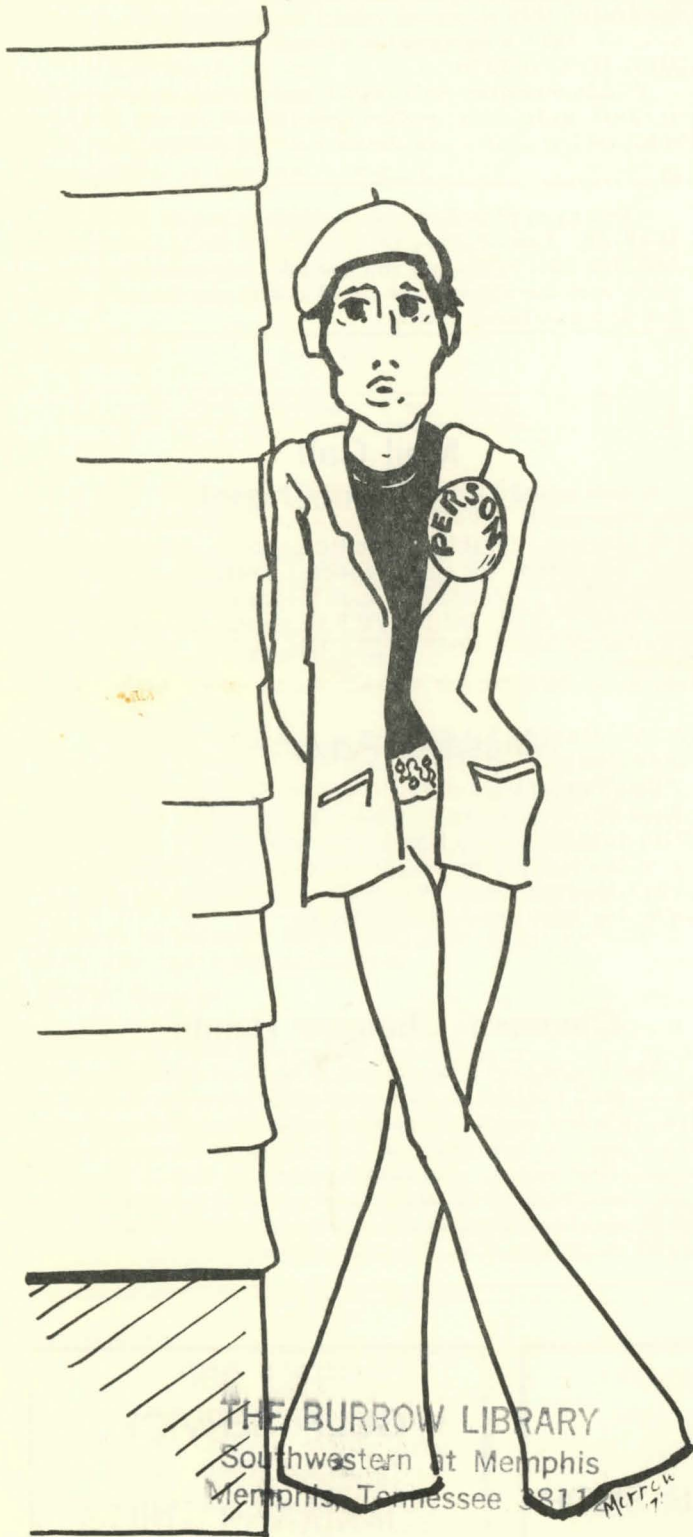


The EVERGREEN NEWS

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An Artist Is A Person In Your Neighborhood

by Rick Thomas



The Vollintine/Evergreen community has traditionally been considered a neighborhood very sensitive to the arts. It may be because of the European background of many of its residents or because it is the type of neighborhood preferred by artists. For whatever reason, it has become established as a center for both the creation and appreciation of all art forms. The opening of Southwestern at Memphis in the 1920's brought art shows and related activities to the neighborhood, along with an excellent art department. Later years saw the construction of the Brooks Memorial Art Gallery and the Memphis Academy of Arts, making Overton Park the focal point of both art display and art education in Memphis and the Mid-South. Baron Hirsch Synagogue began contributing to this effort by sponsoring numerous cultural activities, so that, today we are in an enviable position in regard to the enjoyment of the visual arts.

Among the many artists who have chosen to live in our neighborhood are professional artists with such varied interests as graphics, traditional art forms, and experimental art. Many are connected with teaching institutions, while others are staff artists for various public and private organizations. Still others do free-lance work.

Artists-In-Residence

Probably the best-known artists, locally, and nationally, in our neighborhood are LAWRENCE ANTHONY and MARY SIMS, both of Southwestern, and HENRY EASTERWOOD of the Memphis Academy of Arts. Anthony and Sims are noted for their sculpture and painting, respectively, while Mr. Easterwood practices the ancient art of weaving. Prof. Anthony, a long-time neighborhood resident, has contributed drawings to previous issues of the *Evergreen News*. All three artists have received numerous awards for their creations.

Besides Henry Easterwood, other Art Academy instructors living among us are MURRY RISS in photography, WILLIAM ROBERSON in weaving, DAVID ROCHA in drawing and painting, and BILL WOMACK in advertising design. Mr. Womack, who lives in Hein Park, is also doing free-lance design this summer. Included among his current projects are wall-size sculptures commissioned by the Lumberman's Club and a local automobile showroom.

The artist in our neighborhood whose work is most often seen by the average Memphian is GENEVA STROUD of 1931 Snowden. Her clever drawings appear regularly as advertisements for the Shop of John Simmons. Perhaps the artist with the most unusual medium is Mrs. DOROTHY ROSS of 887 N. Barksdale, well-known for her work with crayons. The neighborhood's newest working artist is JUDY MORROW. Miss Morrow recently graduated from Southwestern and is teaching art in the summer program there. (This month's cover art is her contribution.)

Commercial Artists

Many neighborhood artists are involved in publishing and advertising. Included are PAUL BROWN, art director for Cummings and Co., BERLYNN RIZER, art director for Allied Graphics, and MIKE CAPADALIS in the

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art department of S. C. Toof. WARREN LOWRY, who does the graphics for the Evergreen News, heads the art department of Wagner, Inc. DON ROBINSON of 1070 Terry Circle is in charge of graphics for the architectural firm of Gassner/Nathan/Brown and has been commissioned to do the illustrations for a book on miniature bottles. JOHN CARTER of 581 N. Avalon is one of the neighborhood's free-lance artists.

Critics And Collectors

Besides the notable artists listed above, the Vollintine/Evergreen community is privileged to have one of the city's foremost art critics. He is GUY NORTHROP, Jr. and resides at 1814 Forrest. His column is seen regularly in the Commercial Appeal. Nor are art collectors wanting in the neighborhood. The A. G. BURKHART'S in Hein Park have an extensive collection, including some original Rembrandt and Hogarth prints. Dr. JAMESON JONES, Dr. MELVIN LEVITCH, and Mr. BILL WOLMACK, mentioned above, are known for their holdings of the works of major local and international artists. Dr. JACK CONRAD of 1751 Forrest owns probably the best collection of African art in the Mid-South.

Living Tradition

Needless to say, such a collection of art and artists has spawned many amateur artists, some of whom have received awards for their work. It may also explain the residence in our neighborhood of several writers, newspapermen, musicians and dancers, as well as the people active in such art-related fields as radio and television. It certainly can be said that the tradition of art appreciation in the Vollintine/Evergreen community is still alive and flourishing.

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REPORT FROM REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

The brochures for distribution to prospective neighborhood residents will soon be printed and available for distribution. It has also been brought to the attention of this committee that certain duplexes on Brown Avenue have been allowed to deteriorate in recent years, resulting in a rapid turnover of residents. The situation is being investigated and the owner of this rental property will be approached regarding the condition of his property. The real estate committee was also instrumental in setting a block meeting among residents on Stonewall, who, after a candid discussion, decided that they would not forsake their homes.

REPORT FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee has been active recently in investigating certain environmental conditions in the Northside neighborhood. Among the problems examined were inadequate groundskeeping practices, through-traffic in the school's parking lot, and the uncovered drainage ditch adjacent to the playground. The committee determined who had jurisdiction--the School Board or the Park Commission--over the school grounds at various seasons of the year and, therefore, the responsibility for groundskeeping. It was also assured that speed-breakers would

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be installed in the parking lot and that the ditch would be fenced off during the next school-year.

REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

A Vollintine/Evergreen Community outing has been planned on the Southwestern Campus Grounds August 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be soft drinks served and watermelons. For the children there also will be games and prizes.

Members of the Steering Committee also had a meeting with Mr. Brignole of Brignole Realty Co. to discuss an article appearing in the 6 May, 1971 issue of the Evergreen News concerning real estate agents. It was agreed that there was no intention to imply that Brignole Realty Co. operations were unethical, and that the statement concerning this company might have been more properly covered under a different heading.

PANEL DISCUSSION

VECAA members will hold a panel discussion regarding community involvement on July 21 at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church, in the series WEDNESDAYS IN JULY.

The next VECAA meeting will take place MONDAY JULY 19, 8:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL, MCLEAN BAPTIST CHURCH; on the agenda are committee reports and the announcement of particulars concerning the neighborhood outing.

Mail Call

A new post office substation opened on July 1, at Borg Pharmacy, 1703 Jackson Ave. Contract Station #1, as it is titled, is able to handle parcels, most overseas mail, 1st class, air mail, special delivery, and postal money orders. Monday through Friday it is open for business from 9 to 5; Saturdays 9 to noon. The station is operated by Miss HAZEL PEARSON.

Massage Anyone?

Mrs. Ethel Mae Webb, a recent graduate of the Fort School of Physio-Therapy here in Memphis has opened ETHEL'S MASSAGE SALON at 1572 Vollintine. Mrs. Webb who has a number of years' experience in therapy work specializes in French, Swedish, and German massages. Her salon also offers steam baths.

Cleaners Changes Hands

The Marchisio Cleaners at 1074 N. Watkins and the one at 1582 Vollintine have recently been purchased by Mrs. Ida Ingram in partnership with Miss Gloria Butler. Mrs. Ingram has been in the Cleaners business for twenty-four years, and Miss Butler for ten. Mrs. Ingram's daughter, Iris, works at the Vollintine store. The two business-ladies like the name Marchisio and do not intend to change it in the near future.

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Happenings

-----Summer studies in relevant religion at Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Every Wednesday night in July courses will be offered on ecology, community organizations (including VECAA), the family in urban society, current religious trends and the Gospel of Mark. Classes begin at 6:30. For further information call 274-3740.

-----Bingo every Monday night at Baron Hirsch. This weekly activity is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary and begins at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be on sale during the games.

-----Friday night movie at Evergreen Presbyterian on July 9. Ladd, A Dog will be shown at 7:30. Admission is 50¢ for children and \$1 for adults.

-----Car Wash on July 10 at Evergreen Presbyterian. This activity sponsored by the church's youth group will be held on the south parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Car washes are \$1 and proceeds go to provide an ice cream social for the church's senior citizens.

-----Bingo at Little Flower Church, Sunday, July 11. Games begin at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Cash prizes and refreshments. (Games are also scheduled for July 18, July 25 and August 1.)

Wanted

3 used boys' bicycles, 2 tricycles; 274-5690

Here Come De Judge

In the last three issues the Evergreen News has voiced residents' complaints about blockbusting and attempts at blockbusting. Apparently it has been to little avail. The News is still receiving complaints from residents about agents both white and black harassing them. It is getting to be a bore playing the same old tune issue after issue.

The News feels it has pointed out the problem, and it is now up to the residents to rid the neighborhood of the few characters who give the Vollintine/Evergreen community (and the honorable profession of realtors) a bad name. In the future, the News will pass on all complaints regarding blockbusting to VECAA's lawyers.

For the enlightenment of those who are not yet familiar with the term "blockbusting" and what a lawsuit against an offender may entail, the News has obtained the following legal definition:

\$1,000 Reward

Blockbusting is the practice of inducing owners of property to sell because of the actual or rumored advent into the neighborhood of a member of a racial, religious, or ethnic group. The term is used to describe the practice resulting in increased racial hostility both from the standpoint of those property owners who feel threatened because of the actions or proposed actions of a racial minority, and from the standpoint of those persons who are given to understand that their presence constitutes a blight upon residential areas. Blockbusting has also

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been described as a technique whereby real estate brokers perpetuate segregated neighborhoods. Anti-blockbusting statutes have been passed on the federal, state, and local levels. . . . Action for violation of the Act may be brought by U.S. Attorney or by private persons. Action may be brought by the government in which injunctive relief may be granted. If a private party brings the action he may be granted injunctive relief, actual damages and not more than \$1,000 punitive damages, together with court costs and reasonable attorney fees in the case of a prevailing plaintiff.

VECAA Will Cooperate

VECAA's lawyers will gladly cooperate in bringing to justice any offenders whose illegal activity can be substantiated. With the many precedents of blockbusting cases (including the Cherokee Heights case here in Memphis) where blockbusters were "busted", there is every reason to believe that in our community, too, justice would triumph. If it takes a little publicity to stop the hustlers, a little publicity it shall be.

Summer Action

Summer programs outlined in the June issue of the Evergreen News are now in full swing. Here is a report on some of them.

SWIMMING classes at Evergreen Church were full up immediately, and on the morning of June 21 several boys were turned away. Mr. GEORGE WILLIAMS said there might be a second class held later this summer.

In the PLAYGROUND program for children at Evergreen Park, sponsored by the Park Commission, which features adult supervision and free lunches, everyone is having a ball.

"The Neatest"

According to the children interviewed, "the neatest" is the DAY CAMP program at Evergreen, also sponsored by the Park Commission and also featuring adult supervision and free lunches. It is indeed a remarkable program, if only for the fact that a neighborhood such as the Vollintine/Evergreen community can enjoy one of those "free" programs usually reserved for underprivileged areas. This year, however, day camps are run at all city parks, and according to Miss PAT WHITNEY, chief counselor at Evergreen Park, children from the Vollintine/Evergreen community take full advantage of the program.

Miss Whitney and her assistants, Miss SUSAN NEIL and Mr. JOHN THOMPSON, run a "neat" camp indeed. Their thirty charges who range from 6 to 10 years are divided into various age groups for the different recreational and educational programs. Among the activities, outdoor games such as softball, cricketball, kickball and soccer rate high. Also very popular are games such as skittles, pingpong, basketball and pool played in the Evergreen gym during free time, as are the quiet games after lunch, or the morning arts and crafts sessions.

Unusual features are the twice weekly visits by a dance specialist, visits by the Children's Theater, by the Nature and Science Mobile, and by the truck which comes by setting up a roller skating rink.

Every Monday is Special Day, such as Carnival Day,

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 or Ecology Day, or Pet Show Day. At the Pet Show Day recently, the children exhibited a St. Bernard, an Afghan hound, a Doberman Pinscher, four German shepherds, a collie, a golden retriever, a terrier, a dachshund, a chihuahua, various mutts, a Siamese cat, an alley cat, assorted kittens and puppies, and two baby gerbils.

Every week, the counselors take the children on a fieldtrip such as an excursion to the zoo, to Wonder Bread, to Shelby Forest, or whatever interesting place they can line up. All three counselors are students, and two of them live in this neighborhood, Miss Whitney on Autumn and Miss Neil on Snowden.

Welcome

MR. and MRS. BOB SURATT converted the duplex at 1035 Barksdale to a rambling one-family home, with plenty of yard for three children and two chows. Mr. Suratt is the manager for the Memphis Office of Denby Brandon and Associates. He is also on twenty-four hour call as a Volunteer Reserve Sheriff's Deputy, an office to which he donates 30 hours a month. When he needs a breather, he goes deep sea fishing. The Suratts moved to the neighborhood from Raleigh.

994 Barksdale is the new home of MR. and MRS. L. D. HARDY. Mr. Hardy is a lab technician at Baptist Hospital. He hails from Pontotoc, Miss., and has a penchant for jazz. Mrs. Hardy who is from Batesville, Miss., and teaches at Treadwell Junior High, writes poetry. The Hardys are newlyweds.

MR. and MRS. FRED RICHARDSON who moved into the home at 885 Stonewall just before the big hailstorm have, like many of us, not yet been able to get their roof fixed. They are nevertheless pleased with their new home. Mr. Richardson is a baker at Wonder Bread. His hobby is bowling. Mrs. Richardson keeps busy looking after five children: Marilyn, Jacqueline, Fred III, Carl, and Benedetta.



You

are invited to bring a picnic supper to a neighborhood outing August 3 from 5 to 9 p.m. on the Southwestern campus grounds. VECAA is sponsoring the outing to help residents of the community get better acquainted. Soft drinks and refreshments will be served. Children will enjoy games and prizes. For more information call Mrs. Cornelia Morris, 274-1278.

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Meet The Neighbors



Friend In Deed

by John Bruhwiler

George H. Brown, Jr., was born and raised in Memphis. After graduation from Booker T. Washington High School he went to Florida A & M on a music scholarship. Instead of pursuing the study of the clarinet, however, George participated in the R.O.T.C. program. He graduated with a B.A. in Political Science, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, got married, and with his new bride was stationed in Germany for three years. There, the young couple got to know Europe's "in" places and learned to master the problems of communication. "Where there is a wish to communicate," Mr. Brown says, "communication is no problem, regardless of race or language."

Upon his return to the United States, Captain Brown studied law at the Howard University School of Law and entered private practice here in Memphis. For a year and a half he also worked for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and then became Executive Director of the Memphis and Shelby County Legal Services Association, a local O.E.O. funded corporation. This corporation employs seven lawyers, has offices downtown and in South Memphis and will soon open another in North Memphis. Legal Services serves people who can't afford a lawyer for civil cases. Much of their work deals with consumer and housing problems and domestic relations problems.

Mr. Brown takes a keen interest in education. As a product of the Memphis school system he is very much concerned with urban education. Through VECAA, where he serves on the Steering Committee, he was instrumental in forming the Education Committee. For the past two academic years he has also served on the Board of Education as an adviser.

As many lawyers, Mr. Brown is busy and doesn't have much time for recreation. When he does remove himself from "the pressure cooker" he plays golf, once in a while goes hunting, or just relaxes in his home at 1030 Monticello which he shares with his wife, Margaret, who teaches at Snowden, and their three children.

Tea and Sympathy

When the Fred Richardson family moved in at 885 Stonewall last month and some of the paler residents on the street became nervous, Mrs. George (Laverne) Dhuy invited them for coffee at her home at 873 Stonewall. Six of her neighbors -- what Mrs. Dhuy calls "a good percentage" -- accepted her invitation. Mrs. Dhuy who is an outgoing, hospitable lady apparently made everyone soon feel at ease, and the ensuing klatsch ended in the unanimous decision not only not to have "For Sale" signs put up but to make the Richardson family feel welcome.

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