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Ann Reed Held

Heavenly Job Is Hard Work

Juggling a family and a career is a challenge that more women are facing. It is even a bigger challenge when that career is the ministry.

Ann Reed Held, associate pastor at Evergreen Presbyterian, combines these two roles easily and well.

"The ministry is not an hourly job; it's a life commitment which involves everything in my life, my family, my social life, even on days off," Ann explains. "My family obviously contributes a great deal to my ministry. Having a child has especially opened new areas for me. I can relate to young mothers and fathers much more now since Rebecca's birth a year and a half ago."

Husband John, a Social Security claims representative, is extremely supportive of his minister wife. "Besides being very active in the church in his own right, he does everything from being a sympathetic ear to taking care of Rebecca when I have evening meetings," she says.

Rebecca also fits right in, accompanying her mother on visits to church members. "She brings a lot of joy, especially to older people who don't have grandchildren near," Ann explains.

Ann's decision to become a minister involved several steps. After graduating from Southwestern with a B.A. in religion, Ann served as a youth director for Evergreen Church.

The third step came after her marriage to John and their subsequent move to Johnson City. She calls that year her "wilderness experience" because it was then that she made the decision to attend seminary.

In 1975, she and John moved again and Ann entered Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. After graduation she returned to Evergreen, this time as associate pastor and was the second woman to be

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Neighborhood Picnic Set

An old-fashioned "meet-your-neighbor, dinner-on-the-grounds" get-together is set for Sunday, August 15, from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Southwestern University which faces North Parkway.

The Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association is sponsoring the neighborhood picnic for all residents of the VECA community. And as Julie Borys, membership chairman of VECA, explains, nothing will be asked of picnic goers other than to have a good time and to bring their own lunches and chairs. Soft drinks will be provided.

"We so seldom have anything just for fun, we decided to have a picnic," Mrs. Borys said. She stressed that the picnic was a family affair and encouraged goers to bring their children.

To keep the little ones and big ones entertained, John Stokes of the Memphis Zoo will present a 45-minute program on birds of prey, complete with live animals. The show starts at 3 p.m.

Editorial

Southwestern University graduates weren't the only ones marching in sequence the day of graduation. Pickets converged on the university that day protesting the abrupt closing of the campus radio station, WLYX. Some of the protesters were students, but many were young residents of the area pushing their babies in strollers - not your typical rebellious crew.

But the closing of one of the few radio stations where you could listen to a variety of non-pop music without commercial interruptions was enough to stir a riotous flame. Many were incensed by rumors the station had closed because the university wanted to break with the "drug culture" image of rock music.

That was not the reason for closing the station said Associate Dean Robert Llewellyn at Southwestern. There were personnel problems with the non-student volunteers that managed the station, security problems in the station's gymnasium location and financial worries which were being dumped more into the university's lap.

But the chief reason, Llewellyn said, was to bring the radio station more in line with the university's educational philosophy.

"I can see the station playing virtually the same type of music as last year, only perhaps now it could be a little more educationally reflective - who wrote the music, what it means...instead of playing music

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ordained the following October by the Memphis Presbytery.

Her favorite part of the ministry is teaching. Ann spends a great deal of time coming up with creative ideas, not only for her Sunday school class for young adults, but also for programs like Vacation Bible School and Summer Night Studies, an ecumenical community project of midtown churches. She also teaches a communicants class for young people who are about to make their public profession of faith.

Another special joy is giving encouragement and support to young people who are considering the ministry or church service. She especially feels that she can be a role model for young women who may be making such a decision.

Of all these aspects of teaching, Ann says, "I feel with a family, this makes the best use of my resources. I help train and encourage others and in the process learn so much from them. The give and take is tremendous."

"I really feel like I've found my niche in the parish ministry," she said. "Being involved with others, sharing their joys and sorrows, are the things I find so rewarding. It's a real joy being a minister."

By Tina Egge

Veca News

On May 24, 1982, and June 15, 1982, the VECA Executive Committee met and discussed the following issues:

Treasury. At the May meeting, Martha Heineman reported a balance of \$2,065. The search continues for a more profitable way than a checking account to keep up with the treasury.

Irv Sachritz Memorial. The Executive Commit-

tee decided to recognize Irv Sachritz, an ardent VECA supporter who died recently, with a memorial. It was suggested that money be given to neighborhood school libraries for the purchase of books.

Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association Newsletter. The committee agreed to support the new MIFA newsletter.

MATA Bus Routes. President Dennis Heitzmann reported that as of June 7, buses discontinued their route down Stonewall between Jackson and Faxon.

Maury Garage. The man who was running a garage out of a duplex at Maury and Jackson in violation of zoning laws has moved out.

L & N Corridor. Frank Moore looked into the matter of the L & N property that has been abandoned and learned that the railroad is interested in selling the property to the City. However, title claims are not clear, and it would cost the City a large amount of money to gain clear title. The disposal of the property will be the topic of the September 27th General Membership meeting with representatives from L & N and the City invited to participate. That meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1663 Tutwiler.

Houses on N. McNeil. One of the three houses on North McNeil that have been a constant source of complaint for disrepair remains in bad shape. The Executive Committee is going to urge Mark Hackett of the Mayor's Action Center to either take the owner to court or else have the building torn down.

May Membership Meeting. Randy Mullen, planning coordinator for Community Development (CD), was the speaker at the membership meeting on May 24. Mullen said MLG&W had been given the go ahead to purchase 400 street light poles and fixtures and added the street lights on Barksdale will be replaced. He implied that the responsibility for replacing poles and lights in the VECA area rested with MLG&W.

By Dorinda Smith

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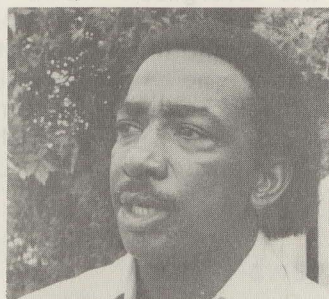
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Frank Askew

Maury Resident Busy Boosting and Building

Frank Askew has hit upon a program that he believes can give his north Midtown community "a boost" and at the same time motivate youngsters.

Askew has formed the North Midtown Area Association Booster Club, made up of about 200 children. The club's purpose is to motivate the children to keep their neighborhoods clean and to do well in school.

"In order for the children to participate in our program, they must have good grades and also be outstanding young citizens in the community. And we do check their report cards and what they are doing in school. That's why we have been so successful."

To keep their interest, the children, aged 5 to 18, are taken on field trips, on picnics and to the library.

Askew, a vocational-technical education teacher at Southside High School, had planned to offer the participants lessons in home maintenance, yard work, carpentry and plumbing. However, so far, he has not been able to find a place to hold the classes.

"I have been turned down by the churches in north Midtown," he said.

So he has had to limit his students to five and takes them along with him on home repair jobs.

Askew, president of the Maury Street Block Association, found summer jobs for 10 youngsters

in the club and is looking for more. The jobs range from maintenance work to baby-sitting.

Any child from any area can join the club, he said. "We don't have any boundaries."

The club's freshman girl softball team has a 4-4 record. Team members have their sights set on participating in some Memphis Parks Commission softball tournaments that are coming up.

Although Askew believes the booster club is helping inner-city youths, he feels more could be done if more residents and business owners were concerned. "The community needs to share some of its academic and vocational skills to move these kids."

Those interested in joining the club or making a donation to the softball team for equipment can call Askew at 274-5370.

By Peggy McCollough
From The Commercial Appeal

Editor's Note: Askew is concerned that some houses in his area are deteriorating and has offered his skills in home maintenance to those who want to learn. Also, he will be happy to share his experience in forming a block association.

News Briefs

• Dorinda Smith, former editor of the Evergreen News, and husband, Brant, have a new "edition" to their family. Tempe Dorinda was born July 10, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. Welcome to our neighborhood, Tempe!

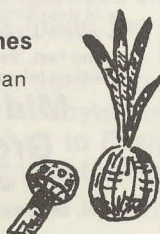
• Congratulations to Lloyd Boatright, a part owner of Starr Printing Co. at Chelsea and McLean, who was among a few to receive a "Respect for Law" certificate from the Optimist Clubs of Memphis and Shelby County. He was awarded the citation for bravery after assisting a woman who had fallen at the Indianapolis 500 race last year. Lloyd is a resident of Central Gardens. His company does a great job of printing each issue of the Evergreen News. (By Harriet Smith)

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WLYX

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constantly back-to-back," said Llewellyn.

The station's new format would probably mean shorter operating hours and summers off.

Llewellyn was hoping the station would be back on the air by September when students could staff it. But he said that may not be possible.

Two groups, one being the disgruntled former management of the station, are petitioning the Federal Communications Commission for rights to WLYX's airwave frequency. Should one of them be awarded the frequency, WLYX at Southwestern could no longer exist, since two stations can't operate on the same frequency and apparently this frequency is the only one available for a non-commercial station.

Few people would probably disagree with the right of Southwestern to do what it wants with the station. Even if the majority of financial and management contributions came from sources other than the university, it is the school's name the station carries and all the responsibility that goes with that.

However, if Southwestern should lose the station, it will have lost its powerful, and perhaps only city-wide voice. The Vollintine-Evergreen community will have lost a ready source for public affairs an-

nouncements, too.

We just hope by abruptly closing the station in order to make changes instead of perhaps negotiating more with the volunteers who managed it, Southwestern doesn't find itself with no station at all.

By Kathie Jarmon Kerr

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News Briefs

• Barbecued goat, pork and turkey were the entrees at a July 10 neighborhood cook-out for residents of the 600 and 700 blocks of Auburndale, Idlewild and Hawthorne. Chef Bobby Stephenson (who placed 21st among 68 contestants in the Memphis in May barbecue contest) was joined by Anita Vaughn and Olga Page in hosting the event. Because of its success, the cook-out will be repeated in October and planners say it may become an annual event in the neighborhood. (By Ned Moore)

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