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VECA NEWS

On March 22, 1982, both the VECA executive committee and the general membership met at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church and discussed the following topics:

Universal Security Patrol. Tom Givens reported that burglaries were down 70% in the VECA area. Givens explained that if a patrolman sees an incident on a nonsubscriber's property, he will report it to the police and monitor the situation until the police arrive. If the intruder leaves before the police arrive, the patrolman will apprehend him. The Memphis Police Department has asked that the patrolman not interfere on nonsubscribers' property unless the police cannot respond in time.

Vollintine Courts Fund. Of the letters sent to contributors to the Vollintine Courts Fund, 14 responses were received with only three people wanting refunds. Most of the rest asked that the money go to VECA for a lifetime membership.

Treasury. Martha Heineman reported that there was over \$2,000 in the treasury.

Neighborhood Signs. The executive committee once again discussed the idea of signs saying that the neighborhood was patrolled 24 hours. If you have an opinion, the issue will be discussed further at the May general meeting.

Street Lights. The unofficial word is that the street lights recently erected on Barksdale will be replaced with those lights approved by the VECA executive committee.

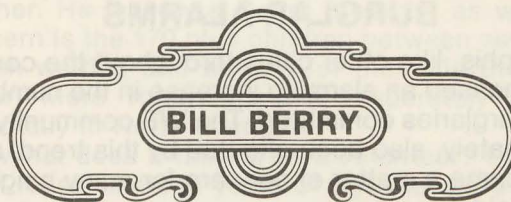
City Beautiful Commission. April 18-24 was proclaimed City Beautiful week with the focus this year on neighborhood businesses. The commission has a hot line to report all litter problems; the number is 52C-LEAN.

Hypertension Screening Program. This program offered free hypertension screening during the month of April and operated out of Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Officer Election. Tim Mashburn, head of the nominating committee, nominated Dennis Heitzmann for another year as president and Dick Borys as vice president. Both were elected unanimously.

Brown/Edwards Duplexes. Mark Hackett of the Mayor's Action Center spoke to the membership about the duplexes at Brown and Edwards which have been in deplorable shape and uninhabited for years. Owner Russell Sugarmon is supposed to begin repair no later than midsummer.

By Dorinda Smith



WINS ART AWARD

The Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood is filled with creative people. Perhaps these older homes, asking to be done over, attract artistic temperaments. At any rate, that's a theory of Billy Berry winner of this year's Tennessee Watercolor Society highest award.

Bill, a native of Camden, Arkansas, came to Memphis in 1963 and to Mignon Street in 1972. He received his Bachelor in Fine Arts from Memphis Academy of Arts in 1966. Bill is a designer/illustrator for Oden and Associates. He explains, "The painting came as a result of some classes under Jason Williamson while I was at the Art Academy and then the Tennessee Watercolor Association helped rekindle that interest. The key point was, I think when I was invited to join the Memphis Watercolor Group which was a real honor in 1975."

Another part of Bill's life is his family. They're all interested in art. Wife, Beverly, is his chief support. He says, Beverly, as well as Kelli, nine, and Nathan, five, are not only interested in doing art themselves but also enjoy going to galleries and shows.

Bill sums up his watercolor style by saying, "I like to portray things and places beyond the ordinary, pose, stance or view. I try to show people in terms of emotions, character studies, you could say."

The painting which won the Award of Merit from the TWS, "Intrusion", illustrates the style perfectly. The painting portrays a woman deep in thought who is suddenly aware of someone's approach. It is obvious from her expression that she does not welcome the interruption of her solitude.

This year's Tennessee Watercolor Society annual show opened in Chattanooga on April 24. Bill received his award at the Chattanooga show which will travel throughout the state and will open in Memphis sometime this winter.

By Tina Egge

NEXT VECA MEETING

Monday, May 24 at 7:30 P.M., Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church.



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BURGLAR ALARMS

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Probably the most effective deterrent to burglary to date is plain old neighborliness. This amounts to each resident acting as his brother's keeper for adjacent residences. This includes the noting of strange persons around the property and the subsequent reporting of any unusual activity to the homeowner or the

authorities.

The V/E community is fortunate to have a large nonworking population — especially senior citizens and young mothers — who are in a position to keep a watch on nearby homes. Unfortunately, we too often do not even know who our neighbors are and are therefore unable to contact them about unusual activity.

To improve this situation former VECA co-chairman Irvin Sachritz suggested a return to the frontier "circling the wagons" procedure wherein individuals banded together for mutual protection. The diagram provides a handy form to be filled in and posted. It will offer a close reference to those who we might need to call in case of an emergency.

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EVERGREEN EPICURE

This month's recipe, sent by Dr. Algenon Dandy, is for Hungarian Slaw. If you care to share your favorite family recipes with us, please call 276-1635. Thank you Dr. Dandy.

HUNGARIAN SLAW

Chop and mix together:

- 1 large cabbage
- 1-2 large onions
- 1-2 large bell peppers
- 2-3 carrots

Combine and boil for 3-5 minutes:

- 1 tsp white pepper
- 1 tsp celery seed
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar

Pour liquid over vegetables and mix well.

**MIKE EDWARDS NEW NEIGHBOR,
"BIG BROTHER"**

We want to introduce one of our newest neighbors to the VECA community - Mike Edwards of 1906 Mignon. Mike is associated with First Tennessee Bank of Millington, and chose this month to move back to Midtown from Millington. He hails from Jackson, Tennessee. To tell about Mike is to center on his major interest, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Memphis. Since his student days at Southwestern, Mike has served as a volunteer Big

Brother. He is now a Board Member, as well. His concern is the 170 plus children between seven and fifteen waiting and waiting for their Big Brother or Sister. More volunteers are desperately needed, especially in North Memphis.

What does it take to be a volunteer? One must be at least nineteen years of age and be willing to commit a year giving three to four hours a week to that special friend. These children are from one parent homes, needing a role model and someone to spend time to share his/her interests. Almost once a month, the Agency plans get-togethers and special events for all Big Brothers or Sisters and their Littles. It can mean the whole world to a youngster and enrich the volunteer's life. Mike says he can't imagine life without a super Little Brother like his "David". If you'd like to volunteer, call 324-3694. Thanks, Mike, for being such a good neighbor!

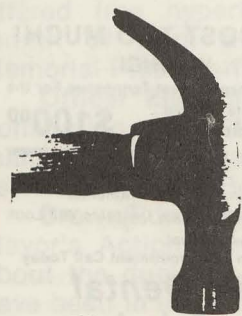
By Mrs. Ray Allen



IN FULL BLOOM

The saying March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb is especially appropriate this year. Our four adventures with snow this past winter are no doubt in everyone's vivid memory, but how soon we are forgetting as spring arrives at our doorstep! Members of Midtown Garden Club made part of the forgetting possible by planting tulips at Snowden School. Children on their way to school can't help but put on a happy face as they pass their school sign brightened with shades of red and yellow. The Garden Club (membership approximately twenty) continues with many projects and informative programs. If you're a gardening enthusiast and would like to share your gardening knowledge and expertise or contribute to the Garden Club structure, please contact Vera O'Neal (Midtown Garden Club President at 274-7260.

By Susan Helms



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS BRIEFS

★ Kathleen Mosby, whose name was incorrectly spelled in the April issue, placed third in the school science fair and city-wide fair for her project entitled "The Effects of Certain Organic Materials in Enriching Soil". Ms. Mosby, a sophomore at Catholic High School, is the daughter of Charles and Rose Mosby of 1869 S. Rainbow Dr.

★ Free Blood pressure screening is offered to the community every third Saturday of each month at Borg Pharmacy, 1703 Jackson.

★ Appreciation is extended to Mrs. Lois Kyle, a former Evergreen News block carrier. Thank you for your loyal service to your community over the years. We wish you a speedy recovery.

★ Announcing special services to be held at Springdale United Methodist Church, 751 North Trezevant, on May 2nd, 4th and 5th at 7:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Dr. David Hilliard, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, who will talk on

"Discover and Renewal".

★ Dixie Waste Recycling Plant at 2747 Jackson, under the viaduct, is paying \$0.20/lb for clean aluminum cans, \$1.00/one hundred lbs. of glass and \$0.75/one hundred lbs of newspapers (no magazines). The glass must be sorted into clear, brown and green glass, metal tops and rings must be removed from bottles. Labels need not be removed from bottles.

★ Summer activities at Evergreen Presbyterian Church include:

Day Camp for Grades 1-3; June 14-18.

Day Camp for Grades 4-6; June 12-16.

For information call the Recreational Center at 278-4430.

Vacation Church School; Week of June 28th.

Adult Summer Night Program; June 14-17-21-24.

For information call the Church at 274-3740.

SOUTHWESTERN CALENDAR

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by our incorrect dates in last month's Southwestern Calendar listings.

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