

The EVERGREEN NEWS

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Churches Change Chiefs

by Hershel Lipow

Two houses of worship in the Vollintine/Evergreen community are starting the new year with new spiritual leaders. Father JOHN SCOLA will lead the 538 families of the St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Church or Little Flower as it is more commonly called. Rabbi RAFAEL GROSSMAN will serve the 500 families of Baron Hirsch Synagogue, the largest Orthodox synagogue in the world.

Father John is no stranger to Memphis although he has been away for nearly nine years. He attended St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart schools here before journeying to Ambrose in Davenport, Iowa, for college. He later studied at St. Mary's and St. Bernard's before being ordained in 1955.

While at Oak Ridge from 1955-1957, Father John met the men who created the first atomic bomb.

Although they were not told of their mission, he believed some knew. He remembers them as intensely religious men. "When you're searching for the unknown, it is easy to find God."

Father John left Oak Ridge to spend four years in the Harriman Missions. He drove 200 miles to say Mass at seven churches in five counties each Sunday. In 1961 he settled down as associate pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Donelson, Tennessee.

From 1961-1963 he taught Latin at Immaculate Conception in Memphis. In 1963 he moved to Memphis' St. Louis Parish where he also served the Penal Farm and Shelby County Hospital. He became pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Union City, Tennessee that fall.

Returning to Memphis in August, Father John has been busy getting Little Flower School's 249 children off to a new year. Yet he has had time to gain some impressions of his parish. Although middle-aged people have moved away, he has seen many new young faces. He believes that they have moved to his parish because they believe that it represents the ideals of Christian brotherhood. Older parishoners have grown to accept their new neighbors and the congregation is integrated. Father John hopes that his new assignment will bring him closer to that ideal.

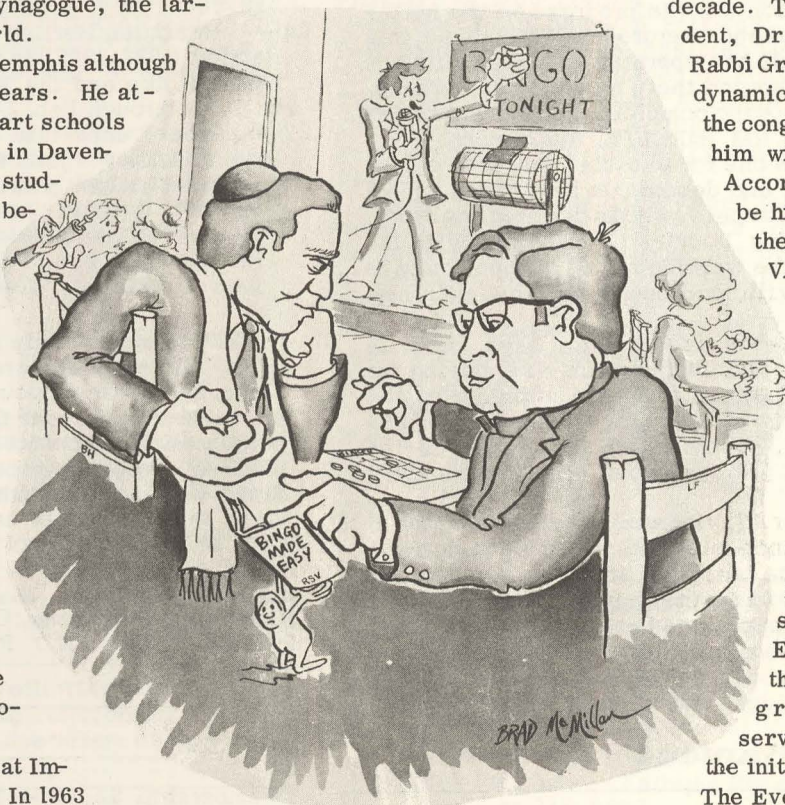
Rabbi Grossman arrives in Memphis this month. He will live in the Rabbi's house at 1017 Hawthorne. He has spent the last thirteen years as rabbi of Congregation Brothers of Israel of Long Branch, New Jersey. There he distinguished him-

self by establishing a Men's Club, an afternoon high school, the Institute of Adult Jewish Studies and many other programs.

Rabbi Grossman will replace Rabbi Chaim Seiger who has served the congregation for over a decade. The Synagogue's president, Dr. Joseph Parker, says Rabbi Grossman has a "vibrant, dynamic personality," and feels the congregation will welcome him with great enthusiasm. Accompanying the Rabbi will be his wife SHIRLEY and their four children—AVIVA (15), HILLEL (13), SHAMAIH (11) and JOSHUA (4).

The 39-year-old rabbi has received several college degrees and has been active in community affairs. As he and Father Scola are the religious leaders for forty per cent of the residents of the Vollintine/Evergreen community, they can represent a great force for the preservation of tradition or for the initiation of change.

The Evergreen News would like to welcome both of these clergymen to the neighborhood. We feel that they will be an asset to the Vollintine/Evergreen Community Action Association as have so many other neighborhood ministers before them.



You are invited to the January meeting of VECAA to be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 20.

Newcomers to the neighborhood and their families are specially invited. There will be entertainment by square-dancers B.V. and Kay with an opportunity for all to join in. Refreshments will be served.

A short business session will also be held for the election of officers. The meeting will be at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church Recreation Center.

Seniors Elect

Elections were held December 10 at Lewis Center for Senior Citizens to determine the officers of the Lewis Center Club for 1974. The president will be HOWARD S. KALTENBORN and LOUIS KINCAID will assist him as vice-president. This year's secretary will be JANE BASS while DOROTHY HOSSE will serve as treasurer. RICHARD REIL and ALICE GOODFELLOW were elected to the executive committee.

The Lewis Center Club represents the Center's members and allows them the opportunity to initiate desired projects.

Shoppers' Choice

For several months V/E residents have watched with interest the construction work in progress on the northeast corner of Jackson and Evergreen. Throughout this time Bill and Jim's Gulf has operated as usual, with the work going on in and around them, as well as overhead. Now that the job is nearing completion we have a report from BILL PORTER and JIM BARNETT, the owners.

The décor is a new one for gas stations, with a dark shingled mansard roof and decorative brick walls on all four sides. The Gulf company, which is doing the work, has bought the adjoining laundry building and will use that space to enlarge the working area. New pumps have been installed and will soon be delivering Gulf's new lead-free gas.

The station now boasts three service bays, and with limits on their gas supply, Bill and Jim are hoping for more service work. They are fortunate in obtaining the services of "two real good mechanics", DAVID ROGERS and LES TAYLOR. Mr. Rogers is no stranger to the neighborhood, having grown up just a few blocks away on Willett.

Mr. Rogers and Mr. Taylor worked most recently at the Motor Mall on Winchester and were looking for a place to open a service business together. At Bill and Jim's they offer general auto repair, including brake work, carburetor overhaul, head work and valve jobs. They also feature a guaranteed tune-up using the latest test equipment.

Wanted!

VECAA organization needs a live-wire membership chairman who is good on the telephone. No pay but lots of satisfaction in helping the neighborhood and in meeting people. Also need treasurer. Call Irvin Sachritz, chairman of the steering committee, at 276-6216.

Happenings

- 8-----Sierra Club meets at Southwestern. The conservation organization will meet in the Frazier-Jelke Science Building at 7:30 p.m.
- 11-----The American Association of University Women will hold its monthly meeting at Brooks Memorial Art Gallery at 10:30 a.m.
- 16-----Community meeting at Bañon Hirsch Synagogue to discuss proposed mini-recreation center. Mayor Chandler and other community leaders are scheduled to speak.
- 21-----The mid-town chapter of the La Leche League meets at the home of Mrs. Whit Deacon at 1052 Willett. The League is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization formed to encourage good mothering through breastfeeding. All women who are interested in nursing their babies and any interested non-mothers are invited to attend. For further information call Mrs. Collins at 398-2864.
- 24-----Marsden Hartley exhibit opens at Brooks Gallery. Hartley (1877-1943) is best known for his studies of the human figure and the Maine landscape. The exhibit will run through Feb. 24.
- 27-----The French film "Grand Illusion" to be shown at Brooks Gallery. Jean Renoir's anti-war classic will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

Join In

VECAA membership rolls are open now for the year 1974. Old members are invited to renew their memberships, and those of you who are not now VECAA members are invited to start off the New Year by joining with your neighbors in support of your community. A special offer of a free one-year membership is being made to welcome those who move into the neighborhood during 1974, so be on the lookout for newcomers on your block and let them know about this. Meanwhile, send in your own check today!

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Around The Neighborhood

R. CRAIG "SHUP" SHUPTRINE of 1069 University has retired as news editor for the Commercial Appeal after many years of service. Mr. Shuptrine is best-known at the paper for his tall tales.

One of our newest new neighbors is MERRILL LAIN who was born to WILLIAM and GAYLE BOURLAND of 1673 N. Parkway on Dec. 27. Merrill weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Dr. Bourland is a physician on the staff of Methodist Hospital

New neighbors as of December are newly-weds NED and PATTI GILES. Mr. Giles is working toward a Ph.D. degree in pharmacy at the University of Tennessee Medical Units, while Mrs. Giles is newly-arrived from Atlanta where she was a research assistant for the Georgia Regional Medical Program. Both Ned and Patti are natives of Georgia and the University Cabanas is their V/E address.

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Roadrunners

From time to time we try to bring you some news about the happy people who deliver your free copy of the Evergreen News each month.

This week we bid farewell to SALLY and BUDDY PHILLIPS of 1765 Forrest. For two years they have covered the area between Parkway, Evergreen, Overton Park Blvd. and McLean, assisted by son RONNIE PHILLIPS who in turn was helped by ROGER CONRAD, TIMOTHY ROSS and occasionally ALLISON and JEAN PHILLIPS. The Phillips family is moving to Fayetteville, Tennessee, where Mr. Phillips will open Phillips Office Supplies.

Some new people have joined the ranks of the Roadrunners this past month. One is HERSHEL LIPOW who is delivering the area bounded by Evergreen, Brown, McLean and Vollintine. Another is Mrs. FRANCES JOYNER of 1035 N. Idlewild who is working in the same area. Still another is GEORGE SUTTON of 1855 S. Rainnow, who is covering the area north of Vollintine and west of McNeil.

Would you like to deliver the Evergreen News along Maury, north of Vollintine (about 50 papers) or between Tutwiler and Parkway, west of Evergreen? Your neighbors will appreciate this service. Call Jean Bradfute at 272-2668.

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Chamber Mates

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Would you believe that the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce has opened a branch office in the Volentine/Evergreen community? Of course you wouldn't. But to the casual observer this might seem to be the case since, in the last seven months, three Chamber employees have moved into a one-block area on Forrest Avenue.

The Chamber employees are JULIAN PUCKETT of 1819 Forrest, LYNN REED of 1801 Forrest and ED GARAVELLI of 1796 Forrest and it's no accident that they live in such close proximity. It seems that Mrs. Reed, who lived in Galloway Gardens Apartments (and was already in the neighborhood), told Julian Puckett about a house that might be for sale on Forrest. Mr. Puckett looked at it, liked it, and bought it last June. Two months later Mr. Puckett told Mrs. Reed about a house for sale near his. The Reeds liked it and bought. In the same month Mr. Puckett told Mr. Garavelli about another house on the same block. Mr. Garavelli wanted to live close to Overton Park so he bought it.

Mr. Puckett has been general manager of the Chamber since May of 1972. He came to Memphis from Atlanta where he was director of communications for the Chamber of Commerce there. His wife LINDA was formerly media director for an advertising agency but has now "retired" to await the birth of their first child in January. For hobbies the Pucketts raise plants and Linda keeps in practice on her piano.

Lynn Reed has been with the Chamber nine months in the position of secretary to one of the vice-presidents. Prior to this she was a secretary at Plough, Inc..

Mrs. Reed is a native Memphian, having grown up in Hein Park and attending Snowden and Central schools. Her husband, BILL, is an assistant vice-president at the National Bank of Commerce.

Although much of their time is spent in fixing up their new house, Mr. Reed likes to hunt and fish. They spend their summer weekends at the family farm in Moscow, Tennessee.

Ed Garavelli has been manager of communications for the Chamber for the past nine months. He developed his communications skills by obtaining a degree in graphic arts and owning an art and copy service here in Memphis.

Mr. Garavelli is a native Memphian who grew up in the Oakhaven area. His wife JERRI is a second-grade teacher at Country Day School and is also a native Memphian. Like the Reeds they are spending most of their time remodeling their new home.

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On January 1, Miss RUBY BROCK became the new Director of Christian Education at Evergreen Presbyterian Church. A native of Durant, Oklahoma, Miss Brock comes to Evergreen after three years with the Presbyterian Board of Women's Work in Atlanta.

Miss Brock received a B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University and began her church work in Durant as Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church. She later served in this same position at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis and churches in Longview and Houston, Texas.

Miss Brock chose to live in the V/E community and has taken an apartment in the University Cabanas.

MORE THAN NEW FLESH

"Birth" can be emergence of more than new flesh
(Although that's all
mankind should be allowed).

I mean Creation,
that that has a single, selective pain
for those few,
And those few too go into labor --
orgasmic anguish, pain ... and pleasure
over that Child,

Multifarious Art --
So precious, personal
and cosmic.
All-being (for a moment)
A part of and apart from me,
this Child:

product of some mental copulation.
(Pride means too weak; Pain means too true).
Writhing in paradoxical ecstasy

over my soul droppings,
ego chips, mine,
Painful part being all;
Was within me,
now without me;
I am sometimes frightened;
fearing godship,
I hesitate Agains.



Divine agony is there, you know,
The universe convulses in a hideous beauty
and infinity is flayed;
An ethereal confusion hovers; then --
Often, as here, I feel definition is conquered,
but really that victory just drifts
and I just continue.

Brad McMillan