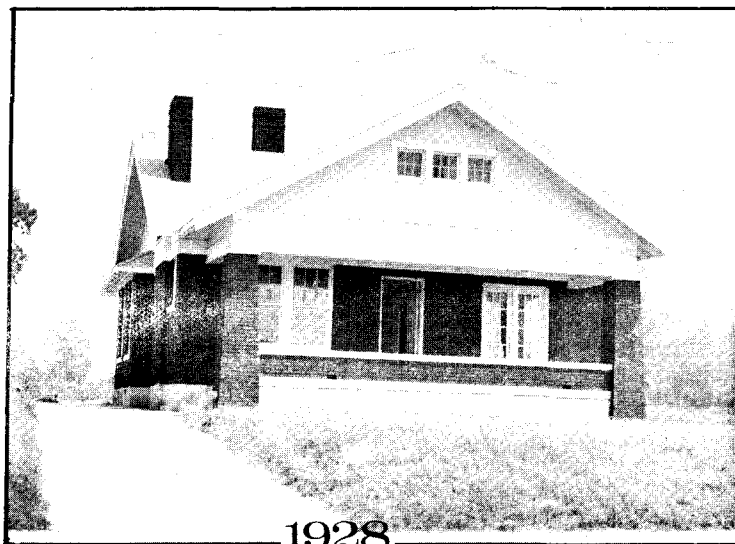
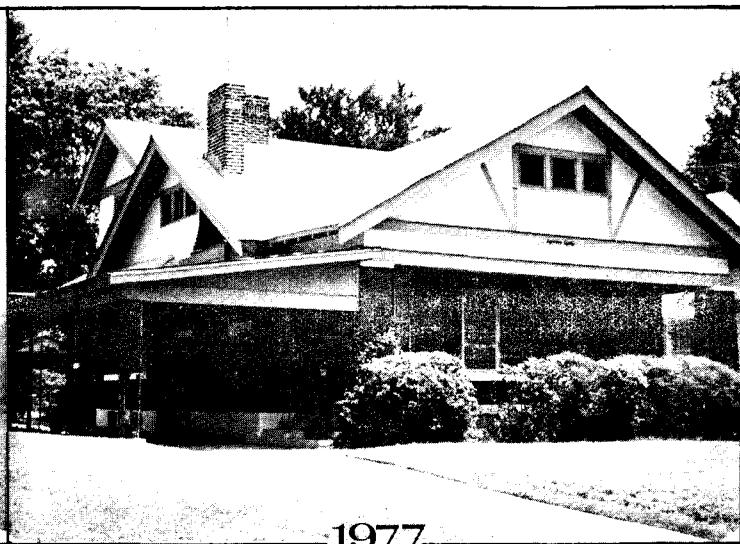


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Past Remembered

By Patricia Terry

JOHN COLLINS has lived at 1880 Lyndale with his brother, PAT, and his mother since 1946. History, real estate investment, CB radios and photography are among his interests, but most important of these is history, including some about our neighborhood's past.

One nostalgic article reads, "There used to be a swimming hole in the bayou near McLean and Tutwiler, with water that may have been as much as five feet deep. . . . Aside from water deep enough for swimming, there was a high and muddy bank which could be watered and used for a bare-skin slide. It was a remote area then, with Italian farmers still growing vegetables in the area where the modern streets of Stonewall and Overton Park meet."

Perhaps the swimming hole was still around when the first houses were built in the area around 1890. A

small, warm community once existed south of Vollintine between McLean and Evergreen, known as Terrytown. The homes were built by the R.A. TERRY family who owned a dairy farm that John Collins remembers. The farm ran north of Vollintine, stretching from McLean almost to the North Watkins of today. Homes were built on 10-acre plots, and were located in the country at that time. The community was practically self-sufficient, and even had its own Terrytown school. It began to break up in 1911, when the Crump brothers left their Jackson Avenue store. By 1918, developers were buying Terrytown land for new subdivisions.

The home owned by the Collinses was built around 1928. John Collins' grandfather bought the house as an investment. John, Pat, and Mrs. Collins moved into the house after World War II. The house is basically the same today as when it was first built, except for the addition of a den and carport and some remodeling upstairs.

"When my former neighbor, Mr. EVERETT PERKINS bought his home during the depression," says Collins, "the banks were allowing people to move in without paying a deposit. All they had to do was to pay the notes. This was to prevent vandalism in the houses."

"During the '30's, the houses in the neighborhood were selling for \$5,000 - \$6,000. The price is now about \$40,000."

"The third generation is living in some of these homes," says Mr. Collins. "That's what has anchored the neighborhood. Southwestern has also helped in that respect. Very seldom do you see someone move from this area. Fortunately, it's a very desirable area—a lot of people are waiting for a house to buy here." A long-term resident of the neighborhood, Collins has seen some changes. "Many of the older people are gone," he says. "Luckily, younger people have moved in. These homes are a real bargain for anyone."

Collins would like to see VECAA create a committee to contact new residents to show them what can be done with the homes. The committee would also try to improve the condition of the private homes in the area by suggesting needed repairs to the owners. He feels that race relations are better now than in the past, and that neighborhood improvement should be VECAA's primary interest today. He is concerned that VECAA isn't responding to the actual needs of the residents, and suggested that the area be annexed by MMIA.

John Collins and his family have lived in the area for 31 years, and have no plans for leaving. Of his interest in the history of Memphis and the Vollintine/Evergreen community, he says that it gives him "a sense of belonging to something that's been there a long time." Thanks to him, some of that history has been preserved.

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The second offering of the "Transition from Woman to Career" course will begin on Monday, September 15, 1970. The course is a ten-week program designed to help women make the transition from housewife to career woman. The course covers a wide range of topics including resume writing, job interview techniques, goal setting, and self-evaluation. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion upon successful completion of the course.

The course is held at the First Baptist Church, 1000 N. Main St., Memphis, TN 38104. The cost of the course is \$10.00. For more information, contact the First Baptist Church at 274-1234. The course is open to all women, regardless of their current employment status. The course is a valuable opportunity for women to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the workforce. The course is held on Mondays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The course is a ten-week program designed to help women make the transition from housewife to career woman. The course covers a wide range of topics including resume writing, job interview techniques, goal setting, and self-evaluation. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion upon successful completion of the course.

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Panel discussions by working women, discussion groups and readings covering aspects of adult growth and the female viewpoint from religion to health care, course work on personal career-related finances and support sessions led by trained counselors are included in the program. Skills such as resume writing, job interview techniques, goal setting, and self-evaluation are addressed over the ten week course.

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Shop Talk

There is a new business in the area. WES'S PRINT SHOP at 1574 Vollentine opened around the first of September. WES BARRET and his wife LIZ are textile printers doing mostly T-shirts for various churches, schools, and civic groups. Besides their whole-sale business, they also have a retail line of shirts with endless possibilities. You can get them to put your own color photo on a shirt, send a shirt-a-gram (a telegram on a shirt) or put on your initials. You also can buy packages of letters or emblems and do it yourself. They also have shirts with all the popular themes from Elvis to Star Wars.

Wes, who was raised in this neighborhood and attended Snowden, has also done a lot of promotional work. He did the shirts promoting the Grizzlies and made the World's Largest T-Shirt for Rick Dees. His shop is open from 9:30 - 5:30 Monday through Friday and 10:00 - 4:00 on Saturdays.

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Very much _____ Some _____ Not much _____ Not at all _____

3. How do you like the cover pictures?
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4. Would you like to see more graphics? Yes _____ No _____

5. How would you describe the quality of the newsletter?
Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

6. Do you read it? Would you like to see more?

Happenings	_____	_____
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7. Is there anything else you would like to see? _____

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