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• SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE •

## A Service For Neighborhood and Community

by Gretchen Drilling

The rooms of a building located at 315 Gregory St. known for many years as the German House are opened once again to the South Wedge neighborhood and Rochester community. Its tall metal tiled auditorium ceiling, large maple wood floor, raised stage, and grandly arched windows housed over 225 people during the opening ceremony on Sept. 28th organized by the building's new owner Mr. Ron Maier. Gathered together for the occasion were many South Wedge neighbors and Rochester area businessmen and women. Guest speakers included County Executive Lucien Morin, and Rochester's Mayor Ryan. Each spoke briefly to give their recognition and congratulations to Maier and his family. More than 100 balloons simultaneously released inside the large room floated above an extensive array of catered foods and punch. An added touch of whirling sounds from the band filled the auditorium with the trills, bumps, and rolls of authentic German music played by Harold Tausch & The Royal Bavarians.

The new owner's plans for the building's auditorium and restaurant will serve the public in many ways. The 70 x 100 ft. midlevel auditorium complete with main floor, stage and balcony will house cultural, business and private sectors of the neighborhood and community for a variety of gatherings. Wedding receptions, banquets, parties, dances, musical and theatrical shows, seminars, fund raisers, trade shows, educational programs, and meetings are some of its anticipated uses. The lowest level of the structure, once home for the German Haus restaurant, will again be serving food and drink to the public. "The Down Under" will be preparing choice dishes -- among them prime rib, fish, and crab legs -- comparable to those served at the Red Oiser in Leroy, N.Y., and the Conesus Inn on East Lake Road. The space planning, lighting, and color schemes



The newly renovated German House on Gregory Street.

Photo by Dorene Duane

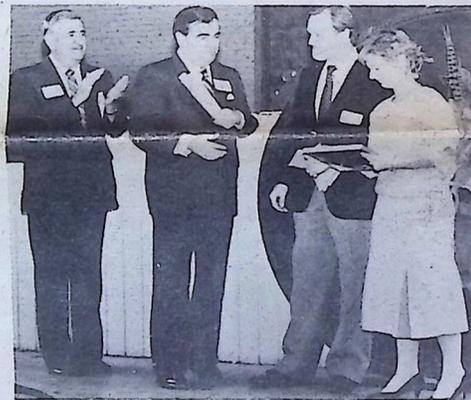


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County Executive Morin, and Mayor Ryan congratulate Ron and Norma Maier at the September 28th grand opening of the German House.

for the new restaurant are being created by designers from Patterson-Mossien Architects, PC. Rooms in the back of the building have already been occupied by two Rochester area businesses. The Crystal Voyage has moved from South Avenue, and the T'AI CHI CH'UAN Center from Clinton Avenue to serve the public from their new vantage point. The rear levels of the building consist of meeting rooms presently used by both businesses.

People in the neighborhood and community have already begun to express an interest in using the building's space. A few local German societies have approached Mr. Maier to discuss using the building as a meeting place once again. Some of those inquiring had once taken part in the early German gatherings which first began in the German House in 1928. A bank, radio station, and others have also come to the new owner with questions about the use of the auditorium and restaurant. "I think it is going to service the community real well, and we have had a lot of response from people already." He also notes that one should look at what the building "could do, has not done, and can do" for the neighborhood in order to serve the community as a whole. He stresses that "it is not just a neighborhood service, it is a community service as well," and hopes that by bringing in interests of the Greater Rochester Area the South Wedge neighborhood will directly benefit.

Also involved with other communities and neighborhoods, Mr. Maier is associated with the Small Business Advisory Council of N.Y., Allentown Preservation in Buffalo, N.Y., the Township Task Force in Wheatland, N.Y., and the North Street Merchants, and Landmark Society in Rochester. This involvement gives him the opportunity to see what continues to evolve in other areas outside of the Wedge. To communicate with people of various neighborhoods, communities, and even cities is a vital consideration. He believes that "there is a valuable exchange of ideas -- which certainly cuts down on mistakes." The new owner is also very involved with his own business Kenron Industrial Air-conditioning located in the Old Fine Arts building at 700 South Avenue.

The German House, although Mr. Maier's most recent acquisition, is by no means the 1st for him. He has been involved in the restoration of three other buildings in the South Wedge neighborhood. The Calvary St. Andrews Parish Hall on Ashland St., Gregory Place on the corner of South Ave. and Gregory St., and the Old Fine Arts Building at 700 South Ave. have all given him a chance to work on buildings which are very unique. When asked if there was a common reason for why he decided to restore these particular buildings over the past several years his response favored their individual architectural styles as well as their accessible locations. The quiet Classical Revival ar-

## South Wedge Planning Committee Annual Meeting - November 19th

The newly renovated German House will be the scene of the 12th annual South Wedge Planning Committee Annual meeting on November 19th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. We invite all of you to attend our wonderful community party where we hope you will get to meet your neighbors. The focus of the time will center on two main events; the honoring of the Haskins' family for 25 years of dedicated service to our neighborhood through their laundry. Their establishment is located in the plaza near Family Medicine and Pickles' Pharmacy. The second focus will be the reconstruction of South Avenue. County Engineer Will Herzog will be present to explain some of the designs for the Avenue, and lay out a time table. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions, and to voice your major concerns. If we can all work together in the planning of the reconstruction, the possibilities of major damage to area businesses during the construction cycle will be minimized. Throughout the evening we will award door prizes.

The South Wedge Planning Committee thanks Ron Maier, the new owner of the German House for his generous donation of space, and the opportunity for members of the community to see first hand the renovations of the building. The schedule for the evening will be as follows:

- 6:00 - Pot Luck Dinner: everyone bring a dish to pass. Beverages, plates, etc. will be provided.
- 7:00 - Music
- 7:15 - Greeting and annual address by Arthur Jones, Chairperson of the Board.
- 7:30 - Honoring of the Haskins' Family for 25 years of service.
- 8:00 - SWPC elections

## ELECTIONS

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chitecture of the parish hall, the Old Fine Arts building's classical style with low scale cast stone facade, and the Victorian Queen Anne architecture of Gregory Place -- located next to the Old Fine Arts Building -- each "have an identity of their own," said Maier. The German House also of the Queen Anne style is late Victorian architecture created from a transitional period and articulated in its symmetry.

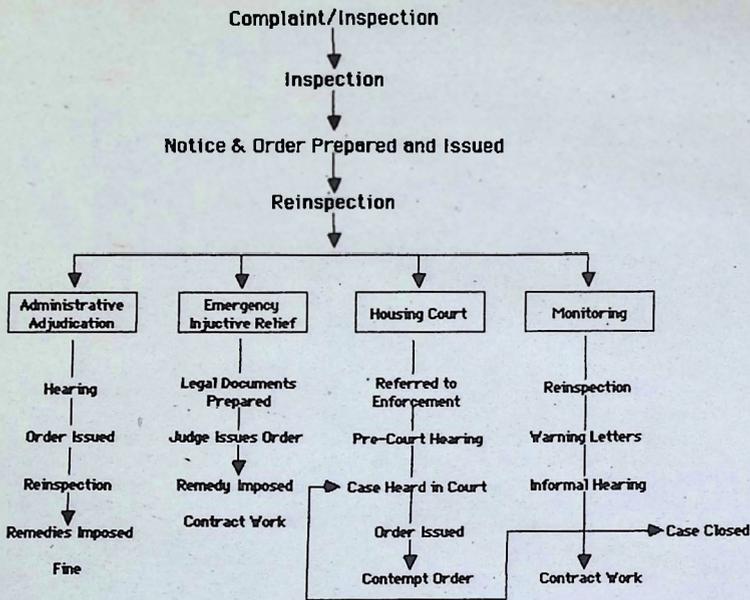
To Ron Maier and many others of the neighborhood, "The South Wedge is a pretty dynamic area and it wants its own identity." Wife Norma, and children Shawn and Shana, have been tremendously helpful during this time of change and challenge for the family. Mr. Maier's past experience in the neighborhood's redevelopment, his present involvement in the South Wedge as a businessman, and his associations outside of the immediate area have all been brought together to serve the people of Rochester with the German House.

South Wedge Planning Committee  
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Neighbor News

**Housing Information Update**

Multitrack Code Enforcement System  
The Bureau of Property Conservation is trying to Implement:



For further information about this system, contact Victor Morrison-Vega, The Director or the Bureau of Property Conservation. 428-6524.

**Highland Branch Library**

November 16  
Travelogue  
SCANDINAVIA  
10:00 a.m.

December 7  
Stenciling Demonstration  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

December 15  
Family Holiday  
Sing-Along Program  
6:30 p.m.

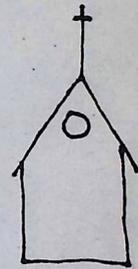
**Christmas Services**

We welcome you to our regular Christmas services at Calvary St. Andrews Parish, a neighborhood church located at the corner of Averill and Ashland Streets.

DECEMBER 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE  
7:00 p.m. Family Service featuring the children  
Presbyterian Service

11:30 p.m. Holy Communion:  
Episcopal Rite II  
The Rev. Walter Lee-Szymanski preaching

DECEMBER 25th  
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Service



**Homeowners 65 and Older**

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE for a first time or renewal aged real property tax exemption from city, school and county taxes.

The exemption is available to all over the age of 65 whether or not one has received it in past years. Eligibility is for those who own a home in the City of Rochester, have resided in it for two years or longer, and earned \$15,025 or less in 1986. Income includes Social Security, Railroad or private pensions, wages, interest on savings, stock dividends and net rental income.

For further information, please call 428-6994 or 325-4950.

**South Avenue Recreation Center**

New Programs Starting in November: **SPECIAL EVENT: Saturday, December 19**  
Breakfast with Sanra, 10 am-12 pm

Tuesdays Gymnastics Instruction  
3:30-4:30 Nov. 3-Dec. 15  
Ages 8-13

Thursday Indoor Soccer  
3:30-4:45 Ages 8-13

The Center has also begun a roller skating program on Fridays after school for kids 8-13. Donations of used roller skates would be greatly appreciated.

For more information call the center at 461-4790 after 2 pm.

**City of Rochester Offers 35% Off Home Repairs For Owner Occupants**

You can receive up to \$1750 for \$5000 in repairs when you pay the balance with your funds or borrowed funds from:

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- Eastman Savings and Loan
- First Federal Savings and Loan
- Manufacturers Hanover Trust
- Marine Midland Bank
- Monroe Savings Bank
- Norstar Bank
- Rochester Community Savings

If you are an owner Occupant of a city home & meet income limits beginning at \$19,450 for a 1-person household up to \$34,700 for 8-person household.

Call 428-6890 for Info.

**School 12 News**

by Barbara Wager, Principal

We take failure personally! And the mission of Rochester Schools is to eliminate it.

These are exciting days for us. Thanks to the growing concern for excellence in education, we have become part of what is known in the United States as the "Effective Schools Movement."

Each year every Rochester elementary school must set measurable goals in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. The goals are measured by state and local standardized achievement tests. Last year School 12 met all three of its improvement goals, and this year have planned strategies for meeting three more.

We believe that even excellent schools should be looking for ways to improve. As long as there is one normal child who fails a standardized achievement test or repeats a grade, we are completely effective.

This Fall, School 12 is asking that parents join in the quest for complete effectiveness.

Our very active Parent Teachers' Group will be focusing many of its evening meetings on school success. If you are a parent at School 12, we look forward to welcoming you and hope that you will join us as Parents Against School Failure.

**South Wedge Residents Served by Meals on Wheels**

Each weekday 39 homebound, elderly, and handicapped residents of the South Wedge area receive a hot, nutritious meal which they would otherwise be unable to prepare for themselves. The Meals on Wheels program of Visiting Nurse Service ensures that these people receive proper nutrition, and enables them to stay in their own homes.

The meals for some of these residents are prepared at the Red Cross, 50 Prince Street, and some at the Association for the Blind, 422 South Clinton Avenue, but they are delivered by volunteers who are able to give a couple of mid-day hours once or twice a week to help this worthwhile program. The homebound recipients look forward to the brief visit by the volunteer almost as much as to the meal itself. Many of them live a solitary life, so a volunteer's "Hello - how are you today?" is warmly welcomed.

Volunteer drivers/servers are needed for any week day at both the Red Cross and the Association for the Blind. If you can spare a couple of hours on a week day, call Christine Wallington, Director of Volunteer Services, 482-0120.



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## Alvan R. Grant is Nominated for the Environmental Quality Award

Our neighbor Alvan R. Grant retired, Director of Monroe County Parks System, is being nominated for the 1987 ECO Award by the South Wedge Planning Committee, and by Monroe People for Parks.

Alvan Grant is well known in our South Wedge area for his personal interest in Rochester's oldest park, Highland Park. He is often seen in the park with horticulturist, Richard Fenicchia, working with plants, or surveying plant materials. He is president of the Garden Center of Rochester located in Warner Castle at 5 Castle Park. Alvan Grant was instrumental in founding Monroe County People for Parks Inc. in 1977; and in the founding of the Environmental Management Council devoted to horticulture and garden education. He is on the Al Sigl MARC Committee, an advisory group for clientele on greenhouse and out-door gardens. He is active in the formation of the Olmstead Conservancy of Rochester. We rarely meet a volunteer worker who writes position papers, lectures, attends meetings, and photographs our parks. Our SWPC is proud to nominate Alvan R. Grant as a possible candidate for the 7th Annual ECO Award, the Environmental Quality Award given annually by the Center for Environmental Information.

## Art Exhibition Opening

On Friday, November 20, 1987, The Wedge Gallery, 684 South Ave., will hold an opening reception from 7-9 p.m. for an exhibition of oil paintings by Stephen Perrone, entitled: "I Didn't Always Behave As I Should".

Many of Mr. Perrone's paintings reflect life's strains and tensions, such as "Late For Class" which shows a figure collapsed on a bed while another figure alertly walks down a hallway. Others are more joyous, as in "Babies In Bath tub". To the viewer, some of the paintings can evoke more than one reaction, as in "Kitchen At Day". The kitchen interior is empty except for a red tricycle. It is a lonely painting, yet it conjurs up happy thoughts and sounds of a child riding that tricycle around the kitchen while his mother prepares food. Although Mr. Perrone's work is autobiographical in nature, it involves the viewer in events and environments that are common to us all.

Mr. Perrone has exhibited in several shows in upstate New York, as well as in a group show in New York City. He resides in Sylvan Beach, New York.

"I Didn't Always Behave As I Should" runs from November 20 - January 9, 1988. Hours are 9:30 - 5:30 M-F, 10-4 Sat., or by appt.

## Affordable Housing in the Wedge

If your household income is between \$19,500 and \$22,500 come and look at the house that is proposed for 12 Hickory St. The drawings are in the entry to Calvary St. Andrews Parish, the South Wedge Planning Committee Office at 68 Ashland St.

Information and applications are available in the office. For more information, call 325-4950.

## Constitutional Amendments Top the Ballot

In addition to electing government leaders, voters this November will decide the fate of two proposed changes in our State Constitution.

The first proposed amendment affects certain veterans who were not New York State residents when they entered the armed forces.

The State Constitution allows veterans extra points on state and local civil service exams if they were New York State residents when they entered the service. Veterans who entered the armed forces from other states and later settled in New York were denied this extra credit.

Veterans complained that it's unfair to limit this advantage to New Yorkers, since veterans served all the States, including New York.

So strongly did some veterans feel, that they challenged the residency requirement in the courts. In June of 1986 the U.S. Supreme Court struck down this provision of New York State's Constitution. Amendment number one is necessary to bring our Constitution into compliance with the Court's decision.

The second ballot question affects the construction of ski trails in the Adirondack and Catskill mountains.

The State Constitution currently allows up to 20 miles of ski trails on the slopes of Whiteface Mountain. These trails can be no more than 80 feet across. Amendment number two would allow and additional five miles of new trails, and the widening of some existing trails to 200 feet. However, no more than 5 miles of Whiteface trails could be wider than 120 feet.

Similar changes would affect the slopes of Belleayre Mountain in Ulster and Delaware counties and Gore and Pete Gay Mountains in Warren County.

The management of downhill ski centers has changed dramatically in the forty years since the State Constitution was amended to create three State-owned ski centers. Snowmaking and grooming necessitate wider trails for more efficient operation.

For the safety and enjoyment of skiers the trails should be expanded -- especially where trails come together or the terrain is especially steep.

If approved by the voters this amendment will result in better, safer slopes and help to bolster a tourism industry vital to these areas.



## Holiday Safety and Crime Prevention Ideas

by Jackie Curry

Most people look forward to holidays with excitement and anticipation. They are a special time of year. A great deal of preparation goes into holiday celebrations and family gatherings. Stores and shopping centers are open later, and are usually packed. Some of us really over-do-it... we overwork (so we can take off some time), over shop, over eat, until we're overtired... and often a little careless. That's when other types of people go to work. The pickpockets, purse-snatchers, and burglars look for the person who is off-guard, and not alert to what is going on around him or her. The person staggering under an armload of packages, the person who leaves the car unlocked 'for just a minute'. It's an unfortunate fact that there are some people who, if given the slightest opportunity, can ruin the season for several. Don't make it easy for them.

**\*STAY ALERT...** even though you may be rushed, and have alot on your mind, stay aware of your surroundings, and the people around you.

**\*LOCK YOUR CAR AND CLOSE THE WINDOWS...** even if you're only running inside for a few minutes. Lock your packages in the trunk.

**\*TRY NOT TO CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.** Use a check or credit card if you can. If you are using cash, don't carry all of it in one place, and don't put credit cards with cash.

**\*DON'T LET YOUR PURSE DANGLE FROM YOUR ARM...** carry it close to your body. Carry your wallet in your front pants pocket. Remember, if you are confronted by someone... give them your money. Your money isn't as important as you are.

**\*WHEN YOU PARK YOUR CAR IN A PARKING LOT OR UNDERGROUND GARAGE, TRY TO PARK NEAR SOME SORT OF LANDMARK,** such as a lightpole. After a few hours of parking, some people forget where they parked. Never park in a dark corner, and even if you see someone loitering in the lot or garage, alert a security guard or police.

**\*IF YOU ARE SHOPPING WITH SMALL CHILDREN, TEACH THEM NEVER TO LEAVE THE STORE WITHOUT YOU.** Tell them to go to a clerk or store security guard if they become separated from you.

**\*WATCH OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS TOO..** Offer to take a neighbor who doesn't have transportation shopping with you. Offer to watch a neighbor's house while they're away.

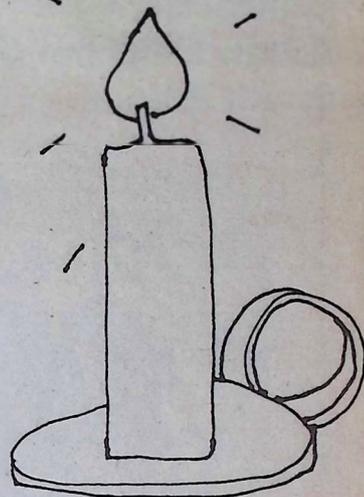
**\*MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS READY FOR WINTER.**

*A word about Christmas decorations...*

Check your decorations to assure safety. Never use lights if the cords are frayed or broken. Look for the UL label on all electric decorations. Never use electric lights on artificial metal trees. These should be lit by spotlights or reflective lights only. If you have a real tree, don't place it to close to heating units, and remember to keep the base in water. If you are going to decorate the outside of your house, make sure the lights you are using are designated for that purpose. Always read the manufacturer's directions before getting started.

Additional information on Christmas Tree safety, Fireplace safety, and Woodstove safety is available in pamphlet form at the South Wedge Planning Comm. office, and the SEAC office at 986 S. Clinton.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. Peace.



## Community Darkroom Offers Fall Workshops

Community Darkroom is a non-profit organization which is offering three photography workshops in November and December.

1. **Hand-coloring/toning of Black & White Photographs:** Learn various methods of applying color to your black and white prints including both archival materials such as oils, pencils, toners, and water colors as well as non-archival materials such as acrylics and inks. *Saturday, November 7, 14, 21 (10 am-2 pm). Workshop costs \$40.*

2. **Advanced Darkroom Techniques:** Experimentation for the more experienced darkroomist. Topics can include alternative and split development, toning, bleaching, flashing, and archival methods. *Wednesday, November 18-December 23 (7-10 pm). Workshop costs \$70.*

3. **Matting/Dry Mounting Photographs:** The presentation of your picture is often as informative as the image itself. Learn the techniques involved in dry mounting and cutting overmats and learn how to best preserve your prints. *Saturday, December 5 (10 am-2 pm). Workshop costs \$30.*

Please call Cindy Coyle or Sharon Turner at 271-5920 for more information and to register for the workshops.

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Businesses

### Critical Care: A New Neighbor on South Avenue

by Laurel Tart

One of the newest businesses to open in the South Wedge is Critical Care. It is located at the corner of South and Gregory Streets where the library was. Gone are the books and the mural. The building has a fresh new look and new services.

Critical Care provides just about anything one could possibly need to care for a sick or handicapped person. One might expect to need crutches or a cane someday. But what if the new baby must come home with an apnea monitor? Or suppose someone must take oxygen or require a respirator or an I.V. These are just some of the health care aids carried by Critical Care. You will find the very latest in high-tech medical equipment and also the usual.

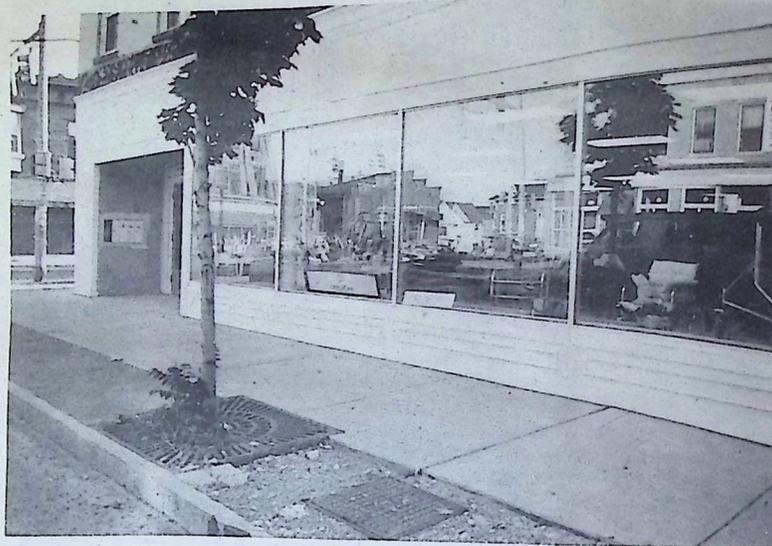
If you require something not in stock, it can be located or ordered. And if the need arises after business hours, there is an answering service to refer calls.

Critical Care was located on Mt. Hope Avenue and moved to the Wedge for the convenience of the area. The new store provides better space. And Daniel Cleveland, the branch manager, feels the business has picked up class. It is a good look for a growing business that has plans to add a retail store. This will carry items like athletic bandages, dressings, crutches, and the sort of aids that one could use in daily living.

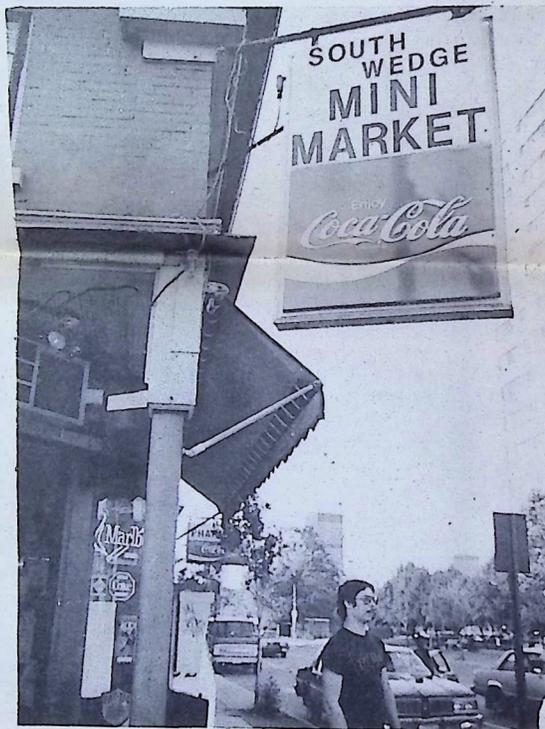
Critical Care has 3 stores in Western New York and Pennsylvania and will expand into New England through sister companies.

If the need arises there would seem to be nothing that Critical Care cannot provide. The staff is knowledgeable and positively courteous and helpful. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 5:30.

Submitted by  
Laurel Tart



The new Critical Care at the corners of Gregory Street and South Avenue.



South Wedge Mini Market on South Avenue.

### South Wedge Mini Market: Welcome Addition to the South Wedge

Since mid June, brothers Steve and Mike Mousleh have proudly operated a very complete and well run grocery store at the corner of Alexander Street and South Avenue. Upon taking over the former South Wedge Grocers, the new owners immediately created more space inside and brought in new coolers and shelves to hold their expanded volume of merchandise. The store now has high quality frozen foods, dairy products and fresh produce daily from the Public Market. It also has many kinds of breakfast cereals, juices, spices, pet food, beer, wine coolers, and health care products. Items not normally carried can be ordered for customers.

South Wedge Mini Market also has a deli from which submarines and cold cuts are sold. The owners accept food stamps and WIC, have a lottery machine, sell postage stamps, and will shortly offer money order service. They sell newspapers, make keys, and deliver orders to senior citizens. Their well-organized, clean, well-lit shop is open seven days a week, including holidays.

Steve and Mike enjoy working in a neighborhood as secure and friendly as the South Wedge. They treat their customers with respect and cooperation, and believe their positive attitude is appreciated. South Wedge Mini Market, at 485 South Avenue, is open from 7:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Phone 262-4633.

### South Wedge Lending Tool Library

For people wanting to get cracking early on those Saturday mornings, the Interim Tool Librarian, Camille Frackenpohl, changed the hours to 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Tuesday and Thursday hours are still 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Reorganizing the tools was not enough; for, in addition to that she prepared a membership list and tool list, which she programmed on the computer. In the three months she was Tool Librarian, 25 new members joined.

Phil Stukas, the new Tool Librarian, also helped in preparing the tool list. Phil will be repairing tools, and setting up workshops for members of the library. Just think - for a mere five dollars, you can join the Tool Lending Library, and have access to a wide variety of tools! Call 325-4950 for more information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

**The SOUTHWEDGE**  
BARBER SHOP

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BARBER SHOP

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Neighbor News



The Studio of Dance Troupe.

**Rochester Dance Troupe Enters Second Year**

The Timothy Draper Dance Theatre enters its second season with an expanded performance schedule, highlighted by its Holiday Performance 1987, at Monroe Community College on December 19 and 20, 1987.

Prior to that, the Junior Company of the Timothy Draper Dance Theatre will present "Peter and the Wolf" at the Village Gate on October 23 and 24, 1987. The Junior Company has performed its version of this famous children's ballet throughout Rochester at various public and private schools, often introducing young students to their first taste of ballet.

The Timothy Draper Dance Theatre will also perform diversissements from the holiday classic "Nutcracker" at the Village Gate on December 5 and 6, 1987. Admission is free for all performances at the Village Gate, located on North Goodman Street. Performance time is 2 p.m. on all four dates.

On December 19 and 20, 1987, the Timothy Draper Dance Theatre will present its Holiday Performance 1987. The program will include "the Nutcracker - Act II" and original works choreographed by Artistic Director, Timothy Draper. These will include "Watercolors", performed by Handel's Water Music, which was premiered in Rochester in May of this year.

The dancers for this energetic young company are trained through the Studio of Dance. The Studio, located on 320A North Goodman Street, opened in September of 1986 and offers a full schedule of children and adult classes in ballet, jazz, modern, tap and creative movement. The faculty consists of Director, Timothy Draper, Julianne O'Donnell, Katherine Ertsgaard, Kathy Glendenning, Donna Damelio, Roy Hodgson, and Carla Vitale.

The school offers training in a graded system of classes of the classic dance techniques. Students are exposed to all elements of dance education, with special emphasis placed on performing, appreciation of the arts, and coordination development through a therapeutic kinetic approach.

Founder and director, Timothy Draper, began his training in Rochester under the tutelage of Olive McCue and performed with her Mercury Ballet. Further study was under the direction of Kathleen Crofton, performing with the Festival Ballet of New York, under her direction. In New York City, Mr. Draper studied on full scholarship at the Joffrey School of Ballet, Harkness House of Ballet Arts and Steps.

Performance credits include Israel Ballet, Puerto Rican Dance Theatre, Fusion Dance Company, Ballet Trackadero de Monte Carlo and the Garden State Ballet.

Prior to relocating back in Rochester, Mr. Draper was the Co-Director of the Fort Lauderdale Ballet. Prior positions include Ballet Master for Dance Miami and Ballet Etudes (Miami). He has also guest taught in numerous studios in New York City.

For further information on the Timothy Draper Dance Theatre or the Studio of Dance, please call 461-2100 or 473-0003.

**Haskins Family to be Honored**

by Dorene Duane

Marjorie and Arthur Haskins and their family will be honored at the South Wedge Planning Committee's Annual Meeting on November 19 at the German House. The Haskins family will be honored for 25 years of dedicated service and commitment to the people of the South Wedge as owners of the Coin Laundry. The Haskins were forced to close the doors of their family business which was located in the Highland Plaza on South Avenue in September when their lease was not renewed. The laundry space will now be part of an expansion project of Family Medicine which is located adjacent to the Haskins' business.

The Haskins signed their first lease in September of 1962. Through the years the entire Haskins family has contributed to the growth and success of the Coin Laundry which also offered complete dry cleaning services. Arthur Haskins served as President of the Empire State Coin Laundry Association in 1975 and 1976 and as a member on the Board of Directors of the Association for a period of 5 years. The Haskins also co-chaired the first and only Rochester Convention of the National Coin Laundry Association.

Many people in the South Wedge have patronized the Haskins' Laundry during the past 25 years -- a FAMILY BUSINESS that has always reflected their dedication not only to the business but to their customers. Their presence in our community will be greatly missed.

We encourage your attendance at the SWPC Annual Meeting to say thanks and farewell to the Haskins family.

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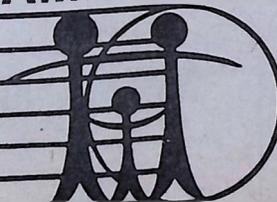
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Community Issues

South Avenue Reconstruction

by the Rev. Judy Lee Hay

When will the reconstruction of South Avenue start? That question has been in the hearts and minds of several of you over the past few months as you have negotiated through the barriers, around corners, and over broken sidewalks. The bad news is that the end is not in sight. According to Will Herzog, the County Engineer, the reconstruction will not take effect until the spring of 1988. It will, however be completed in one construction year. The major holdup has been extensive work needed on the utilities, and the discovery that many parts of the Avenue needed a total reconstruction, not merely resurfacing. Expected construction will begin in the spring of 1988, and finished in the fall of 1988.

The South Wedge Planning Committee is greatly concerned that we continue to patronize our local businesses during this difficult period of construction. It is much easier to drive over to another sandwich shop, picture framers, hardware, or restaurant, than it is to often negotiate around the torn up streets. Joe Sanders from the Brown Bag Deli indicated that the traffic count is down 30-40%. Regular customers have made a strong commitment to not let the construction deter them from Joey's food. "The drop in South Avenue business must not be judged by this year alone," said Mr. Sanders "last

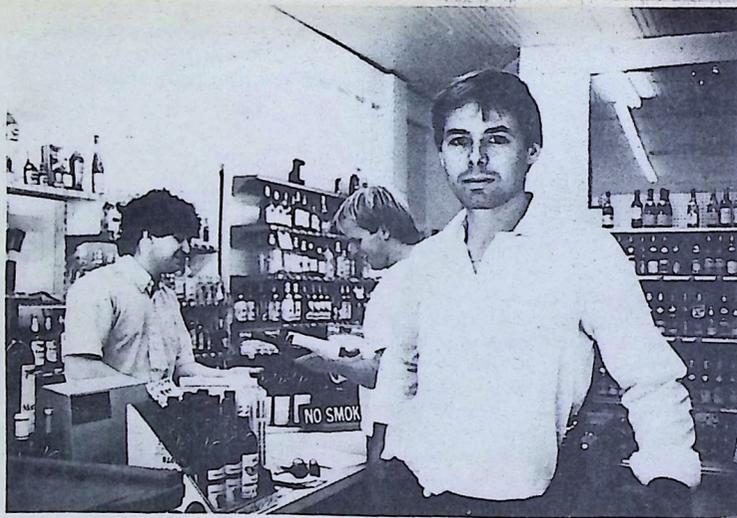
year Clinton Avenue was closed, and the South Avenue merchants' trade increased. When South Avenue is completed it will be like starting all over again because people will have developed new routes." "The closing of the Ford Street bridge has had the greatest impact on our hardware store," according to William Lauterbach, one of the owners of the Lauterbach Hardware Store. Marjorie David, the owner of Cheesy Eddies, believes the construction has not noticeably impacted her business. That is not the same situation for Bill Beggs and Mike Melfi, the owners of South Avenue Liquor and Beverages, who said "Business is down 20%, equipment has been left in front of their premises making it difficult for customers to park." Betty Collins, owner of the Fine Arts Cleaners has extensive problems during the reconstruction as black top in front of her establishment has been torn up, leaving holes, then filled with dirt which has come into her cleaners. Eventually the area was repaved. Yet Dan Steffano, owner of the grocery at Linden and South Avenue has not been impacted by the construction. The impact has been varied.

**We believe our local businesses are worth the efforts.** A strong business district is a sign of a thriving community, and goes hand in hand with our housing stabilization.

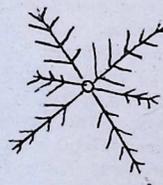
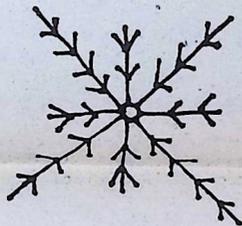
Please take time to spend your money and resources within our neighborhood. Our business people have made a difference in our community, and we need to continue to show our appreciation, by our presence during this next year of reconstruction.



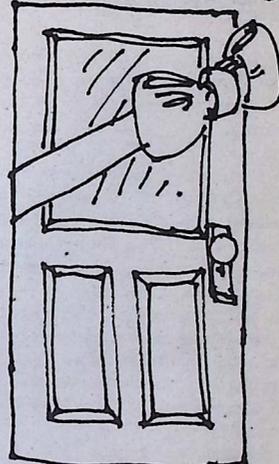
Joe Sanders, owner of the Brown Bag Deli



Bill Beggs, co-owner of South Avenue Liquor and Beverages.



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Folklore

by Art Grimwood

How Flowerville Got Its Name

In its early decades the infant nation cast ambitions westward, toward the vast uncharted territory promised by various prophets and bankers. Among the early explorers was Colonel Augustus Fowler, an intrepid hero of the Revolutionary War and a man whose vision was never compromised by borders or tradition. In exchange for clearing and mapping sections of the wilderness Fowler was allowed to profit by selling lots to settlers on behalf of the new government.

Fowler and his many associates proceeded to the North Woods and began making claims. Historians tell us that upon encountering native populations Fowler presented himself in majestic attire and promised prosperity, eternal life, and priceless gifts, whereupon the natives were so impressed by his white skin and glass beads they gladly ceded their lands to him and volunteered to relocate farther westward, to where they were said to have originated in the Beginning. A few historians hold the dissenting opinion that these natives were neither naive or stupid, and that Fowler and company, being rather more bellicose than persuasive, did not hesitate to shoot and kill anyone who questioned their development proposals. Espousal of such cynical unpatriotic views is often cause for dismissal at modern academic institutions. The matter may never be officially decided, as there were no objective witnesses.

Fowler settled one tract after another, clearing forests, dividing lots, selling them to speculators, and naming most of the new towns after himself.

In 1834 the governing body of Flowerville became aware that not only were other cities named Fowler's Falls, Fowler City, Fowler's Junction and Fowleria, but at least 6 other Flowervilles existed in the State of North Woods. In order to save the expense of replacing every sign in the new city, then less than prosperous, they voted to rearrange the existing letters. Thus was born the fair city of Flowerville.

A Portrait of Technology As A Hapless Myope

Herman's career as an urban planner began with several handicaps. Established firms had a near monopoly over his chosen vocation and neither they nor most municipalities would hire him because he was inexperienced and a socialist. His vision had never been good and

the handiwork of the best opticians was unsatisfactory, so Herman devised an original method of grinding his own eyeglass lenses to compensate for his ever increasing dioptical requirements. His uncle studied the device, believing it might facilitate mass production of cameras, then patented it under his own name and founded the industry that became the backbone of Flowerville's economy; the largest employer and most powerful politician in town, and one of international repute.

Herman made not a nickle from his invention but his luck seemingly changed. He was retained to design an entire suburb to be built at the site of a former crossroads town abandoned after the railroads had made it obsolete. His sight had deteriorated to such a degree that he worked only inches above his drafting table, his nose almost upon the paper. His blueprints were perfectly drawn, but to half scale. His ingenuity again compensated, by means of a machine he built that not only could make copies of his plans but also could enlarge them. Either Herman or his secretary, no one knows for certain, neglected to engage the machine in its enlarging mode when the blueprints for the new Fowler's Corners were copied.

The engineers and contractors followed Herman's plans to the letter. Utilities were installed, streets constructed and lots divided. Just when foundations for the first houses were about to be laid, the bankers who had financed the project arrived to inspect it and found that Seneca Ave. was not 30 feet wide but 15, Iroquois St. was not 18 feet wide but 9, residential streets were only 8 feet wide; the whole town had been miniaturized. Herman's career in urban planning ended.

His brother in law speculated the miniature town might someday appeal to people seeking refuge from a future choked with automobiles. He purchased it from the disgusted bankers for almost nothing, built half the planned number of houses on doubled lots, put a fence around it, and became a millionaire.

Herman's son took possession of the discarded machine, patented it, and established the second largest industry in Flowerville, a huge corporation of international recognition and significant local influence.

Herman did not give up. So great was his faith in himself that he never admitted to any mistake, and he was incapable of looking backward. He conceived a fantastic new machine, the purpose of which was to turn garbage into money. He sold the idea to an engineering firm that in turn sold it to the City of Flowerville, which Herman could have done himself had he thought of it.

The engineers substituted materials and cut corners in the design while paying consultants to fill warehouses with reports that differed only in the wildness of their exaggerations of how wealthy Flowerville would become.

The machine was built at a cost of 800 million dollars, was the size of 4 football stadiums, and every dignitary in North Woods was present at the grand opening ceremony when it was to operate for the first time. The machine was switched on: it groaned, coughed up a cloud of black smoke, then fell silent. Blame was assigned entirely to Herman.

He changed his name and drifted from one job to another, designing computers, power plants and guidance systems for missiles. He was fired from all of them, for reasons unknown or classified. Herman died penniless and dishonored, of an infection that resulted from a bite inflicted by his guide dog.

A Portrait of Nationalism as a Patriarch

A neighbor tells this story about her uncle's life in the old country: "One hundred years ago uncle Arvid was born in Bosnia. Little is known about his youth. He became a tailor by trade, but business was poor, for in those years the people of the mountain towns could scarcely afford to eat and made due with whatever patchwork clothing they could get.

"Arvid began to imagine schemes and plots intended to ruin him, and to suspect his beautiful young wife of having affairs with various Austrian and Hungarian noblemen. Nothing was further from the truth; everyone in Sarajevo except Arvid knew she was seeing a Turkish musician.

"His suspicion was confirmed in his fevered mind by announcement of an impending official visit by Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria. As the parade passed by the crowds assembled on the streets, Arvid waited for the moment when the interloper was nearest and then fired his revolver. The Archduke lay dying and Arvid disappeared into the crowd after handing his gun to a Serbian bystander, who was blamed. The fiction of diplomatic relations evaporated and the world, having suddenly shrunk to the size of a grape, was plunged into an ocean of blood. Soldiers from as far away as Flowerville died by the millions.

"Arvid quickly regained his senses, as did his wife, who swore to maintain fidelity. Soon there came a huge demand for the repair of uniforms, then for their manufacture. Arvid became wealthy beyond his dreams, eventually owning a dozen clothing

factories and thereby acquiring a deeply vested interest in the next war.

"Old Arvid still lives with my aunt in a little town near his birthplace. Every year on the occasion of his birthday hundreds of relatives arrive like pilgrims and shower them with affections."

The Unknown

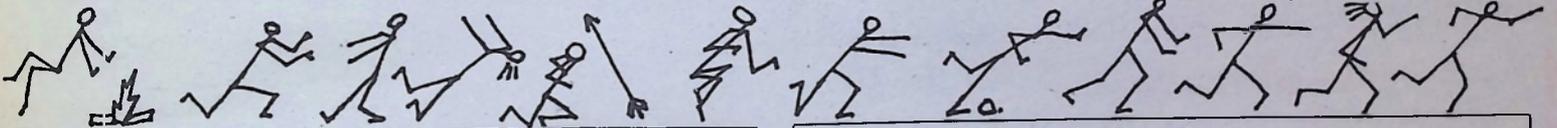
For many years we believed the northern wilderness had never been populated but the latest archeological expeditions conclusively prove otherwise. We know for certain that in the region of the big lakes, where we can explore only in the warm season, immense cities of stone once stood. Their mostly minutened remains have until now revealed little information about their inhabitants, how they lived, or when, or what brought about their extinction.

This year our explorers made an extraordinary discovery: the remains of two adults and three children who somehow became sealed inside their living quarters, which are remarkably well preserved. The explorers have brought back numerous artifacts, many of which we can identify as eating utensils and common objects of everyday use. Others are mystifying, such as a square box with a glass side that may have been some kind of shrine.

Most important is our discovery of the only known example of writing from the old civilization. It is our great fortune that the adult male, whom we call the Unknown, was a scribe; he left for us a 24 page diary evidently documenting his last days. Unfortunately the first 23 pages rotted into dust during the journey South. No copies were made because none of our explorers are scribes, yet the last page has remained intact, by a miracle of the almighty Ormazd!

Many of the Unknown's references are opaque to us; we can only guess what he meant by "the 21st century" since by our reckoning we are now entering only the sixth. Here then is the brief extant narrative of the Unknown, preserved for us by the will of Ormazd:

"Seventh day. I have no more hope of rescue. There were more blasts during the night, very distant. I have described our condition, it grows worse. She is hardly breathing. The sickness and thirst are almost ended. (Unreadable) I never doubted my children would prosper in the 21st century. Maybe all the war contractors here made Flowerville a target, maybe everywhere is a target. The treaties were political, they meant nothing. (Unreadable) What fools we are. Should living eyes one day gaze upon this page, may the reader know I worked hard and loved life, that I loved my wife and our children, and (unreadable)."



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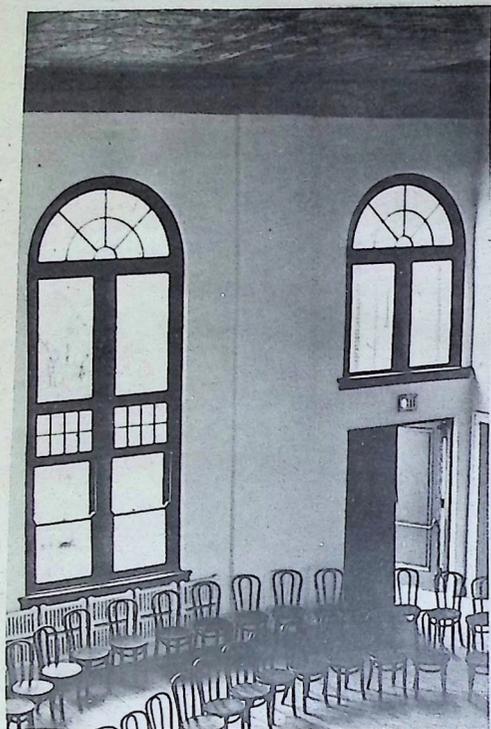
On Sunday, November 22, the Gregory Street Market will be awarding another free Thanksgiving turkey. The Turkey Give-Away has become an annual event with us and this year will be no different. Everyone is invited to sign up during the month of November, and on November 22, some lucky person will have a free bird.

The Gregory Street Market will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.



The Gregory Street Market

## Festivities



*The Auditorium of the German House*

*Photo by Gretchen Drilling*

### Community at Large Board Members Needed

**Needed:** three people who are interested in serving as community at large members of the South Wedge Planning Committee Board of Directors. **Qualifications:** community resident, has an interest in the quality of life within the neighborhood, and a commitment to housing. If you are interested please call the SWPC office at 325-4950 for a form, to be submitted prior to the annual meeting.



*Harold Tausch and the Royal Bavarians  
performing at the German House re-opening.*

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*Thursday, November 19th  
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