

Massachusetts ACORN

(The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now)

Spring Newsletter

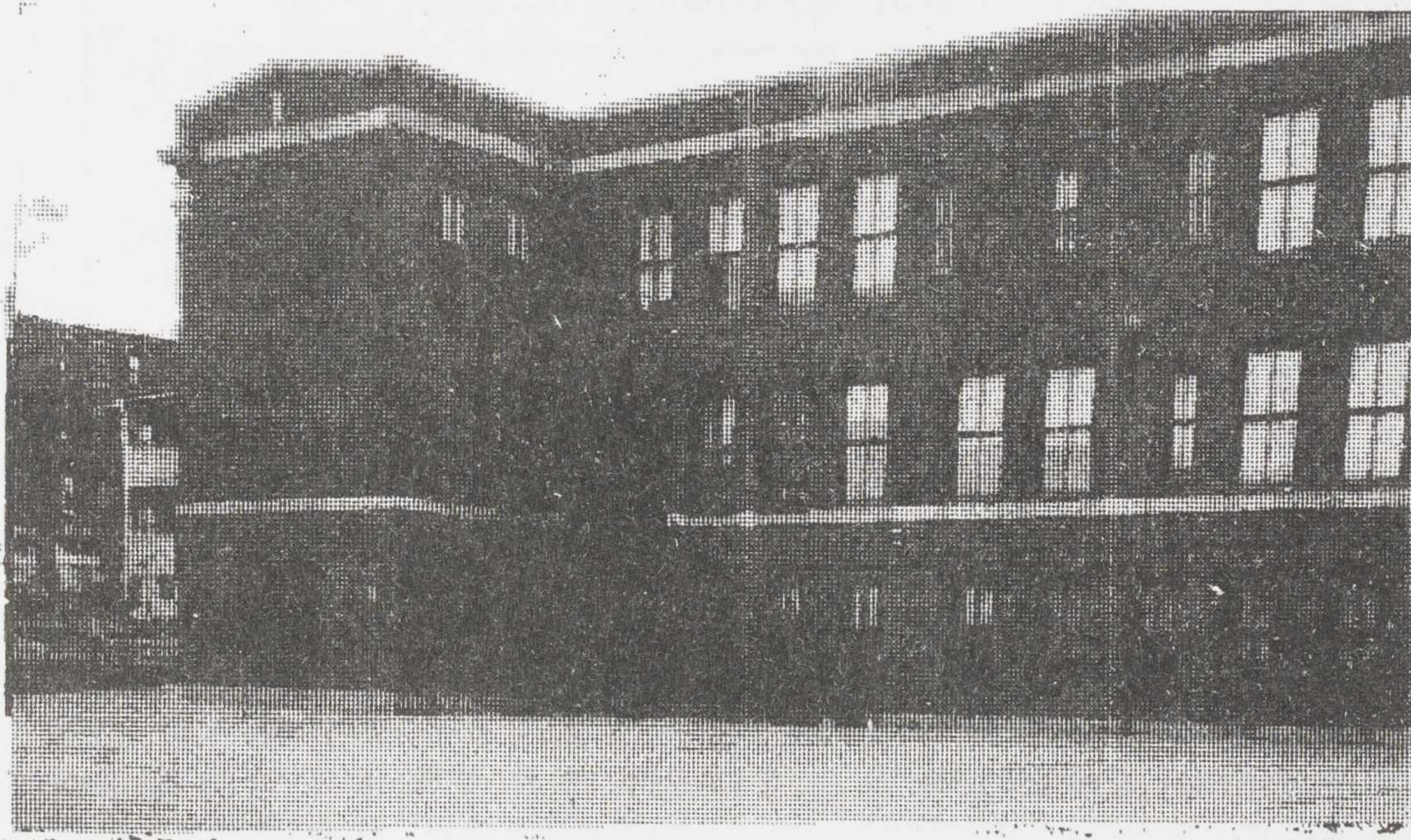
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For Our Kids the Neighborhoods Work Together

(And win outreach booklets)

ACORN members city wide have gone into a campaign to get funding for programs for our kids after-school. It is important that our kids have a place to go after school and are not hanging around on the streets, which we know are dangerous. The kids would also have the opportunity to get involved in more activities besides sports, for example tutoring in math, computers and reading.



The funding we are looking for is \$500,000 for outreach, transportation to and from the programs ACORN would like to set up in five of our schools in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan. We would also like the funding that has been cut for the Hope in Progress program to be reinstated. (continued on pg.5)
Acorn wins outreach booklets! Commissioner Doherty of the Community Schools has agreed to ACORN's demand that all parents receive a book listing the youth programs in the area! Go ACORN!

ACA ACORN Wins Again!!

For several years the community has tried to get a traffic light on Norfolk and Woodrow in Dorchester to no avail. Within months the membership of ACORN succeeded. It took hard work and dedication, several meetings and taking action! Such as going to the Department of Transportation demanding to see the Commissioner, blocking the street and stopping traffic to get our point across, and finally going to the Commissioner's house to make our demands heard! But we were able to force action!

Now the Department of Transportation will start construction in April to install a full service traffic light and stop buttons so people can cross the streets safely, and stop so many accidents from occurring. It just goes to show that if the people are united, they will never be defeated!! Pat Hurd Co-Chair, ACA

