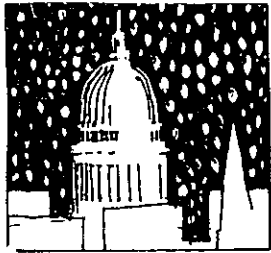


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WINTER TLNA EVENTS

The dates haven't been nailed down yet, but there are plans in the works for the annual Winter Potluck to happen once again in late January and, either separately or in conjunction with the Potluck, there may be an Informational Update on the Isthmus Traffic Redirection Plan, so...keep your eye out for notices about these gatherings after you've recovered from the holidays. Both events will probably occur at Lapham School.

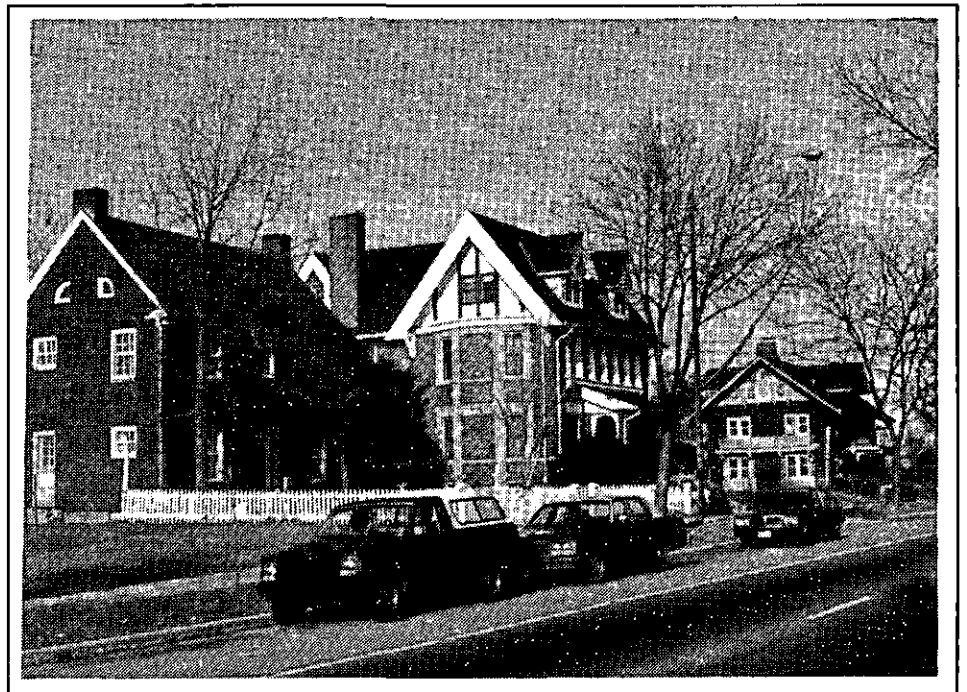
In the meantime... enjoy all the festivities of the season!

PARK SPACE OR HISTORIC HOUSES: IS IT A TRADEOFF?

As you may have read in the newspaper this summer, the City of Madison took advantage of an opportunity to purchase the two houses at 640 and 646 East Gorham Street. The City did so in concert with a Master Plan for James Madison Park which calls for expansion of the park by acquisition and removal of all

three houses along the lake within the 600 block of East Gorham. The need for more park space in the downtown/Isthmus area was recently restated by the 1991 Parks & Open Space Plan. The Central Planning District Committee has also included expansion of James Madison

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE...OR WHERE TO BE? Those are the questions for the Collins Family houses at 640 and 646 E. Gorham St. (two houses on left)

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PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS & GARDENS

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Park among their recommendations for improving the quality of life in the downtown area.

The options currently being considered by the Parks Division for the two houses recently purchased include demolition, leasing, or removal to another site. The houses were purchased with matching funds from a program called "Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks," administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The properties are now being leased on a six-month term ending in March, at which time the City plans to have a decision on permanent plans for the buildings.

When members of the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association (OMPNA) learned that the Parks Division was seriously considering demolition or removal of the houses, board member Fran Ingebritson led an informational petition drive to rally citizen opposition to such plans. For many years OMPNA has been on

record opposing the demolition of the houses. In 1991 they published a walking tour guide book for the neighborhood, which highlighted the area's rich and diverse history and included both of the houses in question. The booklet was published in cooperation with the city's Dept. of Planning and Development.

The Master Plan for James Madison Park proposes a lakeshore walkway, terraced landscaping, and new picnic areas for the property occupied by the houses. It has been suggested that the houses could be moved to a suitable site nearby for continued residential use, though no specific sites have been mentioned. Those against removal of the buildings propose that the backyards of the houses could be retained for park

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uses and the houses themselves leased to non-profit organizations or sold off independently. They say there is a high demand for quality housing close to downtown. There has even been discussion of turning the larger of the two houses into a historical museum for the city.

Since the properties were bought with matching funds from the state, there may be certain compliance procedures that need to be fulfilled. One of these could entail a determination of whether the buildings are eligible for local landmark status or even the National Register of Historic Places. The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation and Historic Madison Inc. have joined forces with OMPNA to nominate the buildings for local landmark status through the city's Landmarks Commission. The city's preservation planner, Katherine Rankin, is on record

recommending that the buildings be preserved. In an August 2, 1984 report to the Landmarks Commission, she concluded:

"I believe strongly that the Collins House (646 E. Gorham) should be preserved on its original site. Architecturally, it is of a quality of design and construction that is unlikely to be duplicated ever again... Secondly, I believe that the Connor House (640 E. Gorham) should also be preserved because of its historical connection to the two Collins Houses, because its original exterior design is intact, and because it is so close to the Collins House that demolishing it would result in the addition of only a small amount of usable space for the park. The rear yards could be dedicated to park purposes, ensuring public enjoyment of the lakeshore."

(Editor's Note: For more information on the historical significance of the buildings, see the article on page 15 of this newsletter.)

Those who support more open space in the park point out that the city's current plans to build the Frank Lloyd Wright Monona Terrace Convention Center in Law Park will remove a

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Well, the past several months on the county board have been anything but boring. The budget is almost complete despite the fact that the board and committees have been working with the County Executive's budget, the alternative budget and innumerable amendments introduced by various supervisors. We are now coming into the homestretch, and hopefully we will complete the budget by early December.

The Tenney Park Breakwater project is still in the budget, and substantial funds have also been made available from other sources. This alternative funding means there will be less required from the county tax levy over the three-year life of the project. Kudos should go to the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association for their advocacy for this project.

Another budget issue that caused significant concern among Second District residents was the city of Madison budget decision to discontinue funding of Group Access Services (GAS). GAS provides group rides for senior citizens. The service provides door-to-door transporta-

tion to adult daycare, nutrition sites and shopping (primarily grocery with two trips each week to the malls). The City Council held a public hearing on the Metro fare and service changes. One hundred fifty people showed up to express their opposition to the changes, including a number of seniors from the second district. In response to this concern I have worked together with Supervisor Luella Wells to introduce an amendment to add \$120,000 to the county budget and to work together with the city to continue this much needed service.

The budget battle is almost over but I would still like your input on a variety of issues: the jail and staffing, funding for the proposed convention center, and funding in economic assistance and human services areas. You can reach me at 255-8913. I hope you will take the opportunity to express your concerns. Thank you.

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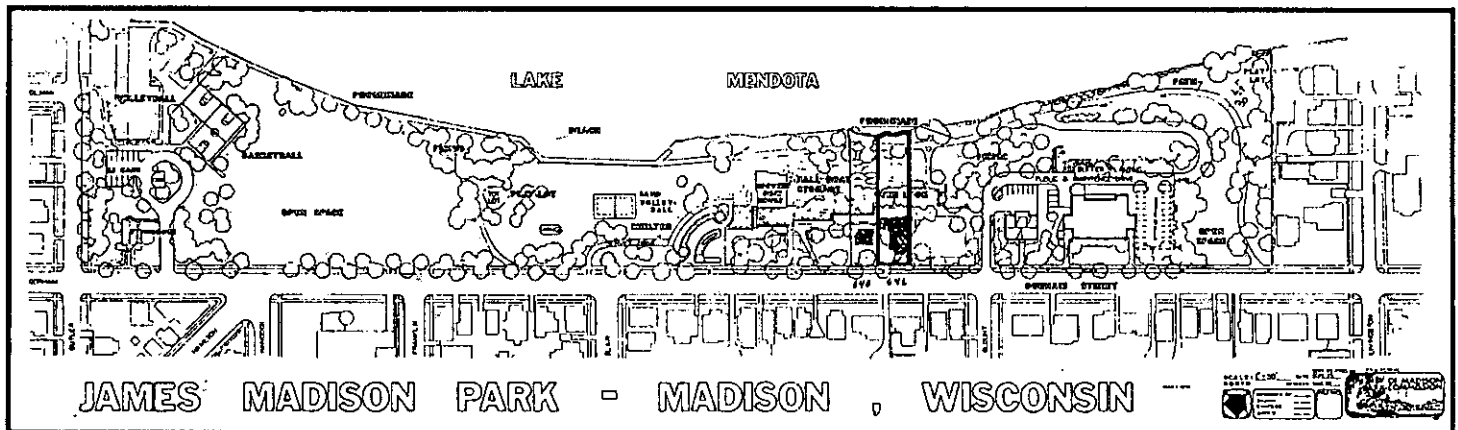
significant amount of downtown park space front availability. (The center's supporters say that the rooftop garden will serve to replace that park space.) Those who oppose demolition point out that the same tourists who would be drawn to the convention center's Frank Lloyd Wright design will want to investigate other examples of Wright-related, **Prairie School** architecture throughout the city, and their investigations would most certainly lead them to the concentrated collection of buildings designed by Madison architects **Claude and Starck** along the Mendota lakeshore of the Isthmus (E. Gorham St., Prospect Place, and Sherman Ave.). This would include **Lincoln School** (now apartments), the **William and Dora Collins House** (now a bed & breakfast inn) and the **Cornelius & Anna Collins House** (646 E. Gorham).

Both the Lincoln School and Collins House

Bed & Breakfast buildings are still owned by the city and were once considered for demolition, as well. Most of the grounds of both buildings were added into James Madison Park, and it is this extension of the park that the city would like to finally join with the main park section in one long, continuous lakeshore park space.

A committee has been set up by Parks Commission President **Linda Bellman** to study the issue and come up with a recommendation by **March**. Appointed members of the committee include **Ald. David Wallner** and **Tenney-Lapham residents Brian McCormick and Harry Kies**. You can convey your own comments on the issue to **Ald. Wallner (266-4071)**, the **Mayor's office (266-4611)**, or the **Parks Commission (266-4711)**. (Mailing address: **City-County Bldg., 210 Martin Luther King Blvd., Madison, WI 53710**).

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The need for blood is constant and blood donations are often lower during the holiday season. On December 24 we need to collect at least 600 pints of blood.

Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds, and is in good health is eligible to give blood. Please spread the word!

Recreation Program Assistance for People with Disabilities

Madison School-Community Recreation (MSCR) offers a variety of youth and adult programs to people of all ages. A person needing assistance to participate successfully should select a class and call MSCR to request additional staff. Look through MSCR's brochure, available at any public library branch, or call Madison School-Community Recreation at 266-6422.

Recreational Rainbow for Seniors

Senior citizens (adults over the age of 50) are welcome to participate in a myriad of activities thru MSCR. Enjoy a dance, cards, swimming, cooking, softball, badminton or a variety of other activities. Call Madison School-Community Recreation at 266-6420.

Downhill Skiing for Youth, Adults, Families

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"Kids in the Crossroads" Schedule

Dec. 5: Reid Miller, storyteller

Dec. 12: Bob and Shayle Kann, storytellers

Dec. 19: Pretty Bad Jugglers

All performances are at the **Madison Civic Center, 211 State St.**, on Saturdays, with **11 a.m.** and **1 p.m.** performances. The afternoon performance will be signed for the hearing impaired.

Kids in the Crossroads is made possible by a generous contribution from Irwin and Robert Goodman, Goodman's Jewelers. Additional funding is provided by the Madison Civic Center Endowment Fund and the Madison Civic Center Annual Performance Fund.


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The Madison Art Center will present "Gallery Games" the second Saturday of each month following the 1:00 p.m. Kids in the Crossroads performance. Call 257-0158 for more info.

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Since April the **Wild Hog in the Woods Coffeehouse** has been held at the **Wil-Mar Center**, 953 Jenifer Street. Since some of our readers will not be familiar with "The Wild Hog," a brief history is in order.

The group was started 14 years ago by a group of musicians. They were sub-tenants of the old Green Lantern Co-op which was located on University Avenue and then at the University YMCA on Brooks Street. Since those early days, the organization has evolved into a volunteer co-op with approximately 100 members.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, the Coffee House offers live acoustic music in a non-smoking atmosphere. Admission is a mere \$1.00 for non-members, 75 cents for members. Coffee, tea, fruit juices, and cookies are available.

The performers are usually local, but occasionally a big name performer will appear. The acts are paid only by passing a hat (the hat is actually a ceramic pig named **Fillup**).

The group also sponsors a barn dance once a month. Dances are held at **Turner Hall** (21 S. Butler) in winter and at **Olin Park** in summer (May-September).

Since their change in location things have been going very well. According to Doug Swayne, coffeehouse coordinator, this location offers a great deal of parking and a nice stage area.

So, walk on over to the Wil-Mar Center some night, and enjoy this new near-east side attraction. Upcoming performances include:

Dec. 10	7:30 pm	Rubato Brothers
Dec. 11	8:30 pm	Stone Soup
Dec. 17	7:30 pm	John Fabke
Dec. 18	8:30 pm	Cross Country

For more information, call **Doug Swayne** at 257-4171.

Richard Freihoefer

Civic Center's 1992-93 Family Shows

The Madison Civic Center's 1992-93 season offers a spectacular lineup of classic fairy tales, acrobatic wonders and masters of illusion sure to please every member of the family.

Rich in its history, the **Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Magicians of Taipei** will perform spectacular feats **Feb. 5 at 8 p.m.**, with hoops of fire, rings of knives, amazing human pyramids, and much more. This daring family troupe combines amazing athletic abilities with the philosophy of Chi Kung, or "inner strength," where the body and mind work in perfect harmony to perform astounding feats that defy the imagination. Comedy and magic are also incorporated creating a show audiences will not soon forget.

The **Prince Street Players**, one of America's oldest and most-respected theater companies, presents its musical version of Charles Perrault's "**Cinderella**," **March 12 at 7 p.m.** This international tour, displaying beautiful scenery and elegant costumes, features live musical accompaniment and is sure to be remembered by youngsters and adults alike.

The theater mask ensemble **Imago**, combines mime, dance and drama with imaginative masks and costumes **March 20 at 8 p.m.** to create a world of three-dimensional, human animation where fantasy and illusion are the height of entertainment. Backs become fronts, legs become arms, and heads spin around during this spectacular performance in which seeing is not believing.

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ALDER'S REPORT

CITY BUDGET NEWS—Although the 1993 city budget won't be passed for a few days after my newsletter column deadline, the final budget package is taking shape following weeks of discussion and public hearings. Overall, it's been a difficult budget process for the City Council and the mayor and our staff. The city faces another major cut in state shared revenues, and the state's **Tax Rate Disparity Program** also limits our options by restricting city spending increases.

However, we've worked hard to avoid major layoffs, while protecting vital city services. The overall city spending increase should come in below the 3 percent inflation level. A major concern during this year's process has been finding a way to save the **Group Access Service**, which provides bus service for the elderly for shopping trips, visits to clinics for health care, etc. With assistance from Dane County, I'm optimistic that we'll be

able to save this valuable service.

Despite the tight budget, there's still good news for 2nd District residents on several fronts. The budget contains the following items, which I pushed for this year:

- New landscaping along the **Yahara River** and at the **Tenney boat launch**.
- New soccer goalposts, an accessible path and bridge repair work for **Tenney Park**.
- New landscaping for the lake overlook for **James Madison Park**.
- \$120,000 for landfill protection improvements at **Demetral Field**.
- Infrastructure repairs for **Breese Stevens Field**.
- Street repairs for the **Emerson** neighborhood, for 2nd St. between Mifflin and Johnson St. and on E. Dayton between 1st and 4th Sts.
- Building improvements and parking lot landscaping for the

First Street city garage.

- Phase one dollars and staff planning time to begin the **East Rail Corridor Bike Path**. (My hope is that the city will finish this important new recreational trail by 1994, which will eventually be an urban link with the state bike trail system.)

HOUSING STUDY COMPLETED—As a member of the Plan Commission, I proposed setting up a subcommittee last year to work with developer **Jerry Mullins** regarding his property behind Washington Square. The site was used for many years by the **Trachte Co.**

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ALDER'S REPORT

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and currently contains several old sheds and storage buildings.

The site would be an excellent location for new Isthmus housing, while eliminating what many area residents consider to be a real neighborhood eyesore. The recently completed marketing study shows

real promise for turning this location into quality housing. I'll be setting up meetings in the near future with Tenney-Lapham residents, city staff, and Jerry Mullins to try to keep the momentum going on this important project.

BUILDING DREAMS—My wife

and I recently attended the open house for the new location for the Tenney Nursery. Located at 1321 E. Mifflin, the building was used for many years by the Vogel Brothers Building Co. It should be an excellent location to allow the nursery to stay in the area. Nancy Daly

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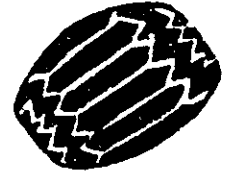
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The four events listed here are held annually. Watch this newsletter for specific dates.

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* 944 E. Gorham (lower level of Christ Presbyterian Church building)

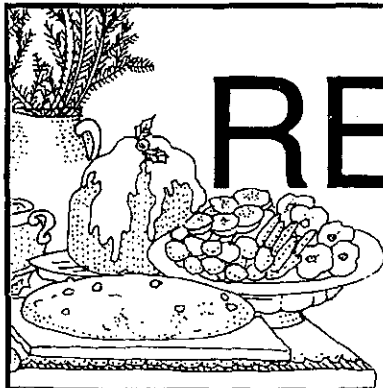
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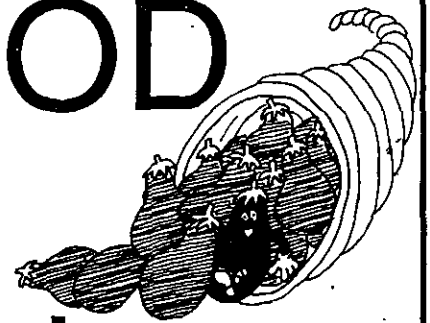
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and her staff have provided excellent nursery and pre-school programs for the entire city. I recently wrote a letter to the **Community Development Authority** to support the nursery board's request for a **Capital Revolving Fund** loan. And if you haven't yet sent a donation for the **Building Dreams Fund**, I urge you to do so.

LOOKING UP ON CURTIS COURT—A neighborhood initiative by residents on Curtis Court has led to new tree planting and other landscape improvements. I met this summer with city engineering staff, forestry crews, and businesspeople and residents along Curtis Court, and our mutual efforts have made a difference. New grass and other amenities will be put in next spring, and the large-sized trees should have their first leaves by next summer. Take a bow, Curtis Court, for your good work. (And in addition to that neighborly effort, let's hear it for the **Forestry Dept.** for the other 75 new street trees that were put in this year along Sherman, Johnson and many other streets.)

EAST HIGH UPDATE—Last winter the city's Transportation Commission met with Principal **Milt McPike** and parents from East High to discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety along East Washington Ave. We looked at a variety of options and came up with some good solutions. New flashing lights have been installed near the school, and a new, higher fence in the median should be put up before the snow flies. Other improvements were made at the 4th St. cross-

walk, which should lead to safer pedestrian access for students, staff and parents trying to get to East. My personal thanks go out to **Traffic Engineering** staff, parents and especially to **Milt McPike** for his patience while the work was completed.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL—The holiday season fast approaches, and it's a time for family and friends, rest and reflection. My wife Anne and I would like to extend our personal holiday greetings to you all.

I've represented the 2nd District on the City Council for almost eight years. And despite the new gray hairs, the late-night meetings, and the occasional 6 a.m. phone call, it's always been a privilege and an honor to serve. In my mind there's no doubt about it: Madison is a city worth working for and keeping healthy and vibrant. Now onward to 1993!

Ald. David Wallner

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HISTORY

THE COLLINS FAMILY "CLUSTER" ON THE SHORE OF LAKE MENDOTA

This article is based on two separate research summaries written by Katherine Rankin, preservation planner for the City of Madison, and Rebecca Sample Bernstein, historic preservation consultant. Bernstein's work was done this fall in preparation of a formal nomination to the Madison Landmarks Commission. Excerpts from both reports are credited to the appropriate author in parentheses.

Cornelius and William Collins moved to Madison in 1903, and it wasn't long before the two brothers decided to start their own lumber business. They must have been fairly successful, since Cornelius and his wife Anna were able to build themselves a beautiful new home on the lake in 1908. (Of course, owning a lumber company might help cut down on construction costs a bit!) The home still stands at 646 East Gorham Street; both Anna and Cornelius were able to live there until their deaths in 1932 and 1950, respectively.

To build the house they employed the local architectural firm of Claude and Starck. Louis Claude was originally from Baraboo and came to Madison to attend the Civil Engineering program at the University of Wisconsin. Soon after leaving school, he went to Chicago to work first for Adler and Sullivan and later for Burnham and Root, two of the city's most accomplished architectural firms. His coworkers at Adler and Sullivan included Frank Lloyd Wright and

George Grant Elmslie. In 1895 Claude returned to Madison to open his own practice, and a year later Edward Starck joined him in a partnership that was to design "many of Madison's, if not Wisconsin's, most successful examples of the Prairie School style." (Bernstein)

The house at 646 E. Gorham is "a very interesting example of the transitional period
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between the Queen Anne and Prairie School styles, combining the eclecticism of the Queen Anne, with its English style brick and stone work, classical columns, and wide Tudor arched porch, with the progressive modernism of the Prairie School, shown in this building by the geometric design of the stained glass windows, the symmetrical composition, and the band of windows on the second floor. There are about a dozen examples of this transitional, progressive style remaining in Madison. The Collins House is one of the finest of this group, both for its quality of design and because its original exterior design is essentially intact." (Rankin)

"The interior of the house is more decidedly 'Tudor' than the exterior." One room has "a paneled window seat alcove with medieval motifs," while another room has a fireplace and built-in cabinets with stained glass doors. "The dining room is lined in elaborate Tudor wainscoting and showcases a built-in sideboard." (Bernstein)

When Cornelius and Anna Collins' daughter Irene grew up, she married Robert


Connor. They both got involved in the family lumber business and lived with her parents for awhile. In 1920 Irene's parents built a house next door for them at 640 E. Gorham. (That's one way to get the kids to move out!) This house is Colonial Revival in style and much simpler in its decorative details.

So what ever happened to Cornelius' brother William (the one he came to town and the started the lumber business with)? Well, he stayed involved with the business and in 1911 had Claude and Starck design a house for his family at 704 E. Gorham (now the Collins House Bed & Breakfast) just a few doors down from his brother.

The habit of grouping houses together for various members of the same extended family was quite common around the turn of the century. Another such grouping occurred nearby with the Herfurth houses at 703 and 709 E. Gorham. The social relationship of these family "clusters" provides a special added dimension to their historic and architectural value for the neighborhood.

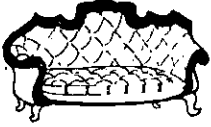
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