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V/E Students To Seek Equal Rights

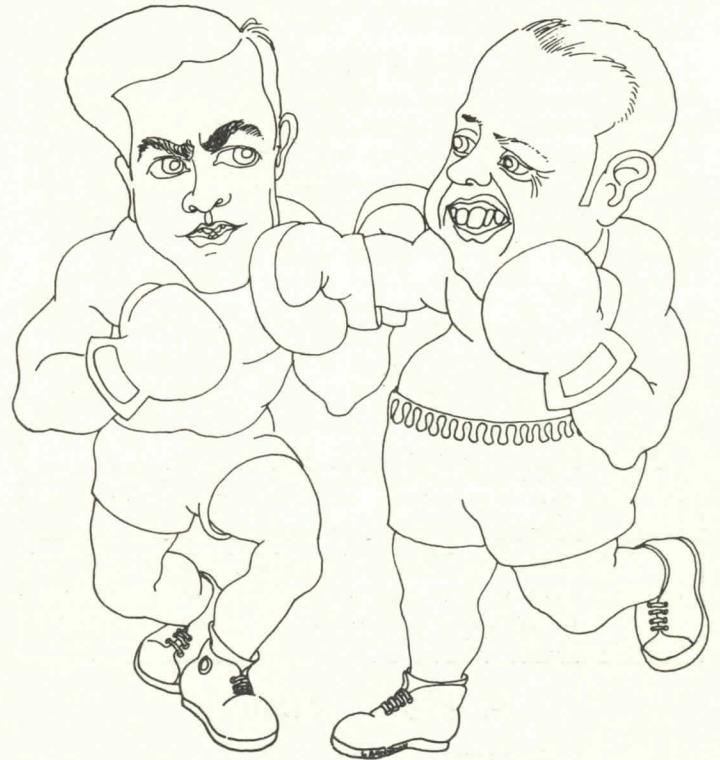
At the October VECAA meeting at McLean Baptist Church a resolution was passed unanimously that the neighborhood organization be represented in the suit concerning the integration of the Memphis city school system. This representation is to be an attempt to assure that our white students living in the Vollintine/Evergreen community, who are assigned to Northside High School, will not be treated differently from white students elsewhere in the school system, who can attend either a meaningfully integrated school or may transfer to the school of their choice.

Legal representation of our community in the suit concerning the integration of the Memphis schools became a necessity when, during a pre-trial conference, Judge Bailey Brown specified Northside High School as one school which would not likely be affected by the integration plan for the Memphis city schools. In plain English this means Northside would retain its status quo, i.e. remain over 98% black, as it is now.

For the Vollintine/Evergreen community, this is not very cheerful news. Regardless of how happy the few white students are who attend Northside, many white residents in the neighborhood resent having to send their children to a black school while residents in other parts of the city have a choice. If this situation should become final, many white families with future high school children would have second thoughts about staying in the neighborhood and few, if any, would care to move here in coming years.

There is no need to draw a picture of what this implies for the future of the V/E community. It is very clear that continued discrimination by the Board of Education against the white high school students in our community would not only severely undermine the stabilization efforts for which VECAA has worked, but it would also adversely affect property values.

VECAA therefore urges Vollintine/Evergreen community residents to attend a neighborhood assembly at McLean Baptist Chapel, McLean and Jackson, Tuesday, 9 November, 8 P.M., to learn the details of this proposed legal representation, and to find out what those not involved directly can do to assure our high school students the city-wide privilege of attending an integrated school or of at least having a choice.



Final Round

November 4, Thursday, will be the date for the city runoff election. In the contest for mayor will be WYETH CHANDLER and KENNETH TURNER. Chandler led strongly in October with heavy support from conservative, white, and Republican voters, being the heir apparent to the Loeb administration whose accomplishments he claims and would hope to emulate. Turner ran second in the earlier vote outdistancing former sheriff Bill Morris and former mayor Bill Ingram to the surprise of many. While Chandler found most of his votes in the suburbs, Turner drew his support from many quarters, running strongly in black precincts, and probably hopes to win some of Morris' "all together now" supporters. At present Juvenile Court judge, Turner emphasizes the importance of social problems and his experience in this area.

Council

Council at-large Position 2 incumbent THOMAS TODD, JR., is opposed by CLAYTON P. ELAM. Both men have served in the state senate; Elam was a candidate for the Council in 1967. Todd can be considered a conservative, and is quoted as saying "we can and should improve race relations." Elam is a Democrat, who calls himself "the man who gets the job done."

At-large Position 3 finds incumbent PHILIP PEREL challenged by THOMAS AVERY. Perel is a political independent, who calls himself "common sense" moderate. Avery, a

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former state representative, is a Republican.

In at-large Position 4 two attorneys are in contention, ROBERT LOVE and FRANK WHITE. Love, a Republican, is a county divorce proctor and is head of the city's reserve police force. White, a Democrat, has served in the state house and senate and was a council candidate four years ago.

The Position 6 runoff also features two attorneys. JACK McNEIL, former state representative, is opposed by JAMES H. WHITE, former newspaper reporter.

School Board

In the Board of Education runoff only one contest remains for Vollintine/Evergreen residents. Position 1 at-large is between WILLIAM POLLARD, JR., and MRS. BARBARA SONNENBURG. Pollard is an engineer and city planner and chairman of WKNO-TV. Mrs. Sonnenburg is the wife of an engineer, a Republican, and active in several community education and welfare agencies.

For Sale

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Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 987 N. Barksdale. Broad miscellany, new and like-new, 25¢ to \$10, e.g. humidifier, vase, andirons, handmade Christmas elves. Come and see or telephone -- 274-1278 on Nov. 13.

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The Southwestern Pep Band and the Southwestern Amateur Symphony Orchestra need instruments. Anyone having surplus and unused instruments, particularly stringed instruments, and who would like to donate them to these two student groups, please contact John Turpin, Registrar, Southwestern, Phone 274-1800.

Anyone who can read music and would like to join either or both of the groups is most welcome.

And The Winner Is...

With the election results in we can now examine the voting patterns of Vollentine/Evergreen residents. As in the past they exhibited divergent preferences, with such factors as race and ethnic origin being important.

Mayor

Among the solid white sections of the community (Precincts 36-1, 36-2, and 36-3), Chandler was the overwhelming favorite, receiving 65% of the votes cast. Morris was a distant second. In the "gray" areas (Precincts 40-2, 41-2 and 52-1), on the other hand, Turner maintained a good lead over Chandler and Morris.

Council

In District 5 Bob James was given a vote of confidence with 65-70% of the votes being in his favor. For the district as a whole, he only received 55%. The only

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precinct giving Tucker a majority was in the Springdale area. In District 7 Patterson won easily, outpolling Myers 3-to-1. In the at-large races, Mrs. Awsumb was given overwhelming endorsement by all segments of the community for Position 1 while the neighborhood could not reach a consensus on any of the other contests. For Position 2 Todd held a slight edge in the solid white sections, while Elam barely won in the gray areas. Perel was again endorsed by most of the community for Position 3, to a greater extent than he was in the rest of the city. In the Position 4 race the Vollentine/Evergreen community voted like the rest of the city with Love finishing first and White, second. Alissandratos received majority support from the white sections for Position 5 but had to settle for a split with Canale in the gray areas. For Position 6 the white areas gave McNeil a slight edge, while the gray areas split between Smith and White.

City Judge

Judge Churchill was re-elected for another term although he had to settle for a split with McCartie in the white areas. His support among non-whites, however, was evidenced by the fact that he received 75% of the votes in the gray areas.

County Court

This race was an important contest with Bailey taking one precinct (41-2), Ragghianti taking two (36-2, 36-3), and one (40-2) being split evenly.

School Board

District 5 saw a close race as Mrs. Coe took 55% of the vote in the white areas and Mrs. Robertson 40%. The former was helped, however, when she received strong support (65-70%) from the gray areas. In District 7 Vollentine/Evergreen residents threw 70% of the vote to Brown. For Position 1 At-Large, the predominantly white sections gave Pollard a slight edge, while second was a toss-up between Sonnenberg and Wray. The Baron Hirsch and Springdale areas, however, gave the edge to Sonnenberg.

The turnout for this election varied among the various segments of the community, with the white areas sending 60-65% of the registered voters to the polls, and the gray areas, 45-55%. Precinct 36-3 had the best turnout, while 41-2 had the worst.

The Early Bird

If you managed not only to get out of bed at the un-earthly hour of 7:30, Sunday morning, 26 September, but also to open your eyes and turn on the tube, you were privileged to watch McLean Baptist's Dr. Lloyd Barker expound the many facets of the Vollintine/Evergreen community, not to mention the virtues of VECAA, and you realized with satisfaction that perhaps for once — even with sand in your eyes — you were as knowledgeable as Brother Barker's learned panel on Channel 3's "What Is Your Faith".

Appeal

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Man vs. Issue

by Rick Thomas

A pattern often seen in the voting customs of Vollintine/ Evergreen residents is an unusual contrast in conservative-liberal choices. When presented with an issue they tend to lean toward the liberal side, but when it comes to the man, if there is a clear-cut conservative/liberal choice, they invariably vote for the candidate labeled "conservative". Several interesting examples can be cited. In the first liquor-by-the-drink referendum the neighborhood recorded a slight margin in favor of the new drinking law. But, when this failed on a city-wide basis, the 1969 referendum attracted a much larger number of neighborhood voters who this time voted two-to-one in favor of the proposal. When the proposed consolidation plan came up for vote, it too was strongly supported by Vollintine/Evergreen residents. Both of these issues were barely supported by the city as a whole.

In contrast, on the city government level, V/E residents supported Henry Loeb in 1967 to a much greater extent than the rest of the city. Previous to this they endorsed William Farris in a losing effort to defeat William Ingram. Because of the black support afforded him, Ingram was considered the "liberal" candidate by many. While electing Loeb in 1967 the community also supported Robert James and Wyeth Chandlet, who carried the conservative banner.

This same pattern held for senatorial elections, with the neighborhood voting heavily in favor of Kuykendall (vs. Gore) in 1964 and Baker (vs. Bass) in 1966. In 1970, the V/E community came out even more strongly for Kuykendall (running for the House of Representatives) with liberal candidate Osborne receiving less support here than he was accorded district-wide.

The Presidential elections of 1964 and 1968 are the best examples of the divergent preferences neighborhood residents show. Goldwater was endorsed over Johnson, while Nixon took a slight majority over Humphrey. The 1968 election was complicated by the fact that one-third of the residents in our neighborhood voted for George Wallace. And in 1970 the community's overwhelming choice for governor was Winfield Dunn.

"Gray" precincts, with both black and white voters, went against the conservative trend to some extent and, if not voting for the liberal candidate, at least giving less support to the conservative one than the rest of the community.

Happenings

-----Evergreen Presbyterian Church to feature the Southwestern Singers and dance troupe on October 31. They will be part of a Sunday morning service with the theme "Praise God with Song and Dance."

-----All Saints Day to be celebrated at Little Flower Church with a special liturgy on Monday, November 1.

-----Homecoming Week at Northside High School, November 1-5. Activities will include Old Folks Day, Dress-Up Day and Pep Rallies and will be capped with the homecoming game on Thursday night.

-----Turkey Dinner at Little Flower on Sunday, November 14 from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 50¢ for children.

-----Vollentine Elementary School P.T.A. to meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 7 P.M.

HAPPENINGS continued

-----Harvest Dinner at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 17 at 6 P.M. Members will hear the Rev. Dr. Richard Wells, Professor of Historical Theology speak on a Thanksgiving theme.

-----Special Thanksgiving liturgy to be held on Thanksgiving Day at Little Flower.

-----Joint Thanksgiving Service to take place at Evergreen Presbyterian at 9:30 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day. Several neighborhood churches will participate.

-----College recruiters to visit Northside. This month students will meet with representatives from Belmont College (November 5), Baptist Hospital School of Nursing (November 5), Memphis State (November 15), C.B. C. (November 22), Memphis Area Vocational School (November 24) and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (November 29).

-----Recreational activities continue at Evergreen Presbyterian. Basketball players (boys and girls) can sign up until November 15. The new movie series will be on the first Friday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Admission will be 75¢ for students and \$1 for adults.

-----Concert at Baron Hirsch on Tuesday, Nov. 16. Duo-pianists Eden & Tamir will perform at 8:30 p.m.

-----Fashion Tea and Stage Review to be held at Little Flower on Friday, Nov. 5. This benefit show will be presented by the Trianons at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.

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Real Estate

Compared to the anxiety mid-town area residents are experiencing with the life of Overton Park in the balance, our community has had a pretty calm time. Some people have moved out, others have moved in, and who is to say it wasn't a fair trade. Real estate agents have been busy, but, with the exception of one, rather quietly too. The one, Robert Baird of Bair's Realty and Investment Corporation, 27 N. Cleveland, in his telephone campaign attempted to persuade members of the Real Estate Committee and the Evergreen News staff to sell their homes. Mr. Baird will receive a commendation from the Real Estate Committee.


The Real Estate Committee has received several inquiries about apartments or houses for rent in the community. Anyone with rental property may list it at 274-5551.

Education

The Education Committee reports the requested speedbreakers in the parking lot at NORTHSIDE HIGH have been installed. Next on the agenda at Northside is installment of a cover for the ditch behind the school.

CYPRESS JUNIOR HIGH has lost its token white student this year. Mr. Barber, principal, takes it in stride, says the school is in fine shape.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Kneely, principal, who petitioned the Board of Education to stop all transfers from outside the district, enrollment at VOLLENTINE is down from last year's 600 to 460, creating an excellent teacher-pupil ratio. Dr. Sells maintains, if fewer parents sent their children to the "school of their choice", the racial composition would be less one-sided. This year's project of the Education Committee for Vollentine School is the establishment of a free kindergarten.



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Exciting things are happening at SNOWDEN School which was featured at the October VECAA meeting. The principal, Mr. Farino, told an attentive audience how the school adopted innovative "open space" programs in grades one and four. The methodology applied in these programs, Mr. Farino contended, was a synthesis of the methods used in some of the best schools in the city and the state, tailored to Snowden's specific needs.

Many parents in the audience were impressed not only by the electronic and visual aids used in the program, but also by the ingenuity and dedication of both principal and teachers (Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Miss Graves, Mrs. Romine) who are offering our children a program normally reserved for suburban schools. What makes this venture even more impressive is the fact that it is being done in an old, traditional school house, and with funds raised almost totally by a parent-teacher organization.

Communications

Due to unintentional oversight, Mrs. L.B. GAMMON, Ronald and Tony WILLIAMS, Frank MILLER, Mark ARCHER, and Yvette RATNER were not mentioned in last month's article on Evergreen News carriers. Mrs. Gammon, 1106 Terry Circle, is a teacher and a member of VECAA.

McLean Baptist Church

A youthful service every Sunday night

7:30

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New Senators

In recent balloting parishioners elected Mrs. TERESA GRIFPIN, Mr. DEV KINNEY and Miss ELAINE CHIOZZA as Representatives At-Large for two-year terms on the Little Flower Parish Senate (Council) which convenes November 11 to elect officers for the coming year.

Aladdin's Charm

Aladdin's Beauty Salon at Maury and Vollintine, a long-time neighborhood establishment, was recently purchased by Mr. Ray Rowland. The new manager, Miss Dottie Morgan, is intent on preserving both the expert service and the salon's charm. Dottie is also an instructor licensed to teach cosmetology.

The Great Star Robbery

In the night of September 13, the safe at Great Star Supermarket on McLean and Tutwiler was robbed of nearly \$700. Mr. Jimmy Woo, owner and manager of the Weona store, said the safecrackers first broke the light at the rear of the building, knocked in the boarded-up window and, before going to work, covered it from the inside with flattened cardboard boxes. According to Mr. Woo, the safecrackers were familiar with his store; they didn't even bother bringing their own tools: they hacked at the mechanism on the heavy safe with one of his meat cleavers, used his gloves, and wiped off possible fingerprints with one of his aprons. While on the job, they also smoked Mr. Woo's cigarets. So far, no arrests have been made.

Wanted

Wanted to rent---One bedroom apartment or duplex, unfurnished, with stove. Call Mrs. E.H. Anderson, 723 McLean, 275-0370.

Meet The Neighbors



Pulp and Pulpit

by George Bradford

The jungles of Africa, the plains of Mars, and the badlands of the American West are but a thought away from 899 Stonewall and the library of Darrell C. Richardson; for one of Dr. Richardson's special interests is Edgar Rice Burroughs, master of adventure and creator of Tarzan of the Apes. Of the ten or so important collections of Burroughs' works in the world, his is probably the most complete and includes movies, foreign translations, and comics, as well as the more familiar books and pulp magazines. His collecting interest extends from Burroughs to the realm of science fiction, and he ranks his science fiction collection as one of the three or four most comprehensive in the United States.

Dr. Richardson is not just a collector but a writer as well, publishing several science fiction stories each year. Many of these are under the name D. Coleman Rich who, he says, "is probably better known than I am." He is also the author of the first biography of the famous Western writer Max Brand. Dr. Richardson's latest book, The Christian Facing a World of Change, was published this year by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board. Perhaps at this point it should be explained that Dr. Richardson is also Editor of Special Materials for the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been pastor of several Baptist churches, and served seven years as an Army chaplain.

As a member of the Army Reserve, Dr. Richardson is at present assigned as chaplain to the 330th General Hospital Unit here, and is vice-chairman of the North-east scouting district which includes part of the V/E neighborhood. He holds the Silver Beaver award of the Boy Scouts and serves on the Executive Board of the Chickasaw Council.

Why would a graduate of Western Kentucky State College, Furman University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary build his avocation about adventure stories? Dr. Richardson observes with obvious delight that pulp magazines, paperbacks, and comics, so often deprecated by literary authorities, have given birth to many classics. He also notes that adventure stories deal with man in primitive settings which he feels hold a strong interest for readers in today's complex society.

Dr. Richardson's wife, Sarah, a graduate of the Women's College of Furman, is receptionist and records secretary at First Baptist Church. The Richardsons have two sons, Coleman, a graduate student in biomedical engineering at the University of Virginia, and Donald, a second lieutenant at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Day Of The Revolution

On September 18, Constitution Day was observed by a program held in Hardie Auditorium at Southwestern. The observance, sponsored by local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution, was coordinated by Mrs. Anthony A. Aspero of 1790 Faxon.

The program was highlighted by addresses by Congressman Dan C. Kuykendall and Judge Ray Churchill. The crowd was also treated to performances by the 25-piece band and color guard provided by the naval training facility at Millington. The invocation was given by Dean Robert C. Patterson, of Southwestern, and a reception followed the ceremonies.