

Village Views

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Last Chance For Sports Participants



Terrace Park's Sled Team has been hard put to find enough snow for practice sessions this winter. These downhill enthusiasts catch the last traces of slick surface.

Council Ponders School Board Concern About Playfield Acreage

The topic which generated the most interest and concern at the village council meeting Tuesday evening, February 13 was the news that the Mariemont District School Board is giving consideration to the sale of the athletic field for building lots.

This piece of land at the south east corner of Stanton and Elm was the Terrace Park athletic field before Terrace Park became part of the Mariemont School District and became part of the capitol assets of the new district at that time.

Kent Smith, Planning and Zoning chairman, reported that the commission had discussed the matter they knew as rumor only, at its last meeting. A letter was sent to John Hodges, school board president reminding the board that this was the only available play field in Terrace Park and that it was used by many children of the school district.

It was the consensus of council that the field was vitally needed for recreation.

Petition about green

Evelyn Peery brought to council a petition asking that the plans for the village green be delayed for further consideration by a wider segment of the community. Mayor Frank Corbin told the group that no final plan had been proposed. Councilwoman Jan Decker had stated at the January meeting that drawings of previously proposed plans should be ready

by February. However, she was not present at the meeting February 13. The plans were brought to the meeting but lay unopened throughout the evening. There was no report from the Building and Grounds Committee.

A reminder of the real cost of the 1969 tornado was brought out when Larry Lyons reported on the estimate to replace street trees. Forty trees of 1-1/2 inch diameter and 7 to 10 feet tall would cost \$2,860 planted, or about \$70 each. The proposed trees are maples, linden and the Bradford pear, all of which are considered highly suitable for street use.

Goebel to Sheriff's Patrol

Safety chairman Dick Griffith announced that patrolman Dennis Goebel will leave our department to work for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. He will receive further training and work with the drugs and vice division. His work for the village was highly commended.

In a resolution, Robert Biddle was raised to the status of permanent patrolman-recruit after his probationary period.

Council passed an ordinance to purchase a new Ford cruiser, properly equipped from Red Frazier Ford. The cost is \$2,743 with the trade-in.

Public Works chairman Ferd Critchell said that two more storm sewers will be constructed this spring to alleviate water accumula-

tion in low places in the streets and plans are being made for early attention to sidewalk repair and street resurfacing.

Wage increase for employees

An ordinance was passed to enable service employees to have a wage increase of approximately 5%. Since Allan Baldwin will be hospitalized soon, the village will need a third maintenance man and the clerk will advertise for one.

Mayor Corbin pointed out that the 7 mill levy for operation of the village which was passed in 1969 expires this year. Council must soon consider what millage to ask for in the November election.

He reported that \$2,335 in fines was collected at the February 12 Mayor's Court and that one traffic offender had to be sent to the Cincinnati Workhouse.

As for cable TV -- passage of Kent Smith's proposed enabling ordinance hit another snag when Solicitor Leming reported a recent court decision regarding municipalities imposing certain taxes on cable companies. Passage of the ordinance was deferred.

Council Announcement

Council set a public hearing on the proposed commercial center for February 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Squad Ladies Super Trained



Three women members of the Terrace Park Life Squad have passed stiff tests given under a new federal program and have been registered as Emergency Medical Technicians - Ambulance Service.

The three are Ev Peery, Susan Channer and Pat Roe. Along with all other members of the life squad, they previously had successfully completed basic and advanced Red Cross training and a 30 hour course in life squad training set up under the Ohio State Department of Education.

Ohio already stands at the

top in the nation in the number of trained volunteer life squad personnel, and Hamilton County ranks first in Ohio in that area. The new federal pilot program is intended to raise the qualifications and training of ambulance services nationwide.

The test passed by the three from Terrace Park consisted of a four hour written examination, and a two hour oral test by a board of 12 physicians on determination of a patient's injuries or illness and the methods of emergency treatment.

LIFE SQUAD ALERT

Your Life Squad has an URGENT need for volunteers for evening squads. We lack two people right now in the manning of our present squads and another squadman moving away would precipitate a situation even more critical.

Being on the Life Squad is a satisfying and rewarding way of serving your community and neighbors. We provide the training; you provide yourself. The duty hours are from 6 to 12 p.m. one week each month with relief available when you need to go somewhere. Training is conducted on Monday evenings.

How do you feel about the Life Squad? What do you expect from us? What can you do? Call Bob Terwillegar, 831-0147, Lee Stegemeyer, 831-0828, or Red Wigton, 831-7982.

Revenue Sharing - Did We Get Our Share?

Mayor Frank E. Corbin has protested the federal revenue sharing allocation made to Terrace Park -- a sum far below what the village had been led to believe it would receive.

The mayor said revenue sharing adds about \$6,000 to the village's annual general fund. Earlier computations by the offices of Sen. Robert

Is This Playfield In Question?



Taft and Rep. William A. Keating had indicated that the village share would be about \$30,000.

The result, Mayor Corbin said, is that Terrace Park is in effect contributing \$25 per person to the revenue sharing program but receiving only \$3 per person in return.

"I have protested this inequity," he said, "and

largely through the efforts of Dan Mac Donald, mayor of Madeira, we have found a flaw in the distribution within Hamilton County. Whether correction of the error results in any significant gain for us remains to be seen. However, we are trying diligently to obtain all that is rightfully due."

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Articles for the March issue should be brought to Issue Editor by March 12. The issue will be distributed on March 22. We welcome articles and letters.

Letters

Village Green

Cement vs. Evergreens

The future plans to finance and construct an amphitheater on the village green are to be commended. I have reservations as to whether the addition of a cement structure is the best method of improving the green and providing an outdoor theater. Visions of "Class of 1978" or other vogue graffiti, similar to the classics decorating the railroad bridge, concern me. A large concrete target for glass bottles attracts the accuracy of all competitive children. The expenditure of money to provide a collapsible flag pole appears to be unwarranted. The removal of a large evergreen, older than most of us are residents, which holds lights for the job of Christmas, does not bring beauty to my eyes.

I feel some consideration should be given to improve maintenance to the existing green; money supplied by groups such as the Players will supplement the meager funds available at present. The provision for a theater in the mood of the existing green would appear more appropriate. The planting of some large evergreen or other trees in a semi-circle on a raised portion of land would form a truly natural outdoor theater that would have no equal. A structure would disrupt the esoteric appearance of the green.

We should improve on what we already have, something that so many others do not have.

C.A. (Hap) Lindell

Village Green

200 Question Plan

A petition was presented to Council on February 13 which read, "We the undersigned, petition the Terrace Park Village Council to delay action on the changes proposed for the village green. We feel that a committee of Terrace Park residents could meet with Mrs. Jan Decker and work out a more attractive and practical plan than the one proposed." This petition had been signed by some 200 residents who are interested in the village green.

It was brought to notice early in the meeting that although Councilwoman Decker, who heads the project, was not going to be present, the architect's suggested plans had been brought to council by another councilman.

As the meeting progressed, it became apparent that the proposed plans were not to be revealed to the council. Since the plans were brought, we now ask: Why were they not opened and viewed until after the meeting adjourned?

Susan Channer

Ev Peery

Pat Roe

Report From the Mayor

As the members of your Village government start to organize their efforts for 1973, an appraisal of last year's activities and a statement of our objectives for 1973 is in order.

1972 started as a year of learning for your new councilmen, Kent Smith, Bro Critchell and later Ed Davison (who replaced Dick Feldon); your clerk, Don Franke, and for me, your mayor.

Our goals were many. Some we reached, some we are still working on, and in some matters we failed. But we did try. This is one of the hardest working, most productive Councils that I have known. Areas of success include closing down Tex's Cafe, improved financial reporting methods, preventing the construction of by-pass 50 where the Little Miami now flows, fixing up the Community House, and building an adequate police office.

We are hard at work on projects such as studying land use and zoning regulations, widening Indian Hill Road, how best to bring cable TV to Terrace Park, a tree replacement program, repaving Elm Road, upgrading the Village Green, and improved traffic control at Wooster and Elm.

For 1973 we will be working hard on ways to improve our maintenance operations. We have just bought a new leaf sucker so that we can do a first rate job of leaf collection, the area where (with no help from Mother Nature,) we fell down worst last year. We are buying a chipper so that we can satisfy environmental protection concerns. We will use the chips on the paths in the wilderness preserve. We are also changing our service activity to get better planning and thereby improve the efficiency of our workers. One step in this program has been to hire a new employee in the police office so that Chief Hiatt has adequate time to devote to the management, planning and supervision of our maintenance activities.

A few more general comments also seem appropriate. First, we are bound to express our thanks to Chief Stegemeyer and all who furnished fire and life squad services. We are blessed with an outstanding, well trained, well equipped volunteer organization that deserves our thanks for a job superbly done. We also should acknowledge the efforts of our police department, as 1972 was a year in which we achieved an enviable record in the safety of our people and their property.

Let me close with a challenge. Terrace Park is a village that thrives because a great many people give a great deal of time to making it work. Why not promise yourself now that you will lend a helping hand in 1973.

Frank Corbin

School Board Will Interview For New Member

The Mariemont District School Board will not name a successor to resigning board member Dick Ward for another month, it was announced at the board meeting on February 13. Fifteen persons whose names had been suggested by the Citizens School Committee as possible replacements for Ward will be interviewed by the board the latter part of February after which a decision will be made.

The school board discussed its problem of decreasing enrollment which is most apparent in the lower grades. There were 2,114 students in the five district schools last September. January enrollment was 2,094 and 2,048 is the projected number for next September.

In other action, a new teachers' salary schedule was adopted, a funded Right to Read program was accepted for trial, and solutions to the continuing problem of improper parking at public events at the high school was discussed.

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It's paper drive time again. Boy Scouts will be on the streets Saturday morning, February 24 to pick up papers and magazines -- as well as your two month's accumulation of junk mail and clean cardboard boxes, etc. Need string or help? Call Henleys, 831-2147.

LWV Looks At Legislature

League of Women Voters will take a look at the Ohio Legislature at the March 14 meeting. Judy Reynolds is discussion leader. The group will meet at the home of Eleanor Winchester. Call Marie Ramsdell for information about the league and the sitting service provided for all meetings.

Women's Lib At St. Thomas

Women of St. Thomas will meet on Monday, March 5 for lunch and a talk by Mrs. James Moorhead, president of the Episcopal Women of the Southern Ohio Diocese. Her topic: Women's Lib and the Church Women.

Wild Flowers in Terrace Park

Terrace Park Garden Club will hear Diana Durden talk about Wild Flowers of Terrace Park at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 6. Arrangements for the day will feature proportion.

Last Chance For Cookies

If by chance you were missed by Girl Scouts selling cookies, leader Pepper Millar might find a few extra boxes. Call her at 831-0311.

Three Take Flight As Eagles

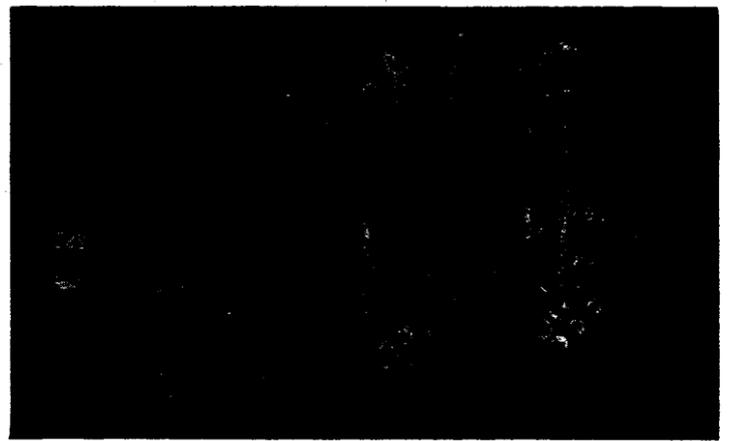


photo by Bob Halley

Rod Herdman, John Henley and Bruce Halley are shown after receiving their Eagle badges at a recent Court of Honor.

The Eagle Scout Award was presented to three boys of Troop 286 Monday, February 5 in a ceremony at St. Thomas Church. This made a total of ten boys from the troop who officially became Eagles in 1972.

Scoutmaster Jim Allison was speaker for the Eagle Court of Honor and awarded the badges to Bruce Halley, John Henley and Rod Herdman. The boys are all high school freshmen and have participated in the Terrace Park Scout program since they became Cubs in 1966.

For their Eagle projects, Rod built a retaining wall to

stop erosion at Lake Lorelei, where his family now lives; Bruce designed and prepared a plaque listing the 37 Eagle Scouts of Troop 286 since its first one in 1933. John developed a village civic directory which will be delivered with the VV in March.

Mark Arnold, Eric Olson and Paul Osenbaugh became tenderfoot scouts at the Court of Honor at which the following rank badges were given -- second class: David Belanger and Chris Pannkuk; first class: Don Knight, Brian Peterson, Bill Porter, Blake Smith and Doug Van Meter.

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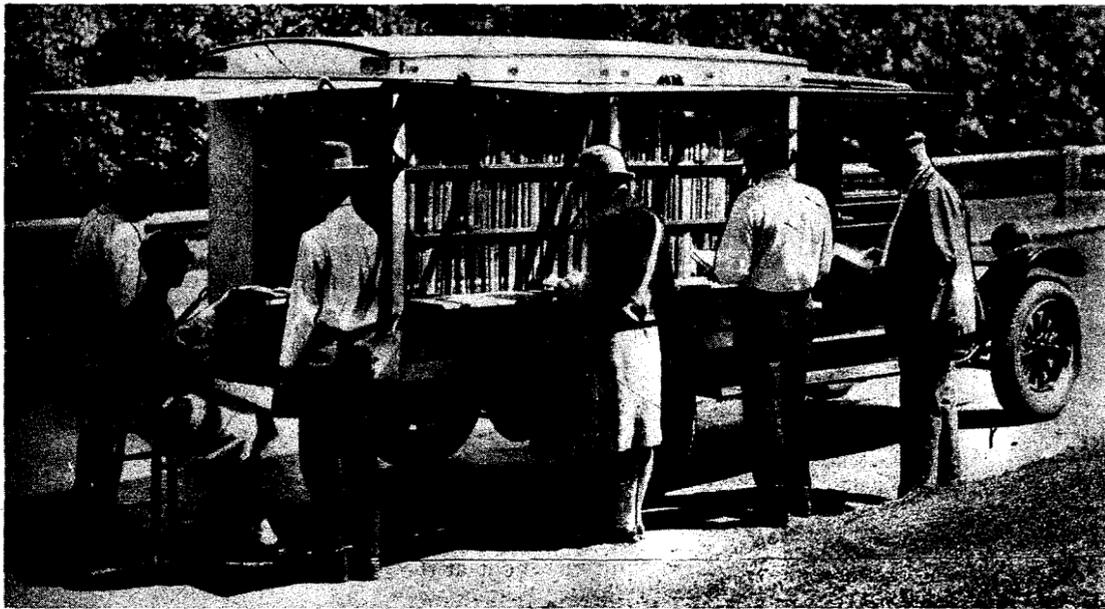


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The bookmobile as it looked in the late 1920's.

by Ellis Rawnsley
Bookmobile service to Terrace Park has ended after 45 years of helping to meet the reading needs of the community.

Officials of the Public Library said bookmobile service was suspended because of dwindling patronage and because of library expansion in nearby Mariemont with completion of the new building there.

The bookmobile -- in its later years a large bus lined with bookshelves -- has visited Terrace Park on the third Thursday of each

month, parking in the vicinity of the Community House. At one time -- in the travel-restricted times of the Second World War and thereafter -- patronage was such that the Terrace Park stop extended over a half a day as villagers poured over the shelves to find their favorite reading, and gave orders to the librarians for books to be brought out on the next trip.

Miss Elizabeth Wuest had been librarian in charge of the bookmobile service for 19 years when, on December 10, 1947, the bookmobile

skidded on an icy road at Branch Hill and crashed into a B&O freight train. Miss Wuest and her assistants, Irene Elsen and Albert Merriam, were killed and the bookmobile and its contents destroyed.

Contributions from library users around the county helped to procure and stock a new bookmobile as a memorial to Miss Wuest. Among the contributions were three checks, totaling \$30, from the Terrace Park PTA, the Women's Auxiliary of St. Thomas Church, and the Terrace Park Women's Club.

Whither O-K-I?

by Don Franke

The Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Regional Planning Authority functions as a clearing house for all federally funded projects. It is not always understood, the extent to which decisions made at OKI effect the quality of life within its jurisdiction -- including Terrace Park. At the insistence of a federal agency, the Urban Mass Transit Authority, a plan is being developed to reorganize OKI as a "Council of Governments." The organizational and legal ramifications are too intricate to detail in the space available here. However some general observations are appropriate and significant.

Those who have any dealings with OKI come to realize that the agency's foremost preoccupation is with highway construction. Consider these examples. Whenever budget cuts are required, the first activities to be shelved are critically needed studies such as a solid waste disposal plan, while road building projects are the last to be delayed. The OKI mass transit plan has come under heavy criticism for only considering rubber tired transit, which in turn can only use highways. Rapid rail transit lines consume only one sixth the land area required by a four lane highway and are considerably more efficient at moving people than are highways. The Cincinnati Planning Commission has criticized OKI transportation studies for not considering railroad needs and uses. We will continue to drive automobiles but the only solution

to congested traffic is a balanced transportation system.

Unfortunately the plan reportedly being considered for reorganizing OKI will likely result in a less balanced Board of Directors. For instance, "at large" members will have no voice in crucial transportation planning and decisions. One of the "at large" members of the Executive Committee now is a League of Women Voters

representative. The League has gained an exceptional reputation as a guardian of all of the citizen's best interests by thoroughly and objectively studying, monitoring and reporting information on all levels of government activity. OKI should reorganize in a manner to broaden, rather than to narrow, citizen participation in decisions that so profoundly influence their lives.



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STAN'S Memorabilia

In the beginning of January, 184 years ago, all was quiet where you sit reading this. You might have heard a turkey gobble, the growl of a bear, the song of a bird or some animal fighting over his or her territorial rights. Otherwise all was serene, quiet and almost sinister.

But, not for long, for Captain Abraham Covalt had selected the spot near where St. Thomas Church stands as the most desirable of all the 20,000 acres that Benjamin Stites had chosen out of the one million acres that he had talked Judge John Cleves Symes into purchasing for 67¢ per acre. Benjamin was not stupid and he chose his "commission" -- of 20,000 acres between the Miamis. Naturally, Covalt being his first customer, chose the best spot out of all this real estate. You see he had been over it all before.

Ben Stites and his party arrived ahead and selected Columbia as a choice site to begin a new life in this wild and woolly country. (Columbia was near where Lunken Airport is now.) They landed November 18, 1788.

Abraham Covalt, his wife Louisa and ten children, seven other families, plus others comprised a group of 46 people. He came well prepared for pioneer living for he also brought 20 head of cattle, some swine and sheep, tools and implements. He brought seven horses but five days after landing five were stolen. They were valued at \$100 per head.

He landed at Columbia January 19, 1789, just 50 days after Ben Stites. After sheltering the women and children at Columbia, this hardy group of pioneers started poling the two flat boats up the Little Miami. Yes, there was enough water flowing through this brooding wilderness, in its natural state of beauty, calm, placid, lazy and undisturbed waters. There was sufficient water in

the little creek to the north of the site selected to float the boats.

The men attacked this virgin forest with a vengeance. By and by, they had built 4 block houses, enclosing 17 living quarters, surrounded by a high wall, perforated with loop holes from which the fire of the besieged could be delivered during an attack.

Soon, besides the sound of the ax felling the trees, there was the crackling of fire, the sounds of playing children, the moo of the cow, the nicker of horses, the grunts and smells of swine added to the existing sounds of the forests. This was so different in this lonesome country that even the wild animals must have taken a peek at what was going on.

The action was frantic. There was a mill to be set up; the land had to be cleared for crops. There was hunting for meat to enhance the food supply. There was stock to be watched over and fed, cows to be milked, water to be brought up from the spring.

There were emigrants arriving almost daily to come under the protection of this bastion, the one thing that bound them all together, no matter how angry they got at each other. Even, Capt. Covalt might have survived the ferociousness of the natives had he been more patient. He was shot while he and two of his sons, with a man by the name of Hinkle, were getting ready to roof his nearby cabin in March of the next year after landing.

In November, 1791 when General St. Clair called on all available manpower to march against the Indians, the number left at the fort was so decreased that the others left or retired to Garrets Station and did not return until February 1792. Of all the men who joined up from Covalt's Station, only Cheneniah Covalt returned.

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Yankee Dollar Celebrates Best of Past and Present



Vera Andrews surrounded by lovely Yankee Dollar items.

Terrace Park's Yankee Dollar complex is more than a gift shop. It is a landmark, a home and a chapter in village history.

The original building which is now the home of Vera and Howard Andrews, owners of the Yankee Dollar, was built in 1852 as the first school for this entire area, called at that time, "Camden City." According to early records, the headmaster was hired by interested people who paid him in "many ways other than money." Initials of some of the students can be seen carved in the stone foundation. The building and additions have also served as a tailor shop, a sandwich shop and a motel.

When the Andrews bought the property in 1967, the carpents and the rooms were immediately transformed into effective display areas for ladies' clothing, antiques, a candle shop and quality gifts. The attractive front sales room, copied from early stores in this area, was constructed and has become the setting for artifacts of early Terrace Park area businesses, including the original sorting box from the first post office. The Andrews use this for their "card shoppe." Other collectors items used for shop decoration and display include counters from an old Milford drug store, a wooden barber pole and a wooden fireplace.

The Andrews came to Terrace Park after having operated a successful gift shop in Milford. They also started one of the first kitchen gourmet shops in the Cincinnati area.

After much research and thought, Vera chose the name "Yankee Dollar" because its meaning, "fair de," was the standard for their business. Their shop is maintained consistently with the ideal of giving the best buy for the dollar.

The Andrews proudly remember their first customer, who just happened to be another Mrs. Andrews, but not a relative. She was Alice Andrews (Mrs. Arthur) of Marian Lane. Many of the people who help them in the shop have been with them since their beginning, also.

National recognition of the shop has been given in several trade journals, and Women's Wear Daily featured them in a complimentary article. One trade journal presented an award to them for having no "ticky-tacky merchandise on the premises."

Ninety percent of their trade is, of course, with women, but they see an increase in male customers, especially at holiday time. Howard is pleased that many of his customers offer suggestions, which further proves his theory that his business is a two-way encounter based on personality; those who serve and those who come to buy.

Both Vera and Howard agree that it is not necessary for a gift shop to be open on Sunday, and that the day should be observed non-commercially.

Vera ponders the idea of writing a book on how to open a gift shop since there is a dearth of such. She emphasizes that she could now make many suggestions which would be helpful.

Twice a year the Andrews

ENVIRONMENT

Sometimes we may question why a piece of land is valuable and worth saving. Organizations seem to be constantly asking for funds or support for various projects. You may wonder why the urgency or the particular selections.

Cedar Bog, north of Springfield, is a case in point. A proposed highway still threatens the plant and animal life, in fact, the very water supply. So, what is a swamp? This one is Ohio's only glacial remnant swamp. The plants and animals are unique and rare in this area. It is small, only 200 acres being owned by the state. When it's gone, it's gone.

We cannot predict the future of Cedar Bog 50 years from now. There is a proposal to make it and some additional land into a national monument. This could enrich the lives of our children and their children. The groups trying to save it are not self-seeking. They follow the philosophy of Nature Conservancy:

"What we have saved and what we will save in the next few years will be all that will remain to be passed on to future generations. There will never be another chance."

"go to market," a buying spree to replenish the inventory with even more interesting and tempting articles. They travel from coast to coast in search of items they know will please their customers.

The expansion of Yankee Dollar continues with the addition of Howard's new Kitchen Gourmet Shop with fascinating gourmet cooking equipment and with Vera's decorating service.

Knowing of both Vera and Howard's interest in history and their knowledge and appreciation of art, we asked if they might have some plans for Yankee Dollar and the historic bi-centennial celebration in 1976. They replied that they are working on some plans -- not yet to be revealed. You may be sure, though, they will be Yankee Dollar Dandy.

by Jeanne Sanker

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MHS Musing

Girls Also Sports Participants

Is your daughter in GAPA? If she attends Mariemont High School, she may well be a member of this new organization. Actually, GAPA, which was formed last summer, is the combination of GAA and the Pep Club. This club is funded by profits from the concession stands which are operated by the girls at the boy's games. GAPA officers are Terrace Parkers Allison Hopkins, president of Pep; Bobbi Moersdorf, concession head; and Sharon Sluka, sports and publicity head.

The girls have finished their volleyball season and are well into basketball. Emily Galey was a member of the reserve volleyball team.

Salley Holt, Claudia Van Wye, Becky Shundich, Robin Bente and Carol Griffith are on the varsity basketball team, while Robin Ritchie, Janet Kauffman, Jody Barnhart, Mindi Graeter, Meridith Hubka, Ginny McAllister, Cathy Castetter and Peggy Nordloh play on the reserve basketball team.

Mrs. Gwen Master son, coach, gym teacher and GAPA adviser is looking forward to the spring activities: tennis and track.

Rohlfing Is Top Science Student

Senior Eric Rohlfing recently received the Bausch and Lomb Award. It is given to seniors who show the highest promise in science as chosen by their science faculty.

HOME NEEDED - must have good references for my darling fatherless babies. My puppies are beagle mix, 2 male and 2 female. Have all shots and are wormed. Canine Ms. Samantha Fjord, 831-4811.

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Jody Hits Bullseye Again

Jody Brown, senior at Mariemont High School, flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, January 19-21 to compete in the U.S. Open Archery Tournament. Jody had hoped to win the Intermediate, age 15-18, girls division. She won it easily, bringing home two other wins as well -- the Senior Women's title and a place on the first place women's amateur team.

The Terrace Park Council passed a resolution at its February meeting to commend Jody for this demonstration of skill and determination.

Help Needed For Operation Search

The Hamilton County Council for Retarded Children is conducting Operation Search during March in order to locate hundreds of mentally retarded persons of all ages in this area who are not receiving training or other services. If you know of such a person who needs help, phone Operation Search at 221-2373.

Secretary Hired To Free Police

Mrs. Howard (JoAnne) Oligee has been hired to fill the newly created position of village secretary.

The police department office can now be kept open from 8:30 to 12 and 1 to 5 and the department's non-emergency number 831-2137 will be covered consistently during those hours.

The presence of Mrs. Oligee in the office will relieve Chief Bob Hiett and his patrolmen from clerical chores so that they may be available more hours for patrolling. Mrs. Oligee will also handle the typing of reports and correspondence for members of Council and the clerk.

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