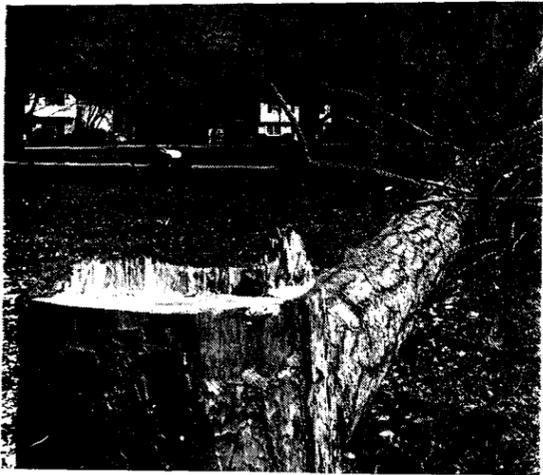


Village Views

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New Tax Windfall Gives Village Financial Boost

Another windfall is coming to Terrace Park.

Councilman Bob Payne, chairman of council's finance committee, reported at the April meeting that the village will receive \$138,000 in estate taxes this year. In making up the year's budget, village council had anticipated no more than \$15,000.

A windfall of \$50,637 in intangibles taxes last December enabled the village to earmark \$40,000 towards re-

duction of the debt on the BBS Co. property which the village purchased in an agreement ending long litigation over its use.

Receipt of the new funds, expected during the summer, would enable the village to retire the whole of the remaining \$80,000 debt. Payne said he regarded that as the first priority. But he noted that there still would be some \$50,000 available for other uses, including reserves for

new fire department and lite squad equipment and a possible tax rollback.

There is, though, he said, no disposition to relax present budget policies or the tight rein on spending. He reminded village residents of a public hearing scheduled on the 1985 budget before the July 10 council meeting, and said he would be pleased at a large attendance.

Tree Contract Awarded On \$30,930 Low Bid

This year's work on village street trees is going so rapidly that it may be finished well ahead of the June 1 deadline, Councilman Jack Schmidt reported at the April council meeting.

The program calls for removal of approximately 90 trees on Elm, Amherst, Miami, Cambridge, and Terrace Place and corrective pruning on about 300 others. Another area will be given similar intensive treatment next year in the course of the five-year plan.

Village council awarded the contract to the Davey Tree Expert Co., on its bid of \$30,930, at a special meeting March 30 and the contractor started work on April 2.

Schmidt said he expected the work to be finished by mid-May. Some planting will be done this spring, weather permitting, he said, but most of the setting of new trees is expected to be done this fall.

About That Elm

That "lacebark elm" chosen for planting on some Terrace Park streets is more commonly known as the Chinese elm, according to Steve Sandfort, the village consultant.

Unlike the Siberian elm, with which it often has been confused, it is considered an excellent ornamental, growing to 50 feet, round-topped with dense growth of small leaves reddish to purplish in fall, and with mottled bark that often flakes to show lighter color beneath. It is unusual, too, in that it flowers in the early fall.

It was introduced to the West from China, Japan and Korea in 1794.

Wood and clean chips are being stored at the village landfill for sale this fall. The village expects to reap about \$5,000 from the sale, with the money going back into the tree program.

Schmidt drew commendation from other members of council for the long hours he has given to furthering the tree project.

Council also adopted a resolution thanking Chester Augspurger for his gift of 500 spruce transplants which have been set out in the landfill to provide material for future village plantings.

Five bids were received on the tree contract, with the highest at \$44,189. Davey won the award as the lowest and best bid after a low bid of \$21,384 was rejected because of doubt as to the bidder's ability to fulfill the contract.

Davey's bid was based on an estimated cost per tree of \$136 for removal, \$46 for pruning, and \$42 for stump removal.

Tree Cleanup Begins

Started at the beginning of the month, this year's tree renovation program already is ahead of schedule. The work is being done by the Davey Tree Expert Co., which bid \$30,930 on the contract. (Photos by Graydon DeCamp).

Council Delays Action In Cable Dispute

By Shirley Rohlfing

No action was taken on the proposed agreement between Warner-Amex and the City of Cincinnati by Terrace Park Council at its April meeting.

Village Solicitor Richard Wachterman spelled out the details of the agreement and said council had the options of doing nothing at this time, signing the agreement, or taking the cable company to court. Few suburban communities have taken any action, he said. The Inter-community Cable Regulatory Commission is opposing the contract of three arbitrators to set fees for two years.

Councilman Rusty Wilson reviewed progress of a federal bill regulating the cable industry, and recommended that no action be taken until more information is gathered.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported numerous thefts from vehicles. He urged residents to call police immedi-

ately if observing suspicious activity around a car. Believing the thefts to be the work of juveniles, he pleaded for caution — "no property in a car is worth hurting anyone."

Pottorf also said the breathalyzer is being used once more in DUI cases. The risk of a case being challenged in the Hamilton County Courts is less important than keeping our streets and highways safe, he noted.

Several leaks have developed in the roof of the Community House and repair has been of the "band-aid" variety, Councilman Jack Schmidt told Council. A resolution was passed by emergency vote to solicit bids for a new roof.

Earlier, Nonie Ward and Sally Pschesang had questioned a March 1st reading of an ordinance calling for bids for a new floor in the Com-

munity House, citing more urgent need for new equipment for the Fire Department. Schmidt explained that flooring was the last step in a master plan for renovation, and while no decision would be made at this time, it was necessary to get an estimate of cost. Obviously, he said, the new roof would have priority.

Pottorf, in his role as street commissioner, reported an estimate that labor done by DUI prisoners has been worth \$40,000 in the past year. Work in the Community House includes cleaning, electrical repair, and remodeling. Maintenance man Randy Howard supervises the work units. The DUIs have also helped with tree work and village clean-up.

Councilman Rich Gilchrist, stating that it was not a zoning issue, said that unless council had objections, the

proposed art fair in the Central Trust mall could go on as planned. Arrangements have been made to hire an off-duty policeman.

Council also:

- Received a petition from Warren Pence to change the toll house property from residential to horticultural use. The Zoning Commission will now consider it.

- Agreed to consider a request from Building Inspector Robert Corey to raise permit fees on dog runs and fences.

- Passed a budget revision and heard the second reading of an ordinance asking for bids on a new floor for the Community House.

- Passed a resolution authorizing payment of legal fees to John Getgey for work on the litigation in the Rowe case from \$500 to \$1100.

Flower Sale Set

The Terrace Park Garden Club will hold its annual flower sale on the village green on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year the club is offering more than 20 different types of flowers to help you perk up your garden. The sale will go on rain or shine.

To place an advance order, call 831-6538.

Relax! It's Spring! (But Not Too Much)

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

This season always brings out the best in people. Children decide to play in the streets; drivers seem to forget they are propelling a couple of thousand pounds of death down the road; burglars and other criminals come out of hibernation — hungry for a fine catch!

Spring is beautiful. But we must not forget to keep up our guard. Already, the villains of spring have victimized several of our residents by breaking into their cars. Some reports of vandalism have surfaced.

There is no surprise. This happens every year. Some call it a joke. Some call it a childish prank. I have even heard it called "growing up."

We call it theft, criminal damaging and reckless operation.

It is always easy to blame the other guy. We can all say that it is not our fault if someone becomes the victim of a crime. After all, how can one person fight what has become a national plague?

The doctors in our village will agree that the best way to fight an illness is to prevent it in the first place. If it cannot be prevented, catch it in its early stages and stop it.

Crime is no different. We must prevent it from touching our lives. We must catch and stop it in its early stages or we shall surely feel its pain.

Opportunity is the key. If we can remove the oppor-

tunity of becoming a victim, then we can arrest the problem.

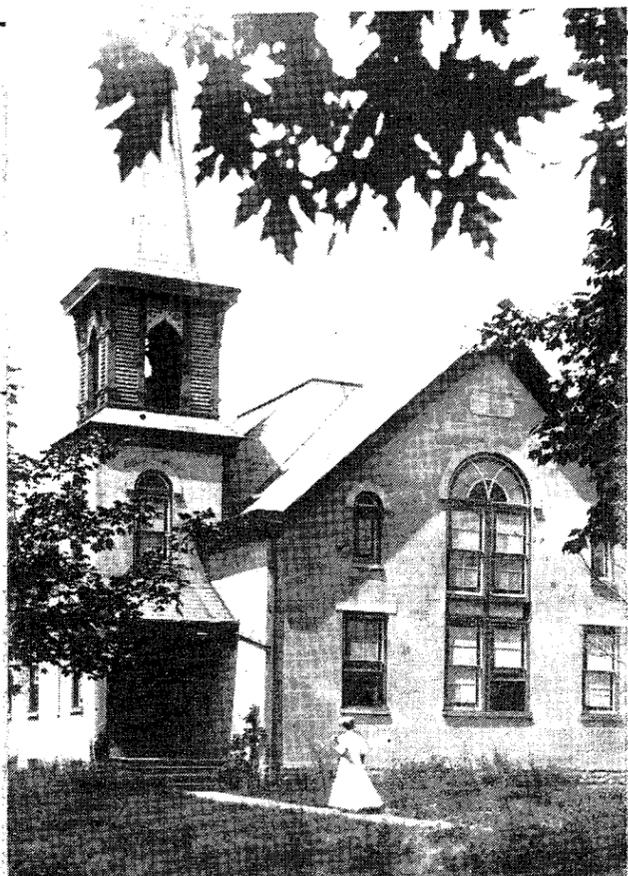
Lock your cars. Don't leave radios, radar detectors (that I am sure each of you turns off upon entering the village), and other valuables visible in your cars. Put them in the trunk, or take them inside.

Please, close your garage doors . . . and lock them! When you are away, let us, and a neighbor know. At the first sign of trouble, call the police.

What is a first sign? How about a stranger in your neighborhood. How about a series of 'hang up' phone calls? Any indication that you might be the target of the criminal?

Drivers will be drivers . . . of all ages. When the weather becomes nice it seems that many of us forget the responsibility we have when we are behind the wheel. Speed limits do not change in the summer. But it seems the number of accidents does. Look for the signs here also. Do you find you are exceeding the limit more often? Ever find you did not stop completely at that stop sign? How about your teenage drivers? How are they doing?

The simple fact is that each of us has a lot of control over our surroundings. I hope we can all take charge and enjoy this spring in magnificent fashion.



As Things Were

An old post card dated 1908, found by Helen Barnett, shows what is now the Community House when it was a Baptist church. The building was erected in 1890 and was acquired by the village in 1922. Mrs. G.W. Corey gave the bell of the old church to St. Thomas Episcopal Church which had been consecrated in 1909. The bell was rung in its new location the first time on Christmas Eve of 1925.

Rehearsals Under Way For Summer Revue

TP Player's summer show — *That Purple Decade* — is starting rehearsals. Written by David Park, Mike Huber, Bob Henderson, and Dave Pannkuk, the show will be a musical trip through the 1960s.

The cast will act as ensemble. The opening act will feature music from rock 'n roll, the California scene,

English, Motown, and folk styles — tracing the quick transitions of the times. The second act will see *The Purple Alarm Clock*, as a group, trying to find its niche in the hurly-burly of a fast-paced decade. The final act will use the cast as an ensemble featuring some of the fine music of that time.

That Purple Decade is plan-

ned for June 14-15-16 at the Log Cabin. The show is being produced by Diana Greer and Barbara Self and will be directed by Dave Pannkuk.

If you missed sign-ups and want to get involved, call 831-5073.

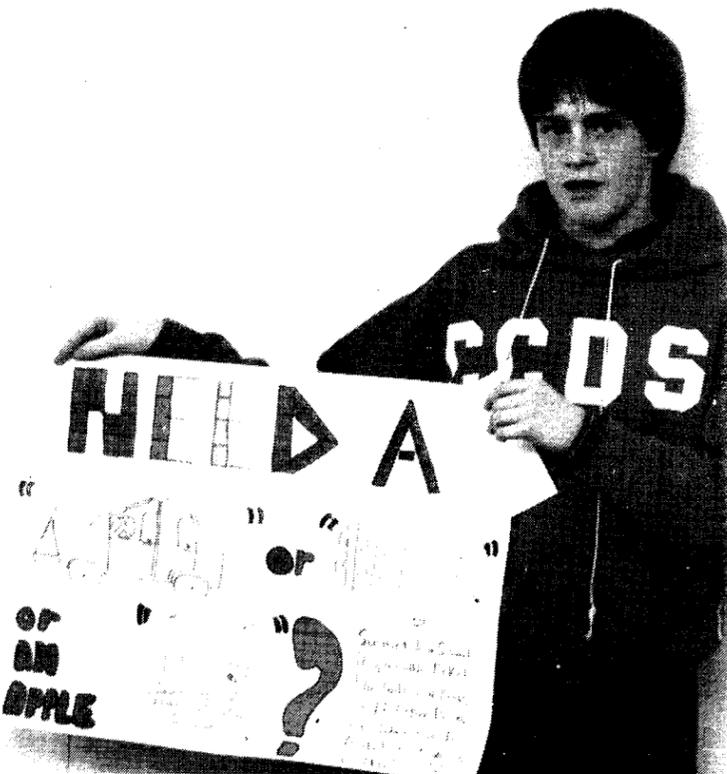
Planning For Labor Day

Plans already are in the making for the 1984 Labor Day festival, the one-day event on which the Terrace Park Recreation Committee relies to fund athletic and recreational activities in which some 300 youngsters participate.

Pere Roberts (831-7746) and Mike Huber (248-1732) are co-chairmen for this year's event.

Calling for help, they said: "The success of this program is in the hands of the many volunteers that make it all possible. The Recreation Committee is asking for help, through volunteers, who would be interested in getting involved in this fund raising event for the children of Terrace Park.

"Jobs at all levels are open. We especially ask the new people in the village, as well as our retired people, to come forth and join our effort for Labor Day 1984."



Poster Contest Winner

Dan Weston of Terrace Park, an eighth grader at Cincinnati Country Day School, holds up the prizewinning poster he entered in the CCDS middle school raffle contest. Last year's raffle, sponsored by a group of CCDS parents, netted over \$57,000 for the school's endowment to support faculty salaries.

Memorial Day Olympics

Terrace Park's Recreation Commission will hold its annual Memorial Day Olympics, as usual, following the morning parade and ceremonies at the village green.

The first event will be the mini-marathon, ending at the Stanton Avenue field where other activities will take place. Fun and prizes are in store for all who participate.

Volunteers are needed to help run the various events. Call Jim Greiner at 831-4732.

Swim Club To Open On May 26

The Terrace Park Swim Club will open for the season on Saturday, May 26, with cookies and lemonade being served at a poolside party from noon to 3 p.m.

Annual special events for the summer will include:

Ladies' brown-bag lunch — June 15.

Tennis tournament—week-ends of June 23 and 30.

Adult pool party — June 23.

Traditional Ladies' Day — July 18.

Family lunch — July 29.

Kiddies' Day — August 8.

Ladies' pitch-in luncheon — August 15.

The Swim Club is sorry to report that Jerry Summerville is not able to return as manager this year. Her place will be taken by Jim Mason who, as the sixth grade teacher at Terrace Park Elementary School, will thus be a familiar face to many members.

Openings are still available for new members. Anyone interested should contact Patricia Brandt at 248-0649.

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Pushing Flowers and Fashions Theme

In costume in keeping with the "Flowers and Fashions" theme, Faye Corey, Lynn Carden and Pat Lipka (left to right) prepare for the Terrace Park Garden Club's annual spring flower show to be held at the Community House May 15. The show will be open to the public from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., with no admission fee. Prospective new members are urged to see Lynn Carden at the show, or call her at 831-0486.

On The Air

Four members of the Terrace Park Garden Club participated on the "Isle of Conversation" program on WLYK on Easter Sunday morning, promoting the club's flower sale May 5 and flower show May 15.

Talking with show host Peter Bender were Lynn Carden, Jan Powell, Kath Startzman and Pat Lipka.

Memorial Weekend Band Concert

The annual "Concert on the Village Green" will be sponsored again by the Terrace Park Players. This free concert will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 27 and will feature music for young and old. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic, folding chairs or blankets to sit on, and enjoy the music. The Old Town Ice Cream shop will also be selling its fine ice cream for refreshments.

Dwight Wages will be conducting this year's concert band and has chosen music which will include French, Spanish, Norwegian, and American marches, Broadway musical selections, and patriotic pieces. Invite your friends and attend what has become a traditional "good time" and family event.

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Bike-a-thon Scheduled Sunday

Terrace Park's second annual St. Jude Bike-a-Thon will be held Sunday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting behind the Terrace Park Elementary School. Riders of all ages are invited to participate. Money earned from pledges will help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to continue its life-saving studies of childhood cancer.

Before the day of the race, riders ask friends and neighbors to pledge a contribution for each mile they cover. After the ride, the participants return to their sponsors to collect their pledges. Last year, over \$900 was raised, thanks to the generous support of Terrace Park residents.

Each rider will be given a hospital bracelet saying "I'm riding for Terry" to wear during the ride. Terry is a St. Jude leukemia patient who represents all victims of the illnesses under study at St. Jude Hospital. She is now eight years old and has been in remission for almost three years.

This year, the first prize for the rider who collects the most money is a 10-speed bike from Bishop's Bicycles in Milford. Anyone who collects \$25 will win a T-shirt, and anyone collecting \$75 will be awarded a duffle bag. Other prizes also will be offered.

Sponsor and registration forms are available at King, Kwik or by calling 248-0866.

Now Hear This!

The non-emergency telephone number for Terrace Park police has been changed by the phone company to 831-2138. It's listed in the city and Clermont County phone books as 831-2178. The village office number remains at 831-2137.

Emergency calls for the police should be made as before to 825-2280. Emergency fire and life squad calls should go to 825-2260.

Final fire hydrant testing by the volunteer fire department will be on May 13.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews emphasizes that life squad service to residents of Terrace Park is free, no matter what squabbling Cincinnati is having about making charges. While the service in this village is tax supported, contributions are gratefully received.

A New Ruthven

A limited edition of lithographs by John Ruthven, picturing a pair of cardinals on a spray of dogwood blossoms, is being offered as a fund-raiser by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. Each 16 by 20 print will be numbered and signed by the artist. A copy is on exhibition at the Mariemont Municipal Building.

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In New Post



Helen Rich

Helen Asbury Rich of Terrace Park has been named director of the Children's Corner of Cincinnati Country Day School, a year-round early childhood education center to open next fall. A native of Hyde Park who received her BA with honors in psychology from Pitzer College and her MA in educational administration from Northwestern University, she has been a consultant to the Chicago board of education and taught in Chicago-area city and suburban schools as well as at CCDS and the Seven Hills schools.

On Dean's List

University of Alabama student Susie Mileham has been named to the dean's list, and invited to join the two freshman honoraries — Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma. Additionally, she is a member of the university's girls' tennis team. Susie graduated from Mariemont High School.

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