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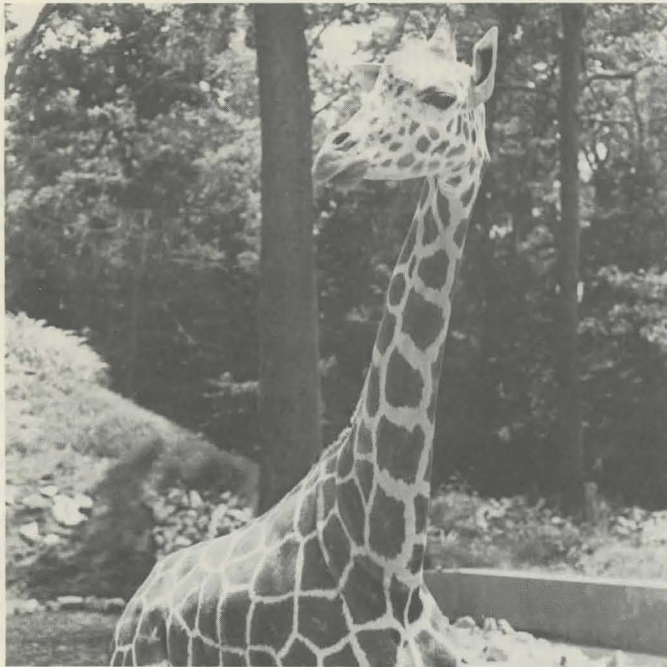
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PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



S-T-R-E-T-C-H your imagination and enter The Evergreen News' photography contest. All you have to do is "PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD — the Vollintine Evergreen Community." To this photographer, the playful antics of the animals at the zoo make the neighborhood a special place to live.

(Photo courtesy of the Baucum Archives.)

If you've been putting off getting that roll of black and white film developed for *The Evergreen News*' photography contest, "PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD," remember the June 30 deadline is right around the corner.

You don't want to miss your chances of winning first place prizes of a family membership to the Memphis Zoo, a \$10 gift certificate from Carl's Bakery and a ravioli dinner for two at Dino's.

Second place prizes are equally as tempting with four tickets to Mud Island, including free admission to the river museum; a \$15 gift selection from the Quality Incentive Company of Malone & Hyde and a Carroll Clear print from Brooks.

Our third place winner will receive a \$10 gift selection from the Quality Incentive Company and a Carroll Clear print from Brooks.

Judging our contest are Murray Riss, professor of photography at the Memphis Art Academy; Patti Lechman, chairman of the art department at Shelby State Community College and Peggy McCollough,

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RAILROAD PROPERTY MAY BE SOLD

Seaboard System Railroad has announced its intentions to sell the abandoned Louisville & Nashville Railroad right-of-way, which cuts through the Vollintine-Evergreen community, to adjoining landowners. But officers of the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association say they are still not sure the railroad has the right to sell the property to anyone.

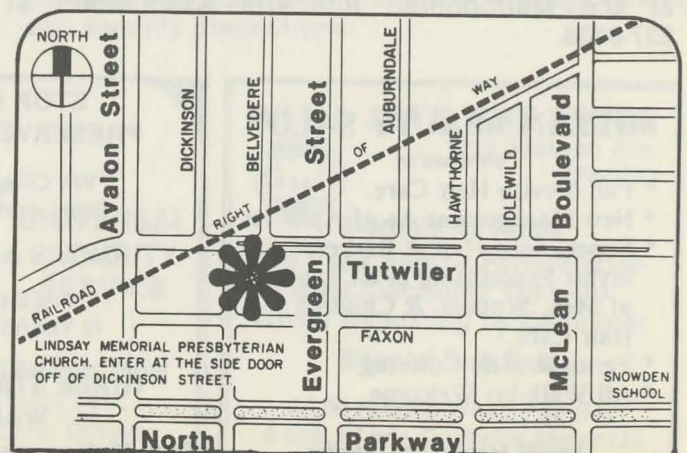
In a letter sent to VECA vice-president Mark Lindstrom April 8, P.H. Huffman, director of real estate for the Seaboard System Railroad, offered the entire 4.2 mile long strip to VECA for the appraised value of \$350,000 to \$500,000. According to the letter, if the association could not buy the property the next step would be to sell the right-of-way to the adjoining landowners. The letter did not say how and when property owners would be notified.

VECA doesn't have the money to buy the pro-
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FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Neighborhood schools and educational opportunities in the Vollintine-Evergreen community will be the focus of the next Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. July 26 at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1663 Tutwiler. Neighborhood school principals as well as Superintendent Willie Herenton have been invited to explain school programs and answer questions. Also, an update on the L&N situation will more than likely be made. See below for meeting location.

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RACE AGAINST HUNGER

By Harriet Smith

Dr. Michael McLain of Snowden Ave., professor of philosophy and religion at Southwestern, is one man doing something positive about the problem of world hunger. Along with Ann Freeman, who owns a limited share of The Memphis Americans soccer team franchise, McLain conceived of staging an athletic event to raise money for the starving people in our city and overseas.

Last fall, their combined efforts succeeded in producing a 6-mile race and a one-mile race at Nonconnah Corporate Park. Some 500 runners paid an entry fee or were sponsored by church youth groups and participating companies to compete for assorted prizes which were obtained at cost, in most cases, by the organizers of the event.

Perhaps you may have been approached by McLain's 10-year-old son, Colin, who canvassed several midtown streets collecting for the cause. Several youth groups are tackling the job of fundraising in much the same manner.

The race was such a success McLain would like to see it become an annual event identifiable with the cause of world hunger. McLain said some people who trained expressly for this race are devotees of the sport. An avid runner himself, he believes the two-fold benefits of combining physical exercise with charitable fund raising appeals to many. More than \$12,000 was raised last fall and based on the predetermined 60-40 split, three local and two international charities will receive the proceeds.

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's race and other aspects of the program. Anyone in the VECA community who is interested in the problem of world hunger and the benefits of running can call McLain at 274-1623 or contact Bena Cates at the Metropolitan Interfaith Association at 527-0208.

NEWS BRIEFS

• Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church and the YWCA are offering a summer day camp for boys and girls aged 6 to 12. Five sessions run from June 13 through August 19. Children may go full or half-day. For more information, please call 323-2211.

• The Red Cross will sponsor a workshop to certify babysitters June 16 and 17 at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church for 11-year-olds and older. Instruction will include first aid and child care. Lindsay plans to keep names and phone numbers of people who finish the course and will act as a referral for neighborhood people looking for babysitters. Call 726-1690, ext. 29, for more information.

• School is out at Southwestern; 240 bachelor's degree candidates received their diplomas June 4. Speaker was Malcolm S. Forbes, of *Forbes* magazine. The swimming pool and tennis courts are open to members and their guests. The cost of a family membership at the pool this year was raised to \$130 and priority was given to those who bought tickets to Southwestern's athletic events. For more information on how to obtain a membership next year, contact the Athletic Department.

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A BEAN IN EVERY POT

By Sue Strong

Interested in getting more for your food dollar? Who's not these days of inflation? A good way to keep your grocery bill down is a neighborhood food co-op.

Until recently there was a Midtown food co-op which always was looking for new members. Appropriately named, Fed-up Foods, the Midtown group was floundering when it merged with another group - the Memphis Food Co-op. Sandy Benson of Memphis Food Co-op said that the group is about 80 people strong. The co-op began as a simple buying club, Mrs. Benson said. Food is ordered in bulk quantities from Ozark Food Warehouse (a food co-op warehouse) in Arkansas. Truckers who are hauling food through Memphis to other destinations simply deliver the food to a drop-off location. Memphis Food Co-op obtained an unloading site located near Memphis State through the courtesy of Threshold Montessori School. There is a once-a-month delivery.

All of the planning and paperwork involved is shared by the group's members. Memphis Food Co-op holds occasional meetings, however, most of the legwork is done by phone and jobs are divided accordingly. Since food is purchased in bulk quantities, it is less expensive than most sold in retail stores.

Money saved through the food co-op varies among products. For example, dried beans may be 40% less and flour may be only slightly less or the same price as that sold in retail groceries. Although generally confined to staples (beans, flour, rice, etc.), the food received by the co-op is wholesome and usually grown organically, adding additional dividends which can't be put into a budget.

Fortunately for them, but not so fortunate for

us, the Memphis Food Co-op currently is not seeking new members. But founders have generously offered to meet with a group of 15 or more to discuss how the group might form its own co-op. To add your name to the list, call Mrs. Benjamin Benson.

RAILROAD PROPERTY continued

erty and the city has shown no interest in it either, says VECA president Rebecca Smith Richardson. One of the concerns this offer to sell raises is whether the railroad also is considering selling the property or parcels to private interests, which could use the property for a variety of purposes, depending on zoning. Setting this aside, there is some question about the railroad's right to sell the property to anyone, she added. Attorney and VECA member Franklin Moore Jr., who is also a member of the Land Use Control Board, said, "There is some legal authority to support the position that title to those parcels which were originally obtained by the railroad as easements and perhaps even by warranty deed, reverts to the adjoining property owner upon abandonment of the right-of-way by the railroad."

VECA suggests adjoining landowners consult legal counsel and the community association before giving money to the railroad.

VECA vice-president Lindstrom said the L&N issue could very well take years to clear up. In the meantime, he is afraid maintenance of the strip will suffer. Already as summer approaches, much of the property is becoming overgrown and unkept. If anyone wishes to discuss the L&N issue, the next meeting of VECA is July 26, 7:30 p.m., 1663 Tutwiler.

Apparently this latest announcement by the railroad quashes any hopes the railroad would donate the land for recreational uses such as a park or bike/jogging path that would connect at the property's western end and run to the city's River Promenade. Any such would include fencing, lighting and security precautions.



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STAFF CHANGES

A big "thank you" goes to Franklin Moore Jr. for his tireless efforts as circulation manager of *The Evergreen News*. He organized and supervised more than 150 volunteer carriers and district managers who distribute the newspaper over the VECA area. It was a time-consuming job for an already busy attorney. He has turned his duties over to Fran Griffith, who was doing a great job as assistant production manager for *The Evergreen News*. We're sure Fran will continue Frank's good work. Congratulations also go to Frank for his recent appointment to the Land Use Control Board, which helps resolve zoning matters. Also a belated word of thanks goes to Harriet Smith of Hein Park who did a professional job of business manager until that position with the paper was filled by Jenny Land. *The Evergreen News* also welcomes new assistant production manager Beverly Berry and new writers, Kini Kedigh and Alison Egger.

PICTURE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD cont.

neighborhood reporter for the *Commercial Appeal* and weekend picture editor. Lechman and McCollough have been long-time VECA residents.

To refresh your memory on the contest rules, here they are again. Anyone living anywhere with any type of background can enter.

Pictures must be black and white, any size.

The pictures must be taken within the area we call VECA, which is bordered by the former I-40 right-of-way on the south, Cypress Creek on the north, Trezevant/Springdale on the east and Watkins on the west. The Overton Park area is included.

Because of the expense in printing the winning photographs, we are asking an entry fee of \$1 per photographer. That's not \$1 per picture, now. You can enter as many pictures as you want that you have taken for just \$1. However, only one picture per photographer can win. Any extra proceeds will go into the publication budget of *The Evergreen News*, a non-profit newspaper.

An important note to remember is that pictures cannot be returned under any circumstances. Mailing expenses and handling time prohibit this.

Send your pictures and \$1 check made payable to *The Evergreen News*, 1663 Tutwiler, Memphis, TN 38107. On a piece of paper taped to the back of the picture (if you write on the picture itself, the writing may show through) print or type your name, address, telephone number and when and where the picture was taken.



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