

OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The third semi-annual meeting of the TLNA was held September 26, 1977 at Lapham School. Approximately 60 adults and children came to the pot luck to enjoy a variety of main dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Thanks to all who brought food and to Pam Wrzeski and Sue Fieber for organizing it. At the business meeting which followed, the 77-78 slate of officers was elected:

OFFICERS:	AREA REPRESENTATIVES:
Judy Jones, president	Mike Tuten & Carol Huber (A)
John Hunt, vice-president & treasurer	Bill Whitford (B)
Valerie Mellerop, secretary	Robert Park (C)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:	Richard Whitnable, transportation
Sue Fieber, education	no nominee, housing - Judi Blank
Mary Legried, membership	elected by the committee
Amar Singh Khalsa, publicity	

Each of the committees gave a status report. After a discussion of the MATC site selection, and of zoning, code violations, variances, etc., the meeting was adjourned. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT ONE!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Custody of the TLNA treasury was turned over to John Hunt on October 26 by David Strandberg, outgoing treasurer.

The treasury presently contains \$433.55. Of this, \$120.00 was collected for the street sign project and is being held in a savings account.

We are still selling 25 MPH bumper stickers: if we sell the remaining 47 for \$1 each, we'll break even! Bumper stickers, anyone? Call John Hunt- 251-5713.

DECK THE HALLS ...

A midwinter's evening of caroling is to be held in the Neighborhood on December 20. The roving singers (that's everyone who's reading this) are asked to meet, 7:15 PM, at the Schur's - 1016 Sherman, to group themselves and to go tripping through the snow. John Hunt will lead one group with his recorder and other minstrels with instruments are needed. After voices are hoarse and feet are numb, the carolers will be welcomed back at the Schur's for some Christmas Cheer (and refreshments). Santa Claus has consented to make an appearance for all children under 9 or 90. Please let us know by the 16th if you plan to attend. Call Carol Huber 257-2833 days or Judy Jones 257-1218 evenings. HO! HO! HO!



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The installation of traffic lights at Blair-Johnson, Blair-Gorham, and Ingersoll-Johnson Streets has been approved by the City Council. This is the second part of the neighborhood traffic plan to control traffic speed and volume throughout the neighborhood. Construction will begin in early spring. The location of the remaining two sets of traffic lights, if needed, has yet to be determined.

The Traffic Committee is putting together a statement for Regional Planning suggesting the future use of the rail corridors between Fordem and East Washington. The committee is looking into the possibility of keeping some of the Sherman Avenue traffic off Johnson and routing it over to E. Washington. If you would like to have input on this statement you can call Richard Whitnable at 256-3789.

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

The purpose of the housing committee is to assess the current housing trends within the neighborhood and to suggest a course of action which will maintain quality, diversified, affordable inner city housing.

We are currently examining neighborhood zoning for its applicability to current and future needs.

We have met with the city planning department, a representative of the Marquette Neighborhood Association, a representative of MATC and a private developer in order to gain insight into what housing trends and pressures to expect.

The Housing Committee needs your support. Tenants are under-represented.

Please contact Sandi Park (256-8897) regarding our next meeting.

GARDENING ANYONE?



The TLNA ad hoc Gardening Committee for the furtherance of ornamentals, vegetables, landscaping and parks will hold its first meeting in the dead of winter on Thursday, January 8 at 1052 E. Gorham, 7:30 P.M. Items to be discussed include plant exchanges, house plant sales, speakers, wholesale buying, catalogue day, street trees, identification of future sub-neighborhood parks for the neighborhood land use plan, and all else which falls under the scope of dirt, weather and green things. If you are interested in the committee and can or can't make the meeting, call Donna Jackson at 255-7368 or Valerie Mellerop at 255-4524.

## HISTORICAL NOTES

A "micro" historic district within the proposed boundaries of the East Washington Avenue site for the new MATC campus may be considered in the near future. The district would probably include the John Hill residence and grocery store at 649 East Dayton Street and the Miller residence at 647 East Dayton, buildings which have hosted activities significant in the origination of the black community in Madison.

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The Landmarks Research Committee of the City of Madison Landmarks Commission is a group of citizen volunteers who prepare nominations for Landmark status for a variety of buildings (and potentially sites) which reflect the cultural and historical significance of our past. This involves research and documentation with local resources, pri- old newspapers and photographs, city and county records, and the interviewing of residents.

More help is needed and anyone may participate. Meetings are held periodically for the presentation of programs and to exchange information. They are open to the public.

### Upcoming meetings:

January 8, at 7:30 P.M., at 854 Jenifer St.: "1977 In Perspective"

January 29, at 7:30 P.M., 854 Jenifer St. to be announced.

For more information contact Gary Tipler at 257-9335 or Jerry Fladen at 257-0568.

## MEMBERSHIP

GOOD NEWS... The membership drive initiated this fall was a super success. Our membership jumped from 70 to about 300. I want to thank all those people in the association for knocking on doors and talking with those persons who just recently joined. In addition to being proud of the size of our own neighborhood membership, I was thrilled to find out that this city contains 33 neighborhood groups such as ours. This inspired me to ask the City Planning Department to publish a booklet that would inform us all about these groups and their happenings. This booklet will not only benefit our community resources but also alderpersons, schools, and other citizens, in understanding the city of Madison and its community development. The booklet is being put together now and the prospects of its influence on this city are exciting. One more thing ... if you or someone you know would like to join, just fill out the coupon below. Have a nice Christmas. - Mary Legried

## FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As you know, the subject of school closings has been very much in the news lately. UW consultants McIssac and Wakefield have recommended that seven city schools be closed during the next three years. The Long Term Planning Study Committee has recommended that inner city schools be kept open, that one or more middle schools be closed after the next school year, that a plan to phase the closing of middle schools be developed. The committee has yet to submit a list of elementary and middle schools where enrollments may be so low as to require closing. The Board of Education will consider these recommendations and hopes to make its decision in February 1978.

Although Lapham School was not among the schools recommended for closure, the Tenney-Lapham education committee has been keeping abreast of developments in this area. The neighborhood council sent a statement to a November 2 public hearing in support of Longfellow, an inner city school that was recommended for closure. Beyond this, no other formal action has been taken except to keep in touch with various other groups that have been organizing throughout the city.

Enrollment at Lapham this year is 206 (excluding special education students), down from 224 in 1976. Our school has one of the lowest enrollments in the city and could easily be considered for closure some time in the near future. In fact, according to the consultants' original calculations, Lapham was second on the list to close.

There is a need for continuing vigilance on the part of our neighborhood to prepare for all possible future developments. Much work could be required in the next few months if we are to continue to support Longfellow and possibly other schools that are being threatened. People will be needed for letter writing, meeting attendance, lobbying at Board of Education meetings, etc.

Anyone wishing more information on this subject, or anyone wishing to assist the education committee in its efforts may call Sue Fieber at 251-3909.

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A group is now organizing to form a parent run non-profit Montessori preschool for children ages 2½ - 6 on the east side. Anyone interested in the preschool may call Barbara Lam (244-4437) or Lucy Brown (244-7320) for more information.

Anyone interested in a nursery school/preschool call Nancy Daly, 251-6531, evenings.

If you'd like to join the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association or simply want to help defer the cost of printing organizational materials, please forward a dollar (50¢ for senior citizens) to Mary Legried, 1230 E. Dayton Street, Madison, 53703 and fill in below: (255-4942)

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AREAS OF INTEREST?? \_\_\_\_\_