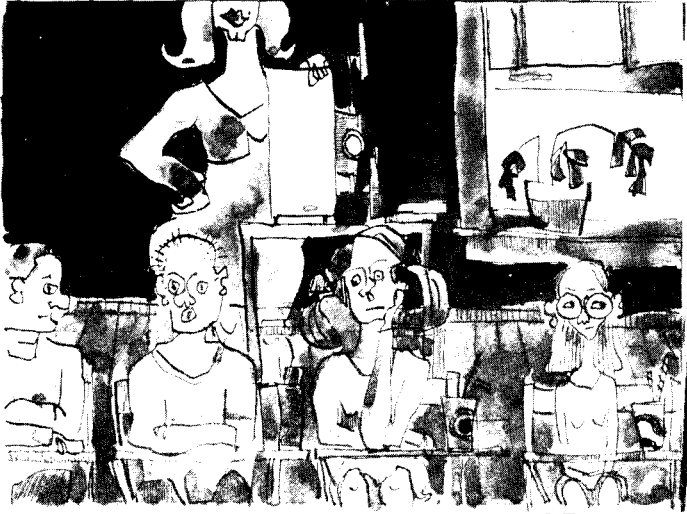


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MOVIES! LUNCH!

If you're looking for something for your kids to do this summer, look to Vollintine Elementary School. The P.T.A. Board is sponsoring movies and lunch every other Friday at the school. The program begins at 11:30 a.m. and lasts to 1:30 p.m. The cost is only 50¢. This covers the cost of the hot dog, coke, and popcorn. The movies, obtained from the Memphis Public Library, are free. There is adult supervision so feel free to drop the kids off. The next date for this program is July 15. The kids that have participated all report it's just great! The dates for the August movie/lunches are the 5th and 19th.

House Notes

In June representatives of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) visited the Vollintine/Evergreen community and other Midtown neighborhoods. They were in Memphis to discuss the possibility of revising Fannie Mae's policies with regard to mortgage lending in older neighborhoods. Existing eligibility requirements inadvertently favor the extension of credit for the purchase of newer suburban homes at the expense of inner city areas.

The representatives of Fannie Mae spent two days looking at Midtown Memphis. VECAA official JOE HOUGH, who is also a real estate appraiser, showed them around the V/E area. The tour of this part of the city was coordinated by the Midtown Council. Fannie Mae officials later met with mortgage bankers, real estate industry officials and representatives of various community organizations. The meeting had the dual purpose of presenting Fannie Mae's ideas with regard to inner city mortgage lending and obtaining feedback from local interests. JOE SOHM, chairman of VECAA's housing committee, made a presentation at that session.

Although no immediate results are anticipated, Fannie Mae officials indicated that if certain conditions could be met mortgage loans would be encouraged in older neighborhoods. Areas that hope to qualify should be viable, stable communities with an active neighborhood organization and a formal plan for maintaining the residential nature of the area.

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Action by another federal agency may have some impact on the area in the future. The Federal Trade Commission is looking into the possibility of cracking down on the practice of "redlining." Redlining is the practice of denying loans or making credit more difficult to obtain for persons living in particular geographic areas. Numerous cases of this practice have been identified in the V/E community where potential home purchasers were offered relatively unfavorable mortgage terms or discouraged from buying in the area altogether. Although other federal agencies challenge redlining when banks and savings and loan associations are involved, the FTC may intervene when non-bank lenders are involved.

STAFF CHANGES

Since VECAA president MIKE KIRBY left in June for a one-year job assignment in Washington, D.C., the chain of command in the organization had to be modified. The neighborhood organization's three vice-presidents—MARCIA HEITZMANN, CARL HOLMES and JEAN SCRUGGS—are now working jointly in the administration of VECAA's programs. They are being assisted by treasurer IRVING SACHRITZ and by Southwestern student DAVID CORUM who has been assigned as VECAA's summer work/study student.

The officers met on June 28 and discussed current and future activities. The two main topics of discussion were the pressing need for operating funds and the opposition stirred by the establishment of a group home for retarded teenagers in the area. (See the May issue of the News.)

Several proposals were submitted for fund-raising that would supplement the on-going membership drive. It was agreed that neighborhood residents should be encouraged to make donations above the cost of a family membership. In addition, a neighborhood flea market is being planned for this fall. Discarded and unused items will be solicited from V/E residents and these will then be sold at a large flea market somewhere in the area. MARTY THOMAS (1860 Monticello Drive) is coordinating the flea market project and those with items to donate can call her at 278-2210.

The other issue discussed stemmed from numerous complaints from residents on Auburndale concerning the group home at the corner of Jackson and Auburndale. It was decided that, before VECAA could take any stand regarding the home, a meeting should be arranged between VECAA officials, area residents and staff members of the group home. A meeting was subsequently held on July 7

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with approximately twelve area residents in attendance. Project director KAY THURMOND described the aims and functions of the group home and answered questions raised by area residents and VECAA officers. The information provided by the director at least temporarily satisfied the concerned parties and reduced some of the apprehension created by the home. VECAA officers will watch the situation closely in the coming months.

The Evergreen News is also undergoing a change in personnel. After serving six years as an editor, RICK THOMAS is relinquishing this position in order to enter a doctoral program at Vanderbilt this fall. Co-editor KAREN TYNES will take over the top management position in August. Also, art editor BRAD McMILLAN is resigning his position after four years of service. His duties will be taken over by JOHN E. BYAN (1937 Lynaele) who is an art major at Memphis State. Both Mr. Thomas and Mr. McMILLAN will continue as consultants and occasional contributors to the paper.

The Evergreen News needs a new typist. The old typist would like to retire and give someone else a chance to experience the pleasures of community involvement. The work is not hard, involving only a few hours a month (unpaid), and the atmosphere is most convivial. The work could be shared by several people. If you are at all interested, please call KAREN TYNES at 274-2255.

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Dear Editor ...

Dear Editor,

Due to illness resulting in hospitalization and long recuperation, this letter is long overdue.

We have a news item worthy of mention in your fine publication, hopefully in one of your summer issues. We think it will interest residents in our community as well as encourage many to take more interest in maintaining their homes and lawns.

In the fall of last year, members of the City Beautiful Commission toured our neighborhood and selected the home of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN H. LEWIS, 2249 Henry Avenue (our neighbors and fine ones, too), for its immaculate appearance and well-kept lawn. The Commission wrote the Lewis' a nice letter of commendation. They were so pleased with the letter that Mr. Lewis brought it over that we might read it. With the thought of passing the information on to you we asked for a copy of the letter, which is now enclosed.

Needless to say, we have complimented the Lewis' on several occasions on the fine manner in which they maintain their premises not knowing they would receive such signal honor.

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Authority ten years or more and Mrs. Lewis is the instructor of English at Treadwell High School. She has been with the Memphis Board of Education probably as many years. They have two small, well-behaved sons, seven and four years of age.

We have lived in the VECAA area for quite a long time and are proud of this section of our city.

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In addition a choir workshop will be held each evening from 7 to 8 p.m. for junior and senior high students. The Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is sending a music specialist from Pulaski, Tennessee, to direct the classes. The director is Ms. MARILYN WHITEMORE, who teaches public school music at Pulaski. Ms. Whittemore is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a B.S. degree in music education. She received a Master of Music degree in music performance from Memphis State University in 1975. She holds membership in Delta Omicron, the Tennessee Education Association and the Orff Association.

All activities will be held at the church at 815 N. McLean. For further information about the classes, contact BERT BRIXEY, minister of music, at 274-3766.

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CETA Aids Area

For the third consecutive summer Southwestern College is the sponsoring organization for a "cultural enrichment" program funded under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. Funneled through the City of Memphis, these federal funds are used to sponsor twenty such cultural enrichment programs along with work experience projects and other activities aimed at the unskilled and the unem-ployed.

This summer at Southwestern approximately 60 youth are enrolled in the program. They receive a variety of classroom instruction related to the high school curriculum and, for some, additional vocational training. Participants are administered aptitude tests and counseled with regard to potential job opportunities. The youth take field trips to a variety of sites and many work with Southwestern's NCAA summer sports program. SONNY SCRUGGS is the director of this summer's program and is assisted by several other professional staff members. The activities of this program and the other summer projects will be highlighted on August 10 when CETA will sponsor a program downtown on the mall.

A new component in the 1977 CETA program is benefiting the Vellertine/Evergreen community. Several of the youth are participating in field work projects in the neighborhood such as house repair, painting, yardwork and assistance for the elderly and disabled. Other activities included working with the day care center and other service agencies. Similar field work is being conducted in the Orange Mound area of Memphis.

Although the project is already underway, anyone who is elderly, disabled and/or financially unable to maintain his property or home can request assistance. Evergreen News editor RICK THOMAS is serving as liaison between the V/E community and the CETA summer program. He can be contacted at 278-2210.

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A Town Meeting sponsored by various neighborhood churches was held on June 4, 1977, at Trinity Methodist Church. Thirty-seven people attended. State Legislator PAM GAIA attended all day and along with the rest created a symbol, wrote a story, and a song about this community.

One of the issues that kept arising in the discussions was that people do not know each other and don't know each other's concerns. Community meetings are usually held when the issues are of such burning concern that people are about to explode. This Town Meeting, part of a nationwide Town Meeting Program sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs, enables people to see the potential in themselves and their community. A city-wide Town Meeting was held in December, 1976. A similar Town Meeting was held in the Longview Heights community on June 25, 1977.

The proposals that were formulated at the meeting at Trinity Methodist were: (1) have a neighborhood "Social"

to bring people together and encourage them to form their own block organizations, have block parties, and to participate in VECAA; (2) to build up community pride and clean up the neighborhood by publicizing the program and organizing a clean-up crew; (3) to publicize and plan public meetings to establish contacts between neighbors and other groups; (4) improve services by communicating issues to representatives.

Lindsey Memorial Presbyterian Church printed a document that has the symbol, story, song and proposals of the meeting. Anyone interested in seeing it may call PAT GOAD, 274-9440.

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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VECAA, needing money badly, is going to sponsor a community GARAGE SALE at the parking lot behind LITTLE FLOWER on Saturday, September 10. It will begin at 9 a.m. and go to 3:30 p.m. To raise the needed monies, they're going to charge \$10 for each space. You will get a lot for your ten bucks though. There will be city-wide publicity via public service announcements on all the radio stations. They will also put up a large sign in front of LITTLE FLOWER a week in advance and put up signs at the major intersections the day before. So, there will be a lot more people attending than would normally attend a private sale. Bring your card tables, clean out your attic, and come sell those "expendable treasures". Dealers also welcome. Your space must be registered and fee paid by September 7 to: Garage Sale, 745 N. Hawthorne.

SPRINGDALE MINISTER

by Patricia Terry

I first met JOHN HULME while riding my bicycle in Overton Park. He and his wife were driving around the area, trying to get to know the neighborhood. After talking with him, I discovered that becoming acquainted, whether with an area or with people, is something he is very good at doing.

Reverend John Hulme serves as pastor at Springdale

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Methodist Church. He and his wife ASYLEE moved to Memphis in June. Before coming to the pastorate at Springdale, Hulme was active in other aspects of the ministry. During his years of active duty in military service, Hulme served as chaplain, worked aboard ship, and visited military missions. He views those years, 1954-58, as "rich and rewarding experience" which gave him specialized training that he could not have had otherwise. His travels during that time must have been rewarding, as well. Hulme saw Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Panama, Germany, Sweden, and the list goes on.

Following active duty, the Hulmes lived in Collierville in 1960 and 1961, where Reverend Hulme served as pastor. Hulme noted Memphis' change in size as the most significant difference between his stay here in the 60's and the present. The Hulmes then moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Rev. Hulme was the senior staff chaplain at Brook Army Medical Center in the heart of the city. In San Antonio, Hulme was in charge of religious programs, counseling, and the school for pastoral education. Although there was patient turnover, consistent attendance by members of the community made work at the Army Medical Center similar to working with a regular congregation.

The Hulmes' son and daughter still live in Texas. Reverend and Mrs. Hulme considered staying there, but Memphis is in Hulme's home conference, and he was ready to return to the pastorate. Hulme says, "I enjoy the pulpit very much. I enjoy that facet of the ministry. I also enjoy counseling very much. I have been in supervisory administrative positions for the past fifteen years. I wanted to get back to the pastorate. I've enjoyed that more than anything else. I enjoy working with people."

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Reverend Hulme speaks highly of the Springdale congregation. "The people seem to be looking for something to do for somebody else. They certainly seem to be concerned for one another. There is an intensity of caring for each other. I don't think that's common," he says.

As for future plans for Springdale, Hulme would like to emphasize out-reach, evangelism, and total ministry in the community. He, as well as other members of the Springdale congregation, would like to interest Southwestern students in their church. Hulme thinks that the Church should have more influence in the community than the average church has. "If the Church really was what I think the Church should be, a lot more people would be coming to the Church than do. The Church is a place where there is care and concern, and if it isn't, there is something wrong with the Church."

Hulme is concerned about racial balance both in the Church and the community. He enjoys living in the area because blacks and whites living together makes for "a wholesome atmosphere."

People are most important to Reverend Hulme. He exhibits his concern in his demeanor and his actions. Hulme says that he and his wife enjoy living here. "The thing that makes the difference anywhere is the people." Such a man and an attitude are certainly an asset to the community.

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MMIA SURVEY

by Rick Thomas

The Mid-Memphis Improvement Association (MMIA), the community organization adjacent to VECAA on the south, has recently completed the tabulation of a household survey conducted in its area. Over 800 households in the area bounded by Madison, Watkins, North Parkway and East Parkway were interviewed by neighborhood volunteers. The information obtained is to be used in the development of a comprehensive neighborhood plan. Some of the findings are discussed below.

The residents of the MMIA area generally had lived in the neighborhood for some time. The mean tenure for the households interviewed was 12.2 years and the median was six years. The largest group of residents (39%) had moved to their present residence from someplace in midtown, while one-fifth had moved there from someplace else in the city. Only 2.4% were lifelong residents. The most frequent reason for choosing a midtown residence was the convenience for reaching the workplace. Other factors making the area attractive were its proximity to other parts of the city and its pleasant atmosphere. The only significant complaint about the area was the need to clean up its appearance in places.

The majority of those interviewed shop, at least for some items, in the midtown area. Groceries and drugs were items likely to be bought nearby. Although a small proportion (17%) utilize area parks, those who do find them adequate.

Most of the residences in the area are single-family dwellings, and 80% of those interviewed were homeowners. The

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