

M Center City

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Horton & Loring Lead Town Meeting

"What can Memphians do about crime? How can we establish justice for all?" These and other questions of urgent concern will be the focus of a Town Meeting for Midtown residents May 24th at Bellevue Jr. High School. Dr. Odell Horton and Dr. Frances Loring will speak and lead discussion, and a wide-ranging panel will explore details for citizen education and cooperation. Panelists are to represent NAACP, Memphis Police Department, Afro-American Policemen's Association, the Bar Association, Women Against Rape, and Operation PUSH. The meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a noon meal provided.

Dr. Horton is currently Director of Community Health Services, Mid-South Medical Center Council. He was President of LeMoyne-Owen College from 1970 through 1974, and Criminal Court Judge, Division 4, in 1969 and 1970. He holds an A.B. degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, and the Juris Doctorate from Howard University Law

School. He will speak on the topic: "Crime and Justice in Memphis—What should be done about it?"

Dr. Loring holds an M.A. in Theology, Saint Xavier College, Chicago, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, Vanderbilt University. From 1968-72, she was Assistant Professor and Chairman of the Department of Theology, Christian Brothers College. Among many important positions, she is a member of the National Board of Governors of Church Women United. In addition to local educational and social service leadership, she practices law and manages a farm. Her topic will be: "What is justice?"

This May 24th Town Meeting is one of a series sponsored by BLOOM, a midtown community service organization. The sessions and a concurrent human interest film are made possible by a grant from the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities. Persons interested in active participation should contact Ms. Regina Hart, BLOOM Program Director at 526-7809.

BICYCLE COMMUTER DAY—WHERE WERE YOU?

Courtesy of Alfred Bowman



Peabody Apartments?

We are seeking to determine demand by the area's elderly citizens for residential apartments in the former Peabody Hotel.

The Peabody would be converted to 400 sheltered care, secure apartment units. While primarily intended for the elderly, it would not be exclusively so. Occupancy would be open to anyone regardless of race, creed or color.

Room and board would be provided for approximately \$300 per month in unfurnished units. Also available would be furnished apartments and maid service, at modest additional charges. All food service would be in congregate dining facilities within the building, under supervision of a dietitian. There would be no kitchens within individual apartments.

To be operated and supervised by Lutheran Social Services of Tennessee, Inc., under a contractual agreement with the new owners, the staff would also include a social director, chaplain, recreational director, nurse, and resident manager. Commercial activities would remain at the street level and physical amenities would be added.

If you are interested, or know of those who may be, please phone Mrs. Lyn Schmid at Luther Towers 323-3639; 324-2413; or write to Peabody Apartments, P.O. Box 171206, Memphis, Tennessee 38117.

Wrestlers to Compete in Denmark

Free style wrestling is almost a way of life for young Memphis wrestlers during the summer. These boys wrestle collegiate style in highschool and start with S.E.A.A.U. free style in the spring, which for some boys will be a stepping stone to the Olympics of 1976.

Several weeks ago the boys (age 15-18) competed in a pre-olympic qualifying tournament in Memphis. This was not only a stepping stone for the National Junior Olympics in New York, but also one for the cultural exchange team going to Denmark in June.

Last week Memphis boys went to Birmingham, Alabama to compete for the Denmark Exchange

team. It's taken a lot of work to get this far and Memphis can proudly boast that the Denmark team, consisting of 12 wrestlers, will be made up of 5 Memphians which are: 98 pounds, David James; 106 pounds, Kelly Cunningham; 143 pounds, Rick Waller; 154 pounds, Bill Wilms and 192 pounds, Raymond Pierce. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the expense of the trip is on the boys' shoulders. If the boys cannot raise the money they will not be able to go, so MEMPHIS, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We only have a few weeks to raise the money. Donations, of course, are needed and most welcome, but the boys are also most willing to work for the money; they are willing to tackle most anything - handyman, delivery boy, you name it. Anyone looking for a willing, eager worker can call 398-2150 or 382-0895 and we will send someone out.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

This is to commend in the highest terms the article in last week's *Center City*, by David Bowman, "From Where I Stand - Let's Be Provincial."

It is quite true that Memphis has an advantageous location and may, perhaps, become a huge metropolis. It is equally true that economic circumstances, world and national politics, and other recurrent problems may inhibit such growth, and Memphis might well remain at or near its present size.

Meanwhile, isn't it desirable to work to make Memphis the best possible city? When are we going to stop thinking "bigger means better?" Of course, it's not so! It never was.

I think Mr. Bowman stated it more than adequately. It is of the utmost importance that we strive in every way possible to make Memphis a cohesive city, a healthy city, a peaceful city, an interesting city, a beautiful city. It may also be a city with its own traditions and customs, far more inviting than any area of towering steel and plate glass may ever be. Let's get to work on our intolerance, our crime, our filth. Let's renovate and restore and, where needful, let's build. While we are doing this, let's keep our center, our heart, and our love for our city.

ELINOR B. BRIDGES

MEMPHIS WATERFRONT FAIR

May 27-June 1

Tuesday, May 27-NOON to 1 p.m.

(Confederate Park)

"A Jam in the Park" featuring jazz and blues musicians

Wednesday, May 28-NOON to 1 p.m.

(Confederate Park)

The Hillcrest Norsemen

Thursday, May 29-NOON to 1 p.m.

(Confederate Park)

"From the microcosm to the macrocosm" featuring art forms and music by Jim Crosthwait and friends

Friday, May 30-NOON to 1 p.m.

(Confederate Park)

A showing of the Sears collection of fashions from 1800-1976 featuring musical vignettes of the periods by "Pastiche" with a French-style box luncheon.

Saturday, May 31-3 p.m. till...

(Confederate Park)

"Nickel Days" begin at 3 p.m. with hot dogs, popcorn, and Pepsi all for 5¢. Circuit Playhouse Children's Theatre will perform along with magicians.

The Lucy Opry Goes Downtown at 7 p.m. for a big bluegrass concert.

Sunday, June 1-1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(Tom Lee Park)

Rick Dees and his Memphis friends will attempt to break the record for the "World's Largest Ice Cream Sundae" at 2 p.m. Four hundred seventy five gallons of Midwest Farms Ice Cream will be topped with pineapples, bananas, strawberries, and sundae sauce. At 1 p.m. The Great Mississippi River Tugboat Race will be run from the new bridge to the old. Crawdad and Sid Selvidge will provide the music. Three boats will participate in the race; their owners are Henry Ellis, Captain Dave Cummings, and Jake Meanley.

words
swords

*Life has much more
That we can know.
We can know it without
Knowing that we know—
If we will only let go.*

*We can share this with one,
That with another
And possibly only
this way
Can we know that which
Is known by no other.*

*We who must know
From within
All which all have known
from within,
With or without sin,
May do so only
When we break from
Those who once
Would call us kin.*

*The World we must live in
is not the world
We who can dream
Are able to bask in.*

*The ecstasy
that can be
Is worth
the agony
that must be.*

*And this seems to be
the way of
Those who dare to be
that which
they must be.*

by Steve Sims

earthly delights

DOWNTOWN EXHIBITS

National Bank of Commerce (Lobby)

May 12–June 8 – Smithsonian Illustrated
History of Bicycling*

Sterick Building (Lobby)

May–Paintings by Mrs. Mabel Tual*

FILM

Southwestern

May 24 – “The Grand Illusion”

Peabody Library

May 30 – “Wagon Tracks,” & “Battle of
Elderbush Gulch”*

Brooks Art Gallery

June 1 – “Julius Caesar”*

DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES

Confederate Park and Tom Lee Park

May 27–June 1 – Memphis Waterfront Fair
(See page 3 for details) *



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Board of Education Building

(8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

May 26–“Forum on Aging”–Senator Bill
Brock & Rep. Harold Ford to talk–work-
shops on transportation, housing, health &
social service.*

*Free

WHAT'S AT ISSUE?

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 endeavor to restrict the volume of political rhetoric in the following manner: readers are urged to submit questions pertaining to the future of the central city which may be put to any or all of the candidates for the City Mayor, City Council, County Mayor, City School Board and/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-June. Please mail in a question, but take pains to make it as clear and direct as possible. Questions will be printed anonymously.

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 MAY 22 – MAY 30

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Fried Chicken, Rice w/gravy, Squash or Green Beans, Rolls

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Chili-Mac, Three-Bean Salad, French Bread

MONDAY, MAY 26

Closed, Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Roast Beef, Whipped Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, Rolls

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Ham, Macaroni-Cheese, Turnip Greens, Corn Bread

FRIDAY, MAY 30

BarB-Q Beef/Bun, Baked Beans, Pineapple/Cottage Cheese Salad



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