

The EVERGREEN NEWS

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SCHOOL REVOLUTION

Those V/E residents with school age children have a special opportunity this fall. In the past, parents whose children went to public schools had little choice in the kind of education that was offered. This year, the Memphis school system offers fourteen optional schools. Those who feel that inner city schools are slighted when it comes to school expenditures should be encouraged by the fact that seven of these special schools are in our area. These schools are Bellevue, Central, Fairview, Idlewild, Springdale, Messick and Snowden. At each of these schools are actually two student bodies. The main group of students are enrolled in the regular program which accepts just those from its own district. The second, the optional school group, accept students from anywhere in the city as long as the racial balance is maintained. For this reason each application into the optional program will be reviewed but after a student is accepted he will be entitled to renew the transfer for subsequent school years, so long as the student remains in the program and progresses satisfactorily. In effect, this gives students in public schools the variety of choice available to those who can afford private schools but at no extra cost. This is a tremendous program that has had great success in other cities. Below is a listing of the various schools and their special emphasis.

BELLEVUE (7-9) College Preparatory Program — This alternative junior high school college preparatory program has been developed for students who desire curricular activities and help so they may enter a highly specialized high school college preparatory program with confidence. This special college preparatory program will offer a demanding academic curriculum to students. There is to be strong emphasis on liberal arts in the areas of science, languages, mathematics, social studies and the arts with strong programs developed on creative writing in the language program along with research and writing composition.

CENTRAL (10-12) School of Academics — This school-within-a-school has been designed to provide an option in education for students who are seeking a broad liberal arts foundation for college preparation in the fields of the sciences,

mathematics, law, architecture, education, business administration, public service and social service. Emphasis will be placed on the development of sound study habits through motivating classroom lecture and discussion, challenging assignments and opportunity for independent study.

FAIRVIEW (7-9) School of Natural Sciences and Ecology — This "school-within-a-school" will attempt to develop an extensive acquaintance with local aspects of natural sciences. This is intended so that students will develop a deep appreciation for and a strong determination to maintain the benefits of our natural environment. Such academic disciplines as language arts and mathematics will be correlated with motivational science content in order to fully assist students electing to enroll in this optional school.

IDLEWILD (1-3) Individually Guided Education (IGE) — IGE is a comprehensive form of education and instruction designed to produce higher levels of educational achievement by providing for differences among students in rates of learning, learning styles and other characteristics. IGE is more comprehensive than other individualization programs that provide for little or no contact with teachers and that give little or no attention to attaining important educational objectives through small group activities.

MEMPHIS MAGNET SCHOOL AT SPRINGDALE (1-6) Open School — This school will provide a non-graded, continuous progress program designed to meet the needs of individual students as determined by them, their parents, and the staff. The program will develop basic reading, communications, and computational skills within a warm, accepting, success oriented atmosphere. The highest level will be encouraged. Learning activities will encourage creativity, self-direction, problem solving, critical thinking, and emotional and psychomotor development. Teachers will serve as learning facilitators, resource persons, counselors, and learning guides.

MESSICK JR. (7-9) Junior High IGE Program — IGE is a total system of education that is concerned first with changing the organization for instruction and the relating staffing pattern so that instructional improvements can more readily occur. It takes a broad view of education and instruction in which true individualization to attain all of the school's education objectives is achieved by varying certain elements — student instructional programs, instructional materials, modes of instruction, and teachers. It encourages the adaption and

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SUMMER NIGHT STUDIES

Evergreen Presbyterian has been the host church for the Summer Night Studies since 1971. This very fine event is scheduled for 1978 on Monday evenings July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Any interested persons are invited to attend. There will be a potluck dinner each night so participants can enjoy some fellowship from 5:45 to 6:15. Classes will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Courses being offered are:

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and a course of interest to the youth. Come and bring the family — there will be something for everyone. Child care will be provided for infants and nursery ages and Bible story themes with art and drama for the older children. Participating churches are: Emmanuel Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Idlewild Presbyterian, Lindsey Memorial, McLean Baptist, Parkway Gardens, Springdale Methodist and Trinity Methodist. This will be an opportunity to meet our neighbors and fellowship together.

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Dear Editor:

We at Wells Fargo Guard Services certainly enjoyed and appreciated your article on Mr. John Devereaux and his wife, Martha, and his children, Arah, Bill, and John; and let's not forget the family pet, Pepe le Peux.

Mr. Devereaux has granted Wells Fargo the privilege of sharing his expertise with Wells Fargo clients and fellow employees since 1975.

Wells Fargo has received numerous commendations of his excellent performance and assistance from the management of the facility where Mr. Devereaux is Supervisor.

We, his fellow employees at Wells Fargo, have the utmost respect for Mr. Devereaux and his family.

His outstanding example and unselfish contribution to the Memphis Community is admirable. The Memphis Community and Wells Fargo certainly welcome outstanding people as Mr. John Devereaux and his family; and value the honor of their association.

When Mrs. Devereaux comes to the office, she always has a smile and is an inspiration; she brightens the day for all who are fortunate to see and talk to her.

If the Devereaux family returns to Oregon, it will be a great loss to all in Memphis but quite a gain to Oregon!

Again, thank you for the article of Mr. John Devereaux and his family for it was appreciated and very apropos.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Bradley

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.

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Rose People

May is a special month for many of our residents. The annual Rose Show is held each year on Mother's Day, so this seemed a perfect time to spotlight the rose enthusiasts of our area. One of these is JACK ADAMO, of 1952 Snowden, whose flowers are often seen at Carl's Bakery and other neighborhood businesses. Many visitors have trooped down his driveway to see the sight of hundreds of roses blooming in his backyard and his neighbor's and the next yard also, and I'll tell you how that happened later on.

Jack Adamo was not always known just for his roses. For twenty-five years he was one of the top agents for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, winning sales awards year after year. When he retired, National Trust Life, another insurance company just getting started in our area at the time, convinced him to go to work with them. So, for the next twenty-five years he repeated his previous achievements and was an award winning salesman for NTL. Finally, after a total of fifty years in insurance, he retired to his roses.

Notice that nothing was said about Mr. Adamo quitting work. The super salesman works just as hard, if not harder, for the Memphis Rose Society and caring for those hundreds of rose bushes, in all those back yards. Now, for that story of how Jack's garden grew. After he had filled every square inch of his own yard, his next door neighbor said that he could plant her yard. Mr. Adamo said he didn't want her to have time to change her mind, so he was out with his shovel very early the next morning. That yard is just about full, and the next neighbor recently made the same offer and again the rose man has lost no time in spreading the glory of his garden on down the street.

Jack Adamo has won every kind of trophy possible in rose shows and is a nationally recognized judge. He has retired (again) from competition but still displays his blooms. Among all those sales awards and rose trophies is a modest plaque on a weatherbeaten board that is his proudest possession. It is a commendation for finding the "Memphis Heritage" rose. During the planning for the city's Sesquicentennial celebration, it was decided that there should be a rose named to honor the event. The only problem was that roses are registered by their hybridizers two years ahead. In desperation, Mr. Adamo was asked to see if one could be found. After contacting hybridizers he knew all over the world, one was found who would change the

name of a certain rose if it did not get into certain rankings. Memphis did get it's rose and Mr. Adamo assures me that it is a fine one.

Jack Adamo, though perhaps the best known, is not the only rose enthusiast in the neighborhood. Mr. Adamo recommended several others, among them JOHN FLETCHER, who lives at the corner of Faxon and N. Watkins. His roses have often stopped traffic since his garden is in full view from N. Watkins. Mr. Fletcher said that people come up to visit while waiting for the bus or while just walking by and he graciously receives everyone. Roses are not his only interest though. He loves to hunt and fish, and plays racquetball weekly. He also takes classic guitar, reads a lot and does his own housekeeping and yard work. Mr. Fletcher says he is retired but that the schedule he keeps has made him think about retiring from some of his retirement.

Mr. Adamo also recommended Dolly King, 890 University, Larry Larkey, 255 Jefferson, and Dolly Pierantoni, 850 N. Avalon as real "rose people". All have contributed a great deal of beauty to our neighborhood through their love of roses and here's hoping they continue to do so for many years to come.

Turning on the Neighborhood Credit Faucets

The financing of neighborhood redevelopment will be examined by a visiting expert and a panel of local leaders Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, on the Southwestern at Memphis campus.

Prof. Stanley J. Hallett, member of the faculty of the Center for Urban Affairs, Northwestern University, will speak at 8 p.m. Friday in Hardie Auditorium on the possibilities of attracting private investment money in the revitalization and preservation of neighborhoods. His address will be followed by a panel discussion in which local leaders will respond to Hallett's talk.

On Saturday, a case study of four Memphis neighborhoods will be presented from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 200 Clough Hall.

Friday's and Saturday's sessions are open to the public without charge. The forum, entitled "Turning on the Neighborhood Credit Faucets", is cosponsored by the Memphis Urban Ministry and Southwestern's Center for Continuing Education.

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Hallett, the Friday night speaker, teaches in Northwestern's Graduate School of Management and is vice president and a board member of the Illinois Neighborhood Development Corp., president of the Woodstock Institute and chairman of the board of Bainbridge Research and Development.

The panel will be moderated by Robert H. Wallace Jr., research analyst with Morgan Keegan & Co. Inc. of Memphis. It will include Stuart Acuff, on the staff of the Tennessee Association of Community Organization for Reform Now (ACORN); Mori Greiner, general manager of WMC television and radio stations; Charlie D. Hill, Jr., deputy director of Memphis' Division of Housing and Community Development; Minerva Johnican, public school teacher and member of the Shelby County Court; and Jack Jennings, vice president with the real estate division of Union Planters National Bank.

All interested persons are invited to take part in Saturday's case study, to be moderated by the Rev. Charles A. Carter, missionary with the Memphis Urban Ministry.

The four neighborhoods to be discussed are Lincoln Park, Orange Mound, Cooper/Young and the Mid-Memphis Improvement Association Area.

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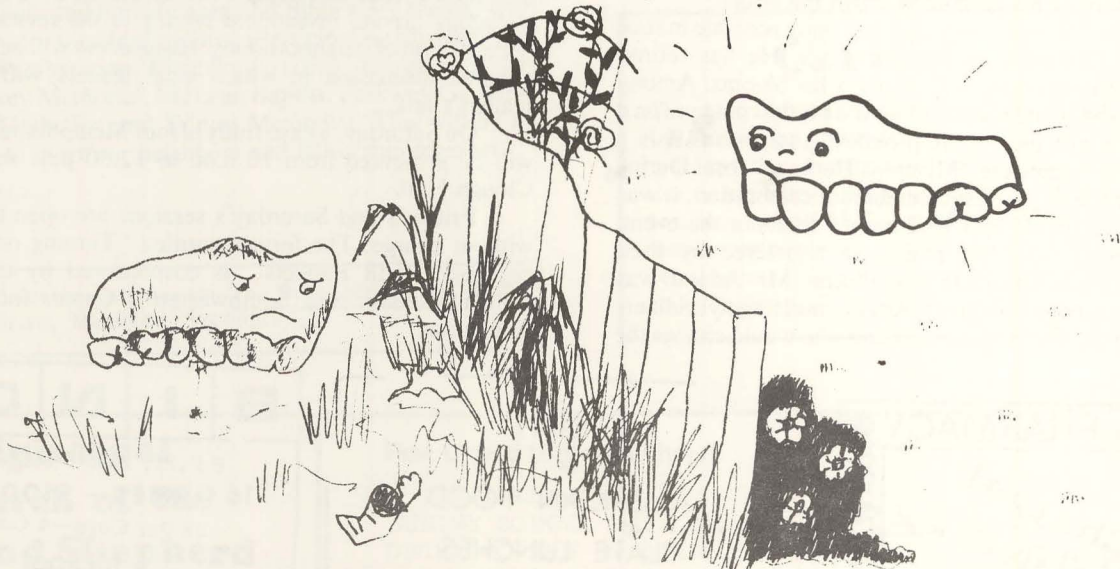
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