

Family and friends assist students in annual migration to St. Paul campus. Photo by Dawn Holmberg.

## Fall Brings Students

by Alice Rudeen

Fall quarter classes at the University of Minnesota began Monday, Sept. 28. Based on 1980 figures, 5000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs on the university's St. Paul campus.

These students, plus hundreds of staff personnel, are again living, working, and studying in and around St. Anthony Park. It all means that things within the Park are a little more hectic these days.

According to the St. Paul Housing Office, 190 Coffey Hall, housing availability within walking distance to campus is very tight. Many students are forced to find housing outside St. Anthony Park and commute daily to campus.

Bailey Hall, 1458 N. Cleveland Ave., is the university residential housing on the St. Paul campus. About 500 university students will call Bailey Hall their home for fall quarter.

Although housing may be a problem, a spokesperson for the University Parking Services said that parking on the St. Paul campus is not a problem, especially considering the space available in the fairground lots.

Classes at Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminaries, 1501 Fulham St., began Sept. 7. The registrar's office reports that 789 students are enrolled in classes. Housing units on Northwestern's campus total 297.

*Alice Rudeen is a student on the St. Paul campus and lives in St. Anthony Park.*

## Community Reacts to Rape

by Mollie Hoben

A teenage south St. Anthony Park resident was raped on Sept. 15 as she walked in the vicinity of Cromwell and Pearl streets at about 11:30 p.m.

A neighbor, to whose house the victim went following the attack, called the police and the next day informed District 12 coordinator Ann Copeland of the incident.

By the evening flyers reporting the event and urging residents to "be aware" and watch for suspicious occurrences were being distributed by block workers to homes and apartment buildings in south St. Anthony Park.

Lt. Leroy Thielen, team A-1, believes people have become more alert since then. "We have taken several reports on suspicious people, which is what we want," he said. "We want the neighborhood to contact police."

Sgt. Ron Nagel, crimes against persons division, who is investigating the rape, said there is not reason to believe the attack is part of a pattern or related to other crimes.

The assailant was described as a white male of medium build, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds. He wore a nylon stocking over his head.

## Maddox, McMahon Race?

by Claudia Lustig

City Council candidates in next spring's election will be running in districts for the first time rather than in a citywide race. The change is a result of a resolution passed by St. Paul voters last November.

Two current councilmen, George McMahon and Ron Maddox, both live in the proposed fourth district, which includes the St. Anthony Park area. Under the new system, the two may be running against each other next spring, a situation that would leave one of them without a council seat.

A charter commission was given the task of dividing the city into seven districts, commonly referred to as wards. "We're trying to keep neighborhoods and planning districts together," said commission member John Connelly, while still retaining the "one man-one vote" concept.

Public support has been strong for the boundaries proposed by the commission subcommittee.

"There's been a very favorable reaction in all districts I've heard from except for the boundary between districts one and two," said Connelly.

A final resolution defining the boundaries for the seven wards will be written following the Oct. 1 meeting of the full commission, at which public testimony on the subcommittee's report will be heard. The formation of the new districts will bring about many changes in the council race, said Connelly. "There are going to be two wards where there are no incumbent councilmen and two wards where the incumbent councilmen will be running against each other," he said.

"It (running against another incumbent) bothers me," said Maddox. "I personally do not like to run against friends." Nevertheless, he said, "I love that neighborhood and I love what I'm doing. The people have spoken. I'm smart enough to abide by that decision. I want people to consider my record. I get results. I would not be afraid to face the voters."

Councilman McMahon also felt confident about the upcoming race. "I said all along that the people have spoken and I intend to be a candidate," said McMahon. Nevertheless, he said he did not plan to make a firm decision on whether or not to run until "sometime after Christmas."

McMahon said "I think the campaign will be different" after the switch to the ward system. "I don't think the campaign will be any easier," he noted that candidates would need to form closer contacts with constituents.

Maddox also said the ward system would change the campaign. "Ward politics is street politics," said Maddox. "The person who gets elected has got to really understand street politics."

The voters may find the shift in emphasis to the grassroots somewhat disappointing, said McMahon. "Citizens may have another idea of what they're getting into," McMahon continued.

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## Sites Team Surveys Park

by Jim Anderson

When Minnesota Governor William Marshall hired prominent landscape architect Horace W.S. Cleveland to develop an exclusive St. Paul suburb in 1873 (on land purchased by Marshall in the 1850s), he could little imagine that the development he had envisioned would go slightly awry—much to the good fortune of St. Anthony Park residents over a century later.

Many more people than anticipated decided to settle here, and the 5-10 acre country estates Cleveland planned gave way to more conventional-sized city lots. However, the curving, winding streets of the Park remain, permanent testimony to Cleveland's distaste for typical gridiron-type urban street design.

Tracing community development plans such as this is only one purpose of the Ramsey County Historical Sites Survey, which is presently surveying St. Anthony Park.

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Pat Murphy, center, and historic site survey team members assess St. Anthony Park Library. Photo by Dawn Holmberg.

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SERVING RESIDENTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH ST. ANTHONY PARK, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

## Permit Parking Plan: 'What Do You Think?'

In December, 1980, residents in the area between Como Avenue and St. Paul campus were lining up to buy residential parking permits. The permits allow cars to remain on the street beyond the one-hour posted time.

As the one year trial period ends, the District 12 Council will be evaluating it and recommending a future course of action to City Council. At the same time the Department of Public Works will prepare a report and make a recommendation.

The District Council would like to receive comments from residents regarding either the success or failure of the parking permits. Preliminary discussion of the

permit process will be on the District Council agenda on Oct. 14. Residents should send letters to 2380 Hampden Ave., attend the 7 p.m. meeting at the same address, or call 646-8884.

A final recommendation will be sent to City Council in November.

St. Anthony Park and the William Mitchell College neighborhood are the two areas in St. Paul that have tested the permits as a method to relieve parking problems.

### Green Tree Project

Five of the 114 boulevard trees in District 12 lost to the tornado will be replanted this fall with money donated through the Green Tree Project.

This fund drive was initiated by radio station WAYL to replace trees on public property downed by the June tornado. District 12 was designated to receive the \$609 donated by the St. Paul residents since all the tornado damage was in this district.

Any resident who would like to contribute to the fund so that additional trees can be replaced this year on the boulevards should contact the District 12 Council, 2380 Hampden Ave., St. Paul, 55114. Checks should be written to District 12 Green Tree Fund. All contributions are tax deductible.

Since north St. Anthony boulevard trees were replanted in 1980, this area will not be eligible for city-funded tree replacement for another five years.

Residents interested in a group contract for tree replacement on private property should also call the District Council at 646-8884.

### Water Utility Land Will Bloom Next Year

Trees, shrubs, two flower beds, and a small parking lot will be added to the water utility land at the intersection of Raymond, Cleveland and Scudder streets this fall. Utility employee Roger Mohror told the District Council in September that plans include preserving the current streets and planting mostly evergreens, since they are relatively maintenance-free. The parking lot will be shielded with plantings.

Space for two flower beds close to Cleveland Avenue will be included if the community is interested in planting and maintaining them. The Council appointed Lindy Westgard and Bernice Flowers Strane to plan and oversee this project.

### Need Help? Call Job Bank

Those few oak leaves the squirrels are dropping in yards are a reminder of an annual rite—leaf raking. Residents needing help with raking and other fall jobs are asked to call the Job Bank at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 644-9188 between 2 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Approximately 15 youths have been employed by 25 people in District 12 this summer through the Job Bank. The program will continue in fall and winter for leaf raking and snow shoveling.

### Leave Your Leaves on Robbins Street

District 12 residents can do themselves, their trash haulers, and the District 12 Council a favor this fall by bringing their leaves to the composting site on Robbins Street between Highway 280 and the Raymond Avenue bridge.

Leaves should be left at the west end of the site. Please do NOT include branches and shrub prunings.

Leaves cause universal headaches. Trash haulers don't like them because they take up so much truck space and mean more trips to the landfill. Landfill operators are unhappy because loads of leaves form soft spots that cause problems. Residents should be unhappy because they are throwing away a resource that can replace the expensive soil conditioners they have to buy each spring.

The District 12 Council will be happy to have all those problem leaves for its Neighborhood Composting Project after Oct. 1.



Photo by Dave Shippee.

## A Success?

### Caregiver Group

Anyone caring for another adult either in the home or in a nursing home is invited to join the Caregiver Support Group in weekly meetings on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church. The group is sponsored by the District 12 Human Services Committee and the Wilder Foundation. For more information call Dorothy Menze, 292-4266.



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CONSUMER NEWS FROM ST. ANTHONY PARK BANK

## The Writing on the Wall

Story and photo  
by John Madsen

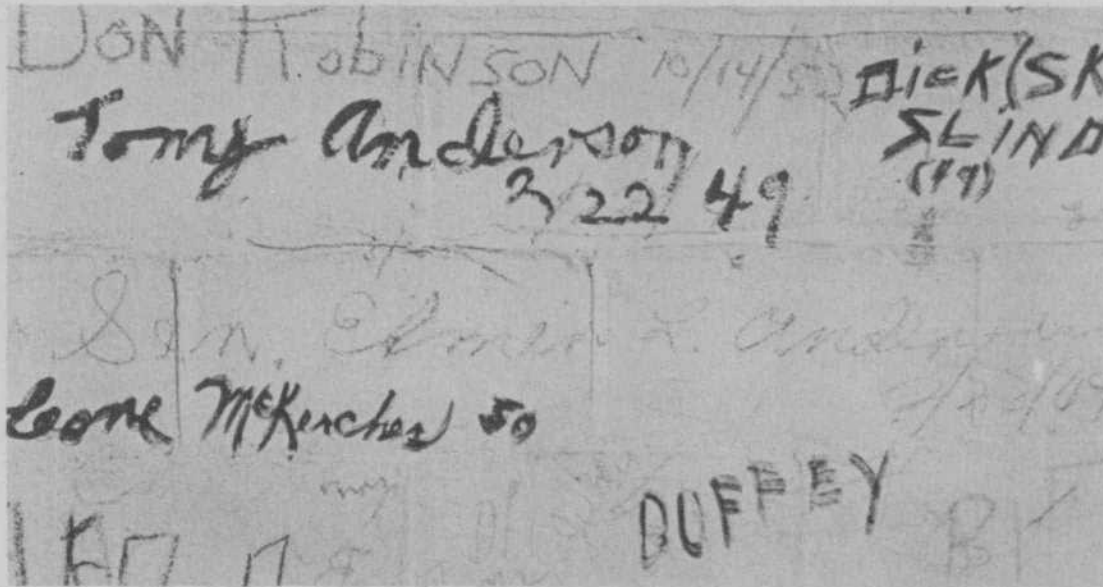
When Brad and Sandy Rinsem purchased the old Nelson house on Grantham Street, they found two basement walls covered with 30-year-old autographs.

According to Rich "Skinny" Slind most of the signers were high school friends of the two Nelson girls, Meridith and Janet. The writing on the wall was started when Mrs. Nelson said, "Wouldn't it be nice to paint the basement."

Well, teenagers will be teenagers.

and instead, all started signing their names. Apparently the Nelsons had a few parties and dances in the basement and other signatures were added.

No doubt the most famous autograph is that of former governor, and at the time, Senator Elmer L. Anderson.



Autographs on Rinsem's basement wall feature prominent Park people.

## New Boundaries for District 62 Likely

by Terri Ezekiel

The State Legislature has begun the job of reapportioning itself, and it seems likely that the boundaries of District 62, which includes St. Anthony Park, will be redrawn.

One plan, drafted by Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker, (IR-Hopkins), tacks the area north of Como Avenue onto a predominantly Republican district to include Falcon Heights, Arden Hills, St. Anthony Park and part of Roseville.

The Park's current representative, Ann Wynia (DFL), would be the only incumbent in this new district. The southern half of the Park would be part of a new district, for which there would be no incumbent.

Under the IR plan, the number of House districts in St. Paul would be reduced from 12 to nine, endangering the futures of at least six of St. Paul's 11 DFL representatives, including Wynia.

Wynia said she thought the IR plan was "obviously designed to separate me from the people I've represented." The IR proposal is unreasonable, she said, because, by splitting up the Park and other neighborhoods, it fails to abide by the "community of interest" standard mandated by

the courts.

The DFL alternative does not split the Park, but Wynia said the plan might present problems for her as an incumbent because it adds to the present district a portion of Roseville that tends to be heavily Republican. St. Paul would lose one seat under the DFL plan, drafted by House Reapportionment Committee Chairman Paul McCarron (DFL-Spring Lake Park).

Wynia voiced some doubt that the Legislature would be able to agree on a reapportionment plan satisfactory to both parties.

"Reapportionment is inevitably a political process and I'd prefer that the Legislature not do it," she said. Wynia and Sen. Neil Dieterich (DFL) both supported the referendum last year, which was defeated, that would have placed reapportionment in the hands of a bi-partisan commission.

If the Legislature cannot produce a reapportionment plan, a three-judge panel will take over the task.

The Senate also unveiled reapportionment plans this month. Senate Elections and Reapportionment Chairman Peter Stumpf (DFL-St. Paul) introduced a plan that would add the northern part of the current Dis-

trict 63 to what is now District 62.

This change would not alter Dieterich's incumbent status, but it would place House incumbents Wynia, Kathleen Vallenga and Walter Hanson in the same district.

Dieterich said this pairing of incumbents is one weakness of the DFL plan, because "we would in effect eliminate one woman (Wynia or Vallenga) from the Legislature after we've worked so hard to increase the number of women in government."

Stumpf's plan which has not as yet been endorsed by the DFL caucus, would keep five of six St. Paul districts. The sixth St. Paul district, Highland Park, would be expanded to include Mendota, Mendota Heights, Lilydale and Eagan.

The IR plan makes no significant changes in District 62, but St. Paul would lose two Senate seats under the plan which would pair DFL incumbents St. Paul Sens. Marilyn Lantry and Gene Waldorf.

Hearings on reapportionment will continue through fall, and when both houses pass a plan, a joint House-Senate conference committee will attempt to hammer out a final plan for Gov. Quie's approval.

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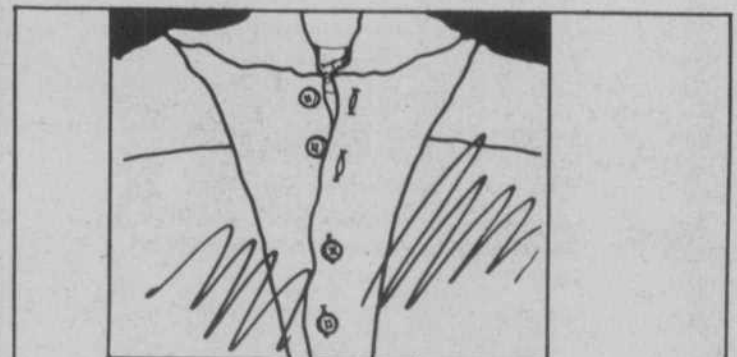
Find out about Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), Keough Plans, and the new All Saver Certificates and how they can affect your income tax return. Attend a special seminar in the Main Bank Building on Wednesday, October 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Erica Whittlinger will conduct the seminar. It's free and open to the public.

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## Editorial:

### Commitment to Neighborhoods Takes Money

When city money is tight, neighborhoods are vulnerable. The efficiency of centralizing is attractive to those who must grapple with diminishing funds. Thus we are now seeing agencies such as neighborhood libraries and neighborhood police teams proposed as possible targets for cutting expenses. In the next year no doubt we will also see pressure to reduce or eliminate city support to district (i.e., neighborhood) councils. This pressure will be intensified when the ward system is in place and wards are eyed as possible replacements for district councils. (Interestingly, in charter commission plans wards are called "districts" not wards.)

The irony is that when city services are being cut, neighborhood government becomes an increasingly important resource. As evidence of this, consider some of the things the District 12 council has been up to recently: starting a support group for individuals who provide care for an older relative or friend, alerting neighborhood residents about crime, developing a neighborhood composting project.

Each of these activities contributes to the neighborhood's ability to remain a good place to live even as city services are being cut.

St. Paul's strength as a city has always come from the strength of its neighborhoods. Commitment to neighborhoods costs money: the city puts up \$25,000 a year to help District 12 operate, and there are 17 districts in all. Tighter money is going to test politicians' commitment to neighborhoods. As candidates for city council come to this neighborhood for support, we should demand such commitment from them.

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## On the Street Where I Live Library Notes

by Olga Hallberg

On the street where I live I encounter such beauty.

With hanging baskets of impatiens Mrs. Willis has transformed a green street lamp into a ballet dancer attired in a puffy pink tutu while the rest of its gay troupe seem to wait for their entrance artistically grouped against the gray backdrop of the nearby house.

Next door, as if to rival for attention, Mrs. Teeter's blue clematis escapes from a mass of bright geraniums to scale the white wall, the better to display its unique beauty. And an array of tuberous begonia ringing an oak tree seems to shout out that nothing can match their size and color.

A continuous row of flower boxes lines the entrance to the neat patio of Commonwealth Health Care Center and healthy shrub-

bery cools the walls of the Children's Home Society.

Arriving at Como Avenue I stoop to pick up an empty beverage can and some discarded candy wrappers, but my spirit is lifted again when I discover the circle of flowers with which Mr. Milburn has disguised a dusty corner boulevard. Then on to his bank of flowers. Have you seen it? Such a riot of color and variety—a tribute to his mother he told me.

"You have no idea what she could do with flowers," he said.

No doubt none who worked with their plants had me in mind. They found their own specific rewards. However, I do say an inward "thank you" many times to them and to all who try to make St. Anthony Park such a pleasant area in which to live.

*Olga Hallberg lives on Commonwealth Avenue.*



## Letters to the Editor

The article on the St. Anthony Park Branch Library in your September issue contained misinformation and set an unpleasant tone that pits neighborhoods against each other.

The article states that the original plan was to close "three of the least used and most costly branch libraries." This is simply not true. Our community's library, the Hamline Branch Library, had the sixth highest circulation in 1980, only 2000 behind the St. Anthony Park Branch. Hamline had the third highest numbers in the city for library program attendance and the third lowest utility bills of all the branches—all of this with the second lowest operating budget of the branches.

The article quotes a St. Anthony Park Library staff person as saying the closings were the best

decision and that the city had too many libraries. The tone of the article blames the St. Anthony Park cuts on the decision to keep the Hamline, Riverview and Arlington branches open. While you have a duty to report what individuals' opinions are, for balanced journalism you should have sought another opinion—particularly opinions from neighborhoods which experienced the emotional trauma of the threat to eliminate our most precious community asset.

The Hamline, Riverview and Arlington communities united in a mutual effort to save our libraries. We decided to work together and not to save one branch at the expense of the others. Our success proves this strategy to be politically effective, as well as ethically correct.

The continued financial problems of the library system are real. But solutions to the problems do not come through closing libraries. Our community has set up an on-going, resident-run, Library Committee, which is committed to local fundraising, volunteer hours and a program to increase library use. In addition, we support the establishment of a city-wide, community-oriented, representative Library Board to act as an advocate for and advisor to the entire library system.

Jane Gagnelius, a volunteer storyteller, will conduct a story hour at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell, on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. beginning in October and running through Nov. 17.

Wednesday morning story hours at the St. Anthony Branch Library for three-to-five year-olds will continue.

The library currently needs volunteers to take books to people confined to their homes. This involves 2-3 hours of the volunteer's time each month. If you would enjoy helping a neighbor in this way, please call Debbie Willms, volunteer coordinator, 292-6393.

The St. Anthony Library Association will meet Oct. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library community room. The impact of recent city budget cuts on the library will be discussed. All organizations are requested to have their new representative at this meeting. The public is invited.

We are confident that you will agree that working together is a better approach than giving fuel to the old, mistaken idea of closing libraries.

*Kiki Sonnen, Community Organizer  
District 11 Coalition*

*Martha Wicker, Chairperson  
Hamline Library Committee*

*Ed. Note: The purpose of the Bugle article was to inform readers of decision that had been made about budget cuts in the library system.*

*The letter writers are incorrect in their assertion that the article quoted a St. Anthony Park library staff member saying the city has too many libraries. The person quoted was the assistant director of St. Paul libraries, Kathy Stachowiak.*

*Determining which branch libraries to propose for closing was based on comparisons of each branch's 1980 operating costs with its volume of circulation and reference services. When this was done, the Hamline branch showed the third highest cost to circulate a book, according to Stachowiak. The data used are contained in a report, "Reorganization of the Branch Library System Plan," which is available at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.*



## HEADWINDS

by James Wesley Brogan

Some ten years ago, while working as an apprentice scholar in southern Indiana, I was paid to teach literature and writing to undergraduates. At the time it seemed easy because I hadn't yet tried to write anything of my own. I guess my youthful excitement about the books I was reading myself then led me to suppose that literature was a simple matter.

Thoreau's "Walden," for instance, was a favorite of mine, perhaps because it gave so convincing an illusion of simplicity. A man doesn't need much to live a full life, Thoreau said. Merely by walking into the nearby woods and staying for one year, he can inherit the four seasons, one after

another, and all the riches they contain.

As another summer ends in Minnesota and the air takes on a certain sharpness and clarity, I am reminded of Henry Thoreau, and page through the section of his book that speaks of Autumn. One particular passage catches my eye because of its characteristic economy. In three paragraphs we travel three months toward winter, and I thought you might enjoy the trip.

(The selection is taken from a section called "House-warming.")

*Already, by the first of September, I had seen two or three small maples turned scarlet across the pond, beneath where the white stems of three aspens diverged, at the point of a promontory, next the water. Ah, many a tale their color told! And gradually from week to week the character of each tree came out, and it admired itself reflected in the smooth mirror of the lake....*

*The wasps came by thousands to my lodge in October, as to winter quarters, and settled on my windows within and on the walls over-head, sometimes deterring visitors from entering. Each morning, when they were numbed with cold, I swept some of them out, but I did not trouble myself much to get rid of them; I even felt complimented by their regarding my house as a desirable shelter. They never molested me seriously, though they bedded with me; and they gradually disappeared, into what crevices I do not know, avoiding winter and unspeakable cold.*

*Like the wasps, before I finally went into winter quarters in November, I used to resort to the north-east side of Walden, which the sun, reflected from the pitch-pine woods and the stony shore, made the fire-side of the pond; it is so much pleasanter and wholesomer to be warmed by the sun while you can be, than by an artificial fire. I thus warmed myself by the still glowing embers which the summer, like a departed hunter, had left.*

## A Question of Time

by Susan Barker

My grandmother never wore a watch. Nor did my mother.

Watches were for men. For my grandfather and father. For heirlooms passed down generation upon generation, worldly responsibility handed down from father to son, our family timekeepers.

What in the world, my grandmother would have asked, did you need timepieces for in a life marked by the rhythms of days and seasons? Mark time with the bowlful of risen yeast dough and the bed of zinnias calling for water. Mark time with daughter's hems to be lowered, a holiday to be orchestrated, sheets billowing on the line. Watches were for keeping time downtown—for appointments and ambition and getting ahead. Getting ahead had nothing to do with women in our family—then.

In what seems like no time, I find myself, at 34, among a generation of women obsessed with time. This fall, the literature filling my mailbox confirms this. There's an announcement of a seminar to be held in Chicago for "Women on the Fast Track." There's a local workshop for women only on "Making the Most of Your Time—And your Life," and a class on "Strategies for Getting Ahead," again for women only.

Six years ago, I would have rushed to sign up. At age 28, after spending five years home with my young son, it was time to get ahead. Some nights I would wake up with cold sweats and troubled thoughts about *lost time, a wasted college education, and squandered potential.* (My friends and I talked a lot like that then.) Days I would read and re-read "The Feminine Mystique," bemoan the lack of female role models in my family, and worry that my graduate application would be turned down precisely because I'd squandered too much time.

About this time, I learned that my grandmother had painted in her early 20s. Visiting her new apartment in Wisconsin, I saw a watercolor recently framed and hung by my mother as a housewarming gift. The painting—a technically expert and beautiful still life—enraged me. Why, I asked with my voice rising, hadn't she ever returned to her art?

"There was never enough time," she said matter-of-factly. "Other things always came along to take up my time." All that wasted potential thrown away so lightly, I thought then. Just like my mother who'd once been a botanist, but then marriage....

That day, I could tell my grandmother was baffled by her granddaughter's talk about a *career*, a

word whose very sound was irritating. The two of us parted frustrated and unable to understand.

Once in graduate school, I had my chance to make up for lost time. The night before starting classes, I wore a watch to bed—the first step in a new non-nonsense regimen. Cut down on sleep. Work twice as hard as my classmates. Don't waste a minute. Win journalism prizes. Edit a magazine. And at home, argue the merits of quality versus quantity time with kids, the perennial defense of a frazzled timekeeper who'd lost track of her family.

And then, in the final hurdle, it was time for a magazine job where each day ticked crazily toward a new deadline. At last I made it! Timeworn and frazzled, I was too tired to care.

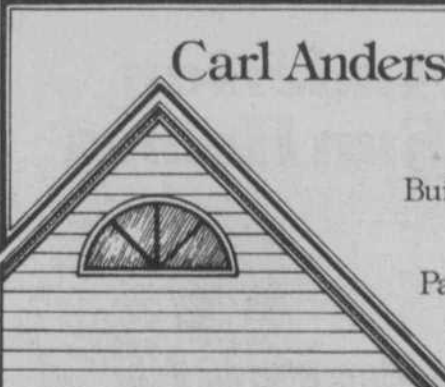
Now in this fall season of reflection, I stop to consider. It would be easy to romanticize a grandmother's domestic life. Surely there were times when it had its own frenzy. But there is another kind of frenzy among us. I talk to a friend who's a law student by night and a mother of three toddlers by day. "I am so exhausted," she says. "Sometimes I worry about all this stress. But if I don't do it now, it might be too late."

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## Jim Szevich: The Sherlock of Homes

by Terri Ezekiel

Have you ever wondered about who lived in your house and what the other houses in St. Anthony Park looked like 50 or 100 years ago?

Questions like these launched "house detective" Jim Szevich's interest in house research in 1967. His part-time hobby has grown into a full time career and today Szevich has files on about 200 St. Paul structures.

After discovering a grocery circular dated 1929 in the home his family moved into on St. Paul's East Side when he was 17, Szevich became curious about the house's past occupants. By checking city directories from the 1920s he learned the names of the family who lived there then and from a current phone book found out that a man who lived in the house as a child lived only a few blocks away.

From that small beginning Szevich began researching the homes around his neighborhood and from there, the surrounding neighborhoods. Without formal training as a historian, he uses city records and the houses themselves to tell him about the house's occupants and the changes made to them over the years.

"A house can talk to you for hours if you let it," Szevich said, as he advises anyone who wants to research a house's history to begin by thoroughly studying the structure and its surroundings.

Changes in the original structure can be detected in many small ways, Szevich said. "Check if there are different types of doorknobs or windowsills—things like that," Szevich said. "Often hardware can be the best indicator that change has taken place."

After thoroughly examining the inside of the house, Szevich continued, pay close attention to the foundation, the roof and evidence that there may have been other buildings on the lot.

"I can usually date a house within 10 years from the pitch of the roof or the composition of the foundation," he said.

Would-be house detectives should not stop with the house in which they're interested, however, Szevich said. Checking the ages of the trees in your lot, for example, or comparing your house with others around it can

yield information both about the age of the house and changes made in it.

Official records also can divulge a great deal about a house's history. After surveying a house in detail, Szevich said, checking the abstract of the title can provide details about the land's owners and any legal transactions involving the land—money borrowed on it, wills, lawsuits.

Abstracts are usually held by the mortgage company, Szevich said, but if your property doesn't have one, or if you're researching a house you don't own, you can put together your own by going to the register of deeds office at the Ramsey County Court House.

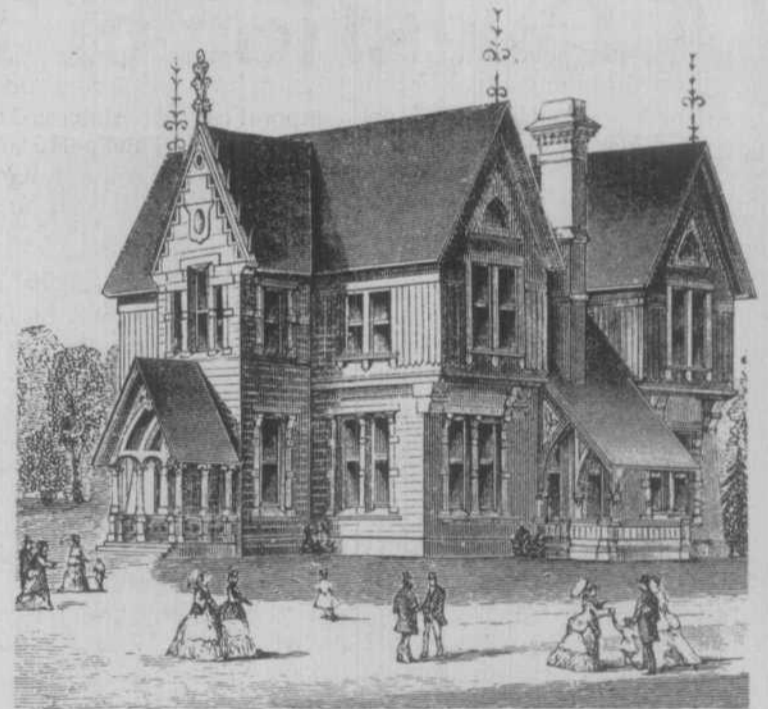
"All of the records are public and you can do it in about two hours," Szevich said. St. Paul land records go back to about 1847, so St. Anthony Park houses can be traced easily.

included. When the survey is finished Szevich will provide information about homes identified in the survey he has already researched.

He hasn't researched many homes in St. Anthony Park, Szevich said because he's been mainly interested in St. Paul's core neighborhoods, such as the East Side and Irvine Park. They represent, he said, "the last vestiges of our (St. Paul's) earliest history."

"Every house can't be saved," Szevich said. "But at least we can try to save representative houses from different periods of our history."

Several years ago Szevich decided to pursue house research full time. He researches homes both for private clients, who might simply be curious about their house's past, or for businesses, which might try to capitalize on a building's historic significance.



The one problem with abstracts, Szevich said, is that they describe structures on the property. For information about a house's owner, its contractor, the date of construction, the type of roof, the number of fireplaces, chimneys, etc., Szevich checks building permit records.

St. Paul has all original building permits, indexed by street, issued from 1883 to the present. Permits provide valuable descriptions to those interested in restoring houses to their original condition, Szevich pointed out.

Szevich is working with the Ramsey County Historical Society on its survey of architecturally significant homes, in which St. Anthony Park is

Szevich's speciality is providing photographic documentation on a house, a task he said leads him all over the country in search of former occupants of a house or their neighbors.

Twice a year Szevich gives a workshop, sponsored by the Ramsey County Historical Society, on researching houses, and advises prospective house detectives to check the St. Paul Public Library's checklist file on house researching for further information.

One word of caution, however, Szevich warns that house researching is contagious. "Once one person gets started, usually the whole neighborhood catches the bug," he said.

## Activities at Murray & Como

by Ann Bulger

Open House will be held at Murray Magnet Middle School on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Parents will follow their children's class schedules, and in each class teachers will give a brief summary of activities. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Any community member interested in visiting the school is welcome.

When school opened at Murray this year, the entire faculty had been hired unlike last year when some students faced overloaded classes or temporary substitutes the first weeks of school.

All seven buses arrived on time

the first day, and the 490 students came in with schedules in hand. Most seemed to know which room to head for, despite the fact that 60% of the enrollment is new to the building.

Principal Robert Smith stated that he has found the Murray community a good one in which to work and he states he has confidence in the staff, both in the magnet program and the Center for Social Development, which is housed in the lower level of the building.

Homecoming at Como Park Senior High School will be Wednesday, Oct. 14. Activities will include the coronation in the morning, the afternoon football

game against Johnson at Central stadium, and the evening dance at the school.

Since Como's enrollment of 1497 is higher than projected, classes have been added in French, Spanish, computer science, accounting, geometry, and physics, and math classes are larger than expected. The student body includes 155 southeast Asian students. Twenty buses are needed to transport students, with another 75 coming on MTC buses.

Athletic teams are adding to the school spirit at Como. Early in the season the football, volleyball, and cross country teams all have good records.

## Police Team Structure in Jeopardy

by Pat Collins

The St. Paul police department's team organization may be in danger if a citizen's advisory committee to the City Council has its way.

This committee, whose members were nominated by the City Council, has prepared a list of recommendations, one of which is the elimination of neighborhood police team houses.

St. Paul police currently are divided into six teams, with each team assigned to a particular area of the city and each operating out of a team house in the area. St. Anthony Park is part of Team A-1. A-1's team house is located at 919 Lafond Ave.

It seems that the primary reason for the proposed elimination of team houses is economic. The committee has estimated that some \$400,000 could be realized from the sale of neighborhood stations, according to Police Chief William McCutcheon. The city leases the facilities, however, and does not own them.

The proposal has not been particularly well received by either the police or by area residents. As of this writing, the City Council has not issued a statement on the advisory committee's suggestion.

Bob Bulger, pharmacist at Miller Pharmacy, expressed displeasure with the proposal. Although admittedly not fully informed, he said, "My initial reaction is, I don't like it."

Bulger said police responses would not be as quick or as effective without the neighborhood station. He also said a better rapport has been established between residents and police since the team organization went into effect. "People know who to contact if a problem arises,"

Lt. Leroy Thielen, Team A-1, reports that his officers strongly favor the team mode of operation. He believes it will continue, at least for now. "I'm confident and optimistic that we'll keep our teams," he said.

Regardless of the City Council's final decision, the neighborhood stations are safe for now. The police department has budgeted for them for the coming year.

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## SPCO Returns to Park

by Sherree Riley

A concert by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra (SPCO) Chamber Arts Consort, William McGlaughlin conducting, will open the 1981-82 Music in the Park series on Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.

The consort, a 14-member string ensemble with harpsichord, is one of four SPCO ensembles. The program will feature a concerto by Graun for harpsichord and string orchestra, with Layton James as soloist, plus works by Handel, Ives, Puccini, and Janacek.

Five additional concerts complete the music series, but the last concert is especially significant, according to Julie Himmelstrup, St. Anthony Park musician-in-residence and music series programmer. The Minnesota Composers concert, June 6, will present original music by Randall Davidson, Libby Larsen and Stephen Paulus.

Himmelstrup said this is a step toward making Music in the Park more than "just a music series," and she said she hopes it will become a vehicle for local musicians as well as acquaint Park residents with the creative process.



William McGlaughlin.

The other concerts in the series will be Oberlin Chamber Ensemble, Nov. 15; Richard Killmer and Thomas Tempel, oboeists, and Layton James, harpsichord-

ist, Jan. 3; The Alba Trio, with flute, viola and harp, Feb. 21; and Thelma Hunter, piano, Janet Hilton, clarinet, and Mina Fisher, cello, April 18.

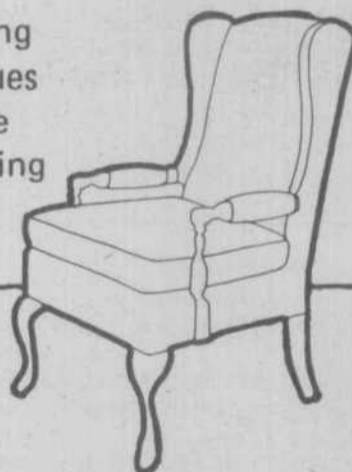
Music in the Park is sponsored by COMPAS/Intersection and the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum. All concerts will be at the United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., St. Paul. Single admission and season tickets must be bought at the door or in advance at the Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore.

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## Punchinello Players

Punchinello Players, the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus theater, has announced its 67th season. Opening Nov. 6 will be the comedy "Harvey." Other plays to be produced will be "The Shadow Box" and the musical "Dames at Sea."

According to Bill Marchand, St. Anthony Park resident and director of the theater group, Punchinello Players encourages Park residents not only to attend the plays but to try out for parts in them.

Tryouts for "Harvey" will be held at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall theatre on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Season tickets for Punchinello Players are \$7.50 each. Brochures with ticket order blank may be ordered by calling 373-1570.

## Boy Scout Jamboree: Making Friends Daily

by Jason Megard

Every four years Boy Scouts from all over the country and from all over the world gather for the National Boy Scout Jamboree. This year I was lucky enough to go to the tenth jamboree July 27-August 4 at Fort A.P. Hill, not far from Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mark Hogenson and I were the only two Scouts to go from St. Anthony Park Troop 17. The troop we went in was made up of 40 people from this area, including four retarded adults. We travelled together to the Jamboree on chartered buses.

When we got to Fort Hill we spent our first day getting our site set up. During the week we were there we did our own cooking, washing and house cleaning. We each had to clean up our tents every day.

All the necessities were not far away. We had cold water showers, outhouses and a coke machine just down the road.

There were three trading posts in circus-type tents where you could get all sorts of Scout supplies as well as personal gear you may have left at home.

When the Jamboree officially started 30,000 scouts from all over the world gathered in the arena. The opening show was packed with bands, singing groups, a parade of U.S. flags by all the troops and a pageant of American history.

For the next five days we got up at 6:30 to cook breakfast, have flag raising and do the dishes. When the dishes were done and our camp was clean, we were free for the day. Our lunches were always cold sandwiches so we could take them with us and didn't have to return to camp.

There were many things to see and do. We could use the archery and rifle ranges, attempt a challenging obstacle course or go rafting or canoeing. There was even a trail where you learned what it's like to be handicapped.

We were trading patches and making friends every day, not returning to camp until supper time.

August 4, the last day, came soon. We spent most of the day packing up and taking down camp. After a quick supper we went to the closing show. It had lots of special attractions and

ended with a 20-minute fireworks show like none I've ever seen. We finally got back to camp at 1 a.m. and slept until the bus came at 3 a.m. to take us to Washington for sightseeing.

Then we traveled back south to Richmond, Virginia, to spend the night. The next day we spent five hours at Kings Dominion, a large entertainment center not far from Richmond.

We were to spend that night at a YMCA in Charleston, West Virginia, but when we got there we found that it had been torn down. We kept driving and ended up driving straight through from Virginia to St. Paul in 20 hours, arriving home 20 hours ahead of schedule.

## Orphan Train Reunion Set for Oct. 18

by Lori Clepper

For many people, adoption is an awkward subject—one that is still surrounded by myths and half-truths and one that must be approached cautiously.

It's this attitude that Jim Coughlin, director of communications and development of the Children's Home Society, is hoping to change on Oct. 18. That's the day the Home will sponsor its first Orphan Train Reunion.

The Orphan Train era began in 1854 when the Children's Aid Society in New York put more than 100,000 homeless children on trains to travel west. When the trains stopped in towns, the children were paraded into the town hall and put up for adoption by farmers and townspeople. Those not chosen were put back on the trains to try their

luck further on.

In 1889, Reverend E.B. Savage of Minnesota, hearing of this practice, formed an organization aimed at changing the treatment of orphans. This organization later became the Children's Home Society.

The reunion will be held at the Children's Home Society, 2230 Como Ave. 1-4 p.m., and is designed to bring together adopted children and parents, former friends, employees and supporters of the home.

"We think the Children's Home Society is a very valuable part of St. Anthony Park's history," said Coughlin. "Many people in this neighborhood have grown up with adopted children and are friends of the family. It's important that we all sit back and appreciate the experiences of the

Orphan Train and the goals it inspired."

Coughlin says as many as 500 people from all over the country are expected to attend. One of the highlights will be Dorthea Petrie, the author of a book on the Orphan Train experience, which is now being made into a musical.

In addition, a set designer from the Chanhassen dinner theater has volunteered to construct a set for the front of the building, making it appear as a train platform, and historic photographs of early orphans will be on display. Admission is free.

October 1981

### St. Anthony Park Association

Edited by Jerry and Peggy Rinehart, 646-7627

### So Far, So Good

September brought eleven new members to the Association: Grant Abbot, Elaine Turone, Norris Waalen, Hollis Waalen, Yvonne Lueck, Carol Mulroy, Mrs. James Mulroy, Anthony Schumacher, Judy Schumacher, Mary Scanlon, Tim Scanlon.

But we're still recruiting. Without your support our two major programs, *Crime Watch* and *Langford athletics* are in jeopardy. The Langford Booster Club, which sponsors the athletic programs for the neighborhood, has asked the Association for additional funding for this year's activities. The extent to which the Association can respond to these needs and continue to provide other important neighborhood services is determined by the success of our membership drive.

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### Sundries

- Gary Wynia will head the Association public affairs committee.
- Peter Mann will not only chair the Fourth of July committee, he will also be the elementary school PTSA liason.
- Wonder who Jill Prouty is? So did lots of folks. Actually, **Jo Prouty** will co-chair the program committee with her husband, Bob.

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## Har Mar Market: 'More than Just Good Produce'

Story and photos  
by Karen Anderson

Every Tuesday morning a fleet of growers drive their trucks to the east end of Har-Mar Mall parking lot and line up to sell their fresh produce. By 9 a.m. they are ready to start selling at what has become one of the most successful branch or "satellite" Farmer's Markets in the St. Paul area.

Somewhere amid the fruit and vegetable displays, a sprightly 80-year-old man stands in a straw hat with a green visor, talking to everyone who passes by. The hat is a trademark, the man is Nels Nelson, of 1471 Raymond Ave., and if it weren't for him the parking lot would probably still be just a place for cars instead of the lively sociable spot it has become on Tuesdays.

"Nels was the one who conceived the idea," said Joe Peterson, a county agent of the Ramsey County Agricultural Extension Service, which functions as an educational service for the growers.

A little over a year ago Nelson proposed the idea to the board of directors of the St. Paul Growers Association. The board thought it would take about two years to set up a Har-Mar satellite. But Nelson and St. Paul Grower's market manager Bill Hein persisted and the idea was accepted. The new market, the first good satellite the growers have had on commercial property, was going strong by the first Tuesday of July.

Nelson knew the idea had three things going for it. First, the area needed a good market at the beginning of the week so the farmers could sell what they pick on Monday. Second, this heavily residential part of St. Paul (which includes Roseville, St. Anthony Park and Falcon Heights) needed a good satellite market because of the large number of "people of family-raising age looking for fresh food," Nelson said. Third, it would be revitalizing for Har-Mar Mall.

Nelson estimates that on any Tuesday there are up to 75 trucks of growers during the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. market hours and as many as two or three thousand people coming through the market.

"Everybody loves that market," said Nelson. "Where else could you put 70 people within 10 feet of each other and have them all get along?"

The Ramsey County Agricultural Extension Service agrees.

"The growers are pleased with Har-Mar because people are coming and buying," says Joe Peterson, as opposed to just looking.

Instead of competing with the mall's business, the new market has increased it, according to both Nelson and mall store owners. Once people are out at the market, Nelson says, they'll go over to the mall and shop or stop for something to eat or a cup of coffee.

Nelson and his wife Laura have lived in St. Anthony Park since 1938. "You're looking at the only person in the world who sat down and made a study of where he wanted to live," said Nelson.

Before retirement—if it's possible to think of him as "retired"—Nelson worked in sales promotion of engineering in turbine design. "I've been selling something all my life," he said.

Nelson doesn't understand why people have to be inactive in their older years. Although he obviously enjoys the good sales at the Har-Mar market, it's really the opportunity to socialize that thrills him. He figures people come as much to see each other and to chat as they do to buy food. The lively, friendly atmosphere here at the market bears witness to his theory.

The growers come from a 200-mile radius around St. Paul, as far north as North Branch and all the way down to Belle Plaine. There are apple growers from La Crescent and melon growers from Wisconsin. "Each area has its own specialty," Nelson said.

The St. Paul Grower's Association has been in existence since the mid-1800's. The downtown Farmer's Market had functioned continuously since 1849, according to market manager Bill Hein. From the 1920s to the 1940s it was a wholesale market where the growers sold to neighborhood stores directly, before chain grocery stores existed.

The first satellite market was started at Aldrich Arena, in Maplewood, in 1976. Hein would like to see a metro area market and more satellite markets in south Minneapolis. He thinks local food production will grow, with local growers getting into the wholesale market, particularly because of the continuing rise in transportation costs.

The Ramsey County Agricultural Extension Service provides advice and information for any grower who needs it. The pro-

gram offers advice on farming techniques, marketing techniques, and is an educational connection for the growers.

After numerous requests from working people, a smaller Friday evening market has been functioning from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Har-Mar. This market draws about 20 to 25 growers, which Nelson says is about the right ratio for the number of people who come.

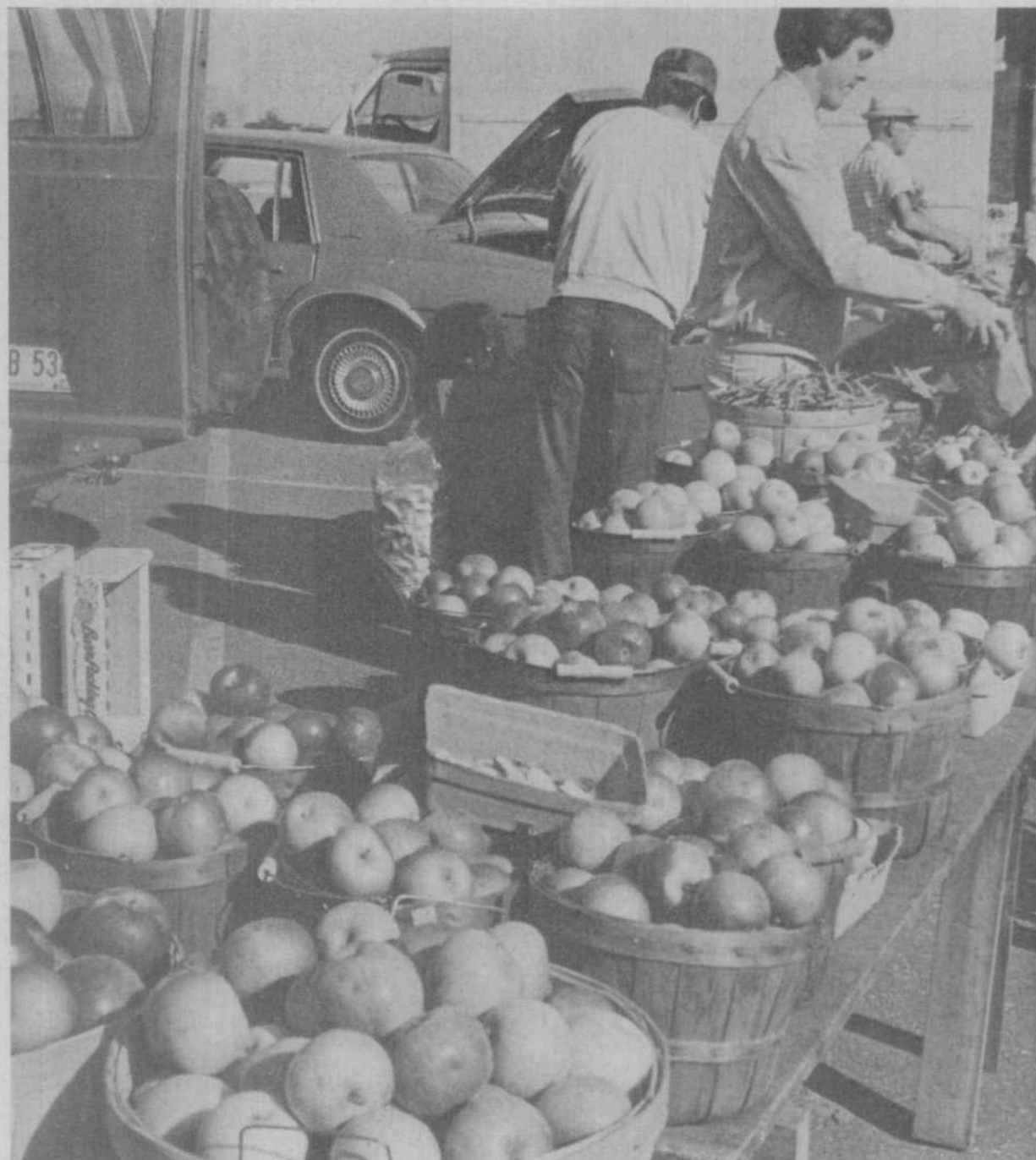
The Har-Mar Mall Farmer's Market will continue at least through October and possibly November. Fall brings vegetables like squash, dry onions and special potatoes that can be stored all winter and, of course, all types of apples. A rundown of the current produce availability can be obtained by calling 227-1181 anytime.

If you do get out to Har-Mar at

County Road B and Snelling Ave. on Tuesday, look for the man in the straw hat with its green visor. Stop for a chat and introduce yourself to Nels Nelson. His greatest reward at the market is to see people of all ages enjoy themselves and each other. It's really a lot more than just good produce.



Nels and Laura Nelson.



Apple harvest on sale at Har Mar Farmers' Market.

# HAR T • I

## Old Time Harvest at Gibbs

Story and photos  
by Nadine Malo

The annual Gibbs Farm Museum fall harvest festival drew approximately 600 people to the museum at the corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues Sept. 19 and 20.

Visitors stepped back 100 years as they toured the farm, first settled in 1849 by Heman Gibbs and his wife Jane. The farm has been restored to show "how a middle-class family lived during the period from 1875-1880," according to site manager Kurt Leichtle. By that time urban centers had been established in St. Paul, and Gibbs was a truck farmer growing vegetables for a local market.

The Gibbs harvest festival "features many of the things farmers would do in the fall," Leichtle said. Activities this year included demonstrations of carpentry and blacksmith skills, as well as baking bread, making apple butter and sauerkraut, and creating cornhusk dolls.

Festival visitors truly sampled history as they watched old-time tools in use, rather than simply staring at display artifacts. Sometimes they even tried using the old tools, as when Bob Blum of Eden Prairie discovered how much energy goes into pressing juice from apples.

Former St. Anthony Park resident Harlis Anderson "returned home" for the festival to demonstrate playing the psalmodikon, a Scandinavian instrument designed to play music in church. The single-string instrument was needed because pump organs often cost too much for small churches. Violins were banned because they were used for dance music.

Anderson said that to his knowledge he is the only one of two people in the country still playing the instrument.

Although located in Falcon Heights, the Gibbs Farm festival would not be possible today were it not for the efforts of the St. Anthony Park Historical Society.

In 1944, the farm was purchased by the University of Minnesota. Plans were made to demolish the buildings to make room for experimental agricultural plots.

With the cooperation of Frank Gibbs, son of original settlers, the historical society convinced



Former St. Anthony Park resident Harlis Anderson plays a psalmodikon in the Gibbs one-room schoolhouse.



Volunteer Sharon Rolander demonstrates cabbage shredding technique to make sauerkraut.



Bob Blum, left, tries out the cider press while his son Alex, 3½, decides whether to help press apples or eat them.

the University to trade Gibbs Farm land for another plot of ground and the house was spared.

The society then had the present Gibbs home declared a historic monument of Minnesota. In order to obtain financing for renovation of the 1873 structure,

St. Anthony Park Historical Society incorporated as the Ramsey County Historical Society in 1949.

Since its dedication in 1954, the museum has offered visitors a glimpse of 19th century farm life through its program of special

events. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Produce grown on the farm, including tomatoes and squash, can be purchased during regular museum hours.



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