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## Garbage **Contract** Held Up

Concern over the service provided by the Ohio Waste Service caused village council to defer letting a new garbage pick-up contract until its October meeting.

A recent bid opening revealed two proposals, one from Ohio Waste, the present contractor, and one from Rumpke Waste. The new contract is to run for three

Ohio Waste's bid came in at \$2.95 per houshold per month. The expiring contract is for \$2.50. Rumpke bid \$3 the first year, \$3.25 the second, and \$3.50 the last year.

Public Works chairman Jack VanWye said that there are 900 pick-up spots in the

A representative of the Rumpke firm was present at the meeting. He stated that his firm serves 56 communities in this area, and because of the size of the operation, can better cope with breakdowns experienced by garbage-handling equipment.

## **Sohio Station** Is Burglarized

Loss was estimated at \$7,000 in a burglary early on August 21 at Bill Krummert's Terrace Park Sohio station. The thieves forced the back door and made off with hand tools, including a new tool chest, and batteries and tires.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf said police are following up "several active leads" but have no primary suspects.

## Village's History **Turns Another Page**

Time has finally caught up with the Terrace Park Market, the village grocery and a landmark for over 80 years.

The store has closed and the building has been sold to Kennedy Associates, a sales agency operated by Paul Kennedy, 716 Lexington Ave., and his brothers. They plan to remodel the interior for office use.

'We're sorry to break a tradition," said Gerda Braunheim, who has operated the store for the past 21/2 years, "but when it became necessary to sell it we didn't have much choice."

Nobody interested in a small, independent store came forward. Even if they had, she said she doubted that the end could have been long delayed.

But the building remains as a part of Terrace Park history. It once was a full two stories. Village council used to hold its meetings on the second floor before 1922 when the village acquired what was built as a Baptist church in 1890 and converted it to the present Community House. Mrs. Daniel (Debbie) Startsman, Terrace Park's senior citizen, tells of dances held there when she used to come down from Indian Hill to attend school here. The first village post office was there, as part of the grocery, it had one of Terrace Park's first telephones, and the storekeeper doubled as railroad ticket

The roof and part of the second floor burned in 1932 during Louie Bosch's long tenure. According to the story, Louie had just bought a new meat grinder, painted bright red, and his first anxiety was to save that new and expensive machine, putting it out in front of the store. Terrace Park was served by Milford's fire department in those days, and a fond village legend has it that an excited Milford volunteer mistook the grinder for a fire hydrant and tried to attach a hose to it.

History is hazy as to just when the building was put up. Courthouse records on that point are missing, although indications are that it was built sometime before the turn of the

The land itself first appears on the records in 1886 when John W. Sibley laid out Camden City, a forerunner of Terrace Park, and sold the lot to Barbara Keene for \$282.50.

All early recollections identify Lucius Conklin as operating the store through all the early years, but apparently he was a tenant and not the owner. Deeds on record at the courthouse show that George Kaiser acquired the property in 1898 and transferred it to Emil Rauscher in 1899.

The biggest mystery surrounds the record that the village owned the property from 1903 to 1925, apparently using the second floor and renting out the space below.

The long association of the Bosch's, known to many villagers, began in 1925 when Anna K. Bosch took title. Although Louie and Elsie Bosch were active in the store, their title dates from 1942.

Turnover thereafter was rapid. Durwood and Helen Hughes, now living in Florida, ran the store for several years after buying it in 1945, and it then passed on to Al Huber, Robert Ruhl, Hugh and Elizabeth Gallagher (with Mrs. Gallagher still resident in the village), John Barnett, William Vinnage, Lou and Carol Fahrnbach and, finally, Gerda and Jerry Braunheim.

## Elm Bridge **Removal Pushed**

Concerned about deterioration of the Elm Avenue bridge, and lacking funds, village officials are urging the county to undertake its replacement as an emergency project.

John DeLong, bridge engineering consultant, has pronounced the structure in terminal condition and said it could become unsafe for traffic within the next several months.

Meantime, the pending Given Road bridge project was reported to the September meeting of village council to be moving ahead, with construction expected to begin shortly.

Mayor Dick Bowman and Councilman Les Overway said they are campaigning diligently to keep the county commissioners and county engineers aware of the fastdeteriorating state of the Elm Avenue structure. Bowman said he would consider his term as mayor a success if the bridge could be eliminated.

Emphasis is being laid on the fact that closing the bridge would split Terrace Park into two areas and seriously handicap police and fire services.

The village is urging replacement of the bridge with a modified grade crossing over the former railroad road-

Patching the bridge and installing guard rails in the past has been paid for out of the village's allocated share of the county \$5 auto license fee. Although that has amounted to about \$90,000 over the past 10 years, the fund is depleted because of those repairs and commitments to the long-planned Given Road project.

The county is expected to open bids on that project in early October, with work expected to start soon thereafter. In the meantime, the village is to receive \$63,000 from the auto license fund and, after paying engineering fees, will return the balance to the county to meet the costs of the project, which will be under the supervision of county engineers.

## **Disaster Committee** for Village Urged

Aroused by the article about cording to Howard. earthquakes in the August VV. Dave Pannkuk appeared in place to handle various at the September council meeting to ask if the village torf, and he mentioned the had plans to cope with a County Disaster Service, major disaster.

leaders about available federal funds are program- in case of disaster. med for use if needed, ac-

Several organizations are catastrophies, said Chief Potcounty civil defense organ-Safety committee chairman ization and the Hamilton Bill Howard replied that he, County Communications Serthe mayor and police chief vice. This latter has a multihad recently attended a sem-tiered back-up system and, inar which briefed commun- according to Pottorf, has a command unit which can be services. "Vast amounts" of dropped in place immediately

(See letter on Page 2)



Festival chairman Dick Smith, eager to get his dollar's worth, winds up at the Labor Day festival on the village green and . . .

#### POW!

. . Mayor Dick Bowman takes it right in the face and begins to wonder if political life is all it's cracked up to be.

(Photo by Sally Kniffin)





## Matter of Opinion

#### What If Disaster Strikes?

The recent article in VV on what to do in case of an earthquake raised some questions that had been on my mind for some time.

If some catastrophe struck our village only, we could rely on the good will of our neighboring communities to help us get matters back in order. But in the event of a regional or national catastrophe — what then?

The majority of us have first inclinations that say — "I don't want to talk about it." or "Let's worry about it when the time comes." or "Things will work out. They always do." That may not be good enough.

We are a relatively prosperous community with a greater share of people with talented and trained skills than do most communities our size. While we tend to inertia and selfindulgence regarding what constitutes personal service to our community (witness the membership problems of the Life Squad and Fire Squad) most of us, given a serious situation would probably respond to the highest levels of our capacity.

What we would lack is a simple organization within which to perform. And while it may be said that this is a responsibility of the village council, it seems that council has enough to do running the village.

Perhaps an ad hoc group developed through the mayor's office for purposes of formulating a procedure that could be swung into operation is in order.

The group should be no larger than 12 people and should consist of those who have the knowledge and the ability to tap expertise available from the community. Once formed, the plan would simply require an annual up-date for organizational purposes.

Having never been a pessimist nor a prophet of doom, this sounds silly as I write it. It's not. I never has been. It probably never will be.

David Pannkuk

## **Becoming A White Elephant?**

Is the Community Building a white elephant or an albatross around our collective necks? Or is it a charming relic of a former period of history which lends personality to Terrace Park?

Opinions may differ, but council's building and grounds chairman Les Overway has cause to ponder the dilemma.

The roof leads. Repairs could cost between \$4,000 and \$12,000, according to bids. The exterior, an antiquated surface of quasi-stucco over a lath bse, flakes and crumbles at an increasing rate, and needs paint. Interior walls need plaster repair and a coat of paint is overdue.

The "vaulted" ceiling gives a feeling of spaciousness, but adds to the heating cost. Walls have no insulation, and the cost of putting storm windows on the gigantic old leaky windows

would be prohibitive.

Maintenance of this aging facility is increasingly onerous for our maintenance workers. Insurance rates continue to increase. The ante-room and basement are in dreadful

Is putting a minimum of \$15,000 for Bandaid treatment the right use of village money? Or, should we bite the bullet in these inflationary times and come up with a plan for a no-frills, functional community building which will serve Terrace Park for the next 50 years.

Of course, the leaky roof problem can't be put off any longer, but at some point in the next few years we will be forced to do something drastic.

Is now the time?

Pat Henley

## Speaking of Encroachment —

Until the last week in August it was my pleasure to be a resident of Terrace Park. My family, in fact several generations, have enjoyed the coziness, the community spirit, and the easy going acceptance of those with whom we came in

All of us, kids, grandparents, uncles, and even visiting inlaws, loved to watch the productions of the Players, see the charming flower shows put on by the Garden Club Ladies. We often quietly observed the "deliberations" of that crusty bunch, the Council. But, never mind their few departures from the usual decorum and graciousness of your average citizen. We, too, found Terrace Park that unique little village with country ambience.

But, — to get to the point after all these bouquets for your town and its citizens - some social climbing, establishmenttype bigots decided that Terrace Park was too high class for our family. In one fell swoop, they virtually had us evicted. (Actually, I blame those Garden Club Ladies.)

It was necessary for our entire family to actually EVACUATE, to this Simon Legree-type character your "compassionate" city fathers appointed. Most of us were LUCKY to escape with our lives (some didn't make it-from that Community House kitchen.

But, we'll be back!

I guess it's just what we can expect from a community which thinks it's so highbrow.

Archy and Mehitabel Roach

(Complaining about exterminating work done at the Community House)

## Labor Day — 'Twas Best Ever

By Zoe Moore

Labor Day '80 was a huge and Daniel Weston. success! We all love a parade and ours was terrific. Organized by Ellen Miller, there were fire engines and emergency vehicles, the Mariemont marching band, the fantastic collection of vintage cars and, of course, our own special T.P. band followed by their marching spouses. The Swallowfield Gang was all rounded up - just in time to escape the onslaught of kids and bikes and pets all pedalling furiously to the Green.

There, Jack Smith, chairman of the day, officially began the day-long celebration. Parade prizes went to:

Grand marshal award, the "Swallowfield Gang" of Caswell, Boudrie, Drackett, Ott and Tresler; funniest bike, Betsy Winchester, Hannah Payne, Eric Avner; prettiest bike, Shelly Cook, Ellie Beech, Claudia Stockwell; most iriginal, Tina Retherford, Carol Picton, Greg Erick

Walking, prettiest, cheerleaders Molly Abernathy, Donna Ramsdell, Carrie Morgan, Barbie Bodnar, Lisi Bryan, Torrey Hall, Karen Kopich; most original, Nicky and Michell Thompson, Christie Normile and Lee Lowry, Drew Bowan; funniest, Matt Bryan and Cindy Hoffman, Karen Stegemeyer, Jay Taylor; pets, most original, Susan Anderson, prettiest, Alex Stafford.

A great gray cloud rolled over the green at 11 a.m., but enthusiasm sent it away and the sun came out to shine on a day that broke all records for the Recreation Committee's annual fund-raiser.

The whole community deserves a big round of applause, but some special people need to be recognized. Lou Drackett, along with Mamie and Bill Drackett, did a tremendous job of organizing the booth games. Bill did the art work on the pie

throwing Bulldog frame and Police Chief Pottorf brought in at least \$50 during his stint in the stocks!

Bingo Harry Maxon ran a profitable game with prizes that Sandra and Dave Bowen collected. The most popular prize was the Ruthven owl print that Marlene Scholl of Elmwood Lane won. Pet and Edna Stites and Jim and Ann Gilchrist outdid themselves with a garage sale of financial significance.

Tummies were kept happy and fed by Janie Pendl's and Pat Getgey's food booth and their many recruits. Beer was handled by Cindy and Ron Hudson, Coke by Ann and Hap Lindell and ice cream by Lew and Jo Washburn's "Old Towne." The hometown elves rivaled Keebler to make the bake booth a success, led by organizer elves Betsy Denton and Patti Normile.

#### St. Thomas Church Bazaar

"A Christmas Fiesta," the 1980 St. Thomas Bazaar, will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Mexican theme will capture the colors, moods, music, decor, and food of our South-of-the-Border neighbors.

Surprise-filled pinatas, the tacos, the beautiful Mexican flowers and handmade gifts and decorations combined with the traditional American Christmas items will make is bazaar unforgetable.

Committees are already hard at work to provide the Fiesta with many new and varied items from handmade sweaters and purses to carefully-refinished furniture and quilt raffle, promises of fav-

orite casseroles and homemade candy, just to mention a

The hardworking committee heads include Co-chairmen, Judy Brown and Caroline Moersdorf; treasurers, Jane Pendl and Betts Ryan; publicity, Sue Abernathy, Anne Cherry, Bev Doelling and C.L. Harrison; rummage sale, Mary Hage and Barbara Self; candy, Sally Augspurger; boutique, Pat Beech and Ann Lindell.

Decorations, Elizabeth Miller, Carol Hird, Marjorie Harth, Betty Tuttle, Edna Heil, Lynne Mileham, Marilyn Weaver, Dottie Vickers; workshop luncheons, Betsy Denton, Helen Campbell; sewing, Ruth household accessories, a Hickenlooper; Town and Country, Pat Crockford, Pam

Grandmother's Parlor, Gertrude Addicott, Mary Struke: quilts, Bunny Proctor; children's committee, Gayle Taylor, Joanne Kennedy, Betsy Moersdorf, Molly Harrison. Kathy Keifling, Dot Sperry: pantry and baked goods, Elinor Winchester, Daisy Busken; book nook, Hildy Jenkins, Lucille Aldrich.

Promise Tree, Pat Getgey. Kay Pope; ceramics group, Betsy Gale; luncheon, Mary Forbes, Libby Smithy, Julie Northrup, Pat Matchette; **Evening Women's Group** workshops, Marianne Gay: grandfather's cellar, Tom Proctor; preview reception, Pat Sammis, Pam DeCourcy. Gail Boardman.

## AARP To Hear **About Handling Emergencies**

'What To Do in Emergencies" will be the program for the October 13 meeting of the Terrace Park chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church.

Emphasis will be on elemental steps to save one's own life or that of another in a fire or medical emergency.

The program will be given by Ellis Rawnsley and the Rev. George Hill. Rawnsley was one of the founders of the Terrace Park volunteer fire department and life squad and is a former chief of the fire department. Hill got his initial training as a fire volunteer in New England and is currently a lieutenant of the Terrace Park fire department and a life squadsman.

Reports at the September meeting said that the 200member quota of the AARP unit has been filled, with 12 more persons on the waiting list. An application for a full chapter for the group has been sent to AARP headquarters.

#### Can You Help?

Here's a chance for anyone with an old encyclopedia set to dispose of to help an Appalachian student. Call Ruth Lanner, 831-2989, or write her at Box 28, Route 1, Blue Creek, OH 45616.

#### TP Patrolman Wins Promotion

, Patrolman Bill O'Conner was named a probationary lieutenant in the Terrace Park Police Department at the September council meeting. Safety Chairman Bill Howard and his committee recommended that he receive this rating, retroactive to July 1.

After the probationary period and as of January 1, 1981 he will be eligible for full rank and pay increase.

O'Conner has served the department on three occasions. He started in 1976, left to join the Milford force, and returned in 1978. In January of 1980 he decided to join the Highway Patrol. However, a stint with that unit convinced him that he preferred life with a local unit, and he was able

to return to our force. Bill and his wife live in Milford.

### Crash Damages Village Cruiser

Terrace Park's newest police cruiser suffered \$1,600 damage in a collision at 9:40 p.m. on August 26 at Wooster and Elm. The loss is covered by insurance.

Officer Jerry Rowe, was behind the car of Marian Kasler of Newtown when his attention was diverted by a truck that pulled into the Union 76 station. At that moment the Newtown woman stopped to make a left turn into the King-Kwik lot and the cruiser rammed her car. She was taken to Mercy Hospital for checkup but was released.

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## **Knothole Team Wins League Title**

coached by Bob Morrison and Herb Atwater, was un- undefeated in 10 outings. defeated in 13 games this tournament game.

from both sides labeled one centerfield (and ace relief

It was quite a season for the of the best Knothole baseball Terrace Park "Bears." This games ever seen in the area. Knothole baseball team, made This game was played toward up of 4th grade boys, and the end of the season when the Kenwood team was, itself,

Members of the team and year and won the league their primary positions were: championship. The boys, Matt Bernard, pitcher, with a playing as a team since 1st 12-0 record; Brett Haines, grade, have lost only four catcher, Ted Goeway, first games in that 4-year period, base; Todd Rafter and Steve including a loss in a city Retherford, second base; Jamie Morrison, shortstop; was a hard fought 4-3 victory Stockwell and Kurt Kaiser, over a strong Kenwood team left field; Jeff and Pat Kincaid, in a game which observers center field; David Hummel, pitcher); Doug Pfingstag and Brad Olinger, right field.

## **Nursery School** Seeking Talent

St. Thomas Nursery School will be opening again soon, and is looking for people with a specialty to help during the school year.

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Graduated

Steve Sachs, son of Bob and Nancy Sachs, 715 Miami, was graduated magna cum laude recently from Kenyon College, receiving a bachelor's degree with a synoptic major in psychology religion. His senior thesis earned distinction, and he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

## Pumpkin Bake Sale Set

The annual Terrace Park PTA Pumpkin and Bake Sale will be held Wednesday, October 22 from 3 until 5 p.m. in the school parking lot. In case of rain it will be held in the cafeteria. Please help support the PTA and buy your pumpkins at the sale.

## School Seeking Resource People

The Resource Committee at Terrace Park School keeps a file of people who have expertise in any area which might be of interest to elementary school children. If you are interested or know of anyone, please contact Hazel Retherford at 831-2872.

Speakers are needed who have been on educational trips, who have hobbies, play a musical instrument, just to mention a few.

#### **Lost Beagle**

Tri-color, short legged, 11" tall female, spayed, collar with license and rabies tag. 10 years old. Lost Aug. 8, vicinity of Harvard Ave. Answers to "Lead" —

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