

The TRACKER

Terrace Park Historical Society

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Tracking Our Past and Present for the Future

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Boys Will Be Boys, or
Growing up in Terrace Park in the 30's and 40's
The Proctor Brothers, Stewart and Tom

Sunday afternoon, November 3 at 4 p.m.
Community House

Snippets from our Oral Histories.....

Libby Clancy remembers that the Terrace Park Country Club (the club house is now the home of Jeanette and Carl Pruiss) loomed large in the life of villagers in the 1930's. At that time it was mostly a tennis club. (Some of the national tennis stars of the time, "Big" Bill Tilden, and later local idol Tony Trabert, played there on the clay courts.) There also was a six hole golf course with one hole on an island near where the creek meets the Little Miami River. This was reached by a rope bridge, supposedly for adult use only. Libby says that it was when serious golfers wanted an eighteen hole course, that the club bought the land across the river in Milford.

Life was more simple ... A summer evening's entertainment for kids in the late 1930's was to hide behind a tree and watch the "beautiful people" arrive from Cincinnati in their big cars for a party at the LeBlond's "summer cottage". Village residents would take an evening stroll past 619 Miami Avenue to look and to listen as the orchestra played for dancing.

And Some Factoids

These are from some of Stan Miller's records.. Population figures from yore—an estimated 208 for 1890. But the following are census numbers:

1900—290	1930— 713	1960—2023
1910—448	1940— 858	1970—2266
1920—410	1950—1265	1990—2133

The 2000 census gives Terrace Park 2273.

And also from Stan..."51 homes sold in 1973 for an average of \$40,000." The highest price paid for a house that year was \$65,000. (It does have a river view.)

150 years ago the first school in the area was at the intersection of Given Road and Indian Hill Road. A four room school was built in 1872 on the present school property and the old high school dates to 1913.. It was in 1958 that the Terrace Park school district merged with the Mariemont district. This was at the insistence of the Hamilton County Board of Education because of declining enrollment in the high school. Until that time the high school had also served other communities, including Loveland, Mariemont, Indian Hill, Miami, Camp Dennison and Newtown.

"Next year" is closer than you think. Meeting dates: Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock on February 2, May 4, September 14 and November 2.

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John and Linda Rockaway
are pleased to invite
members of the Terrace Park Historical Society
to an Open House at Historic "Gravelotte"
on Wednesday evening December 11
at 7 p.m.
Elegant Desserts* Coffee
****guests are invited to provide these

What's Up with the TPHS....

Welcome to new members: John & Pat MacMillan, Esther Power, Mary Joslyn, Doris Welz, Elinor Winchester

Am I hearing this right?...

Stan Brown's Traction Line Tours can be scheduled for late November IF the leaves are OFF the trees. If they stay on too long, the tours will be postponed until next spring. Check with Stan about a date. 831-4254.

Ante-up time....

TPHS memberships are for the calendar year—\$15 single, \$25 family. Payable to Bill Holloway, 309 Terrace Place, by January 1.

Heritage Home Tour

The Historical Society is joining with the Terrace Park Garden Club on Sunday afternoon, December 8, to sponsor this year's house tour. Historic homes included are the Rockaway's at 720 Elm, Santi's at 303 Oxford, Burgess's at 311 Harvard, Normile's at 609 Amherst and Holcomb's at 212 Miami. Tickets are \$12. TPHS members are asked to volunteer to be hosts and hostesses on tour day. Check with Carol Cole.

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