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**Terrace Park, Ohio** 

#### **EDITORIAL**

Production schedules being what they are, Village Views is in no position to keep up with events in the teachers' strike, and can only deplore what has happened.

There are hints that having gone this far into a hole, both sides now yearn for some reasonable way to get out, finding that confrontation is exciting but doesn't solve anything. Whatever happens in court or conference room meantime, real answers will come in the November elections when a majority of the school board is to be chosen.

Just as a reminder:

There was a wrangle in Terrace Park in the 1950s as to whether our school district should merge with Mariemont or Indian Hill. There were hot words and foolish statements then as there have been in recent weeks. Now hardly anyone remembers.

# Stop Sign Urged On Indian Hill Rd.

Another stop sign may go p at Indian Hill and Old ndian Hill Roads, making it a hree-way stop, in an attempt o prevent traffic encroachnent on the pedestrian-biycle path there.

Village council formally eferred the idea to comnittee at its February meetng after voicing general Igreement with concern expressed by Mrs. Virginia Maruette, 800 Indian Hill Rd.

Mrs. Marguette told council hat while she and her husand were originally on record as favoring the curbings which set off the path, she has become aware of how often hey are broken down by chool buses and trucks fored to run over them. Dam-Ige, she said, seems to occur when vehicles are making the harp turn onto Old Indian Hill or when they are forced wer the curbing by traffic ounding the curve and cros-

#### Gerwin Named To Village Planning Board

Paul J. (Spike) Gerwin, 709 Franklin Ave., has been namto the village Planning and

sing the yellow line. She proposed the stop sign at the curve to slow traffic.

General council feeling was that the curbing is a necessary safety measure to protect walkers and cyclists, and must be continued even if repairs are frequent. However, Councilman Ned Harness felt the curbings to be a "Band-Aid" answer which is all the village can do at present, with re-engineering of the roadway the eventual solution.

The Marquettes have replaced curbing off the blacktop and on their property at their own expense.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf said later he believed a traffic survey is needed before another stop sign is considered.

There is, he noted, a considerable volume of lateafternoon traffic down Indian Hill Road onto Wooster Pike. He said the village should make sure that a similar volume inbound early in the day does not cause pileups at the Wooster Pike five-point intersection by being stopped at the Indian Hill Road fork.

A current complication is the Given Road bridge which has been closed for reconstruction. Councilman Jack VanWye reported word that reopening was likely the weekend of February 14. Blacktopping and reseeding along the roadway will be done when weather permits. Village Solicitor John Getgey, during the absence of Councilman Les Overway, reported on pursuing the Elm Street overpass problem with officials in Columbus. Federal enabling legislation on vacated railways purchased with federal funds state that such corridors remain open. Hope is that an exception can be made here since leaving the bridge open eventually poses a hazard, and closing and police systems. Mayor

# **Police Patrol Increases Sought** In Wake of Store Holdup Here

With some fingerprints to go on, Terrace Park police are seeking two men who held up the local King Kwik store the night of February 1.

Two suspects picked up in Clermont County since have been released. Police are concentrating on men known or suspected in other similar convenience store incidents.

Meantime, Police Chief Ron Pottorf, voicing concern over the increasing crime rate, asked village council for authority to add another auxiliary policeman to add to the number of officers on patrol during critical times of day. One such auxiliary already is being used.

Pottorf said the auxiliaries are full-certified police officers working under a county apprenticeship program to

## **Dinner Show** Rescheduled

Because of production and other difficulties, the Terrace Park Players dinner show which had been scheduled for this month has been reset for April 2, 3 and 4 at the Community House.

Entitled "Reruns," the show was written by Bob Lipka and Cathy McCarty. Bob also will be the director, with Bill Cantwell as the producer. Residents interested in working on the show, in any capacity, are asked to call Bill at 831-9485.

Reservations will be taken after March 1 by Jill Croswell, 248-0945.

gain experience under the they had a car waiting nearby. supervision of a full-time patrolman. Each gets only a nominal \$1 a year from the village, with some small uniform and weapons expenses also involved.

The King Kwik holdup occurred just before 9:30 p.m. on a cold and rainy Sunday evening. Two young men, both wearing ski masks and one carrying a sawed-off shotgun, entered the store, scuffled with the two girl clerks on duty, and made off with approximately \$22 from the safe which they forced one girl to open, and a cardboard box containing pennies and the purse of one of the clerks.

They were last seen going westbound on Wooster Pike on foot, but police assumed

The girls, Betty Porter and Caryn Johnson, were taken to

Our Lady of Mercy Hospital but released after treatment for injuries.

They described the assailants as white, in their early 20s and about 5 feet 10 inches in height. One, of very slight build, had shoulder-length wavy blond hair and a reddish mustache and wore a plaid shirt or jacket and jeans. The other, carrying the gun, wore a khaki jacket. Both had multi-colored ski masks.

Pottorf reported that village police handled 223 details in January, making 72 traffic arrests and four misdemeanor arrests. There were 68 house checks.

Mayor's court receipts for the month totaled \$1,173.

## **Boy Scouts Honored At Annual Troop Banquet**

Troop 286 was awarded first Haines, Kurt Kaiser, Brian class rank and his First Aid McIntosh, Carl Mittendorf, merit badge at the troop's annual banquet at St. Thomas Church February 9.

First Aid and Citizenship skill awards went to Eric Avner, Matt Bernard, Brett Haines, Doug Pfinstag, Mark Pfingstag, Jay Taylor and Todd Rafter.

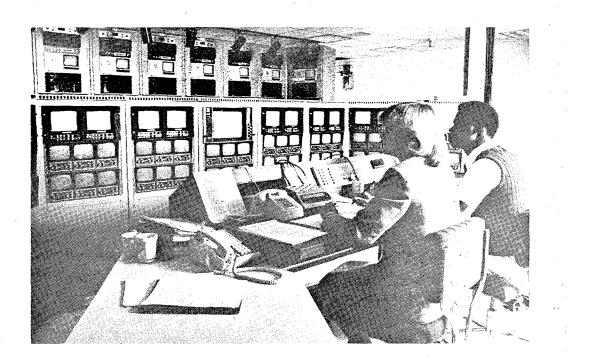
First Aid awards were presented to Tom Bell, Ted Goewey, Kurt Kaiser, Carl Mittendorf, Brad Ollinger and David Ollinger.

Fifteen new boys joined the troop in January. They are: Eric Avner, Tom Bell, Matt

Jeff Trestor of Boy Scout Bernard, Ted Goewey, Brett Brad Ollinger, David Ollinger, Mark Pfingstag, Doug Pfingstag, Todd Rafter and Jamie Morrison.

> The troop went downhill skiing at Mad River Mountain near Bellefontaine, Ohio, in late January. Future activities include a trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB on February 21, and a Kentucky cave-exploring trip on March 21-22.

> > Next paper drive May 31



Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Stewart Proctor.

Pat (Mrs. Robert) Henley is taking Proctor's place as chairman of the commission. She is a former member of village council.

The appointments were made by Mayor Dick Bowman with the concurrence of village council.

Gerwin, in the purchasing division of Procter & Gamble, has been a village resident since 1956 and active as a coach for the Recreation Committee. Mrs. Gerwin was a leader in the village bicentennial celebration.

Proctor has been a member of the commission for six the bridge handicaps our fire vears. Other members are Al Griffith and, representing village council, Mayor Rich-

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#### This Could Be a TV Viewer's Delight

Here's a bank of 90 monitors at the Warner-Amex central control room at Blue Ash through

## Stan Brown Leads U.S. Swimming Team To New Zealand

#### **By Elinor Winchester**

From the mudholes and gravel puts of Hamilton and Clermont Counties it's a far piece to the new indoor pool built for the British Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand. Yet that's a path Terrace Park's Stan Brown completed recently.

Stan, who by profession is an optometrist practicing in Mariemont, is by avocation an ardent promoter of swimming with a strong dedication to young people. He is currently a vice-president of US Swimming, the corporation formed two years ago to organize and regulate U.S. competitive swimming, as well as an alternate delegate to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Stan also likes to travel, so when he was asked recently to act as manager for a U.S. team going to compete in the New Zealand Games, he

#### agreed.

The team consisted of six girls, ages 14-17, and two boys, 19 and 25. They were "eight of the greatest kids ever," says Stan. There were also two coaches. Stan started out with one swimmer in Cincinnati on January 21, picked up a couple of others in Chicago, and met the rest in Los Angeles, where they took off for eight days in New Zealand. As manager, he made necessary arrangements there, scheduled practices, and met the press, as well as keeping track of everyone.

Why New Zealand? That's one of the countries which joined the U.S. in boycotting the Moscow Olympic Games last summer, so there was a certain obligation on our part to support them. Nine countries, including Germany and Sweden as well as several Pacific countries — from Mainland China to the Fiji Islands — were represented at the games. Although this was a relatively small meet, there was "pretty good" competition, according to Stan. No team scores were kept, but our team did very well, setting five New Zealand visitors' records. Stan left behind two swimmers and one coach to go on to other games in Australia. It was summer there, of

course, but although the New Zealanders kept commenting on the **hot** weather; Stan kept waiting for it. (The latitude is about the same as Lansing, Michigan.) The

teams lived in dorms and played "pick-up" cricket or rugby football for relaxation. Both are popular in New Zealand, as are basketball, softball and squash. Lots of trading went on: Stan, for instance, traded a T-shirt for a hat. "Swimming USA" lapel pins were traded for pins in the shape of a kiwi, the flightless bird which is the symbol of New Zealand.

Stan found the pace of life and the people to be more relaxed than here; he saw few fast-food places. When he took the team out to dinner, he order lamb, thinking it was the local specialty, but his eyes popped when he saw the eight smart kids down at the end of the table digging into king-sized lobsters. Another culinary delicacy was kiwi ice cream, with emerald nuggets of the fruit (not bird!) adding a new flavor thrill. New Zealanders, it seems, love ice cream.

They are also a friendly people, and inhabit a "fantastically" scenic island. The team, plus some U.S. divers, had a day or two for sightseeing and took a trip by jet boat up the gorge of the Waimakariri (River of Cold Water).

An unexpected inducement for New Zealand life, Stan found, was the absence of rusty cars. Unlike Honolulu, where island conditions induce rusting, and very much unlike Montreal, which Stan researched as a swim official at the Olympics, and where "**all** the cars were rusty," in New Zealand the prevailing winds keep the salt air out and save the metal.

You might wonder how

After moving to Terrace Park in 1960, Stan and his wife, Shirley, joined the swim club, then only five years old. Their two daughters, Jody and Connie, were swimming before the age of three (the



#### Dr. Stanley Brown

younger, Connie, later swam with the Cincinnati Marlins for eight years).

Stan volunteered to officiate at swim meets, and he was off and running on one of the great interests of his life.

In succeeding years he volunteered to help coach. taking over the 6-9 year olds for seven years. He used to run novice meets where as many as 80 kids might compete - from three year olds on up. For four winters he also coached a girls' team at the Norwood Y, at the same time scoutmastering in Terrace Park. The next step "up" was president of the Private Pool Swim League, to which the Terrace Park club belongs, and where Stan served as rules chairman for some 10 years. By way of presidency of the Cincinnati and then the Ohio Amateur Athletic Unions, he was talked into running for national office.

Now, after four years as national age group chairman and four as national seniors chairman, he is a vice-president of U.S. Swimming, Inc. (which is funded entirely with private money). He is responsible for running the two national championships each year, and for setting up any international competitions held in the United States.

Stan is in the U.S. Swim-

meet to the U.S. Nationals or the New Zealand Games.

Does Shirley Brown get annoyed at being a swim widow? Not really. She takes pride in her husband's avocation and accompanies him to meets sometimes, but she also does her own thing. She is a crackerjack tennis player and keeps the books for the family businesses: optometry and an instant printing operation. Another interest the busy Browns share is skiing — both downhill and crosscountry.

What are the prospects for U.S. swimming? "Outstanding," says Stan. The U.S. has been the leader in international swimming for a number of years. While last year there was no all-inclusive international competition because of the Moscow Olympics (where Stan was to have been an official), there have been a number of smaller international meets. We held one n Honolulu last summer, sending 70 swimmers (Stan was chief official there), but only 12 countries were represented and we "didn't get good competition." It was, incidentally, the first time the Mainland Chinese sent swimmers to compete internationally.

The best competition today comes from the East German girls and the Russian men (and women), who are all kept under tight control. We sent some of our best swimmers to meets in Holland and France this month; Stan's information is that our swimmers won the most events at these meets.

And about swimming in general: "The kids have got to be having fun," Stan feels. "For some, fun is just being there; for others it's having the stamina to go through workouts, or just feeling the motion of the water, or watching friends swim." The 25year-old swimmer on the New Zealand trip talks about quitting, but "not yet. He just loves to swim."

Stan likes to point out the contrasts in his life: the mudhole and the Olympic pool, the local meet and the Nationals, his work largely in the dark as an optometrist and his spare time spent in the bright lights or sunshine of swimming pools. There's no doubt that he enjoys living those contrasts - and also no doubt that his warm, friendly manner, outgoing and even disposition, and competence in his field have won many friends for him and for U.S. swimming.



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ming Hall of Fame, having been given the National Officials Award two years ago. Is he puffed up about all this? Not a bit. He lends a hand at local swim meets whenever possible, moving easily from a high school meet or a Y

## You Can't Get Away

One of Stan Brown's favorite stories concerns the National Championships held last August in Irvine, Cal. (In case you're wondering who swims at such an event, it's anybody who can make the standards. But they're tough.)

It seems that President Carter didn't have time to attend, but Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan did. He made a speech and sat with wife Nancy amidst the swimmers — and the Secret Service men.

While Stan was being televised shaking hands with Reagan, a woman who lived down the street in Irvine exclaimed: "I know that man! He lives in Terrace Park!" And Mary Jo, daughter of John and Ruth Rugh, rushed over to see old family friend Stan Brown at the pool.



## A Hint Of Mt. Vernon in Terrace Park

#### By Mel Aichholz

During the last 40 years, I have had the pleasure of returning to Terrace Park daily from Cincinnati, and my route into the Park is by way of Elm Road from Wooster Pike. My spirits are always brightened by the scene it affords. After going through the tunnel and passing Stump's Road, the panorama unfolds into a scene as beautiful as to be found anywhere in America.

Across the meadow is the Smith Farm with the house nestled in a maple grove. The view continues for a quarter of a mile, then up the hill to the subdivisions. My personal description of this scene is — "It's the Mt. Vernon of the Little Miami Valley."

Carl and Frances Lindell purchased the farm in 1937 from Judge Simon and Maude Ross who prized it highly before building another house in the Park.

At the northeast corner of the property is a commemorative bronze tablet, dated July 4, 1976: "Honoring John Smith, First Settler on this Land, First Ohio Senator 1803-1808 and Adviser to President Thomas Jefferson."

The Smith House was built during the life of Covalt Station (1789 to 1795), which is commemorated with a bronze tablet on Miami Avenue at St. Thomas Church. Smith brought his wife and seven children to live here. A visitor from London remembered the date of February, 1797, in his diary and memoirs.

The house originally had four rooms and a loft. A separate building housed the kitchen. The house faced the river with a long veranda. An addition was added to the east side and there are now five rooms on the first floor and two and a half on the second. The addition was built by Fritz Huber and Hume Corwin about 45 years ago.

The farm consists of 18 acres separated by a creek into 10 acres along Elm Road and eight acres along Stump's Road.

The interior of the house has been completely preserved in its early Ohio decor, including the beautiful pine floors and panes of handmade window glass. Mrs. Lindell's furnishings have been carefully selected to correspond with the period. A visit is like going back two centuries and a corresponding reduction in tempo. The Smith Farm has been mentioned in several historical publications and the probable date the house was built is 1795. Certainly no article would be complete without the mention of Aaron Burr.



## The oldest part of the Lindell house is shown in this view from the west.

with Alexander Hamilton, he traveled to Cincinnati and was a guest of Senator John Smith on two occasions, in May, 1805, and again in September, 1806. At that time Thomas Jefferson was President and Burr was Vice President.

Smith then owned 710 acres in the Little Miami River Valley and operated two grain mills on Round Bottom Road. There was a ford in the river in the area of the Wilderness Preserve, as attested by Ford Road, which runs off Elm Road at the memorial site.

In 1806, rumors circulated in the East of a conspiracy

## Village Holds Mail Record

For its size, Terrace Park ranks among the Postal Service's busiest communities.

Postmaster Jim Simonton reports that in the past year he and his postal workers delivered an average of 100,000 pieces of mail a month. That works out at about six pieces of mail per household.

In December, deliveries climbed to 120,000.

In addition, package deliveries averaged 600 a month, with 1,200 being delivered in December.

Village letter writers aren't that prolific. About 165,000 pieces of mail were sent from Terrace Park elsewhere in 1980.

#### In Star Role

Bradford L. Baker, son of

being developed by Burr and Smith to separate the Western States from the Eastern. These were proven false as both Burr and Smith were acquitted. In 1809, Smith sold his property to Zachius Biggs and moved to Louisiana, where he died in 1824.

In 1976, as part of the 200th Anniversary Commemorative Celebration, the house became officially registered with the Ohio Historical Site Preservation Advisory Board. Its history has been well documented. On Labor Day 1976, as 50 year Time Capsule was buried at the northeast corner of the property.

## Village Dunned For Radio Service

Hamilton County is billing Terrace Park \$14,632 for police and fire communications service in recent years, but seemingly has little chance of getting it.

The village, along with 12 other communities, contends that the charges are inequitable, and has been withholding payment since 1974. Police Chief Ron Pottorf dismissed as an idle threat a suggestion by County Administrator Michael Maloney that service to the delinquents be cut off.

Emergency calls to Terrace Park's police, fire and life squad units are relayed by the county communications center in the sheriff's office.

The issue arose again with a communications center request to the county commissioners for seven new



After Burr's famous duel

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker of Wrenwood Lane, Terrace Park, recently won the role of Ray in the upcoming Northern Kentucky University production of "Lone Star" by James McLure.

Baker, a graduate of Mariemont High School, was selected for the All-League, All-City and All-State Basketball teams in 1977. dispatchers. The total claimed from the 13 communities is \$309,660.

#### Nursery School Registration Opens

Registration is underway at St. Thomas Nursery School for a three-or-four-morning or afternoon program for four year olds and a three-morning program for three year olds.

There is a Co-operative Mother's Day Out Program for two and three year olds, meeting on Mondays from 9:30-12 noon. Classes are small and individual attention is given to all students.

Contact Jayne Aglamesis, director, at 831-6908 for more information.



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## On Council —

(Continued from P. 1) Bowman said Representative Helen Fix is being very helpful.

In other business, council. • heard that Chief Pottorf and Fire Chief Pierce Matthews have been attending county meetings concerned with the problems of relocation of communities in case of a toxic spill or nuclear disaster. • was reminded of the February 24 hearing before Judge Matthews on the B.B. & S. Co. suit.

• passed an emergency ordinance authorizing the purchase of a used dump truck, not to exceed \$7,000.

#### Petry Named To Corporation Board

Thomas E. Petry, 4 Lexington Circle, a group vice president for Eagle-Picher Industries, has been elected as a member of the board of directors of the corporation.

Following studies at the University of Cincinnati and Harvard Business School, he joined Eagle-Picher in 1968, became an assistant vice president in 1971, vice president-treasurer in 1973, and group vice president in 1978.



Elizabeth R. Denton has joined the Mariemont office of West Shell, Inc., Realtors, as sales associate specializing in residential sales. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, she is active in community affairs in Terrace Park, including the recreation committee.



