

Village Views

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New Officials To Be Installed New Year's Day

Formal installation of Terrace Park's new Council members and others recently elected and appointed officials will be held in Council Chamber at the Community Building, January 1, 1970, New Year's Day, at 1 p.m.

Mayor Carl Lindell will administer the oath of office to Mrs. Janet B. Decker, Richard A. Feldon, Donald L. Knapp and Lawrence B. Lyons, Council members; and W. Rayburn Cadwallader, Village Treasurer. The new Police Chief, Robert Hiatt, will also assume his official duties on that day.

Mayor Lindell will announce his appointments to the various Council committees, and complete the organizing details at the meeting, which will be brief. Friends of the new officials will attend the ceremony.

Scrooge Enacted At School Musical

Dickens' Christmas Carol will be enacted by 6th and 7th grade pupils at Terrace Park School, along with a musical program led by 5th graders Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. Parents and public are invited as welcome guests of the school.

Mrs. Madeline Zimmerman, assisted by Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. McCarthy, directed the production. Principal characters: Scrooge, David Reagan; Bob Cratchett, Scott Boeing; Jacob Marley, Roger Meth; 3 spirits, Nancy Hopkins, Kathy Haer and Barbara Pontius. Others in the cast include:

Mike Dominique, Tom Dougherty, Mary Dunning, Chip Feldon, Jud Gerwin, Beth Griffith, Kevin Henderson, Bob Holloway, Bruce Halley, Sally Holt, Holly Hovarter, Cindy Kain, Shelly Morton, Carrie Pruett, Robin Ritchie, Karl Sprague, Becky Shundich, Blake Tollen and Tom VanDyke.

Volunteers from 5th and 6th grades served on committees of publicity, scenery and costumes, programs & stage crew.



A Canticle for the Nativity

**And the earth was without form, and void:
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved upon the waters.
And God said, Let there be light.**

Gen. 1:

**The light shineth in darkness;
and the darkness comprehended it not.
He was in the world, and the world was made by Him.
In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
... And the Word was God.**

St. John 1:

Crèche, Carols And Communion Will Celebrate Christmas At Services In Village Church

All of the smaller children in the Village or in the parish area, with their families, are invited to attend the blessing of the Christmas crèche, which will be set up at the Children's service in St. Thomas Church, Wednesday, December 24, at 4 p.m.

At 8 p.m. Christmas Eve, a Service of Lessons and carols will be held with a

series of narrative readings from the Gospel story of Christ's coming, and the carols of the season.

The Choral Eucharist at 11 p.m. is the traditional "midnight" service of Holy Communion.

On Christmas Day, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m. (without music).

Sermons will be preached at all services. Ministers conducting will be the Rector, Rev. Robert D. Gerhard, Rev. Frederick P. LaCrone and Rev. George H. Laib. Senior and junior choirs are directed by Mr. Ritter Werner, organist-choirmaster.

Nursery will be provided at all services except the Choral Eucharist.



"Pops" and Choristers to Carol in Streets



Members of the Terrace Park "Pops" Chorus will join with Village church singers and others in carol singing about the Village on Sunday evening, December 21. Jack VanWye's "Pops" group is shown be-

low with some of Ritter Werner's choir singers preparing a Christmas repertoire.

The next concert of the "Pops" musical group will

be held in February. After rehearsal Sunday at the Van Wye studio, there will be a covered dish supper before the chorus and choir members join forces in the traditional carols of the Christmas season.



Probes Begun For Village Tree Nursery

A tree nursery appeared in prospect for 1970, from an exchange between Village Council and the Terrace Park Garden Club at Council meeting, December 9.

Ruth Rugh presented the Garden Club's inquiry as to Council plans for tree replacement of damaged or undesirable stock; and suggested that Council designate a plot of Village-owned land for a tree nursery.

Comments of Council members reflected a favorable attitude, but no action was taken. Mayor Lindell read a letter he had written to the Garden Club suggesting that a study be had written to the Garden Club suggesting that a study be made of suitable varieties of trees and the feasibility of a public nursery. He offered the names of Ellis Rawnsley, Del Steiger Wald and CG&E forester Jack Farrell as possible advisers.

The Mayor invited the Garden Club to initiate this study and present a defined project for Council action.

Dinner to Honor Matt and Edith

"Matt and Edith Cook Day," December 23, was decreed at the final 1969 meeting of Village Council, honoring the retiring Chief of Police and his wife, both of whom have served Terrace Park for many years.

A Testimonial Dinner will be held for the Cooks at the American Legion Hall in Milford, Tuesday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m. by resolution of the Council, and members Tib Davis and Lew Washburn were ordered to make the arrangements.

Toastmaster will be Village Solicitor Bob Leming who drafted the Village Resolution of Appreciation. Mayor Carl Lindell will make a presentation speech.

All friends and admirers of the honorees are invited to attend the dinner and ceremonies at the Legion Hall. Cost is \$4 per plate, and reservations must be made by Saturday, December 20. For reservations call Don Knapp, 831-0050.



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"Myth" or "Truth"

The world, ever prideful of its sophistication, again joins indulgently in celebrating the time - worn "myth" of Christmas. The day will be celebrated also by Christians.

Our generation is not especially in tune with "myths" -- a term used to denounce false explanations that fool the gullible. The magic word today is "Truth", and according to our literary and social pundits, the truth is an appalling indictment of human nature. With boldness and honesty unknown to any previous age, it is said, they free us from the fetters of myth, and "tell it like it is."

But is this truly "like it is?" One may also be gullible in this kind of sophistication. Certainly it is not new. The image-breaker, the sower of mistrust and recriminations, has been walking to and fro in the earth throughout the ages, creating his own myth -- the "like it is" of despair.

Perhaps that kind of "truth" is salutary, but is only part. And the myth of "like it is" can be only a part of that greater myth where Truth may lodge: -- of One who loved the world and did not despair for men.

"Fear not!" said the messenger. "I bring you tidings of great joy; for unto you . . ."

Lines from Michigan:

As an old-time resident of Terrace Park, your publication is of much interest to me. Ray Grayson, 747 Park, an old and valued friend of mine, sent me a copy that contained an old picture of the A.B.C. Conkling Grocery. Dad was one of the incorporators of Terrace Park, in 1892, and one of its first officials. Many years ago, I had Terrace Park's first and only print shop, located in the shed of Dad's barn . . . When I was a kid, the Park was a village of around 200 people, including the children. The sidewalks were cinder paths.

. . . As to "electrification," Roy L. Underwood, an electrical engineering graduate of Purdue University, laid the first lines and put up the first lights and furnished the power from a gas-engine operated plant located at the south end of Miami Avenue.

I am a young man yet at 82. Keep up your good work: Terrace Park folks have always been enthusiastic, cooperative citizens.

Roy Baxter Conkling, Sr., Gladston, Mich.

Distinguished Company

We are honored by the gracious art contribution of Bill Fay on our Christmas issue front page. Bill is widely known in art circles for his creative work and superior technique. He has also had a successful career in commercial art. Everyone knows that Allan Kain is responsible for the distinctive photographic effect of our front page masthead. With every issue we hear favorable comment about it. We are most fortunate in getting help from this photographic artist of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Being associated with VILLAGE VIEWS reminds us often of the generous spirit of our neighbors, and we have an unusual number of neighbors of distinction. Whenever VILLAGE VIEWS has asked for help, they give of their talents without hesitation. For mere editors, this is a humbling experience.

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Santa's Christmas party for the children will be held at the Community House, Sunday, December 21, at 2:30 p.m. This annual event is sponsored by the Village Volunteer Fire Department. Santa will be present in person to distribute candy canes and apples as the kids gather 'round the Christmas tree.

CAN YOU HELP? The East End Neighborhood Services, Inc., needs canned goods, clothing (especially children's), bed linen and blankets. Clothing need not be in good repair. If you can contribute articles or service, call Sandy Preston (831-7508) or Joan Kennedy (831-6692).

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Forum Scans Wooster Pike

Plans to avert indiscriminate land exploitation along Wooster Pike were prime topics at the November 23 meeting of the Village Forum. Potential traffic and health hazards and unsightly approaches were given as causes for Terrace Park concern. Dave Pannkuk and Dick Griffith were named to head information committees to keep abreast of current developments; and inter-community action was declared essential for quality control in developing what is now township land.

The meeting was called by Bob Vogt, chairman, to sound out preferences for emphasis in the 1970 Forum program. The group included Forum trustees, two Village Councilmen, others who take office in January, Superintendent Robert Crabbs of Mariemont School District and a few without portfolio.

Superintendent Crabbs noted the scheduled completion date, August 19, 1970, for the new high school building, and mentioned prospects for a new Hamilton County Library branch to use the same access at Pocahontas St. He expressed concern over reported plans for a discount merchandising operation to locate on land just across Wooster Pike from the school. He envisioned a traffic menace for school pupils, among other disadvantages. Annexation and zoning is desirable, he said, but Mariemont's progress here lags behind business expansion. He recommended wider public information and awareness.

Councilman Dick Feldon stated that Mayor Lindell has been actively engaged in the annexation problem over many months, in concert with mayors of Mariemont, Newtown and Indian Hill.

Progress reports of the information committees will be heard at the next Forum meeting in January.

Village Bulletin Board

DECEMBER

- 18 - Terrace Park School music program
- 19 - Schools begin Christmas vacation
- 19 - Clodhoppers' Christmas dance
- 19 - MHS basketball at Deer Park
- 21 - Santa Claus at the Community House, 2:30 p.m.
- 23 - Matt and Edith Cook Day - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - MHS basketball, alumni game

JANUARY

- 1 - New Year's Day, Village officials sworn in
- 2 - MHS basketball, Madeira
- 5 - School reopens
- 5 - Tree burning ceremonies
- 6 - Garden Club meeting
- 9 - MHS basketball, Glen Este
- 10 - MHS basketball, at Milford
- 12 - Terrace Park PTA meeting, 8 p.m.
- 13 - Village Council meeting
- 13 - High School PTA, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - League of Women Voters, 9 a.m.
- 15 - Bookmobile, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
- 16 - MHS basketball, Loveland
- 17 - Couples Club pot luck supper

Please call Bonnie Rawnsley 831-2551 to give dates of upcoming events of general interest.



Lights Up For Christmas As Contest Lures

Christmas lights on the Village Green inaugurated the holiday season, December 8, with the traditional stringing of light-garlands by the Fire Department on the Great Christmas Tree.

"Light up the Park" is something the Terrace Park Garden Club hopes every home in the village will participate in during the Christmas holidays. And to add a bit of incentive, cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded by the club to the three decorations judged to be most outstanding.

No entry forms are re-

quired. The judges will drive through the Village on Friday, December 26, at 7 p.m. and any display visible from the street will be included in the competition. Decorations may be outdoors or indoor: window, door, lamp post, lawn, roof, etc. and "contestants" are urged to use decorations large enough to be seen from a car.

The previous contest, two years ago resulted in an unexpectedly high number of artistic decorations.

Diane DeCamp is contest chairman in the Garden Club project.

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At a surprise party on the occasion of his 80th birthday, Albert G. Kipp, of 709 Myrtle Ave., was toasted by neighbors (left to right) Mesdames Eleanor Gallagher, Jill Burkman, Charlotte White, Gladys Green, and Miss Cathi White. Graydon Gallagher and Ken Burkman assisted photographer Wray White.

Mr. Kipp and the late Mrs. Kipp came to Terrace Park in 1937.



Council Corner

At the December 9 meeting of Village Council, Solicitor Robert Leming read a letter from the King Kwik Minit Market which stated that it was their intent not to serve beer and wine in the Terrace Park store although the D-1 and D-2 license issued by the State Liquor Board is for that purpose. Mr. Leming pointed out that several of the company's stores are currently operating on this type license because C-1 and C-2 licenses were not available.

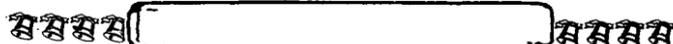
The D-1, D-2, D-3 and C-1, C-2 licenses held by previous occupants of the building which will be torn down are now deposited in escrow in Columbus and may be so held for one year.

As a result of the letter from King Kwik, Mayor Lindell and Mr. Leming did not go to Columbus for the December 10 hearing. A copy of the letter was sent to the Liquor Board.

Retiring Councilman Bud Peterson presented a proposal for a new subdivision of six lots just east of the Wrenwood Lane exit to Wooster Pike. This land is owned by Walter Maerki who also asks approval to put in a private street entering on Wooster to serve four of the houses. Council gave tentative approval to the proposal if all street and zoning requirements are met. However, final approval is in the hands of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Lindell and Council also accepted with regret the resignation of John Smale, a member of the commission who is moving from Terrace Park.

Council passed a resolution giving the Safety chairman the authority to advertise for a new police cruiser. Frank Corbin pointed out that the process of obtaining a new cruiser takes about 100 days, so it is desirable to start proceedings for spring delivery of a new car.



NEW OFFICERS of the Recreation Committee are Nick Shundich, president; Sallie Lyons, vice president and John Hodges, treasurer.

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the book worm

by sue huprich

As we approach the religious season, my reading seemed to be directed quite unintentionally to several books based on religious themes. In This House of Brede by Rumer Godden one encounters Phillapa Talbot, "a human, balanced person with a reasonable record, with the luck of having money, friends, love. Only suddenly it wasn't enough." This is the story of a 40 year old woman who enters a Benedictine monastery—a stronghold of faith and perpetual prayer. A story well executed of spiritual strength - a life lived "without sloth or haste" as St. Benedict's Rule lays down. To authenticate this book Miss Godden lived at the gates of an English Benedictine monastery seeking help and advice from the nuns. A book three years in the writing and entirely different from her previous books.

The two boys who grew up in Brooklyn in the traditional world of Jewish orthodoxy depicted in The Chosen are now young men in The Promise, the new novel by Chaim Potok. Reuven Malter, studying to be a rabbi, is challenged by an unbending fanatical teacher, a survivor of the Nazi death camps. The driven Daniel Saunders is beginning his career as a clinical psychologist gambling intuition against established treatment in his first case - the treatment of a very young boy, deeply disturbed. The story is moving, sensitive and bespeaks the discipline inherent in the personality raised in Jewish orthodoxy. Both of the above books leave the reader with a feeling of serenity and hope which is not always found in the current literary attempts of today.

A book to be remembered this season, and an important book of our time is Anne Morrow Lindbergh's A Gift From The Sea. A book every woman should read and have to reread - a marvelous "gift" book for a special friend, a young mother, a married daughter. Another thoughtful book is Look To This Day by Wilma Dykeman, a book of essays of her thoughts about and views on life and all its ramifications. A book worth reading whether one agrees or not with her particular views.

THIRD THURSDAY FOR BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile of the Hamilton County Public Library comes to Terrace Park the third Thursday of each month. Hours are from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the Community House. Books are borrowed as from any other library desk, and books that are not on Bookmobile shelves can be ordered for a later delivery.

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St. Nicholas, The Bishop of Myra

by Laura W. Douglas

Imagine the impossible: What a delight it would be to meet the Bishop of Myra. It was at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. that he buffeted Arius, the heretic, on the jaw. Perhaps a left uppercut. In front of a roaring fire, courtesy of the August tornado, over egg-nog we might discuss his fisticuffs in defense of the Son of God and his metamorphosis: from bishop to Saint Nicholas to Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas has been one of the busiest of saints in the hierarchy of the holy ones: patron saint of Russia and Aberdeen, parish clerks and scholars, pawn brokers -- he gave three gold balls to the daughters of a poor man so they should not be compelled to earn their dowers in a disreputable way. His patronage is invoked by sailors: he allayed a storm during a voyage to the holy land. He is also patron saint of little boys, having restored three of them to life after they had been cut up and pickled in a salting vat to serve for bacon. There must have been a feminist movement during the centuries since St. Nicholas's demise because in his latter days little girls, as well as little boys, enjoy his largesse.

Although no research discloses who installed him at the North Pole, clothed him in ermine-trimmed red, donated reindeer, induced him to grow a beard and stay over-long at the table, most authorities attribute his appearance, possessions and habits to Clement Clarke Moore. Mr. Moore wrote A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS, or more popularly known as THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, in 1823, and supposedly the unique North American Santa Claus was established. The Dutch Sinter Klaas, from whom he was copied and who still dresses as a bishop, with a red miter on his head, rides a white horse and leaves gifts for children on December 6, St. Nicholas's birthday, though purportedly synonymous with Santa Claus, seems only a first cousin once removed.

The buffet on Arius's jaw proved that St. Nicholas was human before he was sanctified and that is why children trust him. He can be relied upon to understand the whims, fancies, wants, yearnings and demands that must infuriate him at times, no matter how many elves he has hammering and gluing overtime at pay-and-a-half, double on Sunday. The children may not know that St. Nicholas saved three little boys from a pickling vat, but should they know, they would believe. They would comprehend that St. Nicholas, of all the saints, even though they must share him with Russia and the Scots, parish clerks and scholars, sailors and pawn brokers is truly theirs.

Legend and customs, truth and fantasy have become so intertwined that the baby Jesus and the beneficent North American Santa Claus share equally in the celebration of Christmas: make the celebrating an amalgam of worship and the receiving and giving of gifts. Somewhere in this intertwined cat's-cradle there are snowflake patterns, no two a like, which only the Christian faithful and children see clearly.

Merry Christmas, small bright-eyed, bushy-tailed Terrace Parkers. The mouse you hear stirring is Santa Claus tip-toeing through the pine needles, shaking the soot from his ermine and rewarding you for your faith.

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Promotions

On Fire Squad

George Kahuda has been promoted to captain and Ted Ringwald to lieutenant on the Fire Department effective October 1.

Kahuda, who lives at 752 Wooster, was a former fire lieutenant and has been on the department since 1966. He works for the Cincinnati Milling Machine Co. in Oakley.

Ringwald became a volunteer fireman in 1967. He lives at 127 Winding Brook and works at General Electric in Evendale.

Water Contract Renewed

Village Council approved the renewed water contract for Terrace Park, December 9, to complete negotiations with Indian Hill as supplier. The contract is for five years from this date and retains the rate of 50 cents per 100 cu. ft. It was stated the previous contract expired last May.

November

Fire Calls

During November the Fire Department responded to three alarms where total fire loss was reported as \$50.

November 12 - 8:35 p.m., flue fire at 411 Miami. Damage to building and contents \$25 each.

November 15 - 1:20 a.m., flush gas from street in front of 903 Elm. Auto severed utility pole, knocking power lines into street and pulling utility lines from residence.

November 22 - 11:15 p.m., rescue woman, 23, and five month old baby trapped under overturned auto in front of Waldsmidt Home in Camp Dennison.

Home On Leave

Sgt. Peter Kahuda, serving with the Strategic Air Command, is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kahuda, 752 Wooster Pike, before proceeding to Okinawa.

At Kaneda AFB he will serve as KC-135A strato-tanker crew chief, responsible for maintaining in constant readiness a 4-engined jet aircraft, comparable with some larger types of commercial jet airliners.

Sgt. Kahuda is a 1966 graduate of Mariemont High School, and a graduate of the General Motors training center at Evendale. Joining the Air Force in April, 1967, he took basic at Amarilla, Tex., before training at Chanute AFB, Ill., then assigned to SAC at Loring AFB, Maine, his most recent base.

Life Squad

Needs Members

The Terrace Park Life Squad is looking for new members for both the day and evening squads. Interested persons should call Sallie Lyons, 831-4671 or Bob Terwilligar, 831-0147. New members are needed to keep up squad strength.

First Aid Course To Be Given

Village residents interested in a Red Cross Basic First Aid Course starting Jan. 19, please call Sallie Lyons (831-4671) or Bob Terwilligar (831-0147). Meetings will be held at the Fire Station on Monday evenings through March 2nd.

It is hoped that residents interested in joining the Life Squad will take this course; the course is not limited to those individuals however.

Girl Scouts Improve Log Cabin

The Junior Girl Scouts of Troop #947 have been using the Log Cabin as their meeting place this year and are making a variety of improvements. Each week a fire is built in the stone fireplace to heat the cabin. Plans are being made to buy an electric heater.

Mr. Delmer Hill, father of one of the girls, sawed the large fallen sycamore tree trunk into 14 pieces, providing "stools" for the girls.

On Saturday, November 21, the girls met for a Work Party and several brought their dads or mothers along to help. Mr. Hubka replaced broken window panes and repaired some faulty wiring. Mr. Gerwin put up new lighting fixtures. All the girls, assisted by Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Hubka, put a coat of stain on the entire building outside, and on the shelves within. Two flag holders were attached to the entrance to hold the troop and American flags. The girls constructed coat racks, planted daffodil bulbs, collected firewood to last through the winter and filled in a large trench in the ground left by a fire department demonstration. Mrs. Lyons put plastic storm sashes on all the windows.

Outdoors the girls spent the afternoon working on two conservation projects: making a brush pile where birds and small animals can hide during the winter months, and widening and improving a nature trail in the back of the Log Cabin area.

Troop leaders Marie Gerwin and Diana Durden report that enthusiasm for their meeting place is running high and that plans are made for more improvements in the spring.

The Twelfth Night tree burning will be held January 5 at the Scout Cabin. The ceremony starts at 7:30 p.m. Village crews will pick up discarded Christmas trees in front of homes in the several days before the burning, taking them to the cabin. Naturally, you can bring your own tree to add to the stack.

Boy Scout News

Troop 286 has been enjoying a variety of scouting activities this fall. A camp-out was held on November 8 and 9 at MacMillan's farm with 29 scouts actively participating. The boys hiked, worked on camping skills and wild life study under the supervision of Ace Tollefsen, Jim Allison and Bill Olinger.

December has been designated 1st Aid month and the troop was off to an interesting start with the December 1 meeting. Joe Ressor's Flaming Arrow Patrol was in charge of the meeting. Three members of the Terrace Park Life Squad helped with the program. Mrs. Jeanette MacMillan instructed the boys in mouth to mouth resuscitation; Bob Terwilliger worked with fractures and splints while Doug Cherry covered bleeding. The entire troop worked on this - not only at rendering 1st aid but at being

STAN MILLER'S Memorabilia



Two - thirds of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence and two-thirds of the 39 framers of the Constitution were Episcopalians. Washington, Jefferson and Madison were vestrymen. Patrick Henry's famous "Liberty or Death" oration was delivered at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia during the Virginia convention in 1775. (I stood and imagined I was delivering the same speech, a few years later, in the same spot).

Episcopalianism came to the North West Territory in the person of Philander Chase, one of the builders of Ohio. He admired the writings of Dr. Daniel Drake and rode horseback into Cincinnati in May, 1817, to be the Doctor's guest. The result of this visit, along with William Henry Harrison, Arthur St. Clair and other leaders of the day, the parish of Christ Church was formed. This church, along with other scattered parishes elected Mr. Chase to be the first bishop of Ohio.

Thus, in 1867, there were a few interested families in Milford, then about a thousand souls held the first Episcopal service in the Mason's Hall, over what was then Iuen's Grocery and Dry Goods Store on the NW corner of Main and Garfield, across from the bank. The service was conducted by Rev. Charles H. Kellog, a missionary of the Cincinnati Church Guild. By 1870, it was decided and arranged that meetings should be held monthly in the building in Montauk, east of Wooster Pike, 1000 feet from the bridge. Soon, the communicants wished to establish a permanent church. On the evening of December 7, 1871, Rev. Charles H. Kellog was selected as chairman and Augustus Lawrence as secretary. This group accepted the offer from Mr. T. R. Biggs to use his school house located near the river bank in Montauk. Rev. Kellog took pastoral charge of the Mission upon discontinuance of the Church Guild. He remained two years. Rev. Thomas R. Street, of Lancaster, N. Y., stayed 5 months.

On the 30th day of May 1873, the committee received notification from the Right

Reverend George T. Bedell, Bishop of the Diocese, that the status of the organization was not in accordance with the requirements of the Canons of the Diocese and suggested three ways of compliance. Number three choice was selected, which was to seek adoption by some Parish in Cincinnati. Application was made to St. Paul's Parish and this was agreed to June 30, 1873 with the promise that no pecuniary obligation should be attached. The final clearance took place April 19, 1876. Twelve Reverends served from 1885 to 1910, some popular and a few unpopular. The salary of these earlier rectors varied from \$300 to \$1000. The average attendance, in the first year of existence as a Parish was 56 adults on Sunday morning and 50 in Sunday School.

The year 1907 was one of the highest spots in the first 75 years. John F. Robinson III gave the parish a new church, a memorial to his wife and daughter Kate. Many stories are told about old "Governor" Robinson. One of the most interesting was his determination that there be a touch of pagantry or the spirit of the circus embodied in the church building, possibly a frieze of elephants marching across the chancel. It took skillful diplomacy to discourage the whims of this colorful character.

He maintained winter quarters for his circus in the area of Robinwood Lane and Wrenwood, for many years. A few old timers remember the animals and performers going through their practice routines. Many more can remember the three elephants kept here for sentimental reasons. I believe the last one passed away in 1940.

There was one other church for awhile, beginning in 1890 of Baptist denomination but soon passed out of existence because of lack of attendance. It is now the Terrace Park Community Building.

This covers Episcopalians and St. Thomas up to approximately 50 years ago. Although St. Thomas is a Community church, many of Terrace Parkers adhere to other faiths. Anyway, a Merry Christmas to all.



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