

# Freemans Improve East Lawrence

By Barbara Willits

The 12th and Pennsylvania area has a new look these days. The vacant lot at 1143 Penn. is wearing a new face after 18 years of rampant growth of weeds and brush.

Loren and Margie Freeman have operated Freeman Used Furniture at 1145 Penn. for nine years. They modestly shrug off my compliments on renovation of the area.

Mrs. Freeman explained that his construction of a duplex on the 1143 lot is part of an effort to persuade his mother to locate in Lawrence.

The duplex will have two-bedroom units, providing much needed housing in the East Lawrence neighborhood, where very little residential development takes place.

All of us who have been aware of the debris, foundation rocks, partly filled cisterns, etc. are pleased to see the improvement. At least four large loads of material were hauled away.

The Freemans have made a vital contribution to the neighborhood and are to be commended for their efforts.



## Neighborhoods Reflect Transitions

By Tom Brom  
Pacific News Service

"We work in neighborhoods because more and more people want to define where they live as a fundamental part of their lives," says Tim Sampson, an organizer in Oakland, Calif.

"Neighborhoods are areas people want to defend and preserve. Everything else in their lives is either unstable or blown away."



Government statistics give some indication of the social pressures that are rapidly changing peoples' lives.

The national rate of inflation hit 10 percent for the first six months of 1978. In many poor communities, unemployment is often double the official

6 percent rate, while minority youth unemployment reaches 45 percent.

HUD reported in June 1978 that the average new single family home cost \$62,900. It takes a yearly household income of more than \$25,000 to afford the housing payments for such a home, and only 15 percent of American families make that much.

Last year 45 percent of all homebuyers had more than one wage earner. Women are now 41 percent of the U.S. workforce and make up an increasing share of the growing part-time labor pool.

Part-time workers are now 22 percent of the workforce. Since 1954, the number of part-time workers in non-agricultural jobs increased at a rate twice as great as the increase of full-time workers.

At the same time, membership in trade unions--a cohesive force in working-class districts--has declined from 33 percent to 20 percent of the workforce since the 1940's.

By the end of 1977, only one out of five families in the United States conformed to the traditional husband/working, wife/homemaker model.

These statistics sketch a social reality in rapid transition. The pressures--declining real income, an inflated housing market, changing economic and social status for women and petty crime--come together in the neighborhoods.

Many people just have not been able to handle the personal threats of rapidly changing American society," comments Madeline Adamson, editor of a neighborhood action newsletter in Washington, D.C.

"The neighborhoods are 'reactionary' in the literal sense, but they are reacting against very real issues affecting people's lives."

## Neighborhoods Elect Officers

Three Lawrence neighborhood Associations elected new officers in October.

Oread Neighborhood Association officers were elected amid controversy. Landlords packed the meeting with families and friends, who residents of the neighborhood charged were ineligible to vote. The landlords elected their slate. David Holroyd, the new president is the only officer who lives in the Oread neighborhood. Other officers are Dick Lynch, vice-president; Virginia Munger, secretary; and Robert Egger, treasurer. Lynch, Munger, and Egger are non-resident property owners.

The North Lawrence Improvement Association re-elected its president, Margaret Brun. Other NLIA officers are Robert Pears, vice-president; Leona Campbell, secretary; and Julia Bond, treasurer.

East Lawrence Improvement Association officers elected for the coming year are former ELIA president Barbara Willits, who will once again serve as president; George Elston, vice-president; Kate Duffy, secretary; and John Hamilton who was re-elected treasurer. Dick Dunhaupt will assist John Hamilton in administering financial matters concerning ELIA's new VISTA workers.

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## Diane Appointed

Mrs. Diane Helmuth has been employed as Douglas County Extension Home Economist, Foods and Nutrition agent, effective Oct. 1. Mrs. Helmuth will fill the vacancy created with the retirement of Oletha Blevins.

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There will be energy related commercial exhibits as well as "mini" educational seminars with speakers addressing a variety of energy topics including:

- Is Wind Free?
- Will Wood Work for You?
- Exotic Fuels.
- Everything You Want to Know About Solar.
- Landscaping for Beauty and Comfort.

The Douglas County Extension Center at 2110 Harper is the site for the Energy Expo.

Sixty families in the San Luis Valley of southern Colorado have formed the Solar Energy Association, and have built themselves solar-heated, forced-air collectors that 1) can cut heating bills 30-50%, 2) cost \$300-\$400 in materials, 3) that you can build and install in 2-3 days, and 4) will pay for themselves in 2-3 years. What's more, they are happy to share the simple plans with us. (Even the San Luis Valley's Rural Electric Corp. has decided to use one of these collectors to solar heat its central maintenance shed). For \$1 the association will send you plans. For \$5 you can become a member and receive their newsletter. Write to Box 647, Center, Colorado 81125.

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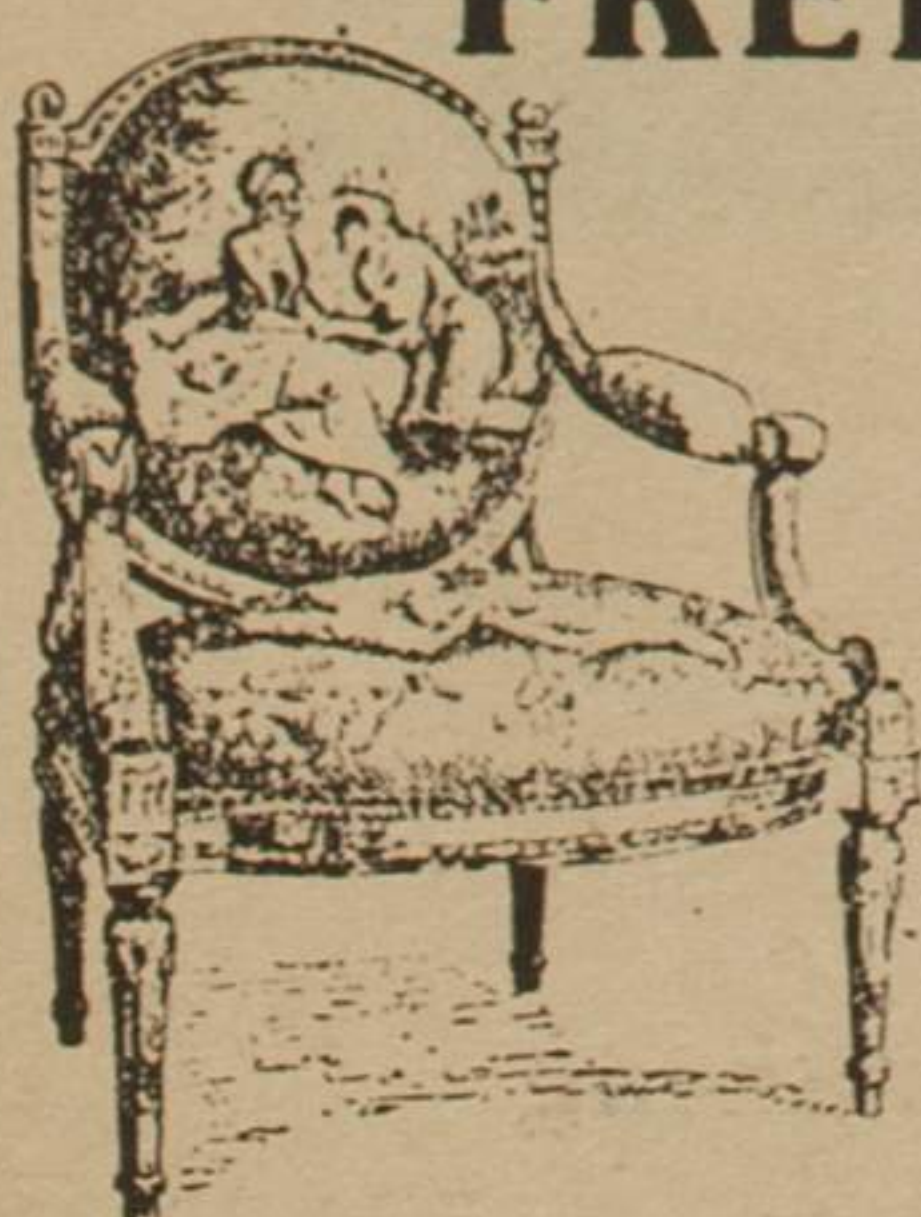
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