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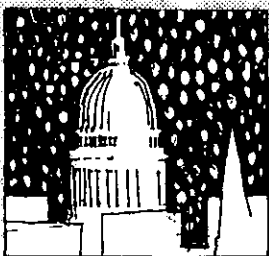
SPRUCE TREE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS HERE

Spruce Tree Music and Repair (851 East Johnson) will hold a party in honor of its 10th anniversary on Sunday, December 2, from 1-5 pm. Music-lovers, neighbors and friends are invited to come on down and celebrate!

The original Spruce Tree opened on December 13, 1980, at 819 East Johnson. "There was a real old-time music scene here in Madison at the time," says owner Wil Bremer, "and every musician in the area knew about Spruce Tree. It was *the* place to shop." The move to the current location at 851 East Johnson came in 1984. Wil started out with one partner, who moved on several years ago, and current partner and wife, Julie Luther, came on the scene about five years ago.

Spruce Tree is still the place to shop. It offers a comparatively broad range of banjos, guitars, lutes and other stringed instruments, and specializes in quality older instruments. Wil and Julie work to be as knowledgeable as possible about the instruments they repair and sell.

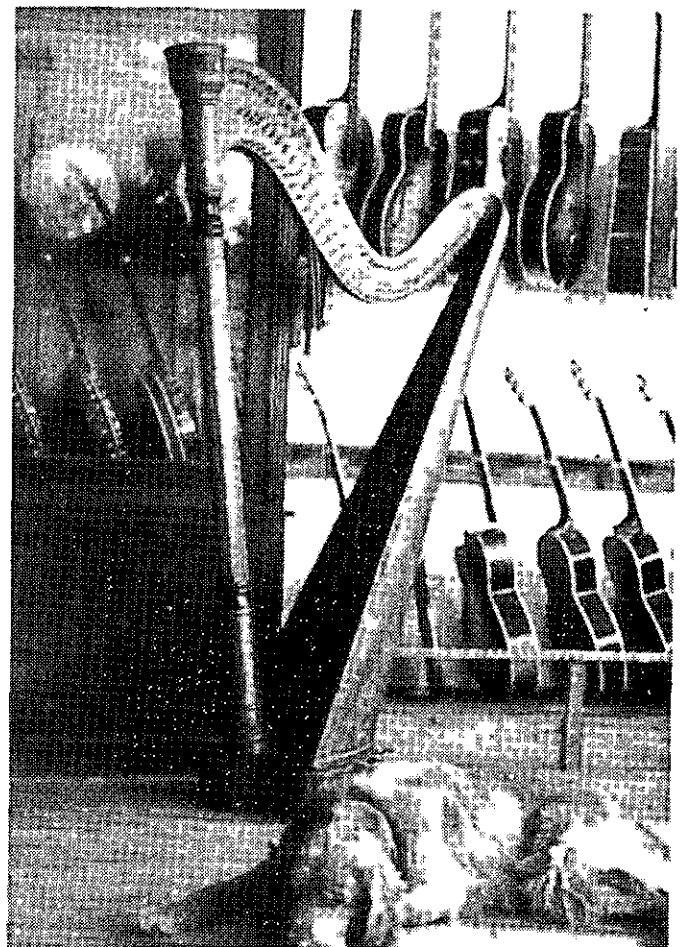
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WARM UP AT THE WINTER POTLUCK

The TLNA Council had decided to revive a previous tradition of holding a Winter Potluck in January—instead of a holiday caroling party in December. Details will be announced after the holidays—keep an eye out for a flier!

(See article on page 8 for more info.)



Harpo valiantly guards harp at Spruce Tree Music.

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HISTORY

The Publicity Committee is considering the initiation of a **Neighborhood History Project** which may include the development of walking tours, the registration of new historic districts, and/or the publication of a history pamphlet for the Tenney-Lapham area. We hope to have an organizational meeting sometime in January. Anyone who would like to contribute towards this project (photos, documents, personal stories, research time, etc.) is encouraged to contact Rob Latousek (255-6979).

In an effort to kickoff this proposed project we are republishing a column which appeared in the April 1982 edition of this newsletter. The author, Gary Tipler, was a Tenney-Lapham resident at the time and deeply involved with the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation's restoration of the two-unit residence at 1014 E. Gorham. More recently, Gary has worked on The Alexander Company's renovation of two historic buildings just south of our neighborhood: the Old City Market (Blount and Mifflin) and its much taller neighbor, the Badger Shoe Factory (also known as the Crescent Electric Building) which became "Das Kronenberg" (named for the original architect).

ONCE UPON A TIME....

Many of the hills and marshes which defined the buildable areas in Madison during its early years were reshaped in the 19th and early 20th centuries by those who saw value in the **underwater real estate** of the growing community. Some dramatic changes to the 4th Lake ridge occurred during this time. The ridge rose above the southern shore of the 4th Lake, later named Mendota, the last in the chain of four lakes to have been surveyed in the newly declared Wisconsin Territory in 1836. The 4th Lake ridge was roughly bounded by the marsh north of Gorham and east of Brearly streets, and by the large marsh approximately bounded by Johnson and Williamson streets east of Blair.

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The first of these earth-moving projects was the ambitious channeling of the flowage (Catfish Creek, now the Yahara River). This was done by land speculator and developer Leonard J. Farwell, who owned most of the land between Brearly Street and Union Corners at Milwaukee Street. He built Water Street (now Thornton Avenue) from the dredgings along the channel, dammed the outlet of the 4th Lake, and built a grist mill—today the site of the Tenney Park Lock. Farwell also was responsible for building Williamson Street and East Washington Avenue with his own resources and planted thousands of street trees in the area. Probably Madison's best promoter, Farwell christened the lakes and creek with their present, more romantic names and brought considerable trade and commerce to what was then a sleepy village. Later elected governor, he lost everything in the panic of 1857

and died a poor man.

Most of the hill-levelling and marsh-filling that later changed the appearance of the area took place around the turn of the century. One newspaper columnist noted in 1899 that North Ingersoll Street was cut through the crest of the ridge between Johnson and Gorham streets. This left the handsome cream-brick home of former Mayor W. H. Rogers at 1102 E. Johnson St. high above the street. The following June, Rogers was compelled to lower both his yard and his home by eight feet—presumably without cost to the city. Evidence of these hill-levelling activities can be seen in the grade differences behind properties on the 1000 block of East Johnson Street abutting those on Gorham Street. Fill taken from these blocks was used to reclaim land from the marshes south of Johnson Street. Many old buildings were then moved to this inexpensive land—even as late as the 1960's.

Also in 1899, the section of East Johnson Street alongside Tenney Park was raised by 10 feet with soil removed from a hill at First Street and East Washington Avenue. Tenney Park, too, had been created by dredging and filling—a project undertaken by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. That group's self-appointed civic purpose was to preserve open lands from urban encroachment and improve them for the enjoyment of the citizenry. Their holdings, which included Brittingham, Hoyt, Vilas and Olbrich Parks, was the precursor of the present parks system.

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ASSEMBLY REPORT

HATE CRIME LAW BREAKS NEW GROUND

Around the country, violence motivated by bigotry has increased at an alarming rate. The recent incidents of hate crimes in our community represent a disturbing trend that demands a vigorous response.

Wisconsin's new hate crimes law sends the message that we consider violence motivated by bigotry to be especially offensive. The state has an interest and a duty to protect minorities from harassment.

Despite the gains in civil rights during the past few decades, violence still rears its ugly head in the form of race hatred and religious intolerance. A National Conference of Churches study shows hate violence to be reaching epidemic proportions. It found that at least one American a day was a victim of hate crimes ranging from vandalism to murder.

Our new law was passed with the active support of various African-American, Jewish, Gay/Lesbian, and law enforcement groups.

The new law establishes penalty enhancements for violence that is motivated against any group or individual due to their minority group status. Prison sentences may increase by up to five years, and fines may increase by \$10,000.

But to be effective, the law must be used. Prosecutors must show that the law is real, that it is in the process of working, and that it will make it easier for minority groups to live peacefully in their communities.

Hate crimes pose a very real danger to us all. Few crimes are more insidious than these. When a person is attacked because he or she belongs to a particular minority group, it represents an attack on the entire group. And that is an attack on us all.

Rep. David Clarenbach

(Editor's Note: State Representative David Clarenbach is the author of Wisconsin's hate crimes law.)

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"What makes the sale for us are the instruments themselves and our knowledge of these instruments. We don't take instruments on consignment, and we stand behind every instrument we sell."

Wil started the shop back in 1980 with only used instruments, but over the years has expanded to both new and used. "It has to be a good musical instrument and has to be in good working order. We try to find nice homes for all our instruments," says Wil. The shop is still a gathering place for musicians from all over the area and around the country. "We have quite a faithful clientele," says Julie. One customer in New York deals with the shop primarily over the phone, and has made a visit or two over the years. Half of their newsletter's circulation is outside the Madison area.

Wil and Julie are proud of the unusual instruments they take in, refurbish and sell, as well as the variety of services the shop offers. Their most recent newsletter lists books on everything from Irish Harp to Fiddle Tunes for Clawhammer Banjo, recordings of all kinds of folk, country and blues artists, and used and vintage instruments such as the Gibson Les Paul

Special Reissue, a Solid Body Electric Guitar and the Gatcomb Standard five-string banjo.

Wil says, "we like the neat and the odd-ball." His current favorite novelty instrument is a bright-red guitar — "I call it the 'Bucky Badger' guitar" — made by Montgomery Ward. Other unusual instruments include a 1924 mother-of-pearl Gibson banjo, a top-of-the-line instrument when it was produced. Spruce Tree currently offers new and old "surfer" guitars (painted in bright colors with palm trees stenciled on the back), a tenor lute from the early 1900s, and an aluminum cone resonator guitar. One of the shop's most prized possessions is a pre-1900 banjo, in less-than-mint condition but still a fine example of a banjo from the early days.

Julie keeps the business organized — "She's the brains," says Wil — and Wil does most of the instrument repair. Wil and Julie are both sought-after performers themselves—he opened for U. Utah Phillips at the Barrymore a few weeks back, and she does a lot of performing and school artist-in-residency work around the country. Both dream of more storage and display space, but are quite happy with this current location for now.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BLOCK CAPTAINS & PARKS FUND

Thanks for your vote at our annual meeting last September. As the President of our neighborhood association, I have two major initiatives I want to set in motion.

First, I and many of the board members believe our neighborhood association could benefit from a network of block captains. An organization such as ours is most vital if the roots are alive and well.

Richard Linster, our current membership chair, has talked with many of you, collected dues, and been an invaluable institutional memory for many of us on the board. His duties as county board supervisor will reduce the time he has available for seeking out and

recruiting new members, much less retaining current members. We need to encourage local contacts for membership growth as well as eliciting new ideas and fresh approaches to neighborhood concerns.


If you are interested in being a block captain, please call Richard (251-1937) or myself (255-2845).

Second, the board believes a parks fund for neighborhood green spaces could create some exciting opportunities. A modest, ongoing endowment funded with tax deductible donations can be used at the Welcome Garden, matched dollar for dollar on approved city projects or used as needed on other worthwhile projects. TLNA budgets are too small to fund any project over \$100-\$200. We believe the membership

ought to be given the opportunity to support this independent initiative as they see fit and reap a tax advantage accordingly. To date, the fund has raised \$400 and our goal for this year is \$2,000.

You will be receiving a phone call or personal visit from a neighbor in the next several months. Your support and green space ideas are needed if this initiative is to be successful! Thanks.


Ed Jepsen

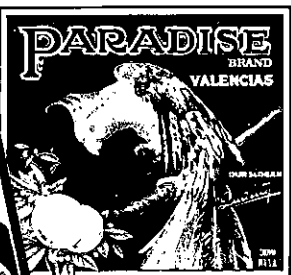


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SOCIAL EVENTS

CAROLING PARTY OR POTLUCK?

For a number of years, TLNA has hosted a holiday party for its members, at times inviting the congregation of the Presbyterian Church to join in. Some years, the holiday party has been a popular event, while other years have seen few participants. It may be that the holiday time is altogether too busy or that members are uncomfortable with the religious nature of the event. I distributed a survey at the Annual Meeting in Septem-

ber and have spent some time discussing options for a winter event with friends and neighbors.

Based on the results of the survey and informal discussion, TLNA will host a winter event in late January instead of the traditional Christmas Caroling Party. If we are fortunate enough to have snow, this event will include sledding during the afternoon followed by a potluck meal and entertainment in the early evening at the Presbyterian Church. Skating at Tenney Park will serve as a no-snow alternative. As this event falls between newsletters, keep an eye out for a flier with details in early January.

I am aware (and regret) that there will be some neigh-

borhood members who will miss the traditional caroling party. I encourage you to contact friends, neighbors and past caroling comrades. Gather in each other's homes and carry on this wonderful tradition. There are many neighborhood residents, both old and young, who would welcome the sound of holiday cheer on their doorsteps.

Please feel free to contact me with questions and comments regarding social events, especially if you have an interest in helping out with planning, meal preparation or publicity. As many of you are aware, these events provide a unique opportunity to gather with neighbors, establish a sense of community and have fun. I look forward to hearing from you.

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ALDER'S REPORT

Season's Greetings from Jean Street!

Before launching into the latest City Council news, my wife Anne and I hope you all have a happy holiday season. No matter what your faith, political party, or viewpoint about building a convention center, we wish you all a holiday season full of family, friends and good memories of 1990. And a toast as we head into 1991.

THE STATE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT:
As the year winds down, it's time to pause for a moment to sum up what we've all accomplished within the district during 1990. And time for me to thank all of you who have lent a hand on various projects to make our neighborhoods better places to live.

I owe a special thank you to former neighborhood association presidents **Shaun Abshire** and **Mary Weddig**, who so ably represented the

Tenney-Lapham and Old Market Place organizations. Both were a pleasure to work with. And a special word for **Ed Jepsen** and **Dolly Harman**, who volunteered to steer those two associations during the coming year. Each group contains many volunteer activists too numerous to mention. As your City Council representative, I can tell you that your time and effort is much appreciated.

Let's not forget all of you who also volunteered for other worthwhile projects. Youth programs, recycling efforts, PTO planning, each and every one helps make a difference in our quality of life, while creating that all-important sense of neighborhood that continues to thrive in Madison.

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JAMES CHEEK

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Here are a few of the memories I'll carry with me about 1990:

* That Sunday afternoon bike ride through Tenney Park, and a moment filled with the laughter of children and parents enjoying the new Tenney playground.

* Another sunny bike jaunt, this time to stop to chat with three children who had just found a new home. They were out of breath from frolicking on the new accessible playground at The Avenue, Madison Mutual Housing's latest development on E. Washington. And yes, they like their new home.

* There were memories of colors, like the new paint on so many houses around the district. 1108 E. Gorham, 225 N. Blair, and a host of others are now a bit brighter and more attractive.

* And was that a bus full of riders trying out the

new campus-to-campus T Line towards MATC?

* And say, neighbor, did you notice a butterfly or two checking out the new gardens in Tenney and James Madison Parks?

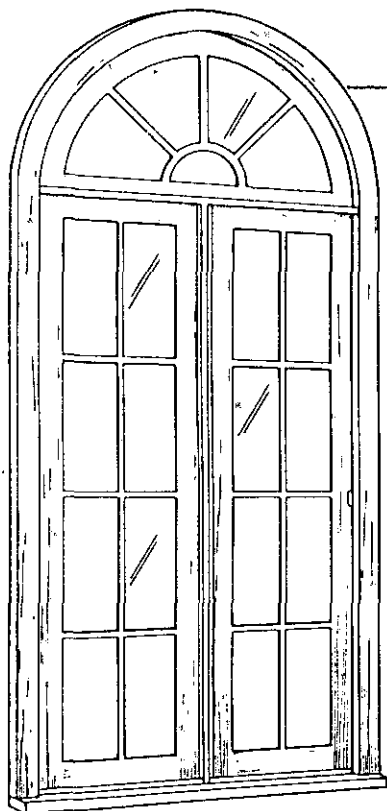
* And was there a heart in the neighborhood that didn't glow on the first day of school, when those buses rolled up to Lapham Elementary?

* And what about that big band concert and picnic this past summer in James Madison Park? If you missed it, let's do it again in 1991.

No, it's not a paradise of roses and cream in the 2nd District. But thanks to a lot of hard work by a lot of good people, we do indeed have much to be thankful for. And yes, a lot more left to do.


1991 BUDGET REVIEW: I was very pleased this fall with the budget released by Mayor Soglin, and passed on Nov. 13 by the Council. While primarily holding the line on

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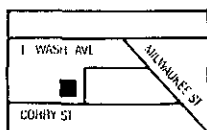


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PARKS, GARDENS & PLAYGROUNDS

BUTTERFLY GARDEN SHINES DURING FIRST YEAR

Despite being in its larval stage, the Tenney Park Butterfly Garden was a great success, if I may say so myself. Tenney neighbors seemed always willing to help maintain the garden and interested in how the garden was coming along. Whenever I went over to the garden to work, at least one passerby would stop to ask questions and comment on how much they were enjoying seeing flowers (and butterflies) in the park. It was so gratifying to see how much people enjoyed the simple act of planting flowers in a park.

To my surprise, that enjoyment extended beyond even our neighborhood. People for Parks presented an award to Karen and I in October for our efforts in establishing the Butterfly Garden. In November, the Garden received an *Orchid Award* from Capital Community Citizens for its contribution to the beautification of Madison.

And to top it all off, the Garden did indeed attract butterflies! In fact, one Marston street neighbor told me she had seen more butterflies in her yard this year than she could ever remember seeing before. Although I am not prepared to say that was caused by the presence of the Tenney Garden, I can tell you of at least some of the species sighted at the Garden: *Great Gray Copper*, *Tiger Swallowtail*, *Cabbage Butterfly*, *Orange Sulphur*, *Common Sulphur*, *Red Admiral*, *Viceroy*, and *Monarch*.

Amazingly, within one month of planting the garden, there were dozens of *American Painted Lady* caterpillars eating the *Pearly Everlasting* plants. In fact, there were so many caterpillars, eating so many of the plants, that I was convinced they would kill the plants for sure. But, I let the caterpillars go and to my surprise (and relief) the plants bounced back as thick and beautiful as I could have dreamed of.

The biologist in me was reminded of an important lesson from that experience. From the

standpoint of evolution, it would not be wise for native caterpillars to kill the plants that were important for their very existence. Rather, caterpillars would have evolved to eat plants only to a certain point, at which time the caterpillar would have eaten enough food to survive, yet left enough for the plant to survive as well. So consider showing tolerance for most caterpillars next time you see them eating away at your flowers. You may be helping a future butterfly survive.

I learned a lot from butterfly gardening this year. I met new neighbors and got to know others better. I learned about garden design and planting recommendations. I was more observant of butterflies and the species of plants they liked. I got to know Bill Bauer (Landscape Architect) and some of the Madison Park staff. I am now serving on the Neighborhood Association Parks committee as a direct result of my involvement in the garden. And I learned the value of taking time to do a little extra for the neighborhood and how much such a small task was enjoyed and appreciated by so many. Hard to believe you could learn so much from a 700 square foot piece of ground, isn't it?

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spending, the budget still contains several important new initiatives. These include new positions and equipment for the city's expanded recycling program; increased aid for the DARE Program to allow police officers to work with pre-teens on drug abuse prevention; improvements in our yard waste and street cleaning operations; creation of a Downtown Free Fare Zone for bus riders; new staffing to meet the growing needs and demands on the library system; better service for Metro Plus bus riders; increased aid for community-based programs and daycare assistance; and development of a city-wide water quality, erosion/run-off control and shoreline improvements effort.

During budget deliberations I sponsored several amendments, including:

- * Increased funding for bikeway programs.
- * A point-of-sale bike licensing program that should greatly improve the city's licensing efforts, while adding new dollars for bike programs.
- * An amendment to match county and private dollars to preserve green space and recreational corridors on the edges of the city.
- * Creation of a long-range program to work with elementary and middle school students on pedestrian and bike safety education.

BUS RIDERSHIP CLIMBS: Whatever the reason—increased gas prices, bus route improvements or a heightened environmental awareness—the good news keeps rolling for Madison Metro. Ridership has increased for three straight months over last year.



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As chair of the city's Transportation Commission, I work closely with Metro General Manager Paul Larousse and his excellent staff. Routes have been improved, user complaints for the year are way down, and Madisonians are getting back on the bus. At \$28 for a monthly pass, it's one of the best deals around. (Compare that to the average cost of maintaining and financing a second car) And while we're beeping Metro's horn, it's worth mentioning that the newly-expanded T Line to the MATC campuses has shown a 30 percent ridership increase this fall. And yes, that line is also available to non-students who need bus service Downtown or to the Eastside.

PARKS UPDATE: The 1991 city budget should bring smiles to park users around the district. Projects getting the green light include additional playground equipment for Tenney Park; resurfacing for the Tenney tennis courts, which are used by residents from all over the Eastside; new landscaping and trees along Sherman Ave. on the beach side of the park; a new boat launch area and parking improvements now underway along the Yahara; a new fence for Reynolds Field; a new water source/bubbler for gardeners and users of James Madison Park; and a new Hoover boat storage facility for James Madison, which will be built with private donations.

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WHAT IS TLC?

The Tenney-Lapham Corporation (TLC) is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation established in 1979 by TLNA for the purpose of community development (somewhat similar to Commonwealth in the Marquette Neighborhood, though much smaller). Initially, TLC had an office in the Lapham School building and provided information to neighborhood residents on the availability of grants, loans, and discount programs from both public and private sources for the purpose of housing acquisition and rehabilitation, including energy conservation measures. Funding for the program was provided by the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), with some loan assistance from private banks and discount programs from local merchants.

In 1983 it was determined that the per capita income level of the neighborhood (known as Census Tract 18) was just over the limit for general CDBG funding. However, it was still

eligible to request funds for projects which targeted income-eligible households. Consequently, in 1984, TLC applied for and received funding from the city's Community Development Authority (CDA), as well as a Block Grant and several private loans, for a program to rehabilitate several properties in the Johnson-Paterson business district. Two properties—827 and 835 East Johnson Street (including a vacant lot between them)—were purchased, and extensive remodeling was done to the 827 building (Mildred's Sandwich Shop). The restaurant space was improved and expanded, and two one-bedroom apartments were created upstairs (out of what had been several efficiencies).

The empty lot in-between was sold to Greg Shimanski specifically for a planned mixed-use development. This building (831), in which Begonia's Book and Bake Shop is now located, was designed to fit carefully into the adjacent row of storefronts and residences. Proceeds from the sale of that lot went towards a more limited rehabilitation of the two-flat building (835) on the other side of it.

Many people from the neighborhood have been involved with TLC since its inception. Tom Kasper, who has been on the board of directors since day one, still takes care of most of the maintenance and repair on the properties. Rob La-tousek has been handling the financial and administrative side of management for the last few years. Shaun Abshire, past president of TLNA, is also on the TLC board.

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Active participation by the Tenney-Lapham and Old Market Place Neighborhood Associations played a vital role in moving these projects along. Ed Jepsen, Jim Dunn, Caroline Hoffman, Harry Kies, and Dolly Harman deserve special recognition for their efforts during 1990.

FUTURE STREET PROJECTS: The following streets will be reconstructed or repaved during 1991 in the 2nd District: Dickinson from Dayton to Johnson; E. Washington from 6th St. to Milwaukee; Dayton from Blair to Blount; Michigan Ct. from Sherman to Superior; Northfield Place from Sherman to Superior.

And with luck and a revised plan that might just work, the First St. and E. Washington project will move forward. As part of the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan, that major project has been delayed because of state air quality control studies that forced a redesign of the intersection. I plan to meet with neighborhood residents and city staff later this spring if this project is ready.

I was disappointed that the Engineering Dept. didn't put several other streets on their list, especially those needing curb-and-gutter repairs. I toured the district with staff this summer, and pointed out many blocks of decaying curbs. They've gotten the message, but it will take two or three more years to get all the work down. As you might expect, our district competes with 21 others around the city for streets funding. A

phone call from residents to the Engineering Dept. will make my case even stronger in pushing for future street improvements.

CONSTITUENT CALLS: When first elected in 1985, I made a pledge to myself to *try to return constituent calls within 48 hours*. And I still try to fulfill that pledge. However, late-night meetings and a full-time job on my end, busy signals or no answer on the other end, and just life beyond the Council well, you get the message. Most of us are busy people, trying to juggle career, family, school, and other commitments. My advice for the coming year? Be patient, and don't hesitate to leave a message. I used to detest answering machines, but in this business, they're a blessing. Leave a message, and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. And please, folks, *don't forget to leave your name and phone number*.

THE FUTURE: In my next column, I'll spell out some goals for 1991, and explain the major projects I'd like to work on for our district. But don't wait to **drop me a line or give a call** about ideas or projects you think merit attention. I intend to keep working actively with the district's neighborhood associations, businesspeople, and other civic groups, but I also value your individual suggestions.

One Final Note: I've talked it over with my wife and our two cats, and they voted unanimously to allow me to run again for a **fourth term** in April. Hope I can count on your support too.

Ald. David Wallner

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RECYCLING

Tenney-Lapham residents who aren't already a part of the neighborhood's recycling project are encouraged to join us before we're put out of business by the city's mandatory program.

Tenney-Lapham's recycling project—the first of its kind in Madison—will make collections **December 1** and **January 5** and will fold its operation after a final pick-up on **February 2**. *The city is scheduled to begin weekly curbside collections February 11, when Madisonians will be required to recycle the same items we accept for the Tenney-*

Lapham program.


Neighborhood recyclers are finishing with a new program coordinator. **Dennis Sandquist**, 411 N. Ingersoll, a student and a worker at Earth Care recycled paper products, has taken over from **Maria Brown**, 208 N. Brearly. Maria was among the neighborhood's first recycling volunteers and led the project from a struggling, inefficient operation to the service as it is now: regular pick-ups on the first Saturday morning of each month from more than 30 sites throughout the neighborhood.

Maria worked with the directors of the Marquette-Williamson and Atwood neighborhood recycling programs and with employees of Recycle

World as the Tenney-Lapham program moved from a cramped, unheated shed at Dickinson and Dayton streets to the neighborhood recycling facility on East Wilson. She kept our books, called our meetings, recruited other volunteers and continues to put in a full morning each month to sort recycled items. For your energy, enthusiasm and good humor throughout, thanks, Maria.

Meanwhile, we again remind our users: **please (please!) do not use paper bags in putting out your items for collection.** We understand your reluctance to add more plastic to the solid waste stream, but you'll help us considerably by putting your recyclables in plastic.
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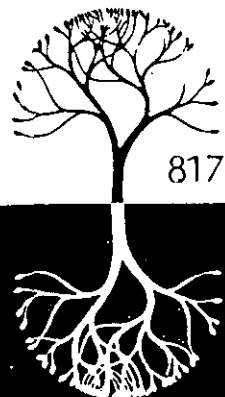
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tic bags. Paper bags don't hold as much, either in volume (their numbers really slow our collections) or weight (they often break and shower the street with broken glass, endangering workers and slowing us further). Neighborhood recycling is extremely labor intensive, and paper bags only make it more so.

There remains a good deal of confusion about *which types of plastics can be recycled*. We accept plastic containers for food, motor oil, liquid detergents and some of the bottles of household cleaners, shampoo and hair conditioner. All acceptable items must have a "1" or "2" inside the triangular recycling symbol on the bottom of the container. And of the No. 2 plastics, only those containers with seams are acceptable. The injection-molded containers of No. 2 plastic (distinguished by a small nipple shape at their centers and often used for yogurt, butter and sour cream) have a different melting point and cannot be mixed with blow-molded No. 2 products.

Plastic jugs for milk and cider (please rinse them) and water are recyclable, as are bottles for soda and bleach. We also take glass bottles, aluminum cans, foil and containers, the ends of frozen juice containers, and tin cans without labels. No sorting is necessary, but please have the bags tied at the top. Dirty items

are dumped, and we are unable to recycle newspapers, which should be bundled and left for pick-up with your regular garbage collection.

The neighborhood's collection points are marked by green-on-white signs on the evening preceding pick-ups. To find out the site nearest you, call me at 251-4261. We hope you'll also want to volunteer for our monthly work sessions, and by joining us now you can still qualify for the grand going-out-of-business bash for Tenney-Lapham recyclers early next year.

John Bell

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VOLUNTEER GARDENERS NEEDED!!

I just received the Marguerite Pohle Grant application from Madison Parks for 1991. This is the grant program that fully funded the Tenney Park Butterfly Garden. I have been assured that a grant application from our Neighborhood Association would receive preference because of our track record with the Butterfly Garden. However, I'm not sure I want to be the lead person responsible for designing, planting, and maintaining a second garden.

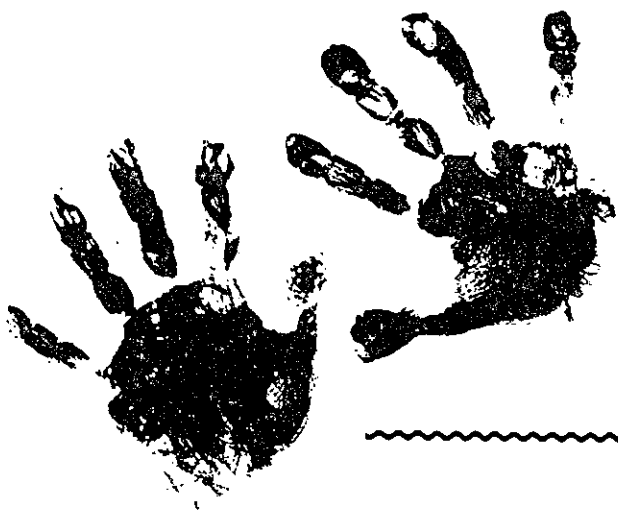
If you have a dream garden design that your small, near east side yard cannot support, this is your chance to get all materials paid for!! Your only obligation is to plant the flowers in one of our neighborhood parks, and agree to maintain the flower bed throughout its life (one year with annuals, forever with perennials). I'll be glad to help with design, planting, and maintenance, but you would be the lead person.

The grant application must be completed and returned to the Madison Parks Department by January 15. Please give me a call at 255-2706 if you are interested. We really should seize upon this opportunity to beautify our parks. Please call.

Alan Crossley

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