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## Agreement Blocks Round Bottom Link

Terrace Park's Property Owners Committee was honored at the recent annual meeting of Little Miami, Inc., for its leadership in the apparently-successful fight for environmental concerns affecting a pending East Milford industrial development.

An agreement signed by Tipton Associates, Inc., the developers, and all others involved in the long controversy, met all the objections to the development as first proposed. Ted Swennson and Jane Earls signed for the Terrace Park group.

The agreement rules out any connection. between I-275 or the development with Round Bottom Road, a major point at issue. Called for instead is a road from US 50 near the new Milford firehouse to what was to have been the I-275 interchange with relocated US 50. A decision now rests with state officials, who had indicated they were awaiting local agreement before making any move.

Other portions of the agreement ban heavy or polluting industries in the area, planting of a greenbelt along the Little Miami River and Round Bottom Road, and adequate sewage treatment to prevent river or aquifer pollution.

Discovery of some Indian artifacts on the site may cause some delay but will not block the development, according the James Addington, cultural resources coordinator for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

## 56 Students Win Academic Honors

Fifty-six Terrace Park students earned academic recognition in the second quarter of the school year at Mariemont High School. Twenty are on the honor roll with grade point averages of 4.0 or higher, and 36 on the merit roll with averages of 3.2 to 3.9.

- On the honor roll are:
- Grade 7 Brian Wilson.
- Grade 9 Carrie Davis, Jonathan Maddux, Abby Seik.
- Grade 10 David Cooper. Grade 11 - Brent Ballard, Andrew Gilchrist, Dan Krachon, Matt Seik, Maggie Shortridge, Nicki Thompson, Nikki Vearil, Betsy Woods.

Grade 12 – Molly Abernethy, Frances Cooper, Naomi Fischer, Michael Krachon, Lawrence Madewell, Christine Normile, Jeffrey Taylor.

On the merit roll are:

Grade 7 - Stephanie Bates, Brad Dahlmeier, Christy Davis, Michael Duckwall, Corey Greiner, Elizabeth Harness, Brad Lakamp, Maggie Roberts.

Grade 8 – Jason Ader, Chuck Armstrong, Andrea DeHaan, Denis Frei, Melissa Harth, Zak Hutton, Jennifer Kipp, Brian MacMillan, Chris Malotke, Stephanie Mileham, Ian Ross, Carrie Schmidt, Brett Tritsch.

Grade 9 - Adam Carle, Randy Krueger, Michael Rafter, Beth Taylor.

Grade 10 - Ted Annett.

Grade 11 - Chresten Armstrong, Carol Picton.

Grade 12 – John Armstrong, Heather Fischer, Mark Helten, Megan Oberle, Cynthia Pope, James Postler, Damon Smith, Alex Stafford.

### Boy Scout paper drive Saturday, March 11

# Trail Proposal Voted Down, State Studying Its Options

sented a petition bearing 869

names of opponents to the plan,

and speakers against it outnum-

the options," Village Views was told

from Columbus by Larry Peck,

operations manager for the ODNR

parks division. "It's a very complex

problem and at the moment I can't

could be development of a staging

area in Camp Dennison instead

But he agreed that one of them

say what options there are."

"We're going to be looking at all

bered proponents three to one.

Ohio's Department of Natural Resources expects no early decision on what to do about the bikehike trail it had proposed to build through Terrace Park.

Members of village council voted unanimously against the development at their February meeting, held in the elementary school gymnasium. The vote followed a public hearing attended by some 500 residents—the largest such throng in village history—at which Eppa Rixey pre-

Speeding Arrests Almost Three A Day

Terrace Park police officers averaged almost three arrests a day for speeding in 1988, almost all of them on Wooster Pike, according to Police Chief Ron Pottorf's annual report to village council.

Arrests for speeding numbered 1,004, or 169 more than in 1987 and 468 more than in 1984. Total traffic violation citations numbered 1,776, with 75 of them for drunken driving and 78 for driving while under suspension.

The report noted the first fatal automobile accident in many years, in the total of 27, with five persons being injured in collisions on Wooster Pike but none on village streets.

Twelve of the 102 misdemeanor citations were for dogs running at large; 31 for drug offenses, and 50 for having an open liquor container

## New Captain Named For Life Squad

Appointment of Crystal Dahlmeier, 707 Stanton, as captain of the Terrace Park Life Squad was confirmed by village council at its February meeting, during which it also made some modifications in the squad organization. She succeeds Barbara Bowen, who is moving to Seattle. Assistant squad chief Sally Gilchrist reported that five residents are completing training and eight recruits will begin training late this month. But she emphasized it will be some time before new members are sufficiently experienced, and meantime there are only seven persons available for daytime duty. To meet one difficulty, council authorized payment of \$15 a day to squad members agreeing to take duty on a Saturday or Sunday. The revision ordinance, offered by Councilman Rusty Wilson, set a goal of 30 squad members. A new pay schedule provides: chief, \$800 a year; assistant chief, \$400; captain, \$250; lieutenant, \$200; schedule, \$400, and \$5 to members for each drill attended.

in a vehicle.

The officers made 21,444 checks on businesses and the homes of vacationing residents.

Mayor's court fines amounted to \$97,836, as against \$92,818 the year before.

#### Deer Toll Grows

Six deer were killed by being hit by automobiles on Wooster Pike in Terrace Park last year, according to the annual report of Chief Ron Pottorf. That brings to 25 the number of deer so killed in the past five years.

Seven deer were killed in 1984, three in 1985, four in 1986 and five in 1987.

#### Early Meeting

Next month's village council meeting will be held on March 7 instead of March 14 because of the absence of Mayor Jack Schmidt.

The mayor will be the Procter & Gamble representative on a Cincinnati delegation to set up sister-city relationship with the Russian city of Krakov. of Milford.

"The Milford staging area isn't satisfactory to us," Peck said because of limited parking which may cause an overflow into Terrace Park. A problem concerning Camp Dennison however, he added, would be the cost of land acquisition.

Village council, during its meeting, adopted a resolution urging ODNR to consider a staging area "outside and north" of the village because of "dangers and inconvenience to both this community and users of the trail by terminating at the proposed Milford location."

The trail from Milford to Loveland is to be developed later this year. Peck said ODNR had looked on the Terrace Park section as "the key link" to a proposed major staging area with parking and convenience facilities at Kroger Hills.

"We're trying to be good neighbors," said Peck, citing efforts to meet objections raised when the trail through the village was first proposed in 1982.

"We do recognize that there are some legitimate concerns," Peck added, "but this is a regional project and we're in the difficult position of trying to meet both regional and local needs."

Peck, who was present, said he was "impressed by the tone" of the Terrace Park meeting, describing the speakers as "polite and reasonable."

There were a few flurries, though, as when one trail supporter called much of the opposition "paranoid, parochial and xenophobic," and another charged misrepresentation by some petition circulators.

Councilman Rich Gilchrist conducted the hearing. Mayor Jack Schmidt turned it over to him after

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### New Signs Proposed

Village council is considering street signs like this, pictured in Mariemont, for use in the community, starting with replacement of some 30 signs which have been stolen or damaged. The signs are of wood with routed-out names, hung from iron brackets supported by wood posts.

Village Administrator Ron Pottorf said signs used in the village in the past were now either unavailable or obtainable only at very high cost. He estimated the new signs could be erected for \$50-60, and that replacements could be readily made by village employees.

### **Proposed For Village**

This gazebo, in the Park Hills section of Evendale, was designed by Dick Ward, and closely resembles that which his friends propose to present to the village in his memory. The \$25,000 project is to be privately financed, with no public funds involved. While placement in the center of the village green involves removal of the tree there, village council has promised that a Christmas tree will be lighted on the green, and perhaps the gazebo as well.

## Players Open To A Sell-out

The Terrace Park Players' annual dinner theater production of "The Drunkard II" opened Friday, February 17, to a sell-out crowd. The play, directed by David Pannkuk, is a light-hearted, musical adaptation of "The Drunkard."

There is still time to catch one of the final performances on Friday, March 3, or Saturday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at the Community House. Tickets are \$15 per person and include beer and set-ups, dinner (catered by Sally Hough), play, dessert and coffee. Make reservations by calling Cindy Coleman at 831-5335.

The dinner theater has traditionally been the major fund-raiser for Terrace Park Players and helps to finance the Children's Play and the Memorial Day Concert on the Green. In addition, the Players have given financial support to various community organizations over the years, the most recent being the purchasing of face masks for the newest EMT class.

## Village Backs School Levy

Terrace Park voted 3-1 in favor of the Great Oaks vocational school levy in this month's special election, but the issue lost by 108 votes in the 35 Southwestern Ohio school districts concerned.

Only 243 village residents turned out for the election, voting 181 for the 2.7 mill tax levy and 62 against it.

Throughout the district, the vote was 22,498 yes to 22,606 no. School and community leaders are expected to decide at a meeting March 1 whether to resubmit the levy at a special election in August or at the regular November elections.

Great Oaks, formed in 1970 and now the nation's largest vocational school district, provides statemandated vocational education in the area. Twenty-two Mariemont school district students participate in the program.

#### For Kindergarten

Registration for kindergarten at Terrace Park Elementary School will be held at the school at 9:30 a.m. on March

For information on registration packages, contact the school at 831-2485, or Janet Sarran at 831-5221.

## Trail-

(Continued from P. 1) saying council welcomed residential input on "what's right for

the



Marcy McClelland, Jason Powell and Cove Heilbronner on stage in the current Terrace Park Players production.

## Women Now Make Up Half of Church Vestry

The annual meeting of St. Thomas Episcopal Church on January 25 re-elected Senior Warden Carol Peterson and Junior Warden Hank Phillips for their second one-year terms and elected four new Vestry members-all women-for three-year terms.

The new Vestry members are Martha Graves, Lee Hollister, Karen Long and Janet Popelka. This marks the first time that women have made up 50% of the church's 12-member Vestry.

St. Thomas' annual report for

### **Pupils To Get** Some Relief (From The Heat)

Thanks to the Terrace Park Elementary PTA, pupils will have a place to hide from the heat, should this summer be a repeat of last year's weather. An allotment of \$800 for air conditioners headed the list of purchases for the school authorized by the board at the February PTA meeting. The cooling equipment will be installed in the library.

The board also authorized the donation of \$1,000 toward the \$8,000 needed for a wood play unit to be used by pre-school and primary age children. A special fund for the purchase of sound equipment was begun with a \$300 donation and \$50 was designated for the purchase of a second cash box. John and Linda Wenstrup donated the PTA's first cash box.

### **Child Authority** To Speak To PTA

Handling peer pressure among Terrace Park," and reported that youngsters will be the topic of the mail to the village office was speaker at a night meeting of the trail Terrace Park Elementary School PTA on March 7 at 7:15 p.m. The speaker will be Tim Muson, director of agency services at the Single Parents Center of the Aring Institute at Beech Acres.

1988 is dedicated to the Rev. Robert D. Gerhard, who has served as rector for 20 years. Other tributes included a cake and a special song by Music Director Pat Matchette at the dinner preceding the meeting.

In his report, Mr. Gerhard spoke of his hopes for St. Thomas' future, in an era of increasing fund-raising problems for nonprofit organizations. He expects St. Thomas to be one of the "mountaintops" surviving, and hopes to see the church's endowment rise appreciably by the time he retires.

Jud Gale, president of St. Thomas Housing Corporation-the group formed a year ago to lead the parish in outreach to the underhoused in the communityreported on the corporation's substantial progress both in planning rehab projects and in acquiring land and financing for a 100-unit low-income housing project in Clermont County. Groundbreaking for the project is planned for this spring.

### **Eleven Share** In School Play

Scott Wilson headed the cast and crew of 11 Terrace Park students in the February 9 Mariemont Junior High School production of the "Ransom of Red Chief." Jennifer Kipp and Michael Duckwall also had featured rolls.

Supporting actresses included: Andrea DeHaan, Stephanie Bates, Stephanie Mileham, Melissa Harth, Catie Borden and Lindsay Graf. Elizabeth Harness was in the make-up crew and Carrie Schmidt headed the light crew.

Terrace Park resident Bill Drackett was assistant director for the play.



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In the regular meeting that followed, council:

• Voted to join in a joint purchasing agreement with the state which will enable the village to acquire a new heavy-duty mower for \$6,000, a 40% saving.

 Adopted a resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the village.

 Heard from Councilman Randy Casteel that bids are being prepared for trees to be planted in May.

• Heard from Building Official Tim Harth that he had issued six permits for building repairs and additions amounting to \$105,000. Heard from Councilman John Wenstrup that the annual appropriation ordinance will be up for action at the March meeting.

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## Lookout! Kudzu Vine's A-Coming

Bv Bill Sloat Staff Writer **Cleveland Plain Dealer** 

TERRACE PARK, O. - Remember the 60's song about the Eggplant That Ate Chicago? And how it might be coming to your town.

Well, the vine that devoured Atlanta without a burp, while entanaling the rest of the Southland in its tentacles, has somehow crossed the Ohio River and gotten a toehold in a Hamilton County park.

Kudzu, unfortunately, is here. Despite the best efforts of land managers to eradicate Ohio's only known kudzu vine - they've already written an epic poem (in jest, of course) about their efforts - this horror of the horticultural world has kept growing and growing, getting bigger and stronger, spreading in Hitchcockian horror on a hilside outside Cincinnati. Brace yourself, Cleveland. If the

battle here is lost, it could be creeping toward your town.

John B. Klein of the Hamilton County Park District is keeping a close watch on the southern front, a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-acre plot in Kroger Hills Park along the Little Miami River. The botanical beast has been wreaking havoc in the old Kroger Estate, donated to the public by the family that founded the Cincinnati-based grocery chain.

For the first time since the battle was joined in May, 1985, Klein issued an encouraging communique. Chopping the vines and spraying with herbicides appeared to arrest the kudzu, which has left the surrounding woodland nearly barren. Some 21 trees have been killed by the overhanging vine, a plant whose stalks can grow 60 feet during a summer.

Down South, kudzu has overrun entire forests, a fate that makes Klein shudder.

"There aren't many sings of it," Klein said encouragingly as he scanned the tree-tops, looking for the vine. He wasn't quite ready to pronounce victory. "But it might come back strong. I don't know. We'll have to wait and see. We'll be ready for it if it does.

"You have to look at it early in the season. It climbs and chokes everything, including you if you stand still long enough."

Nobody knows how the kudzu got into Ohio. Klein's theory is that it was planted years ago to control erosion, then just went wild.

Kudzu made its debut in the United States in 1876 when the Japanese used it as a porch vine at their exhibition booth at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service began touting it in 1934 as part of the New Deal's efforts to help farmers. The agency planted at farm after farm, insisting it would cover slopes and gullies to stop soil from being washed away.

The ground cover did help restore ponds and streams, but it soon ran wild and southern states now spend millions hacking it out of roads, telephone lines and forests, where its dense foliage smothers trees.

It resembles a grapevine.

During recent droughts in the South, when much of the region was a disaster area, some farmers fed it to their livestock. Kudzu is a member of the bean family, with roots that grow up to eight feet deep. Although frost kills the leaves, the roots can survive temperatures down to 20 below.

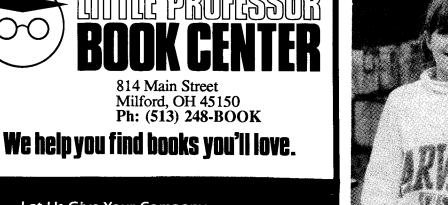
The Georgia Experiment Station, run by the University of Georgia, recommends the vine to farmers.

"Kudzu is well liked by all forms of livestock, including cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, goats, rabbits and poultry," said R.W. Stephens, a plant specialist. "Kudzu is a highprotein feed, testing as high as 18% and comparing favorably with alfalfa in every respect, except that it is lower in calcium when grown on acid soils.

Robert McCance, who runs the Ohio Department of Natural Resources natural heritage program in Columbus, believes the Hamilton County kudzu is the only one in the state.

"I hope it stays that way, too," McCance said. "I'm hoping it doesn't take over like in the South."

McCance said it could have come accidentally from the South. A chunk could have gotten on During early March, the Cub someone's clothing or car, or onto or a tractor. He said the plant could spread through cuttings.



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## **Cubs Seeking Cash-For-Trash**

Cub Scouts in Terrace Park's Pack 97 will hold their annual cashfor-trash fundraiser on Saturday, March 18

Scouts will be seeking pledges for a piece of construction equipm each bag of litter they will collect around the village. The focus will again be the old railroad right-ofway and the Drackett Field area. The campaign is in charge of David Moyer and Mike Pritz.

Learning To Mind The Store

Margie Howe pays cashier Aaron McClurg for her groceries at the

Terrace Park Elementary Market set up at the school by parent volunteers

for Math Week January 30 through February 3. Student bankers and

cashiers assisted the customers with their purchases. Chocolates were

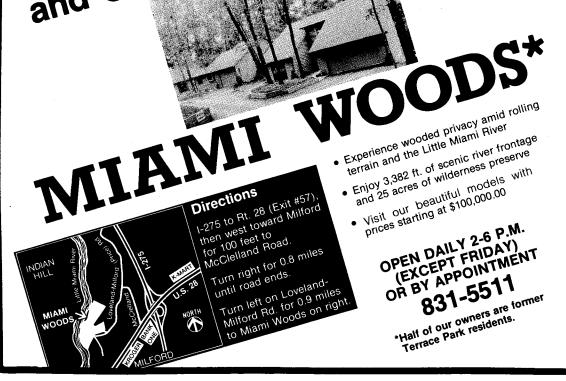
made chocolate chip cookies using 50 pound bags of brown sugar. Math

week ended with a celebration complete with cake on the 100th

day of school.

Students learned the importance of numbers from the Keebler Elf who

most popular with local shoppers while oatmeal never left the shelf.



### Kindervelt Plans Easter Egg Hunt

Kindervelt 76 will hold its fifth annual Easter Egg hunt on the village green at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18. Children seven years old and under are invited. For reservations, call Liz Kaesar at 248-2651 no later than March 13. The cost is \$2 per child or \$5 for a family of three or more.

The Easter Bunny will be available for photos with children for an \$8 fee; refreshments will be sold and a raffle drawing held at \$1 per ticket - all proceeds going to benefit Children's Hospital.

### Students Honored At Country Day

Cincinnati Country Day students achieving high honors for the second quarter grading period included Terrace Park residents Jacob Scholl, grade 10; Sandra Scholl, grade 9; and Alex Phillips, arade 7. Students receiving honors included Whitney McDonald, grade 11; Kristy Walsh, grade 9, and Larissa Myslik, grade 8.



#### **Dates Set For** Children's Play With the Terrace Park Players dinner theater still in production, plans already are under way for the Children's Play. The dates have been set for Saturday, May 20, and Sunday, May 21. Dates for sign-up and the play will be announced Terrace Park The response of the children has been tremendous in the past, but

the Players need your help in producing and directing this production. If you can assist in any way, please call Jan Schloss at 248-2725. Don't be shy in volunteering time and talents desperately needed to assure that the Children's Play

### On Dean's List

Leslie Robinson of Milford, junior studying financial management, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Clemson University. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, 403 Stanton Ave.

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