

# Village Views

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## Village Income Tax 'Only Alternative,' Council Told New Chief Named, Police Force Increase Proposed

Ronald P. Pottorf, 30, a former Marine who started his police career in Terrace Park 10 years ago, will officially assume his duties as the village chief of police early next month.

His appointment was announced by Mayor Ray Cadwallader at the April council meeting, concluding a selection process that included an expression of choice by present members of the department.

His salary will be \$15,500 a year. The current salary range tops at \$16,000. Robert Hiatt, who resigned after being cleared of allegations against him, was receiving \$15,300. Hiatt for a time served also as street commissioner without extra salary.

**With announcement of appointment of a new chief, Safety Committee chairman Dick Griffith promptly suggested bringing the police force strength up to five full-time men — it has been down to three within the past two years — and both he and the mayor largely dismissed any possibility of Terrace Park contracting with the Indian Hill Rangers for police service.**

Use of part-time officers to fill the staff was described by the two as "inefficient" and unsatisfactory because the part-time officers were insufficiently informed as to village laws and procedures.

Contracting with Indian Hill also was dismissed as "undesirable" and a loss of village identity as well as of "control" of the police force. The mayor, however, did say the proposal was "worth looking into" but likely to come about only if operation of an efficient police department became clearly beyond the economic resources of the community.

Pottorf, a resident of Goshen, is married and the father of two children, aged 5 and 6.

After working for the Clermont National Bank for a while after attending Milford High School and Milford

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Chief Ronald P. Pottorf

### New Chief's First Goal Better PR

"Full of ideas" about what might be accomplished, Ronald O. Pottorf sees as his major problem as Terrace Park's new chief of police the establishment of sound public relations with residents of the village.

Any community such as Terrace Park, he said, has to face the fact that there isn't much excitement to police work, but he said he hoped that friendly relations between villagers and the police officers would be a compensation.

That could, he believes, act also to counter the low level of Terrace Park police salaries as compared with those of neighboring communities.

"The men can't be blamed for trying to look after their families," he said, noting that pay was a factor in his own shifts from Terrace Park to Milford to Mariemont. But he is hopeful that he can bring about a greater stability in a force that has seen more than a dozen men leave the village in recent years after undergoing police schooling at village expense.

He said he intends to be in uniform and on the street frequently on all shifts, agreeing with a grin that the police cruiser which has stood behind the fire house virtually unused for over a month will get good service.

Ways to combat burglary will also be a major consideration, since an occasional burglary has for years constituted Terrace Park's only major crime. Pottorf has several letters of commendation from Mariemont and surrounding communities for his work in

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### Two Civic Groups Aid Beautification

Contributions of \$500 each from the Garden Club and the Bicentennial Committee have been a major help in village beautification work this spring.

New street trees have been planted from a stand grown in the tree nursery the Garden Club established in a once village-owned lot on Harvard Avenue, final steps taken in improvement of the village green, and landscaping completed on the bank of the Elm Street bridge.

The work was supervised by Pat Henley, head of council's streets committee and former head of building and grounds, and Louise Halley, now chairman for buildings and grounds.

A line of pines provides a background for activities on the green. In front of the pines are two beds of pink, purple and white rhododendrons and six pink, white and red dogwoods. Accent plants including two specimen blue spruces, a weeping birch and two sweet gums.

Meantime, village council has approved a resolution establishing a greenbelt policy.

"At this point," Mrs. Halley said, "we are ready to invite inquiries from citizens of the village who may be interested in placing parcels of land in the greenbelt. I would state, however, that the village always retains the right to refuse (on whatever grounds it may choose) gifts of land as greenbelt in cases where the parcels in question do not fit into our developing greenbelt philosophy."



Pictured at rehearsal are Donna Caswell, Eric Barnes and Brad Baker.

### Villagers Star In Play

Mariemont High School presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" May 5, 6, and 7. The play begins at 8:15 p.m. in the school auditorium on May 5 and 7, and at 8:45 p.m. on May 6.

Tickets may be purchased from any cast member or by calling the school (271-8310). Tickets will also be sold at the door. Adult tickets cost \$2 and student tickets are \$1.

"The Mikado" is a light satire of Gilbert's Victorian England. The action, set in Japan, traces the farcical adventures of Emperor

Mikado's (Kent Steigler) runaway son, Nanki-Poo (Terry Gunter). Nanki-Poo's romance with Yum-Yum, played by Donna Caswell, undergoes many trials before the inevitable happy ending.

Eric Barnes, Brad Baker, Bill Peery, Amy Quist, Gayle Gettelman, and Nancy Dernier also appear in lead roles. The total cast numbers over one hundred.

Robert Dominique, vocal music teacher, is directing and David Weekley, assistant principal, is producing the musical.

Councilman Dick Dowman told the April council meeting that enactment of a village income tax ordinance offers "the only possible alternative to our present property tax dilemma."

**Sharp increases in property valuations a year ago brought a storm of protest from villagers, but no relief. Bowman said imposition of an income tax would distribute the tax load more fairly, and result in a cut in property taxes.**

He cited the Village of Mariemont which has an income tax of one half of one percent and is considering raising the tax to three-fourths of one percent.

"Their property tax for local government," he said, "is 5.3 mills, compared to Terrace Park's 10.60. An income tax of three-fourths of one percent in Terrace Park would place our property taxes and Mariemont's at approximately the same level."

Bowman made his comments in an intensive review of sources of village revenue and the tax situation.

"Terrace Park," he said, "is restricted by Ohio law from passing an operating levy for more than five year's duration. This will mean that in November, 1978, we will have to ask for a renewal of the present levy of 4.83 mills. Again, one year later, in 1979, we will have to ask for a renewal of the other present levy of 3.71 mills.

**"These renewals will just maintain our present circumstances and provide no relief in inflationary expenses which we have experienced during each of the five year periods. If inflation continues at an approximate 6-7% per annum, as most economists predict as a minimum, these monies will be inadequate.**

"Will the voters of Terrace Park continue to support these levies? Certainly, if either fails and additional monies are not supplied, services will have to be dramatically curtailed."

A possible upcoming major expense, he noted, is the possible elimination of Wooster Pike as a state highway, saddling the village with the added expense of its maintenance.

Against the uncertainty of having to offer a levy for a vote each five years, Bowman cited the benefits of redistributing the tax load among those best able to pay.

"Older residents," he said, "whose incomes have dramatically decreased

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Delivery problems continue to plague Village Views in some areas. Anyone failing to receive a copy in any month is urged to call Stan Miller, 831-2275, or Betsy Holloway, 831-9515.

# Council Wrangles Over Tables, Play Area Purchase Proposal

By Lynn Nelson

At its April 12 meeting, village council tabled for one month a decision to make a conditional offer to Provident Bank on land, now owned by Walter Kunz, to be used for additional recreation space. The 4-2 vote followed a one hour fervent debate on this long standing issue.

Parks and Recreation chairman Chuck Rockel opened discussion with a statement that Provident filed a \$3.8 million foreclosure suit against Kunz on March 29. Should he not be able to meet his obligations, the bank will assign priorities to the liens, have the property appraised, and ultimately a public sale will be held.

Several present and past Recreation Committee members were present at the meeting and Rockel presented a proposal from this committee calling for their purchase of 10 acres, adjacent to the Swim Club, and tied to a leasing agreement with the village. After presenting the plan, Rockel stated he personally was not in favor of such a solution, feeling the village should be the purchaser.

"It is the village who has the duty — the elected duty — to provide for recreational needs of its residents," Rockel said, "and I think it should take the initiating action."

Rockel followed with a motion that the village purchase five acres adjacent to the Swim Club from the Bank when it gets title, under stipulated terms, but Bill Howard stated opposition to inclusion of any specific price offer because of pending land acquisition negotiations with the state and county (using Community Development Funds), plus pending flood plain elevation decision with HUD.

Since Mayor Cadwallader has been so active on the county level with this entire matter, Howard asked if he thought Rockel's motion would jeopardize Terrace Park's position with the county commissioners. Cadwallader said he felt a con-

## Pottorf

(Continued from P. 1) solving some burglaries, but he noted the difficulty of coping with the problem with one man patrolling more than nine miles of streets.

Although drug abuse and alcoholism among the young have decreased markedly in recent years, Pottorf said there still is a problem which he intends to oppose with a public relations program.

Although he does not officially take over as chief until May, he was already busy making contacts with the present force, re-arranging equipment, and preparing firm job descriptions to cover his own post as well as the others on the force.

He expects to continue to live in Goshen, having been given permission to reside outside the village.

tract offer to Provident would hurt ongoing county/state discussions. "The county commissioners have been very consistent in their negotiations with the village," Cadwallader said, and then offered his opinion the wisest course would be continued discourse with them.

Rockel responded with frustration over the long delays encountered working with others, noting that if the

land goes into condemnation "this could drag out for as much as five years in the courts."

Cadwallader acknowledged that Community Development Funds are conditional, though monies have been designated for acquisition of land along the Scenic River Corridor and Kunz's acreage would fall into this category. Terrace Park anticipates a \$38,000 CD allotment.



## At Village Quilt Show

Mrs. Arthur Lanner studies one of the quilts displayed at the recent quilt show at the Community House. So much interest developed over quilts displayed during village centennial observances that Mrs. Lanner organized the "holdover" show.

## Income Tax

(Continued from P. 1) would not be in some cases forced to dispose of their homes to avoid higher taxes. Substantial decreases have occurred in our estate tax because perhaps older people are not living out their last years in Terrace Park. Multi-unit housing does not exist in Terrace Park, compounding these peoples' problems."

But he agreed that a village income tax could be politically unpopular, posed a collection cost estimated at \$10,000 a year, and did involve an invasion of privacy in that a Terrace Park tax collector would have access to income information.

He estimated that a one percent income tax in Terrace Park would yield \$105,000, figured on the basis of 700 families with an average \$15,000 family income.

"Realistically, this is gross income and deductions would reduce this figure by perhaps 20%, giving an adjusted revenue of perhaps \$80,000. This would represent the equivalent of 6.5 mills, and a half of one percent income tax would be the equivalent of 3.25 mills per \$1000 of property valuation."

## Two Seek Sewer Law Variance

Two resident attended council's April meeting seeking a variance to the village sewer ordinance which would permit use of an alternate disposal system on Terrace Park lots they have purchased. They said tests on the three-acre wooded hillside lots have determined septic tank disposal is not practical.

Construction has already begun on one lot and further building is halted until the sewage method is resolved.

Council just last month finalized an augmented septic tank ordinance which states only septic tank disposal is permissible within the village and also requires Board of Health approval.

In other Planning and Zoning matters, an ordinance was approved authorizing Clerk Don Franke to advertise a 7 p.m. public hearing on May 10 for the purpose of vacating the paper alley running between Cambridge Avenue and Terrace Place. Approval was also granted for concluding the vacating of the Highland Avenue alley via public advertisement.

## VILLAGE BULLETIN BOARD

April 22, 23, 29, 30 - "Jake's Cafe" dinner show by the TP Players at the Community House.

May 3 - Garden Club—Mrs. Bonnie Rawnley "Herbs: Growing and Gleaning"; also a plant exchange and special.

May 5-7 - High School Musical, 8:15 nightly.

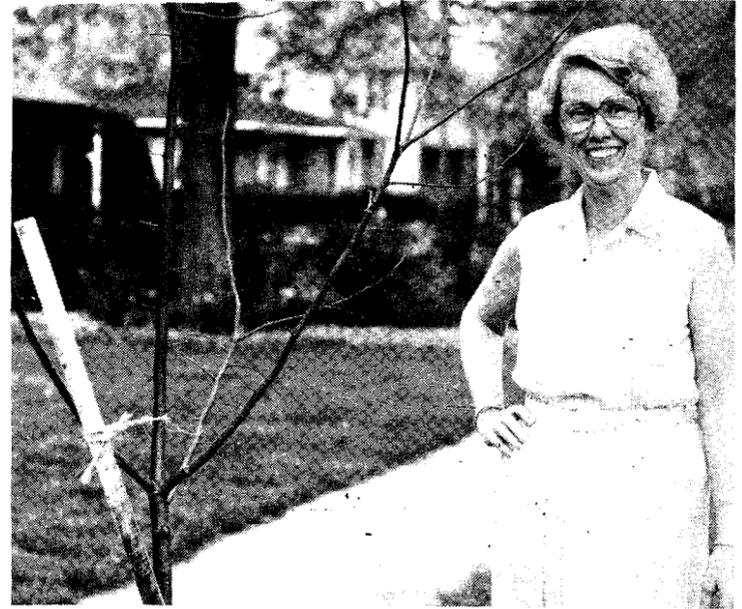
May 10 - Child Study—"Volunteer Agencies for Women"; speaker from Volunteer Action Center, at JoAnne Kennedy's, 716 Lexington at 7:30.

May 17 - High School Open House; Art, Home Ec, Ind. Arts, 7-9 p.m. PTA meeting 7:45, in auditorium. Band concert at 8, reception and Band Awards at 9 in the Commons.

May 24 - High School Spring Sports Awards, 7:30 p.m.

May 26 - High School chorus concert and awards, 7:30 p.m.

May 30 - Memorial Day parade, 10:00 a.m.



## New Street Trees Set

Pat Henley, chairman of Council's street committee, checks over a tree to be set out in a village street. The tree was one of those grown in a Garden Club nursery on Harvard Avenue.

## Players Scheduling Spring Dinner Shows

Planning your social calendar for the Spring Season? Start on a fresh note with an evening at "Jake's Cafe," the

Terrace Park Players 1977 dinner show at the Terrace Park Community House, on Friday, April 22 or 29, or Saturday, April 23 or 30.

Call for reservations early. The Players' dinner shows for the last few years have been very popular and there is only limited seating available. Reservations will be needed.

"Jake's Cafe" features a fast-paced revue starring Bill Weakley, Charlotte White, Bob Sachs, Edna Gangwisch, Tom Ryan, Winky Klinedinst, Bob Lowe, Sandy Megowan, and Jack Van Wye. Musical treats will be offered by The Bandwagon and Both Sides Bow — favorite local singing groups — and will introduce the unbelievable antics of The Plucked Chicken.

Dinner at eight includes beer and set-ups. The cocktail hour starting at seven is BYOB. Dinner will include hot beef and lasagna, and a cold platter will offer ham, turkey, assorted cheeses, and trimmings. All this and the best show in town for \$5 per person.

For reservations and information call Rosanne Ryan — 831-7326.

## New Girls' Soccer Team Is Organized

Bob Sluka has announced the formation of a girls Mariemont-Terrace Park spring soccer team which will begin play April 17. David Weekly of Mariemont was instrumental in securing the playing arrangements.

The girls, grades 9-12, practice three times a week from 5:30 until dark at the Mariemont Middle School football field. They have been given the loan of portable goal posts and a striping machine.

The season runs until June 26 and the team is coached by Betty Rhoades, Ted Northrup, Jim Gilchrist, and Bob Sluka.

The Recreation Committee announces it has a position available for that special someone. A chairman for the Labor Day Festival is needed and the position can be secured by contacting Jim Ryan at 831-1913 or Ed Larkin at 831-9410.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Goodwill clothing bags will be collected in the village on Saturday, April 23, as part of the scheduled Boy Scout paper drive.

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# Council Finally Approves Scenic Railway Proposal

At its April meeting Council:

- Approved of a resolution proposed by Public Works chairwoman Pat Henley authorizing Clerk Franke

to advertise for bids for a new village dump truck.

- Heard an announcement by Chuck Rockel that the Corps of Engineers was given a conducted tour of

the river front following the March 21 public hearing on the Mound Street erosion problem. Close touch is being maintained with the corps.

- Got a report from Bob Leming that attorney Richard Dusterberg will be taking depositions on the BBS Co. situation.
- Approved marking police and encircling fire lanes at the Community House.

Although two councilmen continued to voice doubts, Terrace Park Council at its April meeting adopted resolutions supporting creating of a scenic railway using the abandoned Penn Central track through the village.

Supporting resolutions passed 4-2, with Councilman Griffith saying he felt the road would serve primarily "private interests," and Councilman Rockel questioning the desirability of trains through the community.

Terrace Park action brought to 23 the number of governmental and civic bodies supporting state action, with federal aid, to acquire the right-of-way. Trains would be operated by a non-profit organization.



- Saturday morning bird walks are being scheduled for the peak of the spring migration period. Dates for the walks are April 23, April 30, May 7 and May 14. Those interested are asked to meet in the Wilderness Preserve parking lot at 8 a.m. Bring binoculars or field glasses. Local bird authority Louise Halley reports three new bird species have been sighted within Terrace Park environs this spring: a Western kingbird, a ring-necked pheasant, and a pintail duck.

- Want to learn more about the wildflowers in the Wilderness Preserve? Join the Wildflower Walk on May 15 at 2 p.m. Margaret Whitehouse will lead the hike.

- The Wilderness Committee urges residents to visit the park and enjoy its quiet beauty. Of special interest this spring is the Daffodil Walk with its gaily nodding blossoms. A reminder to any residents digging up bulbs: please call the Dietrichs at 831-2192. They will pick up your bulbs and plant them along the Walk.

# Village Financial Statement

Financial Report  
Village of Terrace Park, Ohio  
1976

## PART I CASH RECONCILIATION

Total Fund Balances,	
Dec. 31, 1976.....	\$63333.16
Depository Balances:	
Trust Fund.....	1475.28
General Fund.....	39658.39
St. Con. Maint. & Rep. Fund.....	2676.98
State Highway Fund.....	206.84
Improvement Fund.....	18211.24
Debt. Service Fund.....	1104.43
Revenue Share Fund.....	0.00
Total Depository	
Balance.....	63333.16
Investment Certificates of Deposit, etc.....	0.00
Cash on Hand.....	48157.20
Cash in Transit.....	17361.82
Total Cash.....	65519.02
Total Treasury	
Balance.....	65519.02
Deduct Outstanding Checks	
Dec. 31, 1976.....	2185.86
Total Balance	
Dec. 31, 1976.....	63333.16

## PART II SUMMARY OF FUND TRANSACTIONS, GENERAL FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1976.....	\$27594.27
Receipts: Revenue.....	199822.12
Non-Rev.....	24340.15
Total Receipts.....	251756.54
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976.....	39658.39
Cap. Improvements.....	0.00
Non-Gov't.....	28800.00
Personal Service.....	98809.59
Oper. & Maint.....	84488.56
Total Disbursements.....	251756.54

## STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1976.....	914.56
Receipts: Revenue.....	15581.58
Non-Rev.....	6000.00
Total Receipts.....	22496.14
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976.....	2676.98
Disbursements:	
Personal Service.....	12335.27
Operat. & Maint.....	7483.89
Total Disbursements.....	22496.14

## STATE HIGHWAY FUND

Bal. Jan. 1976.....	486.43
Receipts: Revenue.....	1263.32
Non-Rev.....	500.00
Total Receipts.....	2249.75
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976.....	206.84
Disbursements:	
Personal Service.....	907.50
Operat. & Maint.....	1135.41
Total Disbursements.....	2249.75

## IMPROVEMENT FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1976.....	56969.81
Receipts: Revenue.....	0.00
Non-Rev.....	22300.00
Total Receipts.....	79269.81
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976.....	18211.24
Disbursements:	
Capital Imp.....	61058.57
Total Disbursements.....	79269.81

## DEBT SERVICE FUND (BOND RETIREMENT)

Bal. Jan. 1, 1976.....	566.29
Receipts: Revenue.....	2946.02
Total Receipts.....	3512.31
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976.....	1104.43
Non Gov't.....	2390.00
Operat. & Maint.....	17.88
Total Disbursements.....	3512.31

## REVENUE SHARING FUND

Bal. Jan. 1, 1976.....	0.00
Receipts.....	7676.00
Total Receipts.....	7676.00
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976.....	0.00
Personal Service.....	7676.00
Total Disbursements.....	7676.00

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## Boosters Open Drive

Jim Ryan, 816 Stanton Ave., area chairman for the annual Warrior's Booster Fund Raising Campaign, has announced that this year's drive will be conducted the first two weeks of May.

School District athletic activities are supported with tax money only to the extent of providing physical plant and coaching personnel. All other necessary items — uniforms, equipment, health care, awards, etc. — come

either from gate receipts or funds raised by the Booster Club.

Jim indicates that during the current school year the Boosters have contributed significantly to the Athletic Department's operating budget and, in addition, provided a new nine-passenger van. This vehicle is used by several school groups and has resulted in significant savings.

### GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

Bal. Jan. 1, 1976	\$ 86531.36
Receipts: Revenue	227289.04
Non-Rev.	53140.15
Total Receipts	366960.55
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976	61857.88
Disbursements:	
Personal Service	119728.36
Operat. & Maint.	93126.74
Capital Imp.	61058.37
Non-Governmental	31190.00
Total Disbursements	366960.55

### PART III TRANSFER OF FUNDS

General Fund to	
SCM&R Fund	6000.00
State Highway Fund	500.00
Improvement Fund	22300.00

### PART IV GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Real Estate Tax	125749.25
State Income Tax	5978.40
Intangible Tax	28096.58
Financial Institutions	11050.52
Estate Tax	1004.04
Interest	1888.83
Court Fines and Costs	20656.00
Building & Other Permits	1858.50
Special County Road Funds	2667.00
Rental Income	873.00
Sales of Assets	22300.00
Other	2040.15
Total	224162.27
Bal. Jan. 1, 1976	27594.27
Total All Receipts	251756.54

### PART V GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Legislative & Administrative:	
Council	\$ 1146.30
Mayor	6474.48
Clerk	1488.01
Treasurer	200.00
Solicitor	3125.74
Building Inspector	1111.25
Legal Ads, Other Services, etc.	3000.92
Total Administrative	16968.75
Safety:	
Police Department Salaries,	
Hospital Care, Retirement *1	66607.17
Police Station	1191.01
Cruiser	11527.77
Communications, Equip., etc.	4676.42
Total Police	84002.35
Fire Department and Life	
Squad Salaries, Insurance, etc.	3805.00
Fire Station	353.79
Apparatus	3134.60
Communications, Equip. etc.	8959.51
Total Fire	16252.90
Total Safety	100255.25
Elm Rd. Bridge Repair	3416.00
Fees etc.	9818.43
Community Environment:	
Street Lighting	7314.00
Wilderness Area	148.97
Trees & Leaves	11760.94
Sanitation (Garbage & Trash)	23372.28
Building & Grounds	9455.53
Sidewalks	0.00
Total Community Environment	52051.72
Transfers	28800.00
Total Above	212098.15
Bal. Dec. 31, 1976	39658.39
Total Disbursements	251756.54

\*1 Does not include Revenue Share Funds

I certify this statement to be correct to the best of my knowledge.

Donald E. Franke  
Village Clerk

## Chief

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Technical High School, he joined the Marine Corps, serving from 1965-67 and seeing duty as a military policeman in Vietnam in 1966-67. That work turned his interest to a police career. He joined the Terrace Park police force in September, 1967, but left the following April to join the Milford department, and a year later joined the Mariemont force. He has received several letters of commendation for his work in Mariemont.

Pottorf's selection came after a process instituted with village advertising for "a working chief" after Hiatt resigned. It was disclosed that there were 22 applications in all, five from out-of-state. Ten or so were eliminated immediately as unqualified, and interviews with others produced a Safety Committee final list of three which was submitted to the mayor.

Pottorf was an early applicant. He had sought the post at the time Hiatt was hired, and submitted last August 31 an application for the post "should it become vacant."

As for increasing the size of the police force, Griffith said "we cannot offer the service that is needed, and it is not efficient to function with four full-time officers and part-time help."

Hiatt, meantime, continued to argue that contracting with Indian Hill would save Terrace Park \$20,000-\$40,000 a year, adding:

"Aside from the obvious economic advantage, my opinion was and still is that Terrace Park could in no way match the qualities of personnel (long-term), service and professionalism without substantial increased costs to upgrade salaries of the Terrace Park officers and provide adequate housing and facilities. Even if this were accomplished, we would still be lacking in opportunity for advancement because of our limited size."

## Little Miami, Inc.

Little Miami, Inc., has been joined in the last two weeks by more governmental bodies and civic groups endorsing the effort to insure that the state government puts \$2,000,000 in its Capital Improvements Bill for land acquisition along the State's Scenic Rivers. Of that amount, \$1,000,000 would be earmarked specifically for the acquisition of the Little Miami Railroad property.

In the United States Congress, the Senate Appropriations Committee, urged on by Ohio's two Senators, John Glenn and Howard Metzenbaum, has approved a Supplemental Appropriations Bill which would provide \$5,000,000 to assist State and local governments in converting abandoned railroads to public recreational purposes. If approved by Congress, this money, the first of its kind to be appropriated, will provide matching grants to state and local governments at up to a 90-10 ratio.

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