

Village Views

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Bridge Job To Start In December?

By Shirley Rohlfing

Work on the new Elm Street overpass could begin as early as mid-December, Les Overway announced at the October meeting of council, although it is more likely to start in January, 1983.

A license has been granted for the construction and the county will let the contract. Completion of the work is targeted for mid-May. The overpass will be closed to all traffic during these months, and Police Chief Ron Pottorf has contacted Queen City Metro and school authorities about the rerouting of city and school buses.

Donald Head, village treasurer, told council that the IRS had confiscated over \$2,000 from village funds in a misunderstanding on returns that were filed in error. A check will be returned to the general fund when the mistake is amended, he assured council. In line with financial matters, Bob Payne submitted a resolution to reallocate monies in the budget between accounts but making no net changes. The resolution passed.

Noting a request for a private drive off Princeton Circle, Rodger Miller suggested to council further study of the ordinance which permits such drives.

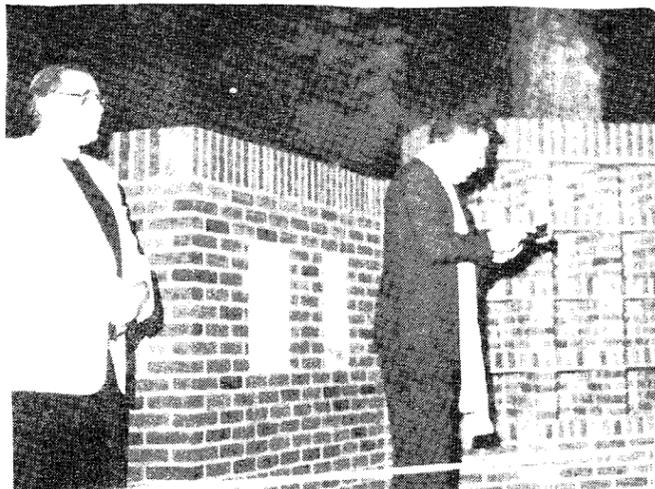
Roger Ward, 825 Miami, appeared before council with the request that a fence which violates zoning regulations and obstructs his property be corrected. John Eberhard, building inspector, said he had issued the permit for the fence in error and did not realize it had not been brought into conformance. Pottorf will take care of the matter.

Council also:

- passed a resolution hiring Robert Rodenbaugh and Michael Wright as auxiliary policemen.
- passed on third reading on the transfer of the Greenbelt Trust to the Village.
- learned that the billboard owned by Terrace Park has been leased.
- heard that John Getgey, village solicitor, is drawing up an co-operative agreement with Milford Police Department.

Another Deer

Hamilton County police report another deer killed along Wooster Pike early this month, the third hit and killed by an automobile this year. The animal was hit by a Datsun, which was badly damaged.



Columbarium Is Dedicated

The Rev. Robert D. Gerhard, rector of St. Thomas Church, listens as the Rt. Rev. William G. Black, Bishop of Southern Ohio, formally consecrates at recent ceremonies the newly-constructed columbarium on the Terrace Place side of the church. Behind the bishop can be seen the recesses in which cremains (human ashes) will be placed beginning late this month, with limestone closures to seal each niche. Further work to complete the project is scheduled in early spring, according to Addison Maupin Jr., chairman of the Columbarium Committee. Larry Deckard of Terrace Park was the architect.

Hearing Scheduled Here On New Highway Plans

Projected highway traffic problems and proposed solutions in the Terrace Park-Milford area will be discussed at a public hearing at the Terrace Park Community House at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27.

The hearing will be the last of a series on an Eastern Corridor Transportation Study undertaken by the OKI Regional Council of Governments.

Development of proposals being considered already have drawn sharp criticism from Councilmen Bob Payne and Bolton Drackett, Terrace Park's official representatives on the study committee. They have complained that community concerns have been ignored by the engineers making recom-

mendations, and that the study is based on outdated statistics.

Included as a likely need some 20 years hence is relocation of US 50 south of the Little Miami River. Long-standing earlier State Highway Department plans for more immediate relocation were dropped because of opposition from Terrace Park, other communities and environmental groups.

The study assumes that population in the area will increase 12% (about 8,000 people) by the year 2,000, with the largest increase in the Clermont County area, with a 24% increase in jobs (about 7,000) in the Eastgate, Eastwood and Broadwell areas in that time.

Leaf Pickup Job Begins

Leaf pick-up is under way by the village crew headed by Marvin Alexander, to continue until a change in the weather forces conversion of the equipment to snow plowing and street salting.

But Police Chief Ron Pottorf, who also is street commissioner, said that the pickup will be slower than in past years. For economy's sake, the village is not adding a fourth man to the crew as it has in the past.

As a result, Pottorf said it would be most helpful if residents would rake leaves as close to the curb as possible. He also urged those having only small quantities of leaves to bag them for pickup with Tuesday's trash collections.

3 Boys Held In Burglaries

Police Chief Ron Pottorf told village councilmen at the October meeting that the record of recent burglaries, attempted burglaries and vandalism in Terrace Park has been wiped clean by the arrest of three village youngsters, aged 10 through 12.

Charged in Juvenile Court, the boys are in custody of their parents pending a hearing.

The arrests, he said, cleared up six burglaries, two attempted burglaries, and six instances of criminal damaging.

Filing of charges, followed long investigation by the chief and Patrolmen Charles McComas and Robert Bacon, an inquiry which, Pottorf said, cost them "lots of sleep."

Tree Program Backed, Financing Is Problem

A public hearing at the Community House on October 18 gave full support to a program for doing something about village trees, but came to no firm conclusion on how to pay for getting it done.

There was a leaning, though, to suggestions for an assessment instead of a tax levy, but based -if possible- on property value instead of on front-footage as stated in state law. Councilmen Rich Gilchrist and Les Overway, chairman and member respectively of council's tree committee, indicated interest but said that method would put the village on uncharted ground which might involve a legal challenge.

Summing up, Gilchrist said the opinions expressed would be given thorough study, and that council and the Citizens Tree Committee would again consider the financing options, in consultation with the village solicitor.

Approximately 50 residents attended the hearing, chaired by Mayor Charles Rockel.

Village council gave a first reading in September to three ordinances setting up a tree renovation and planting program and calling for an assessment of 30 cents a front foot in the first year. Gilchrist noted that no action was taken at the October council meeting so that opinion could be sounded at the public hearing.

Outlining steps to date in formulating the program, Gilchrist told the meeting that Steve Sandfort, Cincinnati's urban forester, had made a block-by-block, tree-by-tree appraisal, valuing the village tree forest at about \$1,500,000 while listing 948 trees in good condition, 833 as fair, 647 as poor, and 50 as dead. Sandfort proposed a five-year renovation program costing \$300,000-400,000, financing by a 50-cents-a-front-foot assessment. Gilchrist said the citizen's committee considered that too aggressive and recommended stretching the program to 10-year duration.

He added that this year's \$4,000 village tree budget has been used in removal of 30 dead and dangerous trees.

Questions of fairness dominated the discussion.

John Eberhard and others, including Al Duplace and Don Bullock, argued that a tax levy would fall more equitably on all property owners and give all an opportunity to have a voice in the decision. A levy, they noted, would affect the 25 owners of property on private drives who would not be touched by an assessment on frontage on a public right-of-

way.

A factor, said Overway, is that a tax levy could lead to a larger village cut in revenue sharing.

But others, including Nonie Ward, Mary Malotke, Betsy Schwinn, Carol Herd and Hazel Retherford, supported an assessment as being more quickly available, more flexible, and obligated to tree work only. There was some applause when Lynn Nelson summed up their view that an assessment based on property valuation would be the most desirable method if possible, avoiding what some called "a real blow" that front-foot assessment would deal those living on corners.

Peg Pettit brought up the possibility of an income tax as financing method, but Mayor Rockel said past studies had shown that such a tax would be too costly to collect.

Nonie Ward pointed up the urgency of action in reporting that her three-year-old narrowly missed being struck by a falling limb. Mary Malotke commented that "we're going to pay one way or another," and cited a \$12,000 loss in sale of her parent's home in a Chicago suburb denuded of its trees by Dutch elm disease.

Members of the Citizens Tree Committee are Marie Gerwin, Lynn Carden, Peg Pettit, Hank Phillips, Pat Henley, Hank Phillips, Ches Augspurger and Ellis Rawnsley.

For Halloween

Halloween will be officially observed in Terrace Park on Sunday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m., according to a proclamation by Mayor Charles Rockel.

The date corresponds with most other community observances in this area.

A fire siren signal will mark the start and the end of the observance period.

We Give Thanks

Village Views gratefully acknowledges a gift of \$250 from the Terrace Park Players, continuing the support the Players have given over the years.

About half the cost of publishing the paper comes from advertising revenue. The rest comes from such donations from organizations and individuals.

Just Scrap to Others, It's Art Source To Terrace Park's Stan Thomson

Stan Thomson of Terrace Park converts scrap metal into sculptures, ranging from representational to abstract.

And because the pieces are touchable and many of them moveable, and look at life in ways both serious and comic, there's to be an exhibition of his work at the Children's Museum at Indianapolis November 2-22. The exhibit theme? "Please Touch the Art." There will even be title plates in braille.

The museum is devoted to education children about art and other fields of creative activity by directly involving them with the displays. It has succeeded so well that annual attendance now tops one million, both children and adults.

Stan does most of his work at his home at 831 Douglas Ave. It isn't just creating sculpture from cans, gears, sprockets, metal turnings and other industrial scrap. He's been doing metal sculpture since the early 1960s but started painting in watercolors and acrylics for years before that. The journal of the Cincinnati Art Club noted that he "apparently kept his painting urge a secret because shortly after marrying Jane in 1951 he gave her a watercolor painting as a birthday gift. The surprise was that she didn't know he painted. Limited space presents from speculating on the consequences of her having found out before they were married."

Yet professionally, Stan is a mechanical engineer, and director of sales for the United States, Mexico and Canada for the R. A. Jones Co., of Covington, manufacturer of packaging machinery.

But he is no art dilettante, in the superficial sense. He has exhibited in Art Club and other shows, and has both

sculptures and paintings in private collections in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, and in offices such as those of Cincinnati Bell, the Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute in Washington, R. A. Jones & Co., and the Food and Drug Packaging Magazine in New York.

Those placements please him particularly because of what he feels is a natural relationship between the scrap metals of the factories of industry and the art housed within its offices.

Although his father was an amateur painter, Stan showed no inclinations in his early years in Montclair, N.J. Art interest developed while he was in prep school at Hanover N.H., where he got permission to substitute art lessons at nearby Dartmouth College for a history class.

After leaving prep school, he worked for a year at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft to earn money for college, in 1942 began his mechanical engineering studies at Lafayette, transferred to Worcester Polytechnic in Worcester, Mass., under the Navy V-12 program and received his degree in 1945. Posted to a mine-sweeper in the Pacific, he saw the devastation at Nagasaki, Japan, a month after it was leveled by an atom bomb.

While he did some painting of Pacific island scenes during his Navy service, more serious work came after he joined R. A. Jones here in 1957. Meeting Sanford Brooks at a Closson's exhibit, he began taking watercolor lessons from him, and followed with studies with Phil Olmes and, later, with Ed Whitney in Maine.

He became interested in metal sculpture through the inspiration of Frank Francois. A welder at R. A. Jones showed Stan how to weld



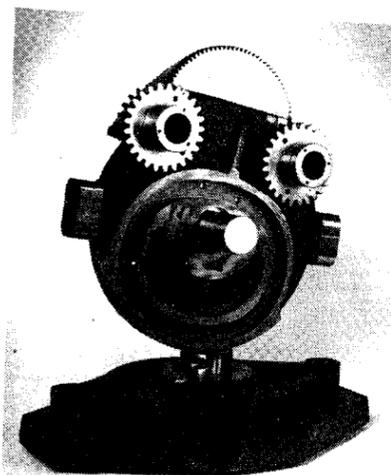
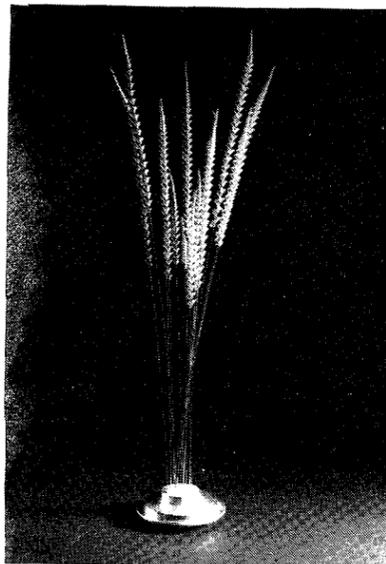
Stan Thomson ponders a possible metal sculpture in his workshop. At right are two of his pieces going to Indianapolis — wheat stalks of metal turnings and a clown of random machine parts.

with a Helic Arc Welder and his first sculpture was created by using scrap parts from a machine used to package light bulbs. Anxious to learn more, he took welding courses later at Ohio Mechanics Institute and Live Oaks Vocational School.

Players Call For Cast Auditions

Terrace Park Players announced open auditions for its February dinner show, "The Man Who Came to Dinner." The hilarious play, to be directed by Bill Konold, has a cast of 30, with parts for men and women of all ages.

Auditions will be held at the Community House, on November 13 and 14 at 2 p.m. and on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. For additional information call 831-4781.



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**Community Gets November 3 Preview
 Of St. Thomas Church Annual Bazaar**



Bazaar chairmen Hazel Retherford (left) and Jo Fahnestock with nativity scenes featured at the November 4 bazaar (Photo by Gordon Smith)

Elinor Winchester

Many months of work by your friends and neighbors culminate on Thursday, November 4, when the doors of St. Thomas Church open from 9:30 to 5:00 for the 1982 Bazaar, "Christmas Is a Birthday."

Bazaar chairmen Hazel Retherford and Jo Fahnestock invite you to come and bring your friends from other communities to have lunch and shop at this annual one-day extravaganza. Babysitting is provided.

Many creative fingers have fashioned a variety of gifts for children and adults, as well as a wealth of Christmas decorations and ornaments. First prize in the raffle is a quilt with flowers which has been completely hand-quilted by bazaar workers in weekly old-fashioned quilting bees. Second prize is a still life painting by local artist Lynn Carden.

Additional features are refurbished furniture and collectibles, the famous Promise Tree where one can buy a promise of someone else's specialty item — lessons, food, etc. — and a well-stocked bake table.

Afternoon bingo, games and snacks for children after school along with an opportunity for them to buy gifts for others in a special bazaar section, and dinner by reservation complete the bazaar day.

The community is also invited to attend the bazaar preview, held from 8 to 9 p.m. on November 3; there will be refreshments but no babysitting, and an opportunity to see all the creative work which has been accomplished.

Reservations for the catered ham dinner which the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is arranging immediately after the bazaar may be made following church services or by bringing a check for \$5.25 per person to the church office by Monday, November 1. Sittings are at 5:30 and 6:30.

This year's bazaar chairmen know the work well; they're veterans of many a bazaar. Both long-term residents of Terrace Park, they typify those busy mothers (Hazel Retherford has three children, Jo Fahnestock four) who contribute in many ways to their community but need a creative outlet as well.

Hazel's special interest is antiques, but her current volunteer involvement is as Eastern Hamilton County Area Chairman for the American Cancer Society. Jo studied interior design at U.C. and is one of the bazaar's decorations experts. Her attractive dried arrangements reflect her interest in arts, crafts, and gardening.

**Five Homes To Be On
 Garden Club Noel Tour**

Five Terrace Park homes, beautifully decorated for Christmas will be open on Sunday, December 12, from 3 to 7 p.m., in a tour sponsored by the Garden Club.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$3 from any Garden Club member, or for \$3.50 at the Community House that day. The Community House will be tour headquarters, where visitors are invited to refreshments from 3 to 7 p.m., and to purchase tickets for a raffle of a beautiful miniature room created by Jane Peterson. The drawing will be at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds fund the club's perennial village beautification program.

The event is headed by Judy Brown. Helping her are Margaret Whitehouse, tickets; Rita Lemming, hostess; Blanche Kain, refreshments; Marianne Gay, liaison with home owners; Lynn Carden, art work, and Frances Stafford, publicity.

Homes to be on the tour are those of:

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton Drackett, 742 Indian Hill Rd.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Duplace, 800 Elm Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Griffith, 724 Elm Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hilbold, 212 Cambridge Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Don Mileham, 724 Stanton Ave.

AFS Plans Citrus Sale

Mariemont School District's AFS unit is holding a Texas citrus fruit sale again this year to support the program of international exchange of students.

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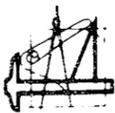
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The Fall Coffees are meeting in neighborhood homes on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons for 1½ hours each. For additional information, call Gerry Oberle, 831-8188; Judy Bowers, 831-8652; or Patti Normile, 831-6575.

**Audiologist For
Iowa Schools**

Amy Washburn, daughter of Lew and Jo Washburn, Wrenwood Lane, has joined the Keystone Education Agency in West Union, Iowa, as an audiologist in the Hearing Conservation Program of Iowa Schools. Amy is responsible for the screening, testing and evaluating the hearing of children in forty-three schools.

A 1976 graduate of Mariemont High School, she completed her BS degree in Speech and Language Pathology at Northwestern University, and her MS degree in Audiology at Purdue University.

New Books Out

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