



Now Here's Economy

Village Launches Spruce-Up Drive

Mayor Frank Corbin announced at the April 17 council meeting — delayed a week because of lack of a quorum — a restructuring of the village maintenance

department to accomplish the job, with assignment of Police Chief Robert Hiatt as superintendent to provide what the mayor called the necessary management and planning.

\$400, planting of a screen of forsythia bushes along the rear line of the green at \$50, and removal of five trees — four silver maples and one tulip tree — which the village was advised were damaged and in poor condition, at a cost of \$225.

The mayor added that third man — Marvin Alexander — has been added to the village maintenance force, and noted that the village has acquired a new and larger leaf vacuum, a new salt spreader, and a line painter, and plans to acquire a wood chipping machine.

With the collapse of the proposal to build a memorial podium on the green, Mrs. Decker announced instead formation of a citizens committee to attempt to come to some consensus as to what, if anything, should be done at the green as matter of permanent planning and planting.

"We're going to try," he said, "to pick up all trash on Monday of each week, and that should make a signal difference in the appearance of the village."

Nine citizens attending the council meeting volunteered to serve on such a group, and Mrs. Decker asked them, along with any other interested residents, to meet at the Community House at 8 p.m. on May 1 to initiate the study.

In fall, he continued, the village will have two trucks and two leaf vacuums at work and will attempt to cover the whole village once a week during the leaf-falling season.

Those who volunteered were Ray and Eileen Burklow, Dave and Cynthia Laird, Ann Lindell, Susan Channer, Ev Peery and John and Pat Roe.

And, "to the extent of our resources," he said, the village will push a program of maintaining and replacing street trees. The village expects to finalize bids and act at its next meeting on a \$3,500 plan of tree replacement.

Other Actions
In other actions, Council:
*Gave first reading, pending application for a state license, to an ordinance providing for a new traffic signal at Wooster and Elm, including walk signals, to cost \$4,892.

Under the program outlined by the mayor, Chief Hiatt will spend four hours a day out of the office, inspecting streets and other village properties and scheduling maintenance work to be done. The assignment, he said, was made possible by the recent employment of a police department secretary who has relieved the chief of a vast amount of routine detail and paper work.

*Received notice from CG&E of a one-cent per 1,000 cubic foot increase in gas rates, provided for in escalation clauses.

In the past, the village combined the posts of police chief and street commissioner, largely as a means of providing an adequate salary, but that practice has been dropped in recent years. While the mayor was reluctant to discuss whether the assignment of new duties to the chief involved an increase in salary, it was subsequently stated that the new program involves only a re-assignment of his duties without any change in his salary of \$13,000 per year.

*Approved of a fire department reorganization to provide for a second assistant fire chief.

*Rejected a Penn Central disclaimer of liability for repair of the Elm Road overpass.

*Authorized expenditure of \$784 to air condition police headquarters.

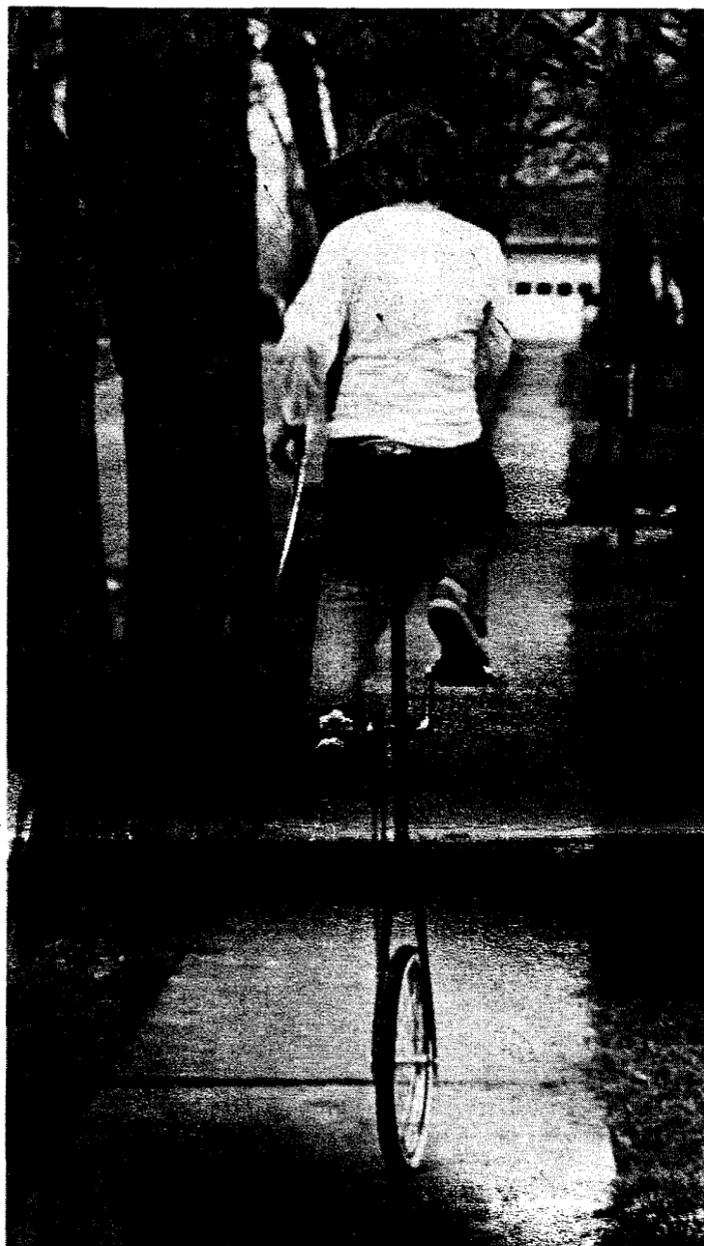
*Reappointed Bruce Brown to another five year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

*Agreed to hold a public meeting in May, on a date yet to be set, on the Matrix study of land development proposals for the village.

*Agreed to consider at the next meeting adoption of a uniform traffic code.

*Received a report of county agreement on plans to resurface Elm Road at a cost of \$32,000.

*Heard from the village solicitor that the village, with the consent of the Board of Education, could erect a new backstop or other protective fencing at the athletic field baseball diamond to meet complaints of residents of increasing hazard, and called for a review of the legal status of the Recreation Committee.



Why ride something that has four wheels, or even just two, if one will do? Scooting around the village on unicycles has become a new fad among the younger set, and as indicated by this young man, unfortunately rushing along too rapidly to be identified by the photographer. (Graydon DeCamp Photo)

Hearing Rejects Green Plan

Preservation and maintenance of the village green and other public areas seemed to be uppermost in the minds of about 100 residents who attended the public meeting about the village green on Tuesday, April 3. The meeting was arranged and chaired by Councilwoman Jan Decker at the request of several citizens who were upset about the proposed memorial podium designed for the green.

Mrs. Decker showed the plan for the stone faced podium and an artist's rendition of how it would appear on the green. She said that rough estimates of the cost were from \$700 to \$2500.

During the discussion period it became clear that individuals and the assembled group unanimously rejected the concept of the massive podium for the

space. It was apparent from the ovation received by Ed Hoff when he spoke of the unkempt condition of the public areas and suggested that if there was money to spend, it might best be used for lawn and tree care and maintenance.

Since the Terrace Park Players had given impetus to the refurbishing of the green by a \$2000 gift last summer, they were asked if the money must be spent for a structure. Secretary Joyce VanWye and Players board member Trudy Stevens stated that it was an unencumbered gift to the village.

There was a preponderance of long time residents at the meeting and many spoke in favor of keeping the memorial sign and the canons — not so much for their intrinsic value, but as reminders of our heritage.

Cable Coming?

Village Council gave first reading at its April meeting to an ordinance providing for a cable TV franchise in the community, although Councilman Kent Smith, its sponsor, said the actual start of service was "at least a year away."

The ordinance provides for an installation charge for each household of \$19.95, a monthly rental of \$5.25 for the first set and \$1 for each additional set, and payment of a franchise fee of 3% of the receipts to the village.

Work Set On Wooster Pk. Project

Work is expected to start within 30 days on a small office and shopping center on the north side of Wooster Pike, adjoining the Standard Oil Station. A completion date of September 1 is scheduled for the building, which is estimated to cost \$250,000.

Village Council recently authorized a zone change to permit construction, dropping from residential classification a small area west of the former toll house, now a residence.

In red brick, the building, of Williamsburg Colonial design, will be one story in height at the front, and will face on Wooster Pike. A setback will provide space for landscaping and parking in front, and in all, the plan proposes enough parking area for some 70 cars in front, at the sides and in the rear. An undedicated and undeveloped street in the rear will be opened as a drive to provide access to Given Road.

The major tenant will be a bank, including drive-in facilities, and the five other tenants will be in keeping with "a very high-class office and retail center," according to Gene Allen of Parchman & Oylar, one of the developers.

Besides Allen, other incorporators of the Terrace Park Development Co. in the project are Dr. Robert Hodery and Ken Wolf, who will be the builder.

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Letters

This time the issue is squarely before all residents of Terrace Park. How do you feel about the sale and development for houses of the school athletic field?

Two months ago we wrote about Cedar Swamp. Some people may find it difficult to get excited about saving such areas, but Cedar Swamp is unique and worth saving. Many individuals recognized this and have rallied to its support.

Our athletic field is also unique and should be saved. It's large enough for multiple use, level, easily accessible, readily supervised, and has developed ball diamonds, soccer and football fields. It also is the only field we have meeting all those requirements. Terrace Park is fortunate in several areas. We have a village green, the riverfront wilderness area, the log cabin area, and the "bird sanctuary" dump. For various reasons none of these areas is at present compatible with athletic field development. The dump is the one area presenting the possibility of future open space development, but the present use precludes such use now. The dump is also not readily supervisable or accessible.

The athletic field is now intensively used every season. There are scheduled activities there virtually every week of the year with the possible exception of a few in midwinter. Granted these are mostly village and not school functions, but the village of Terrace Park provided that athletic field for the school in the beginning when the school needed a place for athletic contests for our children. Our children still need it even if the school doesn't.

What benefit can be gained from the sale of this property? The school board would be lucky to net more than \$90,000 or a \$100,000. That's a drop in the budget bucket when measured against a year's expenditures. It would only come once, would be spent; then the money would be gone and the athletic field would be gone.

Undeveloped, this field will continue to increase in monetary value as such land becomes scarcer. More importantly the field will continue to increase in value to all of us as athletic fields become scarcer.

This is not a trivial decision. Perhaps the present and future attractiveness of Terrace Park as a place to live will depend on how we choose.

ROBERT TERWILLEGER

S-Talking Stocks

Stanton T. Olinger

As you look at the stock average charts and most individual stocks you realize that now is no time to increase your investments. In fact you should be sold out of most stocks and have your capital in short time securities.

Treasury Bills are now bringing a return on investment of six per cent and want to go higher.

This recent drop in the DJI and the other averages is confusing to the average investor as he reads every day of record sales and profits. So why does the market drop? It is because of the market's fears of the stability of the dollar on the world's money markets and the fear that the relaxation of controls will accelerate inflation.

It proves once more that by only reading the business news you do not get the whole story and the only thing that really matters is the price your stocks are bringing.

To follow a stock you must keep a record of its current selling price and this is most easily done by plotting its Friday's close each week. From this you can see trends developing and then disregarding any feeling you may have about its future buy or sell when the charts tell you.

If you will study the art of charting and obey the signals given, you will follow an upward trend and sell when the stock reverses.

This plan will not put you in the market at the bottom or enable you to sell at the top, but it will protect your profits and reduce your losses. One of the saddest experiences of any investor is to watch a stock rise, but when it falters and drops to watch your profits evaporate and to get locked into a steadily increasing loss.

I have never found a better way to avoid this than to follow the chart signals and ignore any advise or emotions you may feel.

Following chart signals is no guarantee of always making a profit and sometimes you lose but your losses are limited.

You should also ignore any taxes you must pay on capital gains and to refuse to sell because of the tax liability is one sure way to lose far more than the tax bite.

Cub Scouts Graduate 19 Webelos

Nineteen Webelos celebrated their graduation from the ranks of Cub Scouts the night of April 24.

These boys have met every Tuesday evening all year. They have worked on badges, listened to speakers, made projects, and, when time allowed, played games. By the park meeting these boys will have earned a total of more than 154 badges, many of which required considerable work.

Seventeen boys earned the Arrow Of Light. This award means they have passed all tenderfoot scout requirements and have earned three badges, one of which is citizenship. The Arrow of Light or Webelos Award is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only Cub Scout insignia that can be worn on a Boy Scout uniform.

All this work has been ably directed by Don VanMeter and Jim Johnson. This is Don's second highly successful year directing the Webelos program.

The graduating Webelos were: Todd Bodnar, Todd Channer, Ned Bachman, Jeff Demma, Andy Dumford, Greg Norvell, Reed Boeing, Jamie Allison, Mike Makowski, Phil Johnson, Steve Pruet, Steve Sauter, Keith Terwillegar, Jeff Ryan, David Brendenford, Scott Tholan, Kent Weyer, Greg Beglen, and Scott VanMeter.

Giant Garage Sale. April 28th, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Furniture, dishes, household treasures. 804 Park.

League Women Voters Elects

Mrs. Barry Ramsdell, 918 Elm Ave., has been elected unit chairman of the Terrace Park League of Women Voters.

Other officers are Mrs. Thomas Preston, vice chairman; Mrs. Robert Terwillegar, recorder; Mrs. L. J. Winchester, voter service chairman; Mrs. Terry Bernard, action and public relations chairman; Mrs. Stuart Reynolds, publications and calendars chairman, and Mrs. Thomas Klinedinst, finance chairman.

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WOMENS FUN SOFTBALL

Starting May 7, the Terrace Park Women's Softball-for-Fun games will officially begin in unofficial but fun style! (There is talk of challenging the men's team). Call Beverly Meyers, 831-7664, for more information.

NOMINATED

Two vestrymen of St. Thomas Church were among candidates for diocesan office at the recent convention in Columbus of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. James Baxter III was a nominee for diocesan trustee, and Richard H. Eggleston for trustee of the Church Foundation. The Rev. Robert Gerhard of St. Thomas was chairman of the nominating committee.

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"Hello, Dolly" At Mariemont High

This year Mariemont High musical, "Hello, Dolly!" Under the direction of Robert Dominique, the chorus has been working hard to bring this production to Mariemont.

Mrs. Dolly Levi is being played by Patty Thomson, a senior who has been in many productions at M.H.S. including "The Music Man" last year.

Jay Monroe plays Horace Vanderaelder. Other parts are held by Corley Phillips, Lesley Hodell, Chan Chee Keong, Steve Carvajal, Whitney Smith, Jeff Woods, Sherri Stewart, Lynn Gerwin and Bobbie Moersdorf.

Other Terrace Parkers in

GIRLS SOFTBALL SIGN UP

Girls from 4th through 12th grades interested in playing softball, and who have missed the registration April 7, should call Mrs. Meyers, 831-7664.

LMI TO MEET HERE

The Lower River Council of Little Miami Inc. will hold future monthly trustee meetings in St. Thomas Church. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. All LMI meetings are open to the public and Terrace Park residents are especially invited to participate and learn about the variety of effort required to preserve a river.

PAPER DRIVE SET

Terrace Park's Boy Scouts will hold another paper drive Saturday, April 28. Pickup starts at 9 a.m. Scouts will deliver string a few days before the drive.

Looking for a mature, reliable, baby sitter during the summer. Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call: 831-5137.

Wanted to buy a home; three or four bedroom; two story house. Occupancy between April and August. Write: P.O. Box #1082; 45201.

the show are: Bonnie Bruch,

chell, Stacy Davis, Nancy Duesing, Cathy Gerhardt, Mindy Graeter, Nancy Griffith, Sally Holt, Meredith Hubka, Jenny Kauffman, Janet Kauffman, Janet Kelly, Susie Konold, Bobbie Moersdorf, Diane Nordloh, Cindy Pannkuk, Carrie Pruet, Cindy Sauter, Lorri Shundich, Becky Shundich, Sharon Sluka, Susan Stevens, Malinda Van Meter, Andy Augspurger, Fred Dunning, Brett Froehlich, Jeff Griffith, Kevin Henderson, Paul Henley, Rick Hildbold, Jim Masters, Doug Olson, John Richardson, Joe Resor, Chris Schott, and Greg Vogt.

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What's Boredom, Asks Diane Durden

by Jeanne Sanker

Diane Durden (Mrs. Dennis) is probably one of Terrace Park's busiest citizens with a daily schedule that is as varied as our spring weather this year. Her interests range from botany and archaeology to sports and politics, all in addition to her home and family with four children!

A connoisseur of Terrace Park's wildflowers, Diane says that her favorite pastime at home now is compiling a Flora of the 146 varieties she has located and photographed in the village. She found many of these blooming along the railroad tracks where, she suggests, seed may have blown or been dropped from passing trains and lay untouched along the tracks.

Her bookshelves are filled with wildflower books -- American and foreign -- to which she finds herself referring more and more as time brings additional flowers to her view. She feels there are still many she has not yet found and is looking forward eagerly to another flower season. She has been a member of the Terrace Park Garden Club for a number of years, holding various offices and presenting a number of original and enlightening programs.

When the Cincinnati Nature Center opened, it was only natural for Diane to become a Trail Guide for tours with school children. Her interest in ecology and ornithology has been heightened by the groups she herself has joined there, fascinated by the endless knowledge to be gained.

Calling on her library experience gained as assistant to Ann Gilchrist when the Terrace Park Elementary School library was established, Diane volunteered her services as Librarian at the Nature Center when many Cincinnatians offered their collections of nature books to the Center. Thus began another very important part of the Center's service to the community, with Diane cataloguing and setting up what has become a quite extensive library.

Once a week, summer and winter, Diane joins Elizabeth Brockschlager, of the Cincinnati Natural History Museum, in working on remains found in the earth around the old Turpin site, in Newtown, scene of Indian burial grounds where Indian mounds were previously located. In the summer, you can find Diane and Elizabeth digging for bits and pieces of past Indian history, and in winter you'll find them back indoors, sorting, piecing, gluing and tagging the treasures unearthed. "Time consuming and demanding of patience," admits Diane, "but so rewarding."

At election time, Diane dons another hat of interest, that of Political Science, her college major, and you'll find her at the Precinct A clerk's table, greeting the voters.

A sportswoman, too, Diane has participated in many outdoor community activities, and again has added to Terrace Park's scene by coach-



Diane Homes In On A Wildflower

ing the girls' soccer team for several years.

Diane and her family are active members of St. Thomas Church, where Diane previously taught a Sunday School Class.

The Durden children, Tom, 16, Meredith, 15, Sarah, 13, and Matthew, 11, with many interests of their own, are all proud of their mother's knowledge of and interest in so many aspects of nature and community life. When they visit their family farm in Indiana and their lake

property in Kentucky, they depend on her to identify the many other varieties of wildflowers and trees to be found in those areas.

If your path has not yet crossed Diane's, it soon will, for if she is not at some community activity as a participant, you can be sure she'll be there as an eager listener, with an interest and enthusiasm for other people that is comparable to her love of all aspects of nature.

Medi-Copter Visits Village

On March 25, Terrace Park residents were able to view Cincinnati's new Medi-Copter, after it landed on the athletic field while on a routine patrol.

The helicopter is a medical version of the HU-1A Huey series used in Viet-Nam. Made available by the National Guard, it is operated by two National Guard Pilots.

The crew on the Medi-Copter consists of 2 local lifesquad members and a medical doctor whose time is also volunteered. Squadsmen must have completed the 60 hour state emergency training course or have passed the E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technicians) exam to be able to participate in the "Flying Ambulance" program.

The purpose of the

program is to aid victims in need of more immediate transportation to the hospital or are in need of an on-the-spot physician.

Temporarily, only squads within radio contact with the Communication's Center can request the aid of the helicopter. Soon, the coverage will be extended to some nine counties around Cincinnati. At present the 'Copter runs only during daylight hours on weekends. Hopefully, in the near future, the operations can be extended to a full 7 day a week - 24 hour a day operation.

Terrace Park's representatives on the 25th were Susan Channer and Pete Miller in the morning and Pat Roe and Randy Kocher in the afternoon.

Celebration At Post Office

Postmaster Jim Simonton announced plans for "Postal Week" to be celebrated here April 29 through May 5. On April 30 the Terrace Park Post Office will highlight this observance with activities that dramatize the important roles performed by postal people as they move the mails.

As part of the observance, the Post Office will issue 10 special stamps honoring postal employees. The new stamps will be placed on sale here in conjunction with similar ceremonies to be held in Washington by Postmaster General E.T. Klassen. All postal customers visiting the Terrace Park post office will be given free souvenir envelopes so long as a limited supply lasts.

School Safety Week

Terrace Park Elementary School is observing Safety Week this week, emphasizing bicycling and pedestrian safety. Some of the programs planned are a safety presentation by Patrolman Biddle, a mock intersection with a traffic light in the school building; and a poster contest for students from the first grade through the fifth.

Prizes for this poster contest will be donated by Bishop's Bicycle Shop in Milford and the bike shop will display the winning posters. Also during Safety Week, there will be a display and sale of the international safety triangle -- a safety reflector for bicycles, to be sold at cost to the students for 60 cents.

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List of Wildflowers Just Grows and Grows



Village Views reported last month on a Garden Club showing of color slides by Mrs. Dennis Durden on the wildflowers of Terrace Park. Mrs. Durden has since put together a list of the wildlings she has found here thus far, and it is presented here, with botanical names in parentheses.

Soon after the still-remembered tornado, we published a list of street-tree varieties of Terrace Park. Now -- does anyone have a bird list?

The wildflower list:

Yucca (Yucca filamentosa), Day lily (Hemerocallis fulva), Star of Bethlehem (Ornithogalum umbellatum), Solomon's seal (Polygonatum biflorum), Blue-eyed Grass (Sisyrinchium), Zig Zag spiderwort (Tradescantia virginiana), Virginia dayflower (Commelina virginica), pink knotweed (Polygonum pennsylvanicum), Virginia knotweed (Polygonum virginianum), Wild four-o'clock (Mirabilis nyctaginea), Pokeweed (Phytolacca americana), leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula), slender three-seeded mercury (Acalypha gracilens), abortive buttercup (Ranunculus abortivus), rue anemone (Anemonella thalictroides), tall meadow rue (Thalictrum polygamum), garden larkspur (Delphinium ajacis), thimbleweed (Anemone virginiana), Cinquefoil (Potentilla recta), strawberry (Fragaria virginiana), mock strawberry (Duchesnea indica), St. Johnswort (Hypericum perforatum), spotted St. Johnswort (Hypericum punctatum), prickly pear cactus (Opuntia humifusa), garlic mustard (Alliaria officinalis), black mustard (Brassica nigra), whitlow grass (Draba verna), sicklepod (Arabis canadensis), peppergrass (Lepidium campestre), shepherd's purse (Capsella bursa-pastoris), smooth rock cress (Arabis leavigata), marsh water cress (Radicula palustris), Toothwort (Dentaria laciniata), purple cress (Cardamine douglassii), Pennsylvania bittercress (Cardamine pennsylvanica), Dutchman's breeches (Dentaria cucullaria), golden corydalis (Corydalis aurea), Deptford pink (Dianthus armeria), white campion or evening lychnis (Lychnis alba), corn cockle (Argemone githago), bladder campion (Silene cucubalis), sleepy catchfly (Silene antirrhina), Bouncing bet (Saponaria officinalis), mouse-eared chickweed (Cerastium vulgatum), thyme-leaved sandwort (Arenaria serpyllifolia), chickweed (Stellaria media), wall pepper or mossy stonewort (Sedum acre), sour grass or wood sorrel (Oxalis), golden alexanders (Viola blanda), common blue violet (Viola papilionacea).

Moneywort or Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia nummularia), scarlet pimpernel (Anagallis arvensis), fringed goosestrife (Steironema ciliatum), milkweed (Asclepias

syriaca), blue vine or sand vine (Ampelamus albidis), wild blue phlox (Phlox divaricata), waterleaf (Hydrophyllum), Miami mist (Phacelia Purschii).

Mertensia (Mertensia virginica), corn grom well (Lithospermum arvense), jimson weed (Datura stramonium), Virginia ground cherry (Physalis virginiana), horse nettle (Solanum carolinense).

Field bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis), wild potato vine (Ipomoea pandurata), dodder (Cuscuta gronovii), star bellflower (Campanula americana), Venus' looking glass (Specularia perfoliata), white Venus' looking glass (var. of above).

Ruellia or northern wild petunia (Ruellia carolinensis), corn salad (Valerianella radiata), blue corn salad (Valerianella olitoria), vervain (Verbena bractea), fog fruit (Lippia lanceolata), white vervain (Verbena urticifolia).

American germander or wood sage (Teucrium canadense), figwort or giant hysop (Agastache scrophulariaefolia), ground ivy or creeping charlie (Glechoma hederacea), downy blephilia or wood mint (Blephilia ciliata), catnip (nepeta cataria), purple deadnettle (Lamium purpureum), white purple deadnettle (var. of the above) henbit deadnettle (Lamium alexicauale).

Penstemon or Beardtongue (Penstemon hirsutus), toadflax or butter-and-eggs (Linaria vulgaris), great mullein (Verbascum thapsus), moth mullein (Verbascum blattaria), speedwell (Veronica peregrina), dwarf snapdragon (Ghaenorrihnum minus), monkeyflower (Mimulus ringens).

Lobelia (Lobelia), teasel (Dipsacus sylvestris), green amaranth (Amaranthus retroflexus), bedstraw (Galium), English plantain or ribwort plantain (Plantago lanceolata), common plantain (Plantago major), oyster plant or Salsify (Tragopogon porrifolius), goatsbeard (Tragopogon praetensis).

Field thistle (Cirsium discolor), white snakeroot (Eupatorium rusosum),

boneset (Eupatroium perfoliatum), false boneset (Kuhnia eupatorioides), field pussytoes (Antennaria neglecta), ragwort (Senecio).

Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale), daisy fleabane (Erigeron annuus), common fleabane (Erigeron philadelphicus), horseweed or Canada fleabane (Erigeron canadensis), ox-eye daisy (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum), goldenrod (Solidago), small flowered leafcup (Polymnia canadensis).

Green-headed coneflower (Rudebeckia laciniata), Spanish needles (Bidens bipinnata), spiny-leaved sow thistle (Sonchus asper), prickly lettuce (Lactuca scariola), chicory (Chichorium intybus), blue lettuce (Lactuca floridana), great ragweed (Ambrosia trifida), common ragweed (Ambrosia artemisiifolia), galinsoga (Galinsoga parviflora), yarrow or milfoil (Achillea millefolium).

Village Honored By Little Miami River Group

Terrace Park received a certificate of appreciation from Little Miami, Inc. at the organization's recent annual meeting in Lebanon, Ohio, for community efforts toward preservation of the Little Miami River.

Village Clerk Donald Franke accepted the award by designation by Mayor Frank Corbin, both as a village official and as an active worker in the cause.

Presentation of the award followed approval by all three councils and the executive board of LMI.

It came as a result of Terrace Parks Council's actions in opposition to relocation of US 50 which would have involved a major change in the course of the river, participation in court action to halt an instream gravel operation, support of the pending Kroger Hills park development and designation of the Little Miami as a scenic river, and testimony by the major and Councilwoman Janet Decker at a federal hearing on the status of the stream.

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Those Were The Days

By Stan Miller

Now that there's talk of gas rationing again, do you remember what treasure was more precious than money in 1943? That's right, the Ration Stamp Book.

During the critical years of World War II, the government set up a rationing program, to enable every family to obtain its share of the items made scarce by war production. To itemize all these products would be impossible, as just about everything from food, to clothing, to gasoline was scarce.

Centers were set up in schools etc. to dispense the booklets. Each member of the family received his own book. The slogan, "If you don't need it, don't buy it," was on the back cover. The people who complained about the long lines they waited in to get their stamps would stand in even longer lines trying to use the stamps.

I think food items were missed in every family. There was oleo, that lard-like substance they mixed with a yellow food coloring, that could pass for butter, and seasonings in soybean patties that could pass for beef. The scarcity of chocolate and coffee changed many menus. Even horsemeat took ration stamps. Meat tenderisers were not yet available.

Rayons -- an announcement would bring throngs of people to a fight to the finish. They were sad imitations of pre-war silk hose, and many women resorted to painting their legs with an orange-brown liquid. One advantage was there were no sags.

Cigarettes -- There were tiny roller machines, and a

line of glue on the cigarette paper you licked and held for filling. If a shipment was advertised or whispered you hurried to stand in line to purchase the limited amount. Never your choice, you took anything on sale.

As for gasoline, you were issued stamps according to need. You received a stickers for your windshield and a number of stamps to match it for a certain period.

But no amount of money or stamps could buy a decent tire.

There was much trading of stamps. If a neighbor needed a sugar stamp, maybe he could exchange it for a coffee coupon. You were allowed only a certain amount of fuel oil and you guarded your allotment religiously. (I had to ask for 28 gallons extra to take me through May.) I don't remember that chicken was rationed.

As for other things in 1943: Teen-agers were dancing the jitterbug.

Girls were swooning over a new singer named Frank Sinatra.

Every neighborhood had its own Air Raid Warden.

Every back yard boasted a "Victory Garden."

Children were kept busy being patriotic in many ways. We saved out tin cans and stamped them flat. On certain days they were picked

ing grease was saved and returned to the local butcher for 2¢ a pound. Newspapers were tied in bundles and sold in big paper drives. I never could understand why papers, grease or cans helped us win the war but it was our small contribution.

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