

EVERGREEN NEWS

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New Shepherd For Good Shepherd

by Rick Thomas

In 1865 The Rev. Mr. J.J. Vaulx established the Church of the Good Shepherd as an Episcopalian mission for the English immigrants of Chelsea (now North Memphis). The mission was founded to serve a destitute community and from the start was a practitioner of the "social gospel." Although such activities were unpopular with most of the citizens of Memphis, then a town of 45,000, the congregation established the Refuge of the Good Shepherd for the homeless, the Canfield Colored Orphan Asylum and two satellite Episcopalian missions outside the city.

In 1972 The Rev. Mr. David W. Plumer was called as priest to the church and if he has his way many of the characteristics of the 1865 mission will be reemphasized. Rev. Plumer is steeped in the traditions of the English Anglican Church and is involved in what he describes as an Anglo-Catholic movement within the Episcopal Church. This movement seeks to restore ritual and tradition to the place it holds in the English church. This emphasis on ritual would tend, Rev. Plumer suggests, to make the "highest" Episcopal church in Tennessee even higher.

At the same time Rev. Plumer hopes to interweave a missionary spirit into this traditional framework. His years in missionary work plus the ecumenical efforts in which he has been active with previous congregations makes him favor an evangelical approach unusual for a high church.

Rev. Plumer is to fill the position left vacant by The Rev. Homer C. Carrier who was called by St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Franklin, North Carolina. Rev. Carrier served

Good Shepherd for sixteen years, and the newest wing of the church is named Carrier Hall in his honor. The church, since moving to 1971 Jackson in 1941, had grown to a congregation of 500 communicants.

Rev. Plumer, who was born in China, comes to Memphis from Trinity Church in Elkton, Maryland. His wife's family lives in Mississippi, so the couple eagerly accepted this invitation to move South. Rev. Plumer graduated from high school at the Tokyo-American School in Japan where his father was with the occupation government. After the University of Michigan, divinity school and the armed forces, Rev. Plumer became active in Episcopalian missionary work. Prior to his seven years at Trinity Church, he was stationed in Panama and Ecuador for six years. He was the first resident Episcopalian priest in the city of Quito, Ecuador.



Coming to Memphis with Rev. Plumer are his wife Conway and their four children — Caroline (15), Clarissa (13), Marshall (11) and Charles (8). In his spare time the reverend toys with photography and canes chairs. His wife, a nurse by profession, enjoys sewing and painting. At present the Plumer family is renting a house in Raleigh.

Prior to Rev. Plumer's arrival the most pressing issue among communicants was the future of the church in the VECAA community. Fears prompted by a changing neighborhood had given rise to suggestions for moving the church and a great number of rumors concerning the Good Shepherd's plans. Rev. Plumer considers this a secondary issue. As he sees it his main task will be to "build up the liturgical tradition" and bring the church together as a family. At the same time he expects to increase member participation both within the church and within the community. He sees a return to tradition and ritual among the country's young people and feels that today many people can be attracted to a high church. He has already begun advertising services in both local newspapers and, once settled, plans to become active in community affairs.

In regard to the future of the Church of the Good Shepherd in the neighborhood, little can be said with certainty. The vestry, the governing body of the congregation, is presently assessing its situation but has not offered the property for sale to anyone. For the church to move would be a complicated procedure as much of the say in such matters is outside the hands of the local congregation. Hopefully, under Rev. Plumer's guidance what has become a neighborhood institution will continue to serve VECAA's Episcopalian residents and the community for many years to come.

Report Card

The increased attention being paid to schools these days makes us aware of the fortunate position this neighborhood is in with regard to elementary schools and how important it is to give them our solid support. Many important things are happening in our schools and here is a report:

Pairing

At the October 10 meeting of the Snowden PTA a panel of experienced teachers and administrators answered questions from those present, which included many Vollintine parents. Some of those questions related to pairing of the two schools. Dr. Joseph Westbrook, Central Area Superintendent, explained that entire classes, students, teachers, and materials, will be moved together. In cases where this results in a teacher surplus, some classes may have to be combined to maintain the limit of one teacher per 30 children (32 children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades). Dr. Westbrook said that the court may expect some additional mixing of classes. Transportation may be provided for those students living



You are invited to the VECAA meeting to be held Monday, November 20, at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of McLean Baptist Church.

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more than a mile and a half from their assigned school. This includes perhaps 20 - 50 students now in the north-western and northeastern corners of the Vollandine district who will be assigned to Snowden.

Mr. Jackie Thomas of Snowden explained that the 5th and 6th grade music programs there would be open to students coming from Vollandine.

Mr. Rochester Neely of Vollandine described the individualized reading program being used there and said this program would be open to students coming from Snowden. (A future article in the Evergreen News will feature this reading program.) Media centers are being provided for advanced instruction for children working beyond their grade level.

Spaghetti

Over 200 members of Vollandine families enjoyed a spaghetti supper and cake-walk on October 27 at the school. About a hundred cakes were brought to be given away or auctioned off. All who worked for this event are to be congratulated. The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, November 28, at 7:30 p.m. Open house will be held for all parents and Snowden parents are especially invited.

Kindergarten

The 40-2 Precinct Club of the Shelby County Democratic Club is working for additional kindergarten classes for the 50 or more who applied but were turned away. After learning from Mr. Neely that there was not enough space in the school, the club has decided to meet with Dr. Westbrook at the Central Area office to ask for two portable classrooms. Brother Greene, president, said the club will ask VECAA to support its petition.

C.E.C.

New this year at Snowden Junior High is the C.E.C. program. The initials stand for Character, Effort and Citizenship. Participation in the program is open to students who make all E's in conduct (one S is allowed). Students who qualified the first six weeks will be treated to a tour of the Stax recording studio. A different tour will be arranged for each grade period.

The purpose of the program, as explained by Mr. Joe Taylor, principal, is to encourage and reward the best efforts of all students regardless of their academic grades. C.E.C. is a joint project of the PTA and the school. Mrs. McKinney is the faculty sponsor and Mrs. David Parker is the PTA sponsor.

Carnival

Several hundred kids and a few brave parents enjoyed the annual Snowden Carnival held October 28. There were games of skill, games of chance, liquid and solid refreshments, musical entertainment, and a haunted house. The efforts of the students, parents, and teachers made this carnival a big success.

Open house will be held Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. and all parents are invited, with a special invitation to Vollandine parents.

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The October 10 PTA meeting featured a distinguished panel with representatives from Snowden, Vollandine, and the Board answering questions from the audience. Mr. Thompson of the safety division explained that with the two policewomen now at McLean and Parkway, all the children had been told to cross McLean there and not anywhere else. He said that traffic on Tutwiler at McLean was so light that children could cross Tutwiler there without a policewoman.

Mr. Perry described the special education services at Vollandine and Snowden and Mr. Sheffield explained that the Snowden Booster Club would get men working with the sports activities, providing transportation and adult supervision.

Mr. Thomas explained that, as of now, the band is open to more students. Students have to buy their own mouthpieces for the instruments, and may rent small instruments for about \$18 per semester.

Shopper's Choice

New Owner For Johns

by Bernice Williams

On a recent, breakfast-less Saturday morning, this reporter pulled up in front of Johns Bakery, 1688 Jackson, along with about five other cars-full and went into the marvelous aroma that is the bakery. Mr. Carl Koppeis (pronounced cop-ice) greeted me warmly and was very gracious about being interviewed on such a busy morning.

Mr. Koppeis, a first-generation American, had been with American Bakeries for 31 years before acquiring Johns Bakery. His father, having come to America from Germany, was a baker by trade, and it was from his father that Mr. Koppeis learned much of what he knows about baking. He has lived in Memphis since 1946, first in the Frayser area and now (since 1964) in the Raleigh-Bartlett area. He is married and has two children, both married; his son lives in New Orleans, his daughter in Memphis.

Mr. Koppeis was most emphatic in pointing out that there will be no changes in the quality of Johns products and that he will do everything he can to maintain the bakery's strong reputation. Mr. Johns is still there and continuing to work. A few items have been added to the broad array of marvelous-looking goodies and staples: three new varieties of cookies, a few new kinds of coffee-cake. Mr. Koppeis is also working on developing an Italian bread; if the taste I had of it is any prediction, it will be simply fabulous. Most of all, however, Mr. Koppeis is determined to continue Johns Bakery as the very best bakery. Vollandine/Evergreen Community welcomes him and wishes him all the best.

Turkey Dinner

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Welcome

JOHN BRADLEY McMILLAN has recently moved to 1906 Mignon Avenue from Knoxville, Tennessee. A native of Jackson, Tennessee, and a Southwestern graduate, "Brad" is a free-lance artist and writer and plans to start teaching art lessons as soon as he is settled.

After a six year absence THOMAS F. RICHARDSON and his wife, CORNELIA, have returned to Memphis and live at 902 University. "Tom" is a psychological examiner and serves as director of the new Delinquent Diagnostic Center at Southwestern. A Southwestern graduate himself, Tom just left the staff of Middle Tennessee State University. The Richardsons have two children, three-year old Michael and 19-month old Douglass.

After looking for a home in Memphis for a year HAROLD CHANDLER decided 785 No. Garland was the house he wanted. Harold has recently completed a postgraduate course for science librarians at the University of Tennessee Medical Units and is now on the library staff there. He enjoys opera, symphony and the theatre but is presently spending most of his time redecorating his new residence.

Joining the staff at Southwestern this year is RON A. YARBROUGH, who with his wife JEANNE now occupies the house at 492 No. Avalon. The Yarbroughs moved from Jackson, Mississippi, in April. Ron serves as Director of Annual Giving at the College, while Jeanne is a social worker at DeNeauville Heights School for Girls. In their spare time the Yarbroughs collect antiques and travel.

DAVID and VICKI VINCENT confined their house-hunting to the V/E neighborhood and found what they wanted at 734 N. Auburndale. Their daughters, CARROLL, 5, and TORI, 3, attend Memphis State Pre-School. Mr. Vincent is an editorial writer for the Commercial-Appeal and Mrs. Vincent finds time to be treasurer for VECAA. The Vincents counsel young people during the summer at Camp Gailor-Maxon at Monteagle and during the rest of the year at St. Mary's Cathedral.

BERNICE WILLIAMS bought the home at 1054 N. Belvedere in July. Her son DAVID, 15, is in the tenth grade at CBHS and is interested in ship design. Mrs. Williams is an assistant professor of English at Southwestern, enjoys gardening, piano, and tennis, and is helping to establish Runaway House.

Gossip

MARTHA JANE BARKER of 2124 Vollintine and BECKY BERLIN of 625 West Drive are visiting in Berkshire, England.

M. J. WILLIAMS of 1744 Forrest has been elected to the General Executive Board of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

FRANK E. FAUX of 1970 Lyndale is now writing a monthly column in the Unitarian Universalist World, the national publication of the Unitarian Church. The column, called "Random Reflections", combines news, humor and insight into events of interest to readers. Mr. Faux is in the Department of Continuing Education at Southwestern.

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V/E Farewell

by Hershel Lipow

For the past two years, Bill and Carol Bowden have occupied a special address, 671 West Drive. That's where Southwestern's president and his family live. Now the Bowdens are moving to Raleigh, N.C., where Bill will become Director of the Southern Growth Policy Board, and the house and Southwestern are looking for a new family. While Bill and Carol were saying some last goodbyes, we talked to them about their impressions of the VECAA neighborhood.

Carol, a native of Paris, Tennessee, was especially proud of our PTA's. The Bowdens had three children in school here and feel that the recent PTA activity has done much to stabilize transitions in the schools. Carol thinks the schools are fine, and hopes that parents will continue to support their children in public schools.

Bill is a deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and likes the way Evergreen is part of our community. He thinks that inviting guests to worship and visit is a good way for people to get to know one another. He mentioned that many black members had sung in the choir and had added much to the services. Carol added that Evergreen had opened its recreational facilities to everyone.

The recent criminal incidents greatly disturbed the Bowdens. They didn't want any of their friends to be endangered and suggested that neighbors report any suspicious characters.

Bill grew up on Jackson, and he is especially interested in his old home grounds. Carol noted that many young couples were settling down into the neighborhood because of its convenience and beauty. She thinks that's a good sign for the future.

The new President of Southwestern, says Bill, will inherit a vital institution in a great neighborhood. "I tried to increase Southwestern's involvement in the community through such things as summer gym programs and expanded adult classes. I hope the community will look to Southwestern as a friend. I know Southwestern will always offer a helping hand to the community."

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Around The Neighborhood



Man with Zip

by Doug Barker

In our community there are several persons who are being taken for granted. Among others, these are the sanitation workers, the firemen, the policemen, and the postmen. These people render invaluable services. Here is a short sketch of one of these public servants.

Mr. Hillary Reddrick is a carrier technical utility man, more commonly known as postman. Mr. Reddrick is my postman on Wednesday. Every other day he is someone else's postman. Mr. Reddrick has five areas to deliver, one for each day of the work week. He is the relief man for the Hollywood district, area 38108.

Mr. Reddrick's working day begins when he arrives each morning at the area station at Hollywood. He first sorts out the mail. This takes most of the morning. After he has assembled all the mail for his area, which is different each day, he loads it on his truck and then heads for one of his routes. He makes between five hundred and six hundred stops every day. This takes from four to five hours. The time depends not on the amount of mail, but on the number of stops he makes.

Beside the traditional hazards of being a carrier, i.e. rain, sleet, snow, gloom of night, and teeth of dog, there are those that go unnoticed, except for the carrier. Such things as clothespins on mailboxes (for holding letters to be picked up), fenced-in yards, and the absence of mailboxes.

Mr. Reddrick's home life seems far more relaxed. He lives with his wife and daughter at 1498 South Barksdale. He grew up in Ripley, Tennessee, and moved to Memphis in his teens. He has been working with the mail service for one more year than his seven-year marriage. His wife Clora works at the Board of Education, and his daughter Karen attends Catholic High school, where she is a freshman. Mr. Reddrick tinkers at electronics in his spare time.

It is important to know those that serve us every day. Though no great effort needs to be made to exhibit one's appreciation, a cup of hot coffee on a cold day will go a long way.

Midtown Action

The Central Garden Area Association (CGAA) has taken a step toward controlling the future of its community by drawing up a contract with Pollard and Associates for a long-range plan. Since the Central Garden district, like the VECAA community, is an established neighborhood with little major development expected, the plan will place much emphasis on current and future zoning. Most of the \$10,000 fee for the plan has now been raised.

CGAA has also elected new officers for the coming year with Tom Nathan, an architect, of 1574 Vinton being selected as president.

MIDTOWN ACTION continued

The 40-2 precinct of the Shelby County Democratic Club has organized and embarked on several projects, one of which is the expansion of the kindergarten at Vollentine School. Other projects are prodding the city to correct the overflow of raw sewage into Cypress Creek and to improve rubbish and garbage pickups in the neighborhood. Mr. NOAH GREENE (Brother Greene) of 1074 Terry Circle (276-2383) is president, Mr. RAYMOND ROBINSON is vice-president, Ms. GLORIA WHITE is secretary, and Ms. MARY STRICKLAND is corresponding secretary. The club published the first edition of its newsletter on October 23, and is helping to organize precinct 41-2.

Needed

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Beware

Neighborhood residents are warned to avoid at night the secluded streets which have been the scenes of sex crimes against young men. Such a criminal is dangerous and we are hoping for his early capture or surrender.

New Road Runners


MRS. ROBERT (NIKI) ST. CYR of 805 N. Evergreen (278-6860) is now coordinating the work of the 20-plus people who deliver the Evergreen News each month. She is looking for people who would be willing to handle deliveries on their block.

New carriers in Hein Park are DENNIS WEBB on West Drive, BILL EDMONDSON on Center, DAVID NUNN on Cypress, and JANE RICHARDSON on East Drive.

Due for special commendation is seven-year-old LEE ROGERS of 993 Cabana Circle East who with his friends delivered 400 papers last month.

New carriers are DAVID PHILLIPS and BETH ANN, covering the streets southwest of the Jackson-McLean corner, CHARLES, MARK and DAVID McARTHUR in the Evergreen-McLean-Jackson-Vollintine area, and FRED and JUDY WIMMER in the area just south of the L&N between McLean and University.

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