# Village Views

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# **Pay Increases Given Police, Maintenance Crew**

#### **By Shirley Rohlting**

Pay raises for village police officers and maintenance men were voted by village council at its December meeting.

Councilman Bill Konold, as chairman of the safety committee, proposed the police raises to keep the village competitive and to provide stability for a force which has suffered many turnovers in recent vears.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf, who also serves as street commissioner, was given an 8% increase to \$27,000, under a scale advancing to \$29,000. A new post of police lieutenant was created at a scale of \$20,300 to \$23,500, while a 7% raise for patrolman put them at \$19,080 on a scale ranging from \$19,000 to \$22,000. The scale for probationers was set at \$17,500 to \$19,000.

Maintenance men were given a 5% raise which, Konold said, puts them "about at the middle" of the hourly scales paid by other communities.

Passing a number of ordinances as year-end emergency measures which Bob Payne, finance chairman, described as "housekeeping in nature," council gave final and formal approval to the 1983 appropriations budget, agreed to retire \$5,000 of a councilmanic note on the BBS property which the village acquired, and to reissue \$140,000 in councilmanic bonds on the note.

It also appropriated \$2,000 from the street budget for the down payment on a new tractor to be prepared for winter street work.

In supporting the pay increases Councilman Les Overway commented that Pottorf has done an excellent job as street commissioner, adding that the village has never looked better because of increased efficiency of the street crew.

Fire Chief, Pierce Mat-



Playing leading roles in the upcoming TP Players production are, first row, left to right, Bob Sachs, Marian Richardson and Steve Lakamp; rear, Marcy McClelland, Jack Siegman, John Belanger, Cathy Woodruff, Dave Pannkuk and Kathy Wedding.

# **Players Make Ready** For February Show

You've taken down the tinsel. Tossed out the tree. Toasted the New Year ... and now . . . a long weary winter awaits you?

Au Contraire! The Terrace Park Players are at it again! Plan to party, friends and neighbors, when the Players present their annual dinner show . . . the outragiously funny Kauffman and Hart comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Dates are February 11, 12 and 13 . . . 18, 19, 20 . . . 24, 25, 26. The two 2:30 Sunday matinees, February 13 and 20, will include light refreshments. Evening performances will be preceeded by a complete dinner and setups.

The cast includes:

Marian Richardson, Marcy McClelland, John Belanger, Kathy Wedding, William Pettit, Cathy Woodruff, Barbara Overway, Peggy Pettit, Jack Siegman, Pat Lipka, Flach Douglas, Steven Lakamp, Jill Burkman, George Mealey, Dave Pannkuk, Joan Feldon, Mike Ross, Bob Sachs and Bob Lipka.

Director Bill Konold, Assistant Director Barbara Overway, and Producer Debbie Johnson invite you to join this happy group. There are still jobs available.

For information and reservations call Marcy McClelland at 831-1516 or Sandy Koehler at 248-0033.

# **Bank Victimized** In Trash Bin Scam

Terrace Park's branch of the Central Trust Company was one of the banks picked on by a Columbus man in what county detectives described as a "pretty sophis-

tives told the court, Milstead dug through the trash bins of area branch banks, collecting old deposit slips and other information which was used in making out a series of stolen checks on Netherland Rubber. He was caught when a teller at a drive-in window remembered a warning about checks on the company presented by a customer driving a new BMW. When he was caught, detectives said, he had in the car \$26,000 in stolen check, and maps and Yellow Page branch bank lists marked apparently to insure that he did not appear at the same bank twice under his false identity. They said that although he was under a 15-county indictment in Columbus, he ws under an agreement to repay the Columbus banks in return for dropping the prosecution. hoty 26th other start

# **Village Protests Bring Halt To State's Park Plans**

Hit by a wave of protests, principally from Terrace Park but also from Indian Hill and Milford, the Ohio state Office of Outdoor Recreation Services has called off for the time being development of a bike/hiking trail along the old railroad right of-way and of park facilities in Kroger Hills.

Roger Hubbell, the department's director, told Village View that a call for bids of various phases of the project has beecancelled, and his people are reviewing the plans as the concern Terrace Park and adjoining areas.

The whole thing is in abeyance," he said, while his staff considers objections voiced both in citizen petitions and in resolutions by Terrace Park Council.

"It's not ruled out," he said, but the review will consider what alternatives might be open.

There may be no viable alternative," he said, and in that circumstance the Little Miami Park along the right-of-way instead will be developed north of Loveland rather than starting at Kroger Hills as first planned.

#### **Policing Poses Problems**

A major question raised by the objectors concerned adequate control and policing of the 41-mile strip, which Hubbell conceded is "a big problem. We certainly don't want to cause any difficulties for communities along the way.

Plans had contemplated an eight-foot asphalt bikeway from Kroger Hills, just west of Terrace Park, to Springboro, with compacted-earth hiking and riding trails alongside, and development of a canoe landing, parking areas, a park headquarters building and other factories at Kroger Hills.

Petitions sparked by Charles Wiel 1, 213 Cambridge Ave., gathered over 500 names - 464 from Terrace Park, 32 from Indian Hill and 19 from Milford. Those petitions cited law enforcement problems that have developed in other parks, noted that the proposed trails would pass through the heart of this community, and raised questions as to policing against littering, vandalism, drug use and other problems.

Told of the petitions, Terrace park's village council not only registered a formal protest against the trail, but also challenged the proposed Kroger Hills development as being detrimental to this community.

#### **Others Object, Too**

Little Miami, Inc. earlier had also raised questions as to control over the elongated parkway, Commissioners of the Hamilton County Park District also subsequently raised a similar objection and set up some conditions of their own concerning the Kroger Hills portion of the project.

In a letter to Hubbell, Mayor Charles Rockel noted that council had "unanimously passed resolutions opposed to: 1) any plans which would change Kroger Park from a passive to an active recreation area; and 2) the plans, as we understand them, to build hiking and biking paths in the Little Miami State Park which runs directly through Terrace Park. My purpose in writing this letter is to tell you why Council took this action.

'To begin, Terrace Park is a small, almost entirely residential community of 750 homes which we believe is a unique and special place. Our residents care deeply about their children. A lew years ago, these 750 families donated \$110,000 to construct a 10-acre recreational facility for their kids. believe this facility is one of the finest in Ohio.

reported that seven

#### DRACKETT RESIGNS

As Village Views went to press, Bolton Drackett announced his resignation from village council. He cited "personal reasons" for acting at what he said he considered an appropriate time after a year of service.

new members have now joined the Life Squad. He asked input from Terrace Park residents on the Christmas light

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licaled scam.

However, the name and account number of only one Terrace Park depositor was reportedly used by the man in cashing a \$450 check drawn on the Netherland Rubber Co.

Donald Milstead, a Columbus computer salesman who recently lost his job, was charged in Hamilton County with two counts of receiving stolen property and one of forgery. He already is under indictment in Franklin County for passing bad checks. Since October 5, he is believed to have cashed more than \$10,000 in bad checks in this area.

In several trips here, detec-

'Our residents take exceptional care of their property. Houses in Terrace Park sell at a substantial premium over similar houses in nearby communities.

'Our residents care enough about the Village to volunteer significant time on special activities to improve the quality of life for all our residents. Examples of this include the Volunteer Fire Department, the Volunteer Life Squad, the Recreation Commission, the Terrace Park Players theatre group, the PTA, the Garden Club, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and many others.

#### **Negative Effects Seen**

"We believe an active recreation facility in the Kroger Park area and the plans to build hiking and biking paths in the Little Miami State Park have the potential to have a serious negative effect on the quality of life in our Village.

"1. These two projects could result in substantial security problems. The Little Miami State Park is very narrow and runs

# **Protests Win Out**

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**Joggers Beware** 

wear some white or other

reflective clothing while pursuing their exercise on the streets these dark

There have been reports of some joggers nar-

rowly avoiding being struck by cars because of

low visibility caused by

wearing dark clothing.

Season's Last

At St. Thomas

What better way to end the

Christmas season and to start

the New Year right than to

attend the annual Christmas

concert at St. Thomas Church

on Sunday afternoon, January

fourth annual Christmas con-

cert by the 50 voice Cincin-

nati Choral Society directed

by Richard Hynson. This year

the chorus, with brass en-

semble, sings the gamut from

Daniel Pinkham's Christmas

Cantata to The Twelve Days

of Christmas and a sing-

along of familiar carols, end-

ing with the Hallelujah Chor-

With this concert, St. Tho-

mas Church presents the

Series, and invites Terrace

This festive affair marks the

Concert Set

2, at 4 p.m.

us

the concert.

winter evenings.

Joggers are urged to

directly through the center of our Village. This provides the criminal element with an exceptional opportunity to commit crime in our Village.

"This would be enhanced by the minimal amount of policing the park ranger. located at East Fork and Caesar's Creek, would be able to do at the two new facilities.

"2. The Kroger and Little Miami State Parks abut our new recreation facility. Overflow from these facilities could present major problems and dangers for our children.

"3. The projects would substantially increase traffic in and near our community. Wooster Pike is already a major safety hazard with a long list of fatal accidents.

"4. Both parks would greatly contribute to the litter problems we already have and would add noise pollution to our quiet residential community. Again, we're particularly sensitive because the Kroger Park is adjacent to our village while the Little Miami State Park runs directly through the center.

"You should know that Terrace Park Council passed these resolutions after being presented with petitions calling for these actions. These petitions were signed by citizens living in over 60% of our residences.

# More on Council

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display in front of the Community House. It is an alternative to the lighted tree on the village green which has become more difficult for the Fire Department to do each year and has been subject to vandalism.

Police Chief Pottorf reported that a total of \$45,306 had been taken in fines in Mavor's Court in 1983, adding that the number of cases of driving under the influence of alcohol was rapidly increasing in spite of stiffer penalties. Mayor's Court has been moved to the first Tuesday of each month.

Councilman Rich Gilchrist reported that 30 dead trees have been removed and 17 new plantings are underway. Robinwood has had nine village trees planted.

Because of the absence of Village Solicitor John Getgey, Konold withdrew a motion to adopt the rules and procedures for council he has submitted. Council passed a resolution requesting the solicitor to write a critique of the professed rules for the next council meeting. Council also:

- Heard Roger Ward ask for a determination on the legal status of the fence on his property.
- Promoted Charles McComas to police lieutenant.
- Reappointed Sandra Tudor secretarial clerk and custodian of the Community House.

# **AARP Chapter Here Observes** Third Anniversary of Founding

Terrace Park's chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons celebrated its third birthday on December 13 at its meeting in the undercroft of St. Thomas Church.

The occasion was heightened by the presence of Mrs. Anne Reynolds of Munnsville, N.Y., a former national vicepresident of the National Association of Retired Teachers and now a member of the board of the national AARP. The two organizations merged within the past year.

Mrs. Reynolds is the mother of Joe Reynolds of Terrace Park, and spends two months each year at this season with Joe, his wife, Peggy, and their family at 620 Floral Ave.

New officers for the local

chapter's fourth year were elected at the meeting. They are Ray Allison, for his second term as president; Fred Vordenberg, first vice-president; Fenetta Pyle, second vice-president; Ruth Oberle, recording secretary; Dorothy Aichholz, corresponding secretary; Gladys Graves, treasurer, and Ada Bickel, board member at large.

With almost 200 members, the local chapter covers Terrace Park, Milford and Mariemont.

With the encouragement of the Rev. Robert Gerhard of St. Thomas Church, the chapter was organized three years ago by three Terrace Park couples - Dr. and Mrs. Ray Stoecklin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allison and Mr. and Mrs.

Graydon Gallagher. With Dr. Stoecklin as president pro temp, they served as the initial officers until the group received its formal chapter from the national organization.

The group has been active ever since, meeting on the second Monday of each month th throughout the year, and promoting several activities, including tours for members, including one to the World's Fair in Knoxville. In serving its goal of community service, it has offered career guidance to schools, provided emergency telephone stickers in Terrace Park and Milford, and assited the Nearly-New Shop and other agencies for the needy.

# At The Capitol . . .

### A Report From State Representative John O'Brien

The Ohio Senate has given final approval to Housepassed legislation designed to resolve the state's unemployment compensation funding crisis.

House Bill 1055 would increase employer taxes and freeze jobless benefits to slow the drain on the unemployment fund, which is already about \$1.6 billion in debt to the federal government.

Like most state unemployment insurance programs, Ohio's program is designed to generate sufficient funds to cover jobless benefit claims in normal economic times. But, the fund is not structured to handle a recession for an extended period of time.

H.B. 1055 is a compromise measure, the result of negotiations between labor and business representatives. The bill is expected to generate second in its yearly Concert approximately \$385 million for the system in 1983.

H.B. 1055 now goes to the Governor for his signature.

The Ohio Department of Youth Services has begun its second year of Alcohol and Drug Education for young people.

The program is designed to teach Ohio's youths about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. The program's instructors place a special emphasis on the risks of driving while under the influence of mood-altering chemicals.

While prevention and selfhelp are two main factors in the program, the key to helping young people fight drug and alcohol abuse is education.

It is hoped that young people and their parents will take time out of their busy schedules this holiday season to learn more about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

Named after a German singing society, Leiderkranz cheese was first introduced into the United States in the late 1800s. Today, Ohio is the only place in the world where Leiderkranz cheese is manufactured. The Fisher Cheese plant in northwest Ohio holds the only patent in the world to produce this premier specialty cheese.

In recognition of Leiderkranz cheese, Gov. James S. Rhodes has set aside the month of December to promote it. Because Leiderkranz is a product unique to Ohio, there is a great potential for increased production as well as an increase in the number of workers needed to produce it.

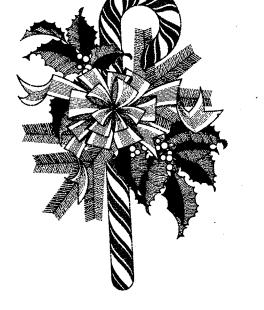
Leiderkranz cheese is only example of the many special products made in Ohio. Increased development and production of such products can help Ohioans look forward to a prosperous future.

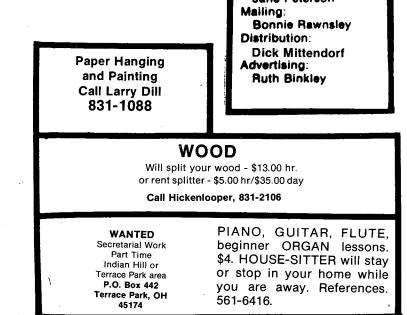
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#### Park residents to join in enjoying wonderful Christmas music, and a wine and cheese reception following



- Recommended a work program be drawn up to enable Don Franke, former village clerk, to make restitution to the community.
- Thanked the Terrace Park Garden Club for the Christmas decorations beautifying the Community House.
- Was told that the Scout Council has met with Larry **Deckard and Norval Julnes** to draw up plans for an extension on the Log Cabin. They will present these plans at the January Council meeting.







### What To Do With A Drunk Driver\_\_\_\_\_ A Policeman's Constant Dilemma

#### BY TERRACE PARK POLICE OFFICER JEFF HARLAN

Every person has a name. He or she is known by that name and to get that person's attention, one calls out that name. We are the Terrace Park Police Department. 'We' are a group of professional police officers who have dedicated our careers to your protection. When we work, we also have another name. We are known as 'Four Tom.' When you call the police dispatcher at 825-2280, he, in turn, calls us on the police radio. The beat car is Four Tom Eleven, or 4T11. Chief Pottorf is 4T90.

This article is a call to you, for your help and co-operation in the fight against crime.

We respond to calls to 4T11. We hope that you will be just as responsive when you see articles such as this. Statistics are boring. So why don't we pay attention to them the first time and leave it at that? We really don't need to hear that one out of every ten cars on the road is being driven by a drunk ... we really don't want to know that 720 people are killed each year, just in Ohio, by the drinking driver, with 28,000 more injured. Who cares if you and I pay more for our insurance just because a few people like to drink and drive; and sometimes kill people?

What is the big deal? We all look forward to the New Year. We wait an entire year for the chance to celebrate the passing of the old and the coming of the new. We work hard, and we have earned the right to party, to make fools out of our selves. It is our right! Freedom of speech or something like that. None should be able to

take that away . . . Right? These thoughts might be a bit exaggerated, but we hear things like this every year about this time. I have always hated to work the 4 to midnight shift on Christmas or New Years Eve. It seems that I always find the poor guy who just had a few too many at the office party and is simply trying to make it home.

Somehow I always end up feeling a bit guilty about making an arrest. He is not a harden criminal. Often he is not even a repeat offender. In fact, in many instances, this is the first time he has ever had the Holy Eucharist. A feature any contact with the police. So why not just let him go on was the presentation of a his way, give him a stiff warning, or take him on home? "Why can't you guys just give me a break", we so here 15 years ago. often hear.

New Years, you have probably driven drunk before. And, what is worse, you probably will again. If I let you go on your way, and you do become involved in an auto accident, what good have I done? In fact, am I not partially responsible for that accident? If I take you on home, I have saved the day, but I haven't done anything to prevent the problem from reoccuring.

The fact is, alcohol is a major killer in our society. We have statistics to show that the number of alcohol-related deaths and injuries each year . . but who cares? Who listens to statistics?

Your Police Department will be doing everything possible to prevent the tragedy of a holiday traffic fatality in our community. But we are only a few and we must have your help if we are to succeed. Our eyes and our ears are limited in time and place. The greatest help you can give is ... IF YOU DRIVE, DON'T DRINK . IF YOU DRINK DON'T DRIVE!

Don't let the tragedies of past holiday seasons repeat themselves. If you care not for yourself, think about your neighbors, your friends, your family. A drink could end this year with a BANG!



### **Those Shrubs** May Be Saved

Evergreens planted by the Garden Club on the bank of the Elm Avenue overpass years ago are being lifted by the village street crew in an effort to save them.

The shrubs are being heeled in near the maintenance building in the gravel pit. It is hoped that at least some of them can be saved for replanting when removal of the overpass and building of the new crossing is completed.

Relocation of gas and water lines is under way to prepare for demolition of the overpass, now scheduled for mid-January.

#### **Rector Honored On Anniversary**

was honored on the 25th anniversary of his ordination on St. Thomas Day, December 21, at a service and reception at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Bishop William G. Black of the Southern Diocese of Ohio joined in the celebration of of the reception that followed

# **Boy Scout Troop Wins** Recognition

Terrace Para Scout Troop No. 280 has been recognized by the area council as an on for 1982, and led by Jay ad as the troop's hono. patrol for the first

quarter of the scouting year. The troop honor was gained by having 100% re-registration of members, having all

scouts advarce in rank, and having the required number of days of camping among other specifications.

Viking Patrol won recognition for earning the highest number of points for troop participation and advancement by patrol members.

Six boys were advanced in the last Court of Honor of The Rev. Robert Gerhard 1982. Jeff Kincaid, Kurt Kaiser and Jeff Taylor achieved second class rank. Jason Beck, Chris Beech and Derek Glazer were advanced to Tenderfoot.

Brett Haines and Todd Rafter were awarded communications merit badges, and nine skill awards were presented.

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The Rev. Mr. Gerhard came

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### Christmas Tree **Burning Is Set**

Terrace Park will hold its annual ceremonial burning of Christmas trees at the Scout Cabin on Tuesday, January 6, at 7 p.m.

The burning will be in charge of the fire department. Setting of the blaze will follow a brief service. Residents are asked to take their trees to the cabin area earlier that day.

Twelfth Night traditionally marks the end of the Christmas season. The tree- burning ceremony has been adopted as a means of emphasizing the need to remove drying trees from the home to avoid severe fire hazard.

### **Fire Chief Gives** Heater Warning

With increasing use of kerosene stoves as auxiliary heaters, Fire Chief Pierce Matthews has issued warnings concerning their safe use.

Only No. 1 kerosene should be used, according to the chief, and fuel containers should be taken outside to be filled. Such heaters should stand on a fireproof surface extending three feet in each direction from the heater, and be more than three feet from a wall or any piece of furniture.

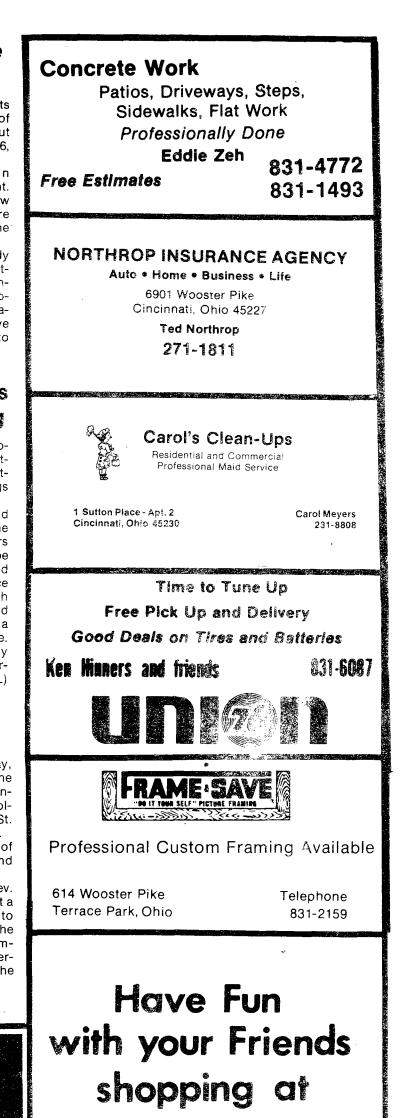
The chief urged that only heaters bearing the Underwriters Laboratories seal (UL) be purchased or used.

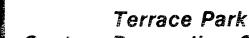
#### Columbarium Is Inaugurated

A brief service on Sunday, December 12, marked the placement of the first containers of ashes in the columbarium just built by St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

The ashes were those of Dorothy Johnson Cutler and Patricia Wheatley Baxter.

During the service, the Rev. Robert D. Gerhard said that a decision had been made to complete the project. The first stage of the columbarium, which faces on Terrace place, was finished the past fall.





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