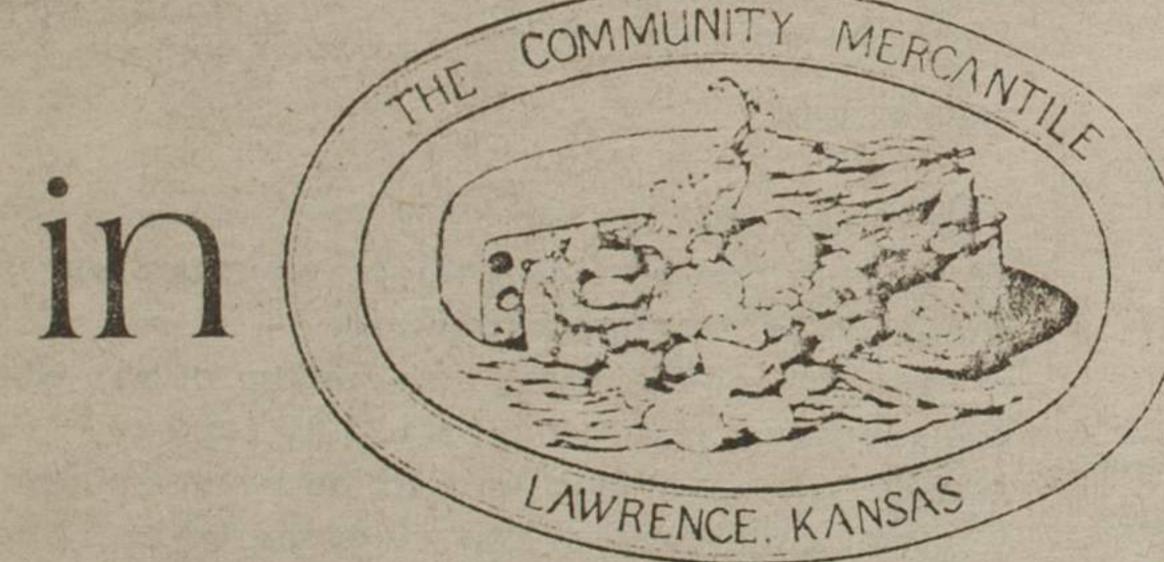


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Lawrence

Priginally billed as a merger, fair and square, the PUB-LIC NOTICE last month swallowed yet another competitor in the dog-eat-dog world of newspaper publishing. The latest victim to fall prey is the newsletter of the Community Mercantile Food Co-op at 615 Mass. In a lightning-swift move late last June, PUBLIC NOTICE staffers, riding a high crest of support In the battle shaping up, it's the old verses the new. among the general public, literally absorbed the COMMUNITY MERCANTILE GAZETTE,

> Newly mated and stronger than ever, the PUBLIC NOTICE now turns to embrace its old foe, as it now becomes the official propaganda arm of the food co-op. Our new publication, while still harboring a a few sour memories, now steps out as a powerful and influential advocate of the good life at the lowest possible price. To find out what that at 615 Massachusetts Street, in the

> > heart of the North Central Business

District. Engage in idle chatter

cherries and ripe peaches tastefully displayed along our produce counters; now acclaimed the very finest in Lawrence.

If you are particularly interested in this publication, stop by our office suite at 1101 1/2 Mass. It's right upstairs from the For sure, you'll be royally treated; your talents cultivated and appreciated. If you like to write, draw, paint, sketch, or talk, it becomes "old news." Often, City policy takes shape behind we have an opening for you. If you like photography, darkroom work, cut & paste, or advertising, come in, fill out an application, go home, and wait for a phone call.

If you can't do anything, or simply don't care, there are still plenty of good factory jobs in this town, with more on the way.

OFFICE HQURS-10 to 2 and 7 to 9, weekdays; 10 to 2 Saturday

By THE STAFF

awrence Kansas has finally arrived in post-frontier America; the era of unchecked growth. We've come of age. Traditionally behind the times, like most smaller midwestern towns, we're now ready to put the boom into full bloom.

The thousands who have come to love Lawrence because of its size, diversity, pace of life, clean air and good people, have reason to sit up and take notice.

The latest evidence to this effect, comes from plans now brewing, quietly, at City offices, in the Bank Tower at 9th and Massachusetts and in the Chamber of Commerce offices at 823 Vermont.

Old buildings are misfits. In a country that reveres adolescence and everything new, the post-frontier era, an old tin-covered building like the Underwood in the 600 block of Mass. is outmoded. It's got to go.

And not just because of its age. The 600 block is the gateway to the business district. Where an old gas station once stood, now an entry-way plaza, with flowers and flag poles, greets people as they first span the Kaw. City Officials and businessmen don't want these people greeted with old buildings; blight; mistits.

means, stop by our beautiful food store But if you talk to Al Underwood about his building, he'll tell you that the solid walnut beams are still good, that the building, built in the 1860s, was dismantled and floated down the Delaware and Kaw rivers at the turn of the century and reconstructed on the site with co-op workers, as you munch to be used as a mill. The old building is a part of Al Underwood and a part of Lawrence history.

The consensus opinion on the part of public and private officials, that downtown north of 7th street must be cleaned up, has lured the PUBLIC NOTICE onto this story. The discovery of a \$20,000 Mayor's Flower Shoppe and Jimmy Moore's General Appliance. | consultant study done in 1974, promoting destruction of the 600block buildings, gives us urgent call to publicize the story before closed doors or in so many bits and pieces that by the time enough people find out about it, it's to late to affect the City's decision.

> So, to prevent this, we talked to City Commissioners, Planners, a vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and others in an attempt to gauge the feelings they had about the future of the 600 block.

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This is it! What was Billed to be the 11th issue of the Mercantile Gazette, is

ice as the Co-op News. You'll find it on page 4. If you think Lawrence is booming today, you should have been here 90 years ago. It was a virtual mania... and it was the predecessor to

our own home-town newspaper

that was priming the pump. See

now included in the Public Not-

page 10. Harry Puckett's first recollections of Lawrence date to the mid '90's. He knew folks that came to this town before the Civil War. Now you can get to know Harry. See

In East Lawrence, taxi fares are going up, and the ball park is coming down. Folks there may soon be on the run. . . See page 14.

page 12.

It's becoming more and more popular these days to dismiss the social upheavals of the 1960's as a great American sidestep; the impact a passing one. We disagree ... See page 15.

If you're a little upset about the size of your electric bill now ... be prepared for more bad news. If the Kansas Power and Light Company gets its way, you may soon be in the poor house. See the People's Energy Project supplement at the rear of the PUBLIC NOTICE ...