VECAA "News"

On February 26, VECAA had a very successful general meeting that was well attended. Over fifty people came to listen and discuss the major concerns currently facing the neighborhood. MARGARET DICHTEL gave a history of VECAA's activities concerning Vollentine Elementary and a summation of what the current situation is regarding the proposal to bus 150 students out to another school. JOE SOHM talked about housing conditions and JOE HOUCH talked about things VECAA had done to obtain more favorable zoning for the neighborhood. There were many new faces there and a great deal of interest in working on these various issues was expressed. IRV SACHRITZ discussed the VECAA membership and there were many new members that joined. Several new people signed to work on the various committees and then the meeting was adjourned for a social hour.

Other VECAA news "bits": CARL HOLMES, our representative on the Mid-Town Council, reports that the First Tennessee Bank will work with VECAA, and others, in arranging for home-renovation loans. This is a big step forward, since loans of this sort have been difficult to obtain due to the age of the houses. There will be more details next month.

Now for a school report. Snowden will have a new Junior High wing which will house a new shop, band room and practice rooms, art department, and a Home Economics lab. This will free a great deal of space for the elementary grades and will get rid of some of the portable classrooms. Since the meeting, the Vollentine issue has finally been settled. To ease the overcrowded situation there, the School Board, at the suggestion of VECAA, will move five kindergarten classes to Klondike. This is a far better solution than either re-districting the area or busing 150 students out to New Chicago Park. Many would have liked to have seen Vollentine enlarged, but since this didn't seem possible monetarily, this at least kept our area from being cut into and preserved the 1-3 grades structure of the school. The School Board was gratified by the interest and participation of VECAA as an organization that was interested in what would benefit the community as a whole. Perhaps, with continued efforts, and the realization that we, as a neighborhood, are vitally concerned with our public schools, funds will be found for the school in the future.

Clean-Up

The V/E community has been chosen, along with several other special areas of Memphis, as a demonstration area for Clean-'78. City Beautiful will co-sponsor, with the Sanitation Department, Community Development and the Health Department, this special clean-up. From April 24 — May 1, the Sanitation trucks will be picking up and cleaning our streets. During that time will be a great time to clean our yards, rake leaves, place junk on the street to be picked up and generally spruce up our area. With this extra help from the city, we can do some of the "spring cleaning" of our property we have put off "til next year". Well, it's next year, so let's get to it!

(Evergreen News will gladly send a copy of Section 19 of the Code pertaining to garbage pick-up and property line pick-up to anyone interested, if they will include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their request.)
BRAD McMILLAN whose satiric illustrations brightened the covers of the Evergreen News for so long has been recently honored at Clemson University. He was one of only six comic artists from all over the nation chosen to exhibit their work as part of an event called "The Cartoon Show: A History of Comics from 1890 to the Present" at the Hall Gallery, College of Architecture, Clemson. On display were his original print series plus five satiric water colors.

Brad has two other interesting projects in the works. The next issue of "Pinch", a local literary magazine, will be devoted exclusively to his work. JOHN FERGUS RYAN, another V/E resident, has written the introduction to go along with the drawings. The second project is a children's book titled "The Riddle of the Oak". It was written by Southwestern graduate JAMES COLE. The illustrations are really delightful so it is hoped that the book will soon be available and the Evergreen News will let you know where you can rush out and buy a copy, never fear.

Housing Board

V/E residents are urged to report housing-related problems they identify in the neighborhood to VECAA's Housing Complaint Board. The Board can deal with violations of the city's building codes such as structural disrepair, weeds, litter etc., as well as other deviations from neighborhood standards. Action will also be taken in the area of tenant landlord relations when they relate to neighborhood goals. The Board is especially interested in hearing about "undesirable activities", real estate whether legal or illegal, in our community. All complaints, inquiries or comments should be directed to Board chairman JOE SOHM at 278-6962.

Circulation

The distribution of the Evergreen News has been taken over by the recently-reactivated VECAA communications committee and various improvements are being made to assure fast and thorough circulation. JOE HOUGH, chairman of this committee, wants anyone who is not receiving the News on a regular basis or who wants to deliver on his street to call him at 274-5551.

Address all correspondence to: The Evergreen News, 1032 Rainbow Drive, Memphis, TN 38107
Southwestern Offerings

Southwestern at Memphis has received an $8,100 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to finance a special summer mathematics program for high-ability high school students in the Memphis area.

Twenty-five promising students who have completed their junior years will be selected to participate in the six-week program, set for June 5 through July 14. The course will be taught by Profs. G. Kenneth Williams, Edward B. Scrimger Jr. and Thomas P. Whaley of the Mathematics Department.

Course material will deal with computer science and applied mathematics. Participating students will use the college's new computer facilities, installed last fall, in their study of computer programming. The applied mathematics segment of the course will cover graph theory and Markov chains.

Emphasis will be on the use of theoretical mathematics in the construction of models to solve the kinds of practical problems which arise in a variety of settings, such as testing of printed circuits, study of gene structure, prediction of forest composition and industrial quality control. The computer will be used for experimental simulation and for implementing structures for solution of the problems.

Students will meet for classes from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday during the six weeks. Morning lectures will be followed by periods of problem-solving done individually or in small groups. The program is being offered at no cost to the participants, who will have full access to the college facilities.

The course is aimed at giving participants a taste of college-level work and providing them with increased motivation for pursuing their last year of study in high school. A similar program was offered by Prof. Whaley two years ago.

Southwestern's summer course is part of a $2.3-million grant program offered by the NSF this year in support of 150 "Student Science Training Projects" in 42 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. About 5,450 high school students will be participating in the projects this summer and fall.

Further information and application materials are available by writing Dr. G. Kenneth Williams in care of Southwestern.

Shop Talk

The Jackpot Treasure Chest has two new owners, JACKIE DAVIS and MARY DALE MOORE. They are both enthusiastic mid-town residents. Mary Dale, a native Memphian, used to live on Stonewall and graduated from Sacred Heart. Jackie came here with her husband from New Hampshire, but she is a West Virginian by birth.

They do not plan any drastic changes, but rather to add to it. Mary Dale says that what they want to have is good quality at a reasonable price, yet there will be something for everyone. They have glassware from 25¢ to $50, blue jeans to lovely dresses, a few pieces of unique jewelry from India, and many other "special" gift items. They've added the words "Gift Shop" to the front window which really describes their idea of the store. They will continue to carry the silver and hope to have an antique corner, just a very limited number of pieces that they think will interest people.

For their customers' convenience, they now have a lay-a-way plan, plus Master Charge and Visa. Drop in to see them, they're very friendly people, and would love folks to come, if only to browse.
Meet The Neighbors
By J. Bruhwiler

Three years ago, when HORST and CHRISTIE DINKELACKER discovered the two story house at 675 North Idlewild, it was suffering from an acute case of dipalidation. Motivated by the challenge of restoring the run-down structure to its former good looks, the Dinkelackers bought and sold their comfortable home on North Willett. With Horst's ingenuity and perseverance and Christie's sense of color and decor, plus two years of dogged labor, the house was transformed into a model home.

This accomplishment is remarkable because Horst, Professor of German at Southwestern, had never tackled a small repair job before this. He arrived from Stuttgart, Germany, eleven years ago after traveling widely and teaching languages in such distant places as Mexico City. Except for a two-year residence in Nashville where he earned his doctorate at Vanderbilt and a short stint in Birmingham where he taught at the University of Alabama, he has been his home since 1967.

Christie who comes from New Orleans was no experienced builder either. She is a Southwestern Fine Arts graduate and at present working toward an M.A. degree in art history at M.S.U. Several of her paintings, mainly portraits in oil, decorate homes in the neighborhood. She is a gourmet cook, noted for her gumbo, fondue, and auerbraten. She is also an area distributor for the Evergreen News.

The home of Horst and Christie Dinkelacker is alive with plants. They both like gardening and camping. Their ride and joy, of course, is their four-year-old daughter, UTTA, who attends Trinity Methodist Kindergarten. Al­

The Vollintine-Evergreen Community Action Association (VECAA) is a non-profit neighborhood organization founded in 1970. Its boundaries are roughly Watkins, Cypress Creek, Trezevant and Overton Park Avenue. VECAA's initial goal was to enhance and maintain a stable biracial community with quality housing, services and facilities. It has been active in promoting stability, assisting in school desegregation, opposing commercial rezoning and in general promoting those activities that serve to create a viable mid-town community.