



the tenney - lapham newsletter

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Third Annual TLNA Rummage Sale
Saturday, June 13, 1981
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This year's rummage sale will be held at Wrzeski's (406 North Ingersoll). Again, the Neighborhood Association requests a 25% donation on all items sold. If you have things to sell, please contact Mary (256-8064), Ann (257-8695), or Jarno (257-8423) for an instruction sheet.

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FORDEM AVENUE

In 1975, the neighborhood began organizing around the issue of the large volume of traffic dissecting through the neighborhood. Many proposals were discussed and negotiated with City traffic engineers to reduce or redirect traffic from the area. One of the proposals included the concept of redesigning the intersection at Johnson Street and Fordem Avenue so that traffic from the northeast side of the City would be diverted from Johnson Street and put onto either East Washington Ave., a revised East Main Street, or road construction on the East Wilson railroad corridor.

This concept is still alive and well as in November, 1980, the City initiated a study to make a more detailed engineering analysis and cost estimate to determine the feasibility of a Fordem Avenue extension. The study is an implementation measure of an overall traffic policy document adopted by the City Council in early 1980--The Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan. Neighborhood representatives from throughout the City, the League of Women Voters, the Central Madison Council, and others spent over a year developing the plan. One of the policies in the plan and the major goal of the engineering study is to reduce the Johnson-Gorham corridor traffic by 20 to 50 percent.

Five alternatives have been proposed to meet this goal. *PUBLIC REACTION TO THESE ALTERNATIVES IS CRITICAL NOW.* Two public hearings have already occurred on this issue but now is the time for you, the most affected persons in this plan, to choose an alternative (or propose a new one) which is most acceptable to you. Call Ald. Pam Wrzeski (266-4071) for copies of the alternatives. Mike Tuten and Steve Schur are your neighborhood representatives on the Fordem Study Committee and would also be happy to discuss the issue with you.

--Pam Wrzeski

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--257-1142 (persistently)

9 3/4% - ENERGY LOANS

If you are an owner-occupant of a 1 to 4 unit building within the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, you may be eligible for a low-cost energy improvement loan.

Loans from \$500 to \$1,400 are currently available for energy related home improvements.

Gross combined annual incomes may not exceed the following limits:

<u>Household Income</u>	<u>Gross Income</u>
1	\$15,350
2	17,500
3	19,700
4	21,900
5	23,250
6	24,650
7	26,000
8+	27,400

If you are interested in applying or would like more information about the energy loan program, contact Mary Kay Garrow Tenney-Lapham Corporation Housing Services, 1045 E. Dayton Street, Room 123 (258-9060).



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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.

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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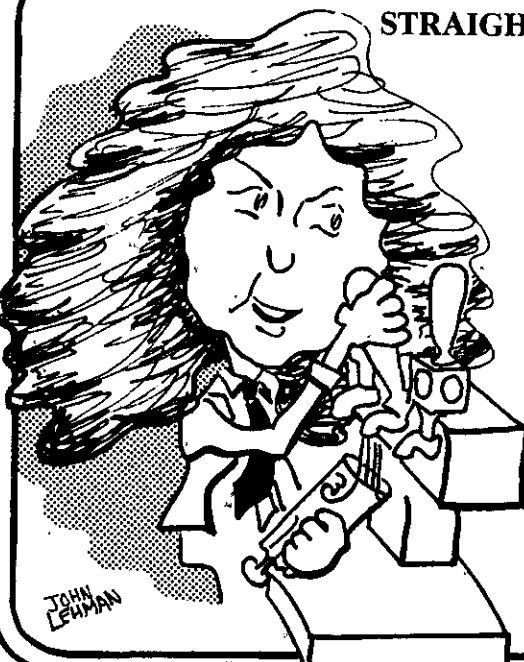
JAPAN COMES TO MADISON

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.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT A BAR



- Our bar has a comfortable, no hassle atmosphere for individuals and groups of women
- Parking is right at the back door
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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!

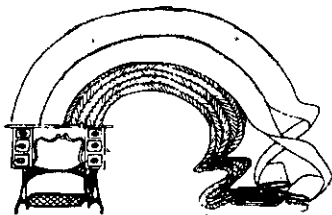
If going to public hearings or neighborhood meetings is just something that does not appeal to you, we understand. But we still want to hear from you, even on an informal basis. If you have some suggestions on improving our neighborhood or how block grant money should be spent, please give me a call.

Written suggestions are also appreciated.

--Mary Kay Garrow
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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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Now that Spring is here many of us have home improvement projects to get caught up on. "Biff" Mautz, President of Mautz Paint Company would like to make these chores a little bit easier. Mautz Paint is now offering a 50% discount on paint and supplies (not including wall paper or carpeting) to owner-occupants who are income eligible in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood.

To obtain your 50% discount letter which authorizes cash purchases at the East Washington Avenue Mautz Paint Store, please contact the Tenney-Lapham Corporation (258-9060).

REPAIR NOW--PAY LATER

If you have been putting off necessary home improvements because you just don't have the cash to pay for them right now, read on . . . This may be the news that you've been waiting for.

On May 1 funds will once again be available for 0% interest deferred payment home improvement loans through the City of Madison. It's called a "deferred payment" loan because the loan is not repaid until you sell or move from your property.

If you are elderly or a household on a limited budget and you own and occupy your home, please call the Tenney-Lapham Housing Services Program for more information on this program. (258-9060).

-- Deferred Payment Loan Program --
-- Income Eligibility Guidelines --

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HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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In the Spring of 1979, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Wisconsin Housing and Neighborhood Conservation Program (HNCP) in an effort to provide low-interest home improvement financing to Wisconsin homeowners. Bonds were sold to generate program revenue, and nearly 130 lending institutions throughout the state were program sponsors.

Initially the program focused on slowing urban sprawl and assisting the elderly with their financial problems relative to home maintenance. However, according to Chandler McKelvey the Secretary of the Department of Development (formerly the Department of Local Affairs and Development where the program was initially conceived) the program has gone beyond these original purposes.

In a followup report to the "Wingspread Conference on The National Housing Policy Implications of Home Improvement Financing: The Wisconsin Experience" which was sponsored by the Department of Development with assistance from the Ford Foundation, McKelvey wrote, "as the pilot program draws to a close, improving energy efficiency, easing of "tight" money, providing low-cost housing for the flood of new households forming today (forecasted to be 26 percent greater in the 80's than in the 70's) as a result of the post WWII baby boom, and creating jobs in the housing industry, prove to be key factors in the success of the program."

HNCP has helped to meet the demand for rehabilitation financing in older neighborhoods where it has become increasingly more clear to young and older homeowners alike, that the preservation of our existing structures and neighborhood infrastructures makes good economic sense. Unlike many publicly administered housing rehabilitation programs which are replete with technical assistance requirements and administrative delays, the HNCP has remained relatively free of these hangups. Local leaders, who have experience in this business have been charged with the responsibility of taking loan applications, underwriting the loans, and recommending loan applicants for funding. The borrower on the other hand, is responsible for soliciting the contractor and obtaining

bids for the work to be accomplished. There is no requirement that a building inspector visit the house or that 100 percent code compliance must be assured. In addition, items such as solar hot water heaters have been encouraged as eligible loan activities.

Senate Bill 148 which was introduced by Senator Walter Chilsen, essentially increases the HNCP bonding ceiling to \$1000,000,000 from \$25,000,000 and eliminates the program's sunset date.

This bill is important to the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood for a number of reasons. Much of the housing stock in the Tenney-Lapham area is relatively old. While construction in the area dates back to 1850; 45% of the residential structures were built in the first twenty years of this century. Our neighborhood features a mix of elderly, young professionals, students, and families. However, housing quality and energy conservation are concerns which are shared by us all. Affordable financing is critical to proper maintenance.

If you are a homeowner who has benefited from a HNCP low-interest loan, or if you feel that this is an important financing mechanism for urban communities, please make your feelings known to our state legislators this week.

Senator Fred Risser
235 S State Capitol

Rep. David Clarenbach
Room 422 N State Capitol

Senator Timothy Cullen
Chair, Committee on Aging,
Business and Financial
Institutions & Trans.

--Mary Kay Garrow

DON'T FORGET

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