



Village Views



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1973 Tree Glows With Lawmakers Cogitate On Fences Works of Loving Hands Leming 'Lows It's Sticky Thicket

by Lynn Nelson



Shown here are scenes from last Sunday activities on the village green.

Boys and girls of all ages met at the green to trim the Christmas tree. A spectacular array of shiny ornaments made in Scout meetings and school art classes were hung on the tree instead of the lights traditionally strung by members of the fire department.

Santa was there for the young fry, with treats provided, as in past years, by the volunteer fire department.

On Sunday evening Scout troops led a carol sing for villagers as the single star atop the tree was lighted.

The Reverend Robert Gerhard blessed the tree and Mayor Frank Corbin spoke.

Shimmering Luminarias surrounding the tree provided a dramatic touch to the evening ceremony. The Lanners and Langners had planned and carried out the display.

The VanWye & Friends band played for both affairs.

Boy Scouts provided hot cocoa and friends made cookies. Both added a warm and festive touch to the ceremony which was called "Celebration of Light."

The two activities were coordinated by Councilman Larry Lyons and Pepper Miller.

Village government matters moved forward smoothly and rather swiftly at the December 11 Council meeting. All members were present, and each reported his committee's progress during the previous month.

A public hearing on the proposed revised fence ordinance preceded the business meeting. Though only one resident attended, this subject provoked the liveliest discussion of the evening. Planning and Zoning Chairman Kent Smith led the review, explaining that the current fencing ordinance dates back to November '63. All fences erected since then would be exempt from change (should the revision pass), unless they were previously cited. The revised ordinance redefines just what constitutes a "fence." It also sets forth specific height requirements, open space specifications, proper maintenance, and the fact that a fence cannot obstruct traffic.

Solicitor Leming again pointed out that more has been written and debated about fencing legislation than any other part of the building code.

Pat Henley expressed concern over regulations regarding "living" fences (primarily hedges), and the possibility of limiting privacy in residents' yards, especially of those living on corner lots.

A new ordinance requires a building permit for erection of any fence. A one dollar fee will be charged for the permit, along with a rough drawing of the fence. Should the permit be denied, the property owner can legally appeal, although law also requires a \$15 appeals fee.

Mayor Corbin urged all council members to give serious and constructive thought to the contemplated revision, as fences are important and often lead to sticky, unpleasant decisions. A council vote on the revised ordinance will probably be called at the January meeting.

The Mayor then called the general meeting to order, and Village Engineer Carl Lindell led off with his report. Lindell noted that the newly installed traffic lights at the corner of Wooster and Elm seem to be functioning properly. However, traffic flow is still being observed by the Safety Committee as some cars are pulling too far forward and stopping within the crosswalk. Kent Smith asked that the timing on the "Walk" signal also be watched as he feels it may be a little too short for school children to cross safely.

Under Public Works, Ferd Critchell announced that leaf collection has been completed. Only two complaints were heard from the maintenance crew: (1) residents

didn't begin raking early enough in the fall, and (2) debris was often included among the leaves, leading to clogged machinery. Anyone still having uncollected leaves is asked to bag them - and no burning!

Ed Davison distributed copies of the '74 budget, and his resolution for its adoption passed. Also approved was transfer of some small monies from one fund to another so that the accounts would balance at the year's end.

Dick Griffith, Safety Chairman, reported that his committee checked into the possibility of a bicycle ordinance, and concluded that those ordinances now on the books are adequate for Terrace Park. However, a bike safety program for Middle School youngsters is planned as it was discovered that many youthful offenders are of junior high school age. Griffith also noted that a salary review was completed for the police chief and patrolmen.

Under her Building and Grounds report, Pat Henley reported that investigation shows that the School Board would be allowed to sell the playfield to Terrace Park at an agreed upon price. The desirability of this will be pursued. Pat says she plans installation of a hand rail for the front steps of the building.

Mayor Corbin reported that there will be no Twelfth Night ceremony this year; instead, residents are asked to place their untrimmed Christmas trees at the curb where they will be collected by the maintenance crew and run through the chipper. Several suggestions were made for community use of the wood chips.

A second reading was heard on the recommended ordinance that will codify all village ordinances passed to date. Rules and Laws Chairman Larry Lyons also noted that Phase II of the tree program has been completed; after three years the village's own tree nursery should be able to supply community needs for new trees. Thus far some 70 trees have been planted, mainly along those streets hardest hit by the 1969 tornado.

Under review of the Matrix Study Program, Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the Council's report.

The report recognizes the study done by Planning and Zoning and the League of Women Voters and the input from citizens at a public meeting. It concurs with P & Z's view that the development suggested would not generate enough revenue to be worth the risks of changing the character of the village, and points out the citizen objection to condominium development.

Council accepted the report with Critchell and Henley abstaining.

Mayor Corbin announced that Al Roberts will be named Treasurer since there were no candidates for that office on the November ballot. The Mayor also read three resolutions, each passed unanimously, acknowledging council appreciation and gratitude for the service and dedication of Treasurer Ray Cadwalader and councilmen Larry Lyons and Ed Davison.

Council will next convene briefly on New Year's Day at 7:30 p.m., at which time new members Bill Ryan and Dick Bowman will be sworn in and the body will organize for 1974-75.



Life Squad Appeal

The tables are turned! The Life Squad needs help, Terrace Parkers. You have given the Squad your money, your moral support, your respect, etc., but now it is asking for your most important asset - YOU!

Right now, when you have an emergency and call for help, it's your Terrace Park neighbor who drops everything and comes running -- and usually gets there in around four minutes. That's fast, personal service. But it looks as though you are going to lose it in the next few months. The Squad thought it had enough recruits, but it does NOT!

Why do people join the Life Squad? If you asked twenty squadmen this question, you would probably get close to twenty different answers. It would boil down to a few basic thoughts, though - desire to help your community, your neighbors; feeling of satisfaction; an opportunity to learn.

The training is not quick and easy because it can't be. It is thorough, continuous and interesting. Needless to say, the first aid you learn during your training will certainly benefit you personally, too.

Make another New Year's resolution, neighbors. Join the Terrace Park Life Squad. Give it serious thought it's an opportunity to be of GREAT service to your community. If not you, who? If not now, when?



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Dorothy Returns With Balalaika and Basilica

by Jeanne Sanker



Dorothy Reynolds' long-time desire to see Russia was realized last month when she joined fifty-five other Cincinnati area residents on a ten-day tour sponsored by the Cincinnati Ballet Company. Though there was a language barrier once they arrived there (there are 130 languages spoken throughout Russia), they were fortunate to have two English-speaking Intourist guides who were very helpful and who were enthusiastic about their group.

They visited two leading cities, Moscow and Leningrad, fascinatingly different in atmosphere and architecture. Moscow appeared cold, gray and bleak with its predominance of now austere government office buildings and unadorned apartment buildings with few small shops to add variety to the colorless streets. Dorothy found Leningrad, former capital of Russia, to be one of the most beautiful cities she has ever visited, second only to Venice, her favorite. Planned from the first brick as a great capital, it is filled with many edifices and parks, perhaps most noteworthy being the famous Winter Palace with its 700 rooms.

In Moscow one of the highlights of her visit was a walk alone to the 66-acre Kremlin and then through Red Square, watching the people and trying to "get the feel of the city". Both inside and outside the Kremlin walls are many ancient churches with their characteristic Byzantium architecture of gilded, onion-shaped domes, topped by elaborately embellished crosses. The drums supporting the domes are decorated with colored tiles, some gaily striped or dotted with an almost carnival-like appearance. Dorothy brought home with her a replica of one of the most colorful and famous, St. Basil's Cathedral, located just outside the Kremlin.

Dorothy enjoyed visiting the biggest store in Moscow, GUM (whose initials stand for State Department Store)

once an arcade for private shops. Everything is very expensive, but the Russians are now especially interested in clothes.

They are also proud of their world-famous subway, which is very clean and which is constantly being enlarged. Guides proudly point out each station as an artistic achievement in marble or mosaics.

Russia's greatest celebration is that of the anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution and everywhere could be seen momentos of that day. Dorothy brought home holiday cards, similar to our Christmas cards in style and colors, and also a copy of PRAVDA, the Communist newspaper, and the MOSCOW NEWS, a weekly paper published in English, both full of pictures and news of celebration and its meaning for the country.

Biggest surprises of the trip included the costliness of caviar, although it was served in abundance on their flight home; no tipping allowed under any conditions (a tourist's dream come true); and the casualness of Customs officials in their spot-checking of tourists.

The ballet is, of course, the supreme example of Russian achievement in the performing arts, and its cathedral, Moscow's Bolshoi Theater, seldom has an empty seat. Despite the fact that the Bolshoi has been the pride of Russia since its beginning, Dorothy says that she was even more impressed by the Kirov Ballet at the Kirov Theater in Leningrad. Their group attended two ballets and two operas while visiting the two cities.

A balalaika Dorothy bought in Russia will soon be adding an additional sound to the Reynolds' music enjoyment. Dorothy and her husband, John, and daughters Hilary, 19, and Christine, 17, who live on Rugby, are all interested in travel as well as theater. Dorothy has appeared in productions of the Terrace Park Players, the Mariemont Players, and at Playhouse in the Park.

Village Bulletin Board

LWV Goes Nocturnal

The Terrace Park unit of the League of Women Voters will have its first regular evening meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. Winky Kleindinst is hostess for the discussion session about Adult and Juvenile Justice. Discussion leader will be Judy Bernard and Babs Sheriff.

There will be reports on council meetings, Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and board of education meetings.

All interested women, especially those who have been unable to attend daytime meetings are welcome. Marie Ramsdell is unit chairman.

Environmental Notes

Recycling second and fourth Saturdays at Terrace Park School, 12 until 3 p.m.

Waste Paper prices have increased to almost double what they were a year ago. This makes saving for Scout Paper Drives an even more helpful service. Next pick-up will be in February.

Hands off, Kids

Child Study Group members will hear Mrs. Elaine Shuck talk about Antique Glassware at the January 15 meeting. Judy Reynolds is hostess for the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Art Lessons: Adults and children. Call Rose Shundich, 831-7506. Car Pool to Cincinnati, 8 to 4. Bill Lohrum, 831-6711.

Letters

Answers to Questions

Several questions about village operations were raised in a letter in the November VV. Here are the facts:

Codification of village ordinances is not a simple review. It is a classification of the ordinances accumulated since 1893 into an orderly code. It will ensure that the ordinance of the village are not in conflict with the laws of the state of Ohio.

Also, Ohio House Bill 511 (Uniform Criminal Code) effective January 1, 1974 will require a complete review, analysis and codification of our criminal ordinances. All this work should be done by a trained lawyer and preferably by a firm specializing in codifications. This is an expensive undertaking, but council felt that we should not defer it.

We are not buying another pumper, we will be replacing an 18-year-old pumper. Various types of equipment have been investigated, including a snorkel unit. However, we are not even considering a snorkel, because it is not justified by need. Pumpers must be replaced every 20 years to maintain the fire insurance rating. We have the best rating possible with a volunteer department. Pumpers are normally paid for from the Improvement Fund, rather than with a tax levy, in Terrace Park.

Once money is put into the Improvement Fund it is illegal to transfer anything to the general operating fund. Only capital improvements may be financed from the Improvement Fund.

The speed on Wooster Pike is set in accordance with Ohio statutes. Our police enforce this limit and will continue to do so on this heavily travelled road so frequently crossed by children. Enforcement of the law hardly constitutes a "speed trap".

Include me in the group that has not heard of the "annual report coverup". A biennial audit is mandatory, and we welcome it.

Finally, being a councilman is hardly "heady win" although it sometimes does resemble a rather bad hang-over.

Dick Griffith



Village Reminder

Garbage will be collected on Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 2 instead of the usual Tuesday pick-up.

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Decomposable Trash Collection - Mondays
 Bag grass clippings, bundle twigs. Large amounts of decomposable refuse and rocks may be taken to village landfill Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m. There is a small charge for dumping non-decomposables at the landfill. For information call village office.

Police will check homes of absent residents.
 Fill out form at village office. (Or call.)
 To reserve Community Building for meeting or social affair call village office.
 Check at office before putting sign on village bulletin boards.

REMINDERS

Outdoor trash burning - prohibited by state law.
 Bicycles - children are encouraged to ride on sidewalk, but watch for pedestrians. Register bikes at annual inspection in September or at police department.
 Shooting of firearms - prohibited in village except on approved range.
 Railroad - private property, no trespassing.
 Dogs must be under control of owner at all times. Terrace Park has had leash law since 1955. Warning given for first offense.

VILLAGE OPERATION

Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building.
 Mayor's Court is held once a month, at discretion of mayor, at 7:30 p.m. at Community Building.
 Village office 831-2137
 Hours - 8:30 a.m. - 12 and 1 p.m. - 5
 Police Chief Robert Hiatt 831-2137
 Administrative matters and information, only.
 Police help, including dogs 821-2280
 Fire Chief F. Lee Stegemeyer 831-0828
 Fire Department and Life Squad Emergency . . . 821-2260
 Planning and Zoning Commission
 Bruce Brown, chairman 831-2110
 Zoning Board of Appeals
 Hilliard Fjord, chairman 831-4811

CLUBS

Call officer listed for information about these organizations.
 Child Study Group
 Phyllis McAllister, chairman 831-8367
 Clodhoppers - dance group
 Susan Abernethy 831-5891
 Couples Club - Saturday evening activities
 Cindy Hudson 831-2146
 Garden Club
 Kath Startzman, president 831-2028
 T. P. Players
 Joyce Van Wye, president 831-2059
 League of Women Voters
 Marie Ramsdell, chairman 831-1683

SCOUTS

Cubs, Jim Johnson, Cubmaster 831-7499
 Scouts, Jim Allison, scoutmaster 831-2832

GIRL SCOUTS

Pepper Miller, neighborhood director 831-0311

RECREATION

Log Cabin Area - large paved play area and basketball court. Call police to have court lighted.
 Wilderness Preserve - 62 acres along Little Miami River at end of Ford Road has chipped paths, picnic table. It is open to residents from dawn to dusk. Overnight camping permit from police department.
 Terrace Park sports activities are organized and sponsored by the Recreation Committee, a volunteer group. They help underwrite costs with income from Labor Day Festival.

Fall - Soccer (girls and boys 6-18)
 Football (boys 9 and 10)
 Winter - Basketball
 Riflery
 Spring - Baseball (boys) (T-ball)
 Softball (girls)
 Summer - Log Cabin - recreation and crafts for boys and girls 6-12 - afternoons
 Chairman of Recreation Committee - Mike Fletcher, 831-7321

Bus Problem for T.P.

Open letter to Mayor Corbin and Members of Council:
 There is little doubt that the energy crisis will have a tremendous impact on our way of life. Most of us will co-operate with whatever restrictions are placed on our use of various fuels. My concern, and others surely share it, is that the very isolation which makes the Village such an ideal place to live, is also going to become a liability with regard to how we reach the places our cars normally take us. It is one thing to live on a bus route which has frequent runs: it is quite another to live in the Park where busses run about every two hours, after 8:42 a.m. and whose arrivals on Government Square do not co-incide with busses to other areas. Should rationing come, we face further disadvantages in the fact that we are miles from shopping centers, Milford, Mariemont, etc. Visiting friends and relatives, a show or concert in town, could all become memories of bygone times, with no bus service at all after 6:05 p.m. My point is this: Who is working NOW on behalf of us villagers to obtain added bus runs, or even shuttle service to Kenwood to supplement whatever gasoline we are allotted? It seems that Council is the best spokesman and must act promptly to find a way to alleviate what will surely be a transportation hardship. Residents can communicate their feelings on the matter by writing or phoning SORTA 651-3020. Studies are being planned now, and if SORTA sees that we will

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make use of added runs, they will give them serious consideration. But these things take time to implement, and when the crunch comes, it will be too late to begin wailing. Better to be prepared and not to need it than to wait too long before facing the possibility of the dilemma.
 Ruth Lanner

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 Associate: Fred LaCrone home - 831-4087
 Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. holy communion
 9:30 a.m. family service
 11:00 a.m. holy communion

Other churches in the vicinity are:

Baptist First Baptist Church of Milford
 Community Mariemont Community Church
 Presbyterian-Episcopal Indian Hill Church
 Roman Catholic St. Andrew's Church, Milford
 United Methodist Armstrong Chapel, Indian Hill
 Milford Methodist Church

SCHOOLS

Terrace Park Elementary, K-5 831-2485
 Mariemont Middle School, 6,7,8 272-2720
 Mariemont High School 271-8310
 Board of Education 272-2722
 Robert Crabbs, superintendent

Miscellaneous

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 Postmaster James Simonton
 Mail dispatched from Post Office at 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday - No Sunday collection

Mariemont Library 271-3268
 Madeira Library 561-8282
 Milford (Clermont County) Library 831-0117

Terrace Park has three precincts, all housed at the Community Building. For voting information, call Hamilton County Board of Elections.

Emergency Numbers

Police	825-2280
Life Squad and Fire	825-2260

Terrace Park Civic Directory



VILLAGE GOVERNMENT 1974

Mayor Frank Corbin 831-6271

Councilmen

Dick Bowman (Finance) 831-3534
 Ferd Critchell (Public Works) 831-3762
 Dick Griffith (Safety) 831-7863
 Pat Henley (Bldg. and Grounds) 831-2147
 Bill Ryan (Rules and Law) 831-0983
 Kent Smith (Planning and Zoning) 831-7309

Clerk Donald Franke 831-5339
 Treasurer Al Roberts 831-2427
 Solicitor Robert Leming 831-3977
 Engineer Carl Lindell 831-2361

STAN'S Memorabilia

This is the season to be jolly and rightly so. One thousand, nine hundred and seventy three years ago the angels appeared and exclaimed "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will." Thus, it is a time for rejoicing.

This also is the season when families unite and gather together, especially on the day of Jesus's birth. Christmas is the day all children arise too, too early; excitement reigns supreme.

Now, kids, when you are all gathered about the festive board with your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, how about quizzing your elders about the Christmases they have known? You probably will not have to ask or say a word. Grand dad will tell you, perhaps, about a Fast Flyer, a wrist watch, or skates that fastened on the soles of your shoes and tightened up with a skate key.

Ask him if he ever received a barlow knife. (He would not get one from a girl friend, for it was thought it would cut their friendship). However, any lad who received one gained status with his fellow playmates. It made him feel he was now a man of the world, a non-chalant youth. Ask him if he ever received a BB gun? If so, I am sure every lady in the group would start putting a damper on your anticipated fun with all kinds of do's and don'ts. BB shot cost only 5¢ a tube.

Then the kids hung their stockings by the fire place

with care, choosing the biggest they could find in the hopes "Old St. Nick" would fill them. Believe them when they tell you what they found. The treats that you enjoy daily were luxuries in his day. Oranges, bananas, and peanuts were in short supply. (Peanuts came in 100 pound sacks, usually unroasted.) There were licorice sticks, chocolate drops, barber poll candy, and always hore-hound sticks, because it was thought it had medicinal value and was a favorite with older folks.

All little girls just had to have a doll. It may just be a home made rag one, if it was considered that Santa couldn't afford the fancy ones displayed in the store window. Little girls have always loved dainty little things to wear. They would usually be blessed with dresses, gloves, petticoats, and long cotton-ribbed stockings. The girls hated them because they were more for warmth than beauty, but did hide their long underwear. They all wore long hair that mother brushed daily and braided and embossed with a fancy comb and ribbon. Gee - but they were cute!

There were domino's, checker boards, old maid cards and a few other simple games such as jacks. This was all a part of the simple life, a lost heritage today. It was good, it was great, and a loving memory for those of us to have known it as it was in the "Good Old Days".

Robin Swims Faster

Robin Smith, fifth grader who swims with the Tritons, set another national record in the 50 yard butterfly at the Marlin Invitational meet on December 10. She swam in competition with 60 other girls who came from more than 20 states.

Robin also won four firsts in her 9-10 age group at a meet in Louisville in November.



Dead or Alive? U.S. 50 Re-do

by Don Franke
 J. Phillip Richley, director of Ohio Department of Transportation asserted that the state is still restudying alternatives to Relocated Route 50. He made this statement during the November 26 hearing on the need for a state master plan on transportation.

Village Clerk Don Franke testified as to Terrace Park Council's 1970 resolution, backed by a citizen petition, opposing the plan to relocate Route 50 in the flood plain of the Little Miami River.

Others who testified regarding this matter included Terrace Parkers Bob Vogt, engineering consultant, and Dotty Vogt.

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