## Village Views

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#### Behind That Garage Sale

Pictured are the two Terrace Park couples who for years have conducted the highly-successful "garage sale" which is a feature of the annual Labor Day celebration. With them, center, is Paul Stewart, long-time resident who was the second president of the St. Thomas Church Laymen's League, which started the festival in World War II days when gasoline rationing kept people at home on holidays. At left art Jim and Ann Gilchrist, at right, Edna and Pete Stites.

The success of this project depends on Terrace Park residents' donations of saleable items - no clothing! - to the sale. Donated items should be taken to me Gilchrist's garage at 742 Wooster Pike. Anyone making a donatin before September 2 may browse through the ollection and buy anything that has been priced.

For more information, or for pick-up service, call 831-9109 or 931-1944. (Photo by Sally Kniffin)

## Plans All Readied For Labor Day Fete

After a not so long, not too hot, summer, once again the sound of music and the voices of "children of all ages" will ring out on Terrace Park streets and on the Village Green. It's Labor Day Festival time!! Hank Phillips and Perry Roberts, festival co-chairmen, report that over one hundred volunteers are busily involved in preparations for THE BIG DAY — Monday, September 2.

Veteran Labor Day parade organizer Vic Cooper has once again assembled a parade lineup worthy (well, almost) of Fifth Avenue. Marchers are to assemble behind the Elementary School at 9:30 a.m. and the parade will move out as smartly as possible at 10 a.m. The tentative order of march is:

Council

- Antique Cars

- Cub Scouts

Girl Scouts

dogs, etc.

- Area Political Dignitaries

- Terrace Park Mayor and

- Terrace Park Pops Band

- Children, bikes, cats,

- Boy Scount Color Guard
- Police Department
- Volunteer Fire Department
- Volunteer Life Squad
- Other Fire Units
- Recreation Commission Chairman
- Festival Co-Chairmen
- Mariemont H.S. Band
- Cheerleaders

Bingo with Bob Lipka and friends, with many valuable prizes — Clarion Hotel free deluxe weekend for two with Jazz brunch at Zaks; Bengals tickets for all home games etc.; to bring school financing 20 game booths, managed by Sissy Smith Peterson and Julie Sargent; Colossal garage sale by the Stites and Jim Gilchrists; Sue Abernathy's dunking machine; space walk; black jack with Dave Grayson; Nonie Ward and crew's delicious foods; bake sale by Gayle Taylor; soft drinks by Ann Lindell, with "Suds", Ron and Cindy Hudson, and, of course, your favorite ice cream by Lou Washburn of "Old Towne". At approximately 3:30 p.m., the raffle drawing takes place, with a \$500 first prize, \$20 second prize, and \$75 third prize.

The Labor Day Festival proceeds fund recreation programs, equipment and uniforms for about 300 Terrace Park youngsters. Recreation Commission Officers are: John Gislason, president; Larry Scholl, vice-president; John Sheridan, treasurer; Sue Porter, secretary. Members are: Tom Ader, Terry Bernard, Linda Dozois, Jim Greiner, Jack Harbison, Dick Herd, Judy Hutton, Eileen McxConkey, Hank Phillips, Mike Pope, and Perry Roberts.

A beautiful day is forecast, so come one and all, especially new residents. You'll see friends and neighbors you haven't seen all summer!

## Old Paper Find Turns Up Village 'Birth Certificate'

Papers documenting the birth of Terrace Park have come to light, and village council at its August meeting took steps to preserve them.

The papers include what evidently is the original plot of the village, to which was attached a hand-written, certified copy of the incorporation petition detailing the boundaries of the proposed village.

Village archivist Bob Ingeman was authorized to have an archival preservation firm treat the papers to protect them from deterioration, and in such a way that they can be handled without damage.

At the same time, Mayor Overway indicated his intention to name a committee to seek out any other such documents on village history and to prepare for the village centennial in 1993.

The papers were found among the effects of Elizabeth West, who died recently, and were made available by her sister, Mrs. Katherine

McComb of Dayton, How the papers came to be in the possession of the West family is not known, although the father of the West sisters was village clerk at one

Among the papers are plots of Camden and Camden City, which were earlier attempts at community development in this area.

The petition for incorporation was filed with the Hamilton County Commissioners on June 6, 1892, on behalf of the "not less than 200" residents of the proposed village. The petition was approved by the county commission on August 10, 1892, but incorporation did not become official until relevant documents were filed with the secretary of state on February 8, 1893.

The petition was signed by 43 residents, including many whose names are well known in village history. They were:

S.R. Hendrick, J.R. McGaron, C.R. Stuntz, Daniel Hauck, T.M. Stuntz, Russell Errett, A.B. Blanchard, W.W. Hamilton, S.U. Brammar, H.M. Beck, Charles Gegner, John Moran, Frank Sibley, O.M. Hill, O.M. Rauscher, C. Floto, Louis Brieling, Janus Sibley, R.B. Jones, Johan Rauscher, R. Frazer, S.P. Bacon, Julius Floto, Charles A. Howe, →A.W. Highlands.

J.C. Highlands, J.C. Highlands Sr., R. Wood, John H. Hoffman, Edwin C. Peebles, Lymon Harding, Lewis M. Gatch, Charles Jacobus, Herbert Jacobus, Walter Boone, H.E. Dixon, E.W. Hunt, W.H. Voigt, T.R. Lemon, Geo. W. Corey, J.L. Galloway, James E. Bellville, T. Buschmeier, W.B. Lemon, John F. Robinson, James Bellville, Benton Shumard and Jno. T. Herbert.

## Tafts Had A Hand In Community's Start

Old papers that have just come to light suggest that members of the Taft family were heavy, if not major investors in the Camden City development that preceded present-day Terrace

The papers were among the effects of Elizabeth West of Miami Avenue, and are being turned over to the village by her sister, Mrs. Katherine McComb of Dayton.

ledger bearing the name of\_ Theodosia Traber and dated March, 1880, which records some of the real estate dealings of John Traber.

The Camden City of that

time centered in the area now bounded by the former railroad right-of-way, what now Elm Avenue (then Newtown Road), across Wooster Pike to Highland Avenue, and east to the present New

Traber's record indicates that the area bordering on present Elm Avenue and Given Road was laid out in 564 lots. There is nothing to indicate how much property was owned by Among the papers is a torn Peter Rawson Taft, but be-Alphonso Taft and his son, tween 1857 and 1864 they sold Traber alone 67 lots and two tracts, acreage not

specified, in the area of New

## School Year Budget Set At \$4,992,531

Street.

By Ricki Schmidt

Mariemont School Board adopted at its August meeting a six-month budget for the last half of 1986, bringing the year's total to \$4,992,531.

Supt. Don Thompson said the six-month budget, running from next July 1 to December 31, was adopted into line with the calendar year, a newly-legislated step to match school budget with tax collections.

The board voted Thompson a 4.2% salary increase, in line with earlier administrative raises; increased some student and lunchroom fees, and approved supplemental contracts for athletic .coaches. Thomspon's salary increases from \$59,000 to \$61,500, as of August 1.

Elementary school fees were increased 50 cents, which still does not cover costs, Thompson said. Elementary and high school lunch fees were increased by

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## Raffle Is Major Support of Recreation Committee

Terrace Park Labor Day Festival volunteers will be calling at all village residences during the last two weeks of August offering raffle tickets, proceeds from which will benefit Recreation Commission programs for boys and girls in the Park. Tickets cost \$15 for 18; \$10 for 12 tickets; \$5 for 6 tickets; or \$1 each if purchased individually.

Festival co-chairman Hank Phillips says "the raffle produces the most revenue for the Festival, and every penny is for the kids — uniforms, equipment, playing fields — for baseball, basketball, soccer and softball, and special programs

like 'Summer Fun."

## Village Buys **New Chipper**

Village Council at its August meeting passed emergency legislation to authorize purchase of a new wood chipper. The cost is estimated at \$10,000.

Action came after Police Chief Ron Pottorf, as street commissioner, reported that the chipper being used had broken down and was beyond repair.

Absence of a chipper would have required residents to haul away branches and tree limbs for themselves, and council members said they believed a chipper provided a necessary and wanted service.

#### Garden Club Flower Show Players Choose Exchange Student Home Show Directors After Year In Germany To Herald 'Harvest Moon'

With "Harvest Moon" as its theme, Terrace Park's Garden Club will hold its annual flower show at the Community House on Tuesday, September 17. The show will be open to the public from 3 to 8 p.m. at no

Any Terrace Park residents wishing to enter prized specimens in the horticultural division may make arrangements to do so by calling Judy Brown at 831-1811. Children may enter arrangements in a "Trick or Treat" class, and should also call Judy Brown for details.

Prospective members particularly are urged to attend the show, and to see Lynn Carden there or call her at 831-0486. The club meets at the first Tuesday of each

Show division open to club members are:

Class 1, Harvest Time, featuring fruits and vegetables: Class 2, Bonfire-mass arrangement; Class 3, Indian Summer-fresh roadside

plant material; Class 4, Welcome Home wreath; Class 5, Fall's Treasures-design using two containers; Class 6, Barn Dance-including weathered wood in design; Class 7, Moon Magic--freestyle arrangement; Class 8, Autumn Leaves--all foliage; Class 9, Witch's Brewnovice, design including a tea or coffee pot; Class 10, How High the Moon-design in vertical manner; Class 11, Last of Fall--miniature arrangement of dried materials; Class 12, Trick or Treat, junior division; Class 13, Thanksgiving-table arrange-

The Garden Club also has announced its activity calendar for 1985-86, starting with the flower show and being followed October 1 with an evening meeting including husband and friends with a program on steamboating on the Ohio River. The program will be held at 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Church undercroft.

Terrace Park Players have named Flach Douglas as director for their next dinner show, to be held the last three weekends in February. Bill Konold will be assistant director.

The organization will hold a general meeting on October 26 at 8 p.m. at the Community House. The affair will be in the form of a costume party.

#### Four Students Rate Cum Laude

Village Views in its July issue inadvertently reported that seven Terrace Park students had graduated from Mariemont High School with cum laude honors. Actually, four were graduated cum laude, the others being named with them to the National Honor Society.

The four are Richard Gilchrist IV, Michael Gleeson, Mark Graumlich and Susan Stollmeier.

by Betsy Schwinn

Ellen Cole of Terrace Park, a 1984 Mariemont High School graduate,recently returned from a year in Germany with the AFS exchange program.

After leaving Cincinnati last cipate in conversations fully. August, Ellen traveled to Hamburg to live in a German community. Both her host parents were secondary school teachers, and she had a "sister" her age, and a younger "brother".

Ellen said that her German family put a high priority on doing things together. She had to adapt to this because she was used to balancing family concerns with outside interests. One of the biggest challenges she faced was compromising between the need to adjust to her new family and the need to maintain her own individual-

AFS experience that Ellen had looked forward to was improving her language skills. Despite four years of high school German and several weeks of intensive instruction upon arrival in

Germany, Ellen said it took about a month just to be able to communicate simple ideas well. After about six months, she could follow class lectures and parti-

In addition to her time in Hamburg, Ellen had several opportunities to see other parts of Europe. She traveled to London to attend a wedding and also went to Vienna, Austria, to see Sylvia Rausch, a former AFS student to Mariemont High School. She also participated in a short-term exchange living with another family in Kiel, Germany.

Aside from the benefits of developing new friends and gaining fluency in German, Ellen felt that the greatest gains of her experience was the self-confidence she developed in herself and her One of the advantages of an ability to deal with new situations.

> For information on the exchange and hosting opportunities available through AFS, contact Betsy Schwinn

## School Board

five cents to \$1 and \$1.10 respectively

Ann Bular, hired at the July meeting as the Terrace Park kindergarten teacher, has been reassigned to the Mariemont Elementary school. In her place, the board hired Josephine Appleby on a one-year limited teaching contractor teach kindergarten an Chapter 1. Appleby, who specialized in child education at Columbia College in South Carolina, has just moved to this area with her husband, who is beginning a five-year surgery residency at University Hospital. She has taught first and second grades and is qualified to teach through third grade.

New curriculums for speed reading, kindergarten, and developmentallyhandicapped K-12 were adopted.

Salaries of substitute teachers for the 1985-86 school year were set at \$41.50 per day, and \$48 per day after 15 days on the same assignment.

Supplemental salaries for extra-duty limited contracts also were set, with Athletic Director Tom Crosby receiv ing \$3,311 in addition to his varsity football coaching salary of \$3,203. Boys varsity basketball coach Jerry Cousins also received \$3,203.

Receiving \$2,209 are assistant varsity football coaches John Parker and Ted Hall, assistant reserve football coach Mike Cameron, varsity soccer coach Dan Vickers, varsity volleyball coach Betty Rhoades, boys reserve basketball coach Jeff Waterson, girls varsity basketball coach Terri McCann, varsity wrestling coach John Parker and varsity gymnastics coach Sue Mahan.

Given \$1,215 per season are cross country coach Mike Grote, golf coach John

(Continued from Page 1) Hubbard, tennis coach Neil Turner, varsity cheerleading coach Thelma Aslip, crew coach Mike Engeman, boys seventh grade basketball coach Larry Holtkamp, reserve volleyball coach Terri McCann, and reserve assistant football coach Jeff Timmers.

Jerry Summers received \$1,546 for varsity base-

The board also approved a project designed to help elementary teachers to enhance their science courses. Pat Grulich, Terrace Park's fourth grade teacher, will help teachers from this district as well as Wyoming and Indian Hill to utilize teaching aids in seven science areas, including ecology, conservation, trends and responsibili-

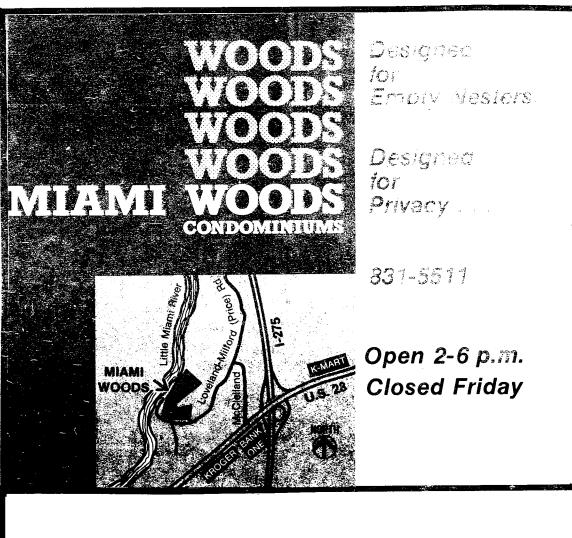
Thompson announced that the school district will receive \$22,317 from excess state lottery profits sometime after September 1. The money can be used for any school purpose other than salary increases.

The board also voted to join other areas boards in urging the Ohio School Board Association to actively support the efforts of 138 school districts to obtain a fair distribution of state school funds.

#### Kindervelt Plans An Art Auction

Terrace Park's Kindervelt No. 76 will be sponsoring an auction of original art on Friday evening, October 11. The auction will be presented by Galerie Weil of Dayton, Ohio, and will be held at Livingston Lodge. Indian Hill. All proeeds from the auction will benefit Children's Hospital Medical Center. For more information, call Laurel Ross at 831-8095

## Paper Drive September 21st





## **Engineers OK plans** For Miami Ave. Project

**Engineering studies** apparently have cleared the way for Dick Ward to build a house at 621 Miami Ave., on the river side of the street.

Mayor Les Overway said the studies showed the building posed no threat to the stability of the hillside and that Ward's plans met all requirements of the zoning and building codes. While he said that an engineering firm hired by the village had been asked to "take another look" at sewage disposal plans, the mayor said he saw no reason why a building permit should not be issued

**Building Inspector Bob** Corey had issued a permit earlier, but then suspended it Avenue setbacks raised at when questions were raised at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in July

Ward called the situation "unfortunate." and said that as a resident of the village he back further than houses was interested in enhancing rather than harming the

Questions concerning the project were raised at the July zoning commission meeting by George Kipp, 619 Maimi Ave., Dennis Elliott and other neighbors. Attorney Edwin Hoseus appeared at the August council meeting in behalf of seven nearby residents.

The objectors voiced concern over placement of the proposed building on the lot, saying they understood plans called for a basement only eight feet from the drop-off to the river, and over possible erosion resulting from the felling of two trees. A question as to Miami the zoning session brought the reply from Al Griffith, commission chairman, that any dwelling erected on that side of Miami need not be set now close to the street.

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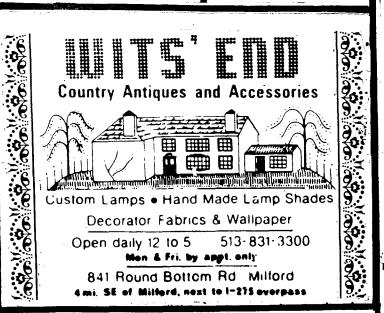
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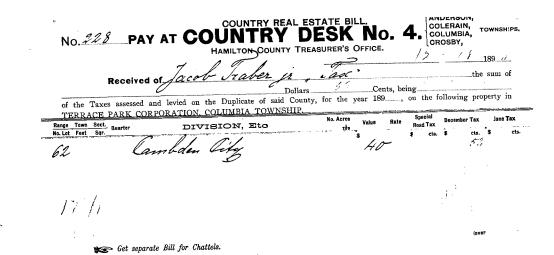


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### They Probably Complained About Taxes, Too

This old tax bill, from the early days of this community, was found recently among old papers which had been in the possession of Elizabeth West.

## **Youngsters Spend Summer Hours Learning To Run Computers**

Thirty-six local students gave commands and the turtle obeyed. The commands were given in the computer lab at Terrace Park Elementary School for two weeks this month when the youngsters were introduced to LOGO, an easy-to-use computer language for picture drawing. The turtle is a small triangle on the screen, which the students move by written instructions.

They programmed the turtle to draw 25 different pictures, using prepared commands. Many of them were then able to create their own programs after basic lessons in LOGO commands. The youngsters especially enjoyed learning

This program was initiated a PTA meeting in the spring, when it was suggested that an unused computer wasted money. Ricki Schmidt and Janet Phillips then organ- \_ Bryan Randolph, Page

ized the two-week-long sessions of three classes with six students each.

An "expert in residence" Ross Lindell, a sophomore at Vanderbilt University, instructed the classes, convincing the students that the turtle could do anything they properly commanded. Either Mrs. Schmidt or Mrs. Phillips was in the lab during all the classes, and had help from Stephanie Jones.

Principal Gerry Harris performed a scheduling miracle to have the six computers in the lab, as all the elementary teachers had been allotted times this summer to become "computer friendly" The LOGO discs were provided by the school board, but a \$10 fee was imposed for the instructor.

First graders in the program were Felicity Sargent, Brian Phillips, Tyler Knauer,

Koehler and Cary Maish. Second graders enrolled were Maren Schmidt, Antoni Gambetta, David Morrow. Kristen Jones, Alex Ward, Amanda Camps, Rachael Lipka, Branden Ervin, Scott Blomer and Stacey Hillman.

From the third grade were Courtney Sheridan, Blake Ballard, Erick Koehler, Jason Hader, Brian Stollmaier, Amy Niesel, Julie Harth and Michelle Armstrong. Alex Phillips and Tim Knauer took part from the fourth grade. Fifth graders were Carrie Schmidt, Stephanie Mileham, Chris Malotke, Melissa Harth and Summer Armstrong. Also enrolled were sixth graders Kevin Sheridan, Jennifer Bowers and Casey Ward, along with seventh graders Patti Blomer and James Glaser.

## A Life Squad Recruit Finds It's a Rewarding Experience

By Linda Weston

Life Squad membership has much to offer new recruits. In explanation, I will share with you the responses I gathered from several Life Squad members to the question, "Why are you in Life Squad?"

Many initially signed up because of strong feelings. of a good community deserving of their commitment and service. Some had aiready served in PTA, Cubs, Scouts or in the Fire

Department but for others this was the only service to which they felt drawn. Dennis Elliot (captain of the Fire Department and Life Squad member) was very impressed by the caliber of members who came to his home when his daughter was very ill.

Of their experience during training, members talked of the enjoyment of learning about health care. For Jean Maddux it led to a career change and she is now studying nursing. The trainees realized the usefulness of the knowledge to themselves, their own families, and to others outside of Life Squad runs, on vacation or just out driving.

As one of the most recent recruits. I found the established members very welcoming, helpful in orienting me to the ambulance, health equipment and the radios. They also greatly helped in my training experience when I went on calls with them on three-man crews. The training does not end with "graduation" but is a continuing process through squad meetings and experience.

Life Squad is always in need of new members, and you don't need any medical background to join. For more information, call Jean Maddux (248-0161) or Linda Weston (248-0186).

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## Flags Donated

The village has two more flags to use on the village green.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf said two residents had donated flags that were used on the coffins at the funerals of former members of the armed services.

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#### **Snake Ousted** From Church

Workmen making repairs to St. Thomas Church found a sizable blacksnake which evidently has been foraging for some time under the eaves along the north wall.

Slight shifting in an addition built on the east end of the church some 40 years ago had caused timbers supporting two ceiling arches to pull away from the walls. The snake was found in the crevice between timbers and the wall.

#### Vandals Harm **Village Trees**

Two small trees along Terrace Place have been damaged, presumably by vandals.

A dogwood across from Harvard Avenue was split by pulling down one of its two upright branches. It has been tied up and braced in hopes that it will heal. The other tree, near Oxford, was broken off at the top and likely will need to be replaced.

The planting along Terrace Place was contributed to the village by the Garden Club, which also pays for its maintenance.

#### Students Help

Several Terrace Park college and high school students are busy this summer assisting in programs of the Inter Parish Ministry of which St. Thomas Church is a sponsor.

Mark Northrup and Christine Mencer from St. Thomas are college interns involved in recreational programs at Mt. Carmel, Milford and New Richmond. Russ Maxon from St. Thomas is a volunteer in the IPM summer swim pro-

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