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Village Vote Heavy, Initiative Defeated

Sixty-five percent of Terrace Park's registered voters turned out for the November 8 elections, an unusual off-year number attracted by the zoning issue concerning Dr. Paul Pschesang's dental practice.

An initiated ordinance, strongly opposed by village officialdom, was defeated 599 to 397, according to final figures at the Board of Elections.

It did best in Precinct B, the area bounded by Amherst and Myrtle Avenues and the river. The vote there was 138 for and 152 against. Precinct A polled 154 yes and 241 no, and Precinct C 106 yes and 206 no.

Whatever backlash therewas concerning five village levies for voting apparently affected only a new 3.71 mill impost for village operations. That levy passed by a vote of only 526 to 499, a 51% margin, while 70% approval was given renewals of levies of 7.4, 2.4 and 3.11 mills.

A new levy of 1.6 mills, intended to finance a five-year program of street tree renovation and renewal, also passed handily, 662 to 402, a 62% margin. It failed only in Precinct A, in which there are several relatively-new areas planted in recent years. The vote there was 191 for and 203 against, but sub-

Sixty-five percent of Ter- stantial margins elsewhere ce Park's registered voters carried the day.

Unopposed for mayor, Lester Overway was given 778 votes. Robert S. Payne was returned to his council seat with 568 votes, while Jack H. Schmidt was elected to the other vacancy with 615. Marijo Cundall had 345 votes. Overway's election as mayor will leave a council vacancy to be filled by appointment to his unexpired council term at council's January organization meeting.

Village voters went along with those statewide in downing Issue 1, which would have raised the drinking age, 436 to 578. They ran against the statewide trend in approving Issue 2, to change tax legislation majority requirements, 652 to 249; and Issue 3, to repeal recent state tax levies, 580 to 417. The county Drake Hospital levy was also approved, 645 to 319.

In contested municipal court races, the village vote

| Kenneth B. Bayless | 85 |
|-------------------------|-----|
| David J. Boyd | 131 |
| Edward J. Donnellon: | 304 |
| Joseph A. Luebbers | 394 |
| Albert Mestemaker | 485 |
| Mark Painter | 684 |
| Nick Perrino | 179 |
| Jack Rosen | 564 |
| Clayton E. Shea | 320 |
| Louis F. Strigari | 339 |
| Robert Taylor | 352 |
| For the unexpired term: | |
| Sylvia Sieve Hendon | 621 |
| Walter F Wurster | 179 |

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Clears The Record Terrace Park police recorded 100% cleanup of the five burglaries committed in the village so far this year with the village so far this year.

five burglaries committed in the village so far this year with an arrest in the late-September break-in at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stockwell, 601 Miami Ave.

Property taken in the burglary has been recovered, Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported.

Charged with receiving stolen goods in the burglary is Wayne Russell, already under an 8-15-year sentence for a similar crime.

Pottorf said the Terrace Park department had rou-

tinely notified the sheriff's office of the burglary here and of what was taken. Russell's connection was established when the stolen property was found when sheriff's officers obtained a warrant and searched his downtown rooms in connection with another case.

There was applause from councilmen and residents attending the November council meeting when Councilman Rich Gilchrist noted that Terrace Park police have been instrumental in breaking up seven burglary gangs.

Council Choices



Robert S. Payne



Jack H. Schmidt

Village Pushes Leaf Pickup

Village employes expect to have their leaf pickup completed before Thanksgiving, despite the late falling of the leaves and a period of rain and cold.

As Village Views went to press, maintenance foreman Marvin Alexander said some 75 truck loads of leaves had been picked up. As an indication of the decline in village trees, he estimated that the total would be about 150 loads, about the same as last year but markedly below the 1979 record of 220 loads.

Next Paper Drive Is December 10

Council Advancing Pschesang Measure

With defeat of an initiated ordinance concerning Dr. Paul Pschesang, village council is pushing ahead with its own zoning change to regulate his dental practice on Western Avenue.

The measure was given second reading at the November council meeting. It will be up for a public hearing and final passage before council December 13.

In essence, the ordinance amends the zoning code to permit Dr. Pschesang to continue in practice so long as he continues to be a resident of the village, but denies any expansion and requires that the building ultimately revert to residential use.

Dr. Pschesang had been in practice on Western Avenue for 23 years before the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that his occupancy was illegal.

Mayor Charles Rockel called the result of the vote "gratifying" and an indication that village voters "know what kind of a place they want Terrace Park to be, and are considerate of their neighbors."

Naturally disappointed, Dr.

Pschesang voiced his thanks for the 40% support he received at the polls. In view of still-pending actions, he said he needed more time to appraise the situation and its effects upon his patients and his professional career before making any further statement.

The issue had its aftermath at the meeting of village

council on election night.

Marilyn Bullock challenged the manner in which the first reading of council's proposed ordinance was presented at the October meeting. She was told that council rules require only a reading by title and not in full.

Mary Ann Flynn asked who had paid for sending out letters from council on village stationery opposing the Pschesang initiative. Councilman Bob Payne answered that the mailings had been checked with the state auditor and has been held to be legitimate expressions of council's position. He noted, too, that taxpayer money—approximately \$7,000—had been expended in litigation over the issue.

Tree Plans Pushed As Levy Is Passed

Delighted at the success of a 1.6 mill tree levy in the November 8 voting, Councilman Richard Gilchrist began immediately to formulate plans for an all-out campaign to restore the village's street tree forest.

The five-year levy passed by 662 to 402 votes, or 62% approval despite any major campaign in its behalf. That, said Gilchrist, indicated the serious concern of village residents in the trees as a major asset of the community. The levy will raise about \$35,000 a year for the work.

As chairman of village council's street committee, Gilchrist has been in charge of work done so far.

His first major task, he said, will be to develop and seek bids on an overall contract with a reputable tree service company able to determine what should be done with individual trees and with the capability of doing it properly and safely. He said he plans to seek the aid of Steve Sandfort, Cincinnati's city forester, in that phase of the work. It was Sandfort who reported that a third of the more than 2,000 village street trees were in a dangerous condition and as many more in need of corrective work

Meantime, Gilchrist said he planned to go ahead in using what money now is available Continued on P. 2)

Life Squad, Mutual Aid, Shine in a Dramatic Rescue

The value and effectiveness of Terrace Park's mutual aid arrangements with neighboring emergency units was demonstrated the morning of October 31 when a young South Lebanon man became trapped under the bed of a dump truck at 721 Lexington Avenue.

Rex Ludington, 22, was pinned by both hands as the truck bed loaded with eight tons of blacktop came down as he was attempting to adjust the hydraulic lift mechanism. Because of the broken

lift, he could not be freed until Terrace Park life squad members used hydraulic tools which are part of their rescue equipment.

Taken to Bethesda North then University Hospital, Ludington underwent 12 hours of surgery on his crushed fingers. At last reports, surgeons were hopeful of saving most of his fingers.

Within a short time after the accident, some 20 emergency personnel from Terrace Park, Milford and Mariemont were on the scene. They included

Terrace Park life squad personnel, members of the village maintenance crew, Milford paramedics, two Terrace Park police officers and one from Mariemont, the Milford Fire Department heavy rescue truck, and the

heavy rescue truck, and the driver of a towing service truck which Police Chief Ron Pottorf commandeered as the truck was passing through the village.

The Milford paramedics, in radio contact with the hospital, gave the victim emergency treatment on the way

to the hospital. Two other members of Ludington's work crew were also taken in — Paul Davis with chest pains and Ron Anderson with a back injury suffered in attempts to lift the truck bed with a crowbar.

Under mutual aid compacts which cover police, fire and life squads, Terrace Park responds to calls from neighboring communities for emergency assistance, and they in turn give Terrace Park any extra needed assistance.

Milford's paramedics were

called on because of the serious injuries evidently calling for emergency treatment which Terrace Park life squad members are not permitted to give. Several village squad personnel hold advanced emergency medical technician ratings but are unable to advance further because of a paramedic requirement of many more emergency runs than Terrace Park's life squad is called on to make in a year

Proposed Flood Plain Ordinance Stirs Unexpected Storm

By Shirley Rohlfing

Questions concerning the have passed such ordinances. scope and meaning of a proposed flood plain ordinance at November's Council meeting led to a scheduling of a new public hearing at 7 p.m. on December 13 at the Community House.

About 50 residents appeared with questions and challenges at what had been expected to be a routine hearing, chaired by Councilman Rodger Miller, before passing the ordinance on third reading.

Possible devaluation of affected property was the major issue, in the view of Councilman Bill Konold, with a consensus against passage of the measure. Council agreed that not enough information was available to meet the objections, agreeing that no vote should be taken under the circumstances. In adjourning the meeting, Miller said he would seek to have

Terrace Park must act by year's end to provide insurance availability.

Residents who live on Miami Avenue, in Edgewater, the lower end of Oxford, the lower end of Elm, and on the east side of Michigan Avenue were present to voice their concerns. Perle Meredith particularly complained that he had not been informed of the pending ordinance when he built a new home and inground pool at Edgewater and voiced concern as to devaluation of other Edgewater properties.

Available maps were una federal representative at the next hearing.

The ordinance, proposed by the federal government, is an outgrowth of the 1973 Flood Disaster Protection Act. It posts requirements for eligibility for subsidized flood insurance for those in affected areas. Milford and several other communities clear as to precisely which properties were affected. There were questions as to the accuracy of flood plain delineation based on historical records of past floods in view of more recent flood control measures such as construction of the East Fork

Agreeing that a vote on the ordinance was clearly premature, council made several suggestions to help clear confusion. Miller said he would call on federal officials in Chicago to provide more precise mapping; Councilman Bob Payne urged that all possible information be supplied each property owner, and Councilman Rich Gilchrist suggested that representative elevations be taken at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. His motion passed, 4-1.

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Crime Prevention For The Holidays

By Sgt. Jeff C. Harlan Terrace Park Police Dept.

How fast time does fly! With this article we will begin our second year bringing you; thoughts and information from your police department. Feedback from our readers. has been quite good and we hope to continue to bring you new ideas regarding your safety.

As always, Chief Pottorf and the rest of your police officers would like to thank each of you for the support you have shown. We ask you to feel free to continue to give us your thoughts about these articles as well as the department in general.

And so on with items at

We are again approaching the holiday season. Our village has always been quite fortunate in not becoming victims of holiday crime, but this could be the year that our luck may not hold.

Even though our economy seems to be on the upswing, many are still without work. I always feel sorry for the unfortunate who is simply trying to provide for his own kids. That does not make him right . . . but it's understandable.

It is the other group that worries me, those who see nothing but profit for themselves in this season of joy. They are, by far, the most dangerous . . . and the most unpredictable.

Each of us must take care to stay away from situations in which we might become the victim of the holiday criminal. We must make sure that we do not leave packages in an unlocked car. Put them in the trunk or cover them with a blanket.

Property is not the only target. It was not too long ago that a family went through the holidays missing a mother and wife because of some crazy person. We must be aware of our surroundings and avoid places that could put us in the next news headline.

It calls for simple common sense. We must know where we are, know who we are with, and know what we are doing. And above all, we have got to pay attention to what is happening around us. If we fail in this then this holiday season may not be as merry as we

Tree Plans —

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in removing obviouslyhazardous trees. Some 70 trees have been taken down: in the past two years and more are tagged for removal.

Once obvious hazards have been taken care of, Gilchrist said the tree service chosen likely will start on a street-bystreet program of corrective pruning, feeding and replanting instead of scattering the effort around the village. That course was recommended by Sandfort as making the most efficient use of manpower and equipment.

A New Flag

Members of Terrace Park's chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons soon will be pledging allegiance to a flag that has flown over the Capitol in Washington. Rep. Willis D. Gradison was instrumental in obtaining the flag for the association's opening ceremonies.

Peterson Doll Wins First Again

Once again a very talented group of Terrace Park women, including members of a St. Thomas Episcopal Church sewing group, have beautifully dressed dolls for the Salvation Army Toy Shop. Mrs. Roger H. Peterson, 325 Rugby Ave., will receive a first place award at this year's Silver Tea, for her outstanding "Most Beautiful" category prize winning doll.

This past spring, over 800 undressed dolls were delivered to special individuals and organizations for dressing. The dolls will be on display at the Provident Bank Building, One East Fourth Street, from November 7-8 before being distributed to needy children.



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Metro May Eliminate Village Loop

Queen City Metro is considering eliminating the bus loop through the village, village council was informed at its November meeting.

No details were available from the bus company, but Councilman Ken Bassett has invited a Metro representative to attend the December council meeting to discuss the change.

In another traffic-related matter, Councilman Bill Konold reported that the state had rejected a village plea for restoration of the 35 mph speed limit on Wooster Pike west of 'thenwood.

The former 35 mph limit was struck down by a Hamilton County judge because of the lack of residential construction on that stretch of roadway. Konold said he would continue to press for a reduction in the speed limit, sought because of pedestrian traffic to and from the Swim Club and Drackett Field.

In other actions, council:

- Adopted a resolution raising the 1984 village budget to \$440,659, an increase of \$6,500.
- Heard that Gerald Rowe has appealed his dismissal from the police force, with the case to be heard by Judge Robert Gorman.

Village **Archivist Appointed**

Terrace Park's past and current history is due for serious attention with the appointment of Robert Ingeman, 322 Rugby Ave., as official village archivist.

Village council approved his appointment at its November meeting, and work is already under way in providing space in the basement of the Community House and inculling through a mass of old papers.

"There's a pile of boxes of papers and the first step is to sort out what's there and what should be kept, and that takes time," Ingeman said. Even with that task, he said he was anxious to hear from any residents having old records or other village memorabilia, and was looking for a tape recorder with which to record the recollections of old-time residents.

His experience in village government gives him a unique perspective for the task. He was for many years a member of the governing body of LaGrange, Illinois, and its president for eight years. He and Mrs. Ingeman moved here several months ago to be near their daughter, Mary Malotke, and her family.

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Village Featured In Artist Series

A former Terrace Park resident who won many art awards while at Mariemont High School and now is a third-year student at the Art Academy, has issued the first of a projected series of prints on village landmarks.

He is Todd A. Channer, 22, whose home is now in Vincennes, ind. His work is in the technique known as pointilism, in which the picture is made up of only small dots with no lines involved.

The first print, of the old Scout cabin, is on display at several local galleries. Todd can be reached at 732-2217.

Youngsters Help

Twenty-two Fifth-through-Eighth graders attending St. Thomas Church Sunday School lent a hand by raking the leaves of three senior citizens on Sunday, November 6. The chore ended with a pizza party.

Those from Terrace Park taking part included Dave Bowdry, Tina Retherford, Cindy Pope, Lee Lowry, Megan Oberle, Heather Wages, Julie Getz, Sally Stollmaier, George Kleindinst and Chris Fischer.

Dottie Vickers, one of the adult leaders, said the leafraking was a first step in forming what was hoped would become a youth service organization in the community.

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