

# Village Views

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TERRACE PARK, OHIO

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## Landmark Vanishes



Shortly after 2 p.m. on March 7, a bulldozer smashed down the last remaining walls of the old Terrace Park Building and Loan office at Wooster Pike and Elm Avenue. This photo shows the last debris being cleaned up, with the new building in foreground. The Building and Loan is already operating in its new home, as is Parchman and Oyler Co. and the King-Kwik store.

## To Eliminate Jail Rule:

### Council Adopts DWI Law

Village Council adopted an ordinance March 10 that will permit drunk-driving cases to be heard in Mayor's Court without requiring the three-day jail sentence that is mandatory upon state drunk-driving law.

The ordinance, adopted as an emergency measure says: "No person shall operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, narcotic drugs, or opiates . . ."

It provides for a maximum fine of \$500. The Ohio "point system" would still be followed in the cases of defendants convicted in Mayor's Court.

Terrace Park Police have the use of Indian Hill's breath-testing device for arrests made under the new, local law.

Other matters before Council:

Annexation --- Several Councilmen offered preliminary reports on the possibility that some area west of the village, along Wooster

Pike, might be annexed to Terrace Park. A feasibility study has been suggested, covering such matters as road maintenance, emergency services, and tax base.

Soliciting --- Village Solicitor Robert Leming was asked to draft an ordinance for the April meeting, requiring door-to-door solicitors and salesmen to have a village permit.

Austerity --- Councilman Richard Feldon reported that the village, despite voter approval of the new, increased village operating levy, is still on an unusually tight budget and that no tree work will be done by outside contractors until more funds become available in June.

Ambulance --- Councilman Lew Washburn, speaking for the Life Squad, reported an investigation is underway to find out if the village can qualify for state or federal aid funds to pay half the cost of a new ambulance.

## Milford Bridge Plans Get Further Study

### Environmental Control Is LWV Meeting Topic

Members of the League of Women Voters, their husbands and guests will meet at the Community House at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 for coffee and dessert and to hear Ray Culter, Executive Director of Little Miami, Inc. and Flach Douglas, a member of its Speaker's Bureau, speak about water control in this region.

Among topics to be discussed are existing pro-

blems, environmental protection, possible action by citizens, and national Scenic River legislation.

Because of the importance of these subjects and their effects on Terrace Park and its citizens, the League would like to encourage all those interested to attend the meeting which will open to the public at 8:00. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Johnson, 831-7499.

### Cabin Program Needs Volunteers

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission plans to conduct an afternoon program of crafts and sports again this summer at the Log Cabin, from the middle of June until Labor Day.

Two salaried workers are needed: one for the craft program and one for the sport program. Interested high school or college age students are requested to contact Peter Stites, 819 Douglas Ave., phone: 831-1944, RIGHT AWAY.

Volunteer teen-agers and adults are also needed to help supervise this program.

Based on the experience gained from last summer's

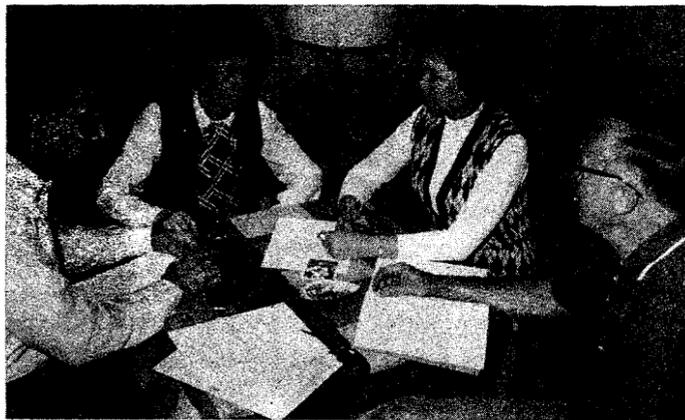
Log Cabin Program, The Recreation Commission hopes to provide many happy hours for the youth of Terrace Park again this summer.

### Talk On Middle School

Mr. Robert Crabbs, Mariemont Superintendent of Schools, will lead a discussion on our new middle school at the April 13 meeting of the Terrace Park PTA

Topics of interest will include school hours, schedules, subjects offered, and proposed building changes.

The election of the 1970-71 officers will take place at this meeting.



Frank Corbin, Leo Corbin, Bobby Rope and Bill Rope talk over plans for Terrace Park Players' spring musical, "Holy Smokel"

## Spring Musical

Producing a Musical takes an early start and lots of planning, according to Frank and Lee Corbin and Bobby and Bill Rope, co-producers of this year's Terrace Park Players' Spring Musical, "Holy Smokel"

Written by David and Arnora Hummel and directed by Bob Henderson, "Holy Smokel" is just going into rehearsal. But the production crew is already hard at work with set construction, costume design, and all the hidden extras that insure a show's success.

This year's Musical promises to be the best ever so mark your calendar and plan to join your friends and neighbors at the Terrace Park School at 8:30 p.m. on April 30, May 1 or 2.

In the February issue of VILLAGE VIEWS, the Terrace Park Village Forum noted that among the area developments a new bridge is being planned for the Little Miami River at Milford.

A check with various officials and interested people revealed that while the Clermont County Commissioners had placed a number one priority on the bridge, news of their decision did not reach the Hamilton County Commissioners in time for them to do the same. Two weeks ago, Clermont County and Hamilton County officials met with the Ohio State Highway's Division Eight; the Hamilton County people decided to put the matter to further study.

Under State Issue #1 funds, Hamilton County's share is \$19.1 million. They had requests for \$60 million. Hamilton County's share of the cost of the bridge at Milford would amount to \$450,000.

Meanwhile, in anticipation that the bridge will be funded, the Village of Milford is studying several plans in an effort to choose a location. According to Mr. Phil Gatch, a member of a group called Old Milford, Inc., there are several alternatives: 1. Enlarging the present structure to accommodate four lanes of traffic. 2. Building a new structure downstream from the present bridge and either utilize two bridges, each with two-way traffic, or redesign traffic patterns in Milford to incorporate the two bridges into a new one-way pattern - one going west, one going east.

Mr. Gatch pointed out that while the bridges can be funded, the State Highway Department requires that a traffic design be submitted before actual construction can begin.

There was a considerable amount of concern that interested parties were not informed of certain decisions in time.

It was also noted that with four governmental bodies, plus interested citizen groups, involved in the recommendation, and in the decision-making process, perhaps better communications could be developed.

### Courts Lighted Now

The basketball courts at the Log Cabin, Elm and Douglas Avenues, are now lighted each evening until 10:30, for anyone who wishes to use them.

If You Dream . . .

# You CAN Reach Milford in 1:15:00

by Graydon DeCamp

The other day, about 5 p.m., I found it necessary to go to Milford on a few errands. I made the basic mistake of reaching Wooster Pike by the south arm of Elm Avenue, instead of shortcutting back along Miami Avenue and coming out on the pike beyond the bridge. I guess it was just absent mindedness.

But, after turning right on the pike and driving a quarter mile or so, I found myself in the inevitable line of traffic backed up like so much floodwater from the Milford bridge. I began to daydream. I daydream a lot when time hangs heavy on my hands, and when one is stuck in that evening backup from Milford, time hangs.

I started in on the topic of dog population of Terrace Park - a favorite preoccupation of mine. By the time I'd inched by way as far as Wrenwood Lane, I'd solved that by dreaming up a scheme to give free fences to everyone in the Village.

Then I shifted mental gears and tackled the issue of pollution in the Little Miami. I daydreamed that some fabulously rich philanthropist had willed \$21 million to the people of the valley to build superefficient sewage plants for everyone.

I woke up long enough to realize that my place in the queue of traffic had moved as far along as Marian Lane, then I sank back into the euphoric state under a pall of exhaust smoke from

the ill-tuned bus ahead. Air pollution. Ugh! Suddenly I discovered, Mitty-like, that my car was all-electric and I was in a line of smooth, smokeless electric cars and trucks which hummed and hushed along and . . .

The urgent honking of the horns behind awakened me again and I moved forward as far as the light at Indian Hill road before dozing off again.

The process - alert and awake, then somnolent and dreamy - repeated itself over and over again.

Between the Yankee Dollar and Matt Cook's driveway, I solved the problem of inflation and the discount rate. By the time I'd gone under the Penn Central overpass, Laos and Vietnam were at peace with the North.

There was no hunger left in the world by the time I got to Miami Avenue, and cancer was being cured as the offices of Steinkamp and Nordloh slid past outside the right front window.

Then my car jolted unnervingly over the washboard mounds in the pavement, just short of the Milford Bridge, and I came full awake.

I glanced at my watch; 6:15. Not bad. Only an hour and a quarter. Fifteen more minutes and I'd be in Milford.

I dozed off again, and started working on the traffic bottleneck problem. . .



## Watch Out!

Seventeen persons have drowned in the Little Miami River, between Milford and Newtown Road, in the last 10 years. Spring is coming, and spots along the river, like this one at the end of Ford Road, are becoming more attractive again. Even if your child knows how to swim, he should be completely aware of the dangers of fast current and slippery rocks.



## Scout Cookie Delivery Soon

The Girl Scouts are taking orders for cookies in March and will begin delivering them April 6.

Anyone who ordered Girl Scout mint cookies may be interested in the recipe, published in the Cincinnati Enquirer recently, for Girl Scout mint pie (the mint cookies can be stored in a freezer, so this could be made now and served as a summer dessert):

**GIRL SCOUT MINT PIE**  
 14 Girl Scout chocolate mint cookies  
 3 egg whites  
 Dash of salt  
 3/4 cup sugar  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
 1/2 cup chopped nuts  
 1/2 to 1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Roll frozen (or well chilled) cookies between folds of waxed paper with rolling pin to make crumbs. Beat egg whites with salt until soft peaks form; gradually beat in sugar until still peaks form. Fold in cookie crumbs, nuts and vanilla.

Spread in buttered 8 or 9 inch pie plate and bake in preheated 325 degree oven for 35 minutes. Cool to room temperature; spread with whipped cream and garnish with shaved chocolate if desired. Chill at least 3 hours before serving.

## Recreation Committee Awards Night March 26

The Recreation Committee's annual Awards Night will be Thursday evening, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Terrace Park School gymnasium.

Terrace Park's 1969 athletes will receive their letters and buttons. Guest speaker for the evening is Richard Selcer, new football coach at Xavier University. Bob Henderson will be master of ceremonies.

The Committee presents these awards to all the boys and girls every year. Judging by the increase in the number of awards to be presented, 1969 was one of the most successful years. One of the main reasons for this was the introduction of two girls softball teams and a Junior Olympic Archery Club.

Here is an outline of the 1970 program. Most activities already have commissioners named to run them. But many do not and volunteers are being sought. The programs, and those who will run them (if named) are: Baseball (boys) -- Ron Ott; Basketball (boys) - Nate Bachman; Football - Bob Sperry; Rifle Club - Henry Whitehouse; Junior Olym-

pics, Memorial Day- Bill Abernathy; Summer Program - Pete Stites; Awards Night, March 26, 1970 - Karl Blum, Jack Rice; Archery (girls) - Sallie Lyons;

Softball (girls) - Jane Pendl, Dottie Vickers; Field Hockey (girls) - ?, Volleyball (co-ed) - ?, Gymnastics (co-ed) - ?, Softball (men) - Birdo Marsh; Labor Day Festival - ?, Soccer (co-ed).

Chairman Nick Shundich is the man to see if you want to help.

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## Dog Complaints Numerous, Enforcement Continues

Police Chief Robert Hiatt said last week his men have been receiving "numerous complaints" about dogs running loose, chasing children, overturning garbage cans and, in some cases, biting people.

Chief Hiatt also reported he has "reason to believe" two dogs in the Village were deliberately poisoned last October. Roth died. "In one instance," he said, "we know what poison was used and we have reason to believe it was put into chicken."

"We realize many residents are reluctant to complain about their neighbors' dogs. We feel this is one of the biggest problems. If you wish action, you must initiate a specific complaint.

He urged anyone with information about any dog poisoning cases to report it.

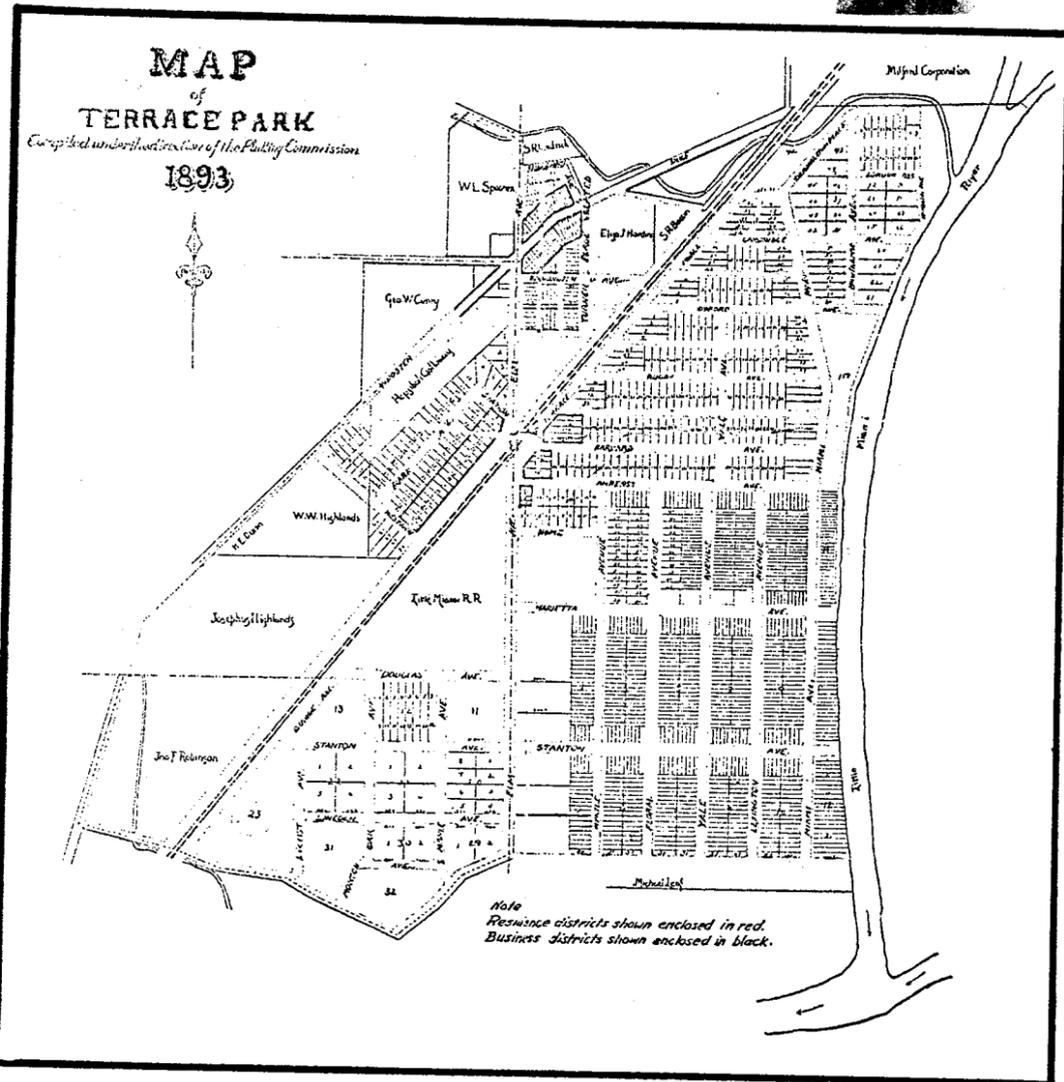
He said police will investigate such reports but can not issue citations unless a policeman actually sees the offense.

But, he added, anyone who witnesses a violation and can identify the dog's owner may sign an affidavit charging the owner.

During the day, Hiatt said, complaints may be made either to the police or to the Dog Warden (SPCA) at 541-6100.



831-2137 is the local phone number of the Police Department office at the Community House, for non-emergency calls. Chief Bob Hiatt can usually be reached here during the daytime hours. He stressed that citizens should use the 825-2280 county police number to summon a policeman.



Terrace Park's Village Council met for the first time on April 12, 1893. Mayor Carl Floto was in the chair, and the members were Messrs. Hill, Peebles, Monmons, Erret, and John Robinson.

Councilman-elect R.R. Jones was absent. It turned out later he had not qualified for office, for some reason. At the second Village Council meeting on April 19, Mayor Floto was empowered to appoint someone to the seat. The mayor appointed R.B. Jones.

At that first meeting, the village's treasurer, marshal, and sealer of weights were appointed. The meeting was held in the office of Dr. G. Langsdale on Elm Avenue.

At the April 18 meeting, the second one, Council set the clerk's pay at \$1 a meeting (Mercy!)

The first ordinance adopted by Council was one relating to the office of village solicitor; immediately after adoption of the ordinance, Lewis N. Gatch was appointed to the job.

Members recommended the appointment to a Platting Committee at the April 18 meeting were C.D. Crawford, E.M. Rauscher, and Breiling, Dr. Langsdale, and John R. McGoren. Council approved their appointment and all were notified to attend the following meeting.

The fourth ordinance on the village's books covered the use of ground. It was passed "to prevent the running

of animals" of the village, mule, cattle, sheep, or swine kind."

And the fifth ordinance made it unlawful to "Make any noise, disorder or tumult, or to raise any clamor to the annoyance of citizens; or by disorderly conduct of any kind to disturb the peace and quiet of the corporation (Village)." This ordinance also prohibited "striking, hitting, beating or assaulting any person in any manner, with fist, or stick, cane, boulder, weapon, or any other article," and barred biting, maiming, or kicking "any other person in the Village." (I say, husbands; I wonder if that is still on the books.)

Also: "It shall be unlawful for two or more persons to engage in fighting, at fist-cuffs, or otherwise, or for any person to aid therein, within the Village." More: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to engage in or promote any prize-fighting, cock-fighting, or dog fighting in the Village."

And: "It shall be unlawful for any person, either by night or day, to loaf, loiter, or wander about the streets, avenues or grounds in the Village or to loiter about in any saloon, bar room, tavern, or public resort without having any lawful, visible means of support and without being able to give any satisfactory or reasonable account of himself."

There's more yet:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to run or race any animal or animals faster than at the rate of six (6) miles an hour, or in any manner to endanger the body or property of any other person." "It shall be un-

lawful for any person to beat, ill treat, or injure any animal whatever in an im-

moderately cruel or unnecessary manner; and leaving of an animal without food or water on any street, avenue or alley for more than six consecutive hours, shall be considered cruelty within the meaning of this section." That was that!

November 19, 1893: The Marshal turned in \$2 for impounding two cows.

Solicitor Lewis N. Gatch resigned after a few meetings, and Sam West, the original member of a well known West family, for many years residing at the SW corner of Miami and Marietta, was named in his stead. We are indebted to Elizabeth West for the 1893 map, as prepared by the previously appointed Platting Committee.

April 13, 1894: What's this? John F. Robinson left the Council chambers in a huff. Later, a letter was read from him that he wished to be detached from the Village. (I wonder if part of the reasons were that the

above-mentioned ordinances were not directed toward him and his employees activities, or that he had objected to having to pay more than half the taxes due to his high tax valuation, assuming that his property was valued more than all the rest of the Village.)

April 27, 1894: The Committee on Law and Contracts made a written report adverse to Mr. Robinson's petition for detachment.

So this is a part of the first year of operation of the newly incorporated Village of Terrace Park. Much of the above was taken from the research of Peggy Williams, as her part of the class theme, at the 1947 graduating exercises from Terrace Park High School.

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## Village Bulletin Board

March 19 - Sign up now as a volunteer for Recreation Committee's Summer Program!  
 March 21 - Pta Rummage Sale, starts 9 a.m., school gym.  
 March 24 - Cub Scout meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community House.  
 March 25 - League of Women Voters, 8 p.m., Community House.  
 March 26 - Recreation Awards Night, 7:00 p.m., school.

### APRIL

April 7 - Garden Club, installation of officers, at Nature Center.  
 April 13 - PTA meets, at school.  
 April 14 - Pre-School Child Study, 8 p.m., Mariemont Community Center.  
 April 30 - Terrace Park Players' spring musical, "Holy Smoke," opens. Encores on May 1 and 2.

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

## Mrs. Jacob Elected By Garden Club

Mrs. Franklin Jacob of 106 Wrenwood Lane was elected president of the Terrace Park Garden Club at the club's meeting March 3. She and other new officers will be installed at the club's meeting April 7 in the Cincinnati Nature Center.

Other new officers are: Mrs. Don Olson of 207 Terrace Place, vice president; Mrs. Dennis Durden of 815 Lexington Avenue, secretary; Mrs. Franklin Alter of 810 Myrtle Avenue, corresponding secretary; Marie Bechtel of 827 Douglas Avenue, treasurer.

New board members at large are Mes. Allan Kain of 825 Yale Avenue; Mrs. Arthur Lanner of 621 Yale Avenue; Mrs. Charles Payne of 714 Lexington Avenue; Mrs. Robert Stevens of 501 Stanton Avenue.

Mrs. Dan Startzman was chairman of the nominating committee.

## Child Study Group Meeting

The Terrace Park Pre-School Child Study Group will meet jointly with the Mariemont Pre-School Child Study Group at 8 p.m. April 14 at the Mariemont Community Center.

Mr. Daniel Ransohoff of the Family Service Bureau will speak and present a film: "The High Cost of Trouble, A Visual Presentation Relevant to Our Times."

Mr. Ransohoff, a social photographer and lecturer, has traveled throughout the United States, giving his presentation of social problems.

The Pre-School Group would like to publicly thank Mrs. Timothy MacMillan for her excellent contributions as president of the group. Our sincere best wishes to the MacMillans in their new community.

## Cubs Meet Tuesday

Cub Scouts in Pack 97 will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, at the Community House for their monthly pack meeting.

District Commissioner Ted Hoff will be present to observe Cub handcraft and skits and to meet with the boys and their parents. Stan Brown, Webelos leader, will present the Arrow of Light ceremony for those boys who are ready for Boy Scouts.

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Louise Frazier and Kay Everhart, co-chairmen for PTA rummage sale, looking over the merchandise.

## PTA Rummage Sale

The Terrace Park PTA will hold its second annual rummage sale, Saturday, March 21, in the school gym. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m.

Old Terrace Park desks, T. P. Bulldog sweatshirts, and school pennants will be featured, as well as the usual clothing, toys, furniture, books, household appliances, white elephants and odds and ends of all sorts.

Chairmen of the event are Louis Frazier and Kay Everhart. Committee chairmen include Bert Wigton, Sue Williamson, Colleen Lowe, Patty Cadwallader,

## Team Swimsuit Orders

Orders for team suits for the Terrace Park Swim Club teams will be taken before March 24. Parents are asked to check children's suits to see whether new ones are needed.

Libby Dunning, Ann Hopkins, Betsy Holloway, Norvita Hildbold, Rosie Shundich, Jane Hubka and Betts Ryan. Thanks are due to the Girl Scouts, who made some of the colorful signs seen in the park.

Contributions of all rummage will be gratefully accepted at the school gym all day Friday, or call 831-5648 for pick-up.

## TP Swim Club Tennis Dates Set

The Terrace Park Swim Club's women's tennis team will be holding try-outs soon. Anyone interested in trying out may call Janie Pendl, 831-5170 for information.

League matches will be played on Wednesdays, beginning the middle of April and running through mid June. One must be a club member to participate.



The December, 1969 issue of Village Views "front-paged" the lower left and right hand corners with some white squirrels which apparently drew much favorable comment. Some suggested Mayor Lindell proclaim the white squirrel as the "national" symbol of Terrace Park, and that council, acting in its wisdom, enact legislation to implement the proclamation and authoritatively confirm such.

White squirrels have made their home in Terrace Park for as long as the Troys have resided here (20 years) and how long before that I'm not sure. They've been referred to as albinos, but they are not. They are just another group of old nut crackin' gray squirrels who somehow lost their gray along the line. Maybe Terrace Park acorns and nuts aren't supplying the grays with the proper vitamins. Anyhoo, a true albino, completely lacking in pigmentation, has pink eyes, a pink nose (in squirrels and other true albinos that is - my apologies to Walt Maerki) and a pinkish skin. The

## Without Bees, What?

One of the concerns these days is how to feed the growing population. We are a suburban community but nonetheless interested in things agricultural as they have a direct bearing on our lives, too.

What is one of the most important factors in food farming today? Not many would answer "Apis Mellifica" but it's true. Without the honey bee there would be almost no pollination and therefore no plant food other than wind-pollinated grains, nuts or roots.

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whities around Terrace Park have a black nose and blue eyes (girls, they are beautiful blue eyes, take a close look some time), and the white under - belly of the normal gray squirrel just seems to have forgotten to quit when the white fur began to grow. Like all animals of like-in-kind, they mate with gray squirrels of a normal color. Somewhere back in my mind from high school or college days, I seem to recall that Darwin proved lighter hues to be dominant so the "educated" guess is that Terrace Park will have white gray squirrels for some time to come. Keep your fingers crossed that another hurricane doesn't rack up all of our trees.

Soon they'll be building their nest high in the tallest trees, hidden from human view by the foliage of spring and summer. Unless you're lucky, you'll only see a squirrel's nest in the fall when the leaves have dropped and by then the nests are abandoned.

Contrary to common belief, squirrels don't recall where they buried nuts and in this respect they're like a wildcat oilman. They'll dig for a nut where they hope one will be and come up with a lot of dry holes. Fortunately, they do recall the tree hollows that contain the stored nuts and seeds and thus survive the wintery blasts and shivers.

Terrence Park is not as unique as we like to believe with its white squirrels. Although not near so common as in the Park, white squirrels do appear in any area inhabited by the grays.

Along with the squirrel activity, our summering birds will soon be returning, and the ones I look forward to the most are the pileated woodpeckers that nested last year in the Park. These are magnificent and beautiful woodpeckers - more massive than a large pigeon and a very scarce species in the entire U.S. If you should spy them consider yourself fortunate.

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