# The EVERGREENEWS

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This month's "House of the Month" award for renovation and remodeling achievements goes not to a house but to an apartment complex. Vollintine Courts at the corner of Vollintine and N. Watkins is the oldest complex in the neighborhood. Built in the 1950's these moderately-priced units (\$100-150 range) had deteriorated somewhat in recent years. However, the owners have undertaken an extensive renovation program that should greatly improve the condition of the 142 units in the complex.



#### **Vollintine Courts**

Resident manager FULTON BRAXTON reports that all trim and doors have been repainted with the exterior of many of the buildings scheduled for painting. All necessary repairs are being made with window glass being replaced and plumbing mended. Faulty appliances are being replaced and judicious cutting of shrubbery has contributed to a neater appearance. The Courts are managed by J.D. Marks & Company.

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Elderly taxpayers in the community are offered an opportunity for a refund on their property taxes thanks to recently passed legislation. Homeowners who are 65 years or older and who have total incomes of less than \$4800 per year are eligible to receive a rebate of part or all of their state and local property taxes. For further information contact the City treasurer (Division of Finance and Administration), 125 N. Main, 528-2640.

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Notice has been given that the Park way House, the neighborhood's luxury high-rise, is being converted into a condominium development in September. The twelve-story complex with 132 units renting for \$225 to \$420 was built in 1962 at a cost of nearly \$4 million and is now owned by Foxwich Corporation whose principal investor is a Dutch baron.

Present residents, many of whom have been there since

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the complex opened, will be given first opportunity to buy a condominium. The price of the units has not been an nounced.



#### **New Parkway House Fountain**

Complaints filed with VECCA's Housing Complaint Board are now receiving quick action from the City's housing inspectors. If you are aware of any houses, duplexes or apartments that are deteriorated by virtue of peeled paint, rotten wood, trash or litter, etc., call JOE SOHM at 278-6962.

## Finish Line

On August 5 about 2500 V/E residents showed up at the polls to cast their ballots in the primary and general elections. Approximately 68% of these voted in the Democratic primary and 32% in the Republican.

In the major statewide primary election, for U.S. senator, V/E voters gave a slight edge to JOHN JAY HOOKER (56%) over state winner JIM SASSER. The voting here was pretty much along racial lines with the predominantly white precincts (36-1, 36-2 and 36-3) supporting Sasser and the mixed precincts (40-2 and 41-2) supporting Hooker. Sasser's November opponent, BILL BROCK, was unopposed in the Republican primary.

In the U.S. House District 8 race, V/E Republicans joined the rest of the district in overwhelmingly supporting ANDY ALISSANDRATOS (94%) over JOE COOPER (6%). HAROLD FORD was unopposed in the Democratic primary for this position.

Of more local interest were the contests for two State se-

#### Meetings



There is no general VECAA meeting planned for September. Watch for posters around the neighborhood announcing special meetings. nate seats and two State house of representatives seats. Democratic voters in precinct 40-2 and 41-2 supported ED GIL-LOCK (70%) over FRANK HOLLAND (30%). The few Republican voters in these racially mixed precincts chose Mrs. JAMES ROBERTSON two-to-one over AL SIMPSON. Gillock and Simpson were the winners district wide.

In the Democratic primary for State Senate District 30, V/E voters approximated the rest of the district in giving incumbent JIM WHITE (64%) majority support over GIL MARTI-NEZ (33%) and CAREY WALKER, Jr. (4%). No Republican candidates were entered.

In House District 89, PAM GAIA was unopposed in the Democratic primary and TOM ROBERTSON in the Republican. In House District 98 all the candidates were Democrat. Incumbent HARPER BREWER easily won in the V/E precincts as well as in the district.

Inother local races V/E voters supported GENE BARKS-DALE for sheriff by a slight margin over incumbent BILLY RAY SCHILLING. Neighborhood residents were fairly well split between BILL BOYD and GEORGE LaMANNA for county assessor while county-wide Boyd held a small lead. The entire community supported winner JOHN GETZ in the race for general sessions judge. Similarly they supported GENE GOLDSBY who won the general sessions court clerk election.

For city court clerk V/E voters supported ALLISON followed by SCHIPPERS, with the mixed precincts showing some support for McWILLIAMS. BOUSSON was the eventual winner in this contest.

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Address all correspondence to: <u>The Evergreen News</u>, 1906 Mignon Avenue, Memphis, TN 38107.

It's fall & time for campaigns, cider & snacks at Representative Pam Gaia's Headquarters Opening Extravaganza Tuesday evening, September 14, 1976, 5:30'til 9 at 412 N.Cleveland.

# New McLean Minister



by Karen Tynes

McLean Baptist Church has recently acquired a new pastor in the person of the Reverend BOYCE MOON. Rev. Moon and his wife OUIDA came to Memphis from Texarkana, Texas, where he served as a minister of evangelism. He has assumed his duties at McLean with a great deal of enthusiasm and optimism for the future of both the church and the community. Rev. Moon reports that he had been told that the church was in a declining neighborhood and was glad to find out that just the opposite was true. He is very impressed with the vitality he has found in the area and has already instituted many new programs to tap this energy.

Rev. Moon was born in Shreveport, Louisianna. He has a degree in church music and voice from Texas State. He has done graduate work at East Texas State in personnel guidance counselling, history and music. His seminary work was done at New Orleans Theological Seminary. Boyce Moon was ordained into the ministry in 1969 after having served as minister of music and youth education in Baptist churches for ten years.

Ouida Moon is a native Memphian who graduated from Central High School. They have four children: DAUN (l4), CELESTE (l3), BOYCE, Jr. (ll), and DAVID (4). Ouida enjoys sewing and doing handicrafte but notes that a minister's wife has little time for hobbies. What she enjoys most is working with children and is looking forward to leading the children's choir for the five- and six-year-olds. She is very glad to be back in Memphis and has close ties with the neighborhood since Dr. JOHN G. McCARTER (1949 Jackson) delivered two of her children.

#### Adopt-A-House

HOMES WANTED. Participate in VECAA's "Adopt A House" program. Senior citizens (and other eligible residents) who cannot physically or financially fix up their houses can be adopted by a neighborhood service organization. We can help fix-up, paint-up and clean up your home. Call MIKE KIRBY at 274-8709.



## Around The Neighborhood

Despite popular belief Evergreen News staff members do things other than put out the paper. In fact, most have recent accomplishments in their everyday life.

Editor RICK THOMAS (1860 Monticello), for example, has recently published a research monograph on family planning and has been inducted into Sigma Zi Scientific Research Society. Editor KAREN TYNES (1607 Jackson) was this summer's director of Vacation Bible School at McLean Baptist Church.

Newsman GEORGE BRADFUTE (513 Stonewall) has recently been occupied in installing a computer system for Baptist Hospital's pharmacy operations, while newswoman KRIS ME-NARD (2081 Hallwood) has just given birth (July 29) to an  $8 \frac{1}{2}$ pound baby girl. Arteditor BRAD McMILLAN (1906 Mignon), in addition to having illustrations published in Center City newspaper and City of Memphis magazine, has recently issued two new black and white prints. Business manager SHIR-LEY JOHNSON (930 University) has been appointed treasurer of the Little Flower Home and School Association for the coming year.

Typist KENDY KALLAHER (884 N. Barksdale) has taken a new job with a property management company, while typist SALLEE BRUHWILER (883 University) has just returned from spending three weeks with her parents in Canada.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church is beginning its Fall recreation program this month and will offer a variety of activities. Team sports are always popular with volleyball and basketball for youth and adults featured this autumn. Adults can also participate in bowling, tennis and badminton. Dancing and exercise sessions are also offered.

Classes are being taught this year in arts and crafts for children and ceramics for adults. Other activities will be added as there is sufficient interest. Table games are

## Circulation

The distribution of the Evergreen News has been taken over by the recently-reactivated VECAA communications committee and various improvements are being made to assure fast and thorough circulation. JOE HOUGH, chairman of this committee, wants anyone who is not receiving the News on a regular basis or who wants to deliver on his street to call him at 274-5551.





always available and several special nights are planned for the coming year.

The hours of operation of the gym this Fall are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Church members can participate without charge and community residents can take part for a small fee. Call 278-4430 for additional information. \* \* \*

One of our more prominent neighborhood merchants recently received two well-deserved awards from quite different sources. ED CISSOM, owner of Ed's Exxon at 585 N. McLean, was commended by his parent company for his diligence in maintaining a model station. In fact, the Memphis district was Exxon's best in the country in 1975 based on appearance and service and Ed's station was selected best in the district.

Last Spring Ed was asked to attend the honor society program at Snowden Junior High as a guest. He was surprised with a plaque from the school in appreciation of his patience with and consideration for the school's students.

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The News recently announced the opening of Southwestern Television Service at 569 N. McLean. Since then the shop has changed hands and CHRIS BURROW is the new owner. Mr. Burrow grew up in the neighborhood and has worked in electronics for several years. Since occupying the shop he has remodeled the interior including the customer area and has installed an alarm system. New hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Ms. MARNEE HARDING is now acting director of Southwestern's Center for Continuing Education following the retirement of Dr. GRANVILLE DAVIS. Ms. Harding has worked with the Center for several years, helping establish the Center for the Study of Alternative Futures and the Urban Policy Institute. She has served on the College's liaison committee with VECAA.

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| For the Total Child<br>PLANNED CURRICULUM<br>HOT LUNCHES<br>Daily and Weekly Rates<br>7A.M 6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY<br>AGES 2-6 274-9440<br>MCLEAN BAPTIST CHURCH | OPEN DOOR BIBLE CHURCH<br>1792 N. Parkway<br>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br>Morning Service - 10:45 a.m.<br>Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.<br>"If it's the Bible you want,<br>you want The Bible Church" |
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| ALIGNMENT EQUIPMENT<br>Mechanic—Les Taylor<br>1712 JACKSON 278-5022   | Phone 276-9543 24 Hr. Answering Service   |



# Jewish Holidays

September marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday season and many neighborhood residents will be observing these traditional holy days.

Friday evening, September 24, ushers in Rosh Hanshanah, the Jewish New Year, with solemn ceremonies lasting through the weekend. Rosh Hanshanah begins a period called "Ten Days of Return" at the end of which Yom Kippur (October 3 and 4), the most sacred of Jewish holidays is observed. From October 8 to October 17 the "Festival of Booths" will be celebrated. Most of the ceremonies are observed at the synagogue and in the home.

Because of the High Holy Days, the bingo game for October 4 will be canceled.

The Vollintine-Evergreen Community Action Association (VECAA) is a non-profit neighborhood organization founded in 1970. Its boundaries are roughly Watkins, Cypress Creek, Trezevant and Overton Park Avenue. VECAA's initial goal was to enhance and maintain a stable biracial community with quality housing, services and facilities. It has been active in promoting stability, assisting in school desegregation, opposing commercial rezoning and in general promoting those activities that serve to create a viable mid-town community.

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272-7640

I heard you in your sister's room Humming that old romantic tune.

And it closed my eyes as usual And made my lies come visual. Your promises are all too weak. And I want to say as you are leaving, You're on my list, so to speak Of those who need sunlight or remembering. All those are crawling home and babbling Complaining of their shreded pasts Without a soundtrack, without a cast.

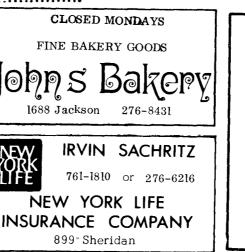
And I dreamed there was a meadow there Between us and your song's long stare. I saw you as some little girl Singing through the night for me, But then the door was not the pearl That hid that dream's tired forgery.

Oh, come let us choose the photo That saves the lie that we aren't old. Let's have it printed in the news, Perhaps the funnies to confuse Those relatives who never lose Their mirrors in the mornings.

And you said, "Who said, "The war is over'?" Is he the one who took the clover? Is he the one who spoiled your lover? Yes, he's the one who paid his fine For slyly writing every punchline. And that must be the only fact we get On which to base our plans to quit.

But I heard you in your sister's room Humming that old romantic tune.

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### **Episcopal** Church of the **Good Shepherd** 1971 Jackson (at University)

SUNDAY SERVICES 7:30 A.M. - Mass 9:30 A.M. - Church School 10:30 A.M. - Choral Communion WEDNESDAY SERVICE 10:00 A.M. - Mass and Bible Study THE REVEREND FATHER CHARLES H. SYKES RECTOR