



Tenney-Lapham

newsletter

JUNE 1982

ENROLLMENT -- MARQUETTE SCHOOL

For the fourth consecutive year, parents, children and staff at Marquette Elementary School are expressing concern over enrollment projections and staff allocation. In the past, enrollment has been underestimated resulting in insufficient staff allocations.

This year the projection for fall enrollment is 284 students. This compares with 291 currently enrolled. While the Madison area as a whole has been experiencing declining enrollments, Marquette school has held steady and is actually increasing. In addition, widespread attrition during the course of the school year at Marquette has slowed substantially over the past few years.

Once again it appears that first-grade enrollment figures are underestimated. The kindergartens currently have 44 students and the fall projection is for only 50 first graders. We could normally expect at least 10 additional children to be enrolling at the first grade level this fall. While the projections are probably incorrect, the School District seems to be tacitly anticipating more students at the primary levels since they have allowed an additional teacher to be assigned to cover overflow in the lower grades.

However, a potentially serious problem appears to be a certainty in the upper grades. While a small increase in enrollment has been projected for the fall fifth grade classes, the group scheduled to enter the fourth grade is predicted to lose 12 students. We have yet to find any basis for this projection. Only 2 staff positions have been allocated for these students (currently 59 and projected 47). The result will be overcrowding and probably last-minute accommodations via split-grade classrooms. The split-grade class is not necessarily bad, but with only 2 teachers allocated at the third and 5th grades, even split grades may result in overcrowded classrooms.

The overriding concern in all of this is that students will once again enter school in the fall with uncertain staff and classroom allocations. We have been repeatedly assured that these problems have been ironed out, yet children are still being shuffled well into the first month of school, and sometimes even later. Now, it appears that this fall will hold more of the same.

If you have any comments or suggestions, or which to help work on this problem, call Lynn Schmidt at 256-1360

CORRECTION ON BREESE FIELD

In the April newsletter we incorrectly identified Alderman Onsager as one of the sponsors of a resolution to save Breese Stevens from the wrecking crew. Actually it was Alderman Onken who, along with Alderwoman Wrzeski and Alderman Kratsch, opposed demolition plans and pressed for renovation of this historic facility.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

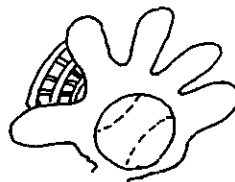
A group of Tenney-Lapham residents and businesses met on April 22 to hear Paul du Vair describe the efforts of the Arbor Hills Neighborhood Association in setting up and successfully running a "neighborhood watch" program. Thier program was credited with a 46% reduction in crimes over previous year levels, mostly for break-ins and vandalism.

The program took a year to establish and combines extensive information to residents, individual block patrols and much direct one-to-one contact among neighbors. The Madison Police department assisted in assembling various nationwide models, and Arbor Hills modified them to fit the needs of their area.

The program is focused on everyone being alert all the time to any unusual event, not taking matters into your own hands, and not being afraid to call the police everytime a person sees something unusual going on. He adds "even if everything is OK, the squad car presence in the neighborhood will act as a deterrent to crime".

In Tenney-Lapham, several businesses and residents have been burglarized over the past months and it would appear that this is continuing as a serious problem. It takes considerable work and many people to implement a successful neighborhood wide watch program. If enough people are interested and concerned about this problem, the TLNA Board is prepared to assist in organizing and supporting a crime watch program.

An interim steering committee appears to be the most logical first step. If you want to be a part of this program or are interested in helping in its organization, please call 257-8695.



ISTH-MS --- WIN, LOSE

A women's softball team made up primarily of Tenney-Lapham area players won its first game of the season in a come from behind victory over Fielder's Choice, 17-15. They then lost to Red Shed in their second game by a score of 19-8.

The team, managed by Tim Newport, includes Tenney Laphamites Barb Flesch, Joey Mercurio, Sue Fieber, Kathy Newport, Ann Rulseh, Mary Sukup, Teri Wing Hoffman, Mary Houtman and Sharon Irwin. Other members include Mary Gritzmacher, Judy Guyot, Bonne Schultz and Mary Lease.

The Isth-MS play every Monday evening at 6:00 through July 26th. Games are at Demetral Field except for a June 14th game at Sherman. If you are interested in watching an intensive and fast paced game why not come out and root for your "hometeam".

4th Annual TLNA GARAGE SALE

on: SAT. - JUNE 12th
 from: 9:00 - 3:00
 at: 461 N. FEW



NOTE TO SELLERS:

If you are interested in bringing items to sell at the rummage, please call one of the three people listed below as soon as possible. We can also arrange to sell items for you if you are unable to attend the sale in person.

CALL: Sue Fieber (251-3909)
 Ann Rulseh (257-8695) or,
 Bob Park (256-7280)

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The special neighborhood appeal distributed in March has generated \$334 in dues. Deducting the cost of printing, this appeal and dues collected earlier, brings our net income from membership for the year to \$339. In addition, the annual March Pizza sale brought in a \$250 profit. Assuming that the annual rummage sale this month and this fall's version of the Polka in the Park will produce reasonable returns, TLNA should, for the first time, finish the membership year with an operating bank balance which is workable and more appropriate for our size. However, membership levels can and should be improved. In order to preserve the success we have achieved this year, we will need a strong response to the annual membership drive in September, when the current year memberships expire. We look forward to your continuing support in keeping TLNA an active and viable association.

SLIPPING

Memory failed me, sorry to say,
 but I've forgotten what you do
 when a big black bass
 comes boiling out of the lily pads
 a rushing ripple behind my bait
 but doesn't quite strike.
 I've forgotten. I used to know.
 I swear.
 Something to do with switching lures
 and reeling in slower or faster.
 I used to know.
 But it's gone
 and I can't see myself carrying notes to the pond.
 I never minded getting lost
 in the midst of sentences,
 emperors and Ike did that.
 Or walking into a room
 and losing the reason,
 or always wondering what I forgot to get
 or do or turn off or unplug.
 It adds a worried edge to the day.
 Don't care if I ever learn meters and liters
 and the new temperature.
 And I don't mind losing the names of kids
 I see once a year, at most,
 who keep exchanging faces.
 But this --
 how to lure the last inch out of that bass,
 this is something I need.



PAINT 

To help offset some of the cost of materials for home improvement work, Mautz Paint Company continues to offer a 50% discount and Marling Lumber a 10% discount to income eligible homeowners in the Tenney-Lapham area. A wide range of home improvement materials (not just paint & wood) are available through these stores. You must obtain a discount letter from Mary Kay Garrow at the Housing office in Lapham.

WE'VE GOT A NEW NEIGHBOR!!

A new neighborhood association, the Old Market Place Neighborhood Association, has been formed to represent the area west of Tenney-Lapham to the Square. We welcome the OMPNA and look forward to working with them on such opportunities as the re-use of Lincoln School on Gorham, the development of the City Market Area, continuing efforts on reducing traffic on our neighborhood streets, and other problems and opportunities which will occur in the future.

There has been some confusion about the area served by OMPNA, due to the original proposal to establish their boundaries in a way which substantially overlapped TLNA's area. This problem has been resolved and the eastern boundary of OMPNA is now Livingston Street (TLNA's western boundary) except that the houses in the 800 block of Dayton Street are included in the OMPNA while remaining in the primary service area of TLNA. This is the only overlap between the two associations.

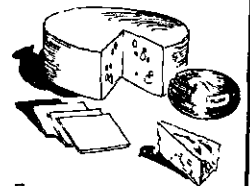
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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Readers of this newsletter are aware that the Neighborhood Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month. The location varies, and anyone interested in attending should contact a council member (see map and names below) to find out where the meeting will be held.

The subjects discussed at the meetings vary considerably and on some issues the council takes formal actions and positions on behalf of the TLNA. Devoted watchers of City Cable 12 or other local news media may occasionally find out about these actions, but more frequently, no one except the affected governmental body will hear us. So...we thought we should start sharing on a regular basis the actions we take on behalf of the people who have elected us. In the last few months, we have formally:

1. Requested that the Mayor's office seek the funds necessary to continue activities of the Near East Side Coalition of Older Adults.
2. Protested what we felt were excessive parking arrangements in January at Lapham School (We subsequently met with the Shaw Management Co., agreed on a new lot design, and supported it before the City Zoning Appeals Commission, where it was approved).
3. Addressed the School Board in opposition to new rental policies proposed by the Shaw Co. for Lapham which would have effectively discouraged use of the building by the neighborhood and community organizations.
4. Supported the city rental property energy code.
5. Registered our opposition to a suggestion by the city Traffic Engineer that the speed limit on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Johnson be raised to 30 mph.
6. Requested that the Old City Market Neighborhood Association be granted a see on the City Committee on Reuse of Lincoln School.
7. Supported a proposal of the Equal Opportunities Commission to prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of parental status (equal housing for families with kids).
8. Agreed to present a proposed annual budget for TLNA to the membership at the annual meeting in September.
9. Established a subcommittee to deal with reconstruction of the Lapham playground and opposed extending the playground area in any existing grassy space.
10. Donated \$20 to the Tenney Park Apartment Garden Club.

In addition to these formal actions of the Board, the various standing committees of the Board, primarily in housing, transportation, and education, have continued working on long-standing neighborhood concerns.

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AND
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents of all children planning to attend kindergarten this fall should register now. This will help to adequately plan next year's kindergarten sections. Marquette Elementary has had a pre-registration week, but you may call there or the downtown administration offices for information (Look under "schools" in the white pages). You will need a notarized birth certificate and an immunization record to register. Your child should be 5 years old by September 1, 1982. All families receiving this newsletter at their homes are in the Marquette Elementary district and you will receive notification of the school bus stop nearest your house before school starts on August 23rd. All bused children will attend the morning session.



ENROLLMENT - T.N.C.P.

At Lapham School
1045 E. Dayton St

The Tenney Nursery & Parent Center is now accepting enrollments for the 1982-83 school year. Excellent teachers and low pupil-to-adult ratio provide 3 to 5 yr olds with individual attention in an atmosphere that promotes learning. Call Nancy Daly at 255-3250 for more information. TNPC is a non-discriminatory Center.

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Contact your neighborhood representatives. The current TLNA Board members are:

Ann Rulseh	President	257-8695
Kathy Newport	V-President	258-8516
Bob Park	Secr/Treasurer	256-7280
Mike Tuten	Transportation	255-2833
Tom Kasper	Housing	257-8695
Heidi Sime	Membership/Soc	257-8727
Lynn Schmidt	Education	256-1360
Paul & Sue Fieber	Publicity	251-3909
Joey Mercurio	Area A Repr	255-2328
Vacant (interested?)	Area B Repr	
Teri Wing & Tom Hoffman	Area C Repr	251-6803

Washington Ave

Livingston St.

Thornston

THE TENNEY-LAPHAM TRIVIA QUIZZER

1. Who was Increase A. Lapham?
 - a) a botanist who liked kids
 - b) an early Madison land developer
 - c) the 3rd governor of Wisconsin

2. What was the previous name of the Yahara River which runs through Tenney Park?
 - a) First Lake b) Mallard c) Catfish

3. There are 25 street names in the TLNA area. How many can you list?

4. Which neighborhood street has the most number of dwelling units?
 - a) E. Mifflin b) E. Johnson c) E. Gorham

5. About how many boats pass through the Tenney Park Lock each year?
 - a) 7,000 b) 12,000 c) 17,000

6. Who was Daniel K. Tenney for whom Tenney Park is named?
 - a) a famous UW horticulturist
 - b) a prominent Madison lawyer
 - c) inventor of the tennis shoe

7. Which famous baseball star(s) played at Breese-Stevens field?
 - a) Babe Ruth
 - b) Red Schoendienst
 - c) Ty Cobb
 - d) None of the above
 - e) All of the above

8. Who wrote a favorite song of many TLNA residents entitled "Crab Canape"?
 - a) Hank Williams
 - b) Peter Berryman
 - c) Spike Jones
 - d) Louie Prima

9. About how many cars travel the Johnson/Gorham corridor, every day?
 - a) 32,000 b) 26,000 c) 40,000

10. About how many Madison muskies were reported caught in Lake Mendota over the past 3 years?
 - a) 50 b) 25 c) 12 d) none reported

11. The Trachte building on the corner of Mifflin and Dickinson was formerly used in the manufacture of:
 - a) bicycles b) army tents c) horse carriages

12. Which backyard self-sufficiency improvement would not be permitted under city ordinances?
 - a) installing a windmill for power
 - b) raising rabbits for food
 - c) sinking a well for water
 - d) none of the above

13. List the first and last names of TLNA's political representatives:

City council	_____
County board	_____
State representative	_____
State senator	_____
U.S. representative	_____

***** (answers elsewhere)

SCORING GRADE

- 10-13 right - A true neighborhood scholar
- 7-9 right - A very good observer
- 4-6 right - Not too bad
- 1-3 right - Just moved in, right?

KEEP ON GROWING!

Joey Mercurio

The petals may all have dropped off your flowering bulbs, but keep them well watered as long as the foliage is growing says Dr. Beck, U.W. horticulturist. The size of next year's flowers depends on how long the greenery keeps growing. If rain isn't heavy enough, give them a good soaking once a week.

Lilac bushes need attention this month too. When they finish blooming, prune out 20-30% of the oldest trunks. Cut them right at the ground since these older branches flower less and are more susceptible to trunk borers.

In the vegetable garden, most plants will benefit from mulching. A layer of grass clippings, straw, woodchips, rough compost or sawdust will keep the soil cooler and moist.

Tomatoes, peppers and eggplants like warm soil though, so leave their spots uncovered for another month.

Unless you really like to hoe, mulching is an easy way to shade out weeds. The finer and denser the mulching material, the less you need. Lay grass clippings in a two inch layer and let them dry out before adding more. Thick layers of grass mat down into a heated, smelly barrier to water and oxygen. Green plant material provides nitrogen to microorganisms breaking it down, but add a sprinkling of fish meal or dried blood under woody mulches.

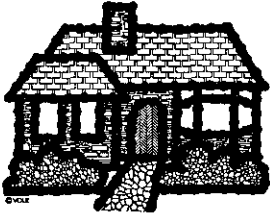
And, though it looks fresh and lovely, stay out of the garden after rain or watering. Plant diseases spread easily in water droplets brushed from plant to plant, and walking on wet ground compacts the soil around plant roots.

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823 E. JOHNSON 256-3620



Housing Updates

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT MARY KAY GARROW IN THE LAPHAM HOUSING OFFICE, ROOM 116, or 258-9060.

...Homebuyer's money due by July 30th...

As noted in the last newsletter, Wisconsin has now passed legislation creating a new state first mortgage program. Funds are expected to be available through area lenders by the end of July. Interest rates are being projected at 13-13½% on these fixed-rate mortgages.

The emphasis of the program is on first time homebuyers. In our area persons with incomes of up to \$33,950 may qualify. Funds are not expected to last very long given statewide demand, so if you are planning to purchase a home soon, this program should be checked since the financing terms are excellent.

...New homebuyers aid being planned in TLNA...

The Tenney-Lapham Corporation Housing Services Program is now putting together an \$80,000 program to aid persons in acquiring multi-unit (2-4) rental property. The buyer would live in one unit and rent the other unit(s).

The goal of this program is to convert 8-10 investor owned properties to a combination of owner-occupant and rental, with rental units being occupied by low or moderate income tenants under the Section 8 program (Permits the owner to charge market rents while the tenant receives a subsidy to make up the difference between market rent and the tenants' financial means). Watch for more details on this program, or call Ms. Garrow.

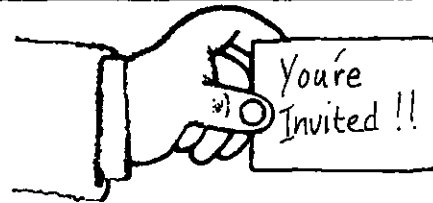
...Small multi-family rental loans...

The TLC has now begun operation of a \$100,000 program offering below-market rate rehab loans to owners of rental property. This program is available only in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, and is aimed at improving rental property and energy efficiency. Tenants may wish to alert their landlords to this program, especially if they are now paying their own heating bills. Energy improvements are one of the principal activities which can be done under this program.

...Owner-occupant rehab money available...

Both state and city rehab money is again available for qualified homeowners. In the state program, income limits have been raised substantially and a family of four in our area may now earn as much as \$38,010 and still qualify. This program permits a wide range of improvements and is run through participating area lenders.

For lower income homeowners, the city of Madison has combined some HUD block grant funds with the state program making rehab loans available at very low interest rates. In Tenney-Lapham a family of four under this program may earn \$27,150 and still qualify. Interest rates vary depending upon income. Deferred loans and loans with rates as low as 8-9½% are available.



Following are a number of summer and fall "group" trips and activities being considered for people who may be interested. Firm dates have not been established, so if you are interested in joining in, please contact the person listed for the individual events for further details.

"Softball Challenge Match & Cook-Out" (1-day)

This will be a slow-pitch softball game which will probably be played on a Sunday afternoon. The game will pit the "oldsters" vs. the "youngsters" on teams which will contain an even number of men and women. If you are under 30 call Ann Rulseh, 257-8695 who will be organizing this team. If you are 30 or older, contact Sue Fieber at 251-3909 who will be putting together the "old" team. The game will be played at Tenney Park and a cook-out (bring what you cook) will be held after the game. And, if you are not interested in playing, come anyway. Umpires are definitely needed, and will have considerable power in this game to modify the play of people who hit the ball too hard.

"Tenney-Lapham Golf Open" (1-day)

Open to all residents of the Tenney-Lapham area. This event will require about 20 men and women, and a small entry fee, in addition to green fees, is expected. A handicap method will be used to ensure that everyone is on a relatively equal footing so good and not so good players can compete and are welcome. A course is yet to be selected (Lake Windsor & The Springs are being considered). Prizes for winners and other events. Call Paul Fieber, 251-3909.

"Kickapoo Valley Bus Trip" (1-day)

This is a leisurely trip for all ages involving a chartered bus trip to southwestern Wisconsin. Events will include picking some famous Gays Mills apples in the morning, a packed lunch in a small town park and touring the "solar village" at Soldiers Grove before returning home. If enough people attend (to help pay for the bus), the trip should be quite reasonable in terms of cost. Call Stan Wrzeski, 255-1638

"Bike Trip Around Lake Monona" (½-day)

This too is a leisurely trip beginning at Tenney Park, crossing over to the Marquette area and heading west around Lake Monona. A packed lunch stop and rest in Olbrich Park and a short ride home. A good "all ages" trip. Call Tom Kasper at 257-8695

norris court grocery



904 E. Johnson

Mon-Sat 7:00 - 10:00
Sun 8:00 - 10:00

Once upon a time . . .

by: Gary Tipler

Among the oldest, if not the oldest, of houses in Madison is an unpretentious house at 1113 East Mifflin St. It is associated with one of Madison's pioneering settlers, John Stoner. Originally it stood approximately at 311 North Franklin across from the site of the old Nichols Pumping Station.

In 1846, several years after settling in the small village of Madison, John Stoner, a Yankee from the East, raised the small house only with the help of a yoke of oxen. He cut the logs from the woods which stood on the site of today's university agriculture campus and drew them across the ice of the lake. The 10 inch thick log walls were then chinked with strips of wood and lime mortar on both sides, veneered with half-inch "weather boards" on the the outside and plastered on the inside "rendering it warm and comfortable in the winter and cool in the summer." When completed, the 16'x 20' house was considered the finest residence in Madison, according to his son George W. Stoner.

John Stoner was an adventuresome spirit--a veteran of the War of 1812. In 1837, Madison, the newly developing capital of the Wisconsin Territory, offered Stoner his opportunity to "go west and grow up with the country" as the nationally prominent writer Horace Greeley espoused. On his four-week journey to Madison, Stoner and his family passed through the Fort Dearborn settlement which was the early Chicago. Pushing onward, Stoner's oxen-drawn wagon cut the first track between Janesville and Madison.

Upon reaching the new territorial capital in late August they discovered what was being advertised in the East as a booming metropolis--"two log cabins nestled amid a dense forest of giant oaks, five white inhabitants in all of Dane County outside of Madison and twenty-five laborers on the territorial capital." Several hundred Native-Americans seasonally constituted the majority of the local population.



Stoner soon erected his first log home, "A rudely constructed domicile" at the corner of East Gorham and North Hamilton. Built before the streets were marked or layed out, it was later discovered that the house was in the middle of the street. The only real street at that time was an Indian trail winding through the isthmus along the lakeshores.

Stoner's cabin had but one small window, no floor, a warped oak stave roof, and a stick chimney plastered with mud. Snow storms raged about as badly inside as out, and the chimney frequently caught fire. This required one of the Stoner children to scale the roof in all kinds of weather and douse the flames. In this house the first white male child in Madison was born--and named Madison Stoner.

Trained as a cabinet maker, Stoner was primarily a farmer of wheat. He bought rich open prairie land lying seven miles southwest of the settlement of Madison and opened up the second farm in Dane County. The 160 acres were paid for with \$200 in silver at the government land office in Milwaukee--a trip made on foot. The nearest grist mill to grind the wheat was the Red Eagle mill in Beloit--a two week journey. The farm, which lent it's name to Stoner's Prairie, was lucrative enough to be expanded and to support the growing family.

The Stoner's second and more commodious home on Franklin Street served the family well--since they lived in town and not on the farm. The second floor was probably added sometime after the death of John Stoner in 1872. Around 1910 it was moved to its present East Mifflin Street location on former marshland that had been filled. A newer house was then erected on its original site. An addition to the front of the building and an additional couple of layers of siding since its move have failed to obscure the rich historical associations this old house has with Madison's colorful past.

Anyone with interesting stories or photographs to share is encouraged to contact Gary at 257-9335 or 257-7506

TAPESTRY WEAVING FOR CHILDREN

The Weaving Workshop at 817½ E. Johnson has announced two sets of classes in tapestry weaving for children of different age groups. If a child can tie his or her shoe, he or she can take these classes. Children will be taught to weave tapestries using their own drawings as the cartoons. Emphasis will be on warping the frame loom, choosing a drawing best suited for weaving, color and material choice, and simple finishing.

The classes will be run on Tuesday and Thursday for five weeks beginning on June 8th

ages 6-8 12:30 to 2:30 — ages 9+ 3:00 to 5:00

The cost is \$30, and both classes will be repeated beginning on July 6th. For more information and registration call the Weaving Workshop at 255-1066

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