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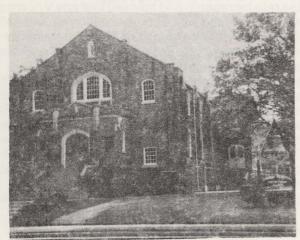
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Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church

# CHURCH GIVES VECA OFFICE

For the first time in its eight year history, VECA now has a permanent office for VECA's exclusive use. Through the generosity and cooperation of Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church, its Unicameral Board, and its pastor, The Reverend Pat S. Wright, a furnished office has been made available for VECA on the third floor of the church building located at 1663 Tutwiler Avenue at Dickinson. The office is furnished with a desk, chair, filing cabinet, bulletin and blackboards, and built-in cabinets.

Lindsay Church has also made a larger room adjacent to the VECA office available for small meetings and the Fellowship Hall in the basement for larger meetings, when available and upon request. The VECA office will be open for use by members of VECA Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Requests for use of the facilities at other times should be directed to the VECA Executive Committee well in advance of the time for which use is desired.

The new VECA office was obtained through the efforts of VECA Executive Committeeman Frank Moore, and VECA's written application for office space was approved by the Unicameral Board of Lindsay Church on January 14, 1979. Mrs. Louise P. Brumley, Church Secretary, and Mr. James Shannon, Church Custodian, have been very helpful in setting up the new VECA office.

The establishment of a permanent office gives VECA a definite place to store records and files for mutual use by VECA members, relieves the inconvenience of the repeated use of members' homes for VECA activities, and provides a physical presence for VECA in the community.

VECA is deeply grateful to the members of Lindsay Church for their hospitality and interest in the commun-

ity in which their church is located.

by Frank Moore

## NOW, INSURANCE REDLINING?

The Midtown Area has faced many problems in its struggle to maintain attractive and decent neighborhoods. Just a few short years ago, it was difficult to obtain a 30 year mortgage on many homes in the area. Also, renovation loans were difficult, if not impossible, to secure. While these problems have now been solved for the most part, there is now yet another difficulty that concerns not only the VECA area, but all of Midtown.

Recently, some new residents are finding it almost impossible to obtain adequate homeowners insurance. Reasons for refusal may include age of the house, the neighborhood, old and outdated wiring and various other conditions. Some companies may even have a policy of not insuring older homes. In some instances, companies may raise rates on existing policies for the same reasons.

VECA and the Council of Midtown Neighborhoods have become very concerned about this problem. We would like to know how many VECA residents have experienced these types of difficulties with their homeowners policies. If you have had a problem of this nature, call Carl Holmes (278-2746) after 7 p.m. weekday evenings.

by Carl Holmes

#### **VECA NEWS**

**ELECTIONS** of VECA Officers and a vote on proposed Charter amendment changes were postponed until the March 26th meeting.

VECARECORDS SHOW that civic pride in the V/E area is alive and well. Membership (dues paying members) has more than doubled since September.

#### **NEXT VECA MEETING**

Monday, March 26th, 1979, 7:30 P.M., Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church. Agenda: Election of Officers and voting on Charter amendment changes.

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## **VECA MEETING RE-CAP**

About 20 V/E area residents braved the cold weather on Monday night, January 15th for the neighborhood organization's first meeting of the new year.

Frank Moore announced that Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church at 1663 Tutwiler Avenue has welcomed VECA to use a room in the Church as an office. "We are pleased and gratified for the use of the room as office space," Moore stated. "Such an office has been needed for some time."

In other meeting topics of current interest, the Vollintine Courts issue was capsulized by VECA Land Use Committee Chairman Joe Hough who explained that the objectives of the planned VECA court action were to obtain: (A) Rehabilitation and/or (B) Demolition. "However, there are, as Mr. Tom Turley said at the November meeting, no long range objectives other than a resolution of the Vollintine Courts issue," Hough reiterated. (For further information, see Commercial Appeal, January 14th, 1979 — Section E). To make a contribution to the VECA — Vollintine Courts Fund, see the coupon on the last page of E/News.

Ann D. Moore, Co-Editor of *The Evergreen News*, made an urgent request for aid in the layout, typing, reportage, and distribution of our neighborhood newspaper. "We especially need someone to become Production Co-Editor, that is to handle layout (pasteup) for us — the job simply involves cutting and pasting. It would require three or four hours per month," she explained. Also needed are more typists (with typewriters) and reporters. (For information on how to help, call Ann at 274-2163; or come to any regular E/News staff meeting at 1467 Tutwiler Avenue held at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Block carriers for the E/News are always needed — call Distribution Manager — Joe Hough at 274-5551).

VECA President Carl Holmes addressed the problem of acquiring insurance for older homes (or unreasonable rate increases) and advised that any V/E area residents confronted with such a situation should call him at 278-2746. "The Council of Midtown Neighborhoods is contemplating negotiations with the State Insurance Commissioner," he reported.

A quorum being present, the membership passed a resolution stating that VECA will hold future meetings on the last Monday in the month. Regular meetings will be held every other month beginning in March. The next meeting will be on March 26th at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church Sanctuary (corner of Tutwiler and Dickinson) at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to attend, see the new office, and bring a friend.

by Aaron Tatum

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

CONGRATULATIONS to Art and Maureen Knighton (1439 Faxon Ave.) on the recent birth of their new daughter, Rachael Mae.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dick Borys (924 Idlewild N.) for his recent selection to the first class of the Leadership Memphis Program.

WELCOME HOME to former VECA President, Mike Kirby and his family.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: In recognition of the Heart Association Month there will be a FREE Blood Pressure Screening at BORG PHARMACY, Saturday, February 17th, 9-12 noon. A dietitian will be present to discuss the reduction of high blood pressure through diet. Please watch for the regular FREE mid-March Blood Pressure Screening at BORG PHARMACY. A sign in the window will indicate the exact day and time.

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And so I usually feel after the frenzied exhiliration of the holiday season — completely wrung out, used up and picked over, but somehow I will drag myself along to face "business as usual." I call this phenomenon the "February blahs."

But, as yet, this all lies ahead of me, for the time now is December. Anticipating the joy of the Christmas Season, I feel a surge of growth, a sense of oneness with my environment. I feel at home, peaceful, even though it is only a few days after the Frutchey murder. Shocking, cold-blooded, cruel - the incident flooded me with a queasy feeling. I felt as if I knew her. In fact, if, somehow, I happen to be a widow, I hope to remain as she must have been; alive, responsive, trying to create the most from her later years. I guess that's why the whole thing hit me so hard. I saw myself in her. I'm only 31 and I'm scared . .

And I know I'm not the only one. Even though reason tells me that these horrible things can happen anywhere, I think about how many FOR SALE signs I might see in the weeks ahead. Because typically, there's a whipping boy for fear and distrust, and here it's THE NEIGHBORHOOD. The silent, massive trees, the picturesque houses with the arched doorways, the variegated bricks, the lazy rock porches, the tangy scent of smoldering fireplaces, footprints of an era gone by, a still-living monument to the amazing optimism and creativity of the years that saw its construction. Still

present is the spirit of boundless energy, of positive thinking that must have fostered such a monument. Houses that will stand proudly for two more lifetimes ... . terra cotta drainage systems in the yards, meticulous attention to every detail . . . I dread that it might be left abandoned and haunted, depleted by the sickening contagion of neurotic fear.

I avert my eyes and my mind from such possibilities because today, December 15, five days after Mrs. Frutchey's murder, I feel strength and hope, because within me lives a dream for our neighborhood. I see a return of positive good times for our area. I see our churches, businesses and schools uplifted in a spirit of hard-working good will. Somehow I view us inhabitants as harbingers of the future, yet a vital link with the past. The gospel writer Matthew once alluded to the wise man being like a "homeowner who takes new and old things out of his storage room" (13:52). I perceive those of us placed here as living symbols of the rich synthesis and dancing coexistence of the new and the old. Blocks and streets getting together for the good of all, schools and churches joining in a spirit of cooperation and openness with their neighbors. I see our neighborhood as a tiny miracle of positive stroking vibrations functioning within a sea of negativism and fear. I see each one of us from every race, from all walks of life, together placing our hands to the plow that will dig the furrow of tomorrow, pushing to the surface rich. fertile soil which will receive the seed of a newly born community.

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By Frank Moore

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