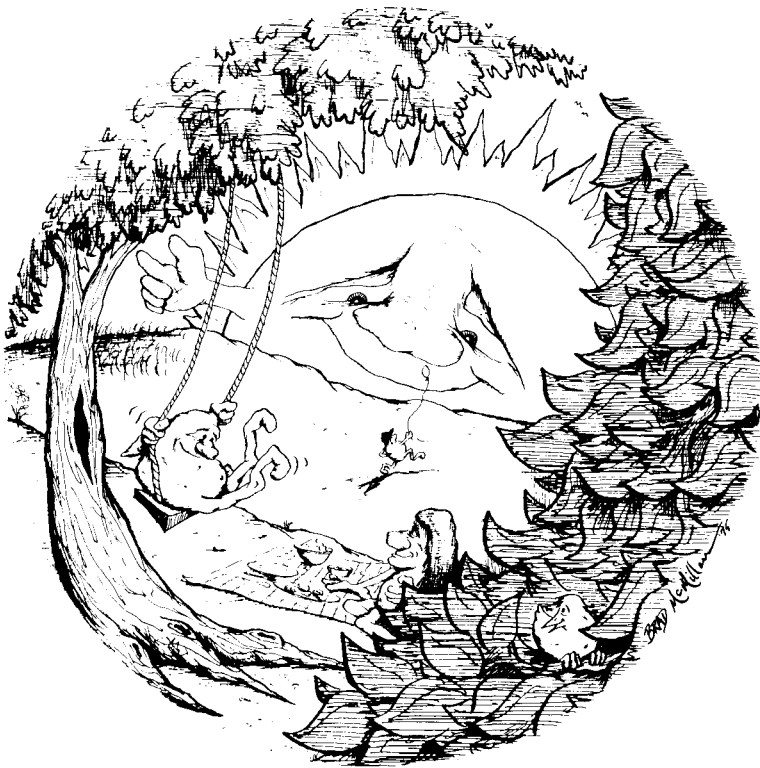


# The EVERGREEN NEWS

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## Summer Fun



If you're looking for summer activities this year, members of the V/E community need look no further than their own backyard. For young, old and in-between, agencies all over the neighborhood are offering a variety of activities from art appreciation to sports. As many of the details of some programs have not as yet been worked out, the following is intended as a representative sample of the activities available this summer and not a complete list.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church is again offering an extensive recreation program for members and nearby residents. Lessons will be offered in swimming and other sports while baseball and softball play is already underway. Varied programs for adults will also be offered, including the Church's annual golf tournament. Again this year the church will sponsor a Fourth of July parade.

McLean Baptist Church will not sponsor a Head Start program this summer but will have openings in its Day Care program. And another place for the little ones is Janie Conrad's Forrest Avenue Play Group, which offers supervised fun and snacks for walkers through kindergarteners (278-9559). Supervised playground activities can also be found at Evergreen and McLean Churches and at Vollentine Park.

For older residents the Lewis Center for Senior Citizens offers its usual wide array of programs plus some special summer activities and out-of-town trips.

For adults of all ages Southwestern's continuing education center has several programs scheduled. Ray Hill will lead a group on "Summer Miscellaneous" while Frank Faux will conduct literature appreciation sessions on such authors as Mark Twain and Sinclair Lewis. Mrs. Charles Freeburg will conduct a course in "Women in Literature" and a course on criminal justice may be offered.

Several churches, including Evergreen Presbyterian, McLean Baptist and Jackson Avenue Church of Christ, will be holding Vacation Bible School and the last mentioned also conducts a day camp at Shelby Forest.

A summer fun option being offered for the first time this year is the new YWCA branch at Jackson and Willett at First United Lutheran Church. Continuing programs include children's dance classes (tap, jazz, etc.), guitar, oil painting and slimnastics. New classes will include teenage embroidery class, fabric design, sculpture and baton twirling. For adults and teens there will be a new dance class called "dancercise" in which posture and figure control will be enhanced through jazz and belly dancing. Tennis lessons will be offered and a personal care (skin, clothes, etc.) course will be taught by a professional model. A new feature for the kids is entitled "Jennifer's Journeys" and allows children to take field trips to the zoo, museum and other places of interest.

For additional information please contact the agency which seems to offer the type of program that interests you.

## Total Child

SANDRA POWELL has been appointed director of the Day Care Center at McLean Baptist Church, filling the post left vacant by the death of Mrs. R. H. DOUGHTY several months ago. Under Mrs. Powell's direction the center is starting a curriculum aimed at the development of the total child.

In the new arrangement children are grouped with others their own age and are led in pre-school activities like drawing, pasting and A B C's. These scheduled activities have led the center to quit accepting children who drop in for only a few hours; new children are being accepted only if they can come at least three days a week.

Mrs. Powell is a native of Waco, Texas and is a graduate of Baylor University. Her husband, Reverend FRANK POWELL, is the director of the Institute of Cultural Affairs. The Powells moved here from Chicago two years ago.

Staff members of the center are: EVELYN HAYNIE, BETTY LOOSIER, MARY McKINNON, SELETA YOUNG, and DONNA WILSON. Additional information may be found in the center's advertisement in this issue.



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The News would like to welcome the newest members of the V/E business community. They are JIM and BRENDA VICTORY, owners of B & J Refinishing Company at 569 N. McLean (the location of the old Walter's Sundry). The Victories moved their shop here from further north on McLean.

Although Jim, who lives with his family in Raleigh, knew little about the neighborhood when he saw the vacant shop, he did know that older homes usually contain antiques. And restoring antiques is one of his specialties. Jim has been working in wood for about ten years and has had a shop for the last two. During that short period, however, he has developed a large clientele and is sent customers by various interior decorators.

Jim likes to think he can do anything that can be done in wood. This includes restoring, refinishing, rebuilding and even starting from scratch with custom-built furniture. He can replace missing parts on both old and new furniture. Jim also shines brass beds and even makes caskets on occasion. About the only thing he doesn't do to furniture is upholster it.

Jim is hard to catch at the shop for he spends much of his time making housecalls. B & J also provides pick-up and delivery service anywhere in Shelby County. The shop's number is 274-3252 and the Victories have a 24-hour answering service for those who don't find them in.

## CCC Rally

The Cypress Citizens Committee headed by Brother N. T. GREENE OF 1074 Terry Circle is sponsoring a rally on the lawn of Vollentine School Saturday, May 24 at 2:15 p.m. The rally is in support of the committee's proposal to include \$1.9 million for the purchase of Baron Hirsch Synagogue in the city's share of funds from the Community Development Act.

The synagogue property is proposed to be used for a neighborhood cultural, recreational and educational facility. Several speakers have been invited and will speak primarily to the need in their judgment for such a facility, according to Mr. Greene. Speakers will be Congressman HAROLD FORD, Reverend LLOYD BARKER, Representative LOIS DeBERRY, Reverend L. A. HAMBLIN, Mr. MICHAEL CODY, Reverend O. BRECKENRIDGE, Monsignor JOSEPH LEPPERT, Mr. ODELL HORTON and Mr. TAYLOR ROGERS.

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## Around The Neighborhood

Our appreciation goes to Mrs. M. M. JOHNSON of 1410 Somerset and Miss NOLA ALLMON of 1403 Faxon who have begun delivering the Evergreen News. Miss Allmon covers the west half of the block of Faxon between Watkins and Stonewall. Mrs. Johnson delivers papers to all the homes on Somerset.

Welcome to HARVEY and NANCY STEVENS who have purchased the home at 915 University. Mr. Stevens is an avionics technician for Avionics Specialists, Inc. and is studying electrical engineering at Memphis State. They have a son, ALAN, who is six years old and a first grade student at Vollentine.

Another new carrier for the Evergreen News is PHIL BALDWIN of 2104 Hallwood. Mr. Baldwin covers the east side of University between Vollintine and Cypress Creek and the north side of Vollintine between University and Springdale.

Doctor and Mrs. S. HOWARD BARTLEY of East Lansing, Michigan are new neighbors at the Parkway House. Dr. Bartley is now Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology at Memphis State University, specializing in vision and fatigue. He has written seven books and was the first American to write the section on vision in the Encyclopedia Britannica. Dr. Bartley is also a painter having had several one-man shows. Mrs. Bartley (LEOLA BEVIS) is a former Memphian and is a past president of the Women's Traffic Club of Memphis and the Memphis Chapter of the Pilot Club International.

Mr. & Mrs. HARRY THOMAS of 919 N. Evergreen recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Thomas retired about 10 years ago after many years as Chief Electrical Inspector for City of Memphis. The Thomases have resided in the V/E area since the early 1930's and Harry was a mainstay of the old Vollentine Civic Club for many years. The Thomases have one of the most attractive rose gardens in the neighborhood.

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The midway will include 25 booths such as Oscar's Place, The Cakewalk, The Fish Pond and a Dunking Booth. The last mentioned will include as its "victims" Mr. HAROLD BUTLER and Father JOHN SCOLA. Kiddie rides will be provided for the children (see coupon this issue) and a Boutique will offer homemade pillows, aprons, stuffed animals and other assorted goodies.

Everyone will have a chance to win something with an attendance prize given away every quarter hour. An Old-Fashioned Dress Review will be held for the second year and is open to anyone in an old-fashioned outfit. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$5 will be awarded for the best three costumes. A raffle will also be held with entrants getting a chance on an Oak Clawfoot Buffet, Color TV, Carpeting, Bicycle or Radio. Tickets are 25¢ each or 5/\$1.00.

A spaghetti and fried chicken dinner will be provided (\$1.75 for adults; \$1 for children) and hot dogs and bar-b-que will also be available. Bingo will be held as usual at 7:30 p.m. and square dancing will be presented by the Shelby Strutters.

The proceeds of the carnival help finance projects undertaken by Little Flower Church and School.

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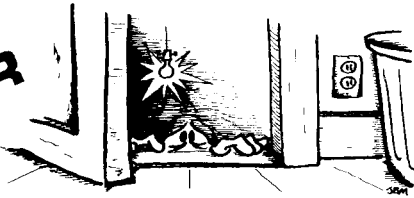


## Lodging Desired

During the summer many out-of-town Southwestern students choose to remain in Memphis to work or attend summer school. Unfortunately, the school's dorms are closed during this period and lodging is hard to come by. If you have an apartment, guest house or spare room that you would like occupied, here is your opportunity to line up a nice, quiet college student for the summer. The Student Government Association is sponsoring this apartment hunt and can provide you additional information through **Carl Hill** at **278-9146**.

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**DOWN UNDER**



There is something the V/E Community has more of than about any other part of town. No, it's not what you're thinking. It's basements. Those usually musty/dusty but generally charming subterranean chambers that have so many uses.

In Memphis less than one-out-of-ten dwelling units have basements but in our neighborhood 60% of the houses have these underground rooms. In fact, 20% of the basements in the city are found here. "Heating units are the reason," says PETE MACE of 1700 Faxon and a staff member of the Memphis-Shelby County Planning Commission. The need for below-the-floor heating components required that most houses built prior to World War II have room to accommodate the necessary facilities (including coal shutes in some cases).

Actually the term "Lasement" is loosely applied to basements, sub-basements and cellars which are distinguished on the basis of their construction. Whatever they're called, few are built today. Excavation and concrete costs render them prohibitively expensive.

Now city building code 905.74 prohibits the use of basements for dance halls, skating rinks or "public assembly for amusement" but, short of this, community residents have found a variety of ways in which to utilize this floor space. Many of the unimaginative simply store things there or use the area for washing machines or freezers. Few can resist the temptation to keep wine in a cool basement and many other foods keep well there. And for one reason or another many houses have showers and/or toilets down below.

Some enterprising neighbors make more appropriate use of their basements by creating work areas. JEANBRADFUTE of 513 Stonewall has set up a pottery work area complete with potter's wheel. When a piece is completed she can have it fired in the pottery kiln in the basement of Mrs. ROBERT WALKER at 1695 Autumn. JULIE SOHM of 872 Sheridan has painted hers bright colors and set up a wood-working shop.

Many houses in the V/E area have full basements that have been converted to elaborate uses. One Hein Park resident, for example, has set up a completely air-conditioned wine cellar with scores of bottles of fine wine. The house at 1614 Jackson has a large underground party room and, along with many others, has provided a convenient place for a bar.

In some instances, bizarre uses have been called for. Mrs. FRED THOMAS of 865 N. Evergreen reports that her late husband, during the atomic war scares of the 1960's stored a case of sardines and a case of wine in their basement in preparation for any emergency. And this writer admits to hiding a goat in the basement at 1906 Mignon until it could be presented to his daughter as a birthday present. (Other animals, however, are apprehensive about these dark places. "Max" Kallaher, a Schnauzer living at 884 N. Barksdale, had a traumatic experience of some type in his basement and will no longer go down there.)

There is something charming about a basement (if it doesn't leak) and V/E residents are fortunate in having this extra space with its variety of uses.



The King of the Cotton Carnival and his entourage stride up to honor the Queen of the Renaissance at Southwestern. These royal proceedings accompanied a joust and a host of other medieval activities featured at the Renaissance Faire on the campus May 2-4.

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