

Village Views

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Terrace Park, Ohio

February, 1971

Terrace Park Meeting Results From Milford Meeting

Opposition Expressed to River Relocation

In accordance with conclusions of a meeting held in Milford regarding plans to Relocate Route 50, Mayor Lindell has arranged a meeting with State Highway officials for Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Invited are the mayors and councils of Milford, Mariemont, Fairfax, Newtown and Terrace Park plus one representative of Little Miami Inc., the Sierra Club, O.K.I., and the Union Township Trustees plus Robert Vogt of Terrace Park. During the Milford meeting, strong opposition was expressed to the current Highway Department plans to rechannel the East Fork and Little Miami Rivers in the Terrace Park area. A disagreement developed over which of the two alternative routes, that do not involve rechanneling the two rivers, should be supported. In addition, subsequent to the Milford meeting, the Milford Council, indicated they are not opposed to the river rechanneling. In response to this Little Miami Inc. and the Sierra Club announced they will use all means, including court injunctions, to prevent rechanneling of the two rivers.

Mayor Lindell announced during the Council session that Terrace Park citizens may observe the February 18th meeting in the Community House.

Those present in the Milford Town Hall (Mayors and Councils of Terrace Park, Milford, Mariemont, Fairfax and other organizations and individuals) heard several representatives speak out against the proposed river realignment including Mayor Lindell and council member Janet Decker of Terrace Park, Ray Culter of Little Miami Inc., James Martin of the Sierra Club, George Murphy of Shademoor Park, Paul Weiser from the Anterson Township Community Council, Irwin Young Jr. of the Hamilton County Democratic Party and officials from the Isaac Walton League and the Citizens for a Clean Environment. Mr. Weiser also pointed out to officials present that the plan to Relocate Route 50 apparently does not comply with Presidential Executive Order 11296, Section 4 calling for evaluation of flood hazards in Federally financed highways.

Two alternatives to rechanneling the two rivers are to place the last leg of Relocated 50 on the hill to the south of the river or to modify the Appalachian highway as a substitute for the last section of Relocated

50 (see map, explanation and discussion elsewhere in this issue of VILLAGE VIEWS). Some officials and Dennis Durden of the Terrace Park committee favored the former alternative. Ray Culter of Little Miami, Inc. stated no preference but indicated he would not object to the last leg of Relocated 50 if it did not encroach upon the river area. Robert Vogt, also of the Terrace Park committee, the Sierra Club and other ecology organizations argued strongly for the Appalachian alternative. Mariemont and Fairfax officials gave no indication of their sentiments in favor of one or the other of the alternatives. After reaching a stalemate on this issue, those in attendance informally adopted Mayor Lindell's suggestion to set up a meeting with Highway Dept. officials to determine if their thinking has changed any under the new State administration. Ike Leaf of Union Township provided relief for the evening when he asked "what is the use in spending so much money to be able to rush to Columbia Parkway only to be held up longer because it is already too crowded?"

The following week, Milford Council withheld endorsement of scenic river designation for the Little Miami River because such designation might interfere with construction of the last leg of Relocated 50. Ray Culter of L.M.I. announced in response that his organization will make every effort to prevent rechannelization of the river including court suits and that Milford's action only delays finding an alternative solution to relocating Route 50. Culter asserted a preserved river is a valuable asset to Milford as well as all villages along its path. Mike Fremont of the Sierra Club reported their organization stands behind L.M.I. in willingness to take all actions necessary to prevent the proposed river realignment.

Drug Problem Discussed

The Terrace Park P.T.A. meeting will be held February 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the school gym.

The speaker will be Rev. William Cuesta of Dayton. He will speak on the drug problem. This is a current topic which will be of interest to the entire community.

It is felt that attendance by children should be 3rd grade or higher.

Chief Hiatt and John Bennett, Mariemont Board of Education Psychologist, will be available for those who have questions.

Council Analyzes Future Actions

Council pondered important matters affecting the future of Terrace Park during its lengthy February session. Opposition to the proposed river relocation in respect to the special meeting on February 18th and a possible decision to annex some area west of the village were subjects of analysis. Citizens appeared to protest the foul odors emanating from the stock feeding operation west of the village. Mrs. Lanner reported on an impending Garden Club project. Miscellaneous other items rounded out the agenda.

During the discussion of alternatives to relocating Route 50 without changing the river, Bob Vogt of the Terrace Park Committee reported that cost estimates for the proposed expressway has risen from approximately 30 to 40 million dollars. Vogt pointed out that the question of whether or not funds are available is irrelevant; what must be determined is if the project is properly designed both technically and environmentally, especially with respect to the last section of the highway. No studies have been conducted to ascertain if the last section is needed in light of other ways of removing traffic from Wooster Pike. Councilman Griffith reported that under present plans, the Country Club would lose not only two of its best holes, but also a very old, large sycamore tree.

Citizens appeared before council with other matters relating to the environment of Terrace Park. The Garden Club is undertaking a major project in celebration of its 50th anniversary and Council pledged its assistance. The project will be announced in next month's VILLAGE VIEWS. Mayor Lindell advised the citizens protesting the odors from the farm operation to obtain signatures on a petition in order for Council to assist further with the problem.

In other actions, Councilman Corbin reported that the morning crossing guard has been reinstated at Western and Wooster. Corbin also revealed that Patrolman Thomas Hemseth is recovering from an injured hand suffered in the line of duty. Janet Decker reported the bids for the new furnace were being reviewed. Councilman Griffith requested

Senator Maloney's Letter

Mr. J. Philip Richley
Ohio Director of Highways
Highway Department Building
Broad and Front Streets
Columbus, Ohio

January 19, 1971

Dear Mr. Richley:

This letter is to express my concern and the concern of many constituents regarding the current plan to relocate U.S. 50 from I-275 to the so-called Fairfax Interchange - in Hamilton County - and to construct an eastern leg to the Appalachian Highway in Clermont County.

Among my most serious concerns are these:

First, it is clear that carrying out the existing plan would render useless the recreation sites of Shademoor and Cottage Parks, near Newtown, and the more premanent residential-recreation area of Edgewater in the Terrace Park vicinity.

The Shademoor and Cottage Park areas, which have been highly developed as family recreation areas, are threatened with extinction, either as the result of demolition or of elimination of ingress and egress.

In relative terms, the number of families involved is small. However, the sacrifice each has made to preserve these areas is very great. It would be a tragedy, in my judgement, to allow these well kept, leisure time areas to fall before the bulldozer if there is a reasonable alternative.

Second, it is my understanding that the current plan calls for diking the south side of the Little Miami River. This gives cause to seriously consider whether diking of the south side would not cause flooding of the north side. Such a result would eliminate that corridor of land from use for anything but flood plain.

Finally, it also is my understanding that some rechanneling is planned at the confluence of the Little Miami River and its East Fork at Terrace Park. The affect of such a project on the stream flow to its confluence with the Ohio River certainly should be a consideration.

There can be no doubt that something must be done to reduce, or hopefully eliminate, the hazardous traffic situation on U.S. 50 (Wooster Pike). I do believe, however, that every consideration should be given to alternate plans that would spare the existing recreation areas and the open land that seems headed for sacrifice.

At my request, Pearl H. Masheter, your predecessor, postponed the second public hearing on this project until I could visit the area. That visitation has been completed, and on the basis of it, I urge you to try to find some reasonable alternative to the existing plan.

Very sincerely yours,
Michael J. Maloney
Majority Whip

approval for some changes made in the 1971 budget. Further Council action on some matters before the Planning Commission should await further information according to Councilman Knapp. At the request of Councilman Lyons, Council enacted a holiday and sick leave ordinance for village employees. A variety of possible street name signs were exhibited by Councilman Washburn and it was decided to stay with a black background and white lettering. Council moved closer to a decision on annexation west of the village but because of the lateness of the hour it was postponed until next month's meeting.

Garden Club March Meeting

The March meeting of the Terrace Park Garden Club will be held on Tuesday, March 2 at the T.P. Community House at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. H.G. Petering. He is a research biochemist in the Department of Environmental Health at University of Cincinnati. Dr. Petering will speak on "Ecology," with emphasis on each individual's responsibility to preserve the environment.

Members will bring special arrangements on the theme "A Landscape in Miniature." Hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Leming, Mrs. Franklin Alter and Mrs. John Rugh.

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Donald and Frances Franke edited this issue. Tom and Louise Bush will edit the March 18th issue. Deadline for material is March 5th.

Scenic River Correction

It was incorrectly reported in last month's VILLAGE VIEWS that the proposed re-channeling of the Little

Miami River in Terrace Park would not endanger scenic river designation. Facts presented during the October 6th Terrace Park Meeting with the Highway Department were studied by Ray Culter, Executive Director of Little Miami, Inc. Because it involves rechanneling of the curve of the Little Miami it is difficult to determine the exact linear distance involved but the Highway Department map indicates a distance in excess of 2000 feet of the Little Miami itself will be affected. According to Culter this proposed rechanneling endangers Federal scenic river designation based on correspondence he has had with the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Readers Say



Mrs. Jan Decker
620 Floral Avenue
Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

Dear Mrs. Decker:

As we have discussed, enclosed is a photo which indicates the condition of the turn-around on the north side of Wooster Pike which is approximately 100 yards east of Elm Road.

Until approximately two years ago, the Village of Terrace Park did not have a waste bin at this location, and at that time did place one here, which has seen very little service as indicated by this photo.

Based upon observation from the traffic using this turn-around, it is indicated that there are very few Terrace Park residents which contribute to this eyesore.

I would like to request by this letter that this area be closed to any public traffic and the proper steps taken to clean up its present condition.

It is difficult for my mind to comprehend as to why the Village of Terrace Park which is well-known for its trees and quaint village atmosphere seems to be unconcerned about littering or better still, dumping.

It is quite an unimpressive sight as you make your initial entry into Terrace Park from the West.

Yours very truly,
J.D. Wallis
111 Robinwood
Terrace Park, Ohio

Editor's Note: Janet Decker reports that Solicitor Bob Leming has determined that the trash can is not located on property within the village limits. Efforts are continuing, however, to somehow improve the situation.

Let's Keep Fighting Pollution

Terrace Park school and community has done many things to stop pollution but not enough.

In our own school we pollute and destroy our building and grounds. We do this when we write on walls and mirrors, also, sticking gum on desks and walls in our school building. This gives people the idea that we are not proud of our school. Our cafeteria is too noisy. People could be quieter and also bring plants to absorb the noise. Our school grounds could be cleaner if a person picked up glass and paper when they see it.

In our community we must encourage the adults to help prevent pollution. Please fireman, don't burn the Christmas trees! These trees can be used as a compost pile to protect flowers and grass. Please neighbors don't burn trash and leaves! Let the village helpers pick them up. Please mothers don't pick up your child at school without picking up all children on your street. Also don't let your motor run when stopped. Cars cause 80 to 90% of all air pollution.

Terrace Park has tried to prevent air pollution by planting many trees and flowers which act as a magnet in clearing the air of carbon monoxide. Let's try harder in our school and Village to fight air pollution.

Our slogans must be:
"Every Litter Bit Hurts"
"Fight Smog-Ride A Horse"
"Don't Forget to Thank A Plant Today"

--by Brad Anderson
Fifth Grade
Terrace Park School

A glacial dam is supposed to have existed at the site of Cincinnati during the ice age. This was no ordinary dam. The bottom of the Ohio River at Cincinnati is 447 feet above sea level. Scientific studies indicate that this ice jam was 1000 feet high which produced a long narrow lake that covered 2,000 square miles and backed up water that submerged the site of Pittsburgh to the depth of 300 feet. Naturally, this back up went far beyond, estimated to be over 1000 miles in length. Now, that is a whole mess of ice water. Down these northern tributaries there must have poured, during the summer months, immense torrents of water to strand gravel and boulder laden icebergs on the summits of such high hills as were lower than the level of the dam water.

Water seeks its level. We are told that much of this water took off up and formed the Licking river and down, formed the beautiful Kentucky River. Many of the

I would like to express my appreciation for a recent reversal decision taken by the Safety Committee of the Village Council regarding the replacement of the school crossing guard at Wooster Pike and Western Ave. Having initially been unaware of his removal, I attended the January council meeting and given the opportunity to have my views heard (views incorporated with those of other concerned parents who did not wish our children to be on Wooster Pike during the morning rush hour traffic). As a result, the Safety Committee was diligent enough to weigh our concerns and to replace our morning crossing guard.

I hope the citizens of Terrace Park sufficiently appreciate the democratic system we are so fortunate to enjoy. When only a few individual who have genuine concern for children's safety are thoroughly listened to, we should be very grateful for the advantages we share. I feel that those serving on the Safety Committee should be adequately thanked. My deep appreciation to Frank Corbin, Larry Lyons, Dick Griffith, and Chief Hiatt for their work. Mrs. Richard Metzgar
102 Marian Lane
Terrace Park, Ohio



Paper Drives

Save our environment; recycle your paper!

Boy Scouts will have their next paper drive on March 6th and five others will be held in 1971. Please mark your calendars: April 17; June 19; August 21; October 16 and December 18.

STAN'S Memorabilia



underground rivers, that are tapped for our use today, were formed at this period. Many of the caves owe their existence to this huge back up of water. Finally, it is supposed that water pressure and the melting of the ice jam produced one mighty catastrophe, that must have changed the face of the earth all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. The melting glaciers laden with gravel, sand and loam, often in layers indicating different periods of deposit, piled about the drainage areas of the Little Miami River and Mill Creek, all belonged to the glacial-terrace epoch. Thus, we can reason that Terrace Park is none other than one of these deposits of materials that came from away up north, perhaps from the Wisconsin glacial period. We recently read where they had found up in Wisconsin the head of a 500 pound beaver. Now many years ago a headless carcass of one such beaver was found north of here. There must be some disconnection there someplace.

Away back when geologists claim that the Little Miami River, they called Teays, flowed west into the Big Miami river basin, north of Middletown. If it had stayed that way we would not have the ecology controversy today. I once heard that the water chose Happy Hollow, just east of the Milford Shopping Center first. The East Fork Creek is much, much older as a stream than our part of the Little Miami.

Clermont County and east has the oldest exposed rocks in the State. Originally formed beneath prehistoric seas, they contain many interesting fossils of ancient animal vegetable life. The streams contain polished pebbles, as well as various metals, such as iron, gold, silver, mussel shells, lime, salt and sulphur, that are believed to have been carried down here during the glacial period.

I think I will give you a quote of Karl H. Maslowski July 24th, 1949:

"Thousands of years ago the great glaciers that pushed down from the north across Ohio rumbled to a stop along a line that runs roughly northeast from Ripley to East Liverpool in Columbiana County. Riding atop the glaciers was a curiously mixed freight of islands of earth, rocks and gravel replete with bits of prairie, tundra and forests. As the ice masses slowly melted, the debris the glaciers had carried and pushed before them in the southward marches settled to the earth. The process was tempered by a thousand or more years, hence many of the plants carried southward by the glaciers were able to adapt themselves to a whole new set of climatic conditions. Such was the case of the hemlocks, Canadian yews, black birches and reindeer mosses that the glaciers deposited in our present day Hocking County.

As the near - continental sized ice cube began to melt torrents of water gouged out deep channels and canyons in the conglomerate rock which had been laid down in that same county eons ago by a great sea. Some of the rock, a hard gravel packed sandstone, resisted the wear of time and water, but the softer shale deposits dissolved before these forces.

Because these things happened to the geologic past a scenic wonderland was wrought by the gentle but firm hands of Nature."

He said better than I.

Help Now!

Efforts to eliminate the unpleasant odors from the farm operation west of the Village have thus far been unsuccessful. One tactic that will be required before anything can be accomplished is to obtain a large number of signatures on a petition. If you wish to sign such a petition -- or better yet, if you can help circulate it -- please contact Doris Duesing, 831-4697 as soon as possible.

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It's always interesting to socialize with individuals who have visited the United States and who live in areas other than North America. One of the fascinating things about such people, other than their individual and usually delightful personalities, is to attempt to tactfully interrogate them about their honest feelings of the United States. In obtaining such frank opinion it's generally best to meet these people in their home area than to obtain a first impression while they are visiting the States.

The B.W. and I will probably never forget the middle of May, 1967, when we were driving through an English countryside and were discovered by the Izaak Walton Hotel. We certainly didn't discover it as we just sorta landed there in our meanderings of no logical consequence. We hit the jack-pot.

It's a beautiful old hotel situated near Dovedale in Derbyshire surrounded by green hills, deep valleys and clear streams that are a part of Britain's National Trust. To describe this area and attempt to give justice to its passive, quiet solitude of diaphanous grandeur could take me forever and still not be able to capture the experience of just being there.

It was here that I learned a brace means two. I'd asked the trout limit and had been informed -- three brace. Being stupid, I again had to inquire about the limit.

However, it was also at this spot (we had planned to stay overnight and then remained three full days) that we made the acquaintance of several of the Crown's subjects. One was a young man spending a holiday at the Izaak Walton with his three children. He was a mining engineer and we soon learned that he had spent over two years in the States studying the mining methods of 3. M. He had

stayed some time in the Lake Superior area and considerable more near Butte, Montana. His visits to the States had also provided him with sufficient time to travel, and he had seen all of the important urban centers, experienced the different climates of tropical Florida and a Wyoming winter. He had traveled New England, the Smokies, the plains and the Rockies.

We picked his brains about England and Scotland - where to go and what to see. He knew every hamlet and small inn. His advice was invaluable and because of it we felt we came to experience England rather than its tourist meccas and board-walk circuses.

Our interest also turned to what he first thought of when he recalled his visits to the States (not his continuing wonder, but his first thoughts). He had liked many things, but he said what he would never forget, and he frequently recalls, is first standing astride the continental divide. When he did so and was told by a friend, as they both faced south -- "Now all the streams originating on your right flow into the Pacific, and all those originating on your left flow into the Atlantic" -- it was then, despite miles and miles of travel, that he was forever impressed with the vastness of our land. A great statement this was not, a simple fact it is; yet I think one that should provide us with a multitude of thoughts.

It's the simple things of our own land that, perhaps, impress foreign observers more than the great. What's one of the first things I think about an English or Irish countryside? It's what it hasn't got, not what it has. There are no billboards - and that minus alone makes for great beauty.

Pax Vobiscum!

New Neighbors

by Lindsey Siegfried

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following families who have recently moved to Terrace Park:

Barry and Marie Ramsdell to 918 Elm from Mt. Washington with daughters Joanne, 5, Lisa, 4, and Donna, 22 months. 831-1683.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Dock (Ann) to 210 Rugby from Clifton. 831-9340.

Jamie and Barbara Wallace to 145 Wrenwood from Seattle, Washington, with son Jamie, 2-1/2. 831-7288.

Richard and Nancy Phillips to 99 Marian Lane from Scranton, Pa., with twin daughters, Amy and Rachel, 3-1/3, and son Andrew, 10 months. 831-1098.

Jeff and Debbie Cobb to 600 Myrtle from Rochester, New York. 831-1676.

Bill and Diane Bradbury to 711 Stanton from East Walnut Hills. 831-3503.

The David Griswolds to 314 Rugby, phone unlisted.

The Alva Bryants to 710 Franklin with two teenage sons, phone unlisted.

We're sorry if anyone has been left out over the past few months, and hope you will call it to our attention. If you know of other new families now or in the future, please call me at 831-6494. We would like everyone to meet them, at least through Village Views.



Terrace Pops

Violist Vicky Rimstidt and singers Marge Gray and Kath Startzman wish Hank Neighbors good luck before his first public appearance as conductor of the Terrace Pops. The eighth annual Pops Concert attracted record crowds at three performances last weekend.

New Fourth Grade Teacher

Terrace Park Elementary School welcomes Miss Nancy Pielage as its new fourth grade teacher.

Miss Pielage is a December graduate of the University of Cincinnati, having done her student teaching at the Indian Hill Middle School this past year. She fills the vacancy left by Mrs. Gail Pauly.



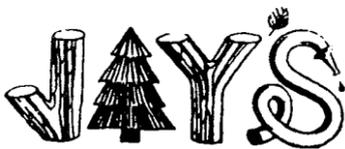
Girl Scout News



On Wednesday, March 3, the Girl Scouts of all ages from Brownies through Seniors from Terrace Park, Mariemont, Fairfax and Madison Place will assemble at the Parish Center in Mariemont for the "International Dinner." Each troop has chosen a different country and will prepare food typical of that country to bring to the dinner and also a song or dance from the country. This program is part of "Girl Scout Thinking Day," the time when Girl Scouts all over the world think about their place in the World Wide organization.

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Village of Terrace Park, Ohio
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SCHEDULE I
Combined Balance Sheets - All Funds

Description	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Permanent Improvement	Total
Cash as of Dec. 31, 1970	24944.30	2666.35	367.98	5361.47	33340.10
Accounts Payable	7905.05				7905.05
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances	32849.35	2666.35	367.98	5361.47	41244.15

SCHEDULE VII

Municipal Revenue by Source

Property Taxes	
Real Estate	69535.90
Personal Property Tax	669.48
Intangible or Classified	27750.36
	<u>97955.74</u>
Shared Taxes	
Sales Tax	6190.92
Financial Institutions	10475.61
Inheritance Tax	24847.10
Cigarette Licenses	78.33
Liquor & Beer Permits	260.47
Gasoline Tax	10355.00
Motor Vehicle Reg. Fees	4012.00
Total Shared Taxes	<u>56219.43</u>
Fine, Licenses & Permits	
Fines & Costs Total	5279.50
Other Revenue	
Rentals, Misc.	1434.51
Non-Revenue Receipts	
Reimbursements & Refunds	743.33
Transfers	68.23
Cancelled checks	139.05
	<u>950.61</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS	161,839.79

SCHEDULE IX

Municipal Expenditures by Program

Description	Personal Services	Other Operating	TOTAL
Security	47411.48	24733.60	72145.08
Community Environment	4888.86	18253.95	23142.81
Health Levy		1662.00	1662.00
SCM&R & Rt. 50	8776.47	3725.58	12502.05
Gen. Gov. Services	9239.46	17054.18	26293.64
Bond Retirement		2793.31	2793.31
Total Expenditures by Program	70316.27	68222.62	138538.89

SCHEDULE XX

Summary of Debt Service - Principal & Interest for the next Five Years

General Obligation - Tax Supported	
1971 . . .	2715.00
1972 . . .	2650.00
1973 . . .	2585.00
1974 . . .	2520.00
1975 . . .	2455.00

SCHEDULE XXI

Percentage of Annual Debt Service Expenditures for Total Bonded Debt to Total net General Expense	
Bonded Debt Principal	2000.00
Current Interest	780.00
Total Debt Service	<u>2780.00</u>
Total Net Gen. Expenditures	2793.00
Percentage of Debt Service to Net General Expenditure	.049

SCHEDULE XVII

Appropriations, Expenditures & Encumbrances by Funds

Fund Description	Revised Appropriations	Personal Services	Other Operating	Bonds	Total Expenditures	Unencumbered Appropriation Balance
General Fund	124950.00	61539.80	61703.73		123243.53	24944.30
Special Revenue Funds						
St. Con. Main. & Rep.	12900.00	8180.39	3552.32		11732.71	1918.36
State Highway Fund	950.00	596.08	173.26		769.34	747.99
Debt Service Funds						
General Bond Retirement Funds	2987.00		13.31	2780.00	2793.31	367.98
Enterprise Funds						
Permanent Improv. Legal Fee by Court Judge	5000.00		282.54		282.54	5361.47
	2500.00	2500.00			2500.00	Bal. 68.23 transferred
Total All Funds	149287.00	70316.27	68211.85	2780.00	141321.43	33340.10

SCHEDULE XVIII

Analysis of Changes in Fund Balances by Funds

Description	Unencumbered Balance at Beginning of Year	Budget Estimate of Revenue	Revised Appropriations	Appropriations Over (or Under) Expenditures	Actual Revenue Over (or Under) Estimate	Unencumbered Balance at End of Year
Gen. Fund	680.04	119500.00	12495.00	O-3743.53	O-21750.25	24944.30
St. Con., Main. & Repair	361.59	12900.00		U-2267.29	O- 389.48	1918.36
State Highway	377.81	950.00		U- 188.29	O- 77.52	747.99
Gen. Bond Ret.	16.55	2987.00		O- 13.31	O- 70.74	367.98
Perm. Imp.	544.01	5000.00		U-4717.46	O- 100.00	5361.47
Legal Fee by Court Judge	468.23	2100.00		0	\$68.23 transferred	
Total All Funds	2448.23	143437.00	12495.00	10930.25	22387.99	33340.10

I certify this statement to be correct to the best of my knowledge. Stanley Miller, Clerk

The Beginning of Lent



by Rev. Fred LaCrone

As I write this, the wind is roaring through the trees. The TV weatherman said something last night about a low caught between two highs, or vice-versa, and that is why the wind is blowing and the temperature is so cold.

At the shopping center today people bent against the wind, and walked briskly. No one appeared to mind the weather; in fact, I heard one man remark, "What a day! Feels great to get that cold air into my lungs."

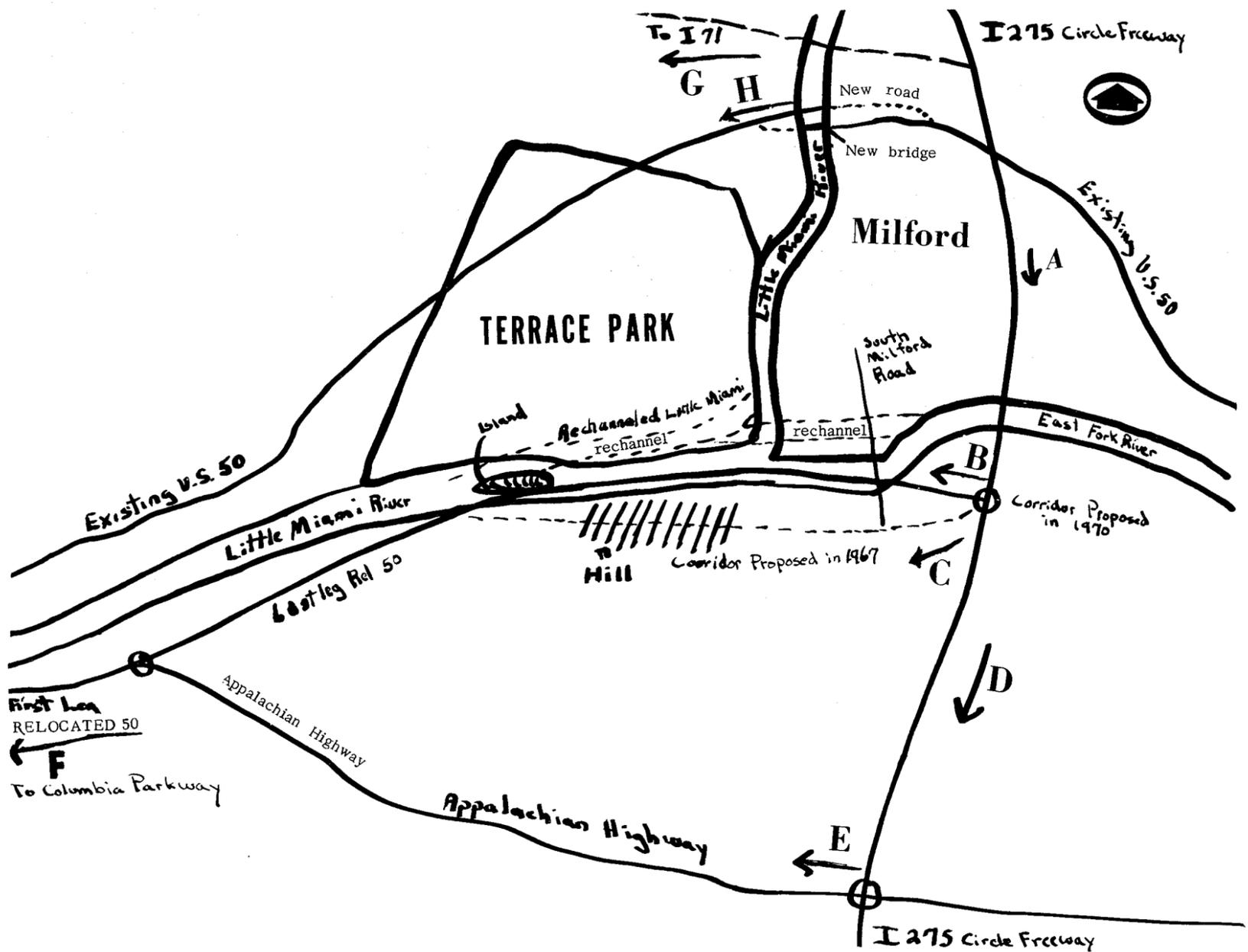
The wind. Today it started to blow away the garbage! I think it is a cleansing wind, sent to clear away debris of all kinds.

Which brings me to the assigned subject, which is LENT. Nature reveals helpful ways to look at things. The wind, powerful and purifying, points symbolically towards the purpose of Lent. Observed by nearly all Christians, that season is devoted to clearing away the debris of our spirits in three traditional ways:

1. Rejection and taming of sub-human and wrong habits & choices
2. Concentration on the core of the Christian Faith
3. Obedience to what we perceive as God's will for us.

If we do these three things, concentrate in these three humanizing areas, we will see lots of "debris" of various kinds go out the window. Lent grows out of the fierce discipline for new Christians in the early Church. It was widened and deepened for all Christians in medieval days; it still holds significance for persons now. Still even after centuries, Why? Because the multiplication of side-issues has made it absolutely necessary for the health of the spirit in each of us to hold to what is basic, eternal, and true. Rejection of the false, belief in the truth, obedience to God -- emphasis on these is needed more now because we have come further from them. To be Christian to the core these days is more difficult, demands more commitment, offers less in outward gratification than at anytime in recent memory.

But, then: -- outward reward and acceptance have never been the stock in trade of Christians who mean business. It is the same for today. The purifying wind of the Spirit still blows. We still need it. We need to be filled with the fresh, sharp air of the Spirit. There are new and old ways and methods to take advantage of the purifying wind -- these are not the subject of this article. Spiritual helps are available for the asking on every side. What can only be provided by each of us is motivation. The desire to be purified, the drive to be made clean, the push to center down on what is REAL.



The Alternatives

by Don Franke

Or, All Roads Lead to Milford

The above map illustrates the alternatives to providing access to Milford and to alleviating the traffic situation on Wooster-Pike without rechanneling the Little Miami and East Fork Rivers. Pros and cons of each are outlined here. Begin by noting the existing Route 50 and I-275, or the Circle Freeway, which is under construction and will soon be completed.

Route To and From Milford

Present Highway Department Plan: From Milford follow arrow A down I-275 to arrow B, on the last leg of Relocated 50, which follows the existing water course of the East Fork and Little Miami rivers to the end of Terrace Park. The Highway Dept. supports this corridor because it is claimed it saves \$500,000. Milford Council has indicated it supports this corridor if necessary to construct the last leg of Relocated 50. Terrace Park Council, 800 Terrace Park residents, L.M.I., Sierra Club and others vehemently oppose this plan on technical—poorly planned, erosion problems, flood hazards, etc. —bases and on environmental — beautiful area destroyed, degrades ecology of natural river habitat plus island and riffles, breed siltation, loss of trees, etc. — bases. It also endangers scenic river designation of the Little Miami.

Hill Route Alternative: Follow arrow A to arrow C, the corridor originally proposed by the Highway Dept. in 1967. Route goes on hill to the south of the two rivers and involves moving the N & W Railroad but does not encroach upon the natural river area. This alternative supported by Dennis Durden, member of the Terrace Park committee, Vice President of Federated Stores and member of the O.K.I. Board of Directors, who argues the last leg of Relocated 50 is necessary and this corridor solves the problem of not entering the river area. Unifying behind this plan Durden contends will be the best way to prevent river rechannelization and not endangering scenic river designation. Some members of L.M.I. accept this plan.

Appalachian Route Alternative: Follow arrow A down I-275 to arrow D then on to arrow E continuing down arrow F, the first leg of Relocated 50 — to be constructed under either alternative. Robert Vogt of Vogt, Sage and Plfum, member of the Terrace Park committee, professional planner and highway engineer, states this route requires only three minutes extra driving time from Milford to Cincinnati versus constructing the hill route. Vogt asserts the Appalachian Highway will be constructed in any event and building the last leg of Relocated 50 in addition would affect Wooster Pike traffic by only five per cent. The question thus suggests itself: is it worth 8 to 10 million dollars to construct the additional last leg of Relocated 50 which has to be crowded into a narrow valley already containing two rivers, a golf course, Round Bottom Road and the railroad? The Sierra Club and other groups endorse this alternative.

Other Factors

Circle Freeway: I-275 will carry some traffic away from Clermont County and it may be faster on occasions to follow it into Cincinnati (by meeting I-71 in Kentucky) rather than to use Columbia Parkway.

Improvements On Existing U.S. 50: A new bridge has already been approved for Milford south of the existing bridge on Route 50, along with a new road for existing Water Street, which will make possible one way traffic through downtown Milford and over the two bridges. Thus traffic conditions at arrow H on existing Route 50 will be improved.

New Proposal: A new plan is being formulated which calls for a connector road to be built from north Milford, see arrow G, to connect with I-71, which is already under construction. This would be a direct route from Milford to Cincinnati that would avoid Columbia Parkway entirely and greatly relieve traffic on Wooster Pike.

Conclusion: In light of all of the above, it seems reasonable to ask that ways be found to provide access to Milford, and to alleviate traffic on Wooster Pike, in such a manner that does not encroach upon the natural rivers areas.

Sierra Club Statement

The Ohio Chapter of the Sierra Club opposes any altering of the natural course of the Little Miami River in the Terrace Park, East Fork area. The proposed rechannelization of approximately 2000 feet of the river by the State Highway Department will jeopardize State and National Scenic River designation of this area, which Sierra Club and over 100 other organizations have requested. Disturbance of the course of this free-flowing river and its floodplain cannot fail to diminish its scenic and recreational character, harm the fish, shellfish and their food supply in the natural gravel stream bed, uproot trees and protective wildlife cover and subject the area to the ecological violence of massive highway construction. New areas may be flooded, banks eroded and downstream conditions changed with unknown consequences.

Every alternative to moving the river should be studied in light of more modern cost-benefit ratios, including the possibility that proposed limited-access U.S. 50 is unnecessary at this point paralleling and lying between existing 4-lane U.S. 50 and the Appalachian Highway and a short distance from each.

The maintenance of this great natural resource, unique in such a metropolitan area, unchanged in its ancient course, is a sacred trust. It is a higher calling to leave the river intact and preserved for the present and future generations, as it was before us, than to take the easy but irreversible course of destruction.

James Martin, Chairman
Ohio Chapter
Sierra Club

Volunteers Needed

Give a bit of your time and interest and you'll widen your world with the wealth of warm-hearted volunteers and staff you'll meet. You'll receive the friendship and love of fun-filled children — handicapped, but capable of having fun. You'll get more than you give. Stepping Stones, through planned recreational programs, can and does help both handicapped children and adults to make social adjustment, to find security and companionship, to have fun. Both physically and mentally handicapped persons participate and grow in the relaxed atmosphere of these recreational programs. Volunteer workers are essential to their operation. From March 1 to May 6, there will be 10 weeks of activities.

Recreational Programs to be Held at Stepping Stones, 5650 Given Road:

1. For school age children, Mon. and Wed. from 3 - 5 p.m.
2. For adults, age 18 and up. Mon. and Wed. from 10 - 12 a.m.

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Fifth Grade Trip



Forty-four 5th grade students from Terrace Park School and five adults (Mr. Denny, Principal, Mrs. Beth Kauffman and Mrs. Emma Wallace, teachers, and Mrs. Jane Hubka and Mrs. John Callaway, parents) had a memorable trip to Washington, D.C.

At 5:45 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, they boarded the school bus at Terrace Park School and journeyed to Greater Cincinnati Airport. The American Airlines plane departed at 7:20 a.m. and arrived at Washington National Airport at 8:30 a.m. Special D.C. Transit sightseeing buses took the group on an all day tour of our nation's Capitol. Points of interest included Capitol Hill, U.S. Capitol Building, White House, Lincoln Memorial, top of Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, with the Changing of the Guard at the "Tomb of the Unknowns," gravesite of J.F. Kennedy, Alexandria, Va., Mt. Vernon, Smithsonian, Museums of History and Natural History, and Jefferson Memorial.

The group flew back on the 7:30 p.m. American Airlines arriving at Greater Cincinnati Airport at 8:50 p.m. and back in Terrace Park about 10:00 p.m.

This was a lot of historical sightseeing to sandwich in one day -- but it was a happy and memorable culmination of the hard work and effort of all the students in raising the money to make it possible. The major money raising effort was a candy sale held in December which netted \$507.00.



Eagle Scout Honored

Kirk Augspurgen received his Eagle Scout award in a special ceremony Monday, February 8, at St. Thomas Church. The presentation was made at the annual Boy Scout dinner by Scout Master Ace Tollefsen and Assistant Jim Allison. Kirk served Troop 286 as patrol leader, senior patrol leader and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

At the Court of Honor the following ranks were awarded: Life Scout -- Ron Capehart, Bob Holloway, Lon Stirsman, Greg Vogt; Star Scout -- Jamie Fjord, Bruce Halley, Andy Augspurgen; First Class -- Jim Gingrich, Rod Herdman; Second Class -- Jeff Weyer, Kenny Williamson. Randy Ewers was inducted into the troop and received his Tenderfoot badge.

Boys receiving merit badges, in addition to those listed above were Scott Grosse, John and Paul Henley, and Rick Hildbold.

County Commissioners Meeting

County Commissioners Held, Wood and Reckman presided over an informal meeting requested by Little Miami Inc. to present problems affecting preservation of the Little Miami River and to seek County endorsements for scenic river designation. Others present included representatives of Sierra Club, Izaak Walton League, City of Cincinnati, County Engineering Department, Regional Planning Commission, Division 8 of the Highway Department, and Terrace Park and reflected the overlapping interests in the river valley. Ray Cadwallader and Bob Vogt, two members of the special Terrace Park committee, explained the reasons for vigorous opposition in Terrace Park to rechanneling the two rivers in order to relocate U.S. 50.

Cadwallader revealed how the Highway Department had changed its plans since the 1967 Public Hearings and now desired to rechannel the East Fork and Little

Miami Rivers in the Terrace Park area. He pointed out that the valley already contains two rivers, a golf course, a railroad and Round Bottom Road. He further asserted that this is just one of several basic planning questions that affect the general area of the Mariemont School District. Cadwallader's list of other relevant factors include a trunk sewer line, mass transit and other effects of Relocated 50 in addition to rechanneling the river - such as constructing Relocated 50 as a dike which will increase flood levels on the north side of the Little Miami. Cadwallader detailed Terrace Park's opposition both on technical and on ecolog-

ical and environmental bases.

Bob Vogt outlined his opposition to the last section of Relocated 50 which is discussed elsewhere in this issue of VILLAGE VIEWS. Irv Basler of the Highway Department reiterated that Division 8 is reevaluating the situation. Basler announced that Robert Bevis is assuming his position as Deputy Director. Basler is remaining in Division 8 as project engineer for Relocated 50. Walter Kunz expressed his opposition to rechanneling the rivers in the vicinity of their confluence. Little Miami Inc. and the Sierra Club restated their position opposing the project.

the book worm

by sue huprich

It seems that my reading of late has been leaning toward non-fiction, and several of the books have centered around the period of the twenty's and thirty's and the literary circles of those decades.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL LIVE from the poem of the same title is a very readable biography of Dorothy Parker by John Keats. The book moves, and one is not bogged down by redundant descriptive phrases, yet it catches all facets of Dorothy Parker's complex creative abilities. A story of her times as well as her life -- filled with her wry wit and suggestive of a sense of humor that kept her captive from knowing and being truly known by others. In AN UNFINISHED WOMAN by Lillian Hellman, one sees another dimension of this era. I personally felt Miss Hellman's book, although candid and very objective for an auto-biography, was a bit lackluster. They both portray Hemingway as a very complex and contrary man, and I highly recommend Carlos Baker's biography of Hemingway as being the best to date.

For those who like "Doctor" books there is a new and excellent one. THE MAKING OF A SURGEON by William A. Nolen, M.D. This is his own personal experiences as an intern, surgical resident and eventual chief surgical resident at Bellvue Hospital, New York City. A book amazingly down-to-earth and highly complimentary to the nursing profession. He points up the humanness and fallibility of a doctor and why such long training is necessary in order not to merely "wield a knife" but make the proper judgements. Very interesting to note that another book will be forthcoming from Dr. Nolen entitled IN PRACTICE.

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