

# LETTERS



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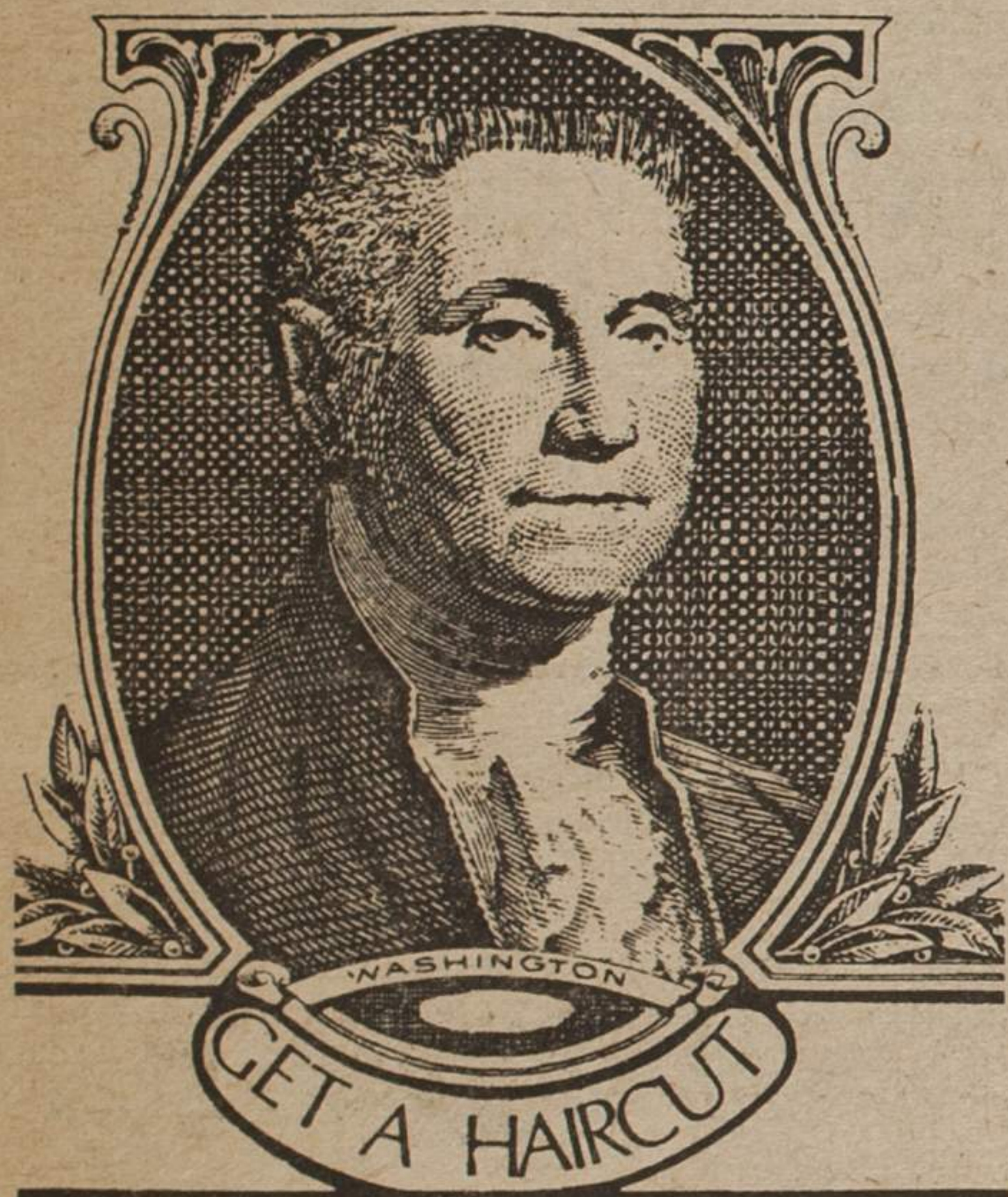
Please bill us at the \$10 rate for your fine publication. We would send you the money now, but the State of Kansas will not let us disperse its funds until we have received a bill.

I am enclosing this candid action shot as per your request. The gentleman in the picture (below) is one of our dear departed former staffers. He was a great example to us all--he could not tell a lie.

Your latest issue is very well done. The lay-out is particularly strong--full of variety, the kind that pulls you into reading the copy. Keep up the good work.

Warm regards,  
Kathy Hoggard, Director KU information Center

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Food Co-op & Public Notice,

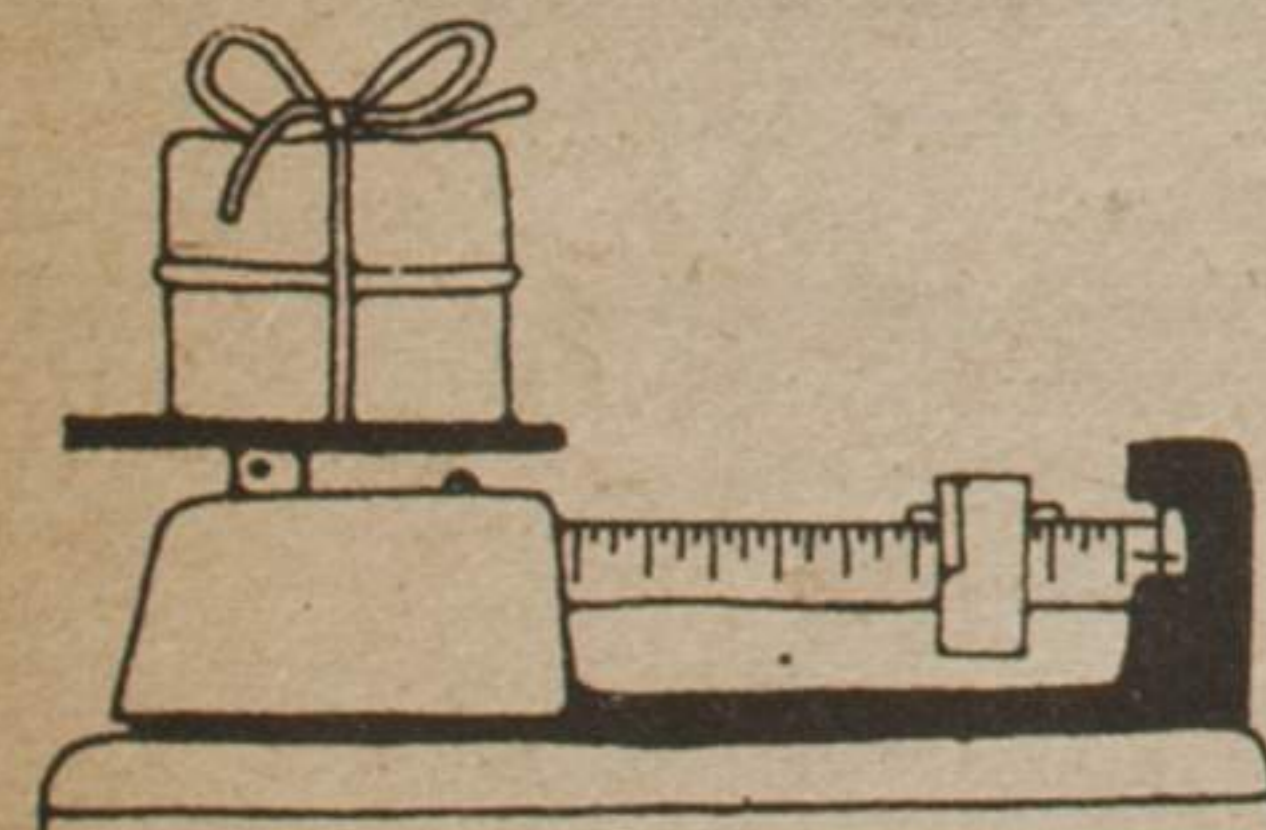
Just received my copy of the latest 'Public Notice' and as usual, it is extra special. The articles on development in Lawrence such as the Oread NIA and other articles on the pains and joys of the Food Co-op.

Enclosed is my donation to the continued publication of 'Public Notice'. It is long overdue, my donation that is.

I just wish that we had such a news media effort in Topeka.

Good luck for the future and keep up the good works.

Yours,  
Stan Briggs



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## The Guest Word

This is the official statement from the Lawrence Open School concerning the closing of the school for this school year:

Wednesday, August 24th, was to have been the day the Lawrence Open School began its educational program. The steering committee and staff of the school deeply regret that it will not be able to open this year after all.

On July 10th, the board of the Jewish Community Center approved the use of space in the Center by the Lawrence Open School for the coming school year. They assured us, and honestly believed, that they had the authority to grant such approval. Subsequently some members of the JCC protested both the legality and the wisdom of their board's decision. In view of this development, the board felt that they had no choice but to submit the matter to the whole membership.

Having gone ahead with our plans with the assurance that we would have the use of the Center, we found ourselves two weeks before the beginning of the school year without a building. By the time the vote of the Center membership was taken, we were not able to find another building and get it approved by the city or county until well into October. As a result, we will be unable to open the school this year.



The steering committee, staff, and parents of the Lawrence Open School are extremely dismayed about what has happened. But the positive response we have received during the past year has only confirmed us in our belief that the Lawrence community needs this educational alternative and our commitment to providing it.

Therefore we are fully determined to press ahead with curriculum planning, acquiring educational materials and equipment, seeking a building, and recruiting students for the opening of the school next summer.

Steering committee members:  
William Balfour, Karl Edwards, Paul Friedman, Deb Homes, Robin Naramore, Molly VanHee, and Jim Woelfel.

Staff members: Michael Bryant and Becky Francis.

## In the Know



Here is a list of the other CD programs that homeowners can get into to fix up their houses.



By Kate Duffy for the Consumer Affairs Association

After last winter's freezing winds, more people became interested in winterizing their homes. It can be a fairly expensive process, thus making it difficult for poorer folks to get this done. The City has Community Development funds slated to help people with moderate to low incomes but you must live in North, East, Far East, Pinckney and the Oread neighborhoods.

There are several things you must do to be eligible:

1. You must have lived in your own home for at least one year.

(This leaves renters out in the cold, unfortunately but if you call ECKAN at 841-3357 they might be able to give you some advice.

2. You must meet the following income requirements:

Family Members	Max. Gross Family Income	Grant	Loan
1		\$4,800	\$6,000
2		5,760	7,700
3		6,335	8,650
4		6,910	9,650
5		7,410	10,250
6		7,910	10,850
7		8,410	11,450
8		9,000	12,050

The loan is a 3% interest per year for a 3 year maximum period. Adjustments can be made for hardship cases. The grants do not need to be paid back. The most a homeowner can receive is \$700.00.

**HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANTS**  
**REQUIREMENTS** - same as the Winterizing program. The grant is not repaid.  
**PURPOSE** - to make repairs necessary to correct code violations.  
**MAXIMUM AMT.** - \$6,500 per person

**EMERGENCY GRANTS**  
**REQUIREMENTS** - same as above  
**PURPOSE** - to correct critical structural problems i.e. roofs, plumbing, and wiring repairs.

**SECTION 312 REHAB LOAN**  
**REQUIREMENTS** - owner-occupants and owner-investors are both eligible.  
**PURPOSE** - general property improvements, correcting code violations and re-financing of existing mortgages in some cases.

**MAX. AMT.** - \$17,400 for single dwelling and more for duplexes and apartment houses. The interest is 3% per year with a maximum term of 20 years.

This program is funded directly by the Federal government but the local department of Community Development processes the application to send to the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

To apply for one of these programs, contact the CD office, Rm 301, Office Tower, 910 Mass., 842-8453.

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