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City Council Race & Census Data

by Jay Parsons

With the primaries past, we can now turn our attention to the upcoming elections. In the South Wedge, and the South District, the key race will be that between Democrat Maxine Childress Brown and Republican Patricia Elliott Stevens for the City Council seat vacated by long term incumbent Christopher Lindley.

In another time, another place, it would be irrelevant to note that The Wedge will be represented by a black woman. But this is 1983, Rochester; and it is relevant.

Demographics can be dull, misleading, pointless. They can tell us more than we want to know—and they often tell us less. 1980 Census figures reveal that the City's population is 26% black, 5% Hispanic. They reveal that City dwellers are more diverse, more affluent, and more mobile than they were in 1970. In the newly re-formed South District—and more to the point—in the South Wedge, dramatic changes have taken place in the potential voting population.

As we look around the Wedge, we see dramatic physical changes. We see, on the avenues and the side streets, rehabs, restorations, landscaping. We see eyesores, former tenements, boarded houses, transformed into structures of elegance and beauty—look, for example, at the former Green Monster, Phyllis McKinzie's building on South & Gregory, the row-houses on Walton Street, and any number of houses on Hamilton, Comfort, Gregory, and Hickory.

We see new shops, eateries, pubs, galleries and businesses presenting classy facades and upscale products. All of this tells us that The South Wedge is back.

But this is only the external picture. The information hidden in the latest Census report gives a more significant, inner view of The Wedge.

In the three Census Tracts comprising The South Wedge, Black and

white populations have made noteworthy shifts. White population has decreased by 39, 4, and 29 per cent, while the black population has more than doubled in all three tracts.

The greatest increase, by age groups, is between 22-34, where the increases run from 10% to a whopping 69%.

There are many more rental units in The Wedge in this decade than in the '70s (and they are considerably more expensive). The Wedge is now nearly 35% black & minority, and the largest single age-group is under 40.

These numbers tell us that we have a influx of new people in The Wedge. While our older population remains stable, (and very active!) we are seeing increasing numbers of younger residents more black and minority residents, and fewer young children. We are seeing more couples, singles, and more people who have chosen the complex pleasures of city living.

What this means is that we have the potential for an active, engaged community—one that should be involved in community affairs, and in this upcoming election.

If we are to have the kind of input and representation we'll need in the coming years, we need to look carefully at the candidates for the South District City Council Seat, and to do this we need to Register and Vote!

The South East Community Resource Center is urging all Wedge residents to participate in a Voter Registration Drive, run in conjunction with "Operation Big Vote", which will run through October 3.

Volunteers are needed to contact area residents who are not registered to vote. The time commitment involved would be totally up to the volunteers themselves. If you would like to distribute forms in your immediate vicinity, they are available at office at 835 South Avenue.

The Voter Registration Drive in the City's South East area will be run in conjunction with "Operation Big Vote." "Operation Big Vote" was begun in 1976 in an attempt to involve more minority voters in the electoral process.

For more information please contact Lou Zicari at the South East Community Resource Center, (716) 461-3816.



PICTURED left to right: Jeffrey Swain, Commission of Recreational Services, Marie Daly and Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. Mayor

by Jay Parsons

It was a hot, sunny, breezy Friday afternoon. The kind of mid-July weekend-start that makes everyone want to head out for the beach, the country, the water. But instead, on the playground of former School #13, there was a crowd of people, music, balloons, bunting, food, a platform, and, Marie Daley.

The occasion was the July 15 dedication of the Marie E. Daley Park.

As she has been doing for nearly three decades, Marie Daley again brought out the best in the South Wedge.

Robert Shepherd, Chairperson of the South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) opened the ceremony by welcoming the guest, and by expressing his delight at the inclusion of this long overdue honor. He noted the teamwork involved in bringing the park to fruition, and praised the work and cooperation of SWPC, the City, and the citizens of the Wedge.

Ronald Maier, President of the South Wedge's Historical Office, praised Ms. Daley for her dedication to the community, to its people, and to the South Wedge neighborhood.

Marie Daley's "effectiveness and popularity" were praised by Mayor Thomas Ryan, who joined with other speakers in noting that this recognition was long overdue. And with the respect of one who knows—the Mayor applauded Marie for her ability to "work the crowd" as she greeted her many well-wishers. Other speakers included Jeffrey Swain, Commissioner, Bureau of Recreation and Community Services, and Rev. Anne Waasdorp, who discussed the importance of greenspace in the city, and future plans for the development of the park—including landscaping and plants.

There was a ribbon cutting, an unveiling, and much applause. But the crowd was waiting for the main speaker, Marie Daley herself.

For decades, Marie has epitomized neighborhood involvement, giving, and cooperation. The dedication of the park was, as she said: "Such a special day in my life."

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Urban workcamp completes 3rd year

Photo at left: Urban campers paint 49 Hickory



For the third summer, SWPC and Calvary St. Andrews Church have sponsored their Urban Youth Workcamp. Funded by the Church, the SWPC, and the City, the Workcamp program provides summer employment—and a lot more—for eight area youths.

The program also provides exterior renovation—painting, gutter and window work, for area property owners. This summer's projects were houses at 255 Gregory St. and 49 Hickory Street. Both are now gleaming with fresh paint, new gutters, sparkling trim.

The youth, paid \$3.50-\$3.75 per hour, are doing more than just keeping busy during school vacation. They are learning valuable, marketable job skills, and several have already parlayed their skills into part-time jobs for the school year. Others plan to return to next year's workcamp and, eventually, to enter the booming rehab field.

Crew leaders Robert Williams and Tony Edwards are the veterans of the Workcamp—Robert just finished his third, Tony his second year. Their job, in addition to the work of sanding, prepping, painting, includes planning each day's work, and supervising the crew. They include: Lewis Lewis, Ian Williams, Chris Warren, Stephen DuPlessie, Anthony Rouse, and Dale Taylor. All are between 15 and 18.

Participants in the Workcamp expressed great satisfaction with the program, especially for the help and advice they received from local businessmen and builders, including Aaron Winters, Ron Maier, and Luke Wells.

Finding a summer job is more than difficult in these times—but finding a job which also teaches meaningful skills, a sense of responsibility and the pride in a job well-done, is a true rarity. These South Wedge youth have found that, and they look forward to next year's Workcamp.

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COMMUNICATIONS/LETTERS

Voting with the 20th Century in mind... with a deliberate speed

by R. Walton

We're a very political newspaper staff. We're political by nature, political in our outlook and would very much like to take an official Wedge-position on the races that will take place both in the City and County.

We'd like to utter a phrase or two about Nan Johnson, who is running against Lou Morin for the new Monroe County Executive position. We'd like to say something about some of the candidates who are running for the City's South District. A district that is currently represented by City Councilperson Christopher Lindley, who has opted not to run for another term.

We'd like to say something pithy, observant or downright funky about some of the candidates who are running for any of a myriad of judgeships, both County and Citywide.

We'd like, as a staff, to something about these matters. They concern us. We're overwhelming pro-City. Our intellectual and emotional feelings about the South Wedge itself is beyond description. In short, the Wedge is overwhelmingly wonderful. Dynamic!

We're prohibited from saying anything about anything political by the people who rule us. Yes, rule. Nearly everyone on earth has a ruler. The rulers are frequently given other titles. We're accustomed to mental gymnastics. But rulers are rulers, and they should be designated as such. We're not suggesting anything evil about these folks. Some of them are neighbors; some are eating-mates; some are friends.

Farewell Friend

Jarvis Brotsch an exuberant, bearded, windy man of many hats and much wit, was a familiar face on South Avenue. He died in July. His friend Michael Carroll remembers him well:

Dear Jarvis,

You could be dry as the grass on a sun-burnt lawn,

As warm and inviting as a hot cup of soup.

You didn't stand still for a lot of talk, You'd rather hit the street and take a walk.

You could roll with the changes, though punch drunk at times,

Yet your eyes still saw keenly and your laughter was fast.

And your pride kept you standing as the seasons went past.

What did you take when you left us here?

Humor and wit and something dear. What did you leave as you went your way?

Bright new days and nice things to say.

So long Old Man,
A friend.

The local papers have taken their traditional positions on this candidate or that one. They've performed their duty. Even the City's fabulous weekly, which we'll leave nameless, has fulfilled its obligation nicely.

We're not cognizant of what the broadcast media—TV, cable and radio—are saying about these political races. We'll give them the benefit of doubt and say, although cautiously, they are doing their job of endorsing certain candidates.

There's one theme each of these public agencies are advising: they say that the candidates are not submerged in the issues. Without being in outer space over the last year, we all know what the issues are—the City's running out of money, we're not sure whether the mayor should be elected or not, crime is allegedly rampant, unemployment has gone way beyond reasonability, people are not eating nor do they have places to live. There are also the truckload of special interest-issues. Our own included.

As far as we're concerned, however, there are only two issues: minorities and women have made no in-roads here; and the distribution of wealth is decidedly unequal. Two issues. Not twenty.

We'll not bore you with the rhetoric that accompanies the two issues. We'll simply stress this: with all deliberate speed, the two issues must be changed.

Letters:

Dear Richard,

I enjoyed the June issue of the Wedge. Every month is better than the last!

I do have one problem, however. It appears Dr. Carl Osier's name was omitted from his article on high blood pressure. Would it be possible to mention in your next issue that his name was omitted?

One of the reasons we advertise and submit articles to the Wedge is to let our neighbors know they can find high quality medical care in their neighborhood. We would appreciate it to have Family Medicine's articles acknowledged in future issues. I am sure this issue was just an oversight.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and thanks for a good neighborhood newspaper.

Sincerely,
Pat Maillet
Office Manager
Family Medicine Center
Rochester, NY

Dear Editor:

I am interested in reading "The Wedge." Please put my name on your mailing list. I find it very interesting, and informative.

Thank you,

Mrs. Miriam Metzger
Caroline St.
Rochester, N.Y.

Editor of the Wedge:

I would like to be on your mailing list. I will be glad to pay the postage and any other costs if necessary.

Thank you.

Mrs. Ida L. Hudson
Oakland St.
Rochester, New York

(Editor's Note: Currently, copies of the Wedge are free. Readers interested in getting monthly copies of the Wedge should write the editor at 36 Comfort St., Rochester, New York)



It may be a little late, but St. Boniface honored these scholars & athletes

In reviewing the 1982-83 School Year at St. Boniface School, we would like to share with our Southwedge neighbors, all of our accomplishments in the past school year.

All grades received ratings substantially above the norm in the various achievement tests in which the students participated, PEP and SAT.

Individually, honors were received as follows:

- Bishop's Oratorical Contest:
Latonya Wilcox
- Democrat & Chronicle Kids Newspaper:
Matt Diehl
- Winners of Various Categories:
Linda Rouse
Norma Marchetti
Sue Judd
Lance Milne
Chris Leach
James Leach
- School Spelling Bee
5th & 6th Grades:
Jason Magoon—Winner
Jennifer Wesp—Runner Up
7th & 8th Grades:
Sharon Brown—Winner
Chris Leach—Runner Up
- Kite Coloring Contest, City of Roch.
Shane Sodeman
David McCoy
- Forensic Contest, Diocesan:
Latonya Wilcox
Dan Cole
- Partial Scholarship, Nazareth Acad.
Sharon Brown
- UPSTATE (D&C) Feature Article:
Susan Judd
- GIRLS BASKETBALL
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All-Star Team—East Division
Amy Budd
- BOYS BASKETBALL
7th & 8th Grade Boys
1st place St. John's Tournament
(Spencerport)
3rd place Diocesan Bishop's Tour.
5th & 6th Grade Boys
2nd place St. John's Tournament
(Spencerport)
- Men's Club Road Race
(Winners in their respective div.)
Janet Jensen
Colleen Gagne

All in all it was a great year with St. Boniface School getting better than its share of awards, both in academics and sports.

Call-A-Friend

Camp Fire is seeking volunteers for their new "Call-a-Friend" program. "Call-a-Friend" is an after school warm-line for children. It is designed to offer youths the opportunity to receive support and information from adults when they are home without supervision.

Volunteers will be trained to help children help themselves. Volunteer staff are needed to answer the phone after school until 5:30 pm, and week days when school is not in session.

For information, contact Doris Cohen, 271-0570.

Letters:

Dear Editor:

Please include the following statement in your volunteer section for future editions of *The Wedge*:

Project REACH, a program for volunteers to become involved with families of handicapped children by providing them with respite, a period of rest from the stress of caring for a person with a handicap.

We are actively recruiting volunteers to participate in our Project Rewarding Experience with Adults and Children with Handicaps (REACH).

For information, call 456-2540.

Sincerely,
Earl L. Thomas
Respite Volunteer
Coordinator

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Buy costume from RCP's Frock & Stock Sale

by Karen Strong

Rochester Community Players (RCP) is holding a "Gigantic Frock & Stock Sale" at the Playhouse (on South Clinton and Meigs) from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 8, and Sunday, October 9.

What will you find at a "Gigantic Frock & Stock Sale"? Hundreds of costume and apparel items for men, women, and children. Accessories from gloves, ties, and scarves to hats, shoes, and handbags.

Stage costumes are perfect for Halloween parties: "period" clothes from the 1920s, '30s, '40s, and '50s make interesting additions to a 1980s wardrobe. Clothing too fragile to wear may

have lace, buttons, fur, or even feathers which can be "recycled" by a clever seamstress.

"Frocks" include dresses for day and gowns for parties, tuxedo jackets and riding pants, military uniforms and wedding gowns, coats and fur trimmed capes, all types of hats, suits and vests, genuine leather chaps, and much, much more. "Stock" includes miscellaneous items of all sorts which can't be worn. And of course, there will be plenty of items to make up that perfect Halloween costume.

Don't miss it! Coming in October... a unique event in the South Wedge, RCP's "Gigantic Frock & Stock Sale" at the Playhouse!

Small Works National at Zaner

See this teeny, weeny stuff

"Small Works National," juried in 1981 by the late Betty Parsons, and, in 1982, by Phyllis Kind, as quickly developed into the most ambitious competition dedicated to small imagery in America.

The Zaner Gallery is pleased to announce that Patterson Sims, Associate Curator of the Whitney Museum of American Art, has accepted the invitation to serve as juror for "Small Works National 1983."

Prior to his position at the Whitney, Sims served as Assistant Director to Ivan Karp at the O.K. Harris Gallery from 1969-76. Since joining the Whitney in 1976, he has curated over 20 major exhibitions, which have included artists such as Maurice Prendergast, Ad Reinhardt, Alexander Calder and Georgia O'Keefe.

Since 1977, Sims has also served as one of four curators to select the prestigious Whitney Biennial. The exhibition features work by promising, as well as established artists, and serves to present and evaluate the health of current trends on the American art scene.

Sims will jury "Small Works" by slides submitted by artists from across the country. Accepted work will then be sent to the gallery for exhibition, which will be on view from November 26, thru December 30, 1983.

Prior to the opening of the exhibition, Sims will visit Rochester to jury for awards from the accepted work. An illustrated catalogue will be published by Zaner to coincide with the exhibition.

Any artist residing in the United States, unknown, or established, may enter slides to be judged anonymously. National exhibitions provide a unique opportunity for emerging artists to be recognized for their creative endeavors. It is an important and prestigious accomplishment to the fine artist to build a reputation on a national, as well as a regional basis.

Entries to "Small Works" must all be within a 15 x 15 inch format and include painting, watercolor, prints, drawing, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Slides and entry cards are due by September 16, along with \$8 handling fee for one work; \$10 for two.

The exhibition prospectus, containing complete information, can be obtained from the Zaner Gallery, 100 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY 14620, or by calling the gallery at (716) 232-7578.

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"Ancient Inspirations/Contemporary Interpretations." She has regularly exhibited in some of the finest craft galleries in the United States (*The Elements*, New York City, *Sign of the Swan*, Philadelphia, *The Fair at Rhinebeck*, and the Philadelphia Museum Craft Show).

Sara Baker holds a fine arts degree from the School of American Craftsmen, RIT, and further studied textiles at Penland School of Crafts and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. She's been awarded a NY Foundation for the Arts commission, and both a public commission and a grant from the NYS Council on the Arts. In 1982, the Alaska State Council on the Arts awarded her a purchase prize for tapestry, and, in 1980, she was commissioned by the Chautauqua County Assoc. for the Arts to produce five tapestries for public sites.

Ms. Baker will be exhibiting collage pieces at Dawson—miniature constructions in shadow box frames incorporating bits of paper, twigs, threads and feathers. The result is a sophisticated interplay of texture, shape and shadow.

The viewer imagines reference lifted from American Indian tribes—and far-Eastern cultures.

The similar approaches to their art of these two women cannot be ignored. Both rejoice in "found treasures"... a bit of shell, a lost feather, a snip of paper are treated with reverence and wonder. Both speak to the universal human experience. And both are composing within the smallest possible space. This added discipline encourages a constant paring down and refining until finally, the messages in their art are spoken with economy and grace.

Gammy Miller (Baskets) and Sara Baker (Collage) will be on view from September 18 through October 13. Dawson Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am-5 pm. Phone (716) 454-6609.

Dawson's Newest

Dawson Gallery, 100 Alexander St., concentrates on fibers for its second season opening. Two artists—Gammy Mille from Greenwich Village, New York, and Sara Baker, Westfield, New York—illustrate the expanding horizons of fiber art in their show opening September 18.

Gammy begins with waxed linen and "beachcombing finds" and twists, ties, knots, and plaits her way to the finished artistic expression: tiny baskets—some no larger than two inches in diameter—and neck "hangings."

Ms. Miller has won a number of first prize awards and her work has been included in two recent books: *The Fiberarts Design Book and Jewelry, Basic Techniques and Designs*. "Jewelry Design" New York Artists," an exhibition at the Herbert Johnson Museum of Art, Ithaca, NY, includes several illustrations of Ms. Miller's artistry and she has work included in the traveling exhibition curated by the Robeson Center for the Arts, Binghamton, NY.



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The Intern Program offers college students a chance to participate in state government and the legislative process through a well-structured practical learning experience. The program will run from January 3 to May 18, 1984, and carries a stipend of \$1000. Interns may receive a full semester of credit from their colleges. Applications should be received in Albany by mid-October.

The Graduate Scholars Program provides full-time research, policy analysis or teaching positions with Assembly leaders, committees and research staffs. This program will run from January 3 to August 10, 1984, and carries a stipend of \$8000. Applicants must be matriculated in or have completed a graduate degree program; be a New York State resident or attend a university or college in New York State, have excellent research skills, a strong interest in state government, and the legislative process. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 1984.

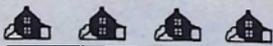
For additional information on the programs and an application, contact the Assembly Speaker's Regional Office, 442 Powers Building, Rochester, N.Y. 14614; (716) 546-1011.

Housing Council Resource Housing Program

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PICTURED, left to right: City's Summer CCC: Rachel Vinkey, Superv. Liz Coyne, Mary Gilbert, Leslie Youngblood, John Smith, Bart Cherry, Willie White, Daniel Stein (not pictured, Karen Parker)

Photos by Ira Srole

by Jay Parsons

Over the summer, eight young artists, mostly teens, and their supervisor worked in the South Wedge and other City-areas drawing and sketching homes, businesses and sites of architectural significance.

The artists were working on a unique project sponsored by the City's Summer Youth Employment Program, called the CCC. The City's officials funded the program when Wendy Ream, who works for the Bureau of Recreation and Community Services, thought it would be an excellent idea and then wrote a proposal.

The proposal dovetailed a number of ideas: it would help document city buildings, people and places; provide a good summer project, and perhaps the drawings would be good enough to use in next year's Sesquicentennial, when the City celebrates its 150th birthday.

The artists were supervised by Liz Coyne, a graduate student at Rochester Institute of Technology's School of Drawing and Painting. The artists, called apprentices, were: Mary Gilbert, Karen Parker, Leslie Youngblood, Willie White, Bart Cherry, Jonathan Smith and Daniel Stein. None of the apprentices reside in the Wedge.

The artists' sketches will eventually be completed into finished pieces and a full exhibition is anticipated sometime in October at the South Ave. Library.

Inquiries about the project, or questions about the upcoming exhibit should be directed to Wendy Ream at (716) 428-6747.

Youths need homes

The Monroe County Department of Social Services is seeking foster homes for youngsters, ages 10-16, who must be placed outside of their homes as a result of contact with the juvenile justice system.

According to Social Services Director W. Burton Richardson, these homes are needed to avoid institutional placement. Special rates are paid to foster parents certified for the program. Certified homes receive \$16 a day, plus a clothing allowance, transportation reimbursement and health insurance coverage for each child.

In addition, Richardson explains, certified foster parents will receive \$50-\$100 a month for their participation in the program, whether or not a youngster is placed in the home during the month.

Training and caseworker support also is provided to help families care for teenagers placed in their care, Richardson said. Interested individuals should call Jerry Flores at 442-4000, X2530.

10th Afro-American Extravaganza

September 5-10 marked the tenth annual Afro-American Cultural Extravaganza at the First Community Interfaith Institute, 219 Hamilton Street.

Activities began with a Kiddie Party on Monday, followed by a yard social and cultural bazaar. On Thursday, a program of folksons, folktales and poems was presented.

On Friday, Dr. James McCuller, Executive Director of Action for a Better Community, Dr. John Walker, Executive Secretary of the Office of Black Ministries, and Minister Lawrence Lee Evans, Sr., of First Community Interfaith Institute opened the day's festivities with a presentation to area youth, explaining the importance of culture and music.

Saturday's activities centered on music beginning with a gospel music program featuring Serenity. An Afro-American musical spectrum of Juju, Reggae, Soul, Disco/Pop, Blues, and Jazz followed. The Watoto Dancers were highlighted, as well as special guest performers.

The Afro-American Cultural Extravaganza is coordinated by The First Community Interfaith Institute, Action for a Better Community and Get Involved In Your Community, Inc. The annual event is sponsored by St. Bridget's Church, The Office of Black Ministries, and the South Wedge Planning

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South Wedge Acting Together News for Neighbors

by Deborah C. Messmer

The South Wedge Acting Together (SWAT) neighborhood association has been operating in the South Wedge for three productive years.

As an active neighborhood association, part of its responsibility is to act as a communication conduit to both neighborhood residents and business-persons.

Area business-persons depend on this area, as well as the surrounding community, for their livelihoods. During the next several months, SWAT is going to place a concerted effort in helping a number of area businesses communicate with each other, as well as the residents who reside here.

In the past, SWAT has observed a myriad of eager business-people organize a business committee of establishments along the South Ave.-corridor. With several misstarts initially, the organizers have reached more than a small amount of success. For instance, during the Lilac Festivals over the last two years, several South Ave. businesses pooled their resources and talents and took out joint ads in newspapers and periodicals that serve the city. Many of these same establishments have supported the Annual SWAT House Tour that has traditionally taken place during the same time-frame.

It's exactly this type of effort that benefits both the businesses and the neighborhood. Cooperation begets additional cooperation.

SWAT is cognizant of many of the difficulties it take to operate an effective, productive business. Many long-standing members of the neighborhood organization conduct businesses of their own. Moreover, running a business consumes a great deal of time.

SWAT will develop a Business Committee which will operate under the neighborhood organization. The committee will be made up any business-person(s) who takes out a SWAT business membership. The individuals that join the committee will elect an officer and that officer will chair the group. The aforementioned procedure will encourage sharing general concerns, and a forum for communication.

Without doubt, SWAT can assist with:

- Zoning issues
- Assistance in coordinating with the City's Police Dept., the Parking Bureau or City Official themselves
- Assistance in helping to publicize the establishment in the South Wedge and Citywide.
- Assistance and expertise in direct mail and neighborhood promotions.

Business-people need to assert their ideas and concerns with each other and neighborhood residents. Without doubt, area businesses need to develop strong shopping climates within the Wedge. It's also vital that our neighborhood-residents know that they can find good services and products nearby. Let's work together, act together. Kindly feel free to attend an organizational meeting at 12-Noon on Wednesday, September 28, 1983, at Cafe Zeppa Del Sud, which is located at the corners of South Ave. and Gregory St.

For information prior to the meeting, contact, Ron Maier, or Ken-Ron Industrial Air Conditioning, at (716) 442-5600, or Debbie Messmer, President of South Wedge Acting Together, at (716) 454-1236.



WINNIE BRYANT, second from left, at this summer's party given by Oakland Park Neighborhood Association.

Winnie Hospitalized

The entire story is still being unravelled, but South Wedge-sparkplug Winnie Bryant has been hospitalized at the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital for the last several weeks.

Mrs. Bryant, who lives at 113 Hamilton St., developed a blood clot in her left leg and was taken to an emergency room. Doctors, after performing emergency surgery, couldn't unclog the clot and had to amputate part of the resident's leg. The full details of how this tragedy struck are still unfinalized.

There were, however, several unconfirmed rumors circling the South Wedge that Winnie had had so many visitors that doctors had to halt them.

It would take several days, and reams of paper, if not more, to gather all the information to write a story about Winnie's involvement with the people, organizations and the South Wedge neighborhood itself.

Winnie is currently a board-member of the South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC), a board-member of the South East Area Coalition; a member of South Wedge Acting Together (SWAT); had been involved with the South Wedge Historical Office; neighborhood festivals, dances, parties.

Winnie's concern, gentle-care and overall neighborhood activism matches — if not exceeds — the irrepressible Marie Daly of Mt. Hope Ave.

There is a core of people who can always be counted on for perspective, hard work and staying power—Winnie is one of those people. Never one to take sides, she has always toiled for the good of her fellow man or woman. She's a true, without doubt, neighborhood alderperson.

Leg amputations or not, Winnie has been described as "being in excellent spirits" while recovering at Strong. Her main concern, as reported by one of her visitors, is whether or not she'll be able to driver her car.

Winnie's latest set-back would have never reached the public domain if she had her way. Several years ago, she suffered a mild stroke. She never told anyone. Some of her neighbors noticed that something was wrong, but couldn't pin-point it. The stroke affected her left side, specifically her left arm and hand, the same side that has been currently affected.

This struggle to get back to her involvements should be a true climb-up-the-mountain. However, should area-residents get a second, kindly send cards, letters, presents or yourselves either to the hospital or her home. Winnie not only needs our collective love, she's earned it.

Winnie has had the support of her husband, Joe, and family throughout this ordeal. We all would like to publically wish Winnie well, and hope that she has a speedy recovery.

The Monthly SWAT Meetings

Now that summer's over, it's time for SWAT's executive committee and membership to begin planning for the fall and winter. The SWAT executive committee has met throughout the summer to discuss 1) the publication of the WEDGE newspaper, SWAT's role in it and in the formation of a Publisher's Board which will govern the paper; 2) possibilities for membership benefits, and discussions of how we, as a neighborhood organization, can continually address the needs of our community; 3) involvement of neighborhood businesses in SWAT, and the development of a cooperative relationship between a businesspeople's committee and the neighborhood organization; 4) membership development; 5) elections of 1984 officers; 6) SWAT's representation on the Southeast Community Resource 7) replacement of our secretary, Pauline Derby, who has moved to Ireland.

So it seems that we've had an eventful summer, though our general meeting attendance was rather low.

All SWAT meetings are held at the same time & place, on the second Wednesday of each month 7:30-9:30 pm at the German House restaurant.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

SWAT Meeting Wed., October 12

7:30 - 9:30
German House

Coordinators Spot Available For Area ... Apply

Gary Burroughs, the Coordinator of the Southeast Senior Nutrition Site at 835 South Ave., has resigned to accept a position with the Brockport School System. Family Service of Rochester seeks a creative and energetic program director to assume responsibility for this program. The applicant should have a BA and/or AAS in Recreation or Human Service with a minimum of two years experience as a human service provider. Organizational ability and an enjoyment of the senior citizen population are essential. Volunteer and community work in the Southeast area are helpful. If you have interest, please send your resume to D. Dickinson Kaiser, Family Service of Rochester, 30 North Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14604.

Classes at Family Service

Fall classes in Family Life Education will begin at Family Service of Rochester in early October. These classes are designed to help individuals and couples to grow in their understanding of themselves and others and to improve family relationships. Classes being conducted at the agency's Central office on North Clinton Avenue include "For Single Fathers Only," "You and Your Aging Parent," "Being Single in a Coupled World," "Coping with Grief," "Never-Married Moms," and "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP)."

Suburban offices in Greece, Iron-dequoit, Webster, and Henrietta are offering "Living in Stepfamilies," "Overcoming Shyness," "Couples Communication," "STEP/Teen," "Coping with Separation and Divorce," and a Women's Support Group.

For more information about the Family Life Education programs, call the central office of Family Service of Rochester at (716) 232-1840. Fees for all programs are based on a sliding scale according to income and family size. Family Service is a United Way agency.



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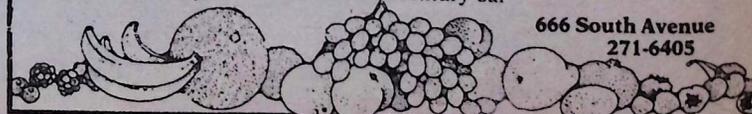
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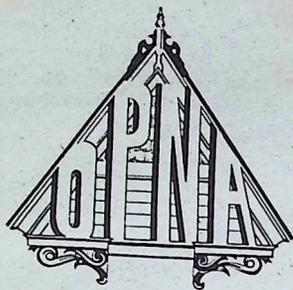
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OPNA NOTES



No Trespassing

by Hank Curry,
President Oakland Park Neighborhood Association

"NO TRESPASSING" will be the watchword of OPNA residents as school opens this fall. Complaints of property damage and harassment of residents of Manor Parkway, Cypress, and Linden Streets have grown this past winter and spring, with elderly residents, in particular, fearful of encountering trespassing young people on their way to or from classes at No. 12 School, located at the southern edge of OPNA's area. The hours of greatest concern are weekdays from 8:00 to 9:00 am, and from 3:15 to 4:00 pm.

Members of the neighborhood association have been meeting with School No. 12 supervisory personnel, as well as with juvenile officers and command staff of the Highland Section of Rochester Police Department, to devise an effective solution to the problem. The plans being considered include both "educational" and "action" responses to a serious set of problems. Area residents are forcefully exercising their most fundamental right of all... the right to be left alone.

The "educational" response will be, essentially, a program of informing the young people, regarding what is, and what is not, permitted, as they walk to and from school daily. Hopefully, this process will begin when area students and their parents read this article in the WEDGE. A quantity of flyers will also be prepared for distribution to area parents. The students will be addressed by supervisory personnel at Assembly on the opening day of school, regarding their own responsibilities as citizens.

The "action" response to the problem is intended to go into effect only in individual instances where the "educational" response fails. It will do so, gradually, in three stages:

Stage I. Residents of Manor Parkway, as well as Linden St., and Cypress St., will be organized into task forces to speak with young people found trespassing during the first week of school, asking them to discontinue.

Stage II. The task forces will activate a program of reporting continuing violators by name to the school office personnel during the second week of classes. School officials will take actions they deem appropriate.

Stage III. The task forces will activate a program of arresting persistent violators—beginning with the third week of classes—by reporting their actions to the police and signing complaints for use by the Family Court. This stage will continue until trespassing ceases to be a problem in the OPNA area.

The co-operation of the managements of Highland Manor and Manor Parkway Apartments, as well as of the Rochester Children's Nursery (RCN), located next to No. 12 School on the north, has been obtained by OPNA. Joining in this effort are school authorities and the Highland Section of the Rochester Police Department. School crossing guards will also be briefed regarding the situation, and they will be urging the young people to pay attention to the neighborhood's requirements NO TRESPASSING rules.

OPNA residents, in planning these actions, are not "down" on the children from No. 12 School. To the contrary, they are altogether loving in the ways in which they have related, and surely will continue to relate, to the great majority of the children who come into the neighborhood. They are, however, very much "up" on their determination to see to it that their elderly neighbors are treated with the respect and dignity.

Playground Is Ours

by Pat Corcoran

The Linden-Meigs Playground is a mecca for the OPNA neighborhood children. Every sunny day a parade of strollers can be seen rolling to the playground.

The OPNA Recreation Committee has been monitoring the facilities at the playground and keeping Mr. Gene Lupinetti informed of repairs that are needed. Parents meet periodically to assure that the area is clean and safe. Neighbors living around the playground diligently try to keep the area from vandalism.

In past years irresponsible teenagers have used the playground as a hang-out, leaving behind broken beer bottles, engaging in fights, destroying property and upsetting neighbors. Neighbors felt that police were ineffective in dealing with these young adults.

This year the neighbors and users of the playground feel a sense of ownership with this special place. Hopefully, all the children, young and old, will behave responsibly and take care of the equipment so that everyone will feel a sense of pride in this playground.



Opna's Bash!!

This year's Annual Oakland Park Neighborhood (OPNA) Association Block Party was an enjoyable and successful affair when it was held on Saturday, July 23rd. The party was filled with good weather, good food, and, most of all, good company.

Held on Linden St., between Poplar and South Ave., the site of last year's fest, the party was "hosted" by The Honadles Family (which somehow managed to win most of the raffle prizes). Chef Gerry Honadle was unofficial "M.C.," and The Wedge's Co-Editor, Richard Walton, won a raffled-off copy of Henry Clune's "History of Rochester." So, he will have no excuses for not getting his facts straight.

A highlight of the occasion was the awarding of a substantial cash prize for the most attractive front yard garden in the OPNA area, to Frances DeSurra of Manor Parkway Apartments, and, her sister, Colette Seiler. In a note to the neighborhood association, Frances said: "Gardening, for us, is a pleasure, not work. Nevertheless, to be rewarded for our efforts is indeed welcome. Again, many thanks to one and all."

OPNA is blessed with so many good neighbors like Frances and the Honadles that our thanks to them seems hardly adequate. But we mean it.

Preservation Continues

Peter Psyllos, owner of the red house at 566 Mt. Hope Avenue in the Mt. Hope Preservation District, was recently granted a variance by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals, legalizing use of the property as a three family dwelling. Although the area's R2 zoning status ordinarily limits the number of two families per dwelling, Mr. Psyllos has maintained four unit dwelling until now.

The Zoning Board granted the variance despite a deficiency of off-street parking by one space (if the property were located in a zoning district that permitted a three family dwelling), but indicated that Mr. Psyllos would be able to provide additional off-street parking on other property he owns at the corner of Mt. Hope and Cypress Street.

However, Mr. Psyllos' successful zoning variance "was conditioned" on a long list of requirements previously set by the City's Preservation Board when they approved his application of last fall for a required "Certificate of Appropriateness" covering changes made illegally to the exterior of the property dating back to 1975. Specifically, the required changes are:

- steel railings on porches will be replaced with original wood railings, or an exact reproductions,
- aluminum canopy over the basement utility room entrance be removed,
- the northwest front door be replaced with existing doors,
- cement steps be painted same as brown trim,
- the stone driveway for a third vehicle be removed and landscaped,
- all doors be painted to match brown trim.

owner's documentation of original slate shingles on mansard portion of building be filed with the Secretary of the Rochester Preservation Board, owner shall attach nosing, cove molding, and new lattice over existing unacceptable porch apron enclosure, paint vent on north side of building to match existing siding.

The granting of the zoning variance—permitting three families—was further "conditioned" on Mr. Psyllos' meeting a more recent requirement to obtain approval of the Preservation Board for a newly constructed cement walk that extends from the house to Linden Street. The Preservation Board, in citing Mr. Psyllos for this most recent violation of the Preservation ordinance, pointed out that:

the new walk is not compatible with the other walks on the property, and in the area,

the color of the new walk is very much lighter than the original slate walk (to which it connects) on the property between the house and Mt. Hope Avenue and walks on neighboring properties,

the cement of which it is constructed is an inappropriate choice of material in this location; brick or slate would have been more appropriate.

Members of OPNA's Zoning Committee are continuing to follow developments in this matter closely, and will report progress in succeeding issues of this newspaper.

Bulletin

Two elderly Manor Parkway women were victims of separate muggings, occurring on successive days in late August. The first of the muggings resulted in the slashing of the victim in the neck with a knife. She was treated and remained at Highland for over a week. The assailants are still unknown.

Word of the attacks has alarmed residents throughout the Highland Manor, and Manor Parkway apartments area. A meeting has been set between officers of the Highland Section of the Rochester Police Department, members of SEAC and OPNA, and the management of Highland Manor and Manor Parkway Apartments, to discuss tightening of security in the area.

Participants in the ACT (Against Crime Together) chains only recently established in the Manor Parkway area are being kept up to date with regular bulletins. Area residents wishing to become part of ACT in their area should call Joan Polmenteer-Powell at SEAC, telephone 244-7405.

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Perry's Tax Exemptions

Praising Governor Mario Cuomo for recently signing into law on August 8, 1983, the Graduated Property Tax Exemption for Citizens, State Senator John D. Perry (D-54th) said today, "At last, there is some measure of fairness in property tax exemptions for senior citizens. More needs to be done, but this is at least a start."

Prior to enactment of the graduated exemption, local governments (country, city, town, village and school governments) could opt to grant a 50% property tax exemption to senior citizens whose annual incomes were less than an amount specified by the local government, but in no case greater than an amount set by state law (\$10,500 currently). Seniors whose incomes were as little as a dollar more than the limit were forced to pay the full property tax.

"This was grossly unfair," said Sen. Perry. "Certainly the person who's a dollar over the limit is in the same financial bind as his neighbor who qualified. He needs a break too! This new law gives him the tax break he deserves."

The graduated system will, when adopted by a local government, offer exemptions which decrease 5% for each additional \$500 income.

For example, if a town offers 50% exemptions for senior citizens whose incomes are less than \$10,500 per year, the graduated tax exemption will be 45% exempt to those with an annual income of between \$10,500 and \$11,000; a 40% exemption to incomes \$11,500 to \$12,000 and so on until a 20% exemption is reached. Senior citizens must be sixty-five years of age or older to qualify.

Saying he "welcomed" this new tax relief for lower and middle-income seniors, Sen. Perry said that this law only solves half the problem. Perry will push for legislation to allow full sliding scale, which includes senior citizens making less than the present income limits. The proposed scale would allow gradually higher property tax exemptions for progressively lower incomes. For example, if \$10,500 incomes receive a 50% exemption, then \$10,500 to \$10,000 would receive 55% exemption, and so on.

"Throughout my Senate career I have advocated doing everything we can to make it possible for older people to stay in homes which for many represent a life-long investment of both money and effort. There are cases where the current 50% tax exemption is not enough to insure this, and these cases should be recognized. Until that happens, and I'll continue to do my best to see that it happens, I am pleased that we were able to achieve the limited graduated property tax abatement that the governor has signed into law," Senator Perry said.

"I urge local governments, in the interest of their senior citizen neighbors, to adopt the graduated property tax exemption as soon as possible," Perry emphasized.

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Assemblyman David Ganti's Newsletter Notes

One of the biggest roles we play in life is that of consumer, and it can be the one that causes us the biggest headache. It's clear that we need laws to protect us—and our money.

We considered dozens of proposals for consumer laws this year. I thought you might like to hear about some of the bills that passed. Some have been signed into law and some are still waiting for the Governor's approval.

Q. Can I trust those ads that promise a low interest rate on a new car—if I act before a certain date?

A. You can now. The Governor signed a new law that says the interest rate you were offered when you ordered your car is the interest rate you'll get when the car's delivered.

That wasn't a requirement until now, leaving dealers and manufacturers clear to promise you "9 percent until May 15th," and then hold the delivery to May 16th, when the rate suddenly went back up to 11 percent.

Q. What can I do when I get stuck with a new car that's a "lemon"?

A. Now that the Governor has signed the "Lemon Law," you can do plenty. This bill requires repairs of any defect within the first two years or 18,000 miles. If the problem can't be fixed after four attempts, or if the car is out of service for 30 days, you can be refunded the purchase price of the car or get a new car.

Q. In the grocery store, I see items marked with two separate prices. Which one applies?

A. You will be charged the lowest visible price if the Governor signs the bill we passed this year.

Q. I ordered merchandise on credit, and the store began charging me interest before the order was delivered. Is this fair?

A. We didn't think so, and we passed a bill to make it illegal. The Governor has signed it, and the new law prohibits finance or service charges applied before the goods are shipped. The exception is when the customer requests delayed delivery.

Q. I've heard the horror stories about formaldehyde in home insulation and the health problems it can cause. How can I be sure that the home I want to buy is safe?

A. This concern is shared by many people. This year we passed a bill requiring the seller to provide information on home insulation to all prospective buyers. Again, this measure is waiting for the Governor's signature.

As technology carries us into the future, we find it necessary to change and refine the laws that protect us. I hope this summary has been helpful, and I'd certainly like to hear any thoughts or ideas you might have.

Albany Office: Room 528, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; (518) 455-5606.

District Office: 569 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14611; (716) 328-7280.

YWCA ACTIVITIES

Camping

Interim Director

Gloria Fish has been hired by the YWCA Board of Directors as the interim Executive Director of the YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County. Ms. Fish has been hired for a six month period that began July, 1983. Her interim employment—which may be extended for up to one year—allows the YWCA to conduct an extensive national search for a permanent Executive Director.

An Episcopalian priest by profession, Gloria Fish comes to the YWCA from Nazareth College where she has held the position of protestant chaplain since 1978. Ms. Fish received a Masters of Divinity from Colgate-Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer in 1979, and is currently working towards a Doctorate in Ministry at this institution. Her undergraduate work was completed at Kent State University.

Ms. Fish has had extensive training in human relations. An Associate at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, located on Chili Avenue, Ms. Fish came to Rochester in 1970. She is a resident of the 19th Ward, and has demonstrated her commitment to her neighborhood by active participation in the 19th Ward Association.

The YWCA and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of the Regional Council on Aging will host a camping vacation for seniors at YWCA Camp Onanda, October 18 through October 20, 1983.

This three day excursion to the shores of Canandaigua Lake offers people over the age of 60 an economical "get-away." YWCA and RSVP staffs have planned traditional camp activities—arts and crafts, barbecues, fishing, sing-a-longs, and sightseeing in the Fingerlakes region of Canandaigua Lake.

Participants will be housed in Gorham Lodge, which is 39 miles south of Rochester on the Western shore of Canandaigua Lake. Gorham Lodge is Onanda's modern dormitory and dining hall facility, equipped with a heated dining room/recreation hall, and indoor baths and a 2nd floor dorm. The facility is not handicapped accessible.

The \$25.00 fee per person includes: all meals and activities, lodging and transportation. Membership in RSVP, Foster Grandparents or the YWCA is required for participation. For a brochure, contact RSVP, 454-3224, ext. 118, or YWCA Camp Onanda Office, 546-5820, ext. 289. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 7, 1983.

Trip to Wildwood

YW-Women of the YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County are extending an invitation to the public to travel to Wildwood, New Jersey, for a four day tour, Thursday, September 29 through October 2. The trip's itinerary includes day trips to Atlantic City, Cape May, Wheatland, and East Jersey's English Village, as well as a boat ride around the island and a tour of the Village Glass Factory and Museum. Participants will depart from the YWCA by Greyhound bus at 7:00 am on Thursday, September 29, and will return to Rochester at approximately 9:30 pm on Sunday, October 2.

The fee for the trip covers transportation; three nights' accommodations, dinners, and evening entertainment; two breakfasts; and two days of sightseeing. Single or double rooms may be reserved for \$205 and \$175 per person respectively and children are welcome to accompany adults for a fee of \$125 per child. Persons not holding current YWCA membership will be charged a fee of \$7.50.

For additional information or to register, call YWCA Membership Services at Kathy Schulze, 546-5820.

Noontime Series

"The Office of the Future" will be discussed at the first in a series of five Noontime Seminars for women on Monday, September 13, starting at Noon at the YWCA, 175 North Clinton Avenue. The seminars are sponsored by Susan B. Anthony Chapter and the Turning Point program of the YWCA, and will focus on the needs of women interested in professional development.

On September 13, Marie Duell, Training Specialist and Consultant with Rundel Associates, will present new opportunities for women interested in date processing. Ms. Duell is also a teacher with Bryan & Stratton Business Institute and a Marketing Support Representative for Innovative Office Systems. Her work keeps her in touch with future trends in office systems, and her presentation will be of specific help to those who wish to effectively upgrade their skills as well as to managers who are concerned with upgrading office systems.

Subjects to be covered in future seminars are "How To Make The Most of Who You Are and What You Are" on October 3; "Resume Writing and Office Techniques" on October 19; "Marketing Your Skills" on November 7, and "Planning Your Financially Secure Future" on December 5.

The series is open to all interested persons on a donation of \$2.00 per session or \$8.00 for the five sessions. Participants may bring a lunch; beverages will be available. For more information, call Membership Services Office, 546-5820.

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JUNE 3
Mt. Hope Ave.: person arrested for having a shotgun.

JUNE 4
Hamilton St: bike stolen from shed.

JUNE 5
Gregory St: auto spray painted.
Bond St: window of camper pried open; no loss.
Hamilton St.: jewelry stolen from house.
South Ave: Lawn mower and two chairs taken from front yard.
Hamilton St: TV and \$5 taken.
South Ave: windshiel of auto damaged.

JUNE 7
Mt. Hope Ave: person verbally abused.
South Ave: American Flag stolen.

JUNE 9
South Ave: victim robbed; money and watch stolen.
Whalin St: neighbor threatened with knife; an arrest was made.

JUNE 10
Hamilton St.: set of keys stolen.

JUNE 11
Ashland St: windows broken with stones.
Alexander St: thief entered house with screw-driver; cassette recorder taken.

JUNE 12
South Ave: baby-swing taken from front yard.
Hickory St: neighborhood person assaulted.

JUNE 13
Mt. Hope Ave: wallet and charge taken.
Ashland St.: two personal assaults take place during an eight-hour period.

JUNE 15
Mt. Hope Ave: assailant assaulted a woman and then took her purse.
Alexander St.: young adults are suspected of damaging a car—the windshield and hood.

JUNE 18
Averill Ave: bike stolen after someone enters home from a window.

JUNE 20
Ashland St: subject is victim of telephone abuse.
Alexander St: thief enters house using a coathanger and takes clothing and sleeping bag.
South Ave: thief allegedly enters building by using a key; surgical equipment taken.

JUNE 21
Hickory St: bike stolen from porch.

JUNE 23
Hickory St: thief enters house via a window; silverware taken.

JUNE 25
Gregory St: cash is stolen from house.
Bond St. neighbor is verbally abused.
Ashland St: window is broken bet. noon and 2pm.
Gregory St.: auto window is broken.

JUNE 26
Sanford St: auto windshield damaged
Caroline St: auto damaged.

JUNE 26
Hamilton St: bike taken from hallway

JUNE 27
Hamilton St: three potted plants taken from porch.

JUNE 29
Hamilton St.: window and screen broken with a rock.

JULY 1
Gregory St: auto pried open; circular saw and tools taken.
Alwxander St: cassette taken.

JULY 2
South Ave: victim is assaulted and her purse is taken.
Averill Ave: neighbor is verbally abused.

JULY 4
Hickory St: thief enters house, but nothing is taken.

JULY 5
South Ave: thief takes guns, watch and cassette tape.
South Ave: window of business is broken.

JULY 8
South Ave: victim is threatened with cap gun.

JULY 9
Averill Ave: bike taken from porch.
Alexander St: neighbor is verbally assaulted; an arrest was made.

JULY 10
S. Goodman St: two bikes taken from storage area.

JULY 13
Mt. Hope Ave: thief threatens victim and takes cassette recorder.

JULY 16
Cypress St: auto window forced; checks, flashlight, sleeping bag, and radio taken.
Hanna Pl: auto broken into; cassette tapes and tools taken.

JULY 17
Hamilton St: bike taken from porch.

JULY 18
Hickory St.: auto window broken.
Mt. Hope Ave: auto damaged.

JULY 20
Alexander St.: ladder removed from yard.

JULY 22
Ashland St: dirt bike stolen from yard.

JULY 23
Hamilton St: grill stolen from yard.

JULY 24
South Ave: auto entered; cassette player, power booster, digital clock stolen.

JULY 28
Hickory St: suspect arrested for being on someone's property without permission.

JULY 30
Averill Ave: door pried; furniture ransaked and destroyed.
South Ave: neighbor assaulted and injured.
Hickory St: unlocked auto entered; purse taken containing charge cards and cash.
South Ave: bike taken from sidewalk.

JULY 31
Averill Ave; door kicked in; stereo, clock radio, iron and other items stolen.
S. Clinton Ave.: neighbor verbally assaulted.

AUGUST 2
Averill Ave: thief enters auto and takes calculator, cooler, briefcase and tupperware (this loss over \$1000)

AUGUST 7
Averill Ave: thief enters house and takes a large sum of money (\$1000)

AUGUST 8
Sanford St: thief enters auto and takes personal property from glove compartment.
Hamilton St: suspect is arrested after threatening someone with knife.
Gregory St: bike taken from hallway of home.
South Ave: business robbed of \$73 when suspect drops counter and takes currency.
Averill Ave: resident loses personal checks from mailbox.

AUGUST 13
Sanford St: cassette player stolen from home.

AUGUST 17
Comfort St: thief enters auto and takes cassette player.

AUGUST 19
Averill Ave: suspect is arrested for illegally being on private property.

AUGUST 20
Ashland St: thief attempts to enter residence, but is unsuccessful.

AUGUST 24
Sanford St: thief removes glass from garage door, and steals 10-spd bike.

AUGUST 25
Sanford St: thief enters garage and takes wheel-covers.

AUGUST 27
Poplar St.: thief cuts holes in window near attic; no loss recorded.

Rebuilding great wall will cost a whopping \$300,000

by Hank Curry

The crumbling wall of Mt. Hope Cemetery will be rebuilt soon, taking on a somewhat lower profile as a result.

One of the largest, about \$300,000, or a recently approved group of Federal Jobs Bill projects, it is expected to be bid out by the end of August and started in late September, according to Steve Nickerson of the City's Department of Environmental Services. The project should be nearly completed by the end of 1983, leaving finishing touches until spring, but before the start of the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The older (north) portion of the wall, rising to as much as ten feet high, will be streamlined to a height of four to five feet, with the existing iron fence being replaced. The hillside behind the wall will be graded, eliminating the road that currently serves cemetery. An asphalt walking path, four or five feet wide, will be built in its place.

Other work will include: cleaning and re-pointing the newer or Southern end of the wall, and building a new concrete sidewalk all along Mt. Hope Avenue.

The July issue of the WEDGE carried an article about the upcoming dredging of Sylvan Waters Pond, in Mt. Hope Cemetery ("Primordial Stirings..."). The City's Environmental Services Department advises that the dredging contract has been awarded, and work is due to start by mid to late August. The contractor has thirty days to finish the job, including a 10-day work limit on digging up the muck, itself. So hold your nose... it'll be over by the end of September.

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Water Emergency.....	428-7500
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Doctor.....	
Useful Numbers	
Street Cleaning/Plowing.....	428-5990
Illegal Use of Property.....	428-6530
Dead Animal.....	428-7065
Parking Violations Bureau.....	428-7482
City Service Bureau.....	428-7065
Rochester Transit System.....	288-1700
Mayor.....	428-7045
City Council.....	428-7538
County Legislature.....	428-5350
City School District.....	325-4560

Crime tips from Southeast Area Coalition

When walking around your neighborhood, meet the eyes and give a friendly hello to everyone you pass on the street. Your friendliness will reassure and encourage honest pedestrians, while letting potential trouble makers know they are in a watchful neighborhood and may well be seen and recognized later.

Arrange to shop and travel to and from work with friends and neighbors whenever possible. It's more fun and there's safety in numbers.

Don't leave expensive items—type-writers, radios, etc. visible for anyone peering in windows.

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Area program wants input... volunteers

The Southeast Community Resource Center (CRC) is beginning to recruit members for its working Advisory Council. Representatives from the area schools, churches, health providers, neighborhood organizations and businesses, and the community-at-large will be invited to participate to insure a comprehensive representation from the Southeast area.

Rev. Judy Hay, of Calvary St. Andrews Church, Dr. Joseph Mancini, of Family Medicine, Deborah Messmer, President of South Wedge Acting Together, Mickey Revenaugh, Action For A Better Community, Mary Spadoni and Lou Zicari, CRC-staff, met on July 13 to discuss membership. The Southeast Area Coalition submitted their suggestions as well as a name of their representative to the CRC Advisory Council. A request for participants was sent to the presidents of the neighborhood organizations. The CRC staff continues to meet with community persons as part of the membership effort.

If any area resident has concern and/or suggestions regarding the Advisory Council process, please call Mary Spadoni at (716) 461-3816.

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Zea: (5 min.)

Condensed Cream of Beatles: Traces the rise and popularity of the Beatles. (17 min.)

Junior High School: Musical comedy about a day in the life of a junior high school. (39 min.)

OCTOBER 10

Time Machine: H.G. Wells' classic science fiction. (97 min.)

OCTOBER 17

Child's Author Judy Blume: Interview with Judy Blume. (15 min.)

The Point: Story of an unusual kingdom where everything and everybody is pointed. (75 min.)

OCTOBER 24

Great Movie Stunts: Raiders of the Lost Ark: (49 min.)

SPFX The Making of The Empire Strikes Back. (52 min.)

OCTOBER 31

The Horror of It All: Traces the horror film from its beginning in the 20's to the 50's. (60 min.)

Winter of the Witch: Story about a haunted house. (25 min.)

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FLAG FOOTBALL, ages 14 & under.

Mon. & Wed., 3:30 pm, ongoing.

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Tues. & Thurs., 3:30 pm, ongoing.

BASIC CRAFTS, ages 6 & Over.

Thurs., 3:30 pm, ongoing.

PUPPETSTUFF, ages 7 & over.

Fri., 3:30 pm, starting 9/23.

*CHILDREN'S CERAMICS, ages 8 &

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Wed., 2:30 pm, starting 9/28.

**CHILDREN'S FUN Program, ages 3-5.

Tues., 12:45, starting 10/4.

**CHILDREN'S DANCE (beginners),

ages 3 & 4, Wed., 2-2:45, start. 9/21.

**CHILDREN'S DANCE (beginners),

ages 5-7, Wed., 2:45-3:30, start. 9/21

**CHILDREN'S DANCE (beginners),

ages 8 & over, Wed., 3:30-5, start. 9/21.

**CHILDREN'S DANCE (intermediates)

ages 5 & up, Mon. 3:30-5, start. 9/19

**ADULT CERAMICS,

Wed. & Fri. 7-9 pm, start. 9/28.

ARCHERY, begins Sept. 12, ages 8 & up

Mon., 3:30 pm.

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ages 6-9, Tues., 3:30 pm.

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Register by coming to South Avenue Recreation Center (behind #12 School), 999 South Avenue. For more information, please call 461-4790 from 3 to 9 pm.

Daly Cont.

It was, of course, a special Day in the life of the South Wedge:

As the summer wind blew across the school playground—the school where Marie had taught and administered—she began by thanking the community, the City, and the neighborhood organizations, especially SWPC, with whom she has worked so effectively. She singled out former students and co-workers—Winnie Bryand and Josh Canfield—and she said:

"Our world is filled with wonderful happenings, like this celebration for a park, named in my honor. Words to say 'thank you' are hard to find. Perhaps the very best way I should say it is to say—keep on working with people who treasure their parks, and treasure the enrichment of their neighborhood—that's what the South Wedge people have been doing over the years."

Marie retired from her teaching/administrative post at the former School #13 in 1963. But residents of the South Wedge know that she has never retired from her commitment to and deep involvement with her neighbors and her community.

The Marie Daley park is a small token of the community's debt. Marie's closing words sum up her ongoing contribution to her neighborhood:

"What is left of our career?
The love we gave when we were here."

Housing Shared

The Shared Housing Opportunity Program (SHOP) is a new service available to residents of the Rochester/Monroe County Area. The program is sponsored by the Housing Council in the Monroe County Area, Inc.

SHOP is a matching/referral service that assists homeowner and home-seekers in maintaining and/or securing safe, affordable housing in the Metropolitan area. The free service is available to all age groups. However, one person in the match must be 55 years or older.

Applicants are screened to provide the best possible opportunity for compatible matches. The home or apartment offered for sharing is evaluated by a home sharing counselor. Counseling services are provided.

For further information, contact the SHOP program, 121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, NY 14614, or by calling 546-3700.

Pac-Tac Team

PAC-TAC, a citizens action team for crime prevention, is being organized by the Roch. Police Dept's Highland Sect. Those involved in PAC-TAC will patrol the South Wedge and be on the lookout for suspicious happenings which will be radioed immediately to the police HQ dispatcher. PAC-TAC volunteers can be easily identified by their bright orange jackets & handy walkie-talkies.

Volunteers are needed for the South Wedge and Oakland Park Neighborhoods. For more information and to join training sessions contact officer Tom Laird, Crime Prevention, Officer, Highland Section, RPD, 428-7262.

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Walk for Nuke freeze

October is the month when people internationally will take part in nuclear weapons freeze/disarmament rallies, protests, and walkathons. Nationally, a FREEZE WALK is being coordinated through the Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze on Saturday, October 1st. In Rochester, the FREEZE WALK is being co-sponsored by the Peace and Justice Education Center (PJEC) and the Genesee/Finger Lakes Nuclear Disarmament Network. Rochester is among the 230-plus communities sponsoring 10K (6.2 mile) walks.

The FREEZE WALK route will begin at Lake Riley, Cobbs Hill Park. It will proceed along DeMallie, Wisconsin, Merchants, Garson, S. Goodman, E. Main, Prince and Park Ave. Awards will be given to volunteers who raise certain amounts. Door prizes will also be given the day of the FREEZE WALK.

The funds raised will be divided among national, regional and local organizations working toward an immediate, bilateral and verifiable nuclear weapons FREEZE.

Since the FREEZE WALK route will involve your neighborhood, we would like to assure you that it is a legal activity and that it will be well-organized and monitored. The WALK will be orderly, private property will be respected, and any resulting litter will be removed.

If any of the members of your neighborhood association or the association as a whole would like to participate in this fund-raising activity, we would most welcome you. Below is a reply coupon listing the areas where we need your help. October 1st is so very close to tomorrow. Please help us, endorse and participate in the Rochester FREEZE WALK. Rochester FREEZE WALK, P.O. Box 18122, Rochester, N.Y. 14618. respond immediately, call 461-1631.

Historical Office Note

Jay Parsons, resident of the South Wedge, and Co-Editor of the WEDGE newspaper, had accepted the position of Historian for the South Wedge Historical Office. The action took place at the July meeting of the Board of Directors.

By accepting the appointment, Jay also becomes a member of the Board of Directors. Jay has been active for sometime in the Historical Office and looks forward to developing regular feature stories on South Wedge History and Architecture, expanding the information available through the Historical Office.

Jay's commitment also will make possible the reinstatement of regular office hours, alternating with Josh Canfield. While Josh has moved from the neighborhood, he will continue to serve as Archivist.

The Board of Directors welcomes Jay to the Historical Office.

SOUTH WEDGE COMMUNITY

New Condo Law Assists Elderly

Governor Mario Cuomo recently signed into law legislation, co-sponsored in the State Assembly by Assemblyman Gary Proud (D-Rochester), that would prevent landlords from evicting elderly and handicapped renters from their apartment units because the properties are converted into a condominium.

According to Assemblyman Proud, each municipality in the state—outside of New York City and Nassau County—has to adopt the state law before it can become fully effective. "At this point, several of the larger municipalities in Monroe County are looking toward the adoption of this legislation, including the City of Rochester," Proud said.

"The issue of condominium conversion has been growing in the upstate area, including the Rochester-Monroe County, over the last few years," Proud stated. "In several cases, a number of senior citizens were hard to put to find other places to live," Proud added.

Major Point!

A major point in the new law, according to assemblyman, is that it protects elderly and handicapped renters from "unconscionable" rent increases which have been used in the past by landlords to drive fixed income people from their homes prior to submitting the properties to condominium conversion.

"It is interesting to note that the subject of Condominium Conversion was a major topic of discussion last spring when the Assembly Housing Committee held a public hearing in Rochester. The information gathered at the Rochester-hearing did influence the passage of the Condominium Conversion Legislation in the New York State Assembly," Proud concluded.

For more information contact: Bill Gerling, 244-5255/473-4374.

Housing Update in Progress

Under the leadership of Leann Baker, the South Wedge Planning Committee's Housing Committee (SWPC) has been identifying housing needs in the South Wedge. Even though the committee has found that it is much easier to name concerns—such as displacement due to reassessment, or energy costs, than it is to document specific needs—SWPC plans to continue to seek ways to identify and document specific needs and ways of creatively addressing those needs.

Information will be sought from a variety of resources such as the City's Department of Community Development, the Center for Governmental Research, The United Way, The Martin Luther King Fund, and the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation.

Area residents who can provide expertise, or would like to help, should contact SWPC as soon as possible at (716) 325-4950.

Nursery & Service at Calvary-St. Andrews

Calvary St. Andrews Nursery School will be holding their Fall Rummage Sale at Calvary St. Andrews Church, 95 Averill Avenue, October 7 & 8. The sale will begin Friday, 9:00 am-7:00 pm, and will continue Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Plan to come early for the best bargains. There will be lots of winter clothes as well as household items.

Profit from this sale will provide tuition assistance for the children who attend the Calvary St. Andrews Nursery School.

On October 9th a celebration of the merger of Calvary Presbyterian Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Church will take place at the 10 o'clock worship service.

A special worship service that combines the liturgy of both traditions is being planned and four of the long-term church members are putting together some "special recollections" of the years before and after the merger.

All residents of the South Wedge are cordially invited to share in the celebration.

Registering To Vote

Rochester's city residents should take part in the upcoming elections that take place November 8th, from 6 am to 9 pm.

To be eligible to vote, you must be registered. If you've moved since the last election, you must re-register. Most voters received election notices, which includes where they vote, in the mail just prior to the September 13th primary.

If you moved, are not registered or didn't receive a recent election notice from the Monroe County Board of Elections, you need to contact them.

The county's Board of Elections is located at 39 W. Main St., Rochester, NY 14614; phone: (716) 428-4550.

Residents interested in the upcoming elections must be registered, or re-registered, by October 11th.

Residents who are going to be out of town or who are physically handicapped can request an "absentee ballot."

For general information, clarification or registration call. Make certain you vote!

60th Yr. for Theatre Group

by Karen Strong

Rochester Community Players (RCP) begins its 60th theatre season this fall when the play "The Desperate Hours" begins.

The Players, as they are frequently called, have been described as the second oldest amateur group in New York State. The Players have had only minimal visibility in the City of Rochester in recent years because for several seasons they were producing their productions outside the city. A few years ago, they returned to their former playhouse at 820 Clinton Ave. South, near Meigs St.

"The Desperate Hours," written by Joseph Hayes, "is a powerful, fast-paced suspense thriller. The story takes place in the home of a typical suburban family when it is invaded by three escaped criminals. "The tension mounts as the family and the police work for a solution to an unimaginable situation."

The production is being directed by Tom Vawter, who has not only directed before, but has performed a myriad of other production roles. Currently, he's the lighting director for the Players.

The schedule for "The Desperate Hours" is:

Friday, October 21, 8 PM.
Saturday, October 22, 5 & 9 PM.
Sunday, October 23, 2 PM.
Thursday, October 27, 8 PM.
Friday, October 28, 8 PM.
Saturday, October 29, 5 & 9 pm.
Sunday, October 30, 8 PM.

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