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## VECA NEWS

The bimonthly General Membership meeting was held at Lindsay Memorial Church on March 26, 1979. There were more than 50 VECA members in attendance. The following items of interest to V/E area residents were discussed.

Carl Holmes reported that he has only received 10 calls regarding insurance redlining; he does not think that this problem exists to any great extent in the V/E area; however, he will continue to monitor it.

Thomas Turley asks that area residents be patient regarding the filing of legal action necessary to remedy the Vollintine Courts (now Saints Courts) situation. He said money is needed now for the litigation fund. If you can donate something to this fund, contact Emily Ratner (925 University Street, 38107).

The Metropolitan Interfaith Association (MIFA) is doing a neighborhood history of the V/E area. They will be doing a telephone survey of 10% of the residents in an attempt to find out what the VECA neighborhood is like and where it is going. They are especially interested in old neighborhood photographs. Anyone willing to share photographs or historical information (they will make copies) — please call the MIFA office at 527-0208 or Carol Lowe at 522-1482. They have completed several other neighborhood histories; these are available in the Memphis Public Library. The VECA neighborhood history will be available in September, 1979.

Margaret Dichtel (274-2026) was elected President of VECA for the second time, replacing Carl Holmes. She was first elected President in 1970 and presided over the organization in its beginning. She helped to establish VECA as a solid neighborhood association; so it is fitting that she once again preside during its revitalization. She resides at 893 Oakmont, and she

has been the Director of Family Service of Memphis for two years.

Outgoing VECA President, Carl Holmes, has lived at 695 Dickinson with his wife, Camille, and two sons (Billy, 13, and Dan, 12) for the past five years. He is an employee of Avionics Specialists, Inc. He has rallied

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## SUMMER NIGHT STUDIES

"Fantastic . . . stimulating . . . a time for learning . . . a true Christian experience." These are just some of the adjectives used to describe Summer Night Studies, an annual ecumenical effort designed to promote awareness, concern, and growth in the Christian Community. Summer Night Studies will be held June 11, 12, 18, 19 at Evergreen Presbyterian Church at 613 University. Since 1971, the SNS has provided an opportunity for Christian learning and fellowship. This year's central theme is "HOPE" and will explore the meaning of this word not only in terms of the Bible but also in terms of various aspects of everyday living.

Among the six specific areas of study which are offered are: "Hope in the Bible" led by Rabbi James Wax; "Modern Theologians of Hope" led by Richard Batey, Professor of Religion at Southwestern; "What Hope for Our City?" with guest speaker Dr. W. W. Herenton, Superintendent of Memphis Public Schools; and "Hope and the Arts in the 20th Century" with guest speaker Jamison Jones, Director of the Memphis Academy of the Arts.

Each night the study sessions are preceded by a fellowship dinner and a short program of music and worship. There will also be a time for continued fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

The eleven participating churches are Emmanuel Presbyterian, Epworth Methodist, Evergreen Presbyterian, First Presbyterian of West Memphis, Idlewild Presbyterian, Lindsay Memorial United Presbyterian, McLean Baptist, Parkway Gardens Presbyterian, Springdale United Methodist, Trinity United Methodist and Union Avenue Baptist.

Reservations for SNS must be made no later than June 4th. For reservations and/or more information — contact Evergreen Presbyterian Church at 274-3740. Brochures may be picked up at any of the participating churches.

By Tina Egge

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**ART SHOW** — Brad McMillan's 2nd Annual Home & Studio Exhibit & Sale, Release of a Book of New Drawings — Sunday, May 20th, 2-7:00 p.m., 1906 Mignon Avenue.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Diane Amis, a 20 year old senior at the University of Tennessee, who captured the 1979 Miss Memphis title on March 23rd. Miss Amis is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Amis of 1870 Tutwiler.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eugene "Trip" Brady III. For the second year in a row, Trip won the Grand Awards Prize in the boys division of the Memphis-Shelby County Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by *The Press Scimitar*, the Engineers Club of Memphis and Christian Brothers College. Trip, 16, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brady, Jr. of 1511 Tutwiler, is a student at Catholic High.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Margaret Dichtel on being named in the current edition of *Who's Who in American Women*.

**NEW NEIGHBORS** — The William S. Wills III family of 2245 Cypress Circle. Bill and Liz and Little Bill (16 months) have recently returned to the V/E area — Welcome Home!

**SOUTHWESTERN'S 6TH ANNUAL RENNAIS-SANCE FESTIVAL** — May 18th, 19th, and 20th — 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday — 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday — Southwestern at Memphis Campus. Free Admission — Everyone Invited. A variety of activities (sponsored by the Communication Arts Department and The Southwestern Players) including a daily Royal Procession; several plays; street entertainment by gypsies, jesters, and madrigal ensembles; over 40 crafts displays of jewelry, macrame, and paintings; and foods and beverages indicative of the Renaissance era. Festival goers are encouraged to participate in

games and to come in costume. A May event you won't want to miss!

**DIAL-A-TRUCK** to help clean up. City Sanitation announced that beginning on April 6th anyone may call the City Beautiful office at 528-2718 during weekday business hours and reserve a truck for weekend loading. Persons with old furniture, appliances, other household discards or a large amount of yard trash may request that a truck be parked at the residence overnight. When it is filled, a city driver will take the vehicle to the city landfill. City workers will not load the truck and trucks cannot handle food waste or wet garbage (these are collected by regular sanitation pick up). At first, the city will use six trucks and they will be available from 3 p.m. on Fridays until 6 p.m. Sundays. So, take advantage of this new city service and plan to do a little extra Spring Cleaning this year!

- Address articles or news to *The Evergreen News*, 1467 Tutwiler Ave., Memphis, Tn 38107

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

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**Little Flower School** — Now registering, 1979-80 school year, grades 1-8, state approved, individual attention, open to all races and creeds, Christian atmosphere, 1666 Jackson, 276-1313 school, 278-3574 convent, or 276-1412.

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## BURGLARY IN VECA: PART II

Crime has a way of moving to the area or residence of least resistance. It may be influenced by residence security, weather, police presence, person at home, vacation periods, school holidays, knowledge of resident's possessions, etc. We cannot afford to pay for or rely entirely upon the police protection it would require to even reasonably guard against all neighborhood crime. If Memphians moved to cities of similar size in the North they would experience large increases in property taxes (often with city and state income taxes too) with only modest crime reductions. Like other social problems, you can't throw money at crime and expect it to go away. You can spend money on security for your own home just as easily with more effective results.

Storm windows are a good deterrent and, according to the newspaper, MLGW may offer assistance with financing. In any event, shop around because quality and price of windows will differ considerably. If you have been a victim of a burglary, you were probably amazed at how rapidly a security firm contacted you for an appraisal of your need for alarms, guards, doors, locks, etc. Be sure to shop around here too, and don't rule out the purchase of window guards from a salvage company where you may get them for reduced cost and install them yourself. Contact the police department about the appropriate identification of items in your home, especially T.V.s, stereos and other electronic equipment which has high theft appeal with easy "fencing."

While you are at it, don't forget your second largest possession, the automobile. Theft of cars has been high in Memphis and nationwide (One report specifies a ratio of theft to be 1:160 cars). Keep keys out of the

car, keep it locked when not in use (even in your own garage), turn wheels sharply to the curb when parked, install stereo or CB equipment that is removable (so that it can be kept in the house when not in use) and have your dealer install an alarm system in the vehicle.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the too typical crime deterrent — flight. Flight to other cities or more commonly to suburban areas of Memphis. Many residents have taken this alternative and many will consider it. Drive through VECA and then through the suburbs. In addition to fewer trees, you will note the homes are newer and generally much less well secured. Crime will move — and has moved — to these areas of lower resistance. The cost of moving itself, would allow most VECA residents to install security in their present homes to the point of "overkill." VECA is one of the most desirable residential neighborhoods in Memphis. We have older, well constructed homes, schools with a minimum of students bused, convenience to shopping with the luxury of a minimum of commercial zoning, racial integration that is both balanced and working, proximity to the downtown area and medical center, a zoo, the main library, fine restaurants, Southwestern University, beautifully landscaped properties, a recognized neighborhood association and good neighbors. It's our neighborhood, so secure it. Get to know your neighbors and enjoy the beauty and relatively low-cost luxury of Mid-town living. And stop tolerating the crime and other problems in VECA. Stand up for what is yours, or sit down while it's taken away.

by Tom Fagan

### NEXT VECA MEETING

Monday, May 28th at 7:30 P.M., Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church. Give a little time to your neighborhood and make some new friends.

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ED CISSOM'S EXXON

One of the busiest places in the neighborhood is the Exxon station at 585 N. McLean, right across from Snowden Junior High. Ed Cissom has been there for twenty-five years, working eighteen years for V. G. McCullough, then as owner for the last seven. Mr. Cissom's station offers complete auto service and that is service with a capital "S."

Now, when self-service pumps are everywhere, this station holds to the tradition of doing it all for you. Recently, I pulled in for three dollars of regular gas and got a man for every dollar — washing windshields, pumping gas and checking the hood — with smiles! There are seven employees plus Mr. Cissom, so it isn't an illusion that crowds of people are ready to serve you. Pumping gas is but a small part of the station's operation. There is a tow service, and mechanics are always on duty. These functions get high praise from neighborhood residents.

Ed Cissom came to Memphis in 1954 from his hometown of Ripley, Mississippi. He and his family lived for twelve years at Bellevue and Faxon before moving to Willow Road. His wife, Guy, keeps the books for the station. One daughter, Jackie, teaches at the First Assembly of God Church and School; and the other, Patty, is a sophomore at Memphis State.

Mr. Cissom opens his station each morning at six, except on Sundays when closed. Its proximity to Snowden accounts for some of the station's most hectic hours — before and after school. Snowden students make it a regular stopping place, causing the drink and snack machines to be filled twice a day! Yet with all this varied traffic, the men who work there greet everyone with enthusiasm that is rare.

Mr. Cissom's employees: Paul Sheffield, Mark Dunn, David Markham, Bo Spinks, John Rafford, Joe Simmons and Devy Jacobson are to be commended along with Ed Cissom for making this station such an asset to our neighborhood.

By Karen Tynes

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new interest and enthusiasm in the association members for progress in the V/E area for the coming year. V/E residents demonstrated their appreciation for the support and direction that Carl has provided for the past two years by presenting him with a commemorative plaque.

Frank Moore (274-2163) was elected as Vice-President. He and his wife, Ann, have lived at 1467 Tutwiler for one and a half years; they have both been actively involved in the VECA organization since moving into the neighborhood. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Law School and is an attorney in private practice.

Marcia Heitzmann leaves as Vice-President of VECA after serving in this position for two years. Her interest in the neighborhood and her dedication to its preservation have made her a valued VECA member. She lives at 1606 Galloway with her husband, Dennis, and two children, Colin and Bryan. She teaches in the kindergarten at Trinity United Methodist Church. She is also furthering her education at Memphis State. Although attending a MSU night class prevented her from being present at this meeting — VECA expressed a heartfelt thank you to Marcia and later in the evening Carl Holmes presented her with a basket containing a pink African violet.

The meeting closed on a very positive note after a round of applause was given in appreciation of the outgoing officers. The next General Membership meeting will be held on May 28, 1979.

By Katherine Martin

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