



Memories of the 1982 Picnic

Photos by Barry Shalinsky



East Lawrence Improvement Association

September, 1983

EAST LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION -- General
Membership Meeting



Mon., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
at NEW YORK SCHOOL

AGENDA

- * Crime Watch
- * Reports & Updates on
Grocery, Demolitions,
North End, Trees
- * C.D. Project Ideas

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Grocery Shakes Summer Blahs

by Barry Shalinsky

After a hot and lazy August, the East Side Community Grocery's Board of Directors is pushing to get the store open.

Carpentry work on the storefront at 12th and N.Y. progressed slowly. Doors and sheetrock were hung, but a lot more remains to be done.

The Board has set regular work times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Call Janet Jones 749-3760 or Barry Shalinsky 842-1953 if you can help finish the building's interior. You need not be an experienced carpenter to help. Experienced carpenters are willing to teach, and there is always a need for people to cleanup.

Work on setting up order forms and finalizing a product list is coming along more effectively. Organizers hope to have this work finished in September. The Board is exploring the idea of operating a buying club out of someone's garage pending completion of the storefront.

After several times failing

to achieve a quorum, the Board has changed meeting days to Sunday afternoons.

Board members and a few volunteers are working hard to get the store open this autumn. Remember, this is a community grocery. To be successful, it will require lots of community participation.

Membership Drive Begins

Saturday's picnic marks the beginning of ELIA's annual membership drive. For the incredibly low price of one dollar, you can add your name to the growing ranks of East Lawrence residents who proudly call themselves members of the East Lawrence Improvement Association.

ELIA works hard to make our neighborhood a better place to live and work, but we are only as strong as our membership. Get involved. Send in your dollar. Better yet, save 20¢ postage and bring it in person to the picnic or to the next ELIA membership meeting.

Later this month, ELIA will begin a door to door membership canvass to further increase participation. If you can help by canvassing your block, contact Sharon.

Saturday Picnic Planned

The annual E.L.I.A. neighborhood picnic and membership drive is this Saturday, September 10, from 3:00 p.m. until dark at New York Elementary School. Neighborhood residents are invited to come out for our usual food fare of hamburgers and hot dogs, with all the trimmings. Grain-burgers will be available for vegetarian neighbors.

Entertainment includes Clyde Bysom and his band with vocals by Kathy Gale, offering dixieland sounds, and Steve Gnagy playing classical and flamenco guitar. There will be games for the children, including a piñata, and back by popular demand, will be our bingo, with many fine gifts donated by local merchants.

The picnic should offer everyone a chance to visit with old and new neighbors and provide an afternoon of fun. We hope to see you there.

Join E.L.I.A.!

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City Studies New Zoning Class

by Barry Shalinsky

In the October, 1982, edition of the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS, it was reported that Rolland Johnson of 901 Connecticut had applied to get his property rezoned from residential to a general commercial category, C-4. Then-president Mark Kaplan explained to readers that E.L.I.A. was opposing Johnson's request--not because of opposition to letting Johnson use his small pink structure on 9th Street for a small business, but because the C-4 category would allow Johnson or a subsequent owner to tear his house down and create intensive commercial uses on the whole lot, further threatening the residential character of the neighborhood. E.L.I.A. proposed the creation of a "neighborhood commercial" zoning classification to allow people like Johnson to operate small low-intensity businesses on their property without hindering the neighborhood's residential character.

At the time, the Planning Commission went along with Johnson's request and the previous City Commission went along with E.L.I.A. Rolland Johnson's rezoning request was denied. E.L.I.A.'s request for a new zoning category was put on the back burner and Johnson was left with a useless commercial structure.

One year and a new City Commission later, Johnson renewed his request for C-4 zoning. At the same time, the owners of several commercial buildings on the northwest side of 14th and Massachusetts put in an application to rezone their properties from residential to commercial category C-5. These several requests have

provided the impetus for the Planning Staff to start looking seriously at E.L.I.A.'s proposal for a new zoning category.

As a result, the Planning Staff recommended to the Planning Commission that all of the properties be rezoned to C-2, which is listed as a "neighborhood commercial" zone in the City ordinances. The Planning Commission went along with the staff recommendation and the issue will come before the City Commission on September 13.

City Commission approval will not end the process, however. The C-2 "neighborhood commercial" zone as it now exists is used by "neighborhood shopping centers" such as Hillcrest at 9th and Iowa and The Malls at 23rd and Louisiana. The allowable uses, square footages, setbacks and parking requirements of this zone must be completely reworked before they will be applicable to areas such as 9th and Connecticut or 14th and Massachusetts.

According to planning staffer David Guntert, the current commercial zoning classifications permit a "hodge podge" of uses. Guntert said the staff is looking at redefining commercial categories, C-2 through C-5, "examining uses presently permitted and sorting them out so there is a better differentiation between intensities."

Guntert said that the current categories were defined 17 years ago in 1966. The staff is interested in bringing the zoning ordinance "up to date." "It is time to bring practices

used elsewhere into our ordinance to make it more current with today's concepts of land use," he said.

Guntert envisions the new C-2 "neighborhood commercial" zone as "providing services to serve the immediate neighborhood's needs. The emphasis is not high traffic, but neighborhood service." The staff is exploring the idea of allowing residential uses in the C-2 zone without necessity of obtaining a special "use permit upon review."

Guntert said the staff is working toward achieving a "consensus" on updating the commercial categories. They are working with a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. The staff hopes to have recommendations ready for the November Planning Commission meeting.

E.L.I.A. is monitoring the Planning Staff's review of the zoning categories and will make suggestions if necessary. There will be public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Commission before any changes are put into effect.

Fix-up Loans Available

The City of Lawrence recently expanded eligibility for 8.75% Home Improvement loans as follows:

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New Areas

1. Certain areas bounded by 17th, 23rd, Iowa, and Harper Streets.
2. West of Centennial Park to Schwarz Road.

This home improvement loan program is still available for owners of residential property in the City's seven Community Development neighborhoods.

Funding is provided by the City of Lawrence and Capitol Federal Savings and Loan Association. Interested persons should contact Capitol Federal:

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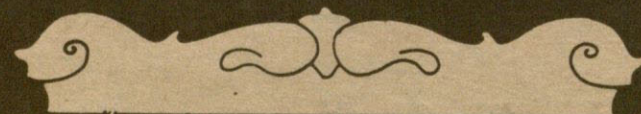
The E.L.I.A. welcomes your comments and suggestions about the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS. We welcome your contributions and letters to the editor. The deadline for the next edition is September 30.

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Knock Down, Drag Out . . .

Like his neighbor to the south, the owner of 742 New York decided to bulldoze the house rather than go through demolition proceedings before the City Commission. No apparent attempt was made to recycle building materials from either property.

On September 13, the Commission will resume public hearings on proposed demolitions of 725 New Jersey and 928 Rhode Island. A report of their discussion will appear in next month's EAST LAWRENCE NEWS, hopefully without a photo.

Window Quilting Workshops

by Joy deMaranville

After two years of making quilted window insulation for some 150 families, and holding training workshops to teach another 100 families to make their own, Bluestem Energy Co-op is announcing our 1983 workshop series. Just as in the two past years, our non-profit community organization will teach hands-on training workshops, in which people will learn by actually sewing an insulating Roman shade, a fabric and polyester-fiberfill shade that is rated at R-5. For a \$20 fee, each person will receive an instruction manual, a year of membership in the Energy Co-op (so they can buy materials at low co-op prices), and 8 hours of supervised instruction in sewing, quilting and installing an insulated Roman shade. The materials for an average 3' x 5' window generally cost \$25.

Unlike last year, our work-

shop series is not being subsidized by Community Development money, so we can't afford to put as much planning time into the preliminary activities that lead up to a workshop. Instead we will arrange for all the materials needed to make insulating Roman shades; we will bring a truckload of materials (and 2 sewing machines) to the workshop location, and we will supervise 8 hours of training for no fewer than 8 and no more than 12 people per workshop. So for any organization wanting us to come and teach a workshop, they need to take care of the remaining preliminary activities.

This means that any group of people that would like us to teach a window insulation workshop should arrange for the following:

- coordinate the date and time with us
- provide us with a list of

- confirmed workshop participants (8-12 people) plus the \$20 training fee for each
- set up a large enough workspace in advance that will have a 100 square foot work area per person (10 ft. x 10 ft.), 2 large cafeteria-type tables and 1 card table per person
- 4 large cafeteria-type tables for materials
- a sewing machine per person (most people bring their own; if you are one or two short we can share)
- enough electrical outlets


- and/or extension cords
- several waste cans
- a coffee percolator and a radio if you wish.

As you may know, window insulation helps keep your house cooler in summer as well as warmer in winter, so if there is adequate interest in your organization we can teach a workshop any time of the year.

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LINC Joins Neighborhoods

Officers of ELIA, along with representatives of five other organized central neighborhoods have begun a series of discussions about issues of interest to all neighborhoods. Out of these discussions, a new ad hoc group has evolved. The group is known as the Lawrence Inter-Neighborhood Committee, or LINC.

LINC members have compared notes on experiences in working with various city departments. Rather than taking a shot in the dark when problems or needs arise, neighborhoods will now be able to draw upon a wealth of knowledge and experiences of other neighborhoods in coming up with workable solutions.

LINC's first public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Public Library. The program will feature Community Development director Lynn Goodell. He will talk about recent changes in federal C.D. funding guidelines and discuss the timetable and procedures for making C.D. funding requests for the coming year.

If this meeting is successful, others will follow. The ad hoc committee has discussed holding workshops on neighborhood organization, focusing on "how to" topics such as fundraising, tax exempt status, producing a newsletter, grant writing, organizing projects, etc. LINC hopes to involve other neighborhoods outside of the C.D. target areas in these workshops.

A Special Thanks . . .

Many thanks to County Commissioner Nancy Hiebert. She is one of ELIA's most active associate members, having helped with the neighborhood clean-up and other projects. Most recently, Ms. Hiebert made a small donation to ELIA in memory of Harry Puckett. We are sure this gesture was appreciated by Mr. Puckett's family and many friends.

ELIA Seeks Candidates

ELIA will elect a new Executive Board and Officers at the October membership meeting. We need new blood. Contact current officers or staff with questions about duties. Get involved. Throw your hat in the ring!

LHA to Work on Drainage

East Lawrence residents met with Dave Murrell, director of Lawrence Housing Authority, on Tuesday, August 25, to discuss drainage problems they are having from Housing Authority structures and lots. Three residents from New York and Pennsylvania Streets described problems ranging from leaking basements to flooded yards. The Housing Authority has attempted several times to remedy the problem on at least two of the sites, but they have been unsuccessful.

As a result of the meeting, Mr. Murrell promised the residents to investigate the situations and get back to them by September 30 with solutions that will hopefully permanently end the flooding.

The Housing Authority recently voted to haul in fill dirt to help alleviate drainage problems at 1125 New York and 1125 Penn.

Pat Needs Slick Paint Job

Pat Slick is putting out a call to neighbors and friends to help him do some painting around his house. Pat has the paint and most of the supplies, but is unable to do the work because of poor vision. He would like to do the work on a Saturday. Says Pat, "It's a small place and I can give out some refreshments while we work at it. If you can give me a hand, please call me at 842-7548 and let me know which Saturday would do right by you."



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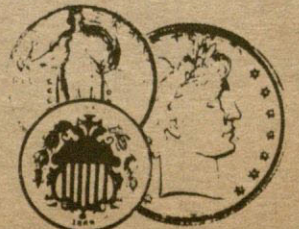
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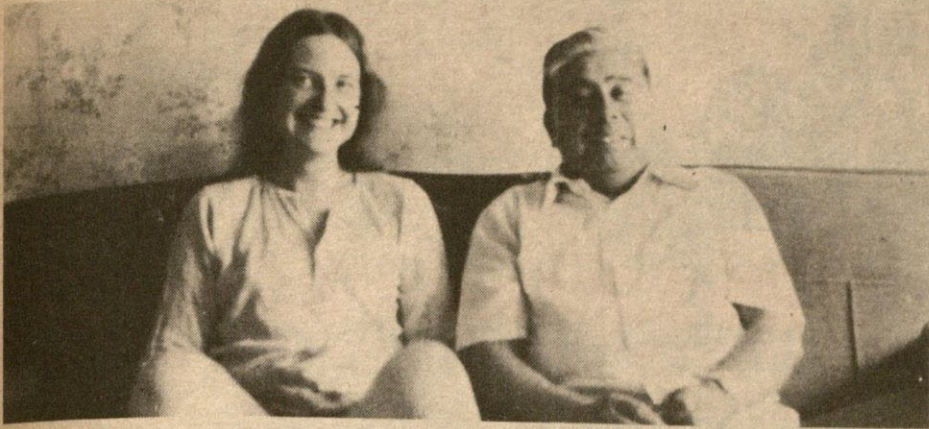
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Shelley Selected for C.D. Post

Photo by Barry Shalinsky



The 900 block of Pennsylvania will be well represented on the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board. The City Commission recently appointed Shelley Miller of 936 Pennsylvania to the post left vacant by the resignation of Mark Kaplan. Shelley will join Val Romero, 904 Pennsylvania as East Lawrence representatives to the CDBGAB. We are not sure whether to offer congratulations or condolences to Shelley, but she promises to work hard and do a good job.

Mothers, Seniors Win Crosswalk

The Lawrence City Commission approved a request to install a signalized crosswalk on Massachusetts Street connecting the east and west halves of South Park.

Two East Lawrence mothers, JoAnn Bernofsky and Sarah Dillingham have been instrumental in organizing a petition drive and lobbying effort to obtain the crosswalk. Hannah Leibengood helped collect 75 of the 200 petition signatures. ELIA coordinator Sharon Herrick provided organizational assistance to the effort.

Bigger and Better

This edition of the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS is the first to make use of two new pieces of equipment purchased with revenue from the sale of ads.

A waxing machine makes layout and paste up much faster, neater and more accurate than the rubber cement method formerly used.

A bulk film loader enables the newsletter to purchase film in 100 foot reels rather than one small roll at a time, providing for tremendous savings.

These two pieces of equipment cost less than the price of the newsletter's first ever full page ad, purchased by the Jazzhaus this month.

With pasteup easier, photos cheaper and ad revenue increasing, the EAST LAWRENCE NEWS will soon be expanding to a 12-page format.

Mother's Day Out

Your pre-schooler or kindergartener can join in a fun learning environment while you shop, nap, or treat yourself to a break. "East Lawrence Mother's Day Out" is a two-hour once-a-week program which includes snacks prepared and eaten by the children, art, music, creative movement, language experience and neighborhood walking trips. The program costs \$2.50/ child or \$2.00/child if there is more than one child/family. East Lawrence Mother's Day Out serves mothers of children aged 2 to 5.

Mothers may choose from one of three sessions on September 15, 21, 29; October 6, 13; November 31; December 8, 15, 19, 22. Rita LeBlanc has Early Childhood Certification and seven years teaching experience. For enrollment or information, contact her at 843-9268, 1034 1/2 Pennsylvania.

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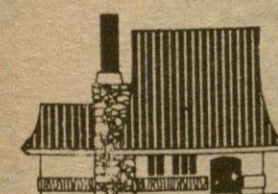
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New Principal Puts Kids First

by Barry Shalinsky

walk into the small paneled office of Rick Knapp and you will see a man who is serious about his job, yet he does not take himself too seriously. Knapp was dressed in a blue designer shirt and a pair of neat trousers, suggesting a man who approaches his job with dignity, but without the starchy formality of a coat and tie.

Rick Knapp is the new principal of New York School. He comes to Lawrence from Nebraska, where he was born and raised, educated and certified. Knapp received his Masters in Education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

But he has not spent his whole life in Nebraska. Knapp spent seven years teaching junior high students in northern Minnesota. Four of those years were spent in an alternative "school within a school" program for kids who were failing or on probation.

Knapp's most recent job was as principal of the only school in a small Czech town in southern Nebraska called Wilber. According to Knapp, the school there was bigger than New York School--250 children compared with New York's 150, but the town was much smaller.

"I was looking for a larger town, a larger school system, but a smaller school. Larger schools are too impersonal. This situation has worked out ideally for me," Knapp commented.

Knapp moved to Lawrence slightly more than a month ago with his two boys who attend West Junior High and Sunset Elementary Schools. The move has not been without some anxieties. "For my boys, these are the first schools where Dad is not down the hall," Knapp said. As a single parent, Knapp feels like he can empathize with the special problems of single parents in the New York School area.

Although he has been here only a short time, Knapp has some very definite opinions about his job. "The number one asset of the Lawrence schools is people. We have a super staff at New York School. They are caring and dedicated, with a touch of nuttiness and a sense of humor. That's important."

According to Knapp, "My basic philosophy is that school is for kids. We are here to educate them to the best of our ability with the resources available."

Knapp's goal is to have the whole building filled with classes and kids. New York's enrollment is up in recent years and the school will get to keep its fifth grade teacher, so there will be one teacher for each class. Knapp believes that New York School's large kindergarten enrollment of 29 children is a good sign.

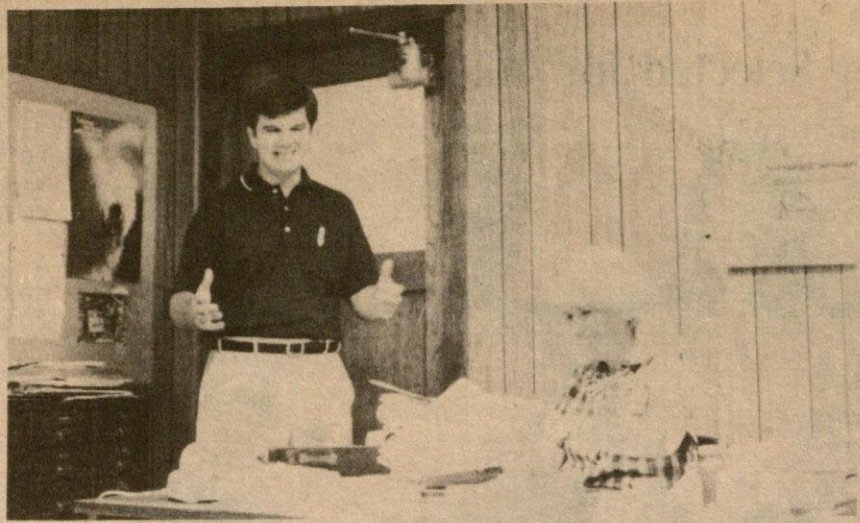


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A Touch of Nuttiness . . .

The new principal cuts up with New York School secretary Diana Myers.

Knapp says he feels comfortable in the school. "It is a part of me and of my thinking now. It has become special as a place and as an attitude. I think that is related to staff responsiveness. Our staff is dedicated and caring. They see their jobs as more than 8 to 4 and out the door."

Knapp is very anxious to meet with more New York School parents. There were three parents on the interviewing committee which hired him. There will be a Parents' Open House at the school on September 20th at 8 p.m. followed by a PTO meeting at 8. "I am eager to work with parent involvement," Knapp said.

Extended Day Names Director

Principal Rick Knapp is not the only new face at New York School this year. The Board of Directors of Lawrence Extended Day, Inc. have announced the appointment of Carole Bailey-Green as director of the day care program at New York School.

Ms. Green has education and work experience in both teaching and business administration. She has worked as a pre-school teacher, in the personnel department of Sperry-Univac, and for four years with the State of Kansas in the Department of Human Resources and with S.R.S. She was educated at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

Ms. Green was born in Philadelphia, but has lived in Lawrence for six years. "It's a good place to raise a kid in Lawrence," Carole says. She ought to know.

Her pre-school aged son, Chris, seems pretty happy. Carole's husband is a native Kansan.

According to Ms. Green, a big asset of Extended Day, in addition to its program of activities, is the staff. Rene Ramirez and Susie Alexander have been with the program for a number of years.

Besides a program of varied education and fun activities, Extended Day offers a nutritionally balanced breakfast. The program operates from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ms. Green would be happy to discuss the program, fees, schedules, availability of scholarships, etc. with interested parents. The program needs to increase its enrollment to survive. Call her at 841-6721 (Extended Day) or at 842-5263 (home).

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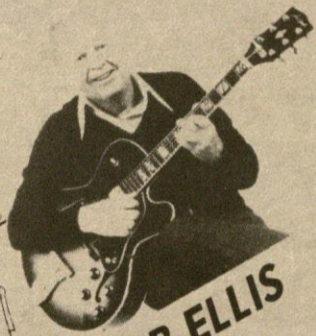


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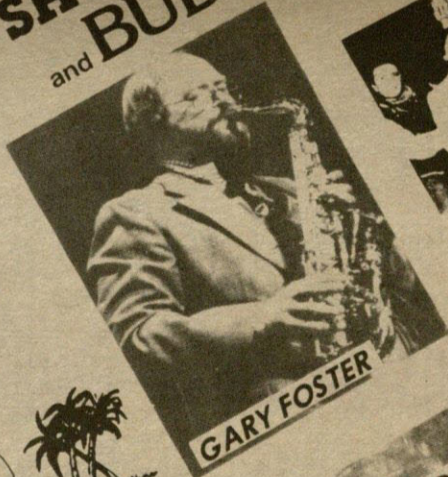
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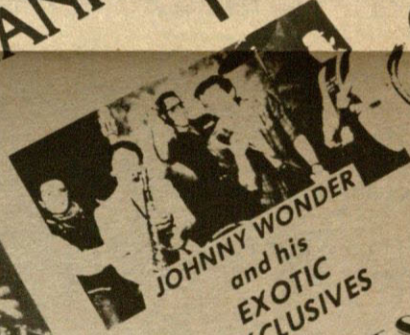
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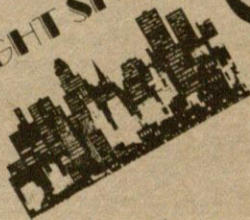


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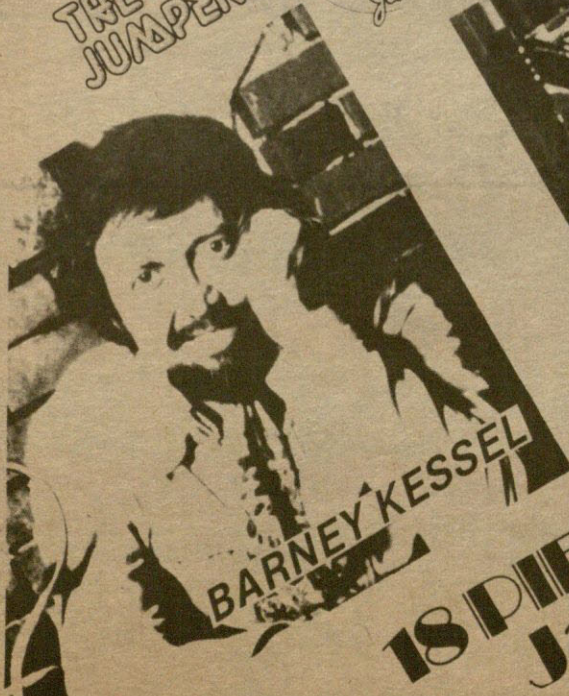
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ELIA Meeting Minutes

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, August 8, 1983

David Cobb of the Lawrence police department gave a short presentation and answered questions about how to conduct a neighborhood crime watch. (A nosy neighbor may be a blessing in disguise when it comes to stopping a thief in action at your house). Mr. Cobb suggested engraving valuables with your driver's license number--an engraver is available free through LPD. Officers will come do a free residential security check if you want to know how to make your yard and home less susceptible to thieves. A burglar will more likely strike where the crime won't be seen or heard, and where detection later is minimal.

If we can get 50% of the neighborhood to participate in neighborhood watch, LPD will sell a street sign announcing our eye out for crime.

Minutes stand as published in the last newsletter.

Treasury report shows \$50 with \$7 to be paid for state income tax.

Barry and Sharon will continue to be paid by CD funds this year, but a change in regulations means that ELIA will have to request their salaries month by month.

From money generated by ELIA Newsletter advertisements, the City has OK'd the purchase of a bulk film loader and waxer approved by us at June's general membership meeting. (Money made through advertising can only be spent on the newsletter.)

Pat Slick and Shelley Miller nominated to fill Mark Kaplan's seat on the CBDG Advisory Board. The City will choose one person to work with Val Romero and other neighborhood representatives in deciding how Community Development money will be spent in Lawrence.

The (Sept. 10) picnic committee needs volunteers! Call Sharon at 842-5331 to help. Rosa Sims is on the committee but she was accidentally left off the list of members published in last month's newsletter.

Janet Hoffman and Mary Giese reported on the North End project. Major goals of the project are to provide residences for low to moderate income people in a timely manner. We hope to see a preference for a diversity of ownership of the lots involved and for owner occupancy.

The criteria is more important than profits on the project -- A decision must be made whether to open bids or set prices on the lots. We hope too that the City will assist applicants. The City Commission will define ELIA's future role in the project when the proposal is presented by the North End Committee.

Susan Copas, Alan Johnson, Barry Shalinsky and Pat Slick will walk with George Osborn to discuss where up to 100 trees will be planted in East Lawrence.

Richard Kershenbaum reported on the work of the Downtown Improvement Committee. The City has OK'd the next phase of the downtown project with Sizeler who will talk to various department store chains, look into more detailed parking, store front, and financing plans, and explore how the City will raise its costs.

The Aug. 27 march commemorating Martin Luther King's 1963 Poor People's March on Washington was announced.

The membership voted to recommend to narrow 7th Street and to conduct a detailed traffic impact study in conjunction with the Downtown project.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, August 22, 1983

- Besides collecting annual memberships at the annual picnic, we will have a door-to-door membership campaign. Get that one dollar ready!
- ELIA will sponsor another yard sale in October to raise social security and unemployment insurance matching funds for our employees. Place? Shelley Miller's, 936 Pennsylvania -- same as last time. Items for the sale may be dropped on the front porch (already). Time? To be decided by the next newsletter.
- Picnic committee still needs volunteers. (Would you believe we need as many as 30 per hour at the picnic?) Anyone with a garden full of tomatoes might bring some for hamburgers on September 10.
- All board members will serve as nominating committee to search and suggest ELIA officers and board members for the coming year. If you want to be an officer or board member, call a current member of the board. We need you!
- The tree committee walked once with George Osborn, and talked about where to plant, emphasizing 11th Street and north of 9th.

Tudy's Corner

There is not a living person
Whom a smile does not become,
It's a most unusual garment
That looks good on everyone.

It bears no size, or price tag
That can be worn by big or small,
No matter what our income
It's within the reach of all.

Our sympathies to the family of Queen Victoria Bell.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Candi and David Amyx. David is the brother of Mike Amyx, and grandson of Ethel May Amyx. Wishes for many happy years.

The Lawrence Flower Club will meet Sept. 12th at South Park Center. The Flower Club lost two of their long time members, Nan Coleman and Olivene Simons. Nan Coleman's family requested memorials to the Flower Club in her name.

Mrs. Clara Collins of Muskogee, Oklahoma spent the month of August with her sister, Gertrude Shanafelt.

The Lawrence Flower Club will attend the Northeast District Meeting, September 21st in Manhattan. Denna Shirar and several members will attend.

Shelley Miller enjoyed a "Morning Shower" riding in the rain--Rain a rare commodity this year about Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Anderson of Ottawa visited Mrs. Goldman this week.

Condolences to Pat Slick on the death of his father.

"If there were not clouds in your life, there would not be any rainbows."

Mrs. Estelle Hayden and daughter, Helen Sykes, and their cousin, Harriette Seamans visited the house of Mrs. Hayden's daughter, Mrs. Chet Loomis, of Emporia, Kansas--to attend the garden wedding of Mrs. Hayden's grandson, Gary Loucks and Mary Davis. Was a beautiful affair.

"Forbidden fruit is responsible for many a bad jam."

I hope everyone had a nice Holiday -

'Tis good for you to sing about the house -
Try singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"



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