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# BLOOM's "town meetings"

Bellevue-Lamar Opportunity Organization-Memphis, known in the midtown area as BLOOM, will be sponsoring a series of "town-meetings" for citizen dialogue on public policy issues.

BLOOM will receive a total of \$9,850 for the period, February 1 – September 1, 1975 from the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities. Matched with over \$13,000 in local support these funds will underwrite four gatherings on the theme, "We The People in a Changing Neighborhood: Issues and Opportunities." A film will be produced as a continuing resource for urban citizens in the period of the bi-centennial celebration.

Tennessee Committee for the Humanities, our state's arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supports educational programs involving adults in consideration of public policy issues. The BLOOM program will focus on the problems and hopes in midtown Memphis.

The theme for the first meeting will be "How do we promote the general welfare?," with discussion by citizens, officials and humanities professionals; this meeting will be held at Central High School, 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., March 15. Succeeding sessions will focus on housing, law enforcement and justice, and other public issues related to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The emphasis will be placed on present and future needs in coming to grips with urban problems. The other session dates and themes are:

April 19 – Housing; May 24 – Crime and Justice; July 5 – Economic Development.

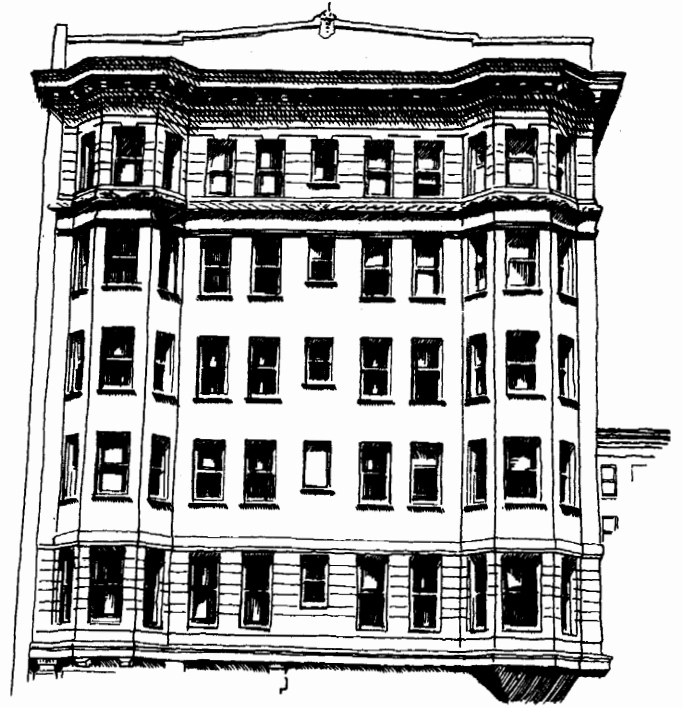
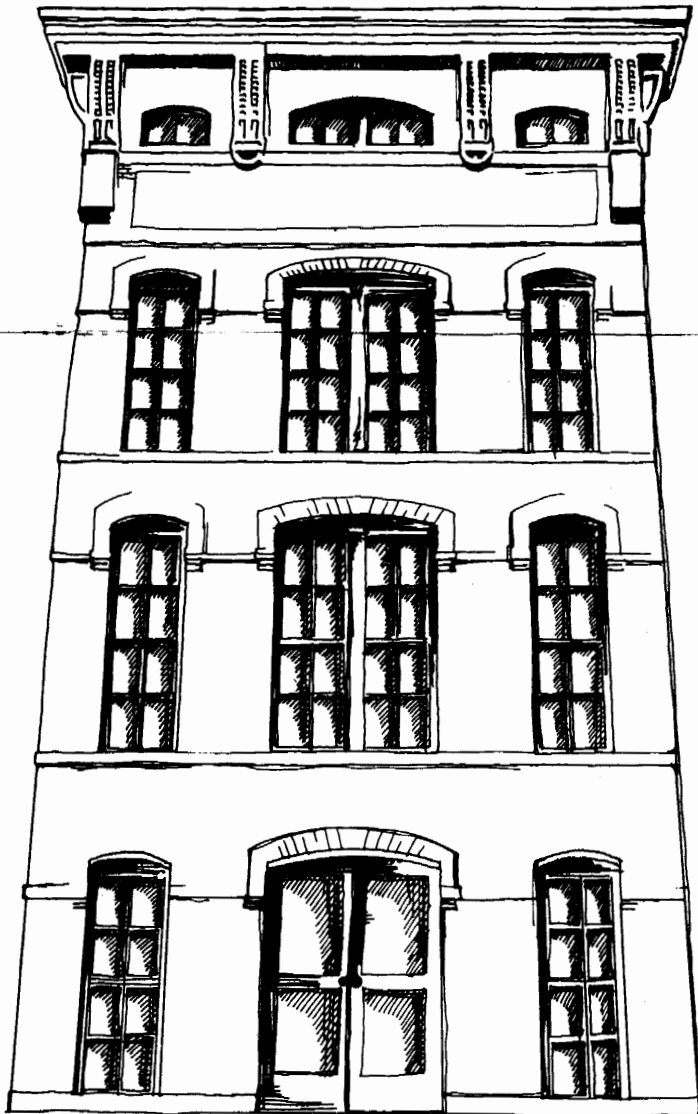
BLOOM is a youth service agency supported by a grass-roots board of directors in the southern portion of the mid-town area. The organization works with teens in five program areas: community spirit-human relations, education, recreation, environmental protection and jobs. BLOOM has been operating two grant programs: Youth Challenge Program, a volunteer service project of the ACTION agency; and a special employment program in cooperation with Social Services Delivery Systems, funded by the Department of Labor.

"We the People..." is BLOOM's first program concerned primarily with adults. It is hoped that these sessions will lead to increased understanding and cooperation, making use of the gifts of the people in dialogue with concerned experts in philosophy, education and other humanities fields.

*Director of the project is Mark Matheny, who is Minister of Mission at St. John's United Methodist Church. He is a charter member of BLOOM, and a graduate of Millsaps College (B.A., history '68) and Perkins School of Theology, SMU (Master of Theology, '71). According to Mr. Matheny, the four sessions and the 16 mm. film are designed to make a lasting contribution to the entire inner-city and all its citizens. For further information, contact Mr. Matheny at 527-2429 or 274-1665.*

# Exploring Downtown

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These are an artist's renderings of how certain downtown buildings could look if proper emphasis were placed on simplicity and integrity in their maintenance.

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 March 14.

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.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On March 7, 1975, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, celebrated by 169 countries around the world, will be celebrated at First Presbyterian Church, U.S., 166 Poplar Ave. at 10:00 A.M. Although this is a service sponsored by Church Women United, it is not to say that only women are invited, but rather, to say that all are invited to participate in this service as we search for the meaning of Christian unity in the broader context of the pluralistic society of our country and the world.

### WAFFLE SHOP - 1975

Every Lent since 1928 Calvary Episcopal Church has opened a Waffle Shop; the women of the church run it, cook the food, and serve it, with some outside waitress help from other Episcopalians. It is operated in conjunction with Calvary's Noon Day Preaching Service during Lent. A different member of the clergy speaks each week beginning Ash Wednesday, February 12th through Good Friday, March 28th.

Proceeds from the Waffle Shop go to various charitable projects, such as Theological Education, Youth Service, Overseas Missions, etc.

Some of the favorite recipes on the menu, are, of course, waffles, fish pudding, chicken salad, Calvary salad plate, Boston cream pie and other delicious desserts.

Calvary invites everyone to come during this Lenten season to hear its Noon Day speakers and visit the Waffle Shop open from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### DAVIDSON COLLEGE MALE CHORUS PERFORMS DOWNTOWN

The Davidson College Male Chorus will present a concert in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Friday, February 28 at 8:00. This appearance by the Davidson group is sponsored by First and Balmoral Presbyterian Churches. The Chorus, under the direction of Donald B. Plott, will present a variety of sacred and secular works. All are welcome. An offering will be received. Davidson College, located at Davidson, North Carolina is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

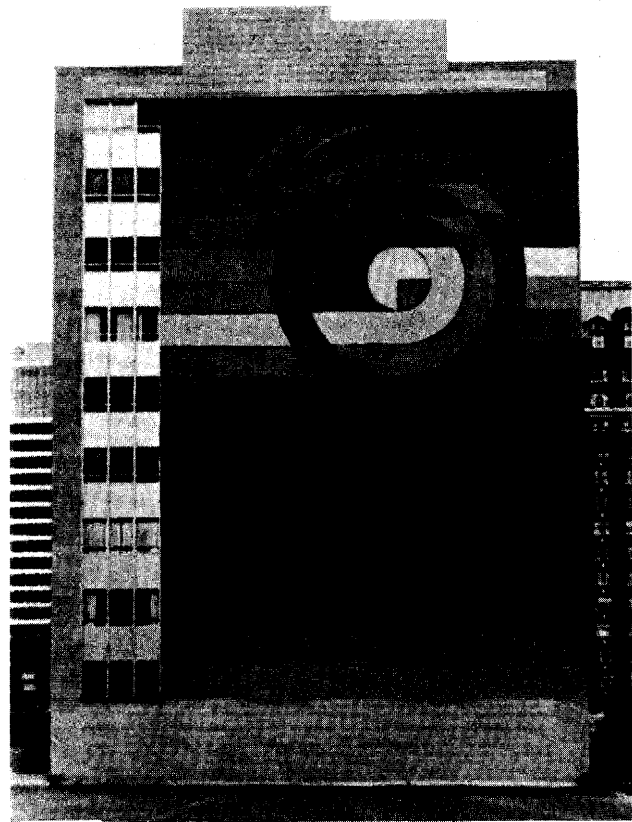
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### SPRING ASSERT YOURSELF

*Spring, soon return  
to remove the lid of memories upon us;  
Replace the glare of wetted streets  
with patches of the sun  
stolen through the skylights like a breath.*

*Spring, drown out the wipers' pounding  
with cricket chants  
reverberating in a breeze;  
Let streams touse which now  
but lean against the rocks,  
And birds be lifted by their singing;  
Splash the thorns full-red with roses,  
And hoist the windows  
warming to your sting.*

*Spring, stir in all that's stiff and mute,  
That all who hold Spring deep within  
might finally have companions.*



**DOWNTOWN WALL ART**— The above is a design by Robert Riesling superimposed on the Memphis Bank and Trust Building. This design is one of the five winners in the local competition for downtown wall art. This project is co-sponsored by the City Beautiful Commission and the Downtown Council; they hope to have the \$10,000 already raised for the art work matched by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts in time to commence painting in Summer 1975.

## *Center City*

First Presbyterian Church  
166 Poplar Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

## MEMPHIS FILM SERIES

LYCEUM FILM THEATRE  
February 25— “It Happened One Night”  
SOUTHWESTERN  
February 26— “Eternal Return”  
UT-CENTER FILM SOCIETY  
February 28— “The Maltese Falcon”

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### 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 FEBRUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 28

##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

*Pork Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls*

##### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

*Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread*

##### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

*Steak w/onion gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls*

##### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

*Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Corn on the cob*

*Beets & Onions, Corn Bread*

##### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

*Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, French Bread*

##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

*Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls*

##### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

*Turkey & Dressing, English Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls*

*Second-class  
postage paid at  
Memphis, Tennessee*