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Recreation Program In Full Swing





Traffic Problems Anticipated

Ohio's Highway Department is keeping an eye on traffic conditions resulting from construction of the apartment - town house complex on Wooster Pike west of Terrace Park.

A question about the situation was raised recently by a Milford reader in a letter to Dwight Bicknel, who con-ducts the "Action Line" column in The Enquirer. The

Q. How do young Terrace Parkers spend a summer afternoon?

A. An impressive num ber of them play games and do craft work at the Log Cabin.

The afternoon activities start at one o'clock with Lynn Gerwin leading a sing and accompanying with her gui-tar. Then the children divide into age groups for crafts with Cindy Lee and games with Mimi Henley. Inside the cabin the youngsters do murals, collages, paper folding and coloring. Outdoors, spud and relay races are favorite sports, but volley ball, ping pong and nature hikes also compete for high energy activity.

Mothers who have helped with the program, which is geared for boys and girls six through eleven, are Betsy Holloway, Jan Decker, Recie Scott, Catherine Hunt, Frances Lilley, Libby Dunning, and Nora Frei.

Jeff Griffith, Beth Lum-ley, Bruce Collins, Ginny McAllister, Robin Richey, Denise Langlois, John Hen-ley, Debbie Herdman, Lorre and Becky Shundich are junior helpers.

The Recreation Commission has made it possible for the program to run through August 28. Children are welcome to join the supervised play for one after-noon or the entire period. For questions call Sallie Lyons at 831-4671 or Edna Stites at 831-1944.

Archery Popular At Log Cabin

Sixteen girls ranging in age from 8 to 17 have joined the Terrace Park Junior Olympic Archery Club this summer. The girls meet with instructor Sallie Lyons every Monday and Wednes-day evenings at 7 p.m. at the Log Cabin. The club is working on Junior Olympic badges ranging from 15 yards to 60 yards from the target.

Requests have been made for both a boys archery group and an adult group to be formed. This is possible with all the necessary equipment available at the Cabin. Anyone interested in these groups please con-tact Sallie Lyons at 831-4671.

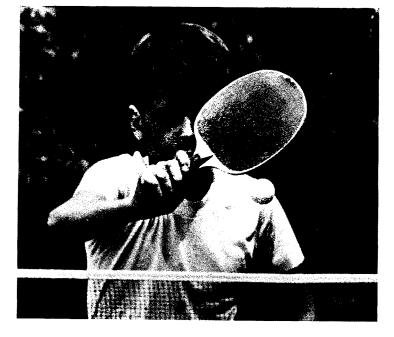
Squad Runs In June

During the month of June there were a record number of Life Squad runs; twenty to be exact. With less than 100 runs made during all of 1969, this distinguishes June with a dubious honor. On one run, the members

of the Life Squad delivered a baby boy in the ambulance right outside the Terrace Park Village limits.

Tree Clean-Up Underway





letter said:

"Many of us living in the eastern suburbs are concerned with the number of autos that will be entering and leaving the new apartment complex, Tarkington House, on Wooster Pike ... They will certainly add greatly to the traffic problems presently encountered. I hope this letter will stimulate some of the talented people in traffic to look into this potential problem before these accidents do occur.

Bicknel checked with Karl Feller, state highway division traffic engineer, who said:

"At present, anticipated traffic volume generated by this complex does not indicate that any elaborate control devices will be needed. However, should future demands warrant more sophisticated control, you can be assured these controls will be implemented."

There is no news from the Térrace Park Village Council this month. Council, which traditionally holds its meetings the second Tuesday of each month, postponed its July session. Reason for the delay was attributed to a heavy vacation schedule and a light agenda.

Grand Opening

The winner of the grand prize at the Terrace Park Building & Loan Grand Opening was Mrs. Dave Pannkuk. Her prize was a color television set. Fifty other prizes were awarded at the drawing: \$5.00 gift certificates for the King Kwik market.

Clean-Up Contest

Matthew Durden and George Bell were the joint winners of the June King Kwik Clean-Up Contest. They shared the award of thirty 25¢ Icee coupons with George's younger brother, Jimmy, who also helped collect Icee paper cups. The boys' winning stack of Icee cups measured 17 feet, 31/2inches long!

According to L. H. Wash-burn, Public Works Committee Chairman, the cleanup work on the Village trees is progressing at as rapid a rate as funds will allow. At this point, hazardous broken, hanging and split branches (including some damaged by storms this year) have been removed and a systematic trimming, topping and shaping program has begun.

The planned route which will be followed (slowly, perhaps, but inexorably) begins at the corner of Miami and Terrace Place. From there, it will proceed along the east-west streets, covering the north-south streets one block at a time until Amherst has been completed. Next will come the northsouth streets (commencing with Miami) with the east-, west streets to be done a block at a time.

Wooster Pike Traffic Sign

Milford Mayor M. B. Bernges reports that the traffic sign at the entrance to Terrace Park on Miami Rd. will be replaced as soon as a decision is made to the correct wording and size. It was erected a few weeks ago in the hope that it would help alleviate the late afternoon traffic problems which arise on that portion of Wooster Pike. The sign was subsequently removed becase it was too small. Once re-installed, the sign will once again instruct motorists that there is to be no left turn, 3-6 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

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The editor for the August issue of the Village Views is Pat Henley; the deadline for the issue is August 3. Material should be delivered to Tom and Louise Bush, 716 Yale Avenue.

VV Takes A Bow

Dear Tom & Louise:

I just want to drop you a brief note to thank you for the fine article you did on the Building & Loan in the recent issue of the Village Views. We have had several nice comments about the bit of history that Mr. Miller did, and the Board of Directors was very pleased. Stewart Proctor

Garden Club Plans

The August meeting of the Terrace Park Garden Club will be a luncheon at the Court Galleries in Williamsburg Court. Members will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Community House on August 4 before driving to the luncheon. After lunch the owner will speak on the limited editions of nature prints which the gallery features.

Reservations are required, so that all members who did not sign up for this at the July meeting should contact Pauline Olson as soon as possible.

For Whom The Bell Tolls

Nobody likes a curfew. It has the effect of setting one part of a community against another. And that's not healthy. A curfew generally punishes the many for the activities of a few. The net result is that the many are resentful. And there is reason to believe that it fails to achieve its purposes anyway, especially when law enforcement officials are restricted from meting out proper punishment when violations are detected.

The summer months always bring certain abuses which the older members of the community find offensive. These incidents seem to be few and far between. But are they?

Word continues to reach us of actions eminently more consequential such as destruction of property, drug consumption and gatherings bent on illicit practices. Most of these activities occur under the protective cover of darkness. Police Chief Hiett, in order to provide adequate protection to the Village's citizenry has increased his vigilance. But his numbers are inadequate in the face of mounting disturbances. A curfew, inimical though it may be, has the effect of taking the pressure off the police.

Is the problem that serious? We leave it to you. Many of us can help ease the burden by exercising more control over our children. For that's who the offenders are, you know. The decision is yours.

At press time the Terrace Park Fire Department reports it is about \$1500 short for the new ambulance. If you have not made a contribution to the Fire Department, why not do so today.

Summer Pops Concert

August 10



Refreshments

Bring AChair



Chief Hiett Reports On:

Drug Abuse

An unpleasant subject, but more important than many may realize. We do have a drug abuse problem as most all communities do, no matter what their social or economic status is. It is a very serious problem, and it concerns me greatly as a father and a policeman. It's probably no more or no less than other communities, but it has continued to grow and become worse everywhere.

This problem couldn't have come at a more critical period in police history, because never before in this country have the police been so restricted in arrests, search & siezure, evidence, etc. As a matter of fact, I suspect these restrictions are, at least in part, responsible for the drug problems continued growth.

We know there is drug abuse present by the empty cough syrup bottles, which have been found in some quantity along the streets in the Village. All of the bottles found were labled. "Elixir. Terpin Hydrate and Codeine, N.F." On the label in very small print was, "Warning: may be habit forming." In some instances, we know who has taken drugs and from whom they have come. If sufficient evidence is obtained against any user or pusher, and we feel a conviction could be obtained, it will be taken to the courts.

I am not an expert, but if any parents suspect their teen-agers may be on drugs, I would be happy to discuss the problem with them, or any teen-ager. There are several agencies that may be of assistance.

Radar

The use of radar is not restricted to any specific roads or locations; however, it is used on Wooster Pike more than any other location because that is where most of the violations are. It has been used on Indian Hill, Elm, and Terrace Place, and is likely to appear on any street in the Village where we feel there are violations occurring with any regularity and where there have been speeding complaints.

Dogs

The number of dog complaints received in the last few months has been considerably less than the previous few months. A good portion of the credit is due

C In Memorium

• Long-time residents of Terrace Park noted with regret the passing of Roy P. Slifer, who died June 7 at the age of 86.

For many years before and during World War II days he was an active member of the community as a councilman and, for a time, as vice mayor. As head of Council's Safety Committee he was responsible for initiating the Village fire department, starting with Civil Defense equipment obtained from the Federal government in 1941. In fact, the Village's first fire truck was built in his garage, mounting the Civil Defense equipment on a truck rented - and subsequently bought - from the Terrace Park Lumber Co.

Mr. Slifer was the husband of the late Hallie Errett Slifer, and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Carl Schmuelling of Indian Hill and a sister, Mrs. AdeRoyer of Waterloo, Iowa.

TREAT YOURSELF

TO THE BEST

While it costs millions to protect our apple crop from a few species of insects that would spoil the fruit, there could be no fruit without a few other species of insects that cross-pollinate the blossoms. Next time you are tempted to swat a bee (or spray to kill insects) remember she is your friend; think kindly of her for she gives you not only the fruits of her labors in vegetables and fruits but the most completely nutritious of all sweets, HONEY! The 1970 spring crop is

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To Our Readers

Readers of Village Views help pay the cost of publication by voluntary money donations in place of subscriptions. This is the season to ask for your annual token of support. The usual donation is \$2, but some readers have given more.

Last year, approximately one-third of all the families in Terrace Park responded to our initial appeal for donations. It was then a gesture of trust and hope - for better in our Village. It was to encourage the volunteers to • A veteran educator and Terrace Park resident died Friday, July 10 at Mercy Hospital in Mariemont. C.M. Patrick, retired superintendent of Indian Hill High Schools and an educator for 35 years, lived at 817 Floral Avenue. In addition to his post at Indian Hill, Mr. Patrick had been principal of Mariemont High School and superintendent of Madeira schools.

Mr. Patrick was a graduate of Otterbein College and Ohio State University.

Survivors include his wife, Zura J.; a son, Robert B. of Hill AFB, Utah; a sister, Mrs. Ray (Edith) Benton of Westerville, Ohio; and a brother, William of Columbus.

Nearly New Shop

The Nearly New Shop, located at 3440 Church St. 'n Newtown, needs children's clothing and household items. This shop is sponsored by the Interparish organization, and the proceeds are donated to worthy causes in the Newtown area. The hours the shop is open are: Wed. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. A pick-up service is available. For further information call the Nearly New Shop 561-4056, or Cynthia Fjord at 831-4811.

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We have been careful in making expenses. Our printing costs are relatively low but, even so, our monthly bills are considerable. Fortunately, they do not include bills for a lot of expensive talent which is freely given.

This year, you do not have

WHY?	o the excellent cooperation exhibited by some of the dog owners in the Village. I would like to thank those of you who have cooperated and hope that it will continue	the production and distribu- tion of this monthly. There was a brief scurry of solic- itation, but no extensive sales pressure to get Village	to rely on trust alone. You have the evidence of Village Views as a going concern, and you can decide if it is worth your support and your
CLINE has 5 offices	as our efforts to enforce the dog laws will be on a con-	Views under way. Your help in individual	participation. We have heard many nice things said about
and 66 salespeople to tell	tinuing basis.	donations makes that crucial difference between success	Village Views and what it means to Terrace Park.
THE TERRACE PARK STORY Call the men who live there	Elm Ave. Bridge After the Silver Bridge collapsed, Mayor Lindell had the bridge inspected by the	and failure. We have suc- ceeded in paying our way. With your help, we shall continue to do so.	What do you think? TOM BUSH
JOHN REYNOLDS 211 Rugby Avenue 201 0.501 201 707(railroad engineers. The in- spection resulted in a finding that the bridge was safe, and Mayor Lindell received		on to the VILLAGE VIEWS
831-3531 831-7876 Eastern Hills Office 5802 Wooster Pk. • 271-9500	a letter to that effect. Last month Lewis Wash- burn and Bob Hiett met with Mr. Gunkle, who is in charge or railroad property and structures for Penn-Cen- tral. Mr. Gunkle promised to have the bridge inspected and have the structure under the bicycle path on the bridge repaired.	NAME ADDRESS Mail or deliver this coupo Mr. William Holloway 309 Terrace Place Terrace Park, Ohio 45174	n with your contribution to:



The Robinson Circus in Terrace Park

John H. Robinson started the whole business, perhaps around 1824, but even Gil Robinson, a brother to our John F., did not relate much of the early action in his book published in 1925.

The whole shoot 'n shebang was moved here around 1857 after a purchase of a sufficient amount of space from Thomas R. Biggs, owner of many acres along the Little Miami at the time. I am suspicious that the original portion of the home was built by Mr. Biggs, however, the Robinson family added to and renovated the anti-bellum type mansion until apparently 17 rooms were available to entertain their hosts of friends in and out of circus business.

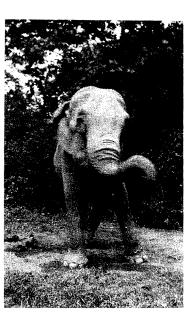
Obviously, this was one of the more picturesque spots in Greater Cincinnati. The Village is deeply indebted to Flach and Angela Douglas and perhaps their children, for preserving the old homestead in much the same manner as possible. Anyway, the home was occupied by the Robinson's until 1916, when the circus was sold, but still remained with a caretaker until purchased by Joe and

Katheryn Miller after the demise of the last three elephants in 1941. John F III just would not part with it for love or money. There used to be four elephants but Tillie, the oldest trained pachyderm in the world, passed away the winter of 1941, and real grief was manifested in Terrace Park by the older citizens, whom Tillie seemed to know personally. It is said her mammoth grave is somewhere nearby on the old grounds. When the four elephants would return to the Village after their pilgramages to various parts of the country, Tillie would know as well as the trainer that she had come back home for a rest, and her trumpetings would arouse the Village if they returned at night. She would instinctively lead the way, along the old "bull" trail that led from the station down through the fields to the homestead. Many of us remember them well indeed.

Labor Day **Festival - 1970**

Plans for the 1970 Labor Day Festival are off to a

generation in the Village had the time of their lives when they would ride the elephants to the Little Miami River, where the big beasts would take a swim. They would be taken to the Village school



at recess time, and the elephants seemed to enjoy the experience as much as the children. Back in 1937, and for a while afterwards, the trainer offered rides, especially on week-ends at Wooster Pike and Elm Road for a nominal fee.

That section of the suburb was a very lively region during the long winters with all the glittering trappings of a circus, all the dens and pits and barns in which the animals were quartered, and the old octagonal barn in which the horses were trained for bare-back riding. The roar of lions, the laugh of hyenas, the trumpeting of elephants and other noises usually incident to African veldt and jungle were mere commonplace sounds to the citizens of our Village, for this was the winter quarters

of the John Robinson Circus. The incidents narrated above ensued when animals got out of their dens and cages and reverted toform. Didn't happen often, though, because strict vigilance was maintained.

With the cooperation of the Little Miami Railroad, a station was established and the Unit-called "Robinson's" just off ing Card Co.

The children of another Elm Road, then called Newtown Road, and a long siding to service the circus' many cars, and for arrivals and departures of guests of the Robinson's.

I think it is interesting to note that after John F. III's passing, the property was left to Leonora S. Robinson, his widow. She was the sister of Kessler Smith, long a resident and the only one at the lower end of Stanton Avenue. Kess told me his father was once mayor of Cincinnati. Leonora resided at the Gibson Hotel and even in my time as clerk, she asked if she would be able to contribute a flag or benches to the Village Green, which was gratefully re-ceived. John F. III did not quite make it for the 100th anniversary of Robinson circus.

Circus and carnival history in this country started at the end of the 18th century. Its trail from there on is rough, wild, wooly, muddy, and poetic. Fires, floods, mergers, bankruptcies, train wrecks, endless hardship and disaster followed the circus and carnivals as they wrenched themselves from village to village at an average speed in the 1800's of two to three miles per hour. Often traveling by night, they had to be ready for the next show the following day.

On April 22, 1793, George Washington took Martha to the circus in Philadelphia. He liked it so much he went back on the 24th to see if he missed anything the first time, Circuses have existed in one form or another since before the birth of Christ. The Romans were great for that sort of entertainment, but they preferred the sight of blood. Chee!

The circus wagons, cages, costumes and paraphernalia were made here. All Robinson's posters and other printing were done by The Enquirer job department until the plant was burned along with Pike's Opera House in 1866. He then organized his own printing company whose descendents include the United States Printing Co., and the United States Play-



AFS Student Arrives....

As Terrace Park residents bade their fond farewell this month to Isabel Segura, 't'he enthusiastic A.F.S. student from Spain, who spent the last year living with the Clyde Eller Family, 102 Fieldstone Drive, the Jim Monroe Family of 3608 Mound Way in Mariemont

is looking forward to welcoming their A.F.S. student, Judith Kockett of Swaziland, South Africa. Judy will arrive about July 25 to spend the school year living with the Monroes in Mariemont and attend the new Mariemont High School.



The armchair traveler is not the most exciting way to experience new people and places, but it will suffice when the actuality is not possible or at least imminent. "Travels With My Aunt" by Graham Greene is a delightful tongue-in-cheek book. It is a departure from Mr. Greene's previous books and is immensely amusing. A staid bachelor becomes reacquainted with his long lost and very eccentric aunt at his Mother's funeral. His aunt quite literally takes him under her wing, rather unwillingly on his part, and he is caught up in her hobby, which is traveling on very short notice to rather remote places encountering very strange people.

"A Farmhouse in Prov-ence" by Mary Lee Roberts is a delightfully different book based on the restoration of a very old farmhouse in Provence, France. The authoress is an associate editor for Vogue magazine and her husband, a Frenchman, is an assistant secretary

general at the United Nations. They fell in love with Provence, its people, and way of life while traveling there, so they began a long labour of love in buying the property, restoring the farmhouse and replanting the long neglected vineyards. Their triumph was the harvest of grapes after five patient years and the resultant 6,000 bottles of their own wine. Although their careers necessitate living in a New York apartment, they find every opportunity to retreat to their farmhouse in Provence, A refreshingly different book.

Why does the older generation often fail to understand what is happening today? Wallace Stegner probes deeply into this and other aspects of contemporary life in a novel of several years ago, "All The Little Live Things." A couple in their sixties retire to California from the East in search of 'peace and quiet." They find themselves involved in youth, marijuana, and freewheeling sex. These forces and more move to a conclusion of devastating effectiveness in this deeply moving book.



good start according to General Co-chairmen Rosie and Nick Shundich. They have been gathering committeemen to run the various events and expedite the over-all plans for the day. Ron Roberts is chairman of the raffle, for which some outstanding awards will be awaiting the lucky winners. Bingo chairman is Jim Gilchrist and his committee members are Tutt Lambert, Paul Kennedy, Edna Stites and Debbie Bless.

Proceeds from the traditional Terrace Park Labor Day Festival enable the Recreation Committee to provide programs for over 650 youngsters and adults throughout the year.

Anyone wishing to help with this year's Festival, call Rosie or Nick Shundich at 831-7506.



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-SPORTS NEWS -- Scout Camp

Baseball Champs

Terrace Park's D-1 Knothole team, made up of 8 and 9 year olds, won the District 6 Championship Monday night, when they de-feated the All Saints 7-0. After a slow season start with two losses, the team went on to ten straight victories. In the last 10 games D-1's star pitcher victories. Eric Olsen allowed only 10 hits, and the excellent playing of the whole team resulted in only one run scored against the Terrace Park team.

Claytons Clobber

Other Clubs

The Bob Clayton Insurance team, featuring heavy hitting and tight pitching, breezed through its first eleven games of the 1970 Knothole League with a ten and one record. Manager Dominic Costanzo of the Terrace Park entry in C-1 reports that Dan Lovins was the team's top hurler with a 7 and 0 mark. Dan was also one of the top hitters on the club. Others who distinguished themselves with the bat were Mike Van Dyck, John Resor, Brad Scovill, Tom Seiter, Dan Swensson, Chris Frazer, Guy Van Epps and Dino Costanzo.

Top pitching performance of the season belongs to Dan Lovins and Brad Baker who teamed up in a no hit, no run effort against Miamiville.

Ryan's Roster Rates Kudos

C-2 Manager, Jim Ryan, led his TP team to a respectable three won and five lost record. His team was composed of boys who had moved up from Class D last year. Four of the games played (and lost) were decided by one run. Two of the games went into extra innings. Some fine pitching performances were turned in by Jay Rice, with Scott Bullock providing good clutch hitting. Tom Wigton provided the long ball for manager Ryan with Jimmy Ryan adding some outstand-

Gerhardt Grabs Grit Honors

The "determination of the year" award goes to Chip Gerhardt, who played the last game with his arm in a cast. His wrist was broken while high jumping in the junior Olympics.

From the D-2 league, Manager Roger Belanger reports that the first half of their season has resulted in an 0 and 5 record. Their team consists of boys who are playing for the first time and each game has shown improvement.

Swim & Tennis

The Terrace Park Swim Club swimming team won its first two meets of the season. Several team records were broken in the process.

In the TP Swim Club tennis matches, the boys' team has a three and three record; the women's division holds a won two, lost one record; the A team of the men's division stands at won three, lost two; and the B team is in first place in their division with four wins and one loss.

Junior Davis Cup

Members

Stewart Proctor and Mark Henderson are members of the Junior Davis Cup tennis team. They will join the team in playing matches all over the state during the summer months.

Scout Camp Successful

A 5:30 a.m. surprise hike, a 17 foot high tower with 30 foot long monkey bridge, a downpour which floated air mattresses and soaked sleeping bags, 52 merit t badges were earned. These e were highlights of Boy Scout d Troop 286's week long camp f at Pike Lake State Park, h July 5-12.

Assistant Scoutmaster Jim Allison and his staff of Sonny Donley, Scott Tollefsen and Doug Proctor led the 25 campers in increasing their skills in swimming, hiking, cooking, camping, pioneering and canoeing. Each boy who attended either advanced one rank or received a minimum of two merit badges.

Greg Vogt was recipient of the Best Camper Award. Bruce Halley and John Augspurger shared second place.

Volunteers At

Camp Stepping Stones

Camp Stepping Stones on Given Road opened on June 29th. The camp provides a wide variety of summer activities for handicapped children. Some Terrace Park teen-agers are volunteer workers and after a number of training sessions are busily at work two, three and, in some cases, five days a week. These boys and girls who are giving their time and energies are: Scott Boeing, Lanny Boeing, Rob Beck, Gail Beck, Ron Capehart, Thomas Durden, Jill Feldon, Mindy Graeter, Bob Holloway, Susie Konold, Meredith McAllister, Joan Lilley and Donna Reid.



It is soon approaching the time that many local fishermen refer to as the "dog days" of fishing. The local fish just do not seem to hit as well in the warmer waters of July and August as they do in the more tepid times of spring and fall.

This being the case, the fishermen head for either local pay lakes (or to a farm pond if they know a farmer), to New England or Michigan or Wisconsin or Canada. They may venture into Kentucky and Tennessee to try deep water trolling. If they head further south, the knowing angler will select the Destin, Florida, area, which is on the north coast of the Gulf of Mexico. July and August are the best times of the year in the north area of the Gulf.

However, if you just want to fish, believe it or not, one of the most productive areas is within a couple of blocks of the readers of this newspaper. That section of the Little Miami which lies between the end of Oxford Avenue and its confluence with the East Fork is very productive at this time of the year. Its primary problem is access. The west bank is privately owned by the residents living along Miami Avenue and the hill forming this west bank is so steep it makes maneuvering next to impossible. The east bank is accessible by walking down from Milford or through the Noviate or Terrace Park Country Club properties, but for the most part this is the very shallow side and except for a few selected areas it is difficult to work the pools and the riffles.

The best way is with the use of a john boat and a pair of oars. Again you may find difficulty in launching your john boat, but the Oxford Avenue right-of-way runs to the banks of the Miami. In former days of Terrace Park this area was known as the public landing and remnants of concrete steps and wall are still present there, but in bad condition. The appearance would almost attract an archaeologist. Nevertheless, it is possible to launch a john boat there with some effort.

If you elect to use an outboard, one of four to seven horsepower is sufficient, and for your first few trips take plenty of shear pins as the underwater rocks and stumps are tricky. Wading is not suggested unless you stay very near the banks or in the riffles, as dropoffs in the Miami are its biggest hazard.

Fish to be caught at this time of the year in this section consist primarily of smallmouth bass, rock bass and freshwater drum in the sporting class. The rough fish that can be taken are gar, carp and catfish. Now this is not to be considered as an all inclusive list, but these are the most likely ones you'll latch onto.

To give some idea of how productive this area is (although I haven't kept records) I don't believe I've been skunked three times in the last hundred times I've fished this area in July and August.

More next month about the same subject. Pax vobiscum!



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