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Sorry, No Vacancies

by Hershel Lipow

Most people still believe a "man's home is his castle," but according to recent building permit statistics that adage might be changing soon. Since the late '60's more apartments have been built in Memphis than single-family homes. Many reasons are given for the boom—the high cost of home ownership, apartment convenience and facilities and the mobility of most young adults. Whatever the reasons, apartment dwelling is becoming a way of life for many Memphians—both young and old.

The Vollintine/Evergreen community has 3,513 persons living in multi-family structures, according to the 1970 Census of Population and Housing. This amounts to about one out of every four residents. Of these 1,992 persons reside in apartments with less than 50 units.

Four large complexes house most of the other apartment-dwellers. Two of these are Woodmont Towers and Parkway House, both high-rises located on North Parkway. The other two are Vollintine Courts located at Vollintine and Watkins and the University Cabanas located at Vollintine and University. One other complex, Galloway Gardens, in the 1600-block of Galloway sits on the edge of the V/E community.

Like most high-rises, the Towers and Parkway House cater to older adults who move infrequently. According to Mrs. OWENS, resident manager of Parkway House, about 75% of its occupants have live there since the complex opened ten years ago. She also stated that there was always a waiting list for any vacancy that

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The next VECAA meeting will be held October 15 at McLean Baptist Church. A baby-sitting service will be provided as a new feature.



Thanks!

The arts and crafts show and sale sponsored by the Evergreen News on Sept. 22 was both fun and successful. The staff would like to thank Evergreen Church for the use of its grounds, the neighborhood businesses for their support, and all of the artists and shoppers for making it possible. A similar art fair is now being planned for the Spring.

might occur in the neighborhood's most expensive apartments. Mrs. GLORIA NIEMAN, resident manager of the Woodmont Towers, agreed. Her 170 units are also fully-occupied, mostly by retired persons who have lived there since the building was constructed eight years ago. Mrs. Nieman also manages the Woodmont Gardens apartments adjacent to the high-rise. This complex contains twenty one- and two-bedroom units renting in the \$150-200 range. The high-rise contains one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments ranging from \$148 to \$278. Both complexes have a waiting list.

In contrast, Mr. B.A. COTHAM, resident manager of Vollintine Courts, reported that the average tenure for their 142 units is only about one year, but he also has a waiting list. The Courts have furnished apartments which rent in the \$100-150 range and, for this reason, attract mostly young and middle-aged working people.

The Cabanas have a similar average length of occupancy, according to Mrs. KATHY DRIGGUS, manager of the neighborhood's largest complex. The typical Cabana resident remains for one to one-and-a-half years but occupation of one of her 496 units also requires a waiting period. These one- and two-bedroom units rent for between \$120 and \$130. Mrs. Driggus stated that most of the younger tenants that move either rent elsewhere or buy a house out East. The Cabanas are popular with medical and dental students. It is also the only complex containing both black and white residents.

All of the neighborhood's large apartment complexes faced a certain amount of opposition when they were proposed. In the long-run, however, it appears that their construction has served to enlarge the choice of housing in the neighborhood without detracting from its appearance. Further, we have benefited from a number of families who came to rent but ended up staying to buy in the V/E community.



Club Brings Improvements

by George Bradfute

The name Cypress Creek has enough poetry in it to create a vision of a clear quiet stream bordered by mossy banks and shady trees. To residents of the V/E neighborhood the creek brings to mind less poetry and more unpleasant things like chemical and sewage smells, flies and mosquitoes, rats and debris. To the members of the neighborhood precinct club of the Shelby County Democratic Club, the creek has become the battleground for many of the club's efforts to improve the community.

The history of the club's creek campaign spans the whole year of the club's existence. Club president BROTHER GREENE of 1074 Terry Circle points to two solid achievements: the City Council has appropriated \$30,000 for sewer repairs and the Public Works Department has cleaned the concrete creek bottom of trash and trees from Springdale to Evergreen. Other worthy results due to the club's action have been the early start of work on the North Memphis Sewage Treatment Plant and a City Council resolution encouraging the hiring of black contractors on city-administered construction projects.

But the creek is still a problem. The club makes the following complaints:

- * Raw sewage will still overflow out of sanitary sewers until the city spends \$200,000 for a new sanitary sewer line.
- * The neighborhood still suffers from foul chemical odors from sewer overflows at Buckman Laboratories.
- * Rats displaced by cleaning in the creek bed have moved into residential areas. Following the club's complaint, the Health Department has plans to set out poison bait.

The magnitude of the problem and the many rebuffs suffered would have quickly discouraged a less hardy band. Though total club membership is about 40, twelve or so of these have made up the active corps which carries its pleas to the Council chambers while its president, Mr. Greene, makes the rounds with elected officials and administrative offices. The club distributes its newsletter to about 2000 addresses in precinct 40-2.

In a recent interview with some of the club officers, a feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment was voiced. Mrs. GLORIA WHITE, vice-president, was enthusiastic about the possibilities for improvements to the park at Vollentine School. She particularly felt it important that the project was receiving wide community support, including representatives from the major faiths. Mrs. KAY DEAN has recently moved into the neighborhood and taken on the job of temporary corresponding secretary. She sees an opportunity for neighborhood interests to come together through the club's work. She traces her motivation to Bishop Dozier's pastoral letter on racial justice and expresses a strong interest in see-

ing that the neighborhood gets the best in city services.

Even with all the energy of the other members, it is Brother Greene who provides the spark that keeps the club moving. Raised in Memphis, he moved his family here from New York City last year. Mr. Greene's work for neighborhood improvement is motivated by a belief that man is a product of his environment and "if conditions are not so wholesome as they could be, we need to do what we can to improve them." Creative changes, he says, won't just happen. Taught by his parents to "love thy neighbor as thyself", Mr. Greene is leading his precinct club into new areas of community service.

Mini-Park Proposed

A meeting has been set for October 9 at Baron Hirsch Synagogue in an effort to obtain a mini-recreation center for the area behind Vollentine School. In past years Vollentine was a sort of focal point for various community recreation and play activities, being host to dances and other social events. Today only the vestigial remains of a playground can be seen. This meeting represents a non-partisan attempt at restoring the park area as a center of recreational activity.

An impressive list of speakers has been assembled with each providing information or presenting a viewpoint on the proposed mini-park. Participants will include the executive director of the Park Commission, JAMES HADAWAY, pastors representing the neighborhood's Jews, Catholics and Protestants, Judge BERNIE WEINMAN, School Board member MAXINE SMITH, at least one city councilman and various other influential individuals.

BROTHER GREENE of 1074 Terry Circle, one of the organizers of the campaign, urges all interested community members to attend this very important meeting. For further information call 276-2383.

Criminal Justice

Throughout this academic year, the Political Science Department at Southwestern will be sponsoring a Criminal Justice Institute. Prof. MIKE KIRBY of 683 Idlewild has organized twelve sessions to be held every other week from October 1 to April 24. Programs will usually include both a speech and seminar on a specific topic.

The speakers will include prominent local individuals concerned with criminal justice such as Police Commissioner J. W. HUBBARD, Criminal Court Judge OTIS HIGGS and Juvenile Court Judge KENNETH TURNER. Other speakers will come from around the country, including Prof. PAUL WICE (Washington and Jefferson College), Director WILLIAM HERSCHELL (Project de Novo, Minneapolis) and the director of Chicago's Center for Studies in Criminal Justice, NORVALL MORRIS.

The topics will cover a broad field including police

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professionalism, court administrative problems, prison reform and the Grand Jury. All sessions are free and open to the public and residents of the Vollintine/Evergreen community are urged to participate. For further information call Mike Kirby at 274-1800.

Welcome

Each year Southwestern adds several new staff and faculty members. Now that the school year is underway this might be an appropriate time to welcome those who chose a residence in the V/E community.

Joining the German department is Dr. HORST R. DINKELACKER who comes to Memphis from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Horst, with his wife CHRISTY, found a house at 1025 N. Willett. He spends his spare time fishing while Mrs. Dinkelacker paints for a hobby.

A new addition to the chemistry department is Dr. DAVID Y. JETER of 394 N. McNeil. David brings his wife BRENDA and 1 1/2-year-old ANDREW to the neighborhood with him. David recently completed postdoctoral study in Irvine, California. Both Dr. and Mrs. Jeter are natives of Texas and both enjoy raising houseplants as a hobby.

Coming to the department of modern foreign languages this fall is Dr. JAMES M. VEST. Dr. Vest, who is assistant professor of French, has chosen a home at 667 N. Idlewild. Recently graduating from Duke, Jim is accompanied by his wife NANCY, a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina with a M.A. degree in teaching. Both Vests enjoy movies, geology and painting and Mrs. Vest serves as a representative for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

New to the staff this year is DUKE CAIN of 669 University. Duke is a Southwestern graduate who has returned in the capacity of admissions counselor.

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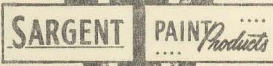


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Still in the experimental stage, the 1700 watt station offers seven different moods of music from hard rock to classical and scattered throughout the magazine format of the station there is a variety of educational, local and public affairs programming.

Owned and operated by Southwestern at Memphis, the growing and vital WLYX encourages the VECAA community and all its listeners to submit any kind of public service announcements and, in particular, station manager GEORGE McCLINTOCK urges listeners with ideas for programs and the time and energy to help produce them to contact him at 272-1232.

WLYX hopes to increase its local programming in the near future, and this offers a unique opportunity for ambitious community members to get their educational or public affairs ideas across through a successful and legitimate medium such as WLYX.

WLYX's current program schedule:

Monday -Friday	
9 - 12 a.m.	Middle-of-road music
12 - 5 p.m.	Light rock
5 - 7 p.m.	Masterpiece Concert (Classical)
7 p.m. - 3 q.m.	Light rock
Special programs, weekdays:	
Mon., 8 p.m.	"You are your city"
Mon., 9 - 10 p.m.	Live, local folk entertainers
Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 p.m.	"Gardening"
Tues. and Thurs., 7 p.m.	"Cooking with Priscilla"
Fri., 2 - 5 p.m.	Blue Grass
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7 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Top 40
2:15 - 7 p.m.	Old Top 40's (50's and 60's)
8 - 9 p.m.	Jazz
9 p.m. -	Hard rock
Sunday	
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Religious programs
2 - 5 p.m.	Classical music
5 - 7 p.m.	Public Affairs
5:30 p.m.	"You are your city"
7 - 9 p.m.	Classical music
9 - 12 p.m.	Real blues

Happenings

OCTOBER

6-----Opening of Mississippi River Craft Show at Brooks Memorial Art Gallery. This is a biennial exhibition sponsored by the Memphis branch of the American Association of University Women. A wide variety of crafts will be on display with approximately \$2,000 in prizes awarded. The show will run through Nov. 4.

Music Matters

NELL ASPERO II, who provided musical entertainment for last month's art show and sale, is presently having a new single recording released of her own compositions on Fretone Records. Miss Aspero's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ANTHONY ASPERO, reside at 1790 Faxon Avenue.

Orff Instruction Added

Evergreen Presbyterian Church has announced that Miss SUSAN VAN DYKE is now a member of its music staff. Miss Van Dyke, who teaches at Sea Isle Elementary School, is an Orff specialist and has the largest instrumentarium in Memphis.

She will begin immediately to train the second and third grade choir in connection with Evergreen's junior choir program. This training in the Orff-Kodaly Method is offered as a service to the community and one need not be a member of Evergreen to participate. For further information call Mr. TONY LEE GARNER or Mrs. WILLIAM MOORE at 274-3740.

Carnival!!

Friday October 19 is the day of the big Vollandine School Carnival. Events begin with the pony rides at 4:30 and continue on through the evening. A spaghetti supper will be served, which was a big success last year. There will be cartoon movies, a cakewalk, and a puppet show, and there is a rumor about a haunted room. Arts, crafts, and flowers will be offered for sale. Featured entertainment of the evening will be a performance by the world-traveling Messengers, the rock singing group of Holiday Inns, led by KEN BRIXEY. Everything is for the benefit of Vollandine School, so come on out and have a good time!

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