

**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ...**

By Susie Hanna

After nearly seven months of work, Sister Kettle, Lawrence's only non-profit vegetarian res- cafe, opened its doors for business.

The cafe is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for break- fast and lunch and from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. for a coffee house featuring live entertainment, desserts and beverages. They're closed on Tuesdays.

Sister Kettle was the dream of four women, Sue Bryant, Val Kelly, Kathy Nemeth and Boo Tate. It's grown from an idea to a reality through volun- teer help, donations and Community Mercantile Credit Union loans. Work began in the summer on the old "Bob's Our Place Cafe" at 14th and Mass.

"People have been real generous," Sue Bryant told PUBLIC NOTICE. "Somebody gave us the stereo and speakers; people made the chairs and tables, built every wall, did the curtains."

About 35 people are cooking, cleaning and waiting tables. Workers are dividing the tip pool for pay-- they hope to average \$1 an hour. After the first month, the cafe hopes to pay minimum wage. Per- haps in a year, workers will receive \$3 an hour.

The food is simple, inexpensive and delicious. Daily specials are posted on a chalkboard. The Pauper's Special is a nutritious meal for about \$1. Opening day, the cafe served savory rye--a dish of rye grain, cheese and tomatoes with salad for \$1. Gaspacho was featured as the soup of the day and it was great!

In the evenings, friends gather to talk and play mus- ic. Desserts and beverages are served. A particu- larly good drink is a yogurt, lime juice and honey shake called "Lhassi." The cafe is open to anyone who wants to play, sing, dance etc.

In a few months, Sue said, the cafe will probably be- gin to serve dinner. Special dinners, Chinese, Poly- nesian, one night a week may begin soon.

"We're trying to keep ourselves real simple right now," Sue said. "That's why we're not serving din- ner. When we feel we're real together, then we'll expand. We want to do what we do real well first."

The cafe seats about 50, and offers three types of seating. A beautiful wooden bar, which the cafe got from First Baptist Church that was razed at 801 Kentucky, is near the entrance. You can eat at a table or go to the upper level in the back and sit on a pillow at a low, round table.

The Arts & Crafts Coop is responsible for art dis- plays. Paintings can be hung near the front. A dis- play case is located in the back of the cafe.

On the north side of the building, some work has been done on a garden. Bob Hatke dug a small pool with his bare hands and plastered the sides. He put tall poles in the ground surrounding the area, intending to have Morning Glories grow up the poles to se- clude the garden spot. The poles are still there, but the pond has been filled in and a flower bed planted. The work collective decided the pool presented too many hazards.

Once the garden is finished, the cafe will serve or- ders to go and people can eat outside. A city ordin- ance prohibits the cafe from serving food outside, so waiters cannot serve in the garden.

Decisions about the cafe are made by the workers. A steering committee, made up of those who work 20 hours or more a week, can make quick decisions and present suggestions to the entire work collective for a vote.

"The food was satisfying and inexpensive," Dick 'Tater' said after finishing a Pauper's Special.

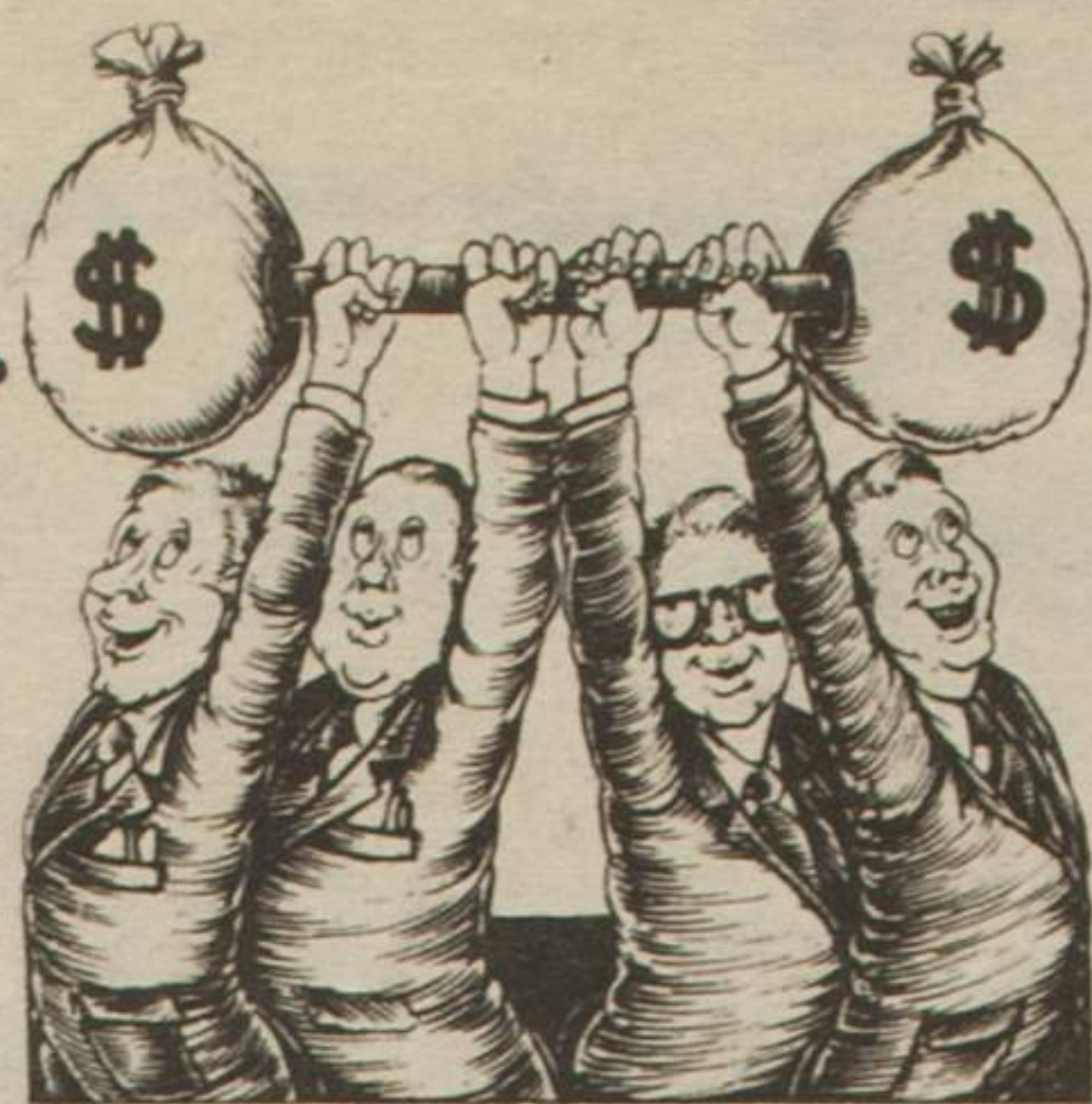
"I think people will look at this as an alternative," Helene Pesche, another satisfied customer said. "There aren't that many ethnic and different types of restaurants in Lawrence. The atmosphere helps a lot. It's a homey place and not sterile like Sambos or J. B. s."

Most of the recipes came from Diet For a Small Planet and Mike Bryant said the cafe would probably remain vegetarian.

"We would have to be going down and under before we'd consider serving meat," Mike said. "People want this kind of food."

"It's not held together with just organization," Sue said. "It's held together with the love and the care more than anything. Without people giving and giv- ing, it wouldn't be here at all."

**THE CREDIT UNION**



**H**ow would you like to have a financial institute in Lawrence that is anti-profit, owned, guided and operated by its members, is built on principles such as economic democracy, alternative growth, thrift, cooperativism... an institution that provides its members with such services as:

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- Check cashing

**Nonstop thoughts reeled uncontrollably**

Officers of the Community Mercantile Credit Union approved nine new members at their September meeting. The officers also discussed their approv- al into the Secured Savings Credit Union, the possi- bility of purchasing a safe and a mimeograph mach- ine and the need for a Notary Public.

New members of the Credit Union are Laurie Rupert, Orion Contractors, Christine Leonard, Chris Hol- mer, Alan Gnagy, Dana Clinton, Emily McFarland, Melissa Nolte, and Community Mercantile. The additions bring total membership to 131, share balances of \$29,478.94, loans balance of \$20,613.88 and cash in the bank of \$1,888.72.

The Credit Union was approved for membership in the Secured Savings Credit Union, which is the equiv- alent of the FDIC for credit unions. A monthly finan- cial statement and committee reports of loans made each month along with collateral and payment record must be submitted to maintain membership.

Officers present to discuss business were: Dick Dunhaupt, Chuck Magerl, Mark Maher, Karen Bor- ell, Pat Sullivan, Patty Sullivan, Richard Kershen- baum, Tom Wilson, and Kathy Dugan. Judi Oakley, Bob Burford and Boyd Evans were absent.

Chuck told the officers that the Credit Union needed to locate a safe. Richard said that he knew of one for \$50 and agreed to find out about weight, size, etc and report at the next meeting.

Richard and Kathy offered the use of their mimeo- graph machines so the Credit Union could send out fliers to members. The Credit Union may be able to get bulk postage rate for mailing. Tom said he has access to a bulk mailing machine.

- Money orders
- Travelers cheques
- Low cost member insurance
- Personal financial counseling
- Notary public
- Payroll deduction

In case you hadn't guessed we've been talking about the Community Mercantile Credit Union or at least the capabilities of the Credit Union. Those items marked by asterisks are already being provided by your Credit Union. The three most needed elements for further expansion of services and programs are our needs for more people energy and commitments, better coordination and more share savings. All of our services cost time and money of course; none of them are free. However, by pooling our desires for these services, eliminating the desire for profit and trying to create a more people-oriented structure, we are capable of having these services at much re- duced costs and in a way that demonstrates we're people sharing with other people.

If the interest and commitment of the Credit Union members is strong, eventually the Credit Union could provide all those services listed. It depends on what we would like our Credit Union to be.

Kathy volunteered to find out about becoming a notary public for the Credit Union.

Pat Sullivan, member of the loan committee, re- ported that about \$6,000 was loaned out in August. He also reported on a delinquent loan payment and decided to discuss the matter again with the mem- ber and send a written notice if necessary.



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Dick announced that he had been approved as a security officer for the Credit Union by the SSCU. He also volunteered to check with the Credit Union Mutual Insurance Society, the insurance co., owned by credit unions, to find out how many of the officers could sign checks.

The officers also signed the Credit Union Report Of Examination, received reports on record keep- ing by Tom and voted to hold the General Meeting Oct. 26. Chuck said he would check with Kansas Central about Vital Record keeping.

The officers agreed to sell Stop the Haskell Loop shirts in the office. Meeting adjourned.

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