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Candidate's Statements

The Board of Elections reported after the September 29 deadline that no petitions had been received for write-in candidates for village office. As a result, Councilman Lester Overway will be unopposed for mayor in the November balloting, and there will be only three candidates for the two council seats to be filled — Councilman Bob Payne, Marijo Cundall and Jack H. Schmidt.

Here are the council candidates and their comments:

The views of Payne and Schmidt are given here. Mrs. Cundall did not respond to a request for information.



Bob Payne

I'd like everybody to be clear on my views on zoning matters.

During 1981-82 I represented Terrace Park on the Eastern Corridor Transpor-

tation Study — "defended" ought to be a better word. As a small community, we could easily have been outgunned by the many and larger interests which favored the expansion of Route 50 or its relocation along the Little Miami. There is a parallel with the interests of the people on Western Avenue.

They have rights which must not be swept aside simply because they are few in number. Zoning laws are made for the community as a whole, to be applied impartially in each and every case without regard to the popularity or good citizenship of the parties involved. I am 100% in favor of the village honoring the 1966 commitment of Mayor Lindell to Dr. Pschesang. My message is clear: an expansion would be an injustice to the neighbors.

My interest in running for village council is to help maintain Terrace Park as a superb place to raise a family. I have two girls, five and eight, and want them to grow up with the positive sense of community that Terrace Park now offers . . . and should continue to offer in the future.

If elected, my objective is not to bring any short term fix to the issues before the village but to seek solutions which will work over the long haul. I see three key issues:

1. **Trees** — The program to rejuvenate Terrace Park's trees should be approved. Terrace Park without trees just wouldn't be Terrace Park.

2. **Long-Term Financing** — The village must moderately increase its tax base simply to hold services given cutbacks in state and federal funding. Council will have an obligation to see that these funds are effectively managed and to communicate to the village how the funds are being used.

3. **Zoning** — Everyone, I believe, including myself, wants Dr. Pschesang to stay in Terrace Park. There are more points of agreement than disagreement between council's proposal and the initiative petition. If it were simply an issue of a 10-foot extension on Dr. Pschesang's office, I'd say fine. But I am concerned about the precedent. And if an extension is all he seeks, why has Dr. Pschesang purchased additional property adjoining his current location?



Jack H. Schmidt

Noted Naturalist To Speak Here

Noted Cincinnati naturalist Ron Austing will be the speaker at the Terrace Park Garden Club's annual "Friends and Husbands" meeting, open to the public, in the St. Thomas Church undercroft the evening of November 1. A dessert buffet at 7 p.m. will be followed by the program at 7:30.

With the Hamilton County Park District for 24 years, Austing now is staff photographer for the Cincinnati Zoo and a nationally-published free-lance nature writer and photographer.

Club members will also have a fall show on the theme of fall migration. Hostesses will be Ogle Annett, Ada Bickle and Jane Peterson.

Pschesang Issue On Ballot, New Ordinance Is Moved

Terrace Park voters will have their say on November 8 on an initiated ordinance to allow Dr. Paul Pschesang to continue his dental practice on Western Avenue.

Supported by an opinion from the prosecutor's office, the Board of Elections affirmed on Oct. 3 an earlier decision to put the issue on the ballot despite a challenge as to its legality. (The text of the proposed ordinance was printed in September's *Village Views*.)

The opinion noted that the proposed ordinance had been posted for the required time and was supported by a sufficient number of signatures. It said that a vote should not be denied simply because the signed petitions had not been posted for 10 days before the August 23 filing date.

Meantime, the village zoning board approved and village council began legislative action on a new enabling ordinance to allow Dr.

Pschesang to continue practice under certain conditions, and set a public hearing on December 13 when it is up for final passage. The new ordinance modifies slightly that printed in September's *Village Views*, principally in removing Dr. Pschesang's obligation to meet any further legal expenses, in specifying heights of planting around his parking lot, and in requiring reversion of the property to residence status whenever Dr. Pschesang ceases practice there.

Council, in a resolution, urged defeat of the initiative ordinance, arguing that it "may permit Pschesang to expand the size of the premises and the size of his practice by adding additional dentists."

But Dr. Pschesang countered that "what I plan to do is what I am doing — practicing dentistry just as I was doing when my neighbors moved onto the street."

He urged voters to not be "misled by those who confuse the issue with false scare tactics about 'dental clinics' and destroying the zoning code. The village's zoning code is secure. I just want to keep doing what I have been doing for 23 years. I promise not to abuse your trust if you vote to let my practice continue in the village."

Through Mrs. Pschesang, he denied a rumor that he is contemplating moving his offices to Madeira.

Noting that the village had initially ordered him to cease practice, he said that "the proposed referendum gives me time to decide what to do with my practice while still being able to continue to work. It would be a safeguard against an immediate closure and putting me and my employees out of work and my patients in jeopardy."

The initiative, he said, does not automatically give him the right to build the addition which precipitated the whole controversy. But he asserted that council's proposals are unduly restrictive. In negotiations, he said, "I stressed the necessity of having my own lab man as a needed service to my patients. Like many other dentists, I wanted the right to have an assistant when I was not available. The council wanted to deny me that."

Those negotiations, he said were initiated by his attorney and not the village, despite statements to the contrary.

"Their actions in trying to keep the petition and signatures from being filed are well documented," he added, but the Board of Elections ruled to put the issue on the ballot "over the active opposition of Mr. Konold and the village's paid attorney."



Readying For November 10 Bazaar

Betsy Craig of St. Thomas and Mary Winter of St. Barnabas (the Montgomery mission established by George Hill) confer on details of the ever-popular St. Thomas annual bazaar to be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on November 10. It's the first time that the bazaar has been headed by non-residents of Terrace Park, and this year it's a co-venture of the old and new parishes. A dinner served by the Men of St. Andrews will close the event.

New Levy For Trees

By Shirley Röhlfing

Careful maintenance of Terrace Park trees, an urban forest worth over a million dollars, is an important issue at stake in the November election, Councilman Rich Gilchrist emphasized at the October council meeting.

Villagers will be asked then to vote on a 1.6 mill, five-year levy to raise funds to revitalize street tree plantings.

He reported that seven trees fell during a recent storm and two more have fallen since. Twenty-two trees have fallen in 1983 as

compared to two in 1982. In addition, about 50 trees have been removed.

Gilchrist said he felt the problem is threefold. First and foremost is safety. Falling trees and tree limbs have damaged homes and cars and felled wires requiring calls to police, fire and life squads. Secondly, the trees are critically important to the value of homes in the Park, and the tree-lined streets make Terrace Park unique. "We owe it to future generations," Gilchrist said, in his plea to keep the special character of the village.

Councilman Rodger Miller submitted for second reading

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Ron Austing

We Give Thanks

Village Views acknowledges with thanks contributions of \$250 from the Terrace Park Players and \$25 from the Terrace Park Garden Club. Such gifts, and contributions from individual residents, have made possible the 15-year existence of the paper and its continued free distribution to every home in the village.

Terrace Park Is 'Home' For Two Exchange Students

Two of four foreign exchange students spending their senior year at Mariemont High School are making their homes with families in Terrace Park.

They are Francisco Tinhares Arruda Ferreira Gomes, from Fortaleza-Ceara, Brazil, who is staying with the Kay Williamson's at 116 Fieldstone, and Gurhan Bilgin from Diyarbakir in Turkey who is with Lee and Carol Cole at 629 Myrtle.

Staying with Mariemont families are Sylvia Rausch from Austria and Hanna Ry-

enbakken from Norway.

Their stays here are sponsored by the local chapter of the American Field Service, formed after World War I.

Gomes — "Ico" to his friends — comes from a family with four sisters, so having a brother and one sister will be just one of the differences he will experience during his year here. He is very interested in sciences, has an appreciation of fine arts, and enjoys sports such as swimming, volleyball, camping, fishing, horseback riding and hunting. He was a

Scout leader back in Brazil.

Gurhan Bilgin has an older sister and younger brother. Gurhan has already finished high school in Turkey and is very informed and interested in world politics. He wants to see the world, learn about other peoples, and places, and hopes to become an ambassador. He likes sports, music, current events, reading, clubs, and theater, and his command of English and his personality make him an interesting and enjoyable companion.



Left to right are Francisco Gomes, from Brazil; Sylvia Rausch, Austria; Gurham Bilgin, Turkey; and Hanna Ryenbakken, Norway.

Payne Urges Village Support of Levies

By Councilman Bob Payne

In one fairly recent election, a Terrace Park tax levy came within 79 votes of defeat. In the last 10 years the best result on a levy was a victory by a 342 vote margin. This still meant that one in three voters opposed it.

That some people disagree with the need for services provided by government is understandable — but in a community in which so much volunteer support and community involvement is evident, it is difficult to believe that there is anything close to 33% of our neighbors in this category. Lack of knowledge and understanding of village operations is the only explanation why our levies do not pass by overwhelming margins.

Terrace Park's budget is as close to a bread-and-butter operation as you will find

anywhere. Discretionary spending is very little. Yes, we could forego village trash collection services and let citizens contract this directly — very fine communities elsewhere do this. Could we do this for the \$4.75 per month (tax deductible!) it now costs us in the average tax bill? Police services take a whopping 46% of the budget. This averages \$24.50 per month for the average household. I have friends in other communities who pay more than this just for home security systems. We do have our luxuries — the Wilderness Preserve, Community House, Village Green — but we spend less of our budget on recreation than most any community around.

The accompanying statistics break down the major pieces of our 1984 budget.

Personnel costs (salary, hospitalization, pension) are the largest items amounting to 56.4% of the total for the five police, village secretary and three crew members. Any expense reduction necessitated by failure of a levy would likely require staff reduction and in turn have a tangible effect on security or services. I don't think informed citizens wish this to occur.

On October 6 I conducted a tax levy information meeting for five citizens. I'll do the same again on Thursday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community House even if only one citizen shows up. I hope to see a lot more. PLEASE become more informed — attend if you can. Support the critical levies on the November ballot.

Players Pick Officers, New Show

Marcy McClelland was elected president and Cathy Woodruff chosen as recording secretary at the recent annual meeting of the Terrace Park Players. Cove Heilbronner and Bryan Johnson were re-elected as vice-president and treasurer respectively.

New members of the board are Barbara Overway, Michel Ross and Jack Gambetta. They succeed Diana Wages, Jack Holland and Bob Lipka.

Retiring president Diana Wages thanked all those connected with this past year's productions, especially the producers and directors: Mike Ross, Jack Van Wye, Debbie Johnson, and Bill Konold.

This year's productions will include: "See How They Run" with Angela Douglas as director and Mike Ross as producer; the Memorial Day Band Concert; a summer musical; and another Nostalgia Night.

Auditions for "See How They Run" will be Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4 from 2-4 p.m. at the Community House. It will be presented February 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25. A dinner planned by Chris Gambetta and Debbie Johnson will feature a gala champagne opening night.

Festival Nets \$9000 For Rec Committee

The Labor Day Festival was a tremendous success with a net of about \$9,000. We salute Labor Day chairman Pere Roberts and everyone who helped make the day possible.

There have been numerous complaints reported to the Recreation Committee regarding the use of Drackett Field by golfers, bicyclists, and running dogs. Bicycles and golfing cause damage which increases the already substantial maintenance costs. Dog litter is a health hazard and a mess that should be a concern to everyone. Signs will be posted as a reminder.

Henry Whitehouse, long time coach of the Terrace Park Junior Rifle Team, reported that there are still a few openings for interested youth ages 12 to 21. Henry also indicated that he would like to reduce his level of involvement with the rifle team if an interested person would step forward to assist him and eventually take his place. Interested persons should contact him at 831-5933.

Basketball practices are

starting for 4th-through-6th grade children. For information regarding sign-up, contact Mike Pope, 831-9414.

The Recreation Committee would like to recognize Jim Ryan, past Recreation Committee chairman and Operation Car Committee member whose name was omitted from the photo in the *Village Views* coverage of the dedication ceremonies. His services along with John Gislason, Dave Schneider, and Mariann Gay made Operation Car an overwhelming success.

School-Age Drug Campaign Planned

PTA-sponsored town meetings on school-age alcohol and drug abuse will be held at Mariemont High School at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 and 9.

Following viewing of PBS broadcast of "The Chemical People" hosted by Nancy Reagan, a panel of experts will discuss the local situation. Formation of community task forces is planned at the second meeting.

Don't Cry Quits About Halloween

By Sgt. Jeff C. Harlan
Terrace Park Police Dept.

Halloween is upon us! In just a few days there will come the sounds of ghosts and goblins covered lightly with the giggles of our children. Candy and goodwill will abound.

"I wonder if it will be this year that I find the razor blade in my child's apple?" I heard a mother ask at a recent gathering. Another mother responded, "Oh, that stuff is just talk. Things like that don't really happen. It's just alarmist!"

That got me to thinking. Sure, we have had very little trouble in Terrace Park, and we really do not expect this year to be any different.

But, what if . . . ?

In years past, I have heard the cry to cancel Halloween altogether. I have heard warnings that all candy should be disposed of without exception because it 'might' be contaminated. People have

resorted to giving out pennies and small toys instead of the old stand-by candy bars, gum and apples.

What have we come to when we must live in such fear? How can we, as a village, a state, or a nation survive when we cannot even celebrate a child's holiday without the fear of some mentally-diminished person getting his kicks out of the

Halloween will be officially celebrated in Terrace Park on Monday, October 31, between 6 and 8 p.m.

The fire siren will be sounded at the start and end of the period.

pain and suffering of a child? For my part, my girls will go trick-or-treating. I will do my best to see that they have every bit as good a time as I had when I went candy-hunting in West Virginia. I refuse to be scared into saying all things are bad until proven good.

Oh, I'll check the candy. Perhaps we will avoid that one house that seems a little strange. Perhaps I'll worry about that possibility that this might be that year. But I will not stop my children from having a happy . . . and safe . . . Halloween.

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On Council

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a flood damage ordinance which bans new construction on the flood plain, and severely limits major renovations to existing buildings there. A public hearing is scheduled for November 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Les Overway announced that Rumpke had submitted the lowest bid for garbage and rubbish removal, and council approved the contract by emergency measure.

Mayor Charles Rockel noted a letter from Mel Aichholz suggesting establishment of a Terrace Park Historical Society. Several other residents have expressed interest.

Council also:

- accepted a \$400 gift from Diana Greer for tree removal.
- hired Michael Wright as a full time patrolman, and Jeff Ferguson and Douglas Holt as auxiliaries.
- purchased a new police cruiser for \$9,450 from Frazier-Williams.
- learned that Terrace Park Players had offered a gift of up to \$400 for the installation of fans in the Community House.

Another Burglary

With some clues to his identity, Terrace Park police are seeking the burglar who took jewelry and cash from the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stockwell, 601 Miami, in late September.

While most recent village burglaries have been in the daytime, this one was in early evening. Police Chief Ron Pottorf said there was no doubt that it was a professional job.

Van Pool Proposed For Park

Citing savings of as much as \$2,000 a year in commuting costs, to say nothing of comfort and convenience, Rideshare is forming a vanpool for downtown commuters from Milford, Mariemont or Terrace Park.

Rideshare is a regional ridesharing program operated by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. Under the arrangement, Rideshare will lease a Chrysler 13-passenger luxury van and make it available to a group of local commuters for vanpooling purposes. The vanpool does not assume the financial burden of purchasing the van or financial risk should the pool disband. The cost of the lease and the van operation and maintenance will be divided among those in the vanpool. The fare is estimated at \$46 per month, or \$11.50 per week for the round-trip, 50-mile commute.

According to Orvil Pringle, pool coordinator, the van will arrive in downtown Cincinnati at 7:45 a.m. and depart for the return trip at 5:15 p.m. Commuters wanting additional information should contact Pringle at 421-9111 (office) or 575-2828 (home).



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Merit Scholar

Frank S. Orr of Terrace Park is one of seven seniors at Cincinnati Country Day School named semifinalists in the 1984 National Merit scholarship competition. As a semifinalist, he ranks among the top half of one percent of the senior class across the nation. Now in his 14th year at CCDS, he entered as a pre-kindergarten student.

**3 Scouts
Advanced
In Rank**

Three Scouts were advanced in rank and nine awarded a total of 26 merit badges at a Court of Honor opening the new season of Scout Troop 286.

Jay Taylor was advanced to Life Scout, Jeff Taylor to Star Scout, and Chris Beech to Second Class.

Merit badges went to Jay Taylor (6), Jeff Taylor (3), Todd Rafter (3), Brian McIntosh (2), Dave Lewis (1), Ted Goewey (3), Brett Haines (4), Jeff Kincaid (3) and Pat Kincaid (1).

New members are Curtis Aldrich, Ted Annett, Ryan Campbell, Scott Dogois, James Glaser, David Lewis, Paul Longand, Dan Petry, Greg Silva, Neil Stafford and Eric Weston.

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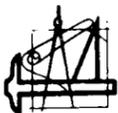
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