, she did not know French. She began studying it at the Alliance Francaise headquarters in Paris, and before she returned to Minnesota she had learned to be comfortable in the language.
Mann Teaches Kids ‘Global Consciousness’

by Robin Nelson

What do you do as a polyglot (one who is fluent in several languages)? That's what Arlene Mann asked herself before she started teaching language to children in St. Anthony Park.

Born in Bahia, Brazil, Mann has long been bilingual in Portuguese and English. After living and teaching several years in Europe, she acquired three additional languages, French, Italian, and Spanish. But, being a polyglot, Mann discovered, has its problems.

"The skills I have aren't that easily marketable. I've had to come up with something to market myself," said Mann.

Mann began teaching children seriously in 1976. She is one of the few language instructors for children in the Twin Cities. "I really believe in teaching kids language when they're young," she commented. "They pick it up so easily and it's fun for them."

Mann usually meets with a group of children between the ages of four and seven for a half hour a week. She teaches children with songs, games, and even field trips. But the classes are usually centered on a theme.

"I use my own style where we're just using the language and I design my own curriculum. The curriculum is designed to fit the needs of the student," Mann said. For instance, Mann may take a group of children on a trip to a tortilla factory one day, on another day, she may teach them a Mexican Hat Dance.

"With children you have to keep things moving because their attention span is so short. But we always use the language in whatever we do," she said.

Mann feels it is important that children learn the customs and culture of a country as well as the language. "This wakes kids up to the fact that there are other people in the world that are not just like them, that have different clothing and different customs. It gives kids a global consciousness," she said.

Mann does not just teach children. After teaching at Macalester College, she discovered teaching adults could be fun too. But with twelve years of teaching experience behind her, Arlene Mann is ready to move on. She has formed her own business, International Language Services.

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The main objective of her business is to help people communicate. "Anything that I can do to bring people together so that they can communicate better. Any kind of service that has to do with language, I want to offer," Mann said.

Teaching is one aspect of International Language Services. In addition to tutoring children, Mann also will be teaching adults. Beginning in the fall, she will offer beginning Spanish classes at her Dinkytown office for students unable to register for classes at the University.

Another area of her business will involve translations and travel guidance.

Mann’s main project is to take 20 people to Isla Mujeres, an island in the Mexican Carribean next spring.

Arlene Mann wanted to use all of her language skills in her career. Now, by forming her own business, she may use all of them in a single day. She feels a great satisfaction in her work. "It's the same satisfaction from teaching a child how to talk," she said. "I am the one who taught that person how to communicate with another."

Lauderdale Steak Fry

The Lauderdale Civic Club has scheduled its annual steak fry for Sept. 25, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the City Hall.

Supper of steak, salad, baked potato and garlic bread will be served. Music by the Neil Matsch Band will begin at 9 p.m.

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working gallery, it seemed right that such a space should be dedicated to the Goldsteins. Goldstein Gallery, in MacNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus, was opened in 1976. Miss Vetta was thrilled.

Miss Vetta’s career at the University began in 1914 in the fine arts department; her sister Harriet had begun teaching at the University in 1912. They both retired in 1949. Harriet Goldstein died in 1974.

Until her death, the sisters had lived together and worked to gather all their adult lives. It was said, Myren reported, that one of them could be called out of class in the middle of a sentence and the other could come in and pick up the sentence.

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- Is the ribcage equal on both sides, or does it become more prominent or just one side?

Your child’s shoes should also be checked for uneven wear, especially at the heels.

If the answer is ‘Yes’ to any of the above questions, your child should receive a professional scoliosis screening test. During the month of September, this service will be offered complimentary to all area school children, through our office.
Students Face Many Changes as School Year Starts

Budget Picture Still Cloudy At Murray, Como

by Ann Bulger

Tuesday, Sept. 7, is the opening day of school in St. Paul. This is one of the few known facts as the Bugle goes to press.

Due to budget cuts and teacher layoffs, staff openings abound, only weeks from opening day. No vacancies have been filled yet at either Como Park Senior High or Murray Magnet Junior High. Secondary principals returned to work on Aug. 16 and have been attempting to set up class schedules without knowing the teaching background of the unnamed staff. Because of the hiring process by seniority, assignments have progressed slowly over the summer.

As soon as definite information is available, newsletters will be sent to parents with information on registration, classes and bus schedules. The school day will run from 7:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. at both Murray and Como.

Most of the staff at St. Anthony Park elementary school will be returning, but former sixth-grade teacher Dick Mumbleau will teach the fourth grade.

The good news at Murray is that financial help will be coming from sources outside of the school district. Project Together, directed by Joe Nathan, has received another sizable grant from the federal government.

Volunteers Needed at Murray Jr. High

Murray Magnet Junior High School volunteer program needs both long-term and short-term volunteers during the coming school year.

Interested persons should contact Sara Tjemland, volunteer coordinator, 645-9474.

Murray Sponsors Staff, Community Get Together

Community members are invited to bring their bag lunches to Murray Magnet Junior High on Thursday, Sept. 2, at noon to meet the staff, most of whom will be new to the school. The event will give community members and school personnel an opportunity to talk together in an informal way before the hectic first days of school. No formal program is planned. Coffee will be provided by the Murray PTSA.
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Seminary Plans Addition

Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary has begun planning for a new chapel and commons building on its campus. Because of uncertainty about funding for the construction, however, a final decision to go ahead with the project has not been made.

Nonetheless, seminary planners feel there is sufficient reason to begin its process for planning the project, Neal Engbloom, assistant to the president, said recently.

The location of the new building will be on the southeast corner of Hendon Avenue and Fullham Streets, property which the seminary owns. The seminary does not plan to acquire any additional property in the neighborhood for the project and does not anticipate the need for additional property at any time in the future, Engbloom said.

“Luther Northwestern is concerned to preserve the residential nature of the neighborhood as much as possible,” he said. Current plans are that all of the homes on Branson Street will be kept in place.

The proposed building will be a facility for the seminary’s daily chapel service during the week as well as a facility for the food service which serves on-campus students.

Fairview Home for New Center

by Terry Wilson

Fairview Junior High School has a new look! Young children and senior citizens fill the halls of the former Roseville school, taking part in programs offered at the "new" Roseville Community Center.

One program is the Early Childhood and Family Education program, in which parents and children work together and also spend time apart while parents attend lectures on pertinent parenting topics.

The Community Center also houses the Extended Day Program, offering daycare for school-aged children before and after school. This is a tuition-based program offered daily from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Senior citizens are another group whose presence is known at the center. Activities include swimming, square dancing and volunteer work with children, reports Jane Lindberg, a member of the board of directors for the North Suburban Senior Council.

The seniors also have a handicraft gift shop where they sell crafts on consignment, a drop-in center, and special interest programs and counseling programs that they set up.

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French Plays

Les Amis du Theatre will present "Les Bonnes," by Jean Genet, directed by Georgette Pfannkuch, Oct. 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. in Bridgman Hall on the Hamline University campus.

The theater group will also present Moliere's "La Jalousie du Barbouille" and "Le Meunic Volant" Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. in Bridgman Hall.

Susan Miller, former St. Anthony Park resident and presently a French teacher at Breck School, is co-artistic director for the Moliere plays, along with Patrick O'Brien.

Tickets for either of the performances will be $3.75 general admission ($1.75 for students and senior citizens) and can be reserved at 646-3407 or purchased at the door.

Job Corps Center Seeks Advisory Panel

St. Paul is seeking persons interested in serving on the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Members of the committee come from the following locations: Como, Falcon Heights, Midway, St. Anthony Park, and Roseville.

If you are interested in serving, contact the Mayor's Office at 298-4223 by Sept. 30 to request an application form.

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St. Anthony Park Library Association offers duplicate bridge for interested players at the library year round.

Evening bridge is the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m. The cost is 50¢ per person, and each player should bring a partner.

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