

# The EVERGREEN NEWS

A Neighborhood Newspaper Sponsored by Vollintine-Evergreen Community Action Association

## Help From HUD

Under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 passed last fall, Congress has made available to Memphis \$30 million over the next three years. This money will replace such federal programs as federally-assisted code enforcement, urban renewal, water and sewer grants, and parks and open space grants.

When Congress began thinking about special revenue sharing two years ago, the City's administration created the Bureau of Policy Planning and Analysis to implement the proposed programs. Anticipating a community development component, the Bureau, under manager JOHN DUDAS, began a street-by-street inventory of housing and environmental quality to determine the true need of each area in the city. (See the November, 1974, issue of the News for a report on V/E street and housing conditions.)

Analyzing such conditions as street repair, curbs and gutters and litter, the Bureau then divided each street segment into one of five treatment categories. Each treatment category was assigned an average condition and cost of repair. By aggregating street segments of similar treatment category, problem areas were defined and ranked. These locations were called potential priority areas and the Bureau has now defined 132 of them throughout the city.

As required by federal guidelines, Mayor Wyeth Chandler has established an Action Program Advisory Committee (APAC) to assist him in making the best decisions on how and where to spend Community Development funds. On Jan. 31, APAC made the final decision on the first nine priority areas to recommend to the Mayor and among these is "North Memphis." The North Memphis priority area is roughly bounded by Vollintine, Watkins, Chelsea and University, with the area between Vollintine and Cypress Creek falling within V/E boundaries. If the Mayor accepts these recommendations, he will present them to the City Council. Public hearings are required before the Council's adoption.

Funds are expected to be available in late spring from the



Department of Housing and Urban Development which must approve the City's application on such grounds as environmental review, housing assistance and citizen participation. According to the City each priority area selected will be analyzed by the Memphis and Shelby County Planning Commission and neighborhood improvement plans developed.

Residents of each area will have an opportunity to review their plan and monitor its progress. Approximately \$3 million will be expended in the Vollintine-Evergreen area for such activities as housing repair, drainage and street repair if the Council approves APAC's recommendations.

## Old, Old Story

by George Bradfute

A new neighborhood author who is in demand for autograph parties is MARGARET MATTHEWS CAREY of 805 N. Avalon. Her book, published a year ago, is Told Like It Is, a concise 149-page summary of the Bible. Mrs. Carey has taught Bible for 25 years and recognized the need for a book that would present the plan or outline of the Bible without getting bogged down in theological concepts. The result is a tightly-packed 116-page narrative covering Genesis to Revelation, followed by 33 pages devoted to discussion of special topics such as the Trinity and Paradise.

Before taking up Bible teaching, Mrs. Carey was an attorney. Recently, after their children BENSON and SUSAN left home, she has worked for Allenberg Cotton Company where her husband, Mr. JEWEL R. CAREY, is general traffic manager. Currently she is teaching two Bible groups that meet in homes—one of couples and one of women—and is an associate teacher of a class at Bellevue Baptist Church.

The Careys, who have lived at the Avalon address for 28 years, decided to publish the book themselves. They distribute it through several book stores here and in nearby cities, relying on word-of-mouth advertising.



The next VECAA meeting will be held on Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. at McLean Baptist Church. Decisions will be made concerning your neighborhood. Be there!!

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## Letters

Dear Editor:

Thank you for "Four More Years," the first issue of Volume V of The Evergreen News, in which you wisely pointed out that "...communication means reporting what people are doing and thinking, with an emphasis on the good and the constructive."

Your words and your "pledge to help keep the communication lines open," caused me to recall what the late Karl Jaspers wrote in The Perennial Scope of Philosophy:

"Boundless openness to communication is not the consequence of any knowledge, it is the decision to follow a human road. The idea of communication is not utopia, but faith. Each man is confronted with the question whether he strives toward it, whether he believes in it, not as in something other-worldly, but as in something utterly actual: whether he believes in our potentiality really to live together, to speak together, through this togetherness to find our way to the truth, and hereby finally to become authentically ourselves."

Arthur H. Prince  
1446 Snowden Avenue

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## Baron Hirsch Elects

On January 28 Baron Hirsch Synagogue elected its officers for 1975 and several of them reside in the V/E community. Serving as president will be Dr. HAROLD COHEN and he will be assisted by first vice-president JEROME MAKOWSKY and second vice-president STANLEY WENDER. ROBERT ADELSON will assume the office of secretary while LESTER SEWEL was elected treasurer.

Neighborhood residents taking office at the nation's largest Orthodox synagogue include H.D. KAPELL of 904 N. Auburndale (secretary emeritus), BEN LEVITCH of 795 Maury (warden), ISAAC LOSKOVE of 1006 Monticello Drive (Gabbai), and HERMAN LAZAROV of 1011 Monticello Drive (assistant Gabbai).

In assuming the office of president of Baron Hirsch Congregation, Dr. Cohen, distinguished Memphis dentist and community leader, said, "It shall be my hope, as president of one of the great religious institutions of Memphis, to continue the community service of the congregation and to foster its relations with other institutions in the community and with its friends and neighbors. Baron Hirsch Congregation is proud of the role it has played in the V/E area, and it shall be my hope to strengthen our immediate community and extend our many years of friendship to even greater heights of service."

Many V/E residents have been concerned about the possibility of Baron Hirsch Synagogue selling its property, and reestablishing itself "out east." President Cohen assured the News that at present there are no such plans.

## VECAA News

At the January VECAA meeting officers were elected for 1975. The charter calls for an annual election of a chairman (who serves as chairman of the steering committee) and a secretary. All other officers are appointed subject to the approval of the general membership.

In a departure from the practice of the previous five years, the membership elected co-chairmen to serve in 1975. IRVIN SACHRITZ of 899 Sheridan served as chairman in 1974 and was re-elected as a co-chairman this year. Serving with him will be JOE SOHM of 872 Sheridan. Irv is in the life insurance business while Joe works in real estate. Both have long been active in VECAA. Mrs. GEORGE (MARGARET) BROWN of 1030 Monticello Drive was re-elected as secretary.

In other business, plans were laid for a membership drive and a report presented on the activities of the long-range planning committee.

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## Anniversary

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church was founded in the Fall of 1865 in what was then called Chelsea, Tennessee and this year celebrates its 110th anniversary. As Memphis grew, that location became known as Fourth and Mill Streets in North Memphis. The move from that original location to 1971 Jackson Avenue (at University) was made in 1943.

At various times in the past 110 years, the history of the Parish included operation of an orphanage, a good sized school and a refuge for indigents.

With a long history of service to our city, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church invites all interested people in the Vollintine-Evergreen area to attend Holy Communion Services at 7:30 and 10:30 each Sunday morning, and at 10:00 a. m. each Wednesday with Bible Study immediately following. Sunday School is held in conjunction with the 10:30 a. m. service on Sundays.

The Rev. George A. Fox, a Canon of the Diocese of Tennessee, is Priest-In-Charge, pending selection of a new rector in the near future. Father Fox's sermons are heard at the 10:30 service each Sunday.

## Activities for Oldsters

A change in command at the first of the year has not slowed things at the Josephine K. Lewis Center for Senior Citizens at 1188 N. Parkway. MARLIN LANDERS took over as executive director in January, replacing ED PULIK who had run the Center since its establishment two years ago.

Several new arts/crafts classes begin in February including lettering and printing, woodcarving, china painting and bird feeder making. Members in two current classes will have the opportunity to display their work when the weaving class has an exhibit Feb. 10-14 and the painting class early in March.

For information on membership or activities you may call the Center at 272-7408.

## Dilemma '75

Southwestern's annual symposium, Dilemma, is scheduled for March 7 and 8 and plans include a wide variety of speakers and activities. This year's theme, "Rebirth of the American Conscience," will be the focal point for various distinguished spokes men. These include Louis Rukeyser, Stephanie Mills and Bill Parker. Also to be featured are Columnist David S. Broder, Congressman Andrew Young, British Socio - Economist Roger Theobald and conservationist Jack Rudloe. Heading the list of participants will be poet James Dickey who recently won acclaim for his novel, Deliverance.

Mr. Rukeyser, moderator of television's Wall Street Week, has recently been appointed to the President's Council of Economic Advisors. Mr. Parker, an artist and a professor at the University of Connecticut, also serves as a consulting editor to the photography magazine Aperture. Ms. Mills, a leader in the Family Planning Field, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Dilemma is unique in that it is organized and carried out entirely by Southwestern students who are responsible for every aspect of it. It attempts to be a community event rather than a campus event and encourages active audience participation with the scheduled speakers. Dilemma '75 is financed solely by contributions from the Mid-South community and all donations from interested individuals are welcome.

Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students and can be obtained at the door or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Dilemma '75 in care of Southwestern, 2000 North Parkway, 38112.

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## Around The Neighborhood

SID SELVIDGE of 1694 Autumn has been featured twice recently in local newspapers in regard to his musical career. Until this year Sid was an anthropology professor at Southwestern but left to spend more time on his music. Accompanying himself on the guitar, Sid has been singing in the mid-town area and making an occasional road trip. He performs a wide variety of songs including some originals. His first album, "Portrait", was produced in the late '60's but is now unfortunately out of print.

New to the V/E community is SCOTT ADAMS of 1906 Mignon. Scott attended Southwestern briefly a while back and has lived several places in the V/E community. He is presently employed by Friday's Restaurant and composes musical lyrics in his spare time.

On Jan. 26 Circuit Playhouse presented a play by JOHN FERGUS RYAN entitled "The Minor Poet". Mr. Ryan lives at 1937 Lyndale and works for the Tennessee Department of Welfare. He has had numerous articles published in national magazines.

Dr. MIKE KIRBY of 683 N. Idlewild has made the news recently for a study he conducted on the bail-bond process in the city. He was interviewed by the Commercial Appeal and appeared on local TV news.

Many men outstanding in the field of religion reside in the V/E community and one of these is Dr. ROBERT G. LEE. Dr. Lee of 508 Stonewall has just published his 50th book, entitled Payday Everyday. This 146-page work is an autobiographical sketch ending with his 32-year stay in the pulpit at Bellevue Baptist Church.

D'ARMY BAILEY, who was recently featured as a new neighbor, now has a column appearing in the Commercial Appeal. Mr. Bailey is a lawyer who has long been active in the civil rights movement. He lives at 1856 Monticello Drive.

Brown Avenue will be extended this year from University east to the Cypress School lot. Funds are available under the City's Capital Improvement Program, Line # 650. the \$65,611.55 improvement. The extension will provide direct access to Cypress School from the west.

## Good Shepherd Pancake Supper

The men of the Church are sponsoring a pancake supper for Tuesday, February 11, and the community is invited. Pancakes and sausages will be served. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and \$.50 for children.

## Continuing Ed

The Southwestern Center for Continuing Education has announced its spring schedule. The "Points of View" course will examine English novelists of the 20th century and will be led by Dean Granville Davis and Prof. James Roper. A course entitled "The American Dream" will review the ideas on which this country was founded by examining colonial and modern literature. Frank Faux will conduct this group. Mr. Faux will also lead the group on "Faulkner and Yoknapawpha" which will examine Faulkner's philosophy, religion and social concerns as presented in his novels.

All courses run eight weeks with respective starting dates of Feb. 12, Feb. 27 and March 6. Tuition ranges from \$15 to \$30 and the courses are open to everyone. Call 274-6606 for further information.

## More Y Programs

The January issue of the News announced the opening of a new branch of the YWCA at First United Lutheran Church at Jackson and Willett. Since that time numerous programs have been initiated and the response has been greater than anticipated. At present, slimmastics, knitting/crocheting, childrens' dancing and acrobatics and adult and childrens' art are going strong and additional scheduling for some of these activities are in the works.

New programs coming up in February include Beginning Yoga (Thurs. afternoon and night), Crocheting/Jean Embroidery for teenage girls (Wed. afternoon), English Smocking (Thurs. mornings) and Beginner and Intermediate Guitar (Wed. afternoon). In addition, a free self-defense demonstration for women will be held Feb. 12 with a self-defense course scheduled to begin the following week. Other activities that will be under way by printing include bridge, karate and decoupage classes.

The operating hours of the "Y" vary from day to day. The director, Ms. BETTY AMMONS, is there from 9 to 9 on Thursdays and feels this is the best time to call for information (276-2505).

V/E residents work and go to school all over the city. A neighborhood "Y" provides residents from all backgrounds the opportunity to participate in activities together. Take a course at the "Y"; scores of your neighbors already are.

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