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Before papers were computerized -30- let the typesetters know where the story ended. Back in the '60's, in my early years at the *Times Herald*, the type was set by the hands of the burliest of men in shirts with the sleeves ripped off. They smoked cigars and "girlie" pictures hung above their galleys of type. They'd bring strips of stories out to the proof readers, gentle ladies with their cardigans held across their shoulders by sweater clips.

This -30- marks the end of my Village Views story, which I began back in the early 80's covering school board meetings. Those early days were the beginning of one of my greatest gifts in life, knowing Ellis Rawnsley and his wife Bonnie. I, however, proved a source of eternal frustration for Ellis, who didn't share my appreciation of procrastination as an art form.

Now is not the time for procrastination, so I will not prolong my departure. My vision of the newspaper differs from that of three of the paper's five board members, so I am resigning as of this month. I leave with the fondest of memories and the greatest appreciation for the residents of this village, both present and those from 1969, who had the courage to create this most unique member of the fourth estate.

My more recent work for the Views included long and frustrating communication with the IRS which finally agreed that the Village Views deserved 501 (c) (3) status making all its contributions tax deductible. My principle points of persuasion focused on the unique role the Village Views plays in educating Terrace Park residents, on their government, recreation, schools and charities.

My IRS arguments were successful, I think, because I truly believed the core of the argument which included:

"In the early '70's the Village Views reported, 'The policy of the Village Views is always to improve communication, mutual awareness and responsibility. We wish also to bring out fresh talent and wider participation in all community interests and enterprises.'

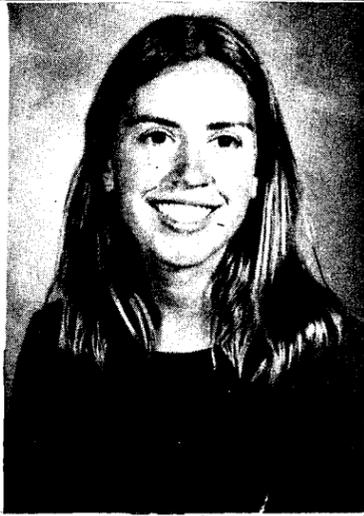
"Since its inception, the basic mission of the Village Views has been education. In the first issue of the Village Views, then Mayor Carl Lindell said the community newspaper 'will make possible a better liaison between government, community organizations and citizens - providing an opportunity to share the lessons of our experience.'

"The Village Views continues to educate the residents of Terrace Park. It also serves as the independent communication link between the community's many non-profit and tax exempt organizations and the citizens they serve. The Village Views definitely educates the citizens of Terrace Park on subjects useful to individuals and beneficial to the community."

One of the main methods of this education is the letter to the editor. Although I have not agreed with all of the recent letters to the editor, I was pleased to print them. Discourse begins when members of the community take pen in hand and courageously communicate their ideas and beliefs. My one wish for the Village Views is that it continues to print all signed letters to the editor in their entirety. That is the soul of this newspaper. It does not belong to me or its Board of Trustees. It belongs to you, the residents of Terrace Park.

-Ricki Schmidt

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### Overbey Named National Merit Semi-Finalist

Terrace Park resident Maggie Overbey was one of five seniors at Summit Country Day School named a Semi-Finalist in the 1997 National Merit Scholarship Program.

After attending American Youth Foundation leadership conferences the last two summers in Michigan, Overbey facilitated workshops for clubs and teams at Summit, helping to improve the peer education at the school. As a member of the Christian Service Coordinating Committee she helps plan and organize the service opportunities helping Summit's students meet their required 48 hours of service. This year she serves on the Washington Park Elementary School Committee, planning and organizing activities for the children at the inner-city school.

As a Youth in City Government participant, Overbey spent several days at Cincinnati City Hall learning first hand about city government and was elected City Manager. Secretary-Treasurer of the Spirit Club, she is also Vice President of the Business Leaders of Tomorrow. Achieving First Honors in all academic quarters, she is a member of the National Honor Society as well as a varsity tennis player.

The daughter of Lynette and Terry Overbey of Denison La., Overbey hopes to study chemical engineering at Northwestern or Princeton.

**VOTE**  
**Tues., Nov. 5**  
**6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Community House**

**Beware And Bewitch**  
**Between 6 and 8 p.m.**  
**On Beggar's Night**  
**Thursday, October 30**  
**Listen For The Siren**  
**Watch Out for Ghosts**  
**In All Shapes, Sizes**

Council made this decision due to many events scheduled Friday night.

**EMS & FIRE DEPT.**  
**RECEPTION**  
**Sun. Nov. 13, 3-5 p.m.**  
**Community House**  
**EVERYONE INVITED**  
**AND WELCOME**

### Village Council Race Uncontested

Terrace Park council members Dan Startzman and Dan Keefe seek reelection to four year terms on Nov. 5. Stephen Holmes and Jack Brown are seeking election to the seats vacated by Tim Brown and Council's 14 year veteran, Rusty Wilson. Al Roberts is up for re-election as Village Treasurer.

Also on the ballot in Terrace Park is a renewal of an existing 3.5 mil operating levy. The county auditor estimates the yield would be \$185,491. The actual effective rate is 3.14 because property value inflation is eliminated, limiting the levy to the original dollar amount approved by the voters.

A native of northern Kentucky, Jack Brown describes himself as a non-practicing lawyer who runs consulting companies working with insurance companies. He moved to Elm Court three years ago with wife Rosemarie and son Drew, a Mariemont eighth grader and daughter Meredith, a Terrace Park third grader.

Interested in the financial side of village government, Brown says he is concerned about the village infrastructure and how street and utilities work is to be financed. He said services are a concern in a city of this size. He worries about the volunteers, especially on fire and life squads who are asked to make greater time commitments than they were ten years ago.

A graduate of Duke University, Brown earned his law degree at the University of Cincinnati.

A life-long resident of the Cincinnati area, Stephen Holmes is a practicing attorney and partner with the law firm of Cors & Bassett located in downtown Cincinnati. He moved to Terrace Park in 1986 and currently resides at 218 Oxford Ave., with his wife Grace and three daughters. Emily, 13 is an eighth grader at Mariemont Junior High, Virginia, 10, is a fifth grader at Terrace Park Elementary and Olivia, 7, is a second grader at Children's Meeting House in Loveland.

His goal as a member of council is to preserve the sense of community and family-oriented atmosphere which have been the hallmark of the village for many years. At the same time he feels council must strive to operate the village in a practical and cost efficient manner. He previously served as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A 1975 graduate of Oak Hills High School, he earned his B.A. from Transylvania University in 1979 and a J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1982.



Jack Brown



Steve Holmes

### 37th Annual Pancake Supper Set For Nov. 8

The 37th annual Pancake Supper will be held Nov. 8 at the Terrace Park Elementary School Cafeteria from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ten and under. The supper benefits the local Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service, who host the event.

The Fire Dept. reminds residents that on Oct. 16 daylight savings time reverts back one hour, and this is the time to replace the battery in smoke detectors. If you need help replacing the battery or do not have a smoke detector, the Fire Dept. will provide them for you. If you need the department's services, please call 831-2196 and leave your name, phone number and your needs, i.e., a battery, detector, help. A Fire Department volunteer will contact you.

- Capt. T.O. Dennis Elliott  
Terrace Park Fire Dept.

### Mariemont District Places 6th Statewide In Proficiency Tests For 4/6th Graders

Mariemont School District Superintendent Gerry Harris reported district fourth and sixth graders tied for sixth place statewide in proficiency test performance. The proficiency tests were re-scored after some irregularities in the state scoring system had been reported.

With 73% of the district's fourth graders passing all sections of the test, Mariemont tied with Madeira for sixth in the state. Passing rates for the individual tests include: Writing, 93%; Reading, 90%; Math, 83%; Citizenship, 94% and Science, 88%.

The sixth graders tied for sixth place with 69% passing all sections. Section scores were: Writing, 90%; Reading, 98%; Math, 91%; Citizenship, 94% and Science, 72%. Wyoming Schools placed third in the 6th grade testing statewide, while Madeira was seventh.

Harris noted the state will soon report all testing results on a school by school basis, not just districtwide.

## TP Council Tackles A Variety of Topics

by Pat Henley

A wide variety of topics made the October 14 Terrace Park Council meeting both long for council members and interesting for the observer.

Fourteen pages of standards, procedures and regulations regarding telecommunications systems were read and discussed by Dan Keefe, Planning and Zoning chair. The proposed ordinance, which will become part of the zoning code, was prepared by village Solicitor Bob Molloy to replace the recently passed moratorium on tower placement in the village. There must be a public hearing on the proposal after the P&Z Commission approves the plan and before the Council votes to approve it.

Council members gave input to many of the provisions which included the possible limitations on sites. (The ordinance states the size of the piece of land for siting, the setbacks required, fencing, landscaping, maintenance, the cooperative use of a tower, the procedures for permits, etc.)

The federal government limits the authority of local government to regulate the placement and construction of towers. It also does "not permit any local regulation of these facilities which unreasonably discriminates among providers of equivalent services" and requires that a local government act on requests within a reasonable time.

In September Council had passed a resolution to clarify the problem of siting towers. The need to do so was precipitated when GTE made a request to place a tower in the village. Councilman Keefe worked with the company's representative and a location was found at Stump's. That resolution asked that adjoining communities notify and cooperate with Terrace Park in requests for locating towers within 1,000 feet of village boundaries.

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# Letters To The Editor

## TP Teens Tell Peers: Call Police For Help

On Saturday, September 27, 1997, we, Lauren and Chris Fox, made a mistake by not calling the Terrace Park Police.

Our parents and younger sister were out of town, and we were staying with separate families for the weekend.

I, Lauren, came home with three friends Saturday night to find three uninvited kids in our home. Chris was elsewhere with friends at this time. As I (Lauren) tried to get these kids to leave more and more kids arrived at our home. A few kids did leave when asked, others just ignored me and continued to party. Chris came home and had little success in getting kids to leave. The Terrace Park Police arrived after being alerted by a caller.

We are lucky that we were not charged with the Keg Law violation. Our parents could also have been charged because of their responsibility for our home.

The consequences of an incident such as the one at our home on this night, have been extremely costly for both ourselves and our parents. Before letting this happen at your home, parents, notify police when going on vacation. If ever put into this situation, kids, do not be afraid to call the police.

We would like to stress that this was not a planned party, which did not seem to matter to some of the kids involved. Parents, if you think your child wasn't involved you may be surprised.

Regretfully,  
Lauren and Chris Fox  
Amherst Ave.

## Resident Urges Villagers To Vote Yes on Issue 4

Village Council, by a 5-0 vote, approved a resolution to support Issue 4 at our Nov. 4 elections. I am writing to ask residents to vote YES for continued funding of this Regional Crime Information Center. All 53 police organizations in Hamilton County feed crime data into, and access by computer from squad cars or offices, information from the system.

Stored data include: Wanted Persons, Stolen Cars (Plates), Property, Arrests, and Gun Registrations. Links to Ohio and Federal systems can provide similar information from those levels plus things like Missing Persons. Much of the hardware and software of this system, begun in 1968, needs to be updated to current technological levels.

The owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000 is currently paying \$6.66 per year for the permanent levy approved in 1982. The new levy intended to provide additional funding beyond that provided by the existing permanent levy approved by the citizens in 1982, will require the owner of the same home to pay an additional \$8.53 per year for the next five years.

Your YES vote on Issue 4 will assist law enforcement in our Village and County for many coming years. I have more information on Issue 4 to share with any interested person. Sincerely,  
Al Nelson  
Franklin Ave.

## Open Invitation To Those Living With AOD Abusers

If you are looking for a solution to the problem of living with a loved one who abuses alcohol or drugs, Please join us on Monday evening, starting Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Room at St. Thomas Church.

We are a group of your neighbors (mostly parents), who have lived this family problem for a number of years. By helping each other, we have found a reasonable amount of serenity and happiness even though our loved ones may still be drinking or using.

We are not a glum lot. We have learned to laugh and to have fun.

St. Thomas Church has generously offered us the use of the Guild Room for our meeting. However, we are not allied with or affiliated with any church or religion.

Our organization and structure are very loose. We have some traditions but no rules. Our most important traditional is anonymity. Who you see and what you hear at the meeting are confidential. We are self-supporting. We do not accept outside contributions. Our few expenses for coffee or literature are paid for by our own small contributions of a \$1 or 50 cents per meeting.

Please join us starting Monday evening, Oct. 27, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For questions, call Bill at 831-6581 or Sue Camp, Parish Administrator, St. Thomas Church, 831-2052.

Sue Camp and Bill

## Readers Suggest Village Is Unique But Not Utopia

Dear Editor:

My husband and I were sorry to learn that the recent controversy caused the resignation of the editor of the Village Views and one of the five governing board members. We believe Ricki has been a dedicated, hard working editor in what is often a thankless job. As a resident of 34 years who was on the staff of and then a regular contributor to the newspaper over a fifteen year period, I know how difficult it is to replace an editor in a job for which the remuneration is tiny in relation to the number of hours of time required. It is, essentially, a volunteer job.

I was a professional journalist long enough to realize that controversy makes for dialogue and, in the best situations, problem solving. Over the years Village Views has been a worthwhile newspaper because it has informed us about controversial issues, including (to name just a few) zoning issues, noise problems, school district issues, bike trail pros and cons, and recreation committee problems.

It is our view that matters of public record should be printed and it is our concern that, if an oversight committee decides on its own agenda the freedom of the press here will be limited. Oh, I know what some of you will say...that good news is what we want to hear. Of course we do, because our community is exceptional in volunteerism, cooperation, good schools etc. Most of what we read in Village Views is and has been good news. Yes, we have a unique community, but it is not Utopia.

If we are lucky enough to find someone willing to take on the job of editor, let us remember to praise when praise is due, to volunteer help, and to give him or her the freedom to publish matters of public record and to comment editorially. We have so many positives that we should not be afraid to acknowledge negatives. The first objective of the Village Forum, founded in April, 1969, (now the Village Views) was

## Resident Suggests Police Improvements

To the Village Views Editor:

I am writing at Chief Bacon's suggestion to provide thoughts about the need for an additional full time officer and other ideas to improve our Police Department.

I don't believe an additional full time officer is needed. The Village has not substantially grown and the crime rate, as measured by arrests, is actually down. Specifically, and for the year through August:

- All arrests are down 20% versus the same period last year;
- Juvenile arrests are down 67%;
- Warnings are down 38%;
- Mayor's Court receipts are down 14%, and
- All police activity, including house checks, is down 12%.

Of course, another interpretation for these drops in arrests is that police effectiveness has declined. This is supported by last year's unsolved car keying and this year's storage area damage incidents, as well as the Chief's request for more help.

In neither case, however, is the best solution an additional officer.

So how can the Chief improve his department with his current staffing? Here are three ideas that could return the Department to 1996 performance levels. First, he could re deploy the current five full time officers to better match them with the high potential and juvenile crime times. For example, instead of two officers working daytime, when problems are fewer, he could shift one officer toward evenings and weekends when problems are greater. If nothing else, this higher visibility during high problem times should help deter crime.

Second, and continuing with increased visibility, the Chief could get all of the officers out of the office and onto the street. If five full time officers, the Chief included, each spent six hours of their eight-hour shift on the street, actual patrolling would increase to 18 hours each day. This should really improve the arrest rate and deter crime.

Now, I don't know how much time each officer currently spends on the street. You might want to ask some "average" citizens how often they see an officer each day - or, for that matter, each week. I wonder how often they see Chief Bacon on the street.

The third thing the Chief can do to improve the force is to make fuller use of police auxiliaries. These people could increase the on-street presence and help increase arrests / deter crime as they have in the past. Auxiliaries could also free up full-time officers from routine street duties, giving the regular officers more time to solve serious crimes.

In sum, I do believe the Police Department can be significantly improved and this can be done with the current force and better use of auxiliaries. We don't need an additional full time officer.

One separate but related thought. I believe the Chief used poor judgment in expressing his views on television and in area-wide newspapers. This unfairly hurts Terrace Park's reputation and property values which so many have worked to maintain and improve. Sincerely,  
Les Overway  
Circus Pl.

"to engage in discussions, studies and analysis of the physical and social problems of Terrace Park...to define, recommend and initiate action that will alleviate those problems." Sincerely,  
Ruth and Jim Rauth  
Wanoka Dr.

## Council Seeks Support For Renewal Of 3.5 Mills

To The Residents of Terrace Park:

The Village Council is pleased to once again propose a simple renewal of the existing tax levy for your consideration this November. A renewal does not raise existing taxes.

The Council over the last four years has consistently either decreased or merely renewed tax levies in spite of major costly infrastructure repairs and rising Village expenses. This has been possible due to a large surplus reserve raised prior to 1994. It is the current Council's position that a simple levy renewal will reduce the reserves surplus to a prudent level without burdening Village residents with increased taxes.

We hope that you will join us this November in supporting the levy renewal.

The Terrace Park Village Council

## Village Views Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *Village Views* is the second Tuesday of the month. Anyone wishing to submit an article may send it to Shelley Cowan, Sue Troller, or Camilla Warrick. All letters to the editor must be signed.

## Riders Appreciate Councilman Keefe

Dear Editor:

As one of the Terrace Park horse owners, I would like to thank Councilman Dan Keefe for "Walking the extra mile" through the Wilderness Preserve.

My riding partners and I enjoy these trails and have never intentionally done anything to destroy the beauty or ecology of the area. We are very careful, even to the point of not breaking off the low branches that we constantly duck under while riding.

I am quite sure by the number of people that stop to pet, feed or just look at the horses, that they are more a source of pleasure than aggravation to most Terrace Park residents.

As anyone can see, while they are stopped to appreciate the horses' beauty and grace, that their pasture is still quite intact after a year and a half of daily use.

I would also like to thank others who have offered support over this issue, especially Nora Frei, in her September letter to the editor. I hope that everyone who uses the Wilderness Preserve as much as we do, treats it with the same respect and compliance with the rules as we do.

Rosemarie Brown Elm Court

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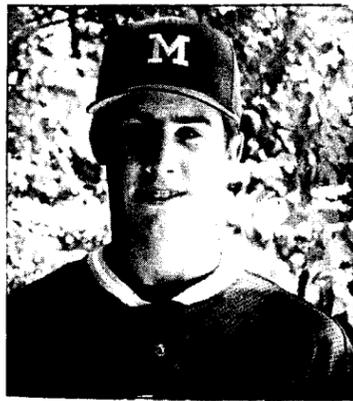


**TP Students Help  
MHS Golf Team  
Take Third at State**

Terrace Park golfers, above from left, Freshman Matt Amis, Senior David Allan, Junior Joe Campo and Senior Dustin Treftz, on right, are part of the team that took third place in the Division III state tournament Oct. 16 and 17 in Columbus.

Allan, in his third trip to state, led the team with a 76 and 74 for a tournament total of 150. Campo had the lowest team score for the tournament in Saturday's round with a one over par 71 for a two day total of 156. Amis recorded a 152.

Mariemont's 1994 golf team, under then Coach John Hubbard, made its first trip to state in 29 years, placing 12th in the tournament. The 1996 team took sixth place and this year, under Coach David Wainscott, the team placed third.



**The St. Thomas Youth Group will repeat its official collection of non-perishable food items for distribution at Inter Parish Ministry. Costumed collectors will meet at the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and be on the village roads by 6 p.m. on Beggars Night, Thurs., Oct. 30.**

**Village Seeks Candidates  
For Zoning Board Openings**

The Terrace Park Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are seeking Village residents to fill current and anticipated vacancies on both bodies.

The Planning Commission is composed of five members, including the Mayor, a Council person, and three additional members appointed by the mayor. The Planning Commission proposes changes and makes recommendations to the Village Council concerning the zoning ordinance, reviews request to split or subdivide properties and reviews commercial property building permit requests.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has five members, all appointed by the Mayor. It rules on requests for variances from the requirements of the zoning ordinance and appeals from decisions of the Building Inspector.

Village residents wanting to be considered for positions on one or both of these bodies should contact Barbara Howland (831-0721), Chairperson of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Dick Wachterman (248-1184), Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission or Mayor Jennifer Comfort (831-2293).

- Dick Wachterman



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**Herbs And Turkeys Are  
At Garden Club Nov. 11**

The November Garden Club meeting moves to Nov. 11 because of Election Day. Despite the postponement, the club's day is packed with activity and information, starting with a 10:30 a.m. workshop where members and guests can create a green topiary turkey for holiday display. The workshop "fee" is \$6 of canned goods for donation to the Hamilton County Department of Human Services.

After the regular 12:30 p.m. meeting Judy Lewis, a well-known local herb and everlasting plant expert, speaks on "Window Sill Herb Garden and Cooking Tips Using Herbs." Any resident of Terrace Park is welcome. Just give Terre Voegeli a call at 576-1394 to RSVP.

- Terre Voegeli



**Bieser Joins West Shell**

Elizabeth Bieser is proud to announce her association with West Shell Realtors as a sales associate in the Mariemont Office.

A resident of Terrace Park for 15 years, she is involved in many community organizations. As Vice President of Rivercrest Homes she works with custom home designs. A certified Interior Designer, she has recently become a Professional Organizer. She combines her unique talents to provide service for all your real estate needs.

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**TPRC Reactivates  
Concession Stand  
At Drackett Field**

Terrace Park Recreation Committee President Laurie Heffner reports the storage building at Drackett Field will be used in the upcoming '98 baseball season as a concession stand. Originally built with a window to accommodate sales, the concession stand will be manned by Rec Committee members and anyone else willing to volunteer.

Heffner expressed the committee's appreciation for recently retired President Bill Drackett's time, commitment and insights. She concluded he will be sorely missed. The Recreation Committee also thanked Sy Swart for his efforts above and beyond the call of duty in maintaining the fields. Heffner said the fields will be worked on this winter, but are actually in fairly good shape. She also reports the soccer season has been successful and Terrace Park is sending a number of teams to tournament.

The Recreation Committee members include: Steve Fletcher, Vice President/ Fundraising; Kathy Thoman, Secretary; Doug Burgess, Treasurer; Larry Williams, Labor Day; Jack Forbes, Fields; Julie Smith, Summer Fun; Theresa Bain, Soccer; Dave Troller, Basketball; Skip Kirby, Baseball; and Tammy Fisher and Steve Wilson, Softball. Heffner reminds residents the Recreation Committee meets the second Monday of the month in the Undercroft at St. Thomas Church at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is welcomed.

- Sandy Wittman-Shell



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Kindervelt members (left to right) painting picnic tables for sale at the Kindervelt KinderKlaus Market include Scott Santi, Jill Freshley, Sally Gaburo, Nancy Santi, Holly McCormack and Betsy Porst. This year's market, which is Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cincinnati Music Hall, features many one of a kind hand made gift items. The market benefits Children's Hospital. This year's tables were constructed with lumber donated by Nisbet Lumber, by Boy Scout Troops including the Bats, Scorpions, Dragons and Cobras.

## Council

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Mayor Jennifer Comfort read a letter from Judge Steve Martin of Hamilton County Common Pleas Court commending Lt. Gerald Hayhow for his careful preparation of a case involving forgery of checks belonging to a local woman.

Hayhow reported on two daytime burglaries. Both houses had been entered through unlocked front doors. The police department is urging residents to keep doors locked.

He also reported that six 14 and 15 year old girls from Indian Hill were arrested at 4:30 a.m. on Sun., Oct. 5 in a village alley. They have been cited to meet with Tom Gould, Terrace Park's juvenile unofficial referee. If the girls are in no more trouble for a year, the records are destroyed.

Another item which involved lively comment from council members was scooters with motors ridden down the middle of village streets with speeds upward of 20 miles per hour. This activity has precipitated residents' calls to councilmen. Police point out that there are no laws governing them. If a rider is stopped, more than likely the patrolman will be accused of "hassling".

James Pruitt and Yale Robbins were sworn in as auxiliary police. Robbins, a Goshen native, has already received his training at the Police Academy while Pruitt joins other members of his family in police work.

Reports of action:

Mayor Comfort appointed Barbara Howland chairman of the Board of Appeals.

Clerk Francine Glassmeyer reported that UDF, which will soon occupy the old Dairy Mart space, has applied for a C-2 liquor permit.

Building Inspector Tim Harth reported requests for 11 building permits in September, including one for a new house — the first in 1997.

## Special Water Needs

The likelihood of water main breaks increases during colder weather. The Indian Hill Water Works would like to know if there are any special water needs in the community, such as continual pressure for prolonged periods during kidney dialysis. If so, please contact Jim Fox, Indian Hill Water Works Superintendent at 576-8460. This knowledge can assist the Water Works in providing better service for those in need of special attention.

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## Eberhard's Work Earns International Acclaim

Mark Eberhard has been selected to participate in the 1997 Birds in Art exhibition at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wisc. His painting, Halloween Christmas Lights, will be on display through Nov. 9, 1997. The exhibition is scheduled to travel to the Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, Peoria, IL, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown, NY, and the Michelson Museum of Art, Marshall, TX in 1998.

A resident of Terrace Park, Eberhard's work was chosen from over 1000 entries submitted by artists around the world. Only 92 artists had work selected for the juried portion of this internationally renowned exhibition, now in its 22nd year.

Eberhard was also recently accepted as a member of the Society of Animal Artists, an international organization whose members demonstrate the highest standards of artistic excellence and achievement. He was one of five artists internationally to be selected to this group of 300 artists.

Two of his paintings were selected to be included in the Society of Animal Artists 37th Annual Show Art and the Animal, Nov. 14 through Dec. 29 at the Ford Hayes Metropolitan Education Center in Columbus.

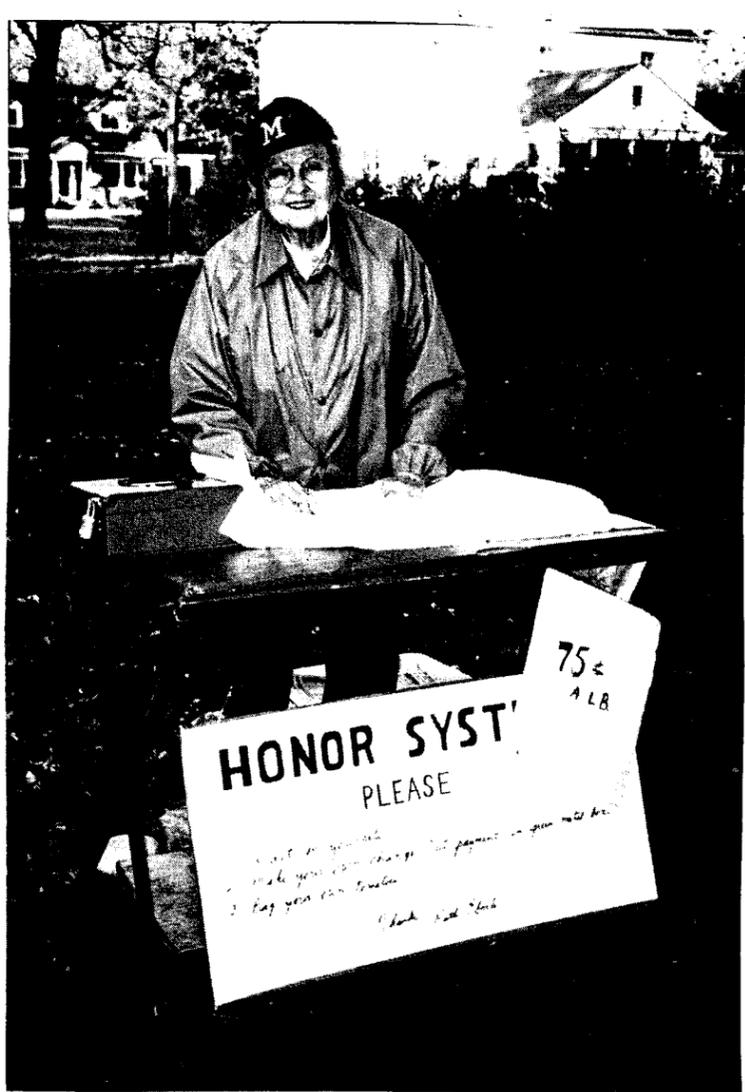
His work will be on display at the Cincinnati Museum Center's Great American Artists Exhibition, Nov. 8 - Jan. 4.

## Three TP Students Named AP Scholars

Three Terrace Park students were among the nine 1997 Mariemont High School graduates named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on their senior year college-level Advanced Placement Examination. Approximately 13 percent of the more than 581,000 students who took the AP exams in May 1997 merited the recognition.

Melissa Donnelly qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by receiving grades of three or higher on four or more AP Exams, with an average grade of at least 3.25.

Lydia Davis and Laura Nisonger qualified for the AP Scholar Award by receiving grades of three or higher on three or more AP Exams.



With the frost on the pumpkin Ruth Oberle prepares to close her vegetable stand for the winter. Mrs. Oberle said her grandmother bought her house in the early 1900's, purchasing the garden lot a few years later. Mrs. Oberle first lived in Terrace Park with her father in the 1930's and then moved permanently to the park in 1960. She remembers only once, about four or five years ago, that someone took her money, jar and all. Her Honor System sign speaks volumes about life in Terrace Park. Mrs. Oberle said someone left their glasses at the stand in August. Anyone missing pink framed, large adult glasses, please call Oberle's at 831-3963.

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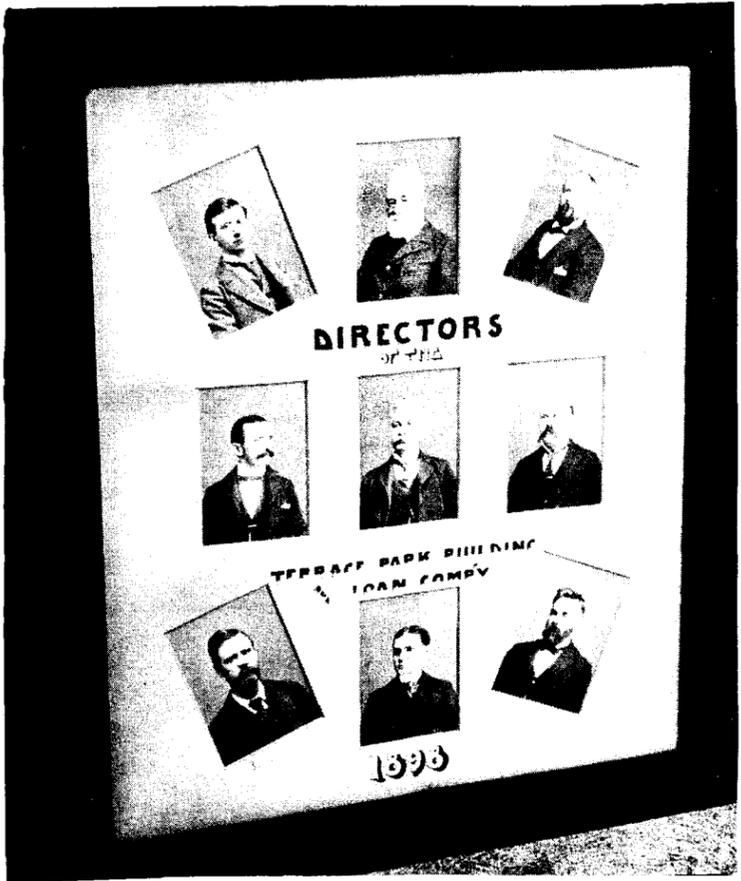
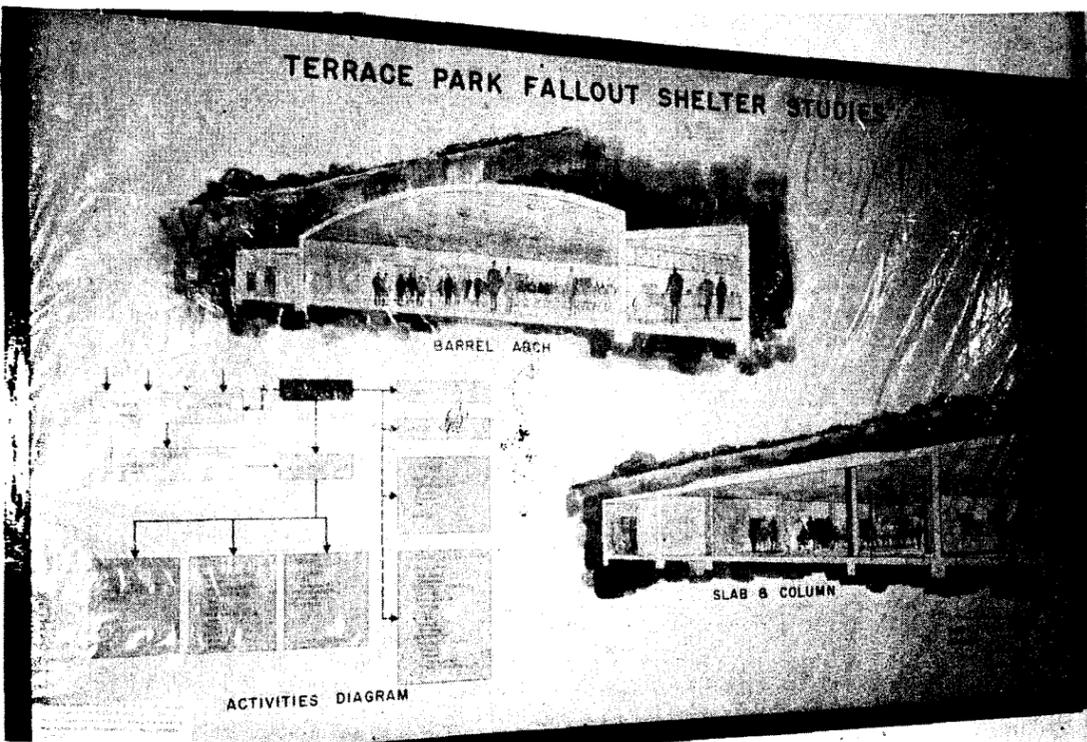
# Retiring Records Coordinator Esther Power Takes Village Views On Tour of TP Archives



Mayor Jennifer Comfort greets newly appointed records coordinator Dale Sonntag Johnsen with Records Commission members village Solicitor Bob Molloy and Clerk Francine Glassmeyer under the supervision of Esther Power. The mayor presented Mrs. Power with a plaque after declaring Oct. 14 Esther Power Day. Council's resolution commending her for her years as village records coordinator and archivist, states, in part, "she has given selflessly of her time and expertise and has dedicated herself to the development, maintenance and preservation of the public records system, taking it from chaos to a well-ordered system." Below right, Mrs. Power displays some of the unique storage systems she created with the help of Maintenance Crew Supervisor Marvin Alexander in the basement of the Community House.



Above in the Map Room, she displays the oldest map, one of Camden City, which preceded the village of Terrace Park. Below she explains the system for storing records for police and Mayor's Court. She reports the criminal docket goes back to 1922 and she has citations from 1972. She treasures the village's first official minutes from incorporation in 1893.



Additional treasures in the village collection include: Stan Miller's collection of scrap books from 1960-1980, which was a gift from Effie Miller; (above left) plans for the infamous Terrace Park Fallout Shelter, designed to accommodate every village resident; (at left) John Robinson's elephant house in a photo courtesy of Lynn Nelson and a 1938 Grayson photo of the elephants across from the Eveland home, now occupied by Pendery's. The photos, above, of the early directors of the Terrace Park Building and Loan was donated by Stewart Proctor as many of the directors were members of the village's earliest council.

## Mayor Seeks Input In Setting Priorities For TP Police Force

Mayor Jennifer Comfort wants input from the community, council and the police to be the first step in establishing the priorities for the Terrace Park Police Department. She plans to work council to organize a reporting and policy structure "that we can use well into the future." She feels the first step is setting those police priorities in hearing what the community wants and expects from its police officers.

The mayor noted the village does not have total flexibility in structuring the department as the organization must fit in with the state of Ohio's guidelines. The state sets the lines of authority, with the mayor empowered to hire and fire the police chief and council authorized to pay him. She concluded both have to be pretty much in agreement.

Frustrated at the lack of a formal job description for the police chief, the mayor said she has been unable to locate any written organization chart or written policies from council. Mayor Comfort said Police Chief Bob Bacon, however, had prepared job descriptions and a policy manual for his department but nothing has been officially adopted by council. She explained council did adopt an Employee Handbook but it outlines personnel policies such as vacations and holidays for all village employees. It does not address how the police department is run.

The mayor wants contributions from the community, council and the police in developing the priorities and policy to prevent later arguments about them. The Mayor asks Terrace Park residents to put your ideas in writing and pass them on to her or Safety Committee members Rusty Wilson, John Finnigan and Julie Rugh.

Comfort concluded, "Our job is to give the police priorities; they have the training and experience to carry those priorities out."

## SCHEDULING

A frequent suggestion for improving police protection in Terrace Park is to use the auxiliaries more.

With only four auxiliary officers qualified to patrol by themselves that gives the department eight auxiliary shifts as the volunteers are required to give the village 16 hours each month in addition to Mayor's Court and staff meetings.

These hours must be utilized to cover vacation and sick leave, and even for more fun things, like Sgt. Joe Winders' recent honeymoon. Terrace Park Police earn two weeks vacation for their first eight years of service and then three weeks until completing 15 years. Officers with 16 or more years have four weeks vacation.

To save on the overtime costs, officers receive comp time for court appearances and training. Just this month Sgt. Tim Chin was out of the patrol cycle for close to a week because of training sessions.

The key word to remember with auxiliaries is "Volunteer" Lt. Gerry Hayhow can not schedule them for more than two shifts. The auxiliaries have other jobs and any extra time they give the village is at their discretion, not the scheduler's.

## TP POLICE DAILY LOG DATA FIRST TWO WEEKS, OCT., 1997

	Hours	Admin. (%)	Patrol (%)	Radar (%)	Training (%)	Com. Rel. (%)	Misc. (%)	Inv. (%)	Mile/Sh
Sgt. Winders (FT)	88	26.7	58	5	2	2		6.3	30.5
Sgt. Chin (FT)	32	25	62.5	3.1			9.4		31.5
PO Sowders (FT)	56	22	36	6	22	2.8	9.4	2	30
PO Thomas (AUX)	2								
PO Johnson (AUX)	66	18.4	64.2	17.4					57.25
PO Golden (AUX)	8	29	67				4		27
PO Fritts (AUX)	20	7.5	88.5	4					34
PO Burroughs (AUX)	32	6.2	92.2			1.6			60
PO Bitzer (AUX)	8	18.8	29.3	29.3		18.8		3.8	28

## Eleven Auxiliary Officers Volunteer in the Village



Volunteering their time in Terrace Park are: (Seated from left) Matt Johnson, Anthony Golden, Mike Walker, Frank Bitzer and Duyane Ernst; (Standing from left) Wess Burroughs, Jim Pruitt, Amanda Heiden, James Thomas, Yale Robbins and Bill Fritts.

Although 11 auxiliary police officers volunteer in Terrace Park, only four are currently qualified to patrol on their own in the village. Terrace Park's training officer Sgt. Tim Chin explained the officers train three to six months here before they run shifts by themselves. Chin said their first step is riding with the training officer and then at the second step the auxiliary goes out in a second car when the primary or beat car is in the area. He added the new volunteers receive individual firearms training here before they are allowed to carry guns issued by Terrace Park.

The department's excellent reputation in the area for training is both a positive and a negative. Terrace Park attracts the highest quality volunteers because of the training offered, but they are frequently hired on full time by neighboring communities because of that same reputation. Chief Bacon said the program is recognized

throughout the county and chiefs call here when they have full-time openings because "we have a professional reputation." The turnover rate is high.

The auxiliaries are required to volunteer two eight hour shifts and attend a staff meeting and Mayor's Court, totaling close to 19 hours each month. Lt. Hayhow explained the auxiliaries are paid only if they have met their minimum shift requirement. He tries to utilize the part timers at \$7 to \$8 an hour rather than paying \$22 or more in overtime to a full time officer.

Hayhow reported that since the village has been required to pay for the auxiliaries' hepatitis vaccinations, which run more than \$160, the volunteers have been providing their own uniforms. He noted the Application Screening Process to check backgrounds also costs close to \$160.

Chief Bacon said that in addition

to the auxiliaries, Rhonda Kidd volunteers time in the village. A Hamilton County probation officer, Kidd helps organize the annual third grade sleepover, skating parties and possibly an upcoming dance.

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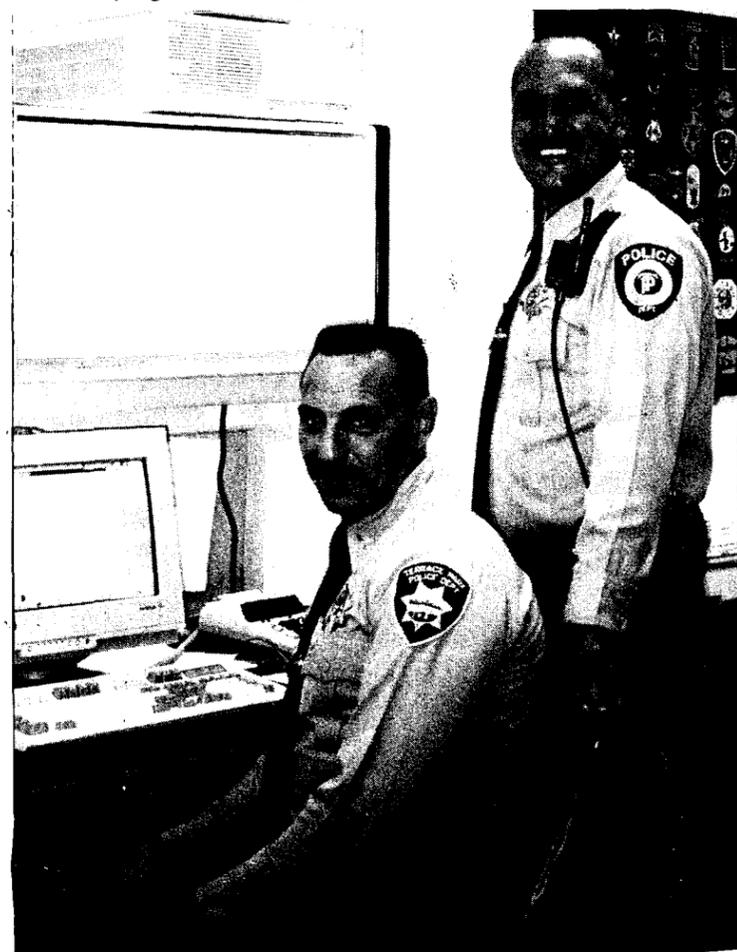
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Police Chief Bob Bacon, seated, and Lt. Gerry Hayhow have been serving the residents of Terrace Park since the early '80's.

## Terrace Park Employs Five Full Time Officers

Five full time officers currently serve the residents of Terrace Park. Col. Robert W. Bacon, Chief of Police, like all the full time officers, began his Terrace Park career as an auxiliary officer volunteering his services to the village. Hired full time in 1982, he was appointed chief in 1989 by Mayor Jack Schmidt.

Chief Bacon assigned each of his officers an area of responsibility, necessary in small departments like Terrace Park. Lt. Gerry Hayhow, who became a full time officer in 1985, serves as Mayor's Court liaison, assists the clerk and works with the village's unofficial juvenile referee. Responsible for scheduling, he also oversees the finances.

Sgt. Joe Winders, who joined the department in 1988, serves as the Field Training Officer and is responsible for investigations and fingerprints. Sgt. Tim Chin, a member of the local force since 1991, is the training officer for firearms, close quarters (hand to hand self defense), traffic stops and baton. He also serves as the domestic violence officer. Hours are spent in lesson planning and then follow-up reports for the eight major training sessions now scheduled for 1997.

Trained in community policing, Officer Doug Sowders is currently working with Council member Julie Rugh to test the waters for local interest in establishing a Neighborhood Watch. He's also in charge of fleet maintenance and the weekly alcohol testing equipment calibration checks. Sowders joined the force full time in 1996.





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# Terrace Park Architectural Landmarks

Ann Gilchrist, long time resident of Terrace Park, is presenting the Village with the original artist rendering of these village landmarks which she won in a raffle in 1976. Artist Ken Norval, who had been a resident of Terrace Park before his death in 1990 had done the black and white drawing for the Terrace Park Bi-Centennial Celebration. One of the prints was enclosed in the time capsule buried in front of the Community House to be opened in 50 years. The original was then raffled, with the proceeds used to help defray the costs of the community celebration. Mrs. Gilchrist hopes the original will be hung in the Community House near the Bi-Centennial Quilt. Her text was prepared for the October Woman's Club Meeting. She felt this group of architectural landmarks makes Terrace Park very special to all its residents.



## Terrace Park Market

The lot appears on record in 1886 when John Sibley laid out Camden City and sold it to Barbara Keene for \$282.50.

This was the building that was originally built as the town hall before it was moved to the former Baptist Church. It was built in 1903 with council chambers on the second floor, and a grocery on the first. The door to the upstairs was on Harvard Ave. side. It was L.W. Conkling's grocery from 1903 -1921.

Louie Bosch rented it for several years at \$15 month and finally bought it in 1925 for \$1,800. Ruth Clayton has wonderful memories of Louie Bosch and his huge counter of penny candy. Everyone stopped there afete school.

Just as a side note. The grocey initially in the building next door. The Pub;ic Library set up Branch #29 in Charles Gegner's store in 1900. It was a delivery station at which readers could order books from the main library, picking them up a day or two later. In its first year the branch had 98 borrowers who took out 2,198 books. Eventually it became a "deposit station" with a couple of shelves in the corner.

The grocery closed in 1980, not being able to compete with the larger groceries.

Paul Kennedy bought the building. He remodeled and restored it, keeping the original architectural lines.



## Log Cabin

Boy Scout Troop 286 came in in 1933, and with it a Terrace Park landmark -- the log cabin at Elm and Douglas -- what is now known as Lindell Grove. But the 'Scout Cabin' wasn't built by the scouts. The land was bought in 1934 from Carl Phares.

Village council named a five member recreation commission in 1946. Tennis and badminton courts were set up around the Scout cabin, but there was resistance. It was openly said that the wide open spaces of Terrace Park at that time made needless any other provision for play. Others argued that the time to prepare for future needs was while ample land was available. Even as late as 1962, a poll on spending for recreation found 107 residents voting no, 99 in favor, and 5 on the fence. A 1940 proposal to buy the old country club property had come to nothing.

The cabin was enlarged in 1983 through an \$11,000 gift from R.H. Haines, Sr., a former scout.

Over the years, 46 troop members have achieved Scouting's highest rank, that of Eagle Scout. Three men, Ace Tollefsen, George Porter and Dr. Bruce MacMillan, were awarded the Silver Beaver, Scouting's highest leadership honor.

The cabin has been used by other groups as well. The Terrace Park Players put on several productions there, including "Two Hundred by George", "Dr. Zephyr and the Lunarville Folly", and "Campaign". Also several outdoor dances have been enjoyed out under the stars. For some years the summer fun day camp met there. Of interest to me are the tires in the tree. My daughter Beth was director on summer and she got her father to help with the activity.



## Post Office

The first post office was established in 1804 near the Wilderness Preserve area to serve the business interests of John Smith, an itinerant Baptist minister who fell into politics. He eventually became one of Ohio's first U.S. Senators. This first post office was known as Round Bottom, Round Bottom Mills or Charleston. It was a bit confusing. The office was first listed in the post office directory of 1813, and was gone by the time the next list was published in 1817.

A regular post office was established in 1879. The office closed in 1890 for lack of business but was reestablished in 1891 and has continued ever since.

In 1903 it was moved to 415 Terrace Place (eventually to become the Terrace Market), and finally to a building on the Village Green.

From 1925 till 1950, Lillian Droescher was the postmistress. She ran the post office and lived in the rooms behind. From 1950 to 1972, Effie Miller was the post mistress. She still lives here in Terrace Park on Miami. In 1953, she and her husband, Stan, bought the land of the present post office. Frank Streba was the architect for the building. Stan has passed away, but Effie still owns the building and property. She leases it to the U.S. government. Inside it was remodeled in 1991, and outside in 1996.

Home delivery did not begin until 1960. Until then everyone had a box and picked up their own mail

Judy Trane is our present postmaster. She informed me she is a postmaster, not a postmistress. There are four carriers and two clerks. Two million pieces of mail passed through this office in 1997.

## Flag Pole and Canons

The Village Green is the focal point of the village. Setting up the vilage green was a Garden Club project after the village bought eight pieces of property for \$11,000 in 1930. Two old buildings had to be removed before a lawn and ornamental plantings could be established. One was a one-story structure on the Harvard side which housed the village railroad agent, and an early post office. The other, on the opposite corner, had had a barber shop on the first of its two floors.

The cannons are American Legion cannons, presented by John Gehrig in Aug., 1947. They orginally stood on either side of the Terrace Park honor roll, honoring all Terrace Park veterans. This honor roll fell into disrepair, and was removed in the 1970's. In September, 1973, the Green Committee was formed. Pat Henley and Kebbie Blum were members. Plantings were developed, and Kebbie designed the new flagpole memorial.

The Layman's League of St. Thomas started the Labor Day Festival tradition in 1943. The first festival was held on the Stanton Ave. athletic field, and it gave villagers a chance to celebrate at home in a period of war restricted travel. The Memorial Day Observance had started in 1939 under PTA sponsorship.

Many of us added ur names to Terrace Park's postrity. Remember buying a name brick as a walk way across the Green? That was (organized iby Sandy Wittman-Shell) in 1993.



## Community House

Talkof building a town hall bobbed up in 1903, when council floated a \$1,550 in bonds to buy two lots at Terrace Place and Harvard for such a building. Missing records obscure just what went on, even what was the new building cost. But what the village wound up with was almost a copy of what it had before -- a two story frame building with a grocery store below and council chamber above, a chamber that also served for school dances.

There council stayed till 1922. By that time, the Baptist Church on Elm Avenue, built in 1890 through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Corey, had been abandoned by a dwindling congregation, and the village bought it for \$2,000, spending \$2,000 for refurbishing.

George Corey was the architect and builder of the church. Actually, a group of citizens purchased the building until the village had enough money to pay for it.

For many years the basement was actively used by the Boy Scouts for a rifle range. Today our Esther Poswer reigns supreme with our archives.

The police and fire departments have been there since 1971. It was remodeled once again in 1987



**St. Thomas**

The property was bought in 1903 from John Pattison and J.B. Iuen. Pattison was the governor who lived in Promont in Milford. They were paid \$200 each, but the congregation had to guarantee to start a building within three years or lose the property. This property was the original site of Covalt Station and the grave of Capt. Abraham Covalt.

Planning a memorial to his first wife, Caroline, and daughter, Katherine, John Robinson offered to build St. Thomas parish church. It had been meeting in an old schoolhouse or the Little Miami Baptist Church down in Montauk (the area between Wooster Pk., Sycamore and the Little Miami River). Robinson balked at the original plans of an Indianapolis architect. When told what the church would cost, he said he'd just as soon buy another elephant. A new architect, Ben C. DeCamp, drew church plans he agreed to fund, and he was dissuaded from incorporating a frieze of carved elephants around the building. Later, though, he installed at the east end of the church, over the altar, a stained glass window that upset many a churchgoer for more than 30 years. In rather garish colors, the window pictured a host of angels carrying away the body of daughter Kate. It was the era of the Marcel wave, and Kate Robinson, after a trip to Paris, was reputedly the first woman in Cincinnati with her hair so treated. The Marcel wave became the rage, so the hair of the gaudily winged angel was Marcelled too.

The gift of the church, though, may not have been as generous as it appeared. A scrapbook in the Milford Library includes an undated newspaper clipping of a story by Josie Cutler. Robinson, it says, offered \$500 to Tom Storey, a lion tamer, and Anna Binkley of Silverton if they get married in the lion's cage. He charged an audience \$5 a head to witness the ceremony on the stage of Robinson's Opera House downtown and financed the church in that way.

Robinson was elected to the vestry, but he refused because of time spent away with the circus. Dan Startzman also related that he was a crusty old man, who was not suitable as a vestryman. The women folk of the Robinson family were active in the church.

On April 24, 1905, John A. Boyer was awarded the contract to erect the building for \$4,500 with instructions to start the following week. Not until May, 1907, were the hitching posts brought up from the old Montauk church. Even after the move the parish was still officially St. Thomas of Montauk, and remained so until 1961. The bell is older than the church. It rang in the Baptist Church which was established in 1890 by Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Corey. That church ceased to exist not long after St. Thomas was built, and Mrs. Corey gave the bell to St. Thomas in 1925. The children of the Sunday school raised the \$100 needed to hang it in the tower. It was rung the first time on Christmas Eve, 1925.

One of the earliest controversies was the Reverend Spicer's belief that the church should take over the saloons. Since mostly women were in church, he felt the church should go to the saloons and teach men temperance rather than abstinence.

There were many difficult years of St. Thomas. In 1908 the general fund balance was 73 cents and a debt of \$160. In 1919 the balance was \$154.31. Most of these years services were held on Sunday afternoon after the part-time ministers had services at their own churches. During the Depression the situation was even worse, and there was discussion of sharing a minister with Armstrong Chapel in Indian Hill.

The Second World War brought growth beyond anything the parish had known before. Travel restrictions made it difficult to do anything but stay home. The church became a community church, not just episcopal. By 1944 the attendance and money had increased so much that there was even talk of building a whole new church. However, in 1946, it was decided to add to the church building at the Terrace Place end and make substantial undercroft improvement for Sunday School use. This enlarging was done by the Strathman Brothers, Ruth Clayton's father and uncles.

The organ was built by Moeller Organ Co. of Hagerstown, Md. and installed in 1911. It was rebuilt in 1940. The present was installed in 1965.

Parking was a problem. Two lots were bought on Michigan but those plans fell through. Parking was eased by leasing a strip of railroad property along Terrace Place.



## John Robinson Circus House



The original land was bought by Zacheus Biggs from John Smith. In 1854 Thomas R. Biggs, son of Zacheus, built the original home. In 1886, John Sibley bought 18 acres from the Biggs' estate, and sold it to John Robinson. Robinson did some remodeling, including adding the "T" picture window, and the "ironlace". This was later removed and sold. It wasn't until 1888 that a directory listed him as a resident of Terrace Park. It remained the winter home of the circus until 1916, although four elephants were left in Terrace Park as Robinson pensioners. The last of the elephants was struck by lightning and died in 1941. Tillie, the favorite, had died in 1932. Ruth Clayton remembers the last three elephants, Tony, Pitt and Clare. Red Cap and two helpers lived in the elephant house and took care of the pachyderms. People would come from all over the city to take an elephant ride on Sunday afternoon. If you walk along Wooster Pk. you can still see the steps leading down into the "elephant hole".

The last of the Robinsons sold the home in 1935. Flach Douglas bought it in 1968 and saved it from destruction. It had deteriorated badly, and he restored much of it.

The Callaghans bought it in 1986 and did much to return it to Terrace Park's grandest landmark. They altered it to make it more liveable. As Kay Callaghan took me on a tour she said "John Robinson had a love of doors." Every room had so many doors, it was hard to place furniture. All that was savable was restored. The upstairs parquet floors were moved to the downstairs and the JFR inlay was placed in the front hall. The JFR stained glass window was put in the door. The original mantels and molding were restored to the 12 foot ceilings. Kay, who previously restored two other historic homes, has treated the old lady handsomely.

John Robinson was known as "Governor" Robinson. Daughters Pearl and Caroline eloped with members of the circus trunks. Son John, last of the circus' managers, eloped with the daughter of Cincinnati's mayor. She was Leonara Smith. The governor himself eloped with his nurse, Maud Logan in 1908. His first wife Caroline had died in 1889.

When he died in 1921, John Robinson was listed as a retired capitalist. He was the sole owner of the Robinson Opera House and Circus; a director of the U.S. Playing Card Co.; director of Russel Morgan Printing Co.; Director of the Second National Bank and director of several other corporations.

A personal memory was highlighted for me in this fascinating biography of the circus, "Give Them a John Robinson." The circus parade is shown, marching down Floral Ave. in Norwood. Would you believe that is my home, in the backgrounds.

Perhaps the greatest change came with consolidation of its school district with that of Mariemont, effective in 1957. It turned history upside down. For 70 years students from what is now Mariemont area had come to school in Terrace Park. With the change, no longer could Terrace Park youngsters go from Kindergarten through high school only a walking distance from home.

Consolidation came about through a state board of education push in the early 1950's to merge what it considered to be small and insufficient schools. One target was Terrace Park, which had its largest graduating class of 55 seniors in 1949. The state urged merger with Mariemont, but Indian Hill entered the picture and a furious village debate ensued. Mariemont finally won the decision.

There's a "gentleman's agreement" that Terrace Park will always have a representative on the Mariemont School Board.

Consolidation interrupted the nearly 150 year history of schooling here. Terrace Park's "little red schoolhouse" according to an old reminiscence, was built about 1840, adjacent to the present school, and was indeed a small frame structure painted red. Its presence is confirmed by a map of 1847. In 1853, School District 9 was formed, and the school was moved to the corner of Wooster Pike and Indian Hill Road, now occupied by Yankee Dollar. There it stayed until 1873, when T.R. Biggs deeded the present Elm Avenue site and villagers voted \$12,000 for a school. It was known as Gravelotte School until 1886, when a high school was established with courses in English, Latin, Greek, history, science and music. Mary Highlands was the first and only graduate in the class of 1890. Her home was the white brick house on Wooster Pike at Kris Circle.

Terrence Park had the only high school in the area, and so attracted outside students. In 1920, it became a union high school serving Newtown, Camp Dennison and Plainville (later Mariemont). The union continued until 1939 when Mariemont dropped out, although Newtown students continued on a tuition basis until the end.

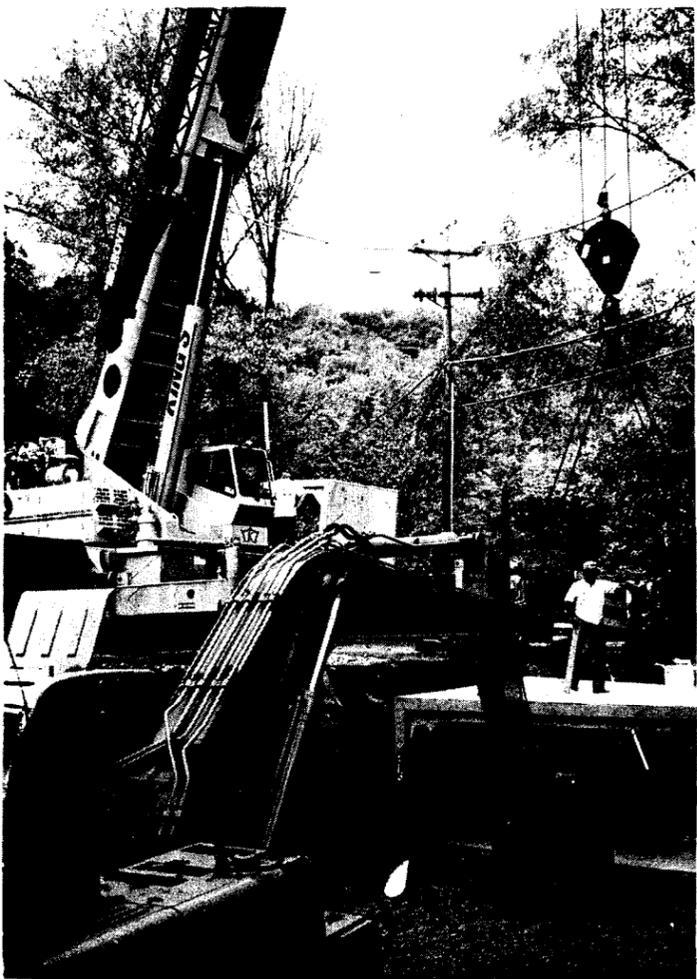
The present building, costing \$30,000, was completed in 1913. Even so, three so-called colony buildings - one-story frame structures - had to be put up behind the school to house all the students in the 1920's and 1930's. The one story wing was built in 1956 and added onto in 1962. Ruth Clayton remembered running outside in bad weather to go to classes in the colony buildings.

Dan Startzman graduated in 1930 with 28 in his class. Ruth Clayton graduated in 1941, with 28 in her class.

## Terrace Park School



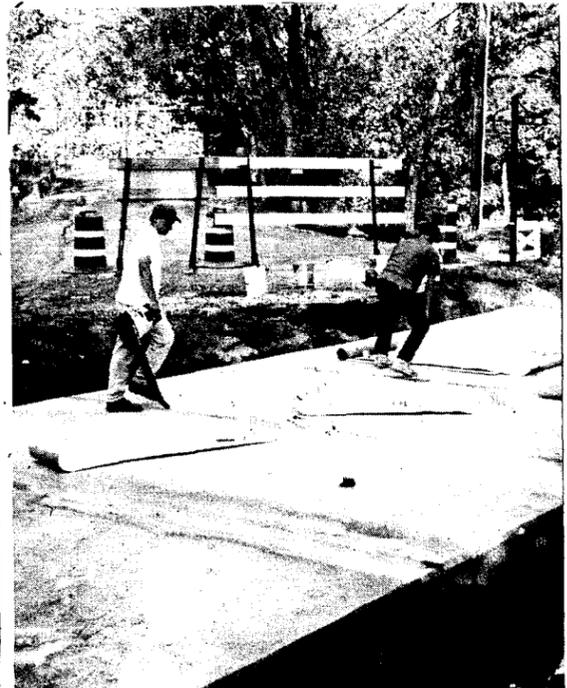
The old bridge was removed, revealing a dry Winding Brook creek bed.



As the crane lowered the boxes prefabbed in Marietta, men with shovels smoothed the creekbed.



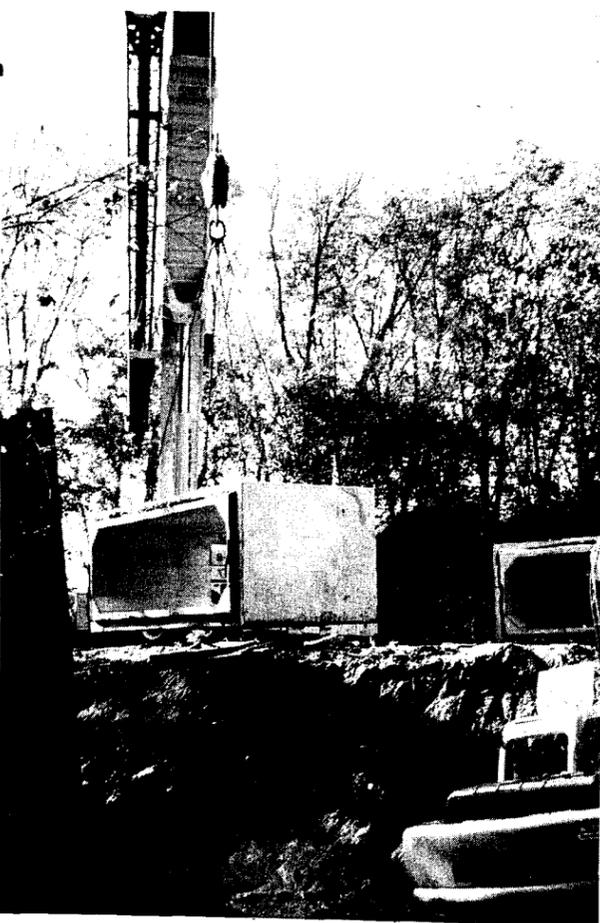
Once joined the boxes were then sealed.



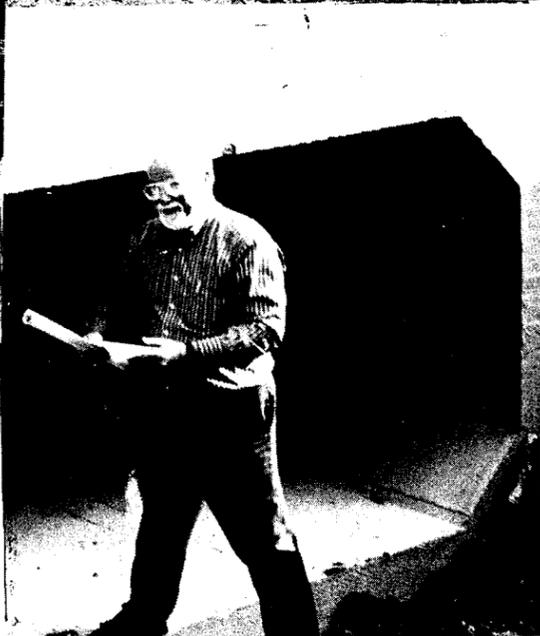
Once placed, the boxes were sealed and drains were added to satisfy Hamilton County engineers.



There was a little more concrete in the old culvert by the tunnel than originally anticipated.



The rumors were right, the culvert boxes were removed to take out an extra six inches and then positioned again, with the crane rental at \$265 an hour, all covered in the contract price.



George Kipp's best ever birthday present was seeing the culvert boxes permanently placed.