

Village Views

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Labor Day Time Table

- 9:30 a.m. — Assemble at School for the parade. Children, be on time with your decorated bike, costume, or costumed pet. Judging will be for prettiest, funniest, and most original. Prizes will be awarded.
- 10 a.m. — Parade begins and will end with ceremonies on the Green.
- 10:30 a.m. — "Festival on the Green."
til 6 p.m. Join us for fun, food, games, the incomparable Village Garage Sale, and also the Third Annual Volleyball Tournament.
- Winning raffle tickets will be drawn at 5:30 p.m.

The Recreation Committee's Summer Fun director, Judy Hutton, invites this summer's participants to march in the Labor Day parade with their own banner. Meet at the school grounds at 9:30 a.m.

Remember that volleyball teams must be registered with Dwight Wages (831-0537) by August 29 in order to participate in the Labor Day tournament. The competition is limited to five teams composed of no more than 10 members. Entry fee is \$20 per team. Steaks will be awarded to the champions. Team members must be current residents of Terrace Park.

Villagers Optimistic Over School Outlook

Terrace Park seems to be rather more optimistic than otherwise concerning the future of the Mariemont school system, but going to keep its hands in its pockets to see how things work out.

That is indicated in returns on a questionnaire printed in *Village Views* two months ago. They should be considered, however, in the light of an admitted boycott by a group of supporters of incumbent candidates for the school board, and an encouraging report issued by the board after most of the returns were in.

Although, under the circumstances, the returns might have been expected to be weighted against the school board, instead they showed the respondents equally divided as to school board handling of the strike situation, but 67 percent condemnatory of teacher conduct in the dispute. Slightly more than half said they favored keeping the present board in office.

While 47% said they were in favor of inviting dismissed teachers to return, forty-three percent were opposed and 10% doubtful. Nevertheless, the respondents tended to be gloomy about prospects for closer worker relations between the school board and the teaching staff. Little chance was seen by 43%, some by 27%, and only 30% were hopeful.

There was no question as to candidates or prospective candidates. However, as *Village Views* went to press, Bill Konold reported that a poll had signed 284 residents in support of the incumbent

candidates, with only 18 opposed.

But 70% of the respondents to the questionnaire said they would oppose a new school levy in the next three years. Only 16% said they would support a levy, with the rest on the fence.

As to the future, 60% said they were hopeful concerning the next 10 years, although only little more than half indicated a degree of satisfaction with the school system at the moment.

As for teacher/parent communication, 36% voiced satisfaction, 23% considered it poor, with the rest so-so.

Long BBS Wrangle Nears End

An eight-year wrangle over zoning at Wooster and Elm, at the western end of the village, may be near an end.

Common Pleas Judge Paul George has ruled that village council was within its rights in seeking to appropriate the controversial property for inclusion in the village green belt. He will shortly convene a jury to set the price the village would have to pay for the two parcels involved. There remains only action on pleas to dismiss suits filed by the BBS Co. charging individual members of village council with bad faith in the appropriation move.

The controversy included rejection by village voters, in a referendum in 1977, of an ordinance which would have permitted condominium development on the tract.

Bowman Announces Plan To Resign as Village Mayor

Terrace Park village politics was thrown into turmoil when Mayor Richard Bowman disclosed to the August council meeting that he will be resigning, "with regret," because of a move to Louisville, Ky.

Normally, Councilman Jack Van Wye, who is vice mayor, would fill out the remaining 2½ years of Bowman's term. Van Wye, though, had announced earlier that he would not be a candidate for re-election to council at the November election, and said that Bowman's departure would not alter his decision.

A search committee headed by Councilman Ned Har-

ness has been named to privately and informally consult council members on who will assume the office.

Bowman had been a vice-president of the Knodel-Tygrett Co., Cincinnati wholesalers, which suspended business recently. He is now "doing pretty much the same thing" as general manager of an expanded Armstrong products division of the Traffel Electric Co. in Louisville.

His departure leaves three places to be filled in the village administration although only two will be voted on in November. They are for seats on council being va-

cated by Van Wye and Councilman Ned Harness. Rodger Miller and Les Overway are candidates for re-election.

With nominating petitions for places on the ballot due August 20, as *Village Views* went to press, the only avowed candidate was Richard Gilchrist, 715 Floral Ave., a division sales manager for Procter & Gamble. Reports that a woman would file as a candidate could not be confirmed.

Bowman came to Terrace Park with his family in 1964. He became a councilman in 1974, then succeeded Ray Cadwalader as mayor.

Council To Seek New Levy, Sets '82 Budget At \$364,570

By Shirley Rohlfing

Village council approved a tentative budget of \$364,570 for 1982 at its August meeting, and coupled with it a call for a new 2.4 mill levy to be voted on at the November elections.

Bob Payne, chairman of council's finance committee, said that reduction factors now applied to real estate tax bills would make the actual levy an estimated 1.92 mills, yielding about \$30,570 for the village treasury.

The tentative budget of \$364,570 compares with that of \$322,550 for this year, and \$279,362 in 1980.

Supporting the levy proposal, Councilman Ned Harness said that money used by the village primarily covers basic services, and Terrace Park has been operating on a lean budget for years with very limited funds for special

programs and discretionary purposes. He noted that only 16.7% of property tax revenue stays in the village, the rest going mainly to the school system.

Payne noted that the proposed new levy would expire at the same time as two extra levies now being paid. He said he was planning a series of informational meetings on the budget and the proposed levy in September and October.

Zoning Changed

A third reading of Ordinance-1981 was read and passed with Jack Van Wye abstaining. The ordinance changes the zoning of 613, 617 and 619 Wooster Pike from Business A to Residential A. Although objections had been raised at the July council meeting, no one

was present at this time to protest.

Councilman Chuck Rockel reiterated the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the feeling that the change would better preserve the residential and semi-rural nature of the village.

Overway reported that cable TV work was progressing satisfactorily and the company should start selling services in mid-November. If delays do occur, they happen because of the desire to protect trees. He said Warner-Amex representatives will be present at the September council meeting to present selling plans.

Overway also introduced and council passed a resolution to hire Cincinnati Interior Systems to insulate

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Given To Open Within Month

Given Road, closed for almost two months, is expected to be reopened within another month.

Wray White, village manager of Indian Hill, said work on rebuilding the road after three landslides was delayed when the work disclosed a fourth point of slippage.

Additionally, he said, difficulties developed with the contractor on the job, and another contractor was called in to complete the project.

Paper Drive
September 26

Terrace Park Garden Club Works To Beautify Village Plantings

The Terrace Park Garden Club has, over the years, planted many of the public areas throughout the park. Some of the more visible areas include those on and around the village Green, the Christmas tree, and the Terrace Place plantings, including the flowering trees all along the rail side, the bank of the bridge along Elm and the Memorial Garden, developed to commemorate outstanding garden club members.

This summer's Memorial Garden is planted in special memory of Mrs. Sandy McAnich and Mrs. Marie Tombaugh. Both women were outstanding members of both the community and of Garden Club, and the club is proud to

be able to honor their memory in this special way.

This year, in addition to the planting and maintenance of the Memorial Garden, the Club has dedicated most of its funds to the pruning, mulching, and spraying of these and other areas in the Park, including the Lindell Memorial Grove and the Bicentennial planting on lower Elm Avenue. A local firm, LTD Enterprises, was hired after submitting the low bid for the summer's work.

Garden Club has budgeted over \$1,100 for this year's pruning and maintenance program. Next year the work needed will be less drastic, and the club plans to put in some new plantings at Drackett Field, in co-operation

with the Recreation Committee.

Funding for next year's program, which is to include shade trees for the permanent benches and plantings for the equipment building at Drackett Field, will come from this fall's Country Market, to be held October 10 on the green.

The market will feature demonstrations of quilting, yarn dyeing, rug making, and the sale of many crafts, dried wreaths, apples, gourds, potted herbs, fire starters, and a wealth of pillows, aprons, placemats and baby things.

The theme of the Market is "Back to Basics," a potpourri of women's skills from the early 1900s.

The Way We Were

Graduates Few, But TP High Sent Them Out With Ceremony

There was no lack of pomp and circumstance at the Terrace Park High School commencement on June 11, 1897 — the fifth annual such affair in the school's history.

The Terrace Park Mandolin Club played three numbers; there were songs by the audience, a speech by a Prof. E. W. Wilkinson, music by a soloist, a reading by class valedictorian Jennie Sederberg, a song by a girls' quartet, and then E. M. Rauscher, president of the Board of Education and later village mayor, presented the diplomas.

Both of them. Jennie Sederberg and George Longworth were the only graduates.

The number wasn't all that unusual. The Class of 1904 had only one member — Morris S. Walton, a black student from Camp Dennison — who got his diploma with full ceremony just the same. He had to make a speech, though. There wasn't anybody else in the class to do it. Even as late as 1924, the ceremonies went on, for only four graduates — Albert E. Dreescher, Phoebe Edwards Lloyd, Caroline Emma Meurer and Lillian M. Mintkenbaugh. And by that time the school had become Terrace Park Union High School, taking students from Newtown and Plainville. There were two members from each community on the school board, although W. R. Bass of Terrace Park was chairman.

The information comes from Stan Miller's vast collection of Terrace Park mem-

orabilia.

All the early graduation ceremonies were held in the Baptist Church, now the Community House. The building became the Community House in time for the Class of '24.

High school was no snap in those days, according to the report cards of Ida May Shumard who, along with Edna McGoron and Evelyn Elliott, made up the graduation class of 1899.

There was heavy emphasis on Latin, literature and composition, which she studied all through high school. Along with those, she coasted through her senior year with courses in astronomy and political economy. Earlier

years had included algebra, physiology, elocution, trigonometry, physics and botany. There were courses in history, but evidently she didn't take any.

All this was done with a school faculty of five. The principal, W. E. Williamson, presumably shared high school teaching chores with Miss Agnes R. Powers. Miss Emma Cunningham and Mrs. Fannie Dayton took care of the grade school, and Miss Eleanor Worthington thenew-fangled and just-instituted kindergarten.

By 1924, the staff had grown to six, with Jessie L. Shenk as the superintendent.



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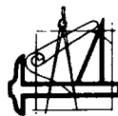
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Swim Team Up In League Standing

The Terrace Park swim team, the Tiger Sharks, finished the 1981 season in 14th place (of 17) in the Private Pool Swim League finals, moving up one place from last year.

Swimmers winning medals in their age-group individual events at the finals were: Paul Belanger, gold medal in the 50-meter backstroke and silver in the 50-meter freestyle; Carol Picton, gold in the 25-meter freestyle and bronze in the 25-meter butterfly, and a silver medal in the eight-and-

under girls' 100-meter relay team. Swimmers were Whitney McDonald, Carol Picton, Sandra Scholl and Jenny Smith.

At the awards banquet August 1, swimmers receiving "Most Valuable" trophies were: eight-and-unders, Carol Picton and Jon Bernard; 9-10 year olds, Dawn Ostendarp and Bill Weakley; 11-12 year olds, Paige Taylor and Paul Belanger; 13-14, Steve Porter; and 15-17, Shannon Smith and Paul Johnston. The coaches' award for dedi-

cation and leadership throughout the season went to Whitney McDonald and Steve Porter.

For the diving team, most valuable awards went to Barbie Bodnar and Damon Smith. Most improved divers were Summer and Chresten Armstrong. Tawnia Robinson won the coach's award for diving.

Swim coaches this year were Cindy Mason, Tim Gardner, and Kitty Woebkenberg. Diving coach was Sarah Overway.

Bazaar Shifts Into High Gear

Chairmen and committees for the 1981 St. Thomas Church Bazaar are preparing to go into high gear. This

year's theme is a nostalgic "Mistletoe and Holly." The date: Thursday, November 12.

Co-chairmen Sue Abernathy and Mary Maxon would like to invite all interested women — not just church members — to take part in Tuesday Bazaar workshops beginning September 8. The bazaar is traditionally a community endeavor, and if you're new to the community this is a wonderful way to make new friends. Sue and Mary stress fun and fellowship as well as service.

Boutique and Decorations workshops are held in the church undercroft starting at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Workshops for Town & Country, a special Bazaar committee which refinishes furniture, meet at Kay Pope's house, 3 Circus Place, at the same time. On September 8, approximately every other Tuesday thereafter, luncheon will be served for a small donation; on other Tuesdays, bring a bag lunch.

There is free babysitting at the church. Workers are welcome to stay until 1:30 or 2, or just to come for an hour or two. There are jobs for all levels of ability, from the highly-creative to the "all thumbs" woman.

Bazaar profits go toward a number of mission projects supported by the Women of St. Thomas, both here and abroad.

If you have questions, or would like to help with the bazaar but cannot come to workshops, you are invited to call Sue at 831-5891 or Mary at 831-8853. Interested men are asked to call Ted Ringwald at 831-7119; his Grandfather's Closet committee needs your support!

Her First Book Published, Village Poet Sees Challenge

Terrace Parker Ruth Binkley is excited about the recent publication of her first book of poems, *Promises In The Wind*.

Ruth began writing as a child, majored in creative writing at the University of Missouri, and has been an editorial and advertising writer for suburban newspapers. She has won several poetry contests and has had poems published in *Adventures in Poetry*, *Cedar Rock*, *Bardic Echoes*, and *New Voices in American Poetry*.

"It has been a real learning experience to take a book from start to finish, doing all aspects of publishing myself," she comments. "One of the rewards was working with talented friends Louise Halley, Bobby Rope, and Leona Farley. Photography by Louise, pen and ink sketches by Bobby, and calligraphy by Leona provided the finishing touches that make the book an attractive package."

She believes that there is a bit of the poet in all persons. Having served as a judge in area contests, she finds it particularly rewarding to read the poems of children, and to be a part of the encouragement process.

"People rarely make a living at writing and publishing

poetry, but it is a wonderful hobby," she said. "It is practical in the sense that it forces one to observe carefully, to use all of the senses. Like photography or any of the arts, it requires discipline, the ability to enjoy solitude, and a commitment to excellence. The inner rewards are worth the effort."



Ruth Binkley

More on Council

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and redo the ceiling of the Community House at a cost of \$7,200. The remainder of the work planned for the Community House will be held until 1982.

Jack Van Wye re-introduced his ordinance to reconstruct the Windingbrook storm sewer at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Although there was concern among members about setting a legal precedent, council passed the resolution.

Harness reported he has written the Hamilton County Police and Fire Communications Center, asking for a meeting on a bill claimed for services. He said many communities, including Terrace Park, feel there are inequities

in the system, which charges a minimum fee when the community uses much less than minimum services. Harness assured council that relationships with the county remain amicable.

Council also heard that:

- The State Auditor is requiring a new accounting system beginning January 1 and Village Clerk Don Franke will attend two seminars in the fall to learn the system.

- Mayor Bowman has received a request to re-activate the Selective Service Board which is made up of citizen volunteers.

- Van Wye has advertised again for street repair bids and work will begin soon.

Garden Club Plans Flower Show Study

Members of the Terrace Park Garden Club will get tips on how to win show ribbons at a horticultural workshop led by Mrs. David Jones at the Community House on September 1 at 11:30 a.m. Demonstrations will use specimens brought in by members.

The workshop was arranged by Norvita Hildbold and Carol Hird of the flower show committee. Hostesses will be Effie Mille, Sally Wallis and Jane Herrmann.

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New Bible Study Class Is Offered

St. Thomas Church is inaugurating a new Bethel Bible Series this fall, offering a survey of the Bible for members and non-members of the church alike.

Study of the Old Testament will begin on Wednesday, September 30, opening a series of seven one-hour weekly classes.

The series was instituted by a Lutheran minister some 20 years ago, and is now offered throughout the United States and many foreign countries. Approximately 200 persons in Terrace Park have participated in the courses over the last three years.

Additional information can be obtained from Carolyn Konold (831-0372) or the church office (831-2052).

Afterschool Activities Are Planned By PTA

Registration for PTA afterschool activities will be held on Thursday, September 17, in the main hallway of the elementary school from 3-4:30 p.m.

Plans call for gymnastic, drama and ballet classes and possibly others. Watch for posters for further details or call Sue Zapletal, 248-0927.

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