

Portrait of a Grocer as a Young Man



The picture above was not taken in the Vollintine/Evergreen community, but it is so full of neighborhood characters that it is well worth printing. The person readers are most likely to recognize is the little boy in the center. He is SYLVIO BOSI, owner of Bosi's Grocery at 1701 Jackson Avenue. Pictured with Mr. Bosi in this print from the early 1920's are his father and mother on either side of him. They emigrated from Lucca, Italy, some years before and opened this grocery at Vollintine and Olympic.

Pictured to the far left is Mrs. J. EVANGELISTI who presently lives at 894 Kensington Place. The two children on the right are Sylvio's brother, JOSEPH, and his

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sister, DOLLY. Dolly eventually became Mrs. LOUIS PIERANTONI and now lives at 850 N. Avalon. The baby in the picture is JACK ADAMO who was raised by the Bosis.

Dolly's husband went into business with Mrs. Evangelisti's son, ANTHONY. Anthony lives at 903 N. Avalon and with Mr. Pierantoni runs Evangelisti's Grocery at 1590 Vollintine.

Despite competition from his own family Mr. Bosi has operated a grocery at Jackson and Evergreen for over 30 years. With his son, EUGENE, as a partner and his brother, MIKE (not pictured above), as an employee



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business seems to be booming. The Bosis lived at 1952 Snowden for several years before moving to 840 Garland. Sylvio and family lived there for twenty years before recently moving out east.

It is a pleasure to live in a community that has such a wealth of history for old-timers and newcomers alike to share.

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The drive, which ended June 30, was described by RON YARBROUGH, Southwestern's director of development, as its most successful. Ron reports that this year is the first time the drive has exceeded a half million dollars. Since only 40 per cent of Southwestern's costs are paid by tuitions it is a very important source of revenue.

The fund is used primarily for operating expenses. Including gifts and grants from private sources, a total of \$1,368,000 was raised, representing a 17 per cent increase over last year.

RAY ALLEN, Southwestern's dean of admissions, also reports that next year's freshman class will number approximately 312, up 24 from last year. Classes begin Friday, September 13.

Around The Neighborhood

Dr. FRED HATCH of 1550 N. Parkway was one of two U.T. Medical Units faculty members to receive the annual Alumni Association Public Service Award. Dr. Hatch is best known for the pioneering efforts in kidney transplantation.

Marriages noted this past month: on July 5 in New York City, EMILY YENG to MATTHEW MAO. Mr. and Mrs. Mao are from Taiwan and will live at 1981 Crump. Mr. Mao is employed as an engineer with the Water Resources Division of Singer; Mrs. Mao is with First National Bank.

On July 20 DEBBIE VESTAL of Memphis was married to CAREY McCARTER. Mr. McCarter works for Southeastern Bolt and Screw Company and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. JOHN G. McCARTER, Jr., of 1949 Jackson.

Also on July 20, GOLDEN SCHUMAKER was married to PAUL TAYLOR of New Orleans. Mr. Taylor is employed at John Gaston Hospital and studies at Memphis State. Golden was the first business manager for the Evergreen News back in 1971. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. WILLIAM W. WALKER, Jr., of 1695 Autumn.

A recent report by the City's Policy Planning and Analysis Office indicates a decrease in population for parts of the V/E community. Census tracts 16 and 17—an area bounded roughly by Vollintine, Watkins, East Parkway and North Parkway—registered a total of 71 births and 141 deaths during the 1970-71 period. This resulted in a natural decrease of 70 residents. Since this estimate of population change was based solely on births and deaths, it will be interesting to see what growth takes place as younger families continue to move in.

Dr. RAY ALLEN of 1754 Galloway has been elected chairman of The Council of the Southern Regional Assembly of the College Entrance Examination Board. The Council represents colleges, universities and secondary schools from ten Southern states. Dr. Allen, who has been Dean of Admissions at Southwestern since 1963, will preside at the Council's annual meeting.


A newcomer to the neighborhood is Mrs. DOROTHY BARRETT of 862 N. Barksdale. Mrs. Barrett lived in Memphis as a child but moves here from Detroit where she spent most of her adult life. She recently retired as a jewelry saleswoman and chose the V/E community because she had relatives here. In fact, she represents the third household of her kinfolk to move into the neighborhood in the last ten years.

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Faith's Temple

by Rick Thomas

In a day when new buildings seem to pop up over night, Faith Temple at 672 Trezevant is somewhat of an anachronism. Its foundation was laid in 1950 and even today the interior and exterior both are unfinished.

Its story begins in 1948 when the Rev. PAUL GRUBB, his evangelist wife LURA and a small congregation bought the Gates home and its large grounds. The mansion which was sometimes used for theatrical productions was converted to a church and two years later work was begun on the brick and concrete structure existing today. The Grubbs withdrew from the Assembly of God Church in an attempt to offer an inter-denominational house of worship.

The church itself is quite large although the congregation numbers only 250. The sanctuary holds 2000 at present and will hold 3000 when completed. Construction has started and stopped depending on the funds available through the sale of church bonds. Yet to be built is a portico facing Trezevant with several large columns. The Gates mansion at the rear of the property eventually burned and some of that property was sold off for duplexes and apartments.

Faith Temple is fundamentalist and "full gospel" in philosophy. Its congregation is predominantly working class and believes in a literal interpretation of the Bible. It is not a neighborhood church but attracts worshipers from all over town. It caters to no particular age group.

The husband-and-wife ministerial team have lived at 802 Trezevant for twenty-six years. Rev. Grubb, 57, is a native of West Virginia while Mrs. Grubb grew up around Water Valley, Mississippi. The Reverend attended Emory and Henry College and Emory University Seminary in Atlanta before receiving a Ph.D. in religion from Milton University. Mrs. Grubb began church work as an Assembly of God evangelist and met the Reverend on one of her crusades around the country.

The Grubbs have one son, TOMMY, who — as the reverend stated — could not help but become a preacher. He is an associate pastor at Faith Temple but is temporarily ministering to a church in Ohio. Tommy has a wife, RITA, and a six-month-old son, CHRIS (who was born on Christmas Day). Tommy attended Southwestern and received a theology degree from Oral Roberts Uni-

versity. When in Memphis, they reside at the Trezevant address.

All of the Grubbs have traveled extensively as missionaries — to Europe, South America and even behind the Iron Curtain. They have a branch church in Atlanta and the three Grubbs alternate conducting services there.

The Grubbs foresee an increase in the size of their congregation proportional to the growth of Memphis. They are optimistic about completing the building and expanding the congregation.

Services at Faith Temple are held Sunday morning at 10:00 (Sunday School) and 11:00 (morning worship) and Sunday evening at 8:00. Wednesday night service is also at 8:00.

In The Campaigns

V/E residents got a good look on July 22 at many of the candidates running for public office on Aug. 1. In place of the monthly VECAA meeting a political rally was held in the Vellentine School auditorium. Despite the un-air conditioned location a total of probably 75 neighborhood residents showed up to hear the platforms of 25 candidates in 12 different races. Several other candidates left before they were able to speak.

Political hopefuls of every description — young, old, black, white, male, female, conservative, liberal — gave brief opening talks and then responded to questions. Although it was a neighborhood rally and many candidates presently (or formerly) live in the area, most of the platforms and questions dealt with non-local issues. Much concern was expressed about the economy, government spending and such current issues as the State Equal Rights Amendment and abortion.

A TV news team was there to cover the candidates for the 8th District Congressional seat and eight of the 11 candidates for this position showed up. The gubernatorial race drew a lot of attention also and two candidates — Washington Butler and Charles Vick — along with spokesmen for two others answered questions.

Candidates appeared also for the following races: district attorney, city registrar, city court clerk, probate court clerk, four judicial seats and state representative districts 89 and 98.

An upcoming issue will report the voting patterns of V/E residents in the Aug. 1 primary.

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Greek Treats

Sitting on the edge of the Vollintine/Evergreen community for years was a well-known restaurant called "The Harbor". Three years ago it became better known when it was taken over by MIKE and THEO MARAVELIAS and renamed "The New Harbor". At this time it became the only restaurant in Memphis to offer a full line of Greek food.

Greek cooking comes naturally to the Maravelias brothers who were born on the Grecian island of Leros. Mike emigrated to the U.S. in 1964 and went back for little brother Theo in 1971. Both obtained restaurant experience with Shoney's before going into business at 472 N. Watkins (across from Sears).

Businessmen and medical center workers flock to the New Harbor daily for plate lunches, many of which cost less than \$1.50. Salad, dessert and beverage are included and the variety is truly astonishing. The Greek salad by itself is worth the trip. Large numbers of customers from the neighborhood come at night with the child's menu being an added attraction.

Mike and Theo provide a complete Greek menu with such offerings as roast leg of lamb, mousaka (stuffed eggplant), pasticio (stuffed macaroni), chicken oregano and shish kebob. These dishes are reasonably priced and can be washed down with domestic beer or Greek wine (Mavrodaphne or Retsina). The exotic atmosphere is enhanced on the nights that Mike performs on the bouzouki. The evening can be topped off with homemade baklava prepared by the head chef, "Mrs. Mary", well-known for her cooking at the Greek Orthodox Church bazaars.

Meals can be obtained between 10:30 a.m. and about 10 p.m. seven days a week. A staff of fourteen mans the large dining area. (The brothers also own and operate Maverick Steak House at 1410 Poplar Avenue.)

Although neither owner lives in the V/E community, both reside nearby — Mike on Peach Avenue and Theo on S. Idlewild. Theo is single while Mike and his wife JANE have a fourteen-month-old boy, MICHAEL III.

Future plans call for expanding the Greek menu and catering more to dinner customers.

Paintings' Progress

The Brooks Memorial Art Gallery has announced a \$160,000 capital improvement project that will be financed by the city through the capital improvement budget. One of the renovations to begin this month will be a completely redesigned and expanded bookstore and gift area. Brooks' director, Dr. JOHN J. WHITLOCK, says this work will improve the "dynamics of the room", and he hopes that they will also be able to increase the quantity and quality of the bookstore's inventory.

Other improvements include a much needed passenger elevator, enlarged restroom facilities and an entrance ramp for the handicapped on the north side of the building. Also, new electrical systems will be installed in the older parts of the buildings.

Included in the project will be the spraying of the skylights with a tinting substance to virtually eliminate damaging infra-red rays. Already the paintings are protected from 97% of harmful ultra-violet rays.

The spraying of the skylights is a matter of "conservation" of the collection of paintings. The gallery is concerned about conserving the condition of the collection, and recently a new conservation program was made possible by a \$4,000 matching grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C. Along with a similar amount from the bequest of SAM PLOUGH, the money will be used to treat 15 works in the gallery. Sometime in the fall, CLEMENTS ROBERTSON of the St. Louis Art Museum will combine his vast knowledge and skills with those of Brooks' new curator, JOSEPH S. CZESTOCHOWSKI, in rebuilding, repainting and doing whatever else is necessary in maintaining the proper condition of the works.

Dr. Whitlock expressed the hope that future grants would be made possible so that they might continue the conservation program.

On a different note, Dr. Whitlock asked that Vollintine/Evergreen area patrons of the gallery please bear with them during the inconveniences caused by the renovations.

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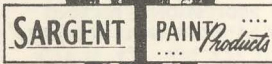


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