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Editorial

Ohio's legislators had to be called into a special session to correct a flagrant error in a bill setting up new regulations for life squads like that in Terrace Park. All that really was accomplished, though, was to delay for two years the effective date of well-meaning but misguided legislation that still threatens the existence of most of the suburban and rural life squads in the state.

No one, least of all the life squad volunteers, will decry the value of training and more training. But it is one thing to call for more training and quite another to make the alternative no life squad at all.

And it was a mean and vicious thing to set up a penalty clause making life squad volunteers liable to civil suit, while still leaving policemen, Boy Scouts and others with far less training under the protection of the "Good Samaritan" law.

There is, after all, a reasonable limit to what can be expected of volunteers. It must be remembered, too, that the demands of life squad services are such that there's a limit as well to the number of people in the suburbs and rural areas — where the need is the greatest — willing and able to serve.

Terrace Park would have no daytime life squad if it were not for a small group of willing and dedicated women. Even much-larger Milford has had times when one of its two units was out of service for lack of manpower.

Lest there be a thought that it all isn't important, consider that most of the state is served by these volunteers. In Hamilton County alone there are some 32 volunteer life squads as against two paid departments. Clermont County units are wholly volunteer. Yet according to the information given *Village Views*, the legislators who drafted the bill even refused to hear testimony from the volunteers.

To be certified, life squad volunteers now take 60 hours of training, with some service in hospital emergency

not compulsory. The new law will boost the training required to 90 hours, including mandatory emergency room service. (That mandatory provision in itself presents some difficulties, as for example for the volunteers in Warren County, which doesn't have a hospital.)

So we have a two-year respite.

But the new courses have yet to be set up, and arrangements will have to be made with a large number of hospitals to accept and help the volunteers. That will take time. Assume a training course of three hours a night once a week and it will be 30 weeks more before a volunteer can qualify, if any can be found to undertake the burden. But there's only one qualified instructor in this area. With 32 squads in Hamilton County alone to work with, it seems that in two years we'll be back where we started on September 1, with life squads suspending service or sharply cutting down.

Evidently the whole situation needs major re-study, this time with consideration for the volunteers who carry most of the load.

It seems to us that the best way would be to set up two grades of life squad technicians, one qualifying at the present level of proficiency, the other advancing to a higher level on a voluntary basis. There's a lot of pride among life squad people. A surprising number would try to achieve the higher grade voluntarily when and if they could.

There is always room for improvement, but what Ohio's emergency services don't need is regulation for regulation's sake. Terrace Park's own ambulance has been ruled inadequate because it isn't as big as somebody in Columbus thinks it ought to be. We've heard that a state inspector told a neighboring fire chief that his department's new ambulance wouldn't do because it's an inch too short. What the fire chief said can be left to the imagination.

Electric Rates Stand, Gas Charges Going Up

Terrace Park electric bills will not be affected by a recent settlement reached before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission between the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. and a large number of major southwestern

Ohio communities.

But an increase in gas rates became effective September 10 under a utilities commission decision to grant CG&E a uniform gas rate structure affecting all its customers.

New Pickup System

A new collection system has been set up by village authorities to cope with the problem of disposal of such things as old washers, refrigerators and scrap building material.

The village truck will make a special collection on the second Wednesday each month — the next collection will be October 13 — to pick up such material. Anyone having any such material to be picked up should call the village office (831-2137) by noon of the day before so that the village highway crew can plan the most efficient pickup.

The new pickup service will not interfere with the normal Monday collection of light trash and brush.

Development of the new system was forced by action of the Hamilton County Health Department in clamping down on use of the Elm Avenue landfill. Earlier, Terrace Park residents had been permitted to haul discarded appliances and such to the dump, with the metals being disposed of by the village when a sufficient quantity had accumulated.

Material collected under the new system will be disposed of in Owensville.

Bruce Stoecklin, CG&E official, told *Village Views* that Terrace Park was not involved in the electric rate agreement because it is one of 62 communities listed in a rate increase petition filed with the utilities commission in April. No date has been set for a hearing on that requested increase, and Stoecklin said he had no idea how long it would be before the commission acted on it.

Of the 82,000 consumers in those 62 communities, he said, average use of electricity figures out at present rates of \$21.40 a month. The increase, if it is granted, would make the average bill \$24.68.

Under the gas rate increase effective September 10, Stoecklin said average use figures out at 12,600 cubic feet of gas per month, which under the old rates cost \$22.08. That amount of gas under the new rates will cost \$26.45.

Stoecklin said that the utility sought the changes to provide uniform rates throughout the area for both gas and electricity.

"Nowadays," he said, "the main cost is in building and running the plants and not in developing the distribution systems, and the company is seeking to spread those costs among all its customers."

Council Urges Changes In New Life Squad Law

Village Council voiced its disapproval of a new state law governing life squads in a resolution adopted at its September meeting, and Mayor Ray Cadwallader disclosed plans for a statewide campaign to have it changed.

The law, passed by the state legislature in June, imposed new and stiff training standards on life squads effective September 1. Unable to comply within the time limits, and faced with the prospect of liability suits, Terrace Park's life squad went to virtually transportation service only, and several other squads statewide suspended service entirely.

A hastily-called special session of the legislature put off the effective date of the bill for two years.

But, calling the measure a "bad law," the mayor said plans were being developed to marshal opposition in every village and town in the state now relying on volunteer life squads. The bill, he said, sets up standards that in effect require full-time, paid paramedics far beyond

the resources of most communities in Ohio.

(See editorial in this issue)
At the meeting, members

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About That Questionnaire

The Bicentennial Pageant, "200 By George," held this past June was a huge success. Through a joint effort by the Terrace Park Players and St. Thomas Church, this production attracted large audiences to all performances and brought out a myriad of new and old faces to work both onstage and backstage. In short, it was great fun and contributed a good deal to the community spirit that Terrace Park is noted for.

In the interest of building on the success of this recent production, The Terrace Park Players are circulating a questionnaire with this issue of the *Village Views* to assess the opinions of our community about TPP activities both in the past and future. The Terrace Park Players were organized about 20 years ago to provide a vehicle for non-professional community participation in the fine arts. A non-profit status is maintained with contributions being made in the past to the Elementary School for equipment, *Village Views*, Village Green improvements, Life Squad, etc.

Through your support of the Players, the TPP has been able to make contributions benefitting members of the community. Therefore, please take the time to fill out the attached questionnaire. Each and every opinion is important to the future of TPP and the type of productions presented. A TPP representative will be by your home to pick up the questionnaire next Sunday, or you may mail it to TPP, Box 233, Terrace Park.

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LETTER

To the editor:

Does the right hand really know what the left is doing?

In caring for our youngsters in playing soccer, the Recreation Commission apparently did not.

We added a liability clause to the standard "contract" which enabled our children to play the game. And because of this addition, our two daughters were ejected from their respective soccer teams. All the addition to the contract meant was we wished reasonable protection for our daughters, and that the Recreation Commission be responsible for accidents caused by gross negligence.

We gave permission for the children to play — signing the required contract for the past two years. The Recreation Commission, however, said we did not sign the contract this year because of the exclusion "which is not acceptable." We as parents, the Commission stated, were denying the children the right to play simply because the negligence exception to the contract.

Several persons on the Commission called us, all saying the children could not play, that the exclusion was improper (and illegal), that we were asking for special privileges, that we were asking for trouble, etc., etc., etc., and that we were not neighborly.

Though a "decision" had been made, it took three weeks for us to learn our children could not play soccer. Though the children attended nearly every scheduled practice session during this period, no mention was made of their exclusion from their teams until hours before their first game (both had their first game the same day).

The contract that has to be signed for soccer play actually makes the parents give up all rights for the child's safety and wellbeing, thus the exception clause. One week after our complaint against the contract this year, liability insurance was taken out, but the other "hands" did not know — that liability insurance had been in effect for two weeks for the Recreation Commission in Terrace Park.

During this time the insurance was in force, we were told there was none.

that we were out of line in expecting such and that the only way our children could play was under their terms — no exceptions. With the insurance in force, the children were told by the Commission they could not play because of our exception clause. (One did play in a game anyway, because the coach took his own exception to the Commission, and one was physically ejected from a practice session in front of teammates and spectators).

After many phone calls, and personal visits, all is finally settled. But for these two weeks, the Recreation Commission was running around in circles — one hand saying our exception was correct and insurance was in force, and the loudest hands, lacking knowledge, were running around stating our children could not play because of the exception and that we were violating their rules.

This letter is to say "thanks" to the person on the Commission who had enough concern for the children's safety to spend Commission money on insurance to protect our most precious gifts, and not just add another field to "recreation's" ever increasing monetary status.

Lee Stegemeyer
Pat Stegemeyer

Davis offers quilt; Council says 'No thanks'

Terrace Park Village Council got an offer it couldn't refuse earlier this summer. Then it refused it.

Tib Davis, winner of the raffle for the Bicentennial Quilt designed and put together by so many Terrace Parkers, offered to donate the quilt to the village.

The offer was disclosed by Pat Henley, chairwoman of Council's Buildings and Grounds Committee. She also disclosed — this at the July meeting — that she thought it would cost the village too much to display and protect the quilt.

So, on her motion, the offer was unanimously — and with thanks and regrets — turned down.

Marie Gerwin, Bicentennial celebration chairwoman, said the raffle ticket sale yielded \$1787 for establishment of permanent memorials to the Bicentennial. The memorials are a plaque honoring John Smith, at Elm and Ford Roads, and a village-wide tree fund.

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Council cont'd.

of council held an initial discussion of the problem of so-called "mopeds" — bicycles with friction-started engines of less than one brake horsepower which are now free of all state regulation.

Because of Terrace Park's unique situation, it was said, there is an unusual number of powered-bikes in the village, and several council members voiced concern at the possibility of serious accident.

Much of the problem, it was noted, results from "bad road manners" of youngsters riding the bikes in paying no heed to other traffic.

Discussions with the county engineer were reported on improvement or possible replacement of the Elm Avenue bridge over the railroad tracks. While such projects come under a new federal Public Works Act, limitations under the act make it unlikely that Terrace Park could qualify for funds for the work on its own. Efforts are being made to have the bridge project included in a \$1,200,000 grant for bridge work for which the county engineer will apply.

Council approved sale for \$6,250 to a Texas bidder of the fire truck to be taken out of service when a new pumper being built is delivered. The truck cost the village \$12,500 when it was bought some 20 years ago.

Council also approved sale of the village-owned lot on Harvard Avenue to the Weibold Studios for \$16,000. Bill Weibold said he had no immediate plans to develop the property.

Parking Fines May Be Waived

Motorists who have gotten tickets for parking along the west side of Stanton Avenue in the vicinity of the school recreation grounds won't have to pay if village negotiations with the Mariemont Board of Education succeed.

The village is asking the school board to permit off-street parking in bays between the trees on the grounds, and so do away with the illegal and potentially dangerous parallel parking for which police have been writing citations.

Mayor Ray Cadwallader said that he has been imposing \$10 fines on parkers who have appeared before him in mayor's court, but staying execution until January 1. If an agreement is reached with the school board by then, he said, the fines will be waived.



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Sept. 29 - Parent information night through 2nd grade at 7:30 p.m. T.P. School

Oct. 13 - Heavy trash collection pickup.

Oct. 16 - PTA Pumpkin Sale

Oct. 22 - School Holiday

Oct. 30 - Clodhoppers "Shirt-In" T shirt dance at Miami Boat Club Free to members. Call Sue Whittaker for membership, Pat Belanger for reservations.

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Winners Named In Garden Club's Flower Show

Mrs. Effie Miller won the "best of show" award in the artistic division, Mrs. Ruth Rugh a similar award in the horticulture section, and Mrs. Jayne Herrmann the sweepstakes award for the most prize points in the Terrace Park Garden Club's recent flower show at the Community House.

Club members submitted 48 entries in the artistic division and 150 in the horticultural classes.

The Terrace Park Garden Club was started in 1920, with the services of Mrs. William Lloyd as its first president being recognized in a memorial to her on the village green. Throughout its 56 years, the club has been the leader in beautification projects around the village, contributing both money and member efforts to plantings such as those along Terrace Place, on the village green and around the Terrace Park school.

In winning the sweepstakes award at this year's show, Mrs. Herrmann gathered five first place awards, four seconds, and two honorable mentions. Other major winners were:

Virginia Brown, four firsts, one third; Vera Dumford, three firsts and two seconds; Mary Ellen Fisher, one first and one second; Fran Marsh, a first, second and third; Effie Miller, three firsts, two seconds and two thirds; Evelyn Mottern, one first, three seconds; Connie Pankuk, one first and two thirds; Inga Ritchie, five firsts, one second, four thirds and two honorable mentions; Ruth Rugh, one first, six seconds and six thirds; Pat Fluke, one second; Jane Peterson, a first and a second; Jan Powell, a first; Bev Smith, two seconds; Sue Bucy, two thirds; Libby Clancy, one third.

The show was judged by Mrs. Oscar W. Vontz.

Mrs. Miller was show chairman. Committee heads were, staging, Libby Clacy; classification, Ruth Rugh; registration, Bev Smith; placement, Blanche Kain; judge and clerk, Evelyn Mottern; publicity, Frances Marsh and Lynn Nelson; dismantling, Mary Ellen Fischer.

Jane Peterson is club president.



Mrs. Effie Miller



Mrs. Ruth Rugh



Mrs. Jane Herrmann

Here's Report On Bicentennial

Marie Gerwin, our Bicentennial chairman, is happy to announce the proceeds from the quilt and sketch raffle were \$1797.

This money, along with money realized from the sale of Ken Norvel's sketch, has been used to defray the costs of the Memorial Day Exhibit at the Community House, the July 4 festival of fun, the upcoming turkey shoot this fall, when our time capsule will be sealed, and the installation of the permanent memorial to the Bicentennial.

— the plaque honoring Elder John Smith at the corner of Elm and Ford Roads. Remaining funds will be used to set up a tree fund.

Mrs. Gerwin would like to express her gratitude to her committee and chairmen and all those willing helpers who made our Bicentennial celebrations such a success. Since over 100 people were involved, it is not possible to list them all here, but all Terrace Park sincerely appreciates their efforts.

Greens Sale On

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What Village Law Says

As a public service, Village Views begins with this issue the printing, on occasion, of the texts of village ordinances of particular interest. The ordinances have been recently recodified.

1143.04 FENCES AND HEDGES.

- (a) No fence exceeding six feet in height shall be erected around or within those lot areas designated as side yards and/or rear yards.
- (b) No fence exceeding four feet in height shall be erected around or within lot areas designated as front yards. (See Section 1323.02 for fence permits.)
- (c) No hedges bounding front yards shall exceed four feet in height, nor shall any hedge extend into the sidewalk area of the street.
- (d) All fences erected under subsections (a) and (b) hereof shall have at least thirty percent free or open area measured in a horizontal plane.

(Ord. 12-1963. Passed 10-19-63.)

505.01 DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

- (a) No person being the owner of, harboring or having charge of cats, horses, cattle, sheep, geese, ducks, turkeys, chickens or other fowl or animals shall permit them to run at large upon any public place, or upon any unenclosed lands, or upon the premises of another.
- (b) No person being the owner of, harboring or having charge of any dog, whether wearing a registration tag or not, shall permit it to run at large upon any public place or upon the premises of another. No owner, keeper or harboring of any female dog shall permit such dog to go beyond the premises of such owner or keeper at any time such dog is in heat, unless such dog is properly in leash. The owner or keeper of every dog shall at all times keep such dog either confined upon the premises of the owner or keeper, or under reasonable control of some person. (ORC 955.22).
- (c) The running at large of any such animal in or upon any of the places mentioned in this section is prima facie evidence that it is running at large in violation of this section. (ORC 951.02).
- (d) Any person who shall allow any dog, cat, fowl or other animal habitually to remain, be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard or enclosure, which he occupies or owns, shall be considered as harboring such dog, cat, fowl or other animal.
- (e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. (ORC 955.99 (A)).

Leaf Collection Starts October 1

Ground Rules For Village Views

In recent months, some contributors of news to Village Views have been disappointed because items were submitted too late to make the next issue. To make sure everyone -- editors, contributors, readers -- are on the same wavelength, here is a summary of deadlines, ad prices, and other "ground rules" for the paper:

1. The deadline for any month's issue is 6 p.m. on the day Village Council meets; this is usually the second Tuesday each month. The only copy that can be accepted later than that is the council-meeting report itself.

2. Contributors should keep in mind that the paper is not actually delivered until about the last week of the month. Announcements of events during the latter half of a month ought to be submitted for the issue the month before. For example, an announcement of an event during January ought to be submitted for the December issue.

3. Your editor generally works at night and sleeps by day. He respectfully asks that his telephone remain silent before noon!

4. Beginning in the next issue, the rates for classified ads will be \$1 (for three lines of type); advertisers under age 16 are charged half price. Payment for classified ads must be in advance (i.e., upon placement of the ad).

5. Political ads may be no larger than 20 column inches (e.g., two columns wide by ten inches deep).

6. Display advertising rates are \$1.75 per column-inch.

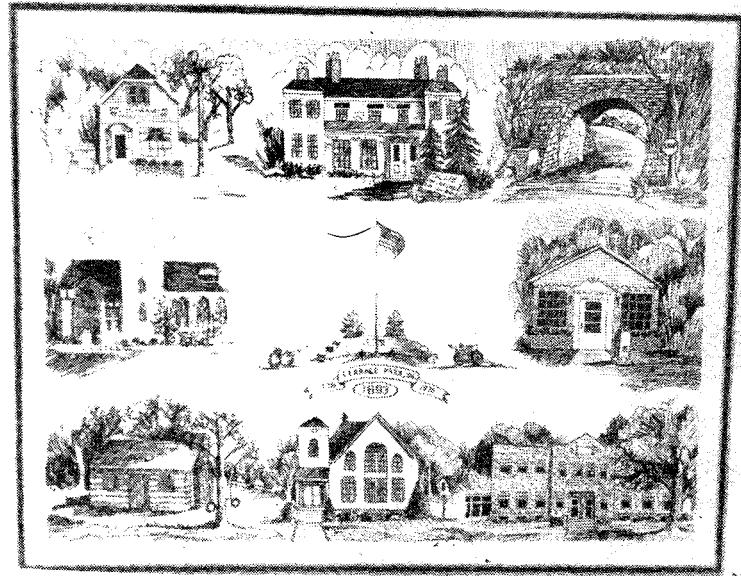
To contact Village Views, you can call 831-0644 (after noon) regarding news; 831-9515 regarding prices or ads.

Bananas? In Terrace Park?

There are some bananas on a tree at 734 Park Avenue, but Bruce Brown isn't counting on much of a crop.

For one thing, the season undoubtedly will be too short for the fruit to develop to full size. Then, too, yellow jackets seem to find the flowers and fruit much to their liking.

In this area, the usual thing is to cut a banana plant back so that it can be moved indoors over winter. Brown, however, last fall took his to his high-ceilinged warehouse without having to cut it back, kept it alive with a little water now and then, and brought it out when warm weather came along. That gave the banana time enough to develop more than the few flowers that usually result.



A REMINDER

Prints of Ken Norvel's sketch of Terrace Park scenes are still available. Phone Connie Pannuk, 831-5073, or Marie Gerwin, 831-0215.

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New Riverfront Park Is Proposed

Terrace Park officials have been told that Milford plans to develop a small park on the west bank of the Little Miami River in connection with the Mound Street erosion control project.

The Corps of Army Engineers has developed plans for rock piling to control erosion on the east bank of the river, and Milford has applied for \$485,000 in federal funds for the work. Some of the money is expected to be used for the park on the west bank, in the

area which is within Milford's corporate limits.

Slippage of the river bank at the foot of Mound Street in Milford imperiled several homes and part of Milford's sewerage system. Protective works are to extend from the vicinity of the Milford bridge to the SEM Villa area.

Terrace Park had voiced concern as to the effect of the protective works in causing erosion along the west bank because of diversion of the river current.