WHO'S WHO
AT THE ZOO

In surgery with a chicken... where else could this happen but at the Memphis Overton Park Zoo? There is always something interesting happening for the people who work there as well as for the visitors. This seems to be the main reason that three VECA residents — Mike Douglass, Mike Maybry and Cathy White — love their jobs at the zoo.

Mike Douglass (Mignon Avenue), who met his wife Connie through zoo work, is a staff veterinarian and likes the fact that he deals with different types of animals. "There are unique problems that you don't get in the usual practice. I feel like I'm contributing to the preservation of rarer animals."

Perhaps because he grew up on a farm, his favorite group of animals is the hoof stock. However, right now, Mike is very interested in another animal — the gorilla. He has been concerned with a two year ongoing artificial insemination project. "Gorillas are difficult to breed and their reproduction rate in captivity is very small," he explains. "Artificial insemination has never been done in gorillas before. We have tried twice with no results; so we will try again. It takes about six months preparation each time. If we are successful, it will probably make world news, at least zoo world news."

Mike Maybry (Crump Ext.) is a zookeeper — which means he cleans stalls and lots, unloads feed trucks, feeds animals, reports illnesses, and even raises offspring if rejected by the natural mother. Another aspect of his job is to encourage visitors to treat the animals with respect.

Mike, at the suggestion of his friend Mike Douglass, originally volunteered for zoo work one day a week and loved it. Consequently, he applied for the first opening, got the job and still loves it — primarily because he works outdoors and feels that in many ways he works for himself.

He watches over the hoof stock — giraffes, zebras, antelopes — but his favorite are the giraffes. "They're very gentle and friendly, so graceful, so much fun to watch and be around."

The attraction for Cathy White (Mclean) is the outdoor work and the freedom. "It's nice just to walk around the zoo, being with the animals — even in the winter!" She is a slinger or relief keeper which means that she fills in for zookeepers who are off or on vacation.

Cathy works with the mammal carnivores — cats, bears, sea lions, otters, hyenas. She likes the cats best because they are so independent. "They don't play games with you. They either like you or they don't — it's a very good feeling when they do."

One of her more interesting moments was an experience with the wolves. "We were getting blood from a male. I got too close to the bars and one of the females nipped me on the derriere. She was just trying to protect her mate, but everyone had a good laugh when I filled out the job-related injury report."

For both Mikes and Cathy, the zoo is an exciting and rewarding place to work. As for the rest of us, although we won't get to operate on a chicken, get followed by hoof stock or be nipped by a wolf, we may have many hours of fun-filled and memorable experiences by visiting the zoo.

By Tina Egge

FUNKY BLUES
ROCKS STONEWALL CENTER

Amid shouts of "Hey, Bo Diddley," "Got My Mo Jo Working" and other foot stompin' — hand clappin' episodes, the North Stonewall Block Association rocked through its first anniversary party on Sunday, October 7th. Special guest was Memphis' own Lee Baker (of Mud Boy fame) featured on vocal and guitar. Before getting down with favorites like "Maybelline," "Casey Jones," and "Stormy Monday," the familiar entertainer congratulated the group of about 60 people on their efforts to restore old-time neighborliness to the area.

Then he cut loose and the twangy sound of his Miss National pierced the air on the normally quiet street. Delighted with the music, Mrs. Ruth Hatch of 880 Stonewall, a long-time resident, confided that she "was going to Kansas City."

While both children and adults enjoyed the music, some played badminton, soccer, and football — while others sampled delicacies ranging from spaghetti and chili to fried chicken, jello salad, spinach, potato salad, homemade rolls and chocolate cake.

At a short business meeting before the entertainment, future events on the block were discussed. One of these blocurrences was the Halloween party on October 31st. With scheduled events succeeding each other, the entertainments were split up between four different homes. As the approximately 25 children moved from house to house, they enjoyed a hot dog supper, an apple bob, a spook house and story-telling.

An activity in the planning stage for spring and summer is home movies for the children. These will take place on one Friday night out of each month in a home on the block. A simple refreshment may be served. Meanwhile, during blustery March, members of the block still wrap up in coats and retreat behind closed doors to the warmth of furnaces and fireplaces.

Oh, come Spring!

By Barb McKee
VECA NEWS

WHAT IS VECA? The Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit, state chartered organization of neighbors that was founded in 1970. Through resident participation, VECA has been successful in maintaining quality housing, assisting in the preservation of neighborhood schools, opposing commercial rezoning, providing programs concerning crime prevention and deterrence, improving community communications through sponsorship of The Evergreen News, and in general – promoting those activities that encourage neighbors to help neighbors preserve and maintain a viable midtown community. A ten year history of responsible civic activism reflecting the special concerns and needs of our large and diverse neighborhood has earned VECA city-wide respect. Consequently, input from VECA is sought actively now from realtors, lending institutions, and government officials and agencies at local, state and federal levels. This recognition affords VECA residents the opportunity to continue to be active in planning the future of the Vollintine-Evergreen neighborhood.

WHO IS VECA? Anyone age 18 or older living within VECA boundaries may become a VECA member by payment of dues. Dues are $2.50 per person per year (from date of payment) and are payable at anytime (see coupon back page). Although everyone is welcome at all VECA general membership meetings, only dues paying members are entitled to vote.

WHAT ARE VECA’S BOUNDARIES? VECA boundaries are (and have been) – (W) Watkins, (S) I-40 right of way (Overton Park Avenue), (E) Trezevant/Springdale, (N) Cypress Creek (Edward). An overlap area with MMIA exists with residents between the I-40 right of way and North Parkway being served by both groups. A spirit of cooperation rather than competition encourages participation from everyone within VECA’s boundaries.

WHEN AND WHERE DOES VECA MEET? In March of 1979, VECA established a regular meeting time and place. All regular VECA general membership meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall (basement – Dickinson entrance) at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church at 1663 Tutwiler Avenue (corner of Tutwiler and Dickinson). Bimonthly meetings are scheduled on the 4th Monday of odd numbered months with meetings beginning at 7:30 p.m.

VECA MEETINGS

January 28th - July 28th
1980
March 24th - September 22nd
May 26th - November 24th

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By Ann D. Moore

POLICY-MAKING OPEN MEETING
APRIL 15

The policy-making body of VECA is its Executive Committee. It is composed of the president and vice president (elected by the general membership), the immediate past president, and the editor of The Evergreen News. Other members are the secretary, the treasurer, chairmen of the standing committees, and at-large members, all appointed by the president.

The Executive Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church at 1663 Tutwiler, and its meetings are open to VECA members. To become a VECA member, just be over 18, live within the VECA boundaries (see VECA NEWS in this issue), and pay $2.50 annual dues (see coupon in this issue).

The first meeting of the new Executive Committee, to serve from March 24, 1980 until March 23, 1981, will be on April 15, and policies, direction, and priorities for the coming year will be formulated. All VECA members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting and to offer opinions and advice.

VECA is your neighborhood association and needs not only your financial support, but also your attendance, opinions, and ideas.

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or 528-2737
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or Animal Emergency Center ....................... 323-4563
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Abandoned or inoperable
(City Streets) ........................................ 528-2345
or inoperable 
(Private Property) .................................. 528-2514

CURB REPAIR (Asphalt Plant) ...................... 528-2911

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- not on a leash or fenced .......................... 362-5310
Noisy (ask for West Precinct dispatcher) ........ 528-2222

GARBAGE
Collection (Mayor's Action Center) ............... 528-2500
not contained properly or scattered by dogs
(Health Dept. litter control) (name kept con-
difidential if requested) .............................. 528-3856

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT
(neglected houses) (Joe Sohm, VEGA) ...... 278-6962

MEDIAN MAINTENANCE
(Park Commission) .................................... 725-4444

MOSQUITOES and other insects
(Health Dept.) ........................................ 324-5547

PICK-UP (on alley) - Lawn Trimmings and
leaves (must be bagged or boxed) ............... 528-2500

PICK-UP (on curb) - Lawn trimmings and
leaves (must be bagged or boxed) ............... 528-2500
small limbs, prunings, appliances, furniture .... 528-2500

PICK-UP (Sanitation truck parked at your
house for a week-end) (City Beautiful Com-
mmission Dial-a-Truck) ............................. 528-2718

SEWER AND DRAIN MAINTENANCE ............ 528-2917

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walk Dept.) ........................................... 528-2703

STREET REPAIR (Asphalt Dept.) .................. 528-2911

STREET LIGHTS OUT (MLG&W) ................. 523-0711

STREET LIGHTS
(privately leased from MLG&W) ................. 528-4421

TREE CUTTING (dead and small between
sidewalk and curb) (Street Maintenance
Dept.) ................................................. 528-2911

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or (Joe Sohm, VEGA) ............................... 278-6962

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By Frank Moore

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS - PART I
SNOWDEN

Remember the good old days when children walked to school? Well, those days still exist for children in the Vollintine-Evergreen area! Children in our neighborhood attend either Vollentine or Snowden School. This month’s article will feature Snowden.

Children come to Snowden from Vollentine School. The children are at Snowden from 4th through 9th grades. For the 4th through 6th grades, Snowden offers a unique curriculum which includes an ORF music program. In addition, children may take a variety of music lessons including guitar. There is also a special activity block where students come from Southwestern to work with the youngsters at Snowden. In this program, 4th through 6th graders are exposed to such activities as conversational French or Spanish, drama, art and dance.

Children in the 7th through 9th grades may participate in Snowden’s Optional Program. The Optional Program is a college prep curriculum (see E/News - June, 1979). In this program, 7th graders may take conversational French. Eighth graders have the opportunity to take algebra (as opposed to taking it in the 9th grade); and, 9th graders may select such courses as geometry or biology. Students participating in the Optional Program must meet set scholastic requirements. Openings for the Optional Program are filled from within the V/E area first. Then, if there are still openings in this program, children are selected from all over Memphis. If a child is not in the Optional Program, he/she still attends Snowden - participating in the basic junior high curriculum. All junior high students are encouraged to participate in a variety of sports activities including basketball, tennis, swimming, track and golf.

Snowden intends to continue offering a progressive program for the students. Recently, a 1½ million dollar addition to Snowden was completed. The modern complex houses a new library, two fully equipped science labs, a complete shop, and band and art facilities. The brand-new building and the diversified programming are certain to enhance the already outstanding educational services that Snowden provides. Snowden is indeed a point of pride in the Vollintine-Eastern community — quality education at a neighborhood school.

By Jenny Raber

Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association
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SAM AND MARGARET THOMPSON, 855 Stonewall. Sam is employed with the U.S. Post Office — and he and Margaret enjoy their six-month-old, Samuel, Jr. A warm welcome to you three!

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