

Village Views

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Payne To Seek Seat On Council

His term as village treasurer ending this year, Robert S. Payne, 629 Lexington Ave., plans to run for village council in the November elections.

Four seats are to be filled on council in November. Of the incumbents, Edward G. Harness Jr., 615 Amherst, has decided not to seek re-election because of business pressures; Les Overway, 4 Circus Pl., said he probably will make the race, and Rodger Miller, 609 Miami, and Jack VanWye, 106 Wagon Road Ln., are as yet undecided.

Overway was named to complete the term of Richard D. Bowman when Bowman was elected mayor two years ago.

In announcing his candidacy, and reporting the endorsement of Mayor Bowman, Payne said:

"Since September, 1977, I have served as treasurer—having completed the unexpired term of my predecessor and then being elected to the office in November, 1977. The familiarity which this has given me with the operations, problems and opportunities of the village has led me to desire the greater participation in village government which a council position offers."

"My term as treasurer ends this year, and hopefully this early announcement of my plans will give the village ample time to encourage citizens to run for the treasurer's office in the fall."

Nominating petitions for places on the November ballot must be filed with the Board of Elections by August 20.

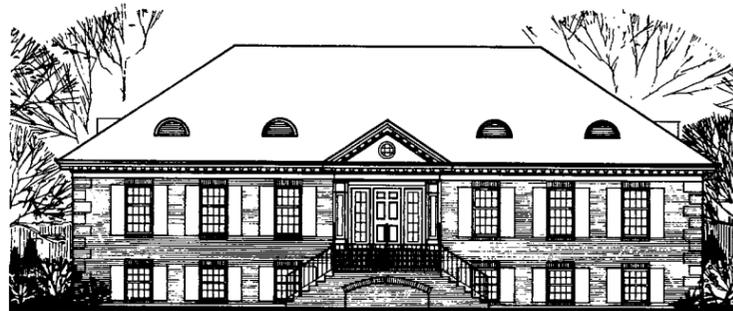
Flower Show Here April 28

The Terrace Park Garden Club's annual flower show will take place this year on Tuesday, April 28. The event will be held at the Community House and will be open to the public from 3 to 5 p.m.

Artistic design entries are open to Terrace Park Garden Club members only, with exception of the Junior Class, which is open to all young people of Terrace Park under 18 years of age. Horticultural entries are open to all amateur growers in Terrace Park. All exhibits must be entered at the Community House between 9 and 11 a.m. on show day.

The title of the show is "This Year is Going To Be Different." Mrs. John Rugh and Mrs. Franklin Jacob are co-chairmen of the event.

New Office Building Being Built Here



By Mel Aichholz

A new office building is under construction at the southeast corner of Elm Avenue and Wooster Pike.

Of Georgian Colonial design containing 4800 square feet of lease space, it will be divided into 1,200 square foot quadrants, each with its own heating and cooling system, with individual temperature control. There will be provision for 24 parking spaces.

The project is being constructed by "Composite" — Architect/Builder/Developer. Owners are Paul C. Cramer and Harry Hake. The architect is Richard Ward, a resident of the village.

The building should be ready for occupancy by November 1.

Older residents of the Park will remember the Cities Service Station built in 1929 by Frank Weniski, Sidney Mayer and Ed Schreiber. Clarence Brunner, formerly of 407 Elm Avenue, was the operator and his brother Bryan was the chief mechanic.

In 1958, Cities Service rebuilt the station and renamed it Citgo. It was later sold to the J.D. Streett Co., of St. Louis, who operated it as the Zephyr station.

Other operators after Brunner were Lowell Cramer, Eddie Vinup, Bill Cusick and Ken Hinners.

Clarence Brunner's daughter is Betty Strathman, 417 Washington Ave., who furnished the information.

More Sprucing-Up Due At Community House

Village council pushed ahead at the April council meeting with plans for internal improvements to the Community House, adopting a two-year program expected to cost \$19,300. Exterior work was completed last year.

There was little quarrel with plans proposed by Larry Deckard from members of council and Garden Club and other groups. Discussion centered on how to pay for the work.

After Mayor Dick Bowman said he hoped a refurbished building would get better treatment from its users, Councilman Rodger Miller noted that use has declined because of the condition of the building, and proposed issuance of councilmanic bonds to get the job done.

Council, however, went along with Councilman Les Overway in a plan to make piecemeal allocations from the improvement fund for under-\$5,000 subdivisions of the work which would avoid the delay and expense of advertising for bids.

A major feature of Deckard's plan involves a lowered and insulated ceiling to cut heating costs Overway said top \$600 a month. Other work proposed for this year, at an estimated total of \$10,500,

includes a stage extension and screen walls, some additional lighting and painting. Work in 1982, estimated at \$9,300, would include parquet flooring, blinds and new doors and hardware.

In other actions, council:

*Rejected a suggestion that the village pay for curbs and a fire plug relocation at a new office structure at Wooster and Elm.

*Amended village ordinances to permit a sign sought by Wilderness Trace.

*Heard from Overway that the aid of State Rep. Helen Fix is being sought to obtain state action on replacing the Elm Avenue bridge.

*Heard that the village had filed for litter control funds from the state but that the number of applications made a grant unlikely.

CRUISER IN SERVICE

Terrace Park's new police cruiser went into service the day after it was delivered, with equipment being transferred to it at no cost to the village by members of the police department and Jerry Maish of the volunteer fire department. The car was bought from Frazier-Williams for \$6,800.

Village Gets New Emergency Services

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported to the April village council meeting that arrangements have been made to give community residents the additional protection of a paramedic team in serious emergencies.

The paramedics, based at Bethesda North Hospital, will respond along with the Terrace Park Life Squad in cases of heart attack, non-breathing, or severe bleeding, and will be available also as a back-up for the Life Squad. Matthews said Community Medic-Rescue service involved no cost to the community.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported at the same meeting that a Postal Alert Program developed by the U.S. Post Office and Cincinnati Senior Services, Inc. is being extended to the village. Under the system, mail carriers will report any failure of a person living alone to pick up mail, or any other abnormal circumstances.

The chief said later that his department is ready also to arrange with any living-alone resident for daily phone calls at stated times to confirm that all's well.

Matthews said the CMR teams use a four-wheel drive vehicle to permit easy accessibility in bad terrain and poor road conditions. The unit is equipped for radio communication between life squads and its base. Voice communications and telemetry transmission is available to area hospitals with receiving capabilities (Cincinnati General, Childrens' and Bethesda Oak and Bethesda North), and also with advanced monitors, defibrillators and life-saving medicines to be used at the direction of a telemetry physician.

Franke Again Heads LMI Unit

Village Clerk Don Franke was re-elected president of the Lower Council of Little Miami, Inc., at the organization's annual meeting at St. Thomas Church in March.

Ernie Harvellis of Circus Place was named vice president, with Pat Fluke and Susan Fremont sharing secretarial responsibilities. Other village residents on the council's board of directors are Jonathon Lippincott, Jane Earls and Pat Henley. Lippincott is treasurer of LMI. Henley is chairman of the village planning and zoning commission.

County Commissioner Robert Taft II, speaking at the meeting, voiced his support of conservation and noted constant threats to preservation of the river valley through proposals to relocate US 50, actions of the Metropolitan Sewer District, and jurisdictional disputes.

CMR is a non-profit organization of area life squads people, including paramedics and emergency medical technicians which members of the Terrace Park life squad are. Jack Richardson of Terrace Park already is serving with the unit, and Matthews said he expected some other Park volunteers also would take part.

Matthews explained that members of the Terrace Park squad are unable to qualify as paramedics here because the local unit makes only about 110 runs a year as against the required minimum of 400 for a paramedic.

Pottorf said the Postal Alert system is based on the fact that the mail carrier is probably the only person who has regular, possibly daily contact with many older adults.

Under the plan, mail carriers and some organizations will distribute registration cards to be filled out by those seeking extra protection.

On appearance of anything seemingly out-of-the-way at a registrant's home, a mail carrier would notify a superior who in turn would call persons listed on the registration card, or the police or fire department if need be.

Henley Named To Supervise TV Cable Work

Pat Henley, 327 Rugby Ave., has been named by village council to supervise tree work done in installation of cable TV lines through the village. A former member of council, she is currently chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Her compensation will be \$5 an hour for a total not over \$800 for the 2-2½ weeks the cable-stringing is expected to take. However, Mayor Dick Bowman and Councilman Les Overway said that after conferences with Warner-Amex, holders of the Terrace Park cable-TV franchise, they felt there was "a good chance" that the company would pick up the tab.

Bowman said that cable installation in adjacent areas is running ahead of schedule and that Warner-Amex sought to begin work early this month. He said the job was delayed until after council could act on control methods inspired by complaints at last month's council meeting concerning tree damage caused by cable installers elsewhere.

Our Trees: A Geriatric Problem?

By Pat Henley

Dusk, Saturday evening, August 9, 1969. A summer thunder shower turned violent. In an instant a tornado caused devastation. Fifty vintage trees in the Cambridge-Oxford-Rugby area were either uprooted or topped and about 500 others were badly damaged. Amazingly, there was little damage to homes. Experts said our friendly trees offered protection.

This incident, twelve years ago, marked the point when the mature trees for which the village was rightly noted became a geriatric problem of major and unresolved proportions.

With the tornado it became obvious that "the heart of the Park" had miles of streets lined with problem trees. Thus, our great asset became an increasing liability. These trees, approximately 1,500 of them, are wards of Terrace Park as are 500 or so more in the newer areas. They are well within the limits of the 50 or 60 foot rights of way and even form double rows on the south ends of Yale, Floral, Lexington, and Myrtle.

The village spent virtually nothing for tree maintenance for decades. If a replacement was needed, a sapling from the woods was dropped in. The utility companies cut, understandably, in the most expedient manner.

When urban forester Steve Sandfort spoke to the Terrace Park Garden Club recently, he suggested that the life of a street tree was 40 to 50 years. To those who argued that the town's trees were much older, he countered that there was a tendency to forget when the trees were planted. However, from talking with long-time residents, counting rings on felled specimens and reviewing Stan's Memorabilia from the early 70's, there is every reason to believe that scores of Terrace Park's street trees are upwards of 80 years old.

Tree planting was vigorously pursued by early village fathers. In 1895, Council purchased 600 trees and 600 more were planted in 1898. In 1900, 50 white ash trees were planted on the railroad side of Terrace Place. Soft maples, poplar, sycamore, elm and cherry were added shortly thereafter. (These are easily identified today on many of the streets and alleys.)

There is evidence to substantiate the story that certain parts of the village were planted with alternating maples and quick growing ash trees, with the ash trees to be removed in a decade, thus allowing the maples to develop. This was obviously forgotten or neglected and the result is our frail street tree system. Basically, in the older



areas, the streets are lined with aged, decaying, carpenter ant-ridden, mishapen trees. Most are varieties not now considered suitable for street planting.

Some good came out of the tornado's swift purge. The initial damage was quickly and efficiently cleaned up with the help from the state and many citizens. Council did begin a modest maintenance and pruning program. The Garden Club instituted a tree nursery which eventually resulted in about 60 trees of good variety being planted where needed. In 1973, about 40 fine trees were added, not all in the tornado affected areas. About 80 more were planted in the following four years and an active maintenance program identified and corrected problems.

Where are we now? A quick inspection shows that where fine nursery grown stock was planted, and given adequate space and light, a vigorous, well-shaped tree has developed. Where a seedling was set, a spindly tree results.

Time is increasingly catching up with the remnants. Some streets need massive surgery and new stock. Park Avenue's row of sycamore-catalpa derelicts is a case in point. Recently two older trees have fallen.

Council should be urged to make the trees a top priority and citizens should cooperate in accepting the realities of aging trees.

It seems likely that, unless there is a stepped-up effort to remove and replace numbers of these past-their-prime specimens soon, many areas will not qualify for that magic of "Terrace Park's tree-lined streets."

Beech Chosen Again As Head Of Swim Club

Charles Beech, 717 Franklin Ave., was re-elected chairman of the Terrace Park Swim Club at its recent annual meeting.

Larry Deckard was named vice-chairman for administration; Don Mileham, treasurer, and Suzanne Lakamp social secretary.

Committee heads are: pool and grounds, Dennis Elliott and Ken Yelton; tennis, Shirley Brown and Tom Proctor; swimming, Barb Smith and Don Brown.

Those who have recently moved to the village and wish to join the club should call Janet Stollmaier, 831-1777, to arrange to purchase a membership bond.



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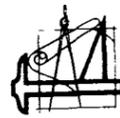
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Dad, Daughter Ride For Charity



Robert and Lee Lowery promote the Bike-a-Thon

Robert and Lee Lowery, 327 Harvard Ave., intend to be among the thousands of Tri-State residents taking part in Bike-a-Thon '81 on Sunday, May 17. The father and daughter rode for the first time in last year's Bike-a-Thon sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Lee, a fourth-grader at Terrace Park Elementary School, said she viewed the Bike-a-Thon as "a chance to help others." She persuaded her father to join her on the Lunken Playfield bicycle trail, which along with Deer Park will be among this year's 10 ride locations.

"I enjoyed the Bike-a-Thon," Lee said, "and I traded in my old bike for a new one with three speeds so I can ride farther this year."

A New Citizen - Salinette

Salinette Prak, a member of the Oum family of Cambodia and, more recently, Terrace Park, became an American citizen on April 16 in a ceremony at Elder High School.

A celebration of this event is planned for Sunday, May 3, after the 11 a.m. service, in the parlor of St. Thomas Church.

The Oums came to this country as refugees from Cambodia in November, 1975, sponsored by St. Thomas Church. The family consisted of Kan Oum and his wife

Sanith, their young son Sop-agna, Sanith's mother, and their cousin, teen-age Salinette. They lived in Terrace Park for 3 years, learning English and making the adjustment to American life--and working!--before buying a house in Mt. Carmel.

When they moved, Salinette remained here to finish school, living with Helen Campbell and her daughter Lisa. She currently lives with the Richardsons and their daughter Libby.

Now 19, Salinette is a senior at Mariemont High School, due to graduate in June.

CHIEF TO TALK

Police Chief Ron Pottorf is to speak on self-protection and crime avoidance at the May meeting of Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons. The meeting on Monday, May 11, will follow a covered-dish luncheon in the undercroft of St. Thomas Church.

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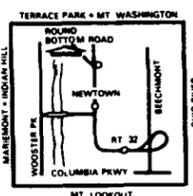
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Annual Church Rummage Sale Slated May 8

The almost-historic St. Thomas Church rummage sale will be held this year from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

This year's sale is in charge of Karen Warner, Debbie Carle and Barbara Self.

Donations will be received at the church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day the week of the sale, or call Debbie Carle at 831-4178, or Barbara Self at 248-0511. Childrens' clothing always is in demand. The committee, though, cannot accept broken electrical appliances except TV sets.

Unsold items are given to the Nearly New Shop conducted by the Tri-Parish Ministry.

Babysitting Co-op Planning a Picnic

The Terrace Park Babysitting Co-op will have a bring-your-own-lunch picnic on the village green at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 15.

All members, prospective members and children are welcome. The rain date will be Tuesday, May 19.

Students Sought For Appalachia

The Interparish Work/Study Program is looking for high school students interested in going to Manchester, Ky., for the week of June 22.

Students will serve in two church missions in Manchester, and in cultural and devotional exchanges will get an insight into Appalachian life. For information, call Sue Abernathy, 831-5891.

Bazaar Workshops To Get Under Way

Workshops for this year's St. Thomas Church bazaar will get under way in May, meeting each Tuesday of the month. The bazaar will be held November 12.

The Boutique and Decorations workshop will be held in the church undercroft on May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with emphasis on boutique, and on decorations on May 12.

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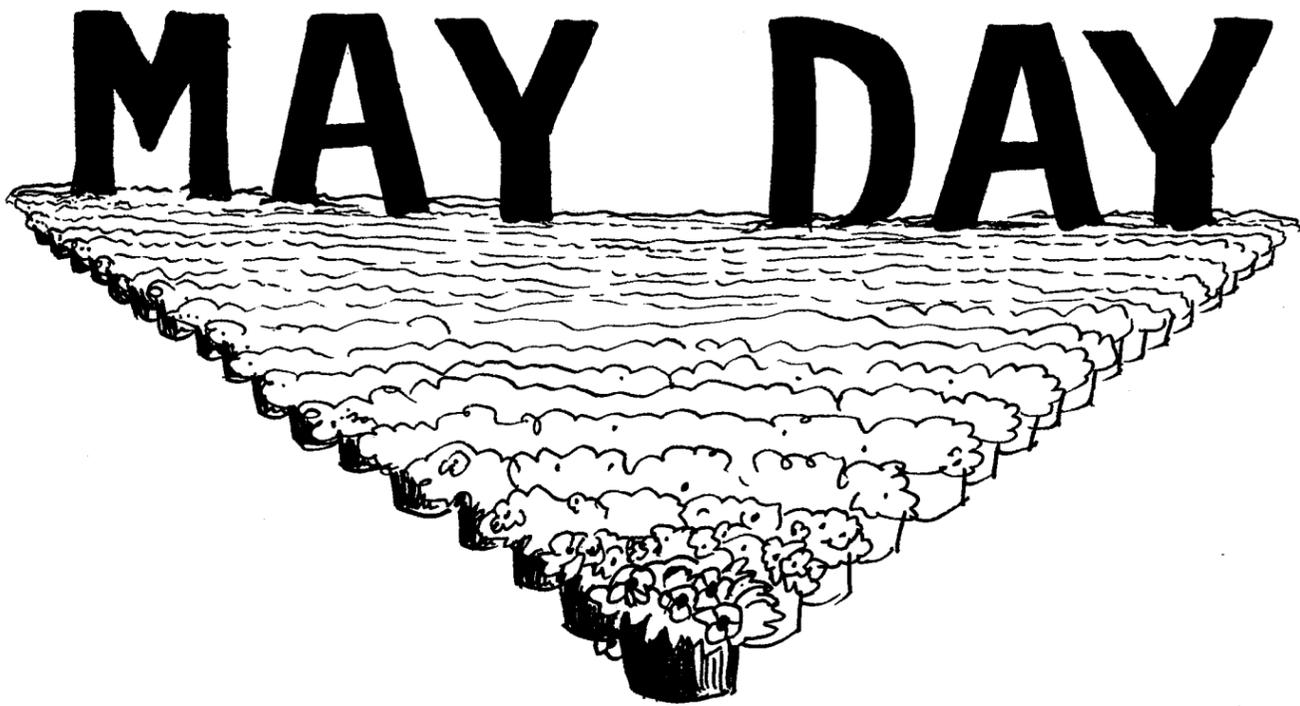
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