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# the tenney - lapham newsletter

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## TENNEY-LAPHAM SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association will host its Semi-Annual Meeting this year on Thursday, July 23 in the Lapham School auditorium. The business meeting will start at 6:30. At this time, a nominating committee will be elected. The meeting is expected to last until 7:00. Everyone is welcome to stay and play softball in the adjoining field after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

## TENNEY-LAPHAM ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER

On Thursday, September 24 the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association will hold its Annual Meeting. The Potluck will start at 6:00 in the Lapham School cafeteria and neighborhood residents are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. The meeting will begin at 7:00 at which time TLNA members will elect new members to the board. It is not necessary to be a member of the association to attend; however, if you are interested in voting, you must be a member at least 24 hours before the meeting. To become a member, call Art Grubert at 257-4945. Hope to see you there!

MUSIC FOOD DRINK FUN

Mark Saturday, September 19 (3:00 p.m.) on your calendars. Plans are underway for a concert in Tenney Park. Brats, soda, and beer will be on sale. We are currently setting up committees to work on food, beer, publicity, etc. and would appreciate volunteers. Call Ann at 257-8695 or Kathy at 258-8516 if you like to help out.

THE TENNEY-LAPHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION would like to commend BERNIE'S ROCK SHOP on their new awning and also the beautiful flowers along Paterson street. Thanks for making our neighborhood an enjoyable place to live, work, and shop!

### BREESE STÉVENS FIELD<sup>1</sup>

Thank you for showing me the brick grandstand at Breese Stevens Field. After we toured the site, I talked to Mr. Wheeler and reviewed an article entitled "Breese Stevens filled with charm, history," in the Madison Press Connection of July 26, 1978. According to the Press Connection article, the field was purchased by the City of Madison in 1923. In 1925, the brick grandstand was constructed, with a chainlink fence covered with canvas encircling the block. In 1934, home plate was turned from facing Brearly street to facing East Washington Avenue and the stone wall was built with stone quarried at Hoyt Park. The football press box along Mifflin Street was built in 1939. The article states that the field "remains much the same structurally now as it was when the teams like the Chicago Cubs, and White Sox, the Detroit Tigers, and the St. Louis (Cards) played exhibition games there in the 30's."

The article further states that "since Breese Stevens Field was the only city park with lights until the 1960's, it was the site of almost every major outdoor event in town." The list of sporting events which have occurred at Breese Stevens is impressive. Besides exhibition games by major league baseball clubs and the UW football team, some of the highlights include city track meets, donkey baseball, midget car racing, boxing and wrestling exhibitions, the American Giants and the Kansas City Monarchs from the Negro Pro League, city and state softball tournaments, circuses, carnivals, and ice-skating meets. It was also the home of the Madison Blues until the club was sold shortly before WW II. On football weekends, up to seven games would be held there because the field served as the stadium for West, East, Edgewood, Wisconsin and Central High Schools. These are just a few of the events that Mr. Wheeler mentioned to me.

I think that there is no question that Breese Stevens Field, including the grandstand and the stone wall, is historically significant. The complex probably evokes memories for more Madisonians than almost any other building in town. Therefore, every reasonable effort should be made to retain the grandstand, which is the focal point of the complex. I realize that the costs of repair would be high, because the building has suffered for so many years from neglect. But even though the design of the building is more functional than it is artistic, the grandstand has architectural elements and details that would be impossible to duplicate in this day and age, such as the terra trim around the windows and doors. It is unlikely that the replacement structure would match the existing in architectural quality or in design compatibility with the stone walls. And it would be impossible to replace the historical associations that the existing grandstand has for the people of Madison.

IF YOU WOULD like to know what you can do about Breese Stevens or would like more information, contact Ald. Pam Wrzeski 266-4071

<sup>1</sup>Taken from a memo from Katherine H. Rankin, Preservation Planner to Daniel Stapay, Parks Superintendent and copied to Ald. Pam Wrzeski.

MADISON WATER UTILITY  
CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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The Madison Water Utility wishes to remind homeowners of some basic principles for lawn and garden watering, which not only help the Utility by reducing peak water demands, but also help customers save money. These are:

1) Give your lawn only the water it needs--one inch a week at one time is sufficient. Keep tabs of rainfall and add to this if necessary.

2) Adjust your sprinkler or soaker hose to only water your lawn--sidewalks, driveways, and gutters won't grow a thing.

3) Avoid watering when windy or during the heat of the day--evaporation robs both you and your lawn.

4) To water small garden areas, use a sprinkling can rather than a hose to put the water exactly where you want it.

5) Most importantly--if you must sprinkle, please do so before 10 a.m., after 8 p.m., or on weekends when it has less impact on the water system.

The Utility reports that Madisonians have responded most favorably to its conservation program with results clearly evident on daily pumpage charts. The Utility also wishes to remind residents to watch for daily sprinkling tips and daily pumpage records in both Madison daily newspapers during the summer months

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JAPAN COMES TO MADISON

A group of Japanese high school students are coming to Madison from August 1-21. INTERSTUDY, an educational travel organization, has arranged this program and they are looking for good homes for these students.

The project is a cultural exchange, with the "adopted son" or "daughter" and the whole host family sharing experiences and interests. There will be a family picnic and other activities arranged. It's a unique opportunity for children and parents to be exposed to a different way of doing and seeing things.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, call Laura DeRose at 251-7539.

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TO OPEN

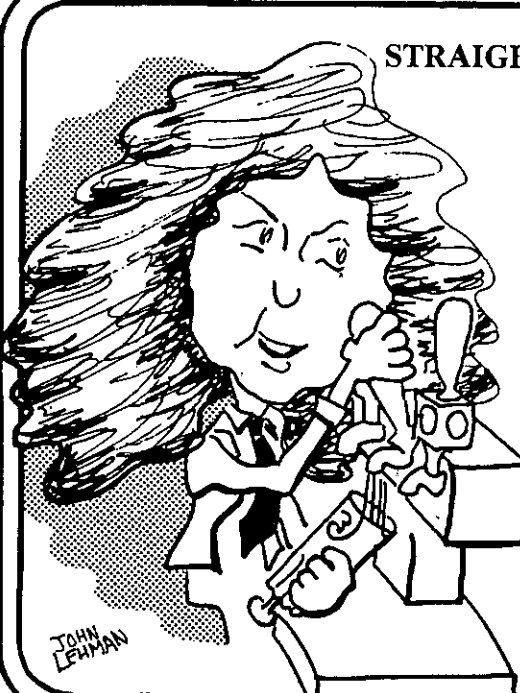
Poet Reinhold Kaebitzch has joined the steering committee in founding Madison's newest private school. With a slogan of "Academic excellence in a flexible environment," Wingra Middle School will begin operating in August. Persons wishing information should call 832-6658 or 251-7546.

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## WHERE SHOULD THE BUCKS STOP?

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This year the City of Madison will receive nearly 2.5 million dollars from the Federal government under the Community Development Block Grant Program for housing neighborhood revitalization and economic development programs. Whether you are aware of it or not, the Community Development Act, which authorizes this federal expenditure in our nation's communities, strongly encourages CITIZEN PARTICIPATION in the process of determining needs and priorities for which block grant monies will be spent.

In addition, this year the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood hopes to be selected as a "concentration" area, in the City of Madison, thus receiving a commitment to a part of this grant. This concentration is intended to encourage neighborhoods to "package" their ideas and concentrate on an overall improvement strategy.

Rather than going into a lot of detail about exactly what these dollars can or cannot be spent on according to federal regulations, the Tenney-Lapham Corporation wants to hear from you as to what they should be spent on accomplishing. Because you are a resident of this neighborhood, you are our best authority on that subject!

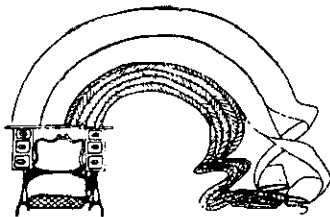
If going to public hearings or neighborhood meetings is just something that does not appeal to you, we understand. But we still want to hear from you, even on an informal basis. If you have some suggestions on improving our neighborhood or how block grant money should be spent, please give me a call.

Written suggestions are also appreciated.

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The Wisconsin Citizen/Labor Energy Coalition (C/LEC), a statewide coalition of neighborhood, labor and senior citizen groups, thinks this shocking tax avoidance should be ended. Wisconsin C/LEC has introduced a package of reforms designed to close the loopholes and give the state a greater share of the record profits earned by oil companies as a result of decontrol. The package includes the following:

- 1) Eliminating tax loopholes currently enjoyed by the oil companies.
- 2) Tax excess profits by 50% (as measured by 1978 sales/profits ratios).
- 3) Implement a worldwide unitary method of taxation of oil companies, thereby taxing Wisconsin's share of their subsidiaries' profits, as well as the parent company.

If you are concerned about this massive tax avoidance, write or call Rep. Clarenbach and Sen. Risser and ask them to support the Wisconsin C/LEC oil tax proposal. For more information, contact David West at 256-5331.

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