Village Views

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Memorial Day Here

Terrace Park will observe Memorial Day, May 31, in traditional fashion. Here's the schedule

Parade: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts and units representing Terrace Park police, fire department, life squad and others, accompanied by the Terrace Park Players and Mariemont High School bands, will assemble at the Myrtle Avenue side of the school at 9:30 p.m. March-off will be at 10 a.m., moving to the village green via Stanton, Yale and Anhurst

At the Green: Ceremonies will be under the leadership of Pat Brandt, president of the Terrace Park PTA, Prayers will be led by the Rev. Robert Gerhard of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Mayor Charles S. Rockel will speak, and Boy Scouts will raise the flag. A feature will be presentation of amew flag to the Village by Fire Chief Pierce Matthews in memory of his father.

Junior Olympics: Sponsored by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee, the Junior Olympics will be held at the Stanton and Elm school field at 11 a.m. for all village youngsters from kindergarten through Grade 8. Events will include 50-yard dash, long jump, baseball throw and tug-o'-war. Ribbons will be awarded to the first five boys and girls in each event.

Mini-Marathon: The annual mini-marathon, a two-mile run sponsored by the Recreation Committee, will start at the village green at the end of the ceremonies there, and finish at the school field. Entries may sign up just before the race. As before, the race will be run in divisions, Kindergarten to Grade 5, Middle School grades 6-8 high school, post-high school ages 19-29, ages 30-39 and 40 and over, with ribbons to be awarded first place male and female winners in each divi-

Band Concert: A picnic on the village green at 5 p.m., again sponsored by the Terrace Park Players. Dave Pannkuk will direct the band, with the event being produced by Bryan Johnson, and ice cream to be available again from Lou Washburn of Old Towne. For a pleasant evening, show up with a picnic dinner, and chairs and rugs.

Five-Year Program Of Renovating Village Street Trees Put At \$300,000

Terrace Park took another blow to its financial chin in an estimate from Steve Sandfort, Cincinnati's urban forester, that putting the village's trees in order would cost about \$300,000.

Sandfort proposed a fiveyear program of removing hundreds of dead and dying trees and a consistent planting and maintenance program thereafter. Informal councilmanic opinion was that there was no way that the community could meet that ideal approach and that a longer-term course would have to be taken.

"It's going to cost money no matter what," said Rich Gilchrist, chairman of village council's tree and sidewalk committee, noting that the total approximates the village's annual operations budget for all services. But he added that Sandfort's detailed survey of the condition of village trees showed the problem to be "bigger than I thought.

But Sandfort's recommendations observed that he trees at a total of \$1.500,000 Even if your maples were and that "although these totally healthy at this time, high, remember your forest has a value of about \$1,500,000, sity. and a recent lawsuit for a falling tree cost Washington, D.C. \$500,000. The total cost of your forest renovation equals about 20% of the total value of your forest and is not unreasonable."

Sandfort's detailed survey listed 2,478 village-owned trees along its 11.8 miles of street. He listed 948 trees in good condition, 833 as fair, 647 poor and 50 dead, with the total of 697 dead and poor trees considered dangerous and recommended for re-

Sandfort noted that Terrace Park has 29 species represented in its street trees, of which 69.2% are maples.

"Red maple (Acer rubrum) is the second best performing tree and makes up 11.9% of the forest," he reported. "However, the two worst performmaple (Acer saccharinum)—

valued the village's street make up 57% of the forest. costs (of renovation) seem your forest has entirely too many of them. It lacks diver-

Gilchrist said Sandfort's initial report, plus a later study recommending trees to be planted, will be studied by a citizens committee before the whole problem is studied by council to determine final

Financing a tree program will be a major concern. Sandfort proposed a perfront-foot assessment, but early opinion was that his recommendation of a 50 cents a foot impost for five years was beyond public accept-

Detailing his figures, Sandfort said:

"The following estimates are based on one fully-equipped crew. If more than one crew were working the estimated time necessary would be reduced accordingly. Since different equipment is reing species—sugar maple quired for removals than for (Acer saccharum) and silver prunings a removal crew could be expected to cost

about \$70 per hour (\$560 per day) and a pruning crew about \$60 (\$480). Stump grinding could cost \$1.00 per inch of diameter or \$30 per tree at 30 inches average. 2.5 removals per day could be expected for a total of \$255 each including stump grinding. 7 prunings per day could be expected for a total of \$70 each. Removing 697 dead/ dangerous trees including stump grinding should cost about \$177,735 and take about 56 weeks.

Pruning 1781 trees should cost about \$124,670 and take about 51 weeks. The cost for a complete renovation of the existing street tree forest in Terrace Park should be around \$302,405.

"If this total cost were spread over a 5-year period the yearly cost would be about \$60,500. About 140 trees would be removed and 360 for a tree planting program by the sale of the resulting wood products. The yearly removals and prunings could be expected to produce about 100 cords of firewood valued at \$50 each (unsplit, pick-up price from village

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Council Grapples With Budget Deficits, **Elm Street Overpass Plans Approved**

By Shirley Rohlfing

Budget concerns dominated discussions at the May meeting of Terrace Park Council, chaired by Les Overway in the absence of the mayor.

Robert Payne, chairman of



Promoted

Village Council approved at its May meeting the promotion of Patrolman Gerald E. Rowe, pictured here, to the post of lieutenant in the Terrace Park Police Department, subject to six month's probation. Rowe has been a member of the Terrace Park force for five years, serving for two years previously with Newtown.

Finance, warned council that "we are running in the rate of excess of budget by \$35,000". Part of the problem is a misbudgeting for 1982 which will be corrected after the finance committee reviews and presents an ordinance to adjust the budget—a procedure which may be done four times during the year.

Payne urged a "hard line on impulse spending" and said that while several revenue accounts are doing well, they should not be looked on as "windfalls". He commended Treasurer Donald Head and the new village clerk, Judy Elliott, for pulling together outstanding accounts and presenting a comprehensive budget analysis.

A written policy as to who can authorize expenditures will be drawn up by the committee upon completion of a state auditor's report. A public hearing on the 1983 budget will be held at 7 p.m. before the July 9 Council meetina.

In line with budget worries, Overway presented a revised estimate of village costs for repairing the Elm Street overpass. While all government bodies, including the Department of Interior, have ap-

proved plans for the new overpass, he said engineering costs will be much higher than originally conceived.

The cost is \$23,000—\$12,000 for final plans, \$2,000 for the survey, \$4,000 for borings, and \$5,000 for construction supervision. The county has agreed to relieve the village of \$9,000, picking up the costs of supervision and borings.

Engineer John DeLong is willing to be paid \$10,000 this vear with the balance of \$4,000 due in 1983.

A resolution to use all of the Streets, Construction Maintenance and Repair (SCMR) allorment of \$8,500, plus \$1.500 from Capital Improvements was passed. Overway said there is a 50% chance

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'Summer Fun' Program

Terrace Park's Recreation Committee, with financial assistance from village council and the PTA, is finalizing plans for its annual "Summer Fun" program to be held at the elementary school.

All grade school children (kindergarten-completed to Grade 5-completed) are eligible to join free of charge from June 21 to July 23. Activities will run from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. each Monday through Friday.

Ginger Konop of Terrace Prk will be directing the program this year.

To help the program, residents are asked to contribute materials which can be used

for arts and crafts-games. wallpaper books, fabric scraps and trim, shoe boxes, plastic bottles and containers, rollon deoderant bottles, wood scraps, shells, crayons, styrofoam meat trays, paper plates and tubes, tin cans or any other materials which youthful ingenuity can turn into something decorative or use-

Contributions may be left in the garage at 100 Red Bird Lane or sent to the school when the program is under way. For additional information, or to arrange for pickup of bulky items, call Judy Hutton, 831-6421.



Reviewing a scrapbook of early Welcome Wagon Days, are, top, left to right, Marilyn Weyer, Jean Zumste g,

Welcome Wagon And Its Founder Celebrate Thirtieth Anniversary

area, no "Hello" is friendlier than that of the Welcome Wagon hostess; and no one has exemplified the spirit of the Welcome Wagon program more than Evelyn Mottern (Mrs. Joseph), the founder and organizer of the Mariemont-Indian Hill-Terrace Park (MIT) Welcome Wagon Club which has just celebrated its 30th year.

In March, 1952, this unique club was organized at Evelyn's home, then in Mariemont. Four recipients of her Welcome Wagon calls, made in February that year, were selected as officers. It is said that the president was appointed "because she smiled a lot", and the vice-president and secretary-treasury appointments followed. Enthusiasm for membership in the club grew among newcomers in the three areas, and also in Madeira and Milford which later formed their own clubs.

Evelyn's incentive for organizing such a club began when she resided briefly, and unhappily, in a small town near Columbus where newcomers were ignored and only long-time residents were acknowledged. When she moved 'to Mariemont and became acquainted with the Welcome Wagon program, she immediately became a Welcome Wagon Hostess, devoting full time to that job, and soon organized the club. She had everything running smoothly for six months before she went to New York for training, learning among other things "How to Organize a Welcome Wagon Club".

Although a hostess is not

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To the newcomer in an obligated to organize a club and many present hostesses do not do so, Evelyn believed the club served a two-fold purpose: it created a friendlier neighborhood and it was more helpful to the merchants who sponsor the Welcome Wagon program. Though the primary purpose of the MIT club was social, the members voted to support a project, choosing Camp Stepping Stones in Terrace Park. This has remained their primary project through the

> Evelyn also helped to organize the Milford and the Hyde Park Welcome Wagon Clubs. She has been offered supervisory positions in the Welcome Wagon International organization but she has chosen to use her talents locally. She was a hostess until 1967 when she moved from Mariemont to Terrace Park and was the happy recipient of a Welcome Wagon call as a newcomer herself.

> At the 30th anniversary luncheon which was given recently by the former officers of the MIT Club, Evelyn installed new officers for more than the 30th time, since in the early years of the club officers were changed every six months so that the members could be acquainted more quickly.

> The new officers are Mrs. Donald Bell. president; Mrs. Pat Walker and Mrs. Don Frei. vice-presidents; Mrs. James J. Cassen, hospitality chairman; Mrs. Fred Zumsteg recording secretary, and Mrs. Thomas Carruthers, treas-

Meetings are held in the homes of members and tours of interest are planned with newcomers in mind. Membership is open to all newcomers and their friends. Various interest groups include: arts and crafts: bridge: garden club; great books; couples activities; golf and bowling; a gourmet club; and tennis.

Doris Knoop (831-8583) is the present Welcome Wagon hostess for Terrace Park

The Welcome Wagon Program was founded in 1928 in Memphis. Tennessee, by a

Mr. Briggs. The idea came from the hospitality of pioneer days when weary Westward travellers were met by the Conestoga wagons of already-settled pioneers and were presented with food and gifts of welcome to the West.

On Trees

(Continued from P. 1) storage area) for a total of \$5,000 per year. Wood chips might be sold to a local nursery or given away for public relations purposes to residents. All wood 4 inches in diameter or small should be chipped.

"There are many ways to fund a street tree program. I would recommend that Terrace Park seriously consider the method allowed by Section 727.011 of the Ohio Revised Code. Based on 12 miles of public rights-of-way (including alleys) an assessment of 50 cents per front foot would generate about \$63,360 annually. At the end of 5 years this could be reduced significantly to cover routine maintenance or kept at that level if major tree planting projects are accomplished. 50 cents per foot is about half of the assessment rate required in certain gas light or unique boulevard light districts in Cincinnati.

Janet Smith Top Secretary

Janet M. Smith, daughter o William and Betty Smith of Terrace Park, was honored as Cincinnati's "Secretary of the Year" at the Executive Night Secretaries Week Banquet on April 22 sponsored by the Cincinnati Chapter, Professional Secretaries International. Miss Smith thus became one of three finalists in competition for the Oho Division Secretary of the Year honor, to be chosen at Huron Ohio, on May 22

A former Terrace Parkires dent now long in Hyde Park she is secretary to Richard A. Vorndran, manager /ccational Technical Department at South-Western Publishing

Plant Sale Success Cheers Garden Club

Reporting its second annual spring plant sale a huge success, Terrace Park's Garden Club plans to make such sales its major money- making project to support its village beautification project.

Profits from recent plant sale are used for beautification of Terrace Park. The project including last year and this year is a maintenance plan with trees being pruned, mulch put down. plantings cleaned up, and beds planted, totalling an expenditure of \$2,165.00.

Said a club message:

"Thanks to all the beautiful people in Terrace Park the second annual Garden Club plant sale was a huge success! This community project involving so many residents is most exhilerating. The Garden Club provided the opportunity for residents to beautify their gardens and they in turn provided us the means to beautify the village! We are now looking forward to our next plant sale with even more enthusiasm knowing we have such toyal support.

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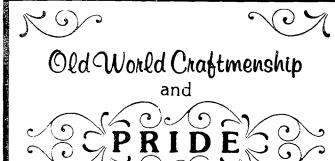
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Land Fill Opens For Season, **Trash Disposal Rules Outlined**

With the landfill now open to pick up little piles of for public use, here are trash collection procedures covered by Terrace Park Ordinance 949.

Garbage

Garbage in securely covered containers, and household trash in containers is picked up Tuesdays by the contract hauler. Contianers should be put at curbside after 4:00 p.m., Monday and must be removed from the street by 9:00 p.m. According to the contract, pick-up can begin at 6:00 a.m.

Grass, Weeds and Small Veg-

Bagged grass, etc., is picked up on Monday and Tuesday. Bags must be light enough to be hoisted into the truck without breaking open. Loose piles of grass will not be picked up and grass must not be dumped on Village property. Vines and stalks, etc., not suitable for chipping, should be tied so that they can be forked into the truck. Please do not expect the man

material which should be bagged.

This material should not be put at curbside until after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, but consideration will be given where it would constitute a hardship on a householder to comply. Large Brush

Brush is picked up on Monday and Tuesday, except during the leaf season. It is helpful if brush is piled in an orderly fashion with cut ends in the same direction. Metal must not be piled with brush -we have had damage to equipment as a result. Brush must be kept well clear of the street right-of-way. It should not be put out before Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Leaves

Leaves are handled loose at curbside from late September to about December 1st. Please make every effort to keep twigs out of piles. Leaves must be bagged the rest of the vear.

Village Landfill

The landfill is open Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., except December, January, February and early March. We offer this service so that residents can get leaf compost and chips and dump their own decomposable refuse. By Ohio and county law, we cannot accept trash or garbage. You may bring bagged grass clippings, dirt, stone or raw lumber. We cannot accept shingles, metal, old furniture, etc.

Non-Decomposables

Large non-decomposable material will be hauled the second Wednesday of each month. This does not mean furnace filter, plastic jugs and other small items which should go in Tuesday's trash. Call the Village Office, 831-2137, for information and scheduling. Items must be manageable by two men. We cannot take construction leftovers which your contractor should clean up. We urge you to have old appliances picked up when the new one is delivered.

Tornado Dealt Trees Mighty Blow

What is now looked on as the beginning of the end of much of Terrace Park's urban forest came with the tornado of August 9, 1960.

An early-evening summer thunderstorm suddenly turned violent, and within minutes there was devastation. Streets were blocked by fallen trees and broken limbs so that police and fire units were unable to get through. Some cars standing along the streets were damaged, but not a person was injured. While some homes suffered some damage, it was far less than might have been expected. Experts said the trees had saved the village, but they suffered severely.

Some 50 old trees in the Cambridge - Oxford - Rugby area, which took the most severe blow, were downed by the tornado, and approximately 1,500 others throughout the village were damaged.

The State Highway Department sent in cleanup crews, and volunteer workers came from everywhere to help in the cleanup. But even after ways were cleared through the streets, it was weeks before the job was really finished.

Former Villager **An Attorney Now**

Steven J. Binkley recently passed the Ohio Bar Examination, and on May 10 he was sworn in as an attorney and counselor-at-Law by Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Frank D. Celebrezze. Steve graduated from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in December of 1981, and is employed by the Cincinnati Financial Corporation.

A 1972 graduate of Mariemont High School, Steve earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin, He is the eldest son of Ruth Binkley, of Terrace Park. Steve and his wife, Mary, now live in Monfort Heights. They have one son. Matthew.

Estimates of damage, mostly to trees, ran as high as \$80,000. Carl Lindell, mayor at the time, sought to get some federal financial assistance but his efforts were in vain.

Some of Terrace Park's trees are more than 80 years old, although experts consider the average life of a street tree to be between 40 and 50 years. As a result, falling of old trees has been fairly common over the years in the village, usually when strong winds followed a period of heavy rain so that weakened roots could no longer take the strain.

Tree planting was vigorously pursued by early village fathers. In 1895, Council purchased 600 trees and 600 more were planted in 1898. In 1900, 50 white ash trees were planted on the railroad side of

Terrace Park. Soft maples, poplar, sycamore, elm and cherry were added shortly thereafter.

There is evidence to substantiate the story that certain parts of the village were planted with alternating maples and quick growing ash trees, with the ash trees to be removed in a decade, thus allowing the maples to develop. This was obviously forgotten or neglected.

But the village spent virtually nothing for tree maintenance for decades. If a replacement was needed, a sapling from the woods was dropped in. The utility companies cut, understandably. in the most expedient man-

Swim Club Opens

Charlie Beech, president of the Terrace Park Swim Club, announced that the pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 29, at noon.

As part of the opening fesitivities, free lemonade and snacks will be served from

Cable TV Resource **Use Here Urged**

With the village cable TV franchise contract offering an opportunity for local productions to be shown on cable channels, March McClelland and Bill Konold are seeking participation of village residents in such an endeavor.

"Through our village contract with Warner-Amex," they said, "the community will be permitted to attend a training course in video education and use of W.A. video equipment for the purpose of presenting local productions on the W.A. cable channels. These privileges are offered at no cost to residents of the community. This local access programming presents a definite opportunity for the village to relay current community functions and events of interest to Terrace Park and to city wide cable viewers.

"At this point we encourage all to jump at the chance to get in on the ground floor of this new and exciting endeavor. A group of T.P. Players is already involved in training for certification with Warner Amex .

"Our main purpose is to stimulate further interest. The sky's the limit as to what we can do. So . . if you're interested in acting, operating equipment, or have any suggestions to offer in this area please call Bill Konold (831-1516). We feel this new media is a vital instrument to education and fun and should help put Terrace Park on the map as being a concerned personal and active community.

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Council

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that the county could begin work this year.

A recent mid-afternoon burglary of a Marion Lane inhabited dwelling prompted Police Chief Ron Pottorf to once more urge residents to secure their doors. The theft of approximately \$10,000 worth of silver occurred while the owner was out on the patio

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews said seven people have completed the state EMT course and will be available for Life Squad duty in mid June. A crash course this summer will make more volunteers ready in August. He noted that at present, the Life Squad is out of service three days a week, with calls being answered by Milford. Several policemen are renewing their training, on their own time, to be available for help.

Rich Gilchrist outlined the next steps in the tree study. A long term plan (50 years) has been drawn up assigning species of trees, block by block. A map of this plan will be available soon for the public. Gilchrist thanked Ellis Rawnsley for his assistance in the study. The sidewalk on Elm Street by the new office building will be replaced by the Village.

Soliciter John Getgey is planning a meeting with the Planning and Zoning committee on the Greenbelt Trust pursuant to having its properties removed from the tax duplicate. Councilman Rodger Miller and Council are contacting the owners of the billboard on the former B.B.S. Co. property for its removal. A recent auction in Terrace Park caused complaints, and Council will look into the legalities of an auction on private property where most of the merchandise is brought

A second reading on the ordinance to rezone the former B.B.S. Co. property in Residential AA was passed. The third reading will be July 9 after a 7 p.m. public hearing. Miller will form a committee to study village properties and their development.



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