

TRACKER

*Tracking Our Past and Present
for the Future*



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PAINTED PURSES



Does anyone remember these painted wooden purses? An article on the Kids From Terrace Park Facebook page by Derek White prompted over 50 responses and several photos. Originally created for a church bazaar, the purses must have been very popular - lots of people owned one or knew someone who did. One person had even made theirs into a lamp.

Each purse was hand painted and showed iconic scenes from Terrace Park. If you look closely at the image on the left, you can see two long-gone village structures - Terrace Park Tavern and Hospitality House.



TRIBUTE TO ESTHER POWER

by Carol C. Cole

Esther Hobson Moore Power was born November 12, 1924 and died April 3, 2024. (She joked that her initials stood for 'Her Majesty'). She would have been 100 years old in November!

Born into a Chester County, Pennsylvania family with roots going back to the late 1600's and early 1700's, she was surrounded by Colonial and Revolutionary War history from the beginning. After she graduated from Swarthmore College, she lived in a variety of places, always focusing on the local history and "the land, who owns it, how it came to be."

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TERRACE PARK HOUSE TOUR



Save the date! The Terrace Park 'Eras Tour' has been scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024. The Tour will feature houses from all eras of Terrace Park history (with a nod to the Taylor Swift!)

2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The winners of our college scholarship essay contest are Clara Hampton and Andrew Seichter. The essay subject this year was to write about a person, perhaps a teacher or a coach, who inspired you during your time in Terrace Park. There were 7 essays this year and the Board was challenged to choose 2 favorites. Both winners received \$500 and both plan to attend the University of Tennessee in the fall. The essays for each year are kept in our archives, where they are available to visitors.

50 YEARS AGO IN TERRACE PARK

On April 3, 1974 an F5 tornado hit Cincinnati. The April 1974 Village Views records, "Terrace Park's old fire siren was the community's lone casualty in the April 3 tornadoes." Fortunately, the siren lived long enough to warn the village of the impending danger before expiring.

In an article about the Village Council and taxes, it was stated that the average income in Terrace Park was \$10,000.

On May 9, the two anti-tank guns on the Village Green were moved to their current location, prompting eloquent letters from residents on the pros and cons of the move. (The Village Views for 1974 are available on our website, tphistoricalsociety.org under 'Publications').

CIRCUS PRESENTATION



On Wednesday, May 1, members of the TPHS were invited to present a program for the Anderson Historical Society. Volunteers Paulette Luneborg and Sylvia Stirman provided a brief history of one of Terrace Park's most memorable episodes - the years when the famous Robinson Circus made our village their winter

headquarters.

1957 TERRACE PARK SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



In 1957, Terrace Park School had an impressive marching band, with at least 50 members shown in this photo. Baton swirling was also very popular, prompting a letter from music director, Thomas Tate. (Continued on Page 4)

TINY ELEPHANTS FOR THE CIRCUS!



On June 4, The Terrace Park Garden Club held a Flower Show at the Community Building. The theme was 'Floral Reflections of Terrace Park Landmarks' and the Blue Ribbon for 'fairy gardens' went to TPHS board member Marcia Moyer.

Marcia's garden showed a miniature jungle scene featuring carved ivory elephants and a safari-suited Gil Robinson seeking exotic animals to take back to the Robinson Circus in Terrace Park. There is a red circus train car in the background and a sign saying, 'Terrace Park, Ohio USA - 4580 miles'.

The caption reads: "Gil Robinson, brother of Terrace Park's John Robinson II, owner of the John Robinson Circus, roamed the world in search of exotic animals for the circus. Here he is in the jungle of Africa, luring elephants to 'Join the Circus'. Do you think one might be Tillie?"

ESTHER POWER CONT.

Esther and her husband, Paul, came to the Cincinnati area in 1961, and moved to 619 Amherst Avenue in Terrace Park 1986. By 1987 she had joined the Terrace Park Woman's Club, where she remained a valuable member until 2011. She became "Archivist" for the Village from 1990-1997, but always maintained that she shouldn't be given that title, since she didn't have the proper technical training for it. A 1991 article gives her no doubt very well deserved credit for "'organizing nearly 100 years' worth of Village records", which she used extensively during her "more-than-a-year" research for Ellis Rawnsley's book "A Place Called Terrace Park". Esther also did research for Ellis on a book about John Smith. Unfortunately this one was never published, since it was thought more research should be done before publication. As a result, all that material remains in the Terrace Park Historical Society's extensive archives.



As the Village approached the 100th year celebration of the incorporation of Terrace Park, Esther started setting up exhibitions in the Community House on topics of historical interest. She was part of a small group of women who in 1995 suggested to the Terrace Park Woman's Club that it should take on the mammoth job of documenting the many changes that were taking place in Terrace Park. A committee was formed and that was the beginning of the Terrace Park Building Survey, now available to all on the internet: <http://tpsurvey.com>. Esther's exhibitions were taken over by that group.

By 2001 the Terrace Park Historical Society was established, giving Esther another place where she could share her expertise. Articles she wrote for Village Views show some of her major interests: "Early Flight Paths over Terrace Park", "Early Medical Care in Terrace Park", "Leaf Land Below Terrace Park Bluff", "The Role of TP Building & Loan in the Depression." With Carol C. Cole she wrote "Terrace Park: From Unsettled Land to Incorporation, 1789-1893". She was a loyal member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where she also worked in the archives.

Esther moved from Terrace Park in 1997 and lived in various apartments in Mariemont until in 2011 when she made her final move to Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community in Hyde Park. At the same time she retired from the Terrace Park Woman's Club. In retirement she remained very active, continuing to be very sharp right up to the end. Esther was a very humble woman, never seeking the limelight, but contributing greatly to our knowledge of all things Terrace Park.

MARCHING BAND (CONT.)



Letter from Band Director, Thomas Tate:

"During the past year there has been a tremendous rise in interest in baton twirling here in Terrace Park. The Band has been growing by leaps and bounds and majorettes are of course a part of this school organization. Many mothers have been calling and asking about baton lessons for their daughters. In order to meet this request, we are starting a baton twirling school on Saturday mornings in the school auditorium. The price of class lessons will be 50 cents a half-hour per week. The teacher will be Miss Carol Wiebold, who is our head Drum Majorette at Terrace Park. Miss Wiebold has studied at the Butler University school for Majorettes."

Carol's original uniform, on the left, is in our museum. It was made by her mother, Biddy Wiebold, as the school did not have enough money left after buying all the band uniforms.

The images below show Carol with the other majorettes and the band marching in the Labor Day Parade, 1957.



TEAR-US-A-PARK by Gosh and Golly

Who Cars?

The art of driving is a very unique one. There are two classes of drivers, good drivers and women drivers. This is what makes driving so unique. It might be interesting to note, however, that men drivers were involved in more fatal accidents than were women during the past year, proving one thing - men just aren't good traffic dodgers.

Women have developed a peculiarity all their own - in driving circles; this is known as backseat driving. This is extremely difficult as you may have already realized, since in most cars the steering apparatus, the clutch, brake, accelerator and so forth are located forward. To do this type of driving, a person must have extra long arms, legs and 99-99 vision. However, never underestimate the power of a woman.

First aid to cars is all important. Most people know that at some time or other it is necessary to choke your car motor. This isn't as brutal as it might sound no matter how much it might hurt to perform the "operation". So, just do it and then feed the motor plenty of gas - it will recover in no time.

In place of choking the motor, some people simply resort to throttling. This is worse than ever - not only does it physically hurt the car, but the poor things' mental outlook on the road becomes extremely low.

Then there are those fresh drivers who love to clutch their cars. "I love you gear", they mumble. "Hum - m -m " the motor replies, its little fuel lines pumping gas, oil and water furiously, the spark plugs firing back their love.

Cars always have a battery of troubles - once in a while an eye goes bad, the "make-up" comes off, a "leg" may go bad, some cars suffer from flat "feet" while others are victims of malnutrition. A car hospital is your nearest filling station. Take advantage of it.

REMEMBERING THE 'POD' BUILDING



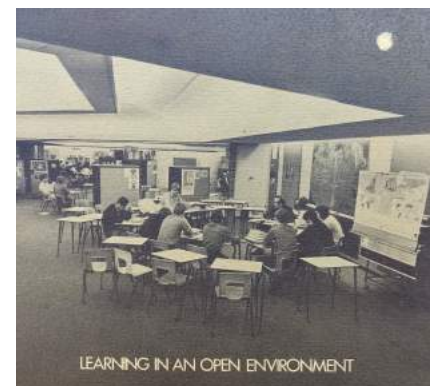
One of our members recently donated a brochure for the old 'new' Mariemont High School building that was opened in 1971.

The brochure states that "Mariemont High School was designed to implement modern teaching techniques. The open space concept provides adaptability for inevitable changes in enrollment and teaching methods. "Learning Centers" with no fixed walls, allow virtually any teaching strategy."

"After an initial period of orientation, Mariemont teachers noted that it was not necessary to raise the voice level to communicate effectively. It was also discovered that student attention was improved by the open environment."

A lot has changed since then. The new 'new' high school opened in 2021. "After careful research and evaluation, it was decided that the nearly 50-year-old building was no longer suitable to provide the type of modern education that our students needed in order to be prepared for today's world. "

"Classrooms are larger; new collaboration spaces allow for more spaces to work collectively; new opportunities like Broadcast and eSports are now available to students...all classrooms are equipped with technology upgrades compatible with the students' common devices".



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MEMBERSHIP

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support.

To our Lifetime members - Thank you for your very generous contributions - you have already donated substantially to our organization. To our other members - We hope that you will continue to find our work worthwhile. You can use the following form to renew your membership through December 2025. For online membership, visit tphistoricalsociety.org/membership.

Membership Renewal Form - Mail to: The Terrace Park Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

Yes! We want to continue to support the Terrace Park Historical Society by extending our membership through 2025. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership:

Corporate/Patron(\$100) Heritage(\$50) Family(\$25) Individual (\$15)

Lifetime (\$1000 Payable over 4 years) Donation

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Thank you - we appreciate your help!

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