



Village Views



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Allen Remembers....

Rec. Comm. Makes Plea For Kicking Space In Nature Preserve

by Lynn Nelson



Allen Baldwin retires on December 31 after 32 years of service to the village of Terrace Park.

In fact, for many of those years Allen was Terrace Park to most of its residents. Although Harry Minnick was officially village marshal and street commissioner, it was Allen who was in effect a one-man sanitation and street department, cheerfully collecting garbage, sanding and repairing the streets and maintaining the Community House and helping out in a lot of other ways that brought him in contact with everybody in the community.

Growth of the village since has been such that garbage collection now is contracted out and there is a three-man service department to take care of village maintenance.

Allan's departure removes from the roster, too, the last of the original members of the volunteer fire department formed in World War II days when the village acquired some civil defense fire-fighting equipment from the federal government.

Although his work for the village started in October, 1942, he doesn't plan to just sit around after his retirement. There is in prospect a trip to visit Matt Cook, former village police chief, and other friends in Florida. Then he's planning a big vegetable garden for a daughter living in Milford and hopes, too, to pick up an odd job now and then to keep his hand in.

The Word Is: Keep Towser Home

The present leash law is now being enforced, as is, according to Safety Chairman Dick Griffith. The former policy of two warnings before a citation is made is considered impractical and citizen demand for better control of roving dogs has necessitated enforcement of the law as it is written.

Griffith said that leniency is certainly extended to new-

comers who are not aware of the law and in cases where a dog has broken loose from a chain, for example.

The leash law dates from 1955 and states that "it shall be unlawful for any person owning or harboring any dog or cat to suffer or permit such dog or cat to run at large in the Village." It further assesses a fine of "not more than \$25 and costs."

It was a full house of concerned residents who greeted council as they convened around the table on Tuesday evening, December 10, and interest centered decidedly on one key issue: development of various village properties.

Ed Tigner, chairman of the Recreation Committee, presented a nine page "recreation master plan" his group has prepared. This detailed report, earlier distributed to council members, was also given to interested audience member at the Tuesday night meeting. It includes a complete review of all current sports activities sponsored by the Committee. (see condensed version, page 3).

These statistics point to a definite need for additional playing space to support the village's growing sports program. The Committee therefore set about investigating additional land sites that might be converted to playfield use. Their conclusion: the best possibility is roughly a seven acre area located off Ford Road in the Wilderness Preserve.

The report gives reasons supporting this choice, and then presents a development plan that outlines space usage and costs.

The Committee is willing to absorb the costs necessary for preparing the playfields, but village funds would be necessary for maintaining them, plus overseeing certain service functions such as policing and trash removal. The report estimates at a \$1,000 to 1,500 annual expense.

The Wilderness Preserve encompasses some 50-plus acres, and Tigner noted that the development

of a portion of this land would be in keeping with the village's original reason for purchasing the land.

Wilderness Preserve Committee members, on the other hand, are reluctant to relinquish enjoyment of what they consider seven of the choicest acres at the Preserve. The WP Committee also has mapped out a future development plan, and is loath to see it disrupted by baseball and soccer fields. The Recreation report states there will be no disturbance to existing facilities such as hiking trails, but Pat Henley disagrees, saying "the recreation plan puts fields right over land the Preserve Committee has developed."

Chris Pannuk read a letter (reprinted on page 2) written by Reed Fahnestock which states opposition to playfield development.

Bob Terwilleger urged consideration of the landfill for additional recreational space, also questioning why the uniqueness of the Preserve should be taken away "when we have an alternative available?" Terwilleger feels strongly that active sports and nature enjoyment cannot peacefully co-exist.

Bob Sluka, responded that he feels "our most precious resource is children, and we simply don't have enough recreational space. Yes, the playfields would change the nature of the Preserve - but where else can we go? The landfill is too small."

Residents Jim Ryan and Dottie Vickers, both active in the sports program, emphasized the need for additional fields. Jim said that Terrace Park came close to losing use of the present playfield this fall when the school board wanted it for their soccer use. Dottie noted that TP is the only surrounding community that does not have its own playfields - and that when it comes to usage, the girls teams usually suffer.

Safety and unpoliced activities were still other factors mentioned. Carl Lindell spoke of the Preserve being littered with cans and bottles after flooding, and also of auto accidents at Ford Road and Elm. Tigner's committee believes the approach to the landfill hazardous since visual contact cannot be made by someone driving south over the Elm railroad bridge until they are virtually on top of the entrance. Safety chairman Griffith later remarked that he felt this problem

could be solved.

In view of the lengthy discussion and diverse viewpoints expressed, voting action on the matter was postponed until January. Mayor Corbin requested the Safety Committee to consider fire and safety angles, Public Works to consider necessary sanitary facilities, and Building and Grounds to estimate mowing maintenance costs.

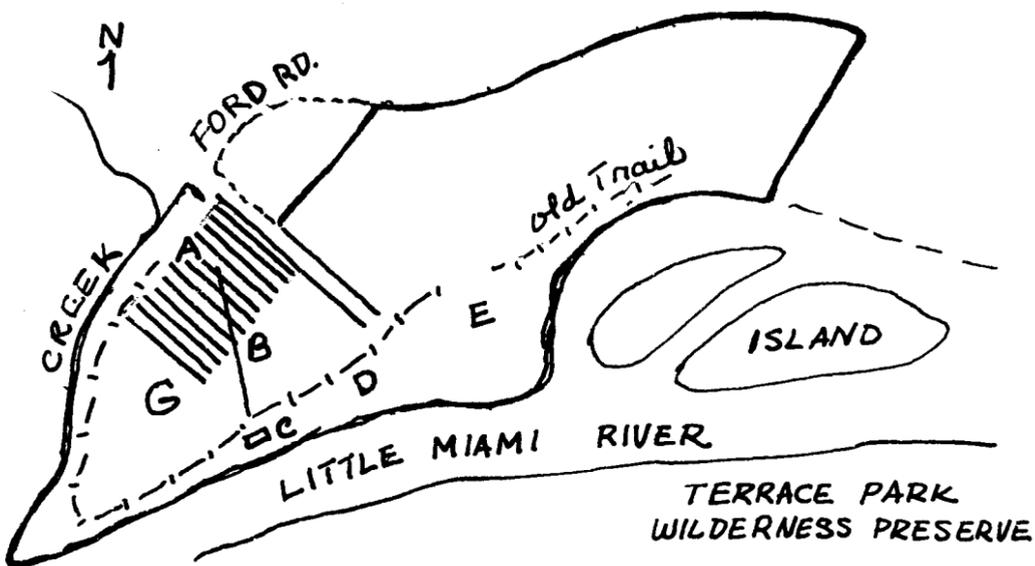
Meanwhile, all interested residents are invited to attend a meeting of the Recreation Committee on January 7, at 7:30 in the Squad Room of the Fire Department when this subject will again be reviewed and open comments solicited.

A third and final reading on a proposed ordinance to rezone the landfill and present playfield from "residential" to "recreation" was also deferred after Solicitor Bob Leming reviewed the possibility of an option to buy agreement with the school board for the playfield. Since some councilmen felt that eventual purchase is the only answer to the playfield problem, means of accomplishing this will be explored. Dr. Paul Pschesang again returned to council seeking their assistance with the zoning problem that centers on enlarging his dental office on Western. To date his remodeling requests have been denied.

Unless he is permitted some expansion, he may have to move his practice from the community. Mayor Corbin referred Pschesang back to the Planning and Zoning Committee as Council has no jurisdiction in this matter.

- In other actions council:
- Passed an appropriation ordinance that approves the 1975 budget as proposed last summer.
- Approved first reading of a public intoxication ordinance.
- Heard an updated fire truck report from Safety chairman Griffith who reported delivery of the new pumper is anticipated about June '76. Meanwhile investigation has begun into extension of the Fire House necessitated by the larger, taller vehicle.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m. Council will meet informally on January 6 to review plans and priorities for the new year. The regular monthly meeting is January 14.



This map shows the approximately 60 acres owned by the village and called the Wilderness Preserve. Areas currently developed are A, parking lot; B, path to river and picnic table, C; D, path to old road and Scout meeting and camping area, E; new path along creek and back to C. G is meadow mowed this past summer. Proposed soccer and baseball fields are indicated by diagonal lines.

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With this issue I am retiring from VV to devote more time to Council work. Anyone who can help with the paper should call Ellis Rawnsley, 831-2551. He is chairman of the Board of Directors.

Pat Henley

Letters

Full Fields

As a Recreation Committee member and coach who has been active in sports in Terrace Park for many years, I can speak with first-hand knowledge about the shortage of our baseball and soccer facilities.

Especially since we have been able to develop sports programs for girls as well as boys, the number of teams has mushroomed. We now have 18 teams trying to find time to practice and play on just two fields. As you can imagine the amount of time any one team has is small, and that is sometimes eliminated altogether if the weather is bad.

The Recreation Commission has considered all the available alternatives, and the Wilderness Preserve is the only area with enough acreage to work with. We will do our best to help protect the natural portion of the land, but we must give some priority to our children's needs as well.

Dottie Vickers, Secretary
Recreation Commission

Plenty Of Room

One of the criticisms I have heard voiced about using a portion of the Wilderness Preserve is that there will be a great deal of "spill-over" of children from the fields into the remaining wilderness area.

Two thoughts occur in response to this: first, that with adequate perimeter planting or screening if desired, inadvertent wandering can be minimized. Second, with the size of the remaining tract of land if some do choose to wander, the approximately 44 acres can absorb quite a number of people without overcrowding.

We have been witness to a gratifying large growth in participation sports by our children, which is a healthy thing - playing the game is far better than watching.

Additional land use for participation sports is a timely need. To deny our young people this would be giving them less in this respect than they deserve.

G. Franklin Lowe, M.D.

Wilderness Letters

Tell It To A Kindly Old Tree

I am of the understanding that the Recreation Committee proposes to take about 20 percent of the Wilderness Preserve for soccer and baseball fields and a parking lot. This would quickly destroy the Grove as we now know it. I am strongly opposed to any and all propositions regarding the use of the preserve as recreation fields.

I am not blind to the fact that we are grossly lacking adequate sports facilities. Quite to the contrary. As an umpire for Terrace Park's little league, and as the baseball commissioner's son, I am well aware of the scheduling problems involved. There is a need now, and there will be an ever increasing demand later for additional playing fields.

But I don't feel that the rest of the community should be overlooked. Contrary to popular belief, all Terrace Park residents don't eat, drink, and sleep sports. We all have different needs and it is one of the village council's duties to see that as many of these different needs as possible be met.

The Grove serves a definite purpose. It is one of the things, that makes Terrace Park unique. It is used by a variety of people for a variety of reasons -- a place to listen to the river or tell your problems to a kindly old tree. It is a place to watch and hear birds, squirrels, and raccoons. It is a place to get away for a minute, away from cars, pavement, the wife and kids, and it's a place to share a lunch with the family.

I realize that one thing we lack in the Park is a lot of space. There are only a few places you can put anything as sizeable as baseball and soccer fields. One possible place, however, is what is presently the dump.

Here seems the ideal location. It is centrally located, relatively clear of trees, and is relatively level. It serves as a depository for broken chairs, plumbing fixtures and garbage in general. With its broken glass and hidden treasures it serves as a favorite spot for kids looking for something neat. Wouldn't it serve the community better to take this unproductive land and put it to better use?

This is not a matter of priorities; neither the preserve or the playfields could be fairly decided more important than the other. It is more a matter of deciding whether they are of equal importance. Whether we should continue to enjoy the benefits of solitude and serenity the wildlife preserve gives, or significantly alter it so as to destroy it, is the question.

Reed Fahnestock

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A River, A Hill, A Creek

Terrace Park owns something unique, precious, and fragile. It is a tract of land bordered by natural boundaries; a river, a hill, a creek. The track has been set aside as a natural area, a wilderness preserve. The area has been farmland, cabins, and woods. For several years it has been reverting to the natural state, and each year new species of plants and animals return. This land is a heritage for Terrace Park residents and their children.

The "development" of a nature preserve, if one can use that term, is minimal and strictly to serve the purposes of the preserve. The uses of this tract were outlined last month, in VV. The trails that have been built were built because of the natural features, the creek, river, birds. They are developed in harmony with the site. The area is not intended for large groups or much traffic. Much of the land is still wild and unused except by the wildlife that is one of its best features. Trails are planned for more of the site, but only as needed, in harmony with the site.

Wild land often is considered vacant, unused, and unproductive. Many people look upon it as waste land needing development, not realizing that such land, being rare, may be the most valuable land in the community.

Athletic fields are also a valuable asset to the community. The recreation committee has persuasive arguments. If their projections are valid they are indeed crowded. However, many teams obtained impressive results this year under the current conditions. Perhaps they could do with one more soccer and baseball field in the landfill and a practice field north of the school. These areas would be adequate for skill development where a team's offense plays against its own defense. Perhaps we also need to proceed to purchase the present athletic field and insure our continued occupancy of it.

The citizens of Terrace Park, through the council that represents them, must decide between an immediate need and a long term benefit. The decision is not just for now, but for the future. The land cannot serve both purposes. There is no way to put a seven acre playing field complex into the middle of the wilderness area without spoiling the very purpose for which a natural area is created.

We cannot have both in the same area--we must choose.

Wilderness Preserve Committee
Jim Allison
Diana Durden
Louise Halley
Pat Henley
Bob Terwillegar
Jan Watkins



Village Bulletin Board

Santa's Coming



Santa makes his annual appearance at the Village Green on Sunday afternoon, December 22 at 2 p.m. Twinkling colored lights, sorely missed last Christmas season, will again adorn the Christmas tree, courtesy of the Fire Department volunteers.

Pre Yule Collection

Saturday morning, December 21 is the last chance in 1975 to get rid of your accumulation of newspapers and magazines. The Scouts will be collecting those tied and put at your doorstep from 9 to noon.

For Years of Service

Those interested in joining with the official village family in honoring Allan Baldwin on his retirement, December 31, may check with Mayor Corbin, 831-6271 for particulars.

Ad Policy

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Larger ads are \$1.75 a column inch. Again, contact Betsy Holloway after 6 p.m. for information.



Post Yule Attractions

Consider taking the kids to watch the Mariemont Invitational Swimming Meet on Saturday, January 11 at the High School. There is also a wrestling match with Sycamore the same day--same place.

Go cheer the Warriors to victory over McNick on Friday December 27 at 7:30. The place will probably be packed with Young Alums.

On with The Show

Director Tom Ryan has scheduled readings at 3:30 p.m. on December 29 at the Community House for the Player's Supper Comedy Show. He is interested in hearing from all aspiring comics and singers. The show will be performed on February 14 and 15. The Ropes and the Corbins are the producers.

Winter Dumping

The landfill will not be open on Saturday afternoons from December 21 through February. It will reopen Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m., on March 1. Residents having allowable trash should contact the village office, 831-2137, to arrange for the gates to be opened.

Council requests that this procedure be followed, so that dumping can be properly monitored.



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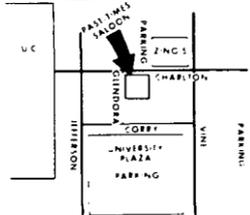
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Sports Program Needs Space

By Ed Tigner

On December 10, Council was presented with a proposal by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee to create much needed athletic facilities in the Wilderness Preserve.

Presently there are 2 softball and 11 baseball teams in the spring, 1 football and 18 soccer teams in the fall, plus the high school soccer and baseball teams all using the two fields at the corner of Stanton and Elm. While these two fields are maintained by the Recreation Committee, they are owned by the Mariemont Board of Education which ultimately designates their use.

During 1974 there were approximately 650 participants on the 36 teams comprising the overall Terrace Park recreation program. The levels of participation have almost doubled in the past three years, due mainly to the popularity of the soccer program. The Recreation Committee submits that an active program is a necessary part of our community, but unless additional facilities are made available, the program will be limited in its capacity to provide an opportunity to anyone who wants to participate.

There are only two parcels of village-owned land that could be considered for the needed fields. These are the parcels bordered by the Penn Central Railroad, Elm Avenue and Douglas Avenue--presently the village dump--and the Wilderness Preserve.

The dump was rejected by the Committee for several reasons. There is not enough space available even for current recreational needs. The present entrance is situated immediately south of the railroad overpass. Visual contact with the entrance cannot be made by someone driving south on Elm Avenue until they are virtually on top of it. This factor together with the number of children using the entrance would create a definite safety hazard. Soil tests indicated that the necessary grading of the area would take the surface to a very rough or gravel level. This would require extensive filling with top soil in order to develop a proper playing surface, again adding to the cost.

The Wilderness Preserve is composed of over 50 acres. The proposed athletic facilities would include three soccer fields, two baseball diamonds, and parking--a total of 6.97 acres. The Recreation Committee feels that not only will this leave ample room in the area for campsites, hiking trails, etc., but that recreational development will implement the original purpose in purchasing the land--as indicated in Village Ordinance #8-1966. This ordinance authorized the purchase for the purpose of using the land for public park and playground purposes.

The Committee found the Wilderness Area not only

large enough, but level, thus reducing grading time and cost. The soil is conducive to the preparation and maintenance of an excellent playing surface. There is easy access and egress of Ford Road.

The Recreation Committee, which is self-supporting, has offered to survey, clear, grade, and prepare the area for the proposed fields. They ask that since the property is village-owned that the village bear certain costs, primarily those associated with the maintenance of the area: seed, fertilizer, and mowing. (Based on previous costs of maintaining existing facilities, this should run the village no more than \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year).

There would be additional costs for preparing the baseball diamonds, installing backstops, soccer goals. These one time costs are substantial (one backstop costs approximately \$1,300). The Recreation Committee is willing to absorb this portion of the cost.

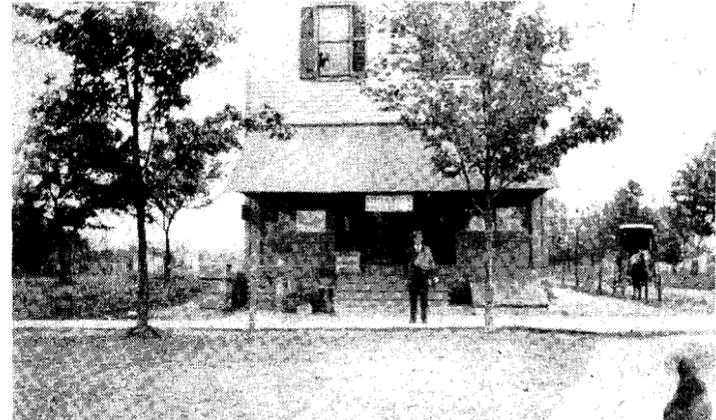
Prior to their presentation to Council, the Recreation Committee met with representatives from the OKI Regional Council of Government and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service to determine the appropriateness of their proposal for use of the Wilderness Preserve. Both organizations state that the proposal is realistic and in keeping with the location. It is in line with OKI's Regional Open Space

Plan which indicates that "through proper planning and execution both active and passive recreation programs are compatible and complementary."

To summarize the Recreation Committee's position:

1. The need for additional athletic facilities exists and will most likely increase in the years to come.
 2. The area recommended for development into recreational facilities was originally and is currently designated by village ordinances for this purpose.
 3. The acreage required (6.97 acres) to meet this present need is rather a small amount of the total (50 plus) acres available.
 4. The Village of Terrace Park is the only community in the Mariemont School District that does not own their own play fields.
 5. The Recreation Committee feels, the Wilderness Preserve is a definite community asset. But, unfortunately at the present, the activities it encompasses reflect the interests of only a small number of Terrace Park residents.
- The Recreation Committee contends that there is enough total space available in the Wilderness Preserve for all Terrace Parkers to share and enjoy--regardless of their individual requirements.

STAN'S Memorabilia



Back in the days when togetherness was a way of life because there was no television, and radio was still much in the horse-and-buggy days, this building was the center of Terrace Park activities. Mostly, that is this was the Conkling grocery and notion store. It was also the Post Office and the Town Hall - The photo was furnished by Roy B. Conkling, now of Lake Sherwood, Mo. That happens to be Eugene B. Conkling in 1913 standing in front. The Conkling family contributed much to the village. Lucious was at one time marshal, postmaster, telegraph operator, and relayed phone calls in the early days. I think he was still the owner of this place when the picture was taken. Lillian was later postmaster in a small building across on what is now the Village Green. Roy B. was editor and about everything else handling the Milford Record until 1919. Many other things could be said for the family. Lindley Conklin built the mansion that serves as the administration building at the Stepping Stones.

headed for the mail crane to hang the out going mail. Those large boxes seem to be bread containers, perhaps from Adams Bakery in Milford. The trees are replants done by the village around the turn of the century. The virgin timber had been cleared for agriculture. Those slanting doors to the cellar were removed. The building is lower today, the result of a fire before we had a fire department. The dog in the lower right corner is "Old Zip, a hunter, the pride and joy of the family.

The elevation is 545 feet, more or less. The population in 1910 was 448. The officials that met upstairs in the Town Hall were elected in 1912. They were Dr. O. T. Robertson, mayor and W. E. Williamson, clerk. Councilman were Geo. G. Ludwig, D.H. Startzman, Chas. W. Schmidt, Walter H. Boone, Carl Phares and F.A. Magee. Major S.A. West was Attorney Solicitor; Dr. John E. Scudder, health officer; Thomas Sullivan, street commissioner and the C.M. & L Traction Co., light contractor.

The picture says many things: That tired old hoss has had a hard day delivering and pulling that spring wagon. I guess it had springs, which was different from a jolt wagon without springs. Eugene seems to be

P.S. those buildings in the left background have been identified as the carriage houses at the Terry Barnard's, 321 Rugby and the Roger Peterson's, 325 Rugby.



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Have Soccer Team Will Travel

By Pam Lowe

During the four day Thanksgiving vacation, eighteen girls from the senior division soccer team coached by Bill Everhart, played in an international soccer tournament in Bowie, Maryland. There were teams from Canada, New Jersey, Ohio, Connecticut, and Maryland participating. On Thanksgiving evening, after a twelve hour ride in a camper and two cars, the team arrived in Bowie, exhausted but excited. The girls were assigned to a host family for the week-end.

The next day, the Senior team played the first game against Bladensburg, Maryland. They won 2-0 with goals scored by Missy Davis and Ginny McAllister. On Saturday, the girls played a team from Landover, Md. The score at the end of the game was 0-0. After two over-time periods there was still no score, so each team was allowed to kick five penalty kicks. Landover won 3-1 with the one goal scored by Mary Ann Ranseen. This

loss kept the team from playing in the championship game.

On Sunday, the girls were scheduled to play a team from Canada, but because of injuries and weather the Canadians forfeited the game. That brought the Senior team home in third place out of eight teams.

Only hours are leaving Bowie, a bad snowstorm hit the Pennsylvania Turnpike, backing up traffic for miles. The girls in the camper made it through, arriving home Monday afternoon, thirteen hours late. The third unfortunate carload was marooned in a McDonald's, arriving home a day later than expected. Even though the team ran into some unexpected events, the trip was a lot of fun.

The girls who went were: Cari Coler, Meg Cherry, Missy Davis, Mary Dunning, Amy Everhart, Nancy Everhart, Shella Flores, Beth Gilchrist, Beth Griffith, Sally Holt, Jody Jenike, Pam Lowe, Ginny McAllister, Lee Millard, Mary Ann Ranseen,

Mary Ann Reynolds, Nancy Ricketts, and Mary Zistler.

Kickapoo's Kick To Victory

Again this year, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company sponsored a post-season soccer tournament. Finals were held Sunday, December 8th. The winner in the championship flight of the Girls' Kickers' Division 12 to 14 year-olds, was the Terrace Park Kickapoo's. They defeated the Behler Oldsmobile team from Finneytown by a score of 7 to 2.

Team members are Pam Bausmith, Lisa Bottle, Jeanne Cadwallader, Lisa Campbell, Nim Frei, Susan Lowe, Terry Makowski, Sarah McAllister, Shelly Miller, Cindy and Connie Naugle, Holly Northrop, Martha Nunn, Patty Selter, Cindy Thompson and Corine Tigner. Coaches are Ted Northrop, Bob Naugle and Pat Ratterman.

Soles For Sale or Trade

Yes, trade your soles: ballet slippers, football, soccer and baseball cleats, high-top gym shoes (HIGH tops only), track, wrestling, gymnastic shoes, and even rubber over-boots and ice skates.

The Recreation Commission is the sponsor (Pat Baker, Chairperson) and their rules are:

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You say your daughter has out-grown her ballet slippers and has switched to wrestling? That's O.K. - any trade is a trade.

You say there's nothing available for trade? Donate anyway, take a raincheck and come back later.

C'm on, brother, trade your sole at Ye Ole SOLE TRADER.



by Pat Baker

Be Wary And Watchful

Noting that the usual seasonal increase crime is being heightened by economic conditions, Police Chief Bob Hiatt urges residents of Terrace Park to be more cautious.

Theft and burglaries always show a sharp rise in the November - December holiday season when goods and money are flowing more freely and there are more absences from home.

He particularly warned against giving any information about family movements, such as a husband's absence on a business trip, to telephone callers unless they are personally known to the person answering the call. Children especially should be cautioned not to give any information, and trained to ask either for a message or for a number to be called back.

The police department should be informed if a family plans to be away for any length of time. Officers on patrol carry with them reports noting who is away, and for how long, who can be reached in an emergency and who is authorized to visit the property, and special attention is given homes listed as unoccupied.

But, with the single officer on patrol most of the

time and with some nine miles of streets to cover, it is urged, too, that neighbors report promptly anything suspicious they notice -- especially lights where there have been none, or lack of lights when they have been on, and most particularly any removal of furnishings or household equipment when a family is believed to be away.

All residents should make sure that emergency

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