

TRACKER



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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2025 Is Going To Be A Busy, Fun-Filled Year!

With a chill in the air, the squirrels are very active...especially the WHITE SQUIRRELS! To create excitement and awareness of two wonderful organizations in Terrace Park, The Historical Society and Terrace Park's Kindervelt Chapter #76 will be teaming up to create a fun filled "Year of the White Squirrel."



- In December of 2024, we will be selling small Lego kits that create a miniature white squirrel.
- We will be holding a contest of young local artists to create a Christmas ornament to be sold to our community in December, 2024.
- To all Terrace Park Creatives - you are invited to create a piece of white squirrel artwork. Any medium is welcome! (Letter enclosed)
- Slated for spring 2025, in a combined venture with Kindervelt #76, we will be hosting a FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT! All clues will point to historical spots throughout Terrace Park. The hunt will then lead all participants to the Village Green to enjoy a family friendly party and exhibit of the unique art created for this special friend we have in Terrace Park - THE WHITE SQUIRREL! Details and more information will be distributed as we get closer to each event.

This Tracker edition is full of beautiful memories from days gone by. The paper copy is one of the rewards of membership, but this month's issue is going out to all of Terrace Park as a way to let our community know more about us. There is a form on the back if you are interested in becoming a member. Please feel free during these upcoming winter days to visit our Museum, Gallery and Archives to warm up and learn more about Terrace Park's local history. We are in the office on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Other times are available by contacting the Historical Society.)

2024 Annual Meeting: If you would like to learn more about our activities and maybe get involved, you are invited to attend our 2024 Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 4-5pm in our location in the lower level of St. Thomas Church.

Wishing everyone a Happy Fall and Holiday Season from the Terrace Park Historical Society.

Laurie Baird, President, Terrace Park Historical Society

MEMORIAL IN THE NETHERLANDS



Paul Scott

Did you know that a group of Dutch volunteers in the Netherlands American Cemetery have been tending the grave of a Terrace Park High School graduate for nearly 75 years?

We were recently made aware of the story when Milford Historical Society member, Larry Curless visited our offices. He explained that the volunteers at the Netherlands American Cemetery wanted to know if there was any information about the young man named Paul Scott who was buried in their cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands. (Continued on Page 3)

MILFORD LANDMARKS

We recently enjoyed a visit from two members of the Greater Milford Historical Society, Larry Curless and Greg VonLuehrte. Larry, who grew up in historic Milford, shared part of his collection of photos of the area around the Milford Bridge.



Milford covered bridge over the Little Miami River -1891/1894



Scott's Mill and Fountain, Milford, Ohio.

Original mill on Main Street in Milford

THE YELLOW BUS

A book about an old school bus parked behind the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Dennison was the inspiration for a New York Times bestselling children's book. Cincinnati author/illustrator Loren Long first noticed the bus one day when he was out on the bike path with his dog, Charlie.

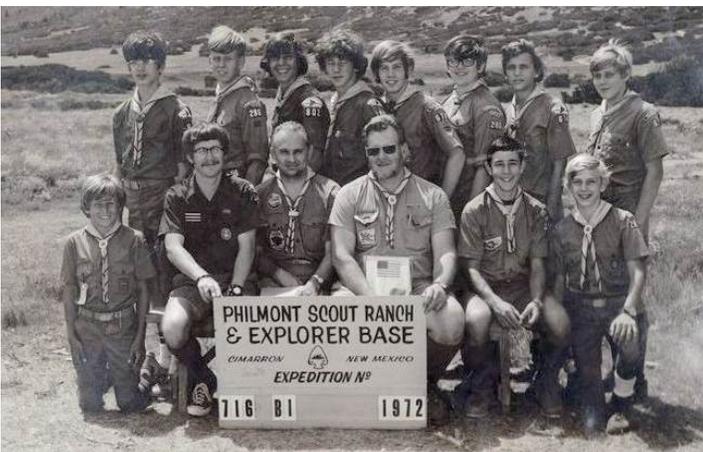


According to a Cincinnati Magazine article (Kelly Blewett, June 2024), "At first, the bus struck Loren as simply odd. It was an object that was at once mundane and iconic and yet in the wrong spot. Why was the bus parked in a goat paddock? "

His curiosity and imagination resulted in an uplifting story that cast the bus as a place of refuge, not just for the real-life rescued goats at the Schoolhouse Restaurant, but for many other creatures, large and small.

You can find 'The Yellow Bus' on Amazon.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - TERRACE PARK SCOUTS, 1972



Troup 286 at Camp Philmont Expedition, 1972, Terrace Park members are Curt Olsen, Lon Stirsman, Bruce Halley, Jim Vogt, John Auksberger, Blake Tollefson



Troup 268 Eagle Scout award ceremony, 1972: Bob Holloway, Scott Grosse, Blake Tollefson, Lon Stirsman, and Ron Capehart, are shown with their scoutmaster, Jim Allison

WW I MEMORIES

We recently received a donation of materials that had belonged to late Terrace Park resident, Charlie Cornish. The Cornish family lived at 725 Wooster Pike and Charlie was stationed in France during WW I as an engineer. After the war he stayed on in the service and went to Germany to help rebuild, as he had skills as a carpenter. He must have also been a good photographer because he returned with dozens of clear photos of the places and people he encountered in various locations in Europe. The envelope below is from a postcard he sent to his mother on February 10, 1919 where he tells her he is 'in the best of health' and stationed in Arzheim, Germany with the Company B 308 Engineers. You are welcome to visit and view the entire collection in our archives.



Soldiers with train in Europe



Postcard from Charlie Cornish to his mother February 10, 1919

NETHERLANDS MEMORIAL CONTINUED

We checked our archives and learned that Paul had graduated from Terrace Park High School in 1939, where he played for the school baseball team as a second baseman.

Paul Scott attained rank of Sergeant and was a gunner/bombardier on a B-26 marauder mid range bomber. He served our country during WWII in the USAAF and died on March 26, 1944 when his plane was shot down. On his last flight his crew had just opened the bomb bay doors when they were struck by a German 88mm artillery shell. There were no survivors.

There is an entry for Paul on the American Battle Monuments Commission website where we learned that he received a purple heart for his service. (<https://www.abmc.gov/database-search>)



According to their website, <https://www.abmc.gov/Netherlands>, The Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial is the only American military cemetery in the Netherlands. "It covers 65.5 acres where rest 8,288 of our military dead, their headstones set in long curves." Another 1,722 names are recorded on the 'Tablets of the Missing'.

"Unique to the cemetery is the connection with the Dutch people. Since 1945 members of the local community have adopted the grave sites of our fallen. They bring flowers to the cemetery and research the life of the service member as a way to honor their sacrifice... This group collects photos of our fallen, and sponsors a bi-annual event at the cemetery during Dutch Memorial Day weekend. More than 3,000 photos are on display that weekend next to headstones and the Walls of the Missing, bringing visitors face-to-face with their liberators."

CIRCUS GIANT



We recently hosted a visitor who was looking for information on a giant! As it turned out, she had more information than we did. We were surprised to learn that one of the most famous of circus giants, Martin Van Buren Bates, 7' 11", had been a performer with the John Robinson Circus.

Bates, a Kentucky native, had been a Confederate captain in the Civil War and when the war was over, he spent 5 years touring with The Robinson Circus as part of its 'Cabinet of Curiosities'. Then, in 1871, preparing for a European tour, his agent introduced him to the his perfect match - Anna Swan, of Nova Scotia, Canada, who was actually a few inches taller than Bates!

The two fell in love and traveled with PT Barnum to England where, according to Martin's diary, they were 'Ordered by royal command to appear before Her Most Gracious Majesty,

Queen Victoria, at Buckingham Palace. The Queen expressed her pleasure in the warmest terms and presented us with several valuable presents. ' (Queen Victoria supplied the dress material for the wedding dress including 100 yards of satin and 50 yards of lace). They were married on June 17, 1871, at the Church of St. Martins in-the-Fields facing Trafalgar Square, and eventually left the circus life to settle in Seville, Ohio.

There are many articles and videos about their story on the internet, and we have saved many of them in our archives, if you would like to learn more about this remarkable man.

FRED WILLIAMS PAINTINGS

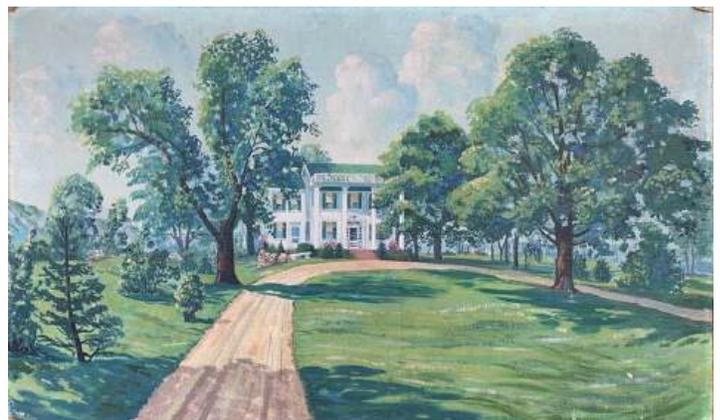
In our March issue, we included a painting of Earl's Cafe by Terrace Park artist, Fred Williams. Since then, several people have stepped forward with photos of some of his other paintings. We would especially like to thank Lifetime member Lynn Mileham for her donation of the winter scene of the Fenton House on Elm Avenue, which is now displayed in our Gallery.

According to a March 2005 Village Views article, 'Fred Williams was a famous local artist who came to Miami Grove and fell in love with the beautiful setting. He moved into one of the rented rooms under Earl's Café. He was a prolific painter and used whatever material was available to him, often times discarded cardboard or wood signs. The 'rug' sign on the right was the backing for the Riverboat painting.

We would like to add to our collection of these paintings. If you have one you would like to donate, or let us photograph, please let us know.



Fenton House on Elm Ave.



907 Elm Ave. Painting was found in attic of house by Goorian family in 1959.

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The Ader Family, In Memory of Thomas F. Ader
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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 join or renew your membership through December 2025. For online membership, visit tphistoricalsociety.org/membership.

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

Yes! I want to support the Terrace Park Historical Society with a 2025 membership. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for the following membership level:

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

Lifetime (\$1000 Payable over 4 years) Donation

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Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Thank you - we appreciate your help!

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