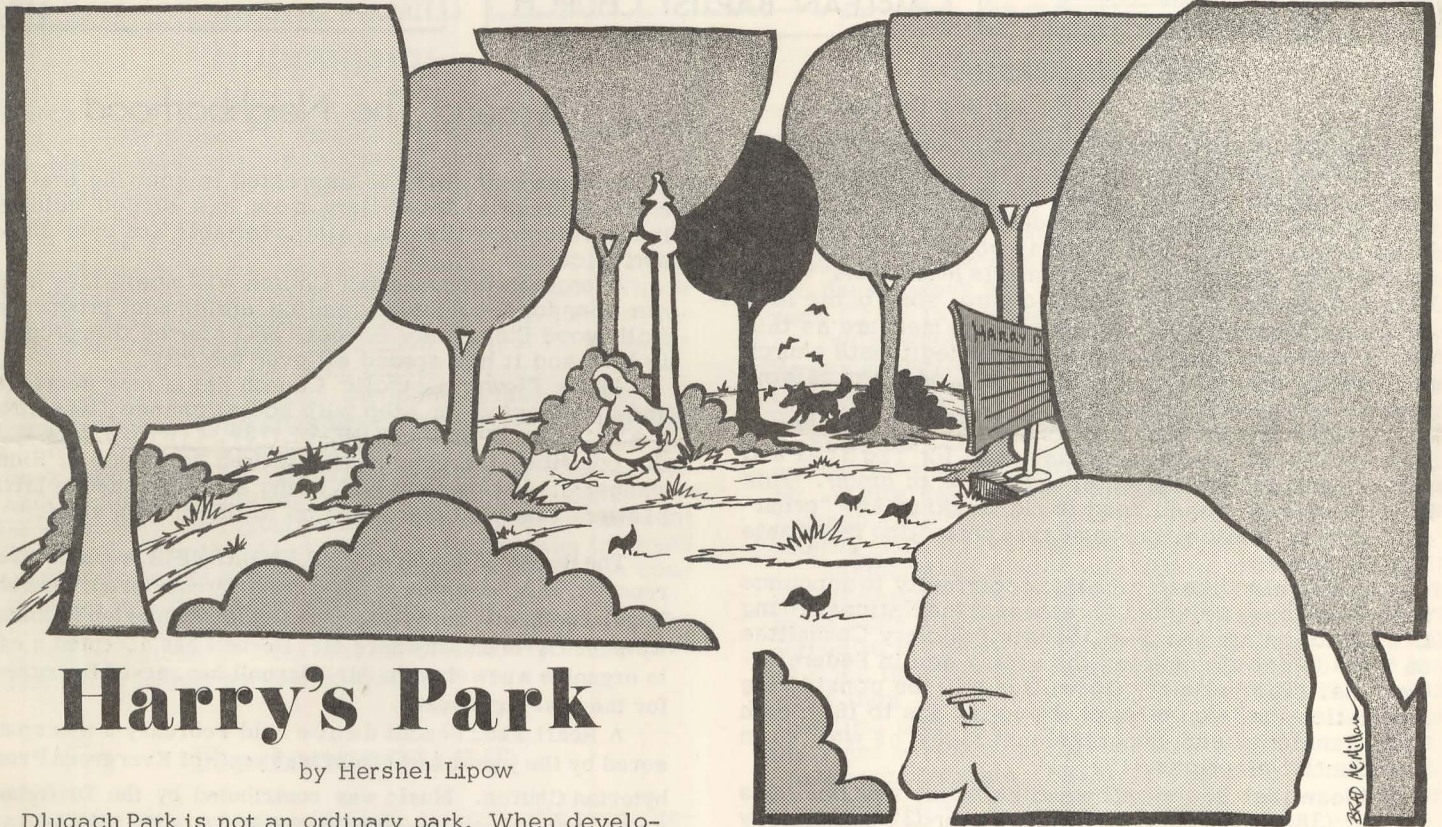


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Harry's Park

by Hershel Lipow

Dlugach Park is not an ordinary park. When developer HARRY DLUGACH dedicated it in 1928 as part of the University Park subdivision, city fathers thought it was too small. They required him to install a drainage system before accepting the park in 1931. It was named University Circle Park. According to his wife, Mrs. ROSE DLUGACH who lives at 877 N. McLean, this unanticipated expense was hard to bear during the Depression. She remembers that Harry had promised to buy her a convertible to celebrate their recent marriage. He had to cancel his present to pay for the improvements to the park.

Harry Dlugach came to America in 1908 from Poland. He began spelling his name Delugach, which more closely resembles the Spanish word for jumping fire. He wanted to demonstrate his freedom from the oppressions of eastern Europe, says Mrs. Dlugach. It was also easier for Americans to spell.

Dlugach began building primarily on Barksdale and Sheridan. It was a prestigious neighborhood. Clifford Davis lived nearby on Kensington. Gordon Hollingsworth, city purchasing agent for Mr. Crump, lived on University Circle. E.T. Condon, a retired city official, has lived at 2126 University Circle since it was constructed in 1929. He remembers it as a circle of good friends. The Jackson Avenue Improvement Club, supported by Hollingsworth and other neighbors, was an active force in community relations, much as VECAA is today.

When Dlugach died in 1952, the park was renamed Harry Dlugach park in his honor. A commemorative placard recalls his love for Memphis. It reads in part, "He took a great pride in Memphis, his home for so many years, and always worked for the growth and betterment of our fair city."

The present residents of the circle continue to share his appreciation. Mrs. HENRY (VIRGINIA) LEE, Jr., of

2134 University Circle may well be its biggest fan. Since moving in 11 years ago, she has "tried to keep it presentable when I walk my collie." She picks up stray wrappers and branches on her walks. She has also worked closely with the Park Commission to ensure that they are taking good care of the park. She has praise for Mrs. JOE PERKINS, who supervises the park from the Frayer shelter. In turn, LARRY COX, director of parks planning, has praise for Mrs. Lee's dedication and service. He believes she has performed admirably to ensure that the Park Commission continues to do a good job.

According to Mrs. Lee, who teaches vocational home economics at Memphis Technical High School, several of her neighbors jog around the park each morning. Mrs. KIMBROUGH (JUDY) JOHNSON of 2108 University Circle is married to a young lawyer. She is joined on her work-outs by Mrs. HARPER GASTON of 1017 University Circle, who is a special education teacher at Vollentine. In addition, doctors, an artist, and a reporter live on the Circle. "We have all religions and all ages," says Mrs. Lee, "and we all love each other's children." That seems to be the way Harry Dlugach planned it.

The next VECAA meeting will be held March 18 at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of McLean Baptist Church.



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by Doy Daniels, Jr.

Another session of the Tennessee General Assembly is underway, and many of you have contacted me concerning matters pending before the legislature. One of the more controversial issues seems to be the status of bingo in Tennessee. One bill that would outlaw all bingo has been introduced by a Memphis legislator. While I sympathize with the desire to control some of the less desirable bingo games, such an extreme measure as this would also harm the innocent—i.e., legitimate church and charity groups who use bingo as a means of raising funds for worthwhile causes.

In order to help solve the bingo problem, therefore, I am sponsoring legislation that calls for tighter and more regular governmental regulation of bingo. This bill, if passed, would tend to rid bingo of any "criminal" element while at the same time protecting legitimate charity bingo.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that I have been selected to represent the National Young Democrats before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on the subject of lowering the voting age in Federal elections. The Judiciary Committee will be considering legislation that would lower the voting age to 18 in both U.S. Senatorial and Congressional races as well as in Presidential elections.

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V/E art buffs will be interested in knowing that the Brooks Memorial Art Gallery now has 10,000 volumes in its reference library. Also available are over 25 art periodicals.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church will again this summer sponsor a volunteer reading enrichment program at Hollywood Elementary School. EPC started this program in 1970 and it has spread all over the city.

Little Flower Catholic Church has a new secretary and, in keeping in step with social change, has hired a man. Mr. BRUCE GRAVES of 1789 Mignon now fills the position. Mr. Graves is a retired employee of Binswanger Glass Company and, being a parishioner of Little Flower, is a welcome addition to the church staff.

The Reverend and Mrs. MILLEN DARNELL were honored recently at a reception at Evergreen Presbyterian Church. The Darnells will be moving soon to the Farmington community near Germantown where Mr. Darnell has accepted a call to organize a new church. Mr. Darnell has served Evergreen for the past eight years.

A Heart Fund benefit dance held February 9 was sponsored by the junior and senior high youth of Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Music was contributed by the Driftglass rock group, composed of JON WELLS, JIM MONAGHAN, LUTHER BRADFUTE and GEORGE BRADFUTE.

The C.E.C. group at Snowden Junior High was awarded a field trip recently in recognition of their character, effort and citizenship. The group visited the Coca Cola plant, Evergreen Church and the Plough plant.

On February 19 Mrs. STANLEY SMITH of 900 University and Mrs. JOE HOUGH of 871 University asked the City Council to prohibit large trucks on University between Jackson and Chelsea. The street is narrower than most of the major north-south routes through the neighborhood, particularly north of Cypress Creek where there are no curbs or sidewalks, even beside Gooch Park. The council promised a look into the matter and an answer at its next meeting.

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Happenings

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- 3 - 24-----Exhibition at Brooks Memorial Art Gallery by the Welsh cartoonist, Bert Thomas.
- 3-----Rummage Sale at Baron Hirsch, Ladies Auxiliary will be selling everything but the kitchen sink from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue.
- 5-----Paper drive at Snowden School. Prizes awarded to classes and individuals bringing most paper. Those having papers but no transportation can call Joanne Barlow (276-7490) or Jane Richardson (324-8793) on Monday, March 4, to have them picked up.
- 7,8-----Nobel Prize winner, Sir John Eccles, to speak at Southwestern. This prominent expert on the nervous system will give several lectures on the brain, including such topics as "Brain and Conscious Experience" and "Cultural Evolution vs. Biological Evolution".
- 10-----Sunday Film Program at Brooks Gallery to present "Ichabod and Mr. Toad". The animated film is based on the stories of Washington Irving with dialogue contributed by Bing Crosby and Basil Rathbone.
- 24-----Sunday Film Program at Brooks to present "The Maltese Falcon". This classic detective film features Humphrey Bogart as Sam Spade.

Redecorating

Little Flower Catholic Church is presently redecorating its parish house. Before new furniture and accessories could be brought in, however, the old had to be cleaned out. Consequently, Little Flower has been quietly disposing of many valuable antiques right under our noses.

The collection that is being dispersed includes elaborately carved teakwood furniture, antique library tables, oriental rugs, matching bedroom furniture and even an altar. Some pieces carry a price tag of over \$1000. Most of the items were used to furnish the parish house when it first opened and many when donated by local Catholic families.

Despite their charm, these antique pieces do not have the utility that more modern styles do so they had to go to raise funds for new furnishings. So if you hurry, you may get a shot at a rare buy.

Roadrunners

Special recognition is given this month to ALAN SNEED of 1826 Brown who delivers the Evergreen News on Edward and Evergreen Circle. Alan is a junior at Northside High School and his favorite subject is world history, though he has English, French, geometry and biology to compete for his time. He practices karate two days a week and is planning to start organ lessons soon. Alan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT SNEED.

Two newcomers have come to the homes of Evergreen News carriers. EDWARD ALAN was born October 10 to Dr. and Mrs. ED SCRINGER of 934 N. Auburndale. Dr. Scrimger covers the area between Vollintine, McLean, Jackson and Evergreen. CHRISTY ELAINE was born December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. TOM TAYLOR of 759 McNeil. Mr. Taylor delivers on McNeil and Stonewall between Jackson and Vollintine, and has recently been appointed interim choir director at McLean Baptist Church.

Residents on Maury and Willett north of Vollintine will remember Mr. SAMUEL A. FORD who gave up his route there a few months ago. Mr. Ford has just returned to his home after two weeks in the hospital and is much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Ford (MARY ELLA) have made their home at 1005 N. Avalon since 1970; before that time they lived 41 years at 1584 Carpenter Street. They are members of the St. Paul Baptist Church in Northeast Memphis. Mr. Ford is retired, having worked 35 years for the U.S. Post Office. They have two sons, SAM, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale and FRANK PEARSON of 1047 N. Avalon, just up the street.

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Participation is open to adults and high school students who live or work in the V/E neighborhood, with an attendance of 50 - 100 expected. The cost of the conference is one dollar per person, and registrations are being accepted now by Miss Harding at the Center Office (274-6606 or 274-1800, extension 372). Mail registrations can be sent to Southwestern at Memphis, 2000 N. Parkway, Memphis, Tn. 38112.

To a large extent, the future of the V/E community will be what we choose to make it. Join us as we study trends affecting the future of our community and our attitudes toward these trends, as we select goals, and as we develop "future histories" for our neighborhood.

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Welcome

Welcome to KAY and DAVID PORTMAN who moved to 1741 N. Parkway from East Memphis. The Portmans have three children: MARCY, 19, a student at Indiana University, JAY, 4, and ERIC, 2, the latter two looking for playmates of like ages. Mr. Portman is an engineer with Industry General Corporation and is a spare-time cabinet maker. Mrs. Portman is a part-time program associate with the National Conference of Christians and Jews and a coordinator for the Panel of American Women.

Congratulations to JIM and JAN MCKINNEY who were married in December and now live at 1024 Cabana Circle East. Mr. McKinney is from Honduras and is a student at the U.T. College of Dentistry. Mrs. McKinney is from Chattanooga and a recent U.T. physical therapy graduate.

WLYX Goes Big Time

The Evergreen News earlier reported the establishment of an FM radio station at Southwestern. What began as a limited broadcasting project is now in the process of expanding into a large-scale communications operation.

The first step in beefing up production was the initiation of twenty-four-hour broadcasting for the non-commercial FM station in February. Within a few weeks this station will be converted to stereo broadcasting. The equipment for sending the two signals necessary for stereo has already been ordered.

WLYX has already prepared an application to be presented to the Federal Communication Commission for the establishment of an AM station on the campus. The only delay is obtaining information from Washington on frequency availability. The AM station would reach a different audience from the FM and would carry classical and middle-of-the-road music as well as programs of interest to the businessman and the professional. Like the FM station it would be classified as "non-commercial, educational".

The AM station would require a 210-foot tower for transmission and this would be erected on the northern portion of the campus. The FM transmitter, which is now in Haliburton Tower would be moved there also. One possibility would be the construction of a building for the station at the base of the tower. At present the station operates out of the gym.

WLYX plans include a television station for the campus and TV production could begin as early as next September. The studio is now being set up from donated equipment. Initial plans include news, public affairs and home economics programs.

The last phase of expansion, it is hoped, will include short-wave radio broadcasting. This would also reach a different audience, those outside of broadcast range of AM and FM stations.

So far WLYX has been a strictly volunteer operation. Personnel have come from Southwestern, Memphis State and Elkins Institute and some community residents have helped to produce programs. Much of the equipment has been donated with most financial support coming from the Presbyterian Board of National Ministries. Other money has come from private donations and individual churches. Dr. FRED NEAL of 1977 Snowden is the school's liaison with the station (and also an Evergreen News carrier). He sees a great future for this broadcasting project and urges any community residents who have an interest in production or operation to get in touch with the station at 272-1232.

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