

Village Views

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From A.M.'s Wreck Comes P.M.'s Phoenix



What appeared to be a bunch of post-juvenile vandals attacked the sagging bleachers at the playfield on Saturday morning, March 9. However, investigation discovered that the Recreation Committee had determined that the best way to repair the bleachers was to rebuild them using a design which would allow for future quick replacement of the seat boards. Almost 200 new concrete blocks went into the job. The above busy scene shows Bill Fahnestock, straw boss, completing demolition of one section. He is advised by Ed Tigner in right foreground. Pete Stites is getting ready to haul more rubble being broken up by Ed Larkin (in white shirt) as Reed Fahnestock takes a short break from raking litter from beneath the bench area.



Saturday carpenters, Bill Lohrum and Jim Gilchrist, nail cleats onto the freshly sealed pine boards which will provide seating for spectators for high school baseball games this spring as well as all knock-hole ball played on the A diamond.

Unseen, is Pete Smith, who fertilized and reseeded the entire area used for fall soccer play.



Mission completed, the work crew at right tries the new bleachers out for suitability. They are: Ray Cadwallader, Stites, Red Wigton, Fred Vickers, Bill Fahnestock, Lohrum, Gilchrist and Larkin.

Others who helped with the job which cost about \$350,

were: Jim Johnson, Jim Sauter, Nate Bachman, and Luis Fernandez.

Village and Recreation Committee have developed a plan for maintenance and will ask the school board, who owns the field, to participate with them to keep this busy play area well groomed.

Bridge Bike Ban Fails Police Get Man, Radar

Ellis Rawnsley

An effort to control speeding on Miami Avenue by installation of additional stop signs was voted down at the March 12 meeting of village

Grade School Scored For Fire Safety

A communications breakdown seemingly resulted in fire safety recommendations concerning Terrace Park Elementary School going uncorrected for three months.

Charles Frankl, inspector for District 8 of the state fire marshal's office, made an inspection of the school on November 13 and filed a report calling for some changes to be made.

But Robert Crabbs, superintendent of the Mariemont School District, said he apparently never received a copy of the report or the order for corrections which the inspector recommended be issued by the marshal's office. Crabbs initiated immediate action to obtain a copy of the report so that the required work could be done.

The major deficiency found concerned exit doors to the old building which, although equipped with panic bars, were found not to function properly. The inspector said panic bars are required to be operative at a pressure of only 15 pounds. Because of improper closing of the doors, he said the pressure needed to open them was far in excess of the requirement.

His report also called for self-closing doors to separate the stair wells of the old building from the first and second floors to block the spread of fire and smoke. One door was found to be missing, and the others not self-closing.

The inspector also said he found that fire extinguishers had not been checked as required, although an adequate number was found in the schools building. He cited, also, broken and unlighted exit signs in the gymnasium and hall of the old building.

Broken windows, called an invitation to vandalism, and "poor housekeeping" were charged against the remaining colony building.

As is customary, Frankl called in Fire Chief Lee Stegemeyer to accompany him on the inspection and the fire drill it included. They reported the buildings were emptied within one minute.

council.

A similar fate met an attempt to pass an ordinance to require that all bicycle riders--adults as well as children--walk their bikes over the Elm Avenue overpass.

Both measures were offered by Councilman Richard Griffith as chairman of the safety committee. The vote of three for and two against in each case was ruled insufficient for passage.

Griffith sought authority to place stop signs at Miami and Oxford, citing among other things the village inability under state law to place a speed limit less than 35 mph on a bus route. Council members Pat Henley and Ferd Critchell argued that there was no more justification for stop signs at that intersection than at any other. (Subsequent observation shows a 25 mph limit

SOAPCA Warns Feed Lot Operator

A "friendly warning" ignored, the Southwest Ohio Air Pollution Control authority has threatened legal action against the cattle feeding operation in the township area just west of Terrace Park.

The mild winter has resulted in several complaints against odors from the feedlot sweeping over the village, and a report of an inspector for the authority cited "a very strong stench from the feed lot and uncovered fodder in the storage area."

R. B. Lemkuhl, supervisor for the authority, sent the "friendly warning" on February 20 to Walter Kuntz, of Walter Kunz Enterprises, citing the complaints and citing his responsibility to make corrections. The letter followed the on-site inspection February 14.

Getting no response, Lemkuhl on March 5 wrote Kuntz to note that the warning had not been acknowledged, and stating that "future violations will be referred to officials for possible legal action" for violation of Section AP-2-07 of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Regulations.

Mayor Frank Corbin reported to village council at its March meeting that he had written to the local authority on February 22, citing complaints against odors from the operation, and urging "swift and effective action to bring us relief."

posted on Amherst Avenue).

The blanket ban on riding bicycles over the bridge was proposed because of limited sight distance. At start of Council meeting Paul Henley had presented a letter signed by 67 Terrace Park residents regarding the proposed ordinance which had passed the first reading in February. He spoke in favor of older riders being allowed to ride over the bridge and stated the signers reasoning: they did not feel there was enough traffic to require such an ordinance; they have never felt uneasy about riding over the bridge; and their main objection: they felt adults and more mature young people should be able to decide for themselves whether it was a risk for them to ride over it.

Critchell and Henley called the proposed ordinance unreasonable, and the spot no more hazardous than many others in the village, including the Elm Avenue underpass. Police Chief Robert Hiatt reported no accidents involving bicycles on the bridge to his knowledge.

Action was taken, meantime, to reinforce the police department, hurting because of recent resignations of men lured elsewhere by higher pay.

Charles H. Klein Jr., a former Woodlaw officer, was engaged on probation, and the probationary terms of Patrolmen Richard Showalter and Frederick Demarks were extended. Chief Hiatt said later that he felt he had not had sufficient time to appraise their work.

Council also authorized acquisition of a new radar capable of recording speeds from a moving police car. The \$2400 device will be obtained under a federal grant via the state so that actual cost to the village will be \$650.

Received a proposal from the Planning and Zoning Commission to designate the present athletic field as Recreation A, and the area surrounding the log cabin as Recreation B, the latter permitting picnicking and camping under permit.

Asked for citizen opinion on creation of flood plain zoning which would make possible federal flood insurance.

Heard a report that a new backstop at the athletic field, called for in citizen protests last fall, would be erected "shortly."

Agreed to consult with the PTA concerning a crossing guard at Wooster and Elm in view of reports of minimal use of the intersection by schoolchildren and the new lighting system there.

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It Works

Mayor Frank Corbin told village council that reduced travel and reduced speed limits as a result of the energy crisis have had a marked effect on the number of traffic violators cited to his court.

His report said that fines imposed in February were only \$950, as against \$1351 in January--both below levels of the preceding year.

Letters

Another View Police Work -

How interesting it was to read in the February issue that Terrace Park's fine young policemen are leaving for jobs elsewhere because police work here is so unexciting.

Councilman Griffith, you recall, was reported as saying one officer complained that there aren't enough auto wrecks in town (compared, anyway, to Milford).

Gee. Too bad we can't have more crashes. Perhaps Council should appoint a blue-ribbon citizens study committee to promote violence in the streets. Maybe it could come up with an action plan -- even a federal grant, with luck -- so our men in--ahh, green--will have something to do on boring weekday afternoons.

Ridiculous, of course. What we should be saying is that the very purpose of a policeman's professional life is to make his job dull. That is: to prevent wrecks; to prevent burglary; to prevent death; to prevent rape; to prevent theft; to prevent, in fact, anything that would tend to provide him with excitement.

The very lack of mayhem, death, destruction and crime is irrefutable evidence of stellar success. If an officer leaves for better pay, fine -- and wish him well. If he leaves for more excitement, however, we might well be pleased he's gone elsewhere for his daily kicks. This is not to impugn Patrolman Cooke's motives. He is a fine person and it is nice to know Blue Ash needs him more -- in large measure because he did his job well here.

What we really should do is find other, exciting but useful, tasks for our police. Door-to-door counseling about home security and burglar-proofing, for instance. Or some scientific inquiry into the reason for those wrecks on Wooster at Elm.

Or maybe we should contract with the Sheriff for our men to patrol Wooster as far as Plainville. Now THAT would REALLY provide excitement.

Very truly yours
Graydon DeCamp

Editorial Do You Live Here?

Ellis Rawnsley

Once every three days, on the average, somebody in Terrace Park suffers an accident or serious illness that calls for the quick and efficient help only the fire department's life squad can bring. How much longer it can continue to give that help is up to the residents of the village.

The life squad has saved lives, delivered babies to help bring new life into the world, eased the pain of injury and illness, carried victims to hospitals where fully-competent medical aid is available and given all of us the comfortable feeling that no matter what happens, somebody who knows what to do cares enough to hurry to do it.

That service is in danger, especially in the daytime hours.

At the moment, the day-

time force especially is at its lowest ebb. Four women and one man are carrying the burden, one of them on a temporary basis because of the critical situation. It's too much to ask them to carry alone.

The life squad needs more volunteers for both day and night, but especially in the daytime. Of course it takes time to answer emergency calls, and more time to be trained to know what to do. But isn't it worth it to be able to save the life of a neighbor -- or even one of your own family -- rather than be forced to stand helpless, not knowing what should be done?

If you feel you can help, talk to Lee Stegemeyer or Bob Terwillegar, and in the meantime --

Are you a Terrace Park-er or do you just live here?

Tuesday Sewers Find That Work Is Fun

Ruth Binkley



Naomi Cronley shows Peg Ostendarp and Pearl Stegemeyer her just completed log cabin pattern quilt, at left. Jean Mudge and Ruth Hickenlooper check out a new design for a hospital gown being stitched together by Evelyn Cooper as Bonnie Rawnsley pins some quilt squares.

Sewing machines hum amid gentle voices as the Tuesday Sewing Group move into action for their main project: sewing for the Children's Hospital. The group, which meets from 10 to 3 each Tuesday in the guild room at St. Thomas Church, has been active for over thirty years. Members enjoy reminiscing about the past, and all agree that over the years women "too numerous to mention" have contributed their talents to aid in the sewing of dresses, gowns, bibs, pajamas, tray cloths, quilts, receiving blankets, and boys' shirts and pants. The Episcopal Church Women of St. Thomas furnish the materials.

The group has ten regular members at present. Some are old time Terrace Park

residents, having lived here 30 to 40 years, but others are relative newcomers. Compatibility is evident in their smiling faces. "We call it our therapy group," laughs Bonnie Rawnsley. She and Edna Sonntag feel that a close fellowship has developed over the years, a nice by-product which often comes with working together for a mutual goal. In addition to those pictured, members are: Edna Sonntag, Gladys Graves, Martha Jones, Dorothy Brown, Sis Critchell, and Florence Haveman.

How did it start? The Cooperative Society of Children's Hospital, which was originally an Episcopal organization, solicited help from many churches, and St. Thomas was one which responded.



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Things To Come

Kindergarten Roundup, April 16, 9 to 10 a.m. in elementary school cafeteria.

MHS Spring Musical, No. No, Nanette--May 2, 3, and 4.

Meeting April 2

Terrace Park Garden Club will have installation of officers at its April 2 luncheon at Millcroft Inn. Kath Startzman will continue as president, Jane Peterson as vice president, Sandy McAninch and Happy Stevens, secretary and Blanche Kain, treasurer.

Keep Smashing Those Cans

Recycling of cans and bottles proceeds as usual on each second and fourth Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. Large containers are placed on the Myrtle Avenue parking lot of the elementary school, for easy drive-through collecting. Any money earned from sale of these cast-offs is used by the Environment Group of the high school for improvement of the school grounds.

Over the Net

A lively adult coed group of volleyball enthusiasts issues a cordial welcome for playmates each Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Terrace Park gym.

Their enthusiasm for this particular project fills the room as they proudly show brightly striped, checked, and flowered gowns that any child would be delighted to wear. Figured bedsheets have proven to be the perfect material to use for these gowns because of the fabric

Show Your Goodwill

Boy Scouts will pick up bags of clothing for the clothing drive on Sunday afternoon, March 31. Bags were distributed with the Sunday Enquirer. The boys ask that bags be placed in clear view on porch or walk.

Some Yolk

An Easter egg hunt for children of Child Study group members is scheduled for April 11 at the home of Cindy Pritchard, 329 Rugby at 4 o'clock.

Landfill Ready For Spring

Beginning with the first Saturday in April, the village landfill will be open every Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. to receive decomposables as well as non-composables which are too large for the village employees to handle.

Residents are also welcome to get composted leaf mulch from the area of the landfill on these days.

Best Use of Land

League of Women Voters will discuss land use at the April meeting. The group continues its evening meeting schedule as it meets with chairman Marie Ramsdell. Elinor Winchester and Judy Minges are discussion leaders.

content and the infinite variety of patterns available

In the future, the group will "specialize" in just three items: gowns, quilts and bibs. But their friendships will remain broad and open as they welcome all who are interested in joining the fun.

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Paul Stewart - A Dedicated Volunteer

by Jeanne Sanker

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is only one of several service organizations which are keeping Paul Stewart, of Lexington Avenue busily and happily occupied since his retirement last year from the C. Schmidt Company, manufactureres of commercial refrigeration, after twenty-six years of traveling forty weeks of the year.

SCORE is a national organization, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., composed wholly of retired executives approved by national headquarters. These dedicated people work with small business only, helping those who may be having problems, or with persons interested in starting a small business who need professional advise and direction. Sometimes the result is that they don't make that final decision to begin, and the real reward for SCORE workers, Mr. Stewart says, is when they know they have helped someone make the right decision. The Cincinnati Chapter, covering five counties and ninety varied areas of business, has forty-two counsellors. Mr. Stewart is serving as Vice-Chairman for a two-year period, and spends five mornings and one or two afternoons each week at the SCORE office located in the Federal Building.

This long-time resident of Terrace Park, always interested in serving his community, is currently chairman of the Village Green committee, consisting of thirteen members, who are planning new lighting and planting for the Green, with some results of their hard work to be in evidence in time for the Memorial Day ceremony. Members of the committee are loud in their praise for Paul, who has a knack for keeping all parts of the project in proper perspective.

Having been a member of the Board of Education from 1946 to 1954, he re-

Job Opportunities

Willing worker who likes the outdoors, to help keep Terrace Park beautiful during summer months. We are looking for someone, preferably over 18, who can work for the village up to 40 hours per week beginning June 10 or 17. Please write short application letter to Street and Grounds, 428 Elm Avenue by April 10. Each person will be contacted no later than April 25.

WANTED-- Log Cabin personnel applications are being accepted now for two summer recreation jobs. One opening is for arts and crafts leader (inside) and one games and activity leader (outside). Hours 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, mid-June to late August. Contact Pete Stites, 831-1944.

tains an interest in school activities; and now with his granddaughter, Sherri Stewart, a senior at Mariemont, cast in the lead for the spring musical, "No, No, Nanette," he confesses his interest has become button-popping pride.

As he recalls that he and his wife were among the organizers of "The Clodhoppers," still going strong, he also delves into a bit of nostalgia about the wartime years here in Terrace, and how the gasoline shortage then helped this to be one of the friendliest of communities. An ecumenical laymen's league formed at St. Thomas Church was the force behind a program of social events planned because people could not travel much. Over a hundred people participated each time, enjoying everything from a visit and speech by the British Consul to horse-drawn hay rides and a box social with a professional auctioneer doing the chanting. Labor Day baseball games with both men's and women's teams and quickly set-up booths serving hot dogs and soft drinks were the forerunner of our elaborate Labor Day Festival of today.

Probably one of Mr. Stewart's proudest moments in recognition of his ability as a leader with interest in all those about him occurred recently when he was chosen by the National Association of Food Manufacturers' Agents, Sales Group, to receive their first national service award at a convention in Dallas, Texas, and 300 people stood to salute him. Terrace Park belatedly but proudly joins in that salute!

A WINNER AFTER ALL: Ferd and Edie Critchell are the grand prize winners in the Baby Contest, correctly identifying Bob Gerhard and Larry Lyons. Strangely enough, the Critchells did not submit a concrete block with their entry.

B.I.'s Report

Building permits to allow \$207,743 worth of construction in Terrace Park were issued during 1973. Most of the work was additions to existing property, but 2 new homes were built and a permit issued for the one now under construction on Indian Hill Road.

49 permits with fees of \$976 were approved by Ed Smith, Building Inspector.

Classified

RESPONSIBLE young man looking for summer lawn work. Will supply own equipment. Brian Peterson, 831-5862.

FOR SALE - BABY carriage, full size Welch converts to stroller. Also porta-crib, dresser with brand new walnut finish top, and Jerry-carrier. 831-5217, Bonert.

EXPERIENCED baby-sitter, married 20-year old. Call after 5 p.m. 831-2592.

HELP! Need sitter (boy or girl) for occassional week night or weekend evenings. Prefer someone 16 or older. Call Charlie or Margie Robertson, 831-4251 after 6 p.m.

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OUTDOORS

WITH KEN TROY

Once upon a time there was a wilderness. Through such, from as far as the Scioto and the Maumee, came the Shawnees, the Miamis and the Wyandots. All were on their way to the land known to them as "Caintuc-kee." Such was a communal hunting ground.

Through this wilderness they wore a path and from it they crossed the Little Miami. Their nearest village (Shawnee) of any import, was at the junction of the Little Miami and Caesar's Creek.

Prior to then this wilderness was used by the mound builders, who left evidence of their existence along the south side of the Little Miami. That area now surrounds Newtown and extends into Turpin Hills. Their "disappearance" remains a mystery.

After the Shawness the whites created Ford Road, which now runs to this wilderness, (formerly through it). Ford Road branches off our present Elm Road on the big bend of the horse shoe.

Ford Road received its name, not from a person or the auto, but because people forded the Little Miami at this point and thence to Newtown and Cincinnati via Roundbottom Road.

To the elder residents of Terrace Park, this area is probably still known as "the Grove," but its fifty, plus, acres is now owned by the village, which is permitting it to return to wilderness.

A path from the end of Ford Road now leads through this area directly to the river, and the village has provided there a grill and a picnic table in a grassy area. During the day shafts of sunlight beam through the shading trees, while in the fall evenings nature provides a carpet of leaves and a ceiling of stars. Fishing there, as all fishing,

can be poor to excellent.

Once upon a time, not too long ago, this area was not a wilderness, but one of a boisterous bar and forty-two river shacks. Good people lived there, but it also housed characters whose sole aim seemed to be a constant annoyance to Chief Matt Cook and his then "force" of a part-time patrolman.

Fortunately, the village was able to purchase these some fifty-six acres (in 1957) that made up "the Grove," including the bar and the shacks, for \$13,000.00. Such purchase was subject to the life estate of the then owner. Later the village realized in excess of \$2,000.00 for a gas line easement from C.G. & E. Remember? That was less than fourteen years ago. Thereafter our solons bought out the life estate owner for about \$2000.00, after being aided by a fire that burnt the bar and a flood that took down many of the shacks, and then sold approximately two and a half acres (now Elm Ledge) for \$35,500.00.

As a result the "improvement fund" was improved by a net of \$22,000.00, plus, and fifty some acres of flood plain.

For a village as small as Terrace Park we are now blessed with a true park. You old-timers should visit it just to marvel at the improvement from the days of "the Grove." The newcomers to T. P. should see it just to realize the added advantage to their own property.

Personally, I'm vainly proud to have been mayor of Terrace Park when this area was originally purchased.

My thanks to Stan Miller for some of the history re. this area.

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Trees Are Village Geriatric Problem

Terrace Park and trees are almost synonymous; the leafy bower created each summer by spreading maples is admired by residents and visitors alike.

But these same trees constitute a real problem for us. They are nearly all between 6 and 80 years old. Forty years is considered satisfactory life for a street tree.

For many years very little care was taken of the trees unless storms created a hazardous condition. There was no replacement program. The 1969 tornado may have been fortuitous, as it did destroy many of the old weakened trees and focused attention to the problems of the rest. Since then we have spent a lot of money on trees, but the task is scarcely begun.

Some factors which prevent an easy and wholly satisfactory solution to the problem are:

- *Streets have tended to widen out over the years and the parkways have eroded, thus leaving less space around the trees.
- *As the trees became larger, roots encroached on sidewalks, causing sections of walk to break.
- *Salt from ice control constitutes some hazard, particularly for the new trees.
- *Utility wires limit tree replacement in some areas.

Beginning immediately the Council has approved a program for tree care which will stress safety and preservation.

*A survey will be made

of all village owned trees and a priority list developed of those needing attention.

- *Complaints from residents will be checked and added on a priority basis to the list as justified.
- *Residents will be notified if possible on day work is to be done.
- *Where replacements are in order, the resident involved will be contacted as to variety and placement, but the village decision must be final. Residents will be instructed on care of the tree.

Council intends to proceed as fast as possible to do this work, but it is slow and expensive. To effect savings our village crew will take the stumps down.

There are probably almost 1000 trees belonging to the village and well over half of them need some kind of care. Consequently, your patience is necessary.

Pat Henley,
Bldg and Grounds Comm.

Cubs Provide Homes For Birds



Cubs in Louise Halley den assembled and placed 13 bluebird boxes in the Wilderness Preserve and surrounding areas which might attract the box nesting birds.

The boys are George Fernandez, Tom Mount, Scott Morrison, Bill Halley and Chad Ott.

Ray Burklow built several of the boxes and also made up kits for the Cubs to assemble.

Cub Scouts Chip Graeter, Randy Rooney, and Frank Stanley also built boxes.

Mother ... Is There A Uniform In Your House?

Each year, the greatest single expenditure by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee is for Knothole Baseball uniforms. Naturally, costs vary according to size, but each team that represents Terrace Park on the diamond, wears approximately \$40.00 in uniforms.

More than 50 uniforms used during the 1973 season have not been returned to team managers. If these are not returned soon, boys representing the Park in 1974

may well be uniformless! Caps and Class "D" tee shirts belong to the players but the pinstripe uniforms and socks must be returned.

Mom . . . please search the house for a Terrace Park baseball uniform, launder it if need be, and return it to your son's team manager. Our teams have always been well dressed in the past. Let's keep it that way in 1974.

Bill Fahnestock
Baseball Commissioner

Red Baron To Invade Green



Ellis Rawsley checks a crop of Red Baron petunias he's growing in his plastic greenhouse for planting around the flagpole on the village green. More than 150 of the fiery-red flowers should be ready for setting out soon, and be in bloom for Memorial Day.

Briefly Noted

Voters are being kept busy this year. With two elections down (a special primary and a special election), there are still two to go: the regular May 5 primary and the November 5 general election.

April 8 is the last day to register if you wish to vote in the May 5 primary election and have not previously registered to vote in Hamilton County, have not voted in any election in the last 2 years, or have changed your name. You must register at the Board of Elections, 622 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati. Hours are 8 to 4 on weekdays and 8 to 12 on Saturday.

Precinct polling places, normally open at least one day for registration before the November election will probably NOT be open for registration for the primary, but a final decision had not been made at the time Village Views went to press. If you have moved within the county, you must notify the Board of Elections of your new address, before April 8.

Voting results in the March 5 First Congressional District special election in which Thomas Luken defeated Willis Gradison are as follows:

- Precinct A 245 Gradison
53 Luken
- B 224 Gradison
40 Luken
- C 207 Gradison
67 Luken.

Donovan Hopkins, a Mariemont Councilman, was recently elected president of Little Miami, Inc., to replace Carl Rahe who had served for the past four years. Don Franke was re-elected president of the Lower River Council.

At the annual dinner meeting on March 19 awards of appreciation were presented to former congressman William Keating, the village of Indian Hill, and to the state attorney general for his efforts in seeking removal of the gravel dam near Terrace Park.



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Go Together: Spring And Baseball

More than 100 boys and 25 girls signed up for Terrace Park's 1974 baseball program on Saturday, March 2, a sure sign that practice isn't far off. Knothole games for boys 7 through 14 begin on April 20. Boys 14 through 16 start play on May 18. All girls' play starts about May 1.

Anyone who missed the sign-up has until March 28 to register. Call Bill Fahnestock, 831-7331, evenings or on weekends.

Boys wishing to umpire should contact Bill Fahnestock by March 28. Interested boys must be 15 or older and have some playing experience and a knowledge of the game's rules. There will be an umpire's school on Saturday mornings during April to make certain that Terrace Park again has the best umpires in District 6. The Recreation Committee is also proud of the fact that its umpires are the best paid, also.

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