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Writertypes

A growing concern of parties involved in both the dissemination and use of published information is the problem of how to handle all of the printed matter that is being cranked off the presses. Since it appears that the written word is being generated at a rate faster than it can be absorbed, the question is raised as to who is doing all of this writing. Where are all of the, many times, nameless penmen who produce these reams of printed matter?

Well, as it turns out many of them are in the Vollintine/Evergreen community. Although there are few full-time authors residing among us, there are certainly a number who write for fun, for money, out of personal conviction or in the performance of their day-to-day occupation. In addition, these individuals are aided by a host of editors, printers, typesetters, etc., who also inhabit the community.

Perhaps the most glamorous of writers are those authors of fiction — books and short stories — whose work is consumed by the general public. The foremost person in this category would probably be Dr. JACK FARRIS, English professor at Southwestern who resides in the Woodmont Towers. His several novels include Ramey and A Man to Ride With, both of which have been transformed into movie scripts.

Another neighborhood novelist is Army chaplain DARRELL C. RICHARDSON of 889 Stonewall (previously featured in the Evergreen News "Meet the Neighbor" column.) Dr. Richardson is the author of a biography of Western writer Max Brand and publishes several science fiction stories a year. His latest book, The Christian Facing A World of Change, was published in 1971. In addition to writing, Dr. Richardson is reputed to have the most complete collection of Edgar Rice Burrough's works in the world.

Also regularly producing "popular" literature is STANLEY BOOTH of 745 Hawthorne, a regular contributor to national magazines. Articles bearing his name frequently appear in the music magazine, Rolling Stone, and he is presently writing a book about the rock group, The Rolling Stones, with which he traveled extensively.

Many neighborhood writers produce literature as a by-product of their occupations, and several educators fall into this category. Probably the most widely-published neighbor in this category is Dr. JACK CONRAD of 1751 Forrest. Dr. Conrad is the chairman of the Department of Anthropology at Southwestern and author of several books in his field. Although written principally for classroom use, they are all of interest to the general public. His works include Man, Myth and Magic, Museum of Man, The Horn and the Sword and The Many Worlds of Man. Dr. Conrad's latest book (1971), Profile of the Playgoer, examines the character of theatre audiences.

Dr. JAMES E. ROPER of 959 University, also a Southwestern professor, recently edited a republication of a book called The History of the City of Memphis, an historical account of our city in the 1800's. Another colleague of Dr. Roper's, Dr. GRANVILLE D. DAVIS contributes articles for publication by the West Tennessee Historical Society and is author of the book, The First Fifty Years: The Rotary Club of Memphis. And yet another Southwestern professor, Dr. FRANKLIN M. WRIGHT of 669 University, is author of the historical work, The

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In addition to the "creative" writers listed above, a number of neighborhood residents serve as reporters or editors for various publications. Three employed by the Commercial Appeal are DAVID VINCENT of 734 N. Auburndale, GEORGE SUTTON of 1855 S. Rainbow Circle, and LEWIS NOLAN of 861 University. Mr. Vincent occupies the position of editorial writer while Mr. Sutton is assistant news editor, in addition to serving as a stringer for Time magazine. (Their work is aided on the way to the public by W.J. LOWE of 1815 Faxon who is a typesetter for the Commercial Appeal.)

Other reporter types include Evergreen News staff member, HINDA SILBER, who is the local correspondent for the Delta Retailer, JUDY SMITH of 1688 Tutwiler who writes a column for the monthly newsletter of the Memphis Unitarian Church and FRANK FAUX of 1970 Lyndale who writes a column for the national publication of the Unitarian Church. In this category also is DON ROBINSON of 1070 Terry Circle who recently became associate editor of the national publication for the National Federation of Historical Bottle Clubs.

Of course virtually all of the scholars in the neighborhood have contributed their share of articles to academic journals and magazines. Space does not allow mentioning this great number of writers on subjects from biology to literature. However, the award for the professor who went to the greatest lengths to get an article published goes to Southwestern professor Dr. GERALD PAPACHRISTOU, whose article appeared in a political science journal published in Rajasthan, India. It is



The next VECAA meeting will be in September.

See you there



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like-wise impossible to name all of the educators who are involved in writing text-books. One of the many is former Evergreen News editor JOHN BRUHWILER who has spent the past two summers writing a German conversation text.

A final group that deserves mention are those individuals who persistently turn out copy in the pursuit of their occupation daily. Members of this group include JOE COWDEN of 539 Stonewall who pens extensive volumes in his job as a city planner and KATHRYN BAKER of 1818 Mignon who has compiled and edited five out of a nine-volume set of directories of health, education and welfare services in the Mid-South.

And after all of this material is written who, you might ask, prints it? FRED WIMMER of 1999 Mignon does. He is executive vice-president of Wimmer Brothers Printing Company.

This survey of writers, editors, etc., in the V/E community is by no means exhaustive and, once again, points up the wide variety of talents found among community residents. It also tells the conservationists who they have to thank for all the paper they are recycling.

— Rick Thomas

Summer Scholars

by Bernice Williams

For the seventh summer in a row, from July 2 to August 10, Southwestern at Memphis is the site for a summer program for rising seniors from the Memphis city high schools. Originally designed as a program for college-bound "scholars" and hence familiarly known as the "Scholars' Program," the endeavor now has an additional and perhaps more immediately important aim: the developing of a cadre of leaders in the high schools as they face the process of integration. The program's leaders hope that by exposing young people of both races to each other in social situations as well as in classroom settings, they will help them understand each other and, in turn, set an example for their fellow students when they return to classes this fall. These goals are reflected in the program's new name: "The Five I's: Interracial-Interdiscipline-Interrelationship-Interaction-Innovation." The theme around which the academic portion of the program is centered is "The Courage to Be a Whole Person through Understanding, Knowledge and Judgment."

"Five I's" is under the co-direction of Miss BERNICE BURTON, an English teacher at Melrose High School and Dr. WILLIAM LARRY LACY of the Department of Philosophy at Southwestern. Dr. Lacy also teaches philosophy in the academic section of the program. The other teachers are Miss LUCILLE FULTZ, White Station (literature); Mr. RILEY MITCHELL, Southside (social sci-

ence); Mr. CLARENCE STOKES, Messick (math/science); Miss SUSAN TOMA, Southwestern (art); and Dr. BERNICE WILLIAMS, Southwestern (communication).

The daily schedule calls for classes in the morning, followed by a "colluquim" at 11:15, at which time there may be a speaker or a "rap" session about the problems the students face in the program, at home, or at school. Speakers this year include Dr. BOBBY R. JONES of the Biology Department at Southwestern, Dr. RICHARD BATTYE of the Religion Department at Southwestern, Mrs. MORRIS KATZ, Dr. JAMESON JONES of the Academy of Art, Mr. JOHN FREEMAN of the Memphis Board of Education and Mrs. MARGARET DANNER, poet-in-residence at LeMoyné-Owen College.

After lunch there is an hour-long tutoring session followed by an hour for "Special Interest" groups led by the tutors in such areas as creative writing, African art, music, piano, drama and the making of sand candles. The tutors are college students who work with students (three students or fewer to a tutor) on their weekly writing assignments, daily reading assignments and any other problems that may arise within the program or in their own lives. The aim is to create a warm and relaxed atmosphere in which the entire group can come close to each other and learn from each other in the hope that racial differences can be overcome.

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Artists and Craftsmen

NEIGHBORHOOD ART SHOW and SALE
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278-2210

Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 21 is registration day for the kindergarten at Vollentine School. Ms. INEZ WESTERFIELD, instructional consultant for elementary grades at the Central Area Office, reports that at least three classes will be held at Vollentine. She hopes this will provide a place for everyone who wants to attend.

Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate and record of immunization for diphtheria, measles, polio, tetanus, and whooping cough. Children must be 5 years old by October 31.

August 21 is also registration day for all grades except 9th and 10th, who will register Monday, August 20. The first day of classes will be Monday, August 27, for all grades. Watch the daily papers for times.

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New classes this season include picture framing, card games, batik and tie dying, beginners golf, leathercraft and model railroading. Classes being continued provide instruction in oil painting, ceramics, knitting and others. Also continuing this month is the counseling program featuring sessions on drugs, insurance and legal matters.

Babysitter Wanted

A mature lady to babysit approx. 6 hours a day, Tuesday through Friday, beginning in August. Must have own transportation. Call 274-5925.

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Congratulations!

On May 8, 1973, Brooks Memorial Art Gallery received accreditation from the American Association of Museums, a national non-profit organization which evaluates galleries and museums and endorses them if they meet the high standards of the AAM. Of the 552 museums participating, only 251 have received the honor of accreditation.

The schedule of events this month at Brooks is:

Sunday, Aug. 5, 2:00 p.m. — opening of Edward Faier's Exhibition.

Saturday, Aug. 11, 10:00 a.m. — opening of The Phenomenon of Peter Max.

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Programs

EXERCISE CLASS, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Monday - Friday. Activities Building (upstairs), Evergreen Presbyterian Church. FREE.

If you like young people and would like to help one or more Northside seniors plan for college, vocational training, or work, please call 774-7504 for information on the Memphis Volunteer Placement Program.

Coop

by LouAnne Cooper

As a relative newcomer to the neighborhood and a very newcomer to the profession of motherhood, the idea of achieving free time and friendship simultaneously is most appealing to me. I'm talking about a babysitting cooperative. The system is simple: hours of babysitting are earned through hours of babysitting. The rewards are obvious: a stronger sense of community in the V/E neighborhood through multiple acquaintances and friendships and that occasional morning or afternoon for yourself you haven't been able to quite justify before.

The prerequisite to my proposition is interest—lots of it! A definite system will have to be devised by those involved. Think about it—then act. You put into a babysitting cooperative only what you need and want out of it. If you're interested, call me, LouAnne Cooper, at 274-2992. Both you and your child(ren) could really benefit.

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Meet The Neighbors

Candidate

by George Bradfute



IRVIN and DOTTIE SACHRITZ enjoy the distinction of being two of the neighborhood's newest homeowners, even though they've lived in the V/E area now for 21 years. Having rented several homes, on McNeil and Maury and most recently at 862 Kensington, they picked 899 Sheridan as the place to settle down. At their present rate of eastward migration, the year 2000 should find them somewhere near the corner of Oakmont and Vollintine.

Irv is the nominee for chairman of the VECAA steering committee, VECAA's most prestigious office, and at press time ballots carrying his name were in the mail to members. He is known for a ready sense of humor and his concern for constructive approaches to community problems. He is enthusiastic about VECAA and observes that it is "one of the few organizations trying to make something work" in community relations. The wide publicity VECAA has received is well-earned, Irv believes, and is good for the city.

Irv is a native of Memphis, though he lived for a few years during his youth in Birmingham and New Orleans. He graduated from South Side High School and attended Southwestern "till my money ran out." The war years 1943-1946 found Irv in the Signal Corps. He met Dottie in Philadelphia, and after the war they lived in the Philadelphia suburbs for six years.

Irv and Dottie moved to Memphis in 1952. Irv bought the Ideal Variety Store at Jackson and Watkins, the bustling commercial corner known to the old-timers as Rosemary. Two years later he joined the New York Life Insurance Company as a field underwriter, a position he has held ever since.

After coming here Dottie earned a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Tennessee. She is now a counselor at Family Service. Their daughter SHERRY works for the state welfare department and is choir director at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Their son NATHAN is a senior at Memphis State and will be married in a few weeks to ANN BAIRD, a Southwestern senior. Both Nathan and his bride-to-be work in reservation sales at Holiday Inns. Another member of the household, Nathan's three-and-one-half-foot boa constrictor, will be up for sale after the wedding.

Irv's hobby is fishing and while his usual haunts are the neighboring lakes and his usual fare is bream, crappie, and catfish, he confesses to an obsession for bass. He likens his pursuit of an 8-pound bass to Captain Ahab's obsession with Moby Dick, and he says he'll land that fish if he has to go to Eufaula to get him.

And if Irvin Sachritz lets just a little of this determination overflow into his work with VECAA, the community can look forward to a good year.

(Ed. note: As the paper goes to press mail ballots are being delivered to VECAA members for the election of officers for the coming year. Nominees are this month's featured neighbor, Mr. IRVIN SACHRITZ, chairman of the steering committee; Mrs. GEORGE H. BROWN, Jr. (MARGARET) of 1030 Monticello, secretary; and Mrs. DAVID VINCENT (VICKIE) of 734 N. Auburndale, treasurer. Write-in votes may be entered on the ballot.)

Gossip

Two neighborhood residents who became legends in their own time at Southwestern were honored recently by colleagues in a retirement ceremony. Dr. RALPH HON of 1760 Jackson has been an economics professor at the school since 1931. He is a nationally-known arbiter for labor disputes but is probably best remembered for his efforts in securing financial aid for generations of students. Mrs. JOHN QUINCY WOLF of 1893 Snowden Avenue is retiring as Coordinator of Special Programs. Bess has been associated with Southwestern for "ages" and her cheery disposition will be missed by all.

Two other V/E residents took the popular phrase "keep on truckin'" seriously and rushed out and bought Apollo Movers of Memphis. DON ROBINSON of 1070 Terry Circle and JIM BAIRD of 1041 N. Avalon became partners the first of May in this trucking company which is the local agent for Apollo Van Lines. Mr. Baird has become a full-time trucker while Mr. Robinson is employed as assistant planner in charge of graphics for Coloredo Associates.

Still two other neighborhood residents received scholarships from the King's Daughters to attend a six-week summer session at Chappagua, New York. They are LINDA WILSON of 1795 Tutwiler and GINNY GOLDEN of 1729 N. Parkway. Both educational and cultural activities are offered them at the oldest summer school in the country.

Leppert Leaves

As reported recently in the daily papers, Monsignor JOSEPH LEPPERT is retiring August 17 as pastor of St. Theresa Catholic Church (Little Flower). A parish open house is being held in his honor Sunday August 12 from 1 - 4 p.m. in Little Flower School. Because of Msgr. Leppert's long association with the V/E community, the sponsors of the open house are specially inviting residents of the neighborhood and VECAA members.

Msgr. Leppert has been pastor of Little Flower since 1953 and in 1970 was one of a group of pastors instrumental in founding VECAA. After his retirement he will move to Poplar Avenue to be chaplain of St. Peter's Home.

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