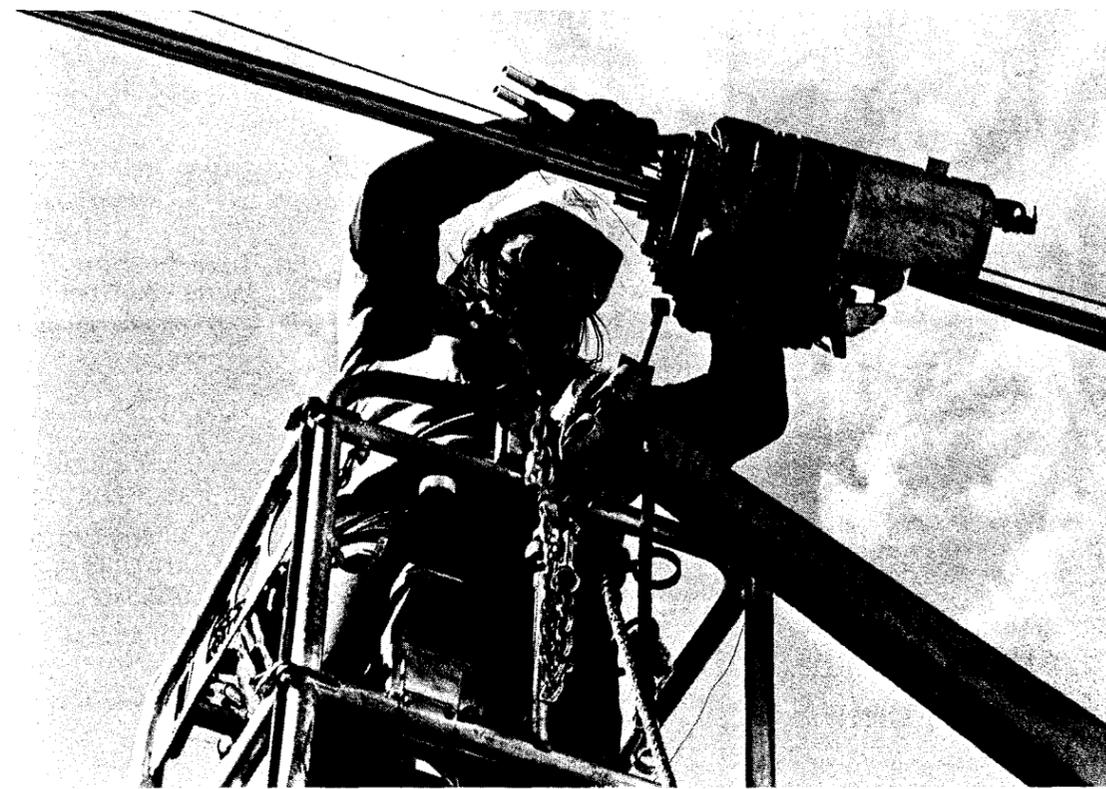


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A lineman splices TV cable in readying service for Terrace Park.

Zone Change Plan Stirs Up Protests

By Shirley Rohlfing

Strong opposition was voiced at a hearing held before the regular July council meeting on an ordinance proposing that the residences at 619, 617, and 613 Wooster Pike be rezoned from Business A to Residential A.

All the concerned property owners were present and expressed their opposition to the change.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boeres, who recently purchased the property at 613 Wooster for rental purposes, were angered that they had not received notice of the hearing, although Mayor Bowman assured them a letter had been sent advising them of the action. They stated they had bought the property with the commercial value in mind and to rezone it would devalue it. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Miller, 619 Wooster, and Mrs. Frank Coons, 617 Wooster, agreed.

Ray Cadwallader, speaking on behalf of the Millers, stated that council would be making a dramatic change in zoning, contending the upgrading of the classification would lower these property values. He used the words, "arbitrary, confiscatory, and unreasonable" in declaring that the original zoning ordinance met the needs of the citizens in multiple use of land, and asking the council to reconsider.

Mayor Bowman and Charles Rockel disagreed that rezoning would necessarily reduce values, and they pointed out the need to protect adjoining homes, to keep the residential nature of the Park, and to minimize the danger of traffic along Wooster Pike.

Pat Henley, chairman of the Zoning and Planning Com-

mission, said the change was recommended by the commission when it realized the extent of commercial zoning adjoining the new office building.

Council will give the ordinance its third reading in August.

During the regular council session, Gerry Schaich, 136 Winding Brook, asked again that council take some action on a storm sewer drainage problem created by village removal of a large concrete culvert which had been deemed a hazard. Councilman Jack Van Wye moved that the village reconstruct the culvert at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Schaich presented plats of the area which he felt showed village responsibility in the problem. Fire Chief Pierce Matthews, 132 Winding Brook, speaking as a private citizen, reminded council that these storm sewers carry off a large overflow from Indian Hill Road and not just ordinary amounts of rainfall.

Members of council, however, questioned the extent of liability if the problem is not corrected by a new culvert. Mayor Bowman stressed that the decision would be arbitrary and each drainage problem that might come up would be decided on an individual basis.

Schaich additionally asked that the broken concrete be moved from his property.

Since two council members were absent, however, Van Wye withdrew his motion until all council members can visit the area.

Councilman Les Overway, Mayor Bowman, and John

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September Date Now Set for Cable TV

Cable TV service for Terrace Park, first projected for June-July, now is scheduled for late September.

Workmen have been busy for the past month or more stringing cables through the village. Officials of Warner Amex, which holds the Terrace Park franchise, told *Village Views* that the work is due to be finished by September 1, and the network will be ready for service after two weeks of testing and balancing the system.

There was no immediate word as to what campaign would be mounted to sign up residents for the service.

Connections will be run from the cable to an outlet in a subscriber's home, much as the telephone is wired. Hook-up to the TV set will be through a converter which provides a wider range of program selection than TV sets afford.

Basic or economy service will cost \$3.95 a month as against the \$4.50 originally

proposed. The reduction matches fees provided in the Cincinnati franchise.

School Plans Are Outlined For Realty Firm Associates

By Mel Aichholz

Plans for the new school year were presented at a recent meeting of sales associates of Sibcy-Cline Realtors, by school superintendent Dr. Don Thompson and board member Dr. Sandra Small.

The principle change will incorporate an 8-period day for both the high school and middle school. This replaces the Open Space Day or Flex Mod System used last year. More time is expected to be given to the language arts. Reading and language arts courses have been augmen-

ted. New courses in science and social studies have been added.

Appointment of new teachers has been completed. The reports said that, with 1,000 applicants, Mariemont has been assisted through a decline in the enrollment in other school districts. This has enabled Mariemont to attract some outstanding and experienced teachers.

Dr. Thompson invited sales associates to bring their clients to his office for interviews.

Editorially Speaking —

Village Views is unable to provide any comprehensive report on last month's questionnaire concerning schools affairs, because of an inadequate number of entries.

This, we are reliably informed, came about at least in part because a group supporting incumbent school board candidates urged residents NOT to respond.

It's a little difficult to understand the reasoning, or what they were afraid of.

Voters generally have made up their minds about the central issue. The questionnaire did call on residents to think a bit about the whole situation and not just part of it, but when did thinking become verboten? It provided for the widest range of

opinion, from blind support of one side or the other or any shade in between. The shadings are usually of the most importance.

Under the circumstances, one would expect the returns to be heavily weighted against the school board and in support of the teachers' strike. Instead, they lean to support of the school board. Conduct of the strike comes in for heavy condemnation.

There is dissatisfaction. But there was widespread dissatisfaction with the school system long before the present administration appeared. The recent troubles, whatever one thinks of the ways and means, can be attributed to school board efforts to cope with it.

Elections these days show an increasing tendency to be one-issue affairs. The overriding issue in the November balloting will be the teachers' strike, and the school board's response to it. We will be surprised if the incumbent slate does not win.

But the future of the school system is even more important, which is why *Village Views* sought public feeling about it. The school board evidently thinks so, too, witness the encouraging report mailed out recently. Board members are, we are sure, as interested as anyone in how the voters feel about a new school levy. We are equally sure that they are interested in the public's appraisal of the school system's strengths

and weaknesses. They are not helped by actions which suggest that only one opinion is allowable.

There have been some questions about the origin of the questionnaire. *Village Views* felt it had value and accepts responsibility for it. However, there is not need to make any secret of the fact that it was originally suggested by persons not supportive of the present board. It should be noted, though that they were thoroughly aware that the editor of *Village Views* was in almost-complete disagreement with their point of view. They were, at least, not afraid of the possibility of contrary opinion. They have had nothing to do with the tabulation.

Returns are still coming in, and *Village Views* does expect to print the results when it appears that a reasonable cross section has developed in numbers of responses. The questionnaire is being printed again for those having second thoughts about participating. Signatures are needed only if a respondent is willing to take some active part in school affairs. What that would entail we frankly do not know.

An incidental note:

There has been concern about effects of the strike on real estate sales and property values. Stan Miller's record of property transfers shows that the Terrace Park market is, so far, running a little ahead of last year.

Village in Baseball's Hall of Fame

Nostalgia prevailed as the baseball strike wore on, leaving Terrace Park on gameless days to dwell on its own representative in baseball's Hall of Fame — Eppa Rixey.

As a matter of fact, the village has two baseball greats to claim — Rixey and "Bubbles" Hargrave. Rixey was the star left-hander for the Cincinnati Reds. Hargrave was his catcher through much of his career. They were firm friends off the field as well, and when Eppa came to live at 108 Miami Ave., "Bubbles" came here as well, to 622 Miami.

Rixey made it to the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. "Bubbles" won a place in the Cincinnati Reds' own Hall of Fame.

It took 30 years for Rixey to get the Hall of Fame recognition his fans felt he should have had all along. He retired at the age of 42 after the 1933 season, good-naturedly grumbling that he felt he hadn't been pitching enough. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962, but died only 32 days before the formal induction. Mrs. Rixey accepted the honor in his name.

His plaque records that he set a record for left-handed pitchers by winning 25 games, leading the National League in victories, with the Cincinnati Reds in 1922. He gave up only 1,082 bases on balls in 4,494 innings on the mound.

But his only pennant-winning experience was in 1915 when he was with Philadelphia.

In his career he won 266 games and lost 251 for a .515 record, and posted an earned run average of 3.15.

A native of Culpepper, Virginia, Rixey went to the Phillies when he left the University of Virginia in 1912 and stayed with that team until 1920 with a year out for military service. He joined the Reds in 1921 and stayed until the end of the 1933 season.

With the Reds, his win-loss record was 179-148, with a 3.33 ERA over 13 seasons.

"Bubbles" broke into the major leagues with the Chicago Cubs in 1913, went back to the minors but was brought up to Cincinnati in 1921 to become one of baseball's outstanding catchers, while leading the league in hitting in 1926 with an average of .353. He spent 1929 as manager of St Paul in the American Association, going to the Yankees in 1930. He died in 1969.

There are endless stories about the pair, one being their famous double-steal.

"Bubbles and I," said Eppa once, "were the two slowest men in baseball, and we stole on Gabby Hartnett. the best

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Volleyball Team Softball Team Tournament Set Is Undefeated

The third annual Labor Day volleyball tournament will be held this year as part of the Recreation Committee's festivities. The winning team from the round-robin tournament will receive steaks for its members, with net proceeds going to the Recreation Committee.

The competition is open only to current residents of Terrace Park. An entry fee of \$20 per team along with a roster of team members must be submitted by Saturday, August 29. A maximum of five teams will be permitted to enter due to timing restrictions.

Those interested in entering or joining a team should call Dwight Wages at 831-0537.

Mrs. Gislason's 4th and 5th grade Terrace Park softball team enjoyed an undefeated season, winning eight games. The 15-girl team outscored its competition 89 runs to 32. Individual honors went to the following:

Most valuable, Beth Riley; batting title, Brenda Field (.800); golden glove, Carey Morgan; most improved (1981), Hanah Payne; most improved (1981 vs. 1980), Amy Gislason; most doubles, Barbie Bodnar (5); most triples, Karen Kopich (4); most home runs, Torrey Hall (4).

This marks Mrs. Gislason's second year of coaching softball in Terrace Park and her teams enjoy a perfect 18-0 record.

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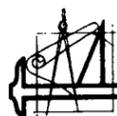
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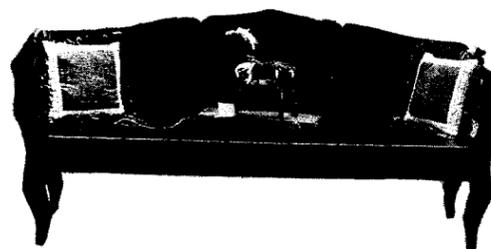
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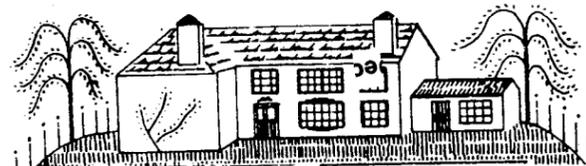
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Labor Day Festival Recalls WWII

By Zoe Moore

Plans for the Terrace Park Labor Day Festival are well under way as this year will be the 39th anniversary of the original event. For our new residents, be sure to circle Monday, September 7, on your calendars, and plan to spend the day on the village green. For old timers, perhaps a note of nostalgia is in order.

Do you know how this all began?

In 1942 our country was engaged in World War II, and the Layman's League of St. Thomas Church decided to organize social activities in the Park. Remember, gasoline was rationed and people stayed home. Paul Stewart, a former president of the Layman's League, commented on the very first Labor Day event:

"Held on the athletic field, it consisted of three softball games, men's, boys' and women's. Subsequent years saw expansion of the event to include a merry-go-round, pony rides, and even a bingo booth, although not on the scale of the present bingo games."

Over the years the celebration has grown in size and attendance until now we have quite a production as the annual fund-raiser for the T.P. Recreation Committee. According to the 1981 chairman, Jack Smith, "Proceeds from the festival enable us to maintain relatively inexpensive fees and yet provide a fine sports program for village children."

Advance sales of raffle tickets usually account for half the profit. Frank and Betty Lou Taylor have enlisted captains to canvass the entire Park. When your envelope of raffle tickets arrives, remember that the money you spend is a loving gift to your own or your neighbor's children. It just also may be your own winning ticket for a cash prize of \$500, \$200, or \$75.

And, don't forget the garage sale; your junk may be a

treasure to someone else. The trick, of course, is to get your goodies (no clothes, though) over to the Gilchrist garage and then have a first choice to buy any items there. Once again, Pete and Edna Stites will be doing this huge job, along with Jim and Ann Gilchrist.

The timetable for the day will be the same as in years past. Parade participants will gather at the school grounds at 9:30 a.m. Along with the traditional rites of bands and emergency vehicles and local politicians will be the pet parade. Prizes will be awarded for children and/or pets entered in the following categories: prettiest, funniest, and most original. At 10 a.m. the parade will proceed to the village green, a green jammed with games of fun and skill, very carefully planned by Mamie and Bill Drackett. For sustenance throughout the day, there'll be a food booth, Coke wagon, ice cream stand and beer booth.

This entire event is being brought to you by volunteers, led by an experienced committee, all of whom are "repeaters." If you have any children in the sports program, or if you just want to

say thank you to a few of the people who make Terrace Park so unique, this year's committee is posted below.

Chairman, Jack Smith; treasurer, Marianne Gay; games and concessions, Bill & Mamie Drackett; raffle, Frank & Betty Lou Taylor; garage sale, Jim & Ann Gilchrist, Pete & Edna Stites; parade, Ellen Miller; operational, Harry Maxon; prizes, Dave & Sandra Bowen; food booth, Janie Pendl, Pat Getgey; bake sale, Gayle Taylor, Becky Kaiser; blackjack, John Gislason, Dave Schneider; beer booth, Cindy & Ron Hudson; Coke wagon, Ann Lindell; electrical, Bob Sluka; PA system, Terrace Park Players; tables & chairs, Terry Bernard; clean-up, Terrace Park Elementary, 5th Grade; volleyball, Dwight Wages; publicity, Zoe Moore.

Caswell Honored

Bob Caswell of Terrace Park, just graduated from Mariemont High School, was among 26 students honored as scholar-athletes at a recent Banquet at the College Football Hall of Fame. The affair was sponsored by Warner Amex Cable Communications.

Community Short On Candidates

Terrace Park is running short of candidates.

With filing time only a month away, indications are that there will be two vacancies in the next village council, and no elected councilmen to fill them.

Of the incumbents in the seats to be filled, Jack Van Wye and Rodger Miller are the latest to declare themselves. Van Wye has announced that he will not seek re-election, while Miller said he would run.

Earlier, Councilman Les Overway announced he would seek election to a complete term, and Ned Har-

ness declared early that he would not run.

Village Treasurer Bob Payne had announced his candidacy. However, he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Bill Howard, who resigned from council after filling the unexpired term of Don Frye and retaining the seat in the election two years ago.

Nominating petitions must be filed with the Board of Elections by August 20.

Gardeners Plan Potluck Picnic

Terrace Park Garden Club will hold its 12th annual Gardener's Holiday potluck picnic on Tuesday, August 4, at noon at the home of Norvita Hildbold, 212 Cambridge Ave.

Mini Series talks will be given on perennial beds by Ruth Rugh, and on mulching by Jane Peterson.

Hostesses will be Ginny Alter, Marie Bechtel, and Libby Clancey.

More on Council

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DeLong, village consulting engineer, met recently with State Representative Helen Fix on the Elm Street overpass problem. Overway said Mrs. Fix has been helpful in cutting through red tape and has set up a meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Superintendent of Schools Don Thompson has also written the state on hazards to school buses posed by the bridge.

Overway also proposed a resolution, which council passed, supporting the non-ination of Jo Lakeman to the All Ohio School Board. Mrs. Lakeman has been active in the PTA for 19 years, has served on the Mariemont School Board for 12 years and been president of the board three times.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews strongly commended his volunteer crew for their work in assisting the Milford firefighters during the Frasier-Williams fire.

Police Chief Pottorf commented on the ever-present

dangers faced by policemen. Three officers on the Terrace Park force have been assaulted in recent months on assistance calls to other communities, including Pottorf, who was not seriously injured.

Village Teams In Tournament

Back in April, 150 boys from 10 Terrace Park teams began practicing baseball. Four of those teams were in brackets which made them eligible, based on their finish (first or second) in their league, for the city tournament. Three of the four teams qualified and they are as follows:

D1, coached by Paul Kennedy; C1, Bob Morrison, and A1, Jack Schreckenhofer.

Paul Kennedy's D1 team was undefeated, while the A1 teams lost to only one team in its league.

The city tournament began July 15th and ends August 8.

Street Work Is Delayed

Village plans for early paving of several streets hit a snag with a report at the July council meeting that no bids had been received on the project.

The work will have to be re-advertised.

Plans called for treating all of Home, Washington, Robinwood and Sycamore, Park from Elm to Western, Stanton from Elm to Poplar, Princeton from Elm to Poplar, Rugby from Miami to Yale, and Harvard from Miami to Yale.

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Graduated

Mary Gerwin, 709 Franklin Ave., was graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University recently with a double major in history and Spanish. She was vice-president of Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honorary and secretary-treasurer of the Womens Intramural Board. She will join Procter & Gamble's sales division in Nashville in July.



Joins Staff

Rebecca J. Deckard, 601 Myrtle, has joined the Mariemont branch office of West Shell, Realtors, as sales associate specializing in residential real estate.

Prior to joining West Shell, Mrs. Deckard was an agent with Parchman & Oyler. She is a member of the Clermont County Board of Realtors.

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