

CENTER CITY

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What's at Issue— Memphis '75?

With citywide elections at hand, CENTER CITY would like to offer itself as a public forum for candidates to discuss the issues. CENTER CITY will endorse no candidate, but it will endeavor to restrict the volume of political jawing on its virgin pages in the following manner: readers are urged to submit questions pertaining to the future of the central city which may be put to candidates for either the City Mayor, City Council, County Mayor, City School Board or City Judge positions; the questions will be published and made available to the candidates; candidates wishing to address themselves to the issues as presented in these questions may utilize the CENTER CITY to do so.

CENTER CITY plans to initiate this forum by mid-May. Please mail in a question, but take pains in making it as clear and direct as possible. The questions will be printed anonymously, so even disgruntled civil servants can participate in a democratic third degree.

If too few interrogatories are received, we can safely assume that readers are either euphoric or utterly despondent. The responses of candidates will reveal what they think are the relevant issues, whether they are in fact literate, and whether they care to commit themselves to speaking squarely to concerned citizens.

CENTER CITY
166 Poplar
Memphis, 38103

Does Money Talk?

CENTER CITY has been allocated \$10 a week for paying writers whose articles are selected for publication. The ten dollars will be divided up according to the quality, interest and magnitude of accepted works. This means that persons who are unable to donate their time and material, and who submit acceptable articles, poems or fictional material (unrelated to their regular employment) will be awarded for their work.

In addition, each week CENTER CITY will give **TWO FREE LUNCHESES** in the Community Culinary Club at First Presbyterian Church (paid for by CENTER CITY) for the best humorous story submitted for publication.

CENTER CITY does not have unlimited resources, but it understands that for continuously good and diverse material many persons need an extra incentive. Hopefully, this experimental policy will help in stimulating contributors to become involved in their downtown community.

If you are interested call or write: CENTER CITY, 166 Poplar, 38103; 525-5619. All articles for-pay-only must be designated as "Free Lance" or they will be considered donated material. "Free Lance" material which cannot be paid for will not be printed, and will be returned, provided a stamped, self-addressed envelope is sent with the entry.

ODE TO SPRING *
by Mrs. F. J. Bateman

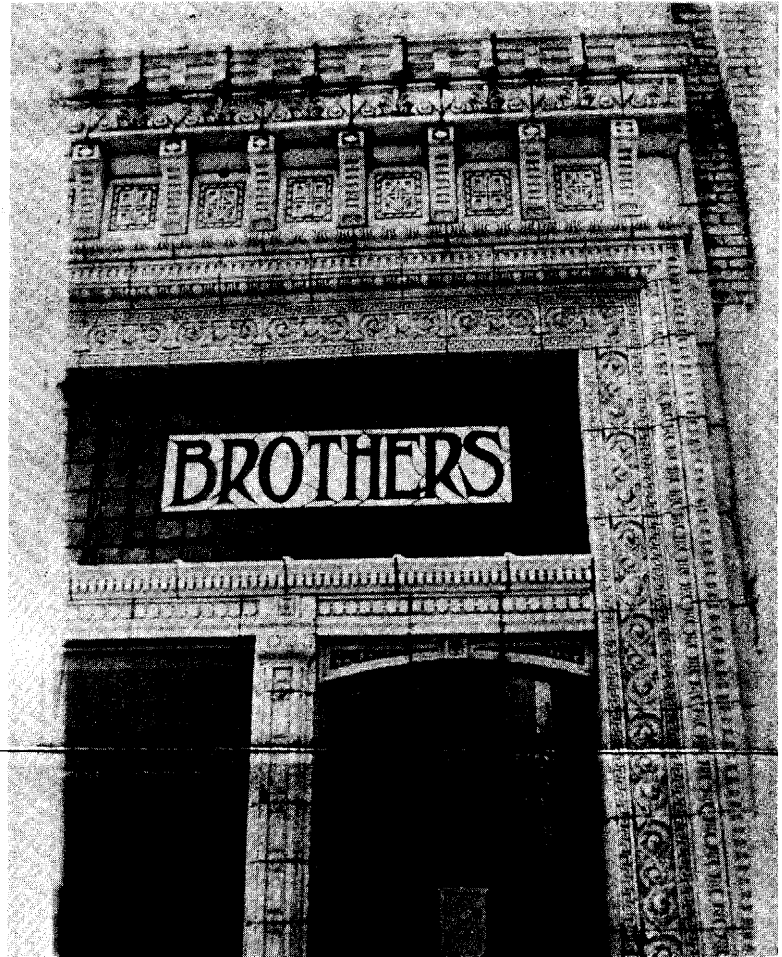
Again I touch my long neglected lyre,
Oh! wayward muse, my heart inspire,
In strains of sweetest melody to sing,
Or breathe, in low soft tones, an ode to Spring.

All hail! to one whose gentle steps are seen—
Whose royal garb proclaims her more than Queen;
Her rustling robes are heard in Southern climes,
While silvery bells peal forth their merry chimes.

She comes—the sunny gates now stand ajar,
And sweet perfumes are wafted from afar;
Bright jewels sparkle in her regal crown,
While lavish gifts are scattered all around.

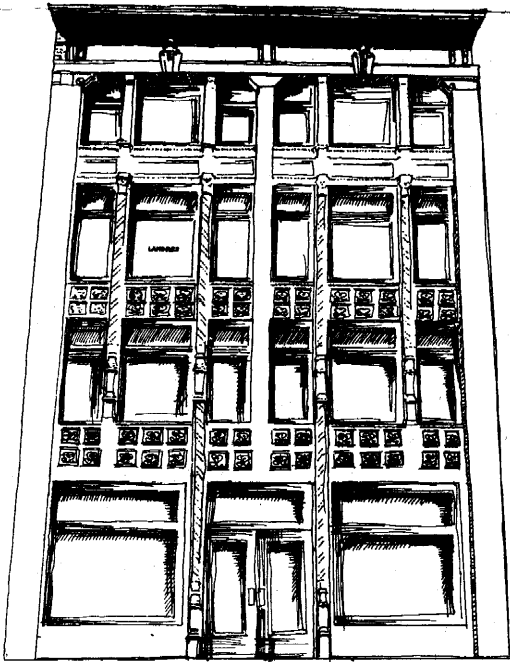
Her balmy breath revives our sleeping earth,
And magic wand dispels the gloomy dearth;
The warbles songsters nestle 'mong the trees,
While zephyrs softly whisper in the breeze.

Exploring



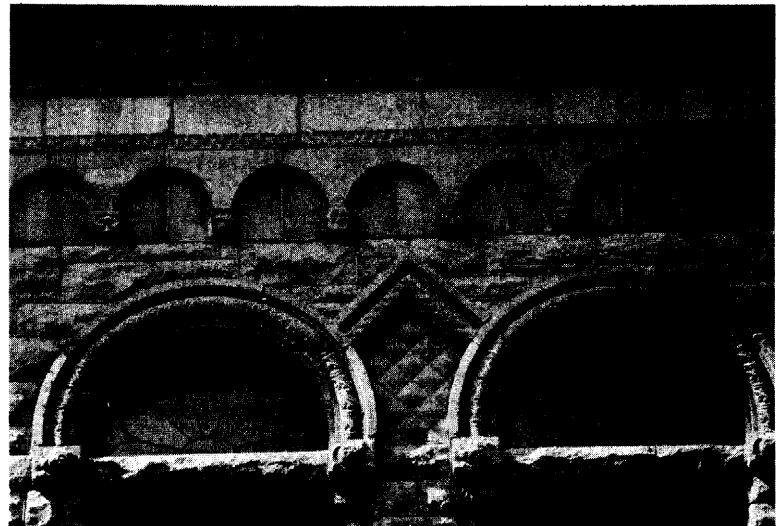
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(just east of Danny Thomas)



III.

*Memphis poets published in the MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL, April, 1859.



IV.

Downtown

ODE TO SPRING
by Mary S. Burton

*Farewell, Winter, rude and blustering
Still thy cold and icy grasp
Chills at parting—still art pouring
Blighting frosts on tender grass.*

*Lo! the distant muttering thunder
Heralds the approach of Spring
Hail! thou beauteous Queen of Seasons,
Winter is no longer King.*

*Soft and sweet the balmy breezes
Of the morn now fan the cheek,
And the zephyrs, mild of evening,
Redolent of roses speak.*

*Now the young and tender buddings
Raise their tiny heads of green,
And the happy little warbles
Sporting in the groves are seen.*

*Nature all around, above us,
Wreathed in smiles, salutes the Queen,
Come, thou mild and fair enchantress,
Occupy thy throne of green.*

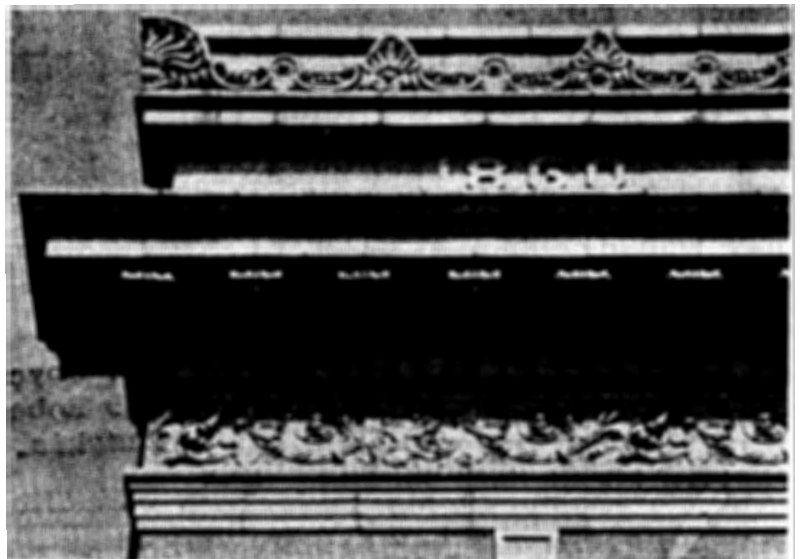


II.

V.

CENTER CITY will reward the first three persons correctly identifying these buildings by street address, but entries must be sent by postcard. The first will receive five free lunches at First Presbyterian Church's CCCCC; the second, three free lunches; and the third, one free lunch. Winners will be ranked by postmark, and in case of ties there will be a drawing. The deadline is April 25.

Remember, these buildings may be camouflaged by distracting signs and misguided renovations, but they do exist within the boundaries of Exchange and Linden, Front and Danny Thomas.



earthly delights

FILM

MSU

April 2 – “End of August at Hotel Ozone”
Peabody Library

April 4 – “Issac Singer’s Nightmare and
Mrs. Pupko’s Beard, “Old Man
and the Devil,” & “The Stronger”

UT Student-Alumni Center

April 4 – “Masculine-Feminine” and
“The Married Woman”

Brooks Art Gallery

April 6 – “Beau Gests”

MUSIC

Auditorium Music Hall

April 5 & 6 – Itzhak Perlman, Violinist

Beethoven Club

April 6 – “Cavaleria Rusticana,”
Operalogue, and “Pagliacci”

EASTER STROLL

Wear your best Easter duds and join other downtowners for an Easter Stroll on March 29, 2-4 p.m. It begins at the Convention Center and proceeds to the Civic Center Plaza where there will be music, prizes, food and Easter bunnies.

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First Presbyterian Church
166 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Announcements

PARTICIPATION SOUGHT IN MEMPHIS-IN-MAY PLANNING

As a volunteer working on downtown activities for the Memphis-in-May festival, Carol Coletta has requested suggestions from all interested persons as to the types of events for 1975. If you have an idea, call Carol at 528-2589 or write to CENTER CITY and we will forward your suggestions.

In the belief that the CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY CULINARY CLUB offers a time for informal fellowship to those who work in the Civic Center and downtown, we extend a cordial welcome to those who bring their lunch to join us. Tea, coffee, or soft drinks are available for 15¢.

CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY CULINARY CLUB

Serving from 11:30 to 1:00

First Presbyterian Church, 166 Poplar Avenue

PRICE: \$1.50 per serving, including drink

MENU FOR MARCH 27 – APRIL 4

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Fried Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Squash, Rolls

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Meat Loaf, Potatoes Au gratin, Lima Beans, Rolls

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Creamed Corn, Corn Bread

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Oven-baked Chicken, Rice & Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Rolls

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, French Bread

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Pork Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread

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