

Village Views

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How We Voted

For the first time, village voters gave less than whole-hearted approval to a school tax issue at the November elections, leaving it to Mariemont to give a 1.5-mill maintenance levy its 300-vote margin of approval.

Terrace Park gave the levy 582 votes, with 551 against it. Fairfax voted it down, 373 yes to 552 no. Mariemont went 1,108 to 600.

The total vote here was 1,193 or 71% of the 1,684 registration, again heavily Republican.

The vote on contested offices:

President	
Ronald Reagan R	997
Walter Mondale D	178
Gus Hall	3
Gavrielle Holmes	1
Dennis Serrette	1
Ed Winn	1
Congress	
Willis Gradison R	1,059
Thomas J. Porter D	117
State Representative	
John O'Brien R	961
Geoff Bennington D	161
County Commissioner	
Joseph M. DeCourcy R	933
Brewster Rhoads D	193
Carol Dragul D	174
Robert A. Taft II R	973
Prosecuting Attorney	
Arthur M. Ney R	929
James Cissell D	219
Clerk of Courts	
Robert D. Jennings R	923
Sibyl Daniels D	167
Sheriff	
Henry J. Sandman D	357
Lincoln Stokes R	767
Recorder	
John E. Held R	781
Kevin Keefe D	318
Treasurer	
Wayne F. Wilke R	977
Timothy Mara D	152
Ohio Supreme Court	
Andrew Douglas R	784
John Corrigan D	203
Craig Wright R	898
James Celebreeze D	181
Court of Appeals	
Lee Hildebrandt R	676
George Palmer D	352
Common Pleas Court	
Wm. J. Morrissey R	844
David J. Boyd D	151
Norbert Nadel R	856
Nadine Allen D	196
Robert H. Gorman D	310
Thomas Longano R	755
Juvenile Division	
Richard T. Dugan D	160
John P. O'Connor R	802
Mental Health Levy	
For	812
Against	348



Reading's Reward

Alex Phillips, eight year old son of Hank and Janet Phillips, received a special certificate with gold seal for having read 50 books in the Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Cincinnati Reds and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Life Squad Acquires Nine New Recruits

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reports that nine new recruits have been enlisted by the Life Squad, and will begin training as emergency medical technicians on December 3.

Their inclusion in the squad, once training is completed, will bring the squad back up to strength, Matthews said.

He added that two other residents have volunteered to serve as ambulance drivers.

The squad recruits are Diana Wages, Randy and Rebecca Casteel, Jill McKenzie, Nancy Cunningham, Jo Seik, Barbara Bowen, Janette Popetka, and Frances Stafford. Driver volunteers are Debbie Carle and Mike Ross.

Liquor Board Hearing Slated On Golden Pheasant Protests

Ohio's Liquor Control Board will hold a hearing at the Hamilton County Courthouse on Tuesday, November 27, on protests at renewal of the liquor license of the Golden Pheasant on Round Bottom Road.

The tavern has been the focus of summer-long campaigning by residents of Terrace Park and others to halt loud rock 'n roll music blasting across the river. One result was the conviction of the owner/operator in early October on a charge of disturbing the peace, with imposition of the maximum penalty by Municipal Judge Jack Sherman.

The hearing will be held at 1 p.m. in Room 224 at the courthouse.

Complaints against the

Retirement Of BBSCo Debt From Tax Windfall Proposed

Councilman Bob Payne, chairman of village council's finance committee, recommended at the November council meeting that \$80,000 of a \$132,000 estate tax windfall be used to retire the village's BBSCo. debt, and the \$52,000 balance be held in an emergency fund.

Final action is expected at the December council meeting. None could be taken at the November meeting because of the absence of Councilmen Rich Gilchrist and Jack Schmidt.

The village bought the property at the western corner of Wooster and Elm in settlement of litigation that followed a referendum that upset plans for a condominium development. Of the money borrowed from the Central Trust Co., \$120,000 remains on a note due at the end of next month. Council already had budgeted a payment of \$40,000, and Payne

proposed liquidating the debt completely.

"It is true," Payne said, "that some margin of profit might be obtained by renewing the note for \$80,000 and investing the difference. This would seem to have an advantage of only 2 to 2½ points net of legal expenses. The question of the ethics of public borrowing for such a purpose is certainly raised by this. On the other hand, the high credit rating of the village would be clearly upheld by early payment of the note."

He left open what use might be made of the remaining \$52,000, but Fire Chief Pierce Matthews asked councilmen at the meeting to consider budgeting \$12,000 towards a new ambulance, to go with the \$18,000 the Fire Department and Life Squad have raised through their own efforts.

A cut in the village tax rate had been suggested as one

possibility in an earlier public hearing on what use to make of the estate tax windfall.

That, said Payne, "does not seem appropriate to discuss at this point, given the recent developments in the intangibles tax/library situation. We expect to lose \$20,000 in 1984 and \$25,000 in 1985, with a probably continuing adverse effect thereafter."

Retiring the BBSCo. note would save \$6,000 in interest, Payne noted, while investing the \$52,000 would yield over \$4,000 a year.

Urging budgetary caution, Payne said he expected mayor's court, gasoline tax and motor vehicle revenues to rise less rapidly than in recent years, with falling interest rates also affecting village revenues. His projection anticipated only renewal of a 3.11 village operating levy which expires at the end of next year.

Board Merger Plan Draws Objections

Mayor Les Overway's proposal to merge the village Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals ran into opposition at November's council meeting.

The mayor last month announced interim appointment of two members of the planning commission to vacancies on the appeals board. They are Ray Colton and Paul Gerwin. Allan Griffith already is a member of both boards. Former mayor Chuck Rockel also was appointed.

Jan McAllister, until re-

cently a member of the appeals board, voiced concern that with three planning commission members on the appeals board, their majority viewpoint would not provide proper consideration of an applicant's appeal.

She suggested that the appeals board consist of five persons, including an architect and a lawyer, serving staggered five-year terms.

Mayor Les Overway said the proposed consolidation is under study, and he is awaiting a committee recommendation.

Speaking for the Garden Club, Diana Greer voiced concern over club cabinets in the Community House kitchen being broken into, the disappearance of village folding tables, and inadequate kitchen electrical service. Police Chief Ron Pottorf said he would consult with the club to seek solutions.

Building inspector Bob Corey reported issuance of three residential building permits in November and said he expected three more in December.

Players Name McClellan As New Chairman

The Terrace Park Players combined their annual meeting with a Halloween party at the Community House on October 27, electing new officers headed by Marcy McClellan as chairman.

Others are Mike Ross, vice chairman; Kathy Woodruff, secretary, and Jack Gambetta, treasurer. New board members are Kay Williamson, Jason Popelka and Flach Douglas.

Thanks were expressed to all those who have supported the Players by attending their productions through the past year, and a welcome again extended to any willing to contribute their talents to coming presentations. Any who would like to act, direct, organize, help with set design or play musical instruments should call 831-1516.

Schneider, Bob Sachs and Ted Swenssen.

While voicing gratification at the outcome of the court hearing, the committee said it is pushing action "to be sure this racket doesn't start again next spring."

Need A Book?

If you haven't receive a new Fire Department village telephone book, or need extra copies, contact the village office.

The books this year are being sold for \$2 a copy, or three books for \$5.

A property owners committee is urging village residents to attend the hearing "if you are disturbed by this noise pollution, if you are against being forced to listen to someone else's loud music, if you are concerned about the eventual loss of Terrace Park property values, or if you just want to support the defense of our community from this noise invasion."

Members of the committee are Ross Aldrich, Marijo Cundall, Jane Earls, Dick Eggleston, Mim Howard, John Jones, Lynn Nelson, Gordon Lumley, Bob Reese, Dave

Next Paper Drive Is November 15

Once Upon A Time There Was a Lake in Terrace Park

By Mel Aichholz

Our green belt is a composition of all of the public lands in the village exempt from taxation.

Two of these areas are abandoned gravel pits, not readily visible to the passerby. One of these areas is on Given Road at Stony Creek Drive. The other is the land fill on the west side of Elm Avenue at the Boy Scout Cabin.

The land fill operation on Elm Avenue has a fabulous history. In 1840, it was a gravel pit used by the Little Miami Railroad to obtain ballast in laying tracks out from Cincinnati.

In 1853, the railroad sold the operation to Harry Illiff, who continued it for 70 years. In 1923, it was sold to Carl Phares, who resold it to the village in 1934 for \$1,000. This may have been the best investment ever made by the village.

Although this area is now called a land fill, it has had several names over the years. After the gravel operations ceased, it was known as the "DUMP." Later, it became the Land Fill, when garbage was placed in open trenches and covered by a bulldozer. This operation was discontinued in the late fifties when the village contracted with Rumpke for hauling refuse out of the village. Other names have been suggested such as Bird Sanctuary and Quail Hollow, but the area now provides a variety of services other than land fill.

There is a building, housing village maintenance equip-

ment, an area for parking boats and recreation vehicles, an area for storing cordwood, another for the accumulation of compost, and a nursery for growing young trees.

Fifty years ago, the water table was high enough to form a lake and it was possible to look down from Elm Avenue on Loch Douglas. However, the water table has

dropped and there has been very little water accumulation during recent years.

The Granducci gravel operation off Given Road was still in operation into the early fifties, but was continued when the water table became too high. There is an easy path into this area from Stony Creek Drive. It was deeded to the village in 1978 by the Ferd Critchell Jr. Trust.

To Curb Erosion

The Ohio Scenic Rivers Program is working with landowners along Ohio's Scenic Rivers to control loss of riverfront land due to erosion. The program utilizes workers from the Civilian Conversation Corps and volunteers. Interested landowners can call 832-2377, 351-6400 or Don Franke, 831-4137.



Aids Blood Bank

Terrace Park resident Graydon DeCamp has been elected vice-chairman of Hoxworth Blood Center's Community Advisory Board. DeCamp is a freelance writer and editorial consultant. Formerly magazine editor for The Cincinnati Enquirer and city editor for The Cincinnati Post, he also is a member of the board of directors of the Better Housing League and co-chairman of the Cincinnati Partnership for Affordable Housing.

Letter

To the Editor:

For 15 years Village Views has brought us monthly news of our community based on support from donations and ads. Volunteers also give their time and talent to produce the paper.

For many years it was easy to operate with about half the revenue from advertising and half from donations from the residents who receive the paper free. The copy-to-advertising ration was about two to one.

Costs have increased, ads have increased, but donations have not kept pace, and now the paper is about half ads, just to keep it going.

For a brighter future, the trend needs to change. Caring readers can help by:

1. Sending donations to Jan McAllister, 835 Douglas Avenue,
2. Submitting articles and pictures to Ellis Rawnsley, editor.

Pat Henley

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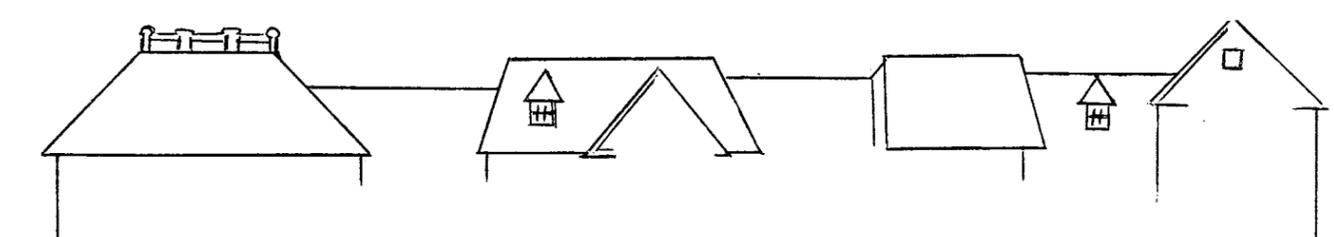
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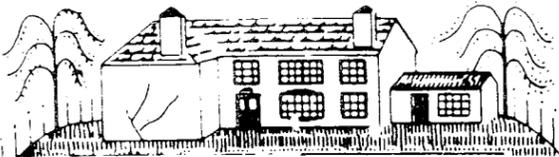
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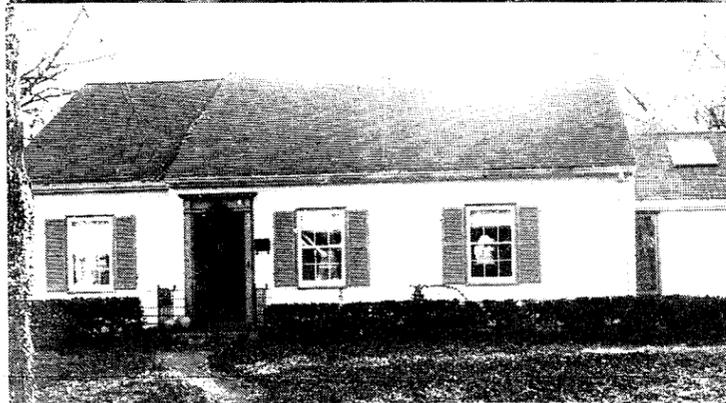
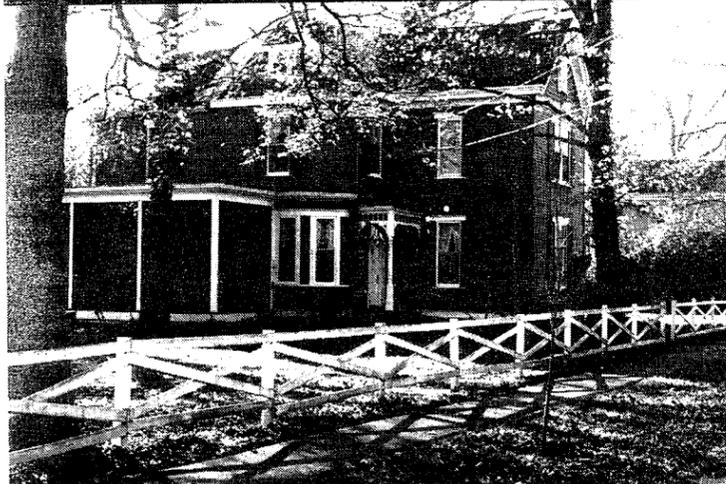


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**Pumpkin Festival
Turnout Best Yet**

More people than ever before attended this year's Pumpkin Festival, sponsored at the elementary school by the PTA.

Connie Wilson, PTA president, thanks supporters and also the many members who helped stage this year's event. Special thanks are due Mary Malotke, festival chairman, and her committee.

"Thanks to all of you," says Mrs. Wilson, "new playground equipment for our elementary school is getting closer to reality."

Plans Sought

Village residents are being asked to provide Building Inspector Bob Corey with sketches of their properties showing the location of septic tanks.

The information is being sought to insure that no problems will arise when additions or other building plans come up in the future.

**Three Villagers
Active In Play**

Marcie McClelland, Bob Lipka and Pat Lipka will be participating in Spectrum Theatre's production of the award winning movie, "Come Back to The Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean," held at Raymond Walters College in Blue Ash, November 29, 30 and December 1.

Marcie McClelland is performing the part of Edna, Lat Lipka the part of Joanne, and Bob Lipka is directing the show. For further information call Marcie McClelland, 831-1516.

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