

Village Views

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Village Hit By Storm

Terrace Park suffered one of the most severe thunderstorms within memory over the night of August 7-8.

Three rain gauges in different areas of the village recorded 4.9 inches of rain. Village fire volunteers responded to 10 calls for assistance while lightning kicked off still another alarm.

The first incident was the most serious as the storm struck shortly before 11 p.m. It took down a tree at 211 Oxford which in its fall badly damaged the cars of Village Clerk Judith Elliott and Village Treasurer Diane Greer, parked at the Greer home.

In the deluge, the fire department was called to pump floodwater from basements at 823 Princeton, 707 Stanton, and 103 Fieldstone. Firemen used wet-vac suction equipment to remove additional water at 823 Princeton and 105 Princeton and 904 Poplar, and cleared a drain at 315 Harvard. They were called, too, when lightning struck a TV set at 206 Rugby and a tree limb fell across the sidewalk at 701 Lexington.

Debris carried by the creek meantime caused floodwater to block the Elm Avenue underpass until it was cleared.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf blamed some troubles on grass clippings and other debris dumped in drainage courses on Fieldstone and Windingbrook.

School Canteen Opening Is Set

A group of parents from Terrace Park, Mariemont and Fairfax has organized a canteen for the coming school year, to be open to district students from grades nine through 12 at Dale Park School.

Opening night will be Friday, September 14, after the Mariemont-Glen Este football game. Hours will be from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. on home game nights and 8:30 to 11:30 on away-game nights. The canteen will not be open on nights when there is a dance at the high school.

The canteen will offer music, dancing, snacks and ping pong. Admission will require membership cards, which will be sold for \$2 during the first two weeks of school.

All Set For Labor Day

Terrace Park will celebrate Labor Day in traditional fashion on September 3.

The festivities will start with the annual parade, starting from the school parking lot at 10 a.m. and wending to the village green. Those who wish to enter the bicycle decorating, costume or pet contests should be at the school by 9:30 a.m. for judging.

Interest in the games and other events on the green will center in the bingo, for which several special prizes have been obtained. They include weekends for two at the Hilton and Clarion Hotels, tickets for two for Bengals home games, tickets for all-day river cruises, and some selected art works.

Meantime, some 75 residents have been involved in selling tickets for the annual raffle. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six, \$10 for 12, and \$15 for 18. First prize is \$500, second is \$200 and third is \$75.

Money raised in the celebration goes to support activities of the Recreation Committee.

Judge Rules For Village In Officer's Dismissal

Common Pleas Judge Robert H. Gorman has upheld the village's dismissal of Patrolman Gerald Rowe late last year on charges of insubordination.

Rowe had been on the village police force since April of 1977. He was dismissed last August on a series of charges of failure to obey orders and disputing the authority of the chief. After village council sustained his dismissal, Rowe went to court, charging that he had been

denied due process. Judge Gorman, however, held that "due process was satisfied."

The judge's opinion noted that Rowe "acknowledged the confrontations for the most part, but insisted the emphasis on disrespect was misinterpreted and or misplaced."

But the judge concluded that there was a clear "failure to obey orders given by the proper authority... sufficient to justify his removal."

Former Church Associate Is Chosen For Bishopric

The Rev. Howard S. Meeks, 51, once an associate at St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park, has been chosen as bishop coadjutor-elect for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, with headquarters in Kalamazoo.

Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce, Florida, since 1973, the Rev. Mr. Meeks was selected by delegates to the 109th annual convention of the Western Michigan diocese after the showing of a videotape of conversations he and his wife, Anne, had with a selection committee.

A native of Upland, Pa., the Rev. Mr. Meeks received his B.S. degree in 1961 from Pennsylvania Military College and an M. Div. degree from Philadelphia Divinity School in 1964. He was ordained a deacon in June of that year and a priest the following December.

After experiencing service in the Navy and as an oil company accountant, he served at Holy Trinity Church in West Chester, Pa., before coming to Terrace Park, leaving to become rector of Nativity Church in New Castle, Delaware, which became a parish in 1971. He went to St. Andrews in 1973.

He and his wife have three

grown children. In Florida, Mrs. Meeks has been an instructor at Indian River Community College.



Youngest Aide

Robert Watson, 111 Michigan, was recognized as Kenwood Terrace's youngest regular volunteer at the nursing center's recent lawn fete. Entering junior high school this year, Rob has been a volunteer for over a year. He got a special salute since the day of the fete, August 5, was his birthday.

Campaign Pressed On 'Pheasant' Din

By Shirley Rohlfing

Ted Swensson appeared before village council at its August meeting to outline new approaches to the noise nuisance created by the Golden Pheasant.

He reported that he and a group of residents have formed a Terrace Park property owners' organization to assist the village in monitoring the problem, and has talked with County Prosecutor Arthur Ney and Sheriff Lincoln Stokes who have promised help. Additionally, State Representative John O'Brien has offered to talk with the Anderson Township Board of Trustees.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf said that in discussions with Don Pruett, Department of Liquor Control agent, he learned that the Golden Pheasant's liquor license is up for renewal soon, and that objections to a variance which permits outdoor service of liquor must be filed either by the county commissioners or the township trustees by August 30. Councilman Bob Payne has already contacted the commissioners by letter and phone, and Councilman Ken Bassett will approach the trustees.

In addition, council passed a resolution objecting to renewal of the outdoor variance on the grounds that operation of the Golden Pheasant demonstrated a disregard for the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Village of Terrace Park. It said the operation has recklessly proved an inconvenience and annoyance to residents of Terrace Park by making unreasonable noise.

The resolution will be sent to the county commissioners, trustees, and the State Liquor Control Board.

Gerlinde Schmidt council to pass a resolution supporting House Bill 649 now before the Ohio Legislature which would make money immediately available for victims of violent crimes. The fund, which comes from a portion of each traffic citation, is often unavailable until the confused victim has gone through many courts, she said. Mayor Les Overway promised council would consider such a resolution when all members had studied the bill.

A special council meeting was scheduled in a few days since two council members were absent, preventing vote on ordinances.

Commended by Swenson and Overway for his department's excellent work in recent heavy rains, Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported that 11 service runs were made by the department be-

tween 3 a.m. and 6 p.m. on August 8. Matthews especially noted the great assistance given by Randy Haller and Terry Stouder, members of the street maintenance crew who also serve as firemen.

In response to letters to *Village Views* about dogs running loose, Chief Pottorf said that the police and the SPCA "haul dogs out by the dozens" but that manpower and equipment do not allow him to do more. He reminded villagers that the leash law means either keeping a dog on a leash or within voice command, and he urged everyone to help by keeping pets restrained or by holding a stray, if possible, in a fenced-in backyard until the police or SPCA can come.

Terrace Park Players has made a gift of ceiling fans to the Community House which made the August meeting much more comfortable. The fans were installed by Jerry Hayhow, an auxiliary policeman.

About 50 cords of firewood remain to be sold, Councilman Jack Schmidt announced. He will advertise for bids for 180 new trees for fall planting. A bid of \$7,800 to install a new roof on the Community House has been received and will be considered at council's special meeting.

Mayor Overway has received the state auditor's report and it will be available in the village office. He also agreed to post the Flood Plain Ordinance and the letter specifying variations requested by council in a letter on the village bulletin board, in response to questions by Carl Lindell.

Council also:

- passed a resolution thanking Carl Lindell for the gift of two trees.

- learned that the county takes no responsibility for the maintenance of Elm Road.

- heard that street resurfacing had been completed and sidewalk repair would soon begin.

- were reminded that the area between sidewalks and streets is village property and hazards such as railroad ties or cemented areas could be ordered removed.

- referred a letter from Bolton Drackett on the need for new zoning specifications on septic tanks to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The meeting opened with an acrimonious exchange between Marilyn Bullock and council members concerning recent zoning actions, with Mrs. Bullock charging and councilmen denying that they had acted improperly. (See letter on Page 2.)

Himself A Victim Of Vicious Crime, Warner Schmidt Seeks To Help Others

Himself a victim, Werner Schmidt of 806 Miami is seeking support for a bill to correct what are seen as inequities in Ohio's crime victim assistance system.

Introduced by Ohio State Rep. Terry Tranter, House Bill 649 would make up to \$5,000 immediately available to a crime victim or family at a time when, Schmidt said, there is traumatic loss of income and a rush of unex-

pected expenses.

"It can't help me," Schmidt said, "but I'd like to see somebody get some benefits in those most difficult times."

Schmidt was shot three times during a holdup at his jewelry store in 1981, spent nine months in a hospital and is totally disabled. But, he said, he has received nothing from the victims' fund despite three appeals.

"Anyone can be a victim,"

he noted, adding that "the state makes it so hard" for anyone to get anything from the fund which is financed by portions of traffic tickets and court costs.

He urged residents to send letters of support to Tranter and State Rep. John O'Brien, representing this area, at the House of Representatives in Columbus.

School Opening Traffic Warnings Mean More When Your Kid's At Risk

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

It seems that when I was in school, Labor Day always marked the beginning of school. Now school is scheduled to begin the final week of August. My babysitter tells me that it has always been that way but I am quick to realize that my 'always' is about 15 years longer than hers.

This year is especially trying for me. The eldest of my three girls starts kindergarten, and having my own child in school brings a special meaning to the season. Now the years of preaching traffic safety at the beginning of the school year becomes a very personal matter.

I have always felt that the traffic program was important. But somehow I want to

put even more into it this year. I have always cherished the times I have had talking with the children at schools and at home. I only wish that I could have that same opportunity with the adults.

I was driving home just the other night and came upon an accident over in Milford. The first thing I noticed was a bicycle lying in the roadway. My first thoughts concerned the rider: Was he OK? What was a bicycle rider doing on US 50 at 10 o'clock at night? How can anyone tell the family of this rider of their loved one's misfortune?

A simple act of slowing down; taking an extra second at that stop sign; making that extra effort to watch for the kids, can make all the diff-

erence. The thing that I can never forget is that such a simple effort just might be the factor that saves my child's life . . . or your child's life.

The themes are all the same: school's open . . . drive carefully! Maybe we should say: school's open . . . save a child's life . . . drive carefully!

To The Editor —

I believe the citizens of Terrace Park have a right to know more about the "spirited discussion" that took place between Council and myself at the June meeting. I questioned Council about the contents of Mrs. Alexander's letter to each of them in which she pointed out that she had learned that there were some discrepancies in what the Mayor and Councilperson Gilchrist had told her about her neighbor's desire to start a dog kennel. She had gone straight to her neighbor and learned that there was absolutely no truth whatsoever in the allegations made by the two village representatives who had visited her personally. I asked why these allegations were made against this citizen of Terrace Park, and my question was never answered. I suspect it was to discourage Mrs. Alexander from writing a letter in Mr. Pence's behalf.

Also, at the previous (May) Council meeting when the Mayor asked Mr. Pence if he had any letters in support of his cause, not one single Council member spoke out to

say that he had received a letter supporting Mr. Pence's endeavor. Yet each of them, along with the Mayor, had received the same letter. I was asking why those who had voted in favor of Mr. Pence would not have used every means at their disposal if they had really been in support of him.

When I questioned Mr. Gilchrist about not living up to the terms of the agreement he had with Mr. Pence (to walk *through* the property rather than just around the perimeter) he again neglected to answer my question although the Pences had told me that during a telephone conversation with Mr. Gilchrist he had admitted that he had not walked through the property.

I am concerned with the honesty and integrity of our elected officials. Since no reprimand was made of the above mentioned questionable actions I have to assume that all of Council condones this type of behavior. It would appear that we cannot believe what we are often being told. What sort of example is this to set for our young people? It is saying that it is OK to make false allegations regardless of whom it hurts. It is saying that dishonesty is OK. There was more than one false allegation directed against Dr. Pschesang, but unfortunately many of the citizens of our village did not bother to check on the veracity of these comments. How will you feel when Council directs false statements against you?

Marilyn F. Bullock



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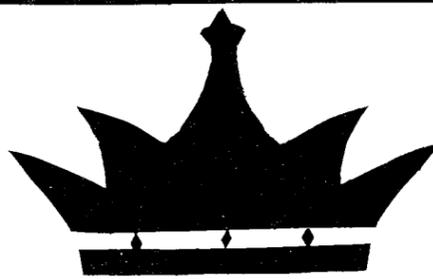
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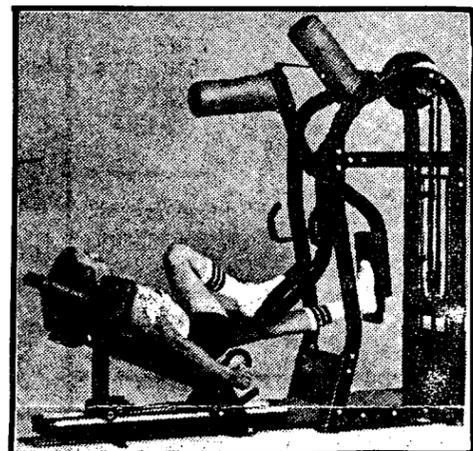
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Stan Brown Again Sees Service As An Olympic Swimming Judge

By Jeanne Sanker

It's a long way from the Terrace Park Swim Club to the XXIII Olympiad in Los

Angeles, but Dr. Stanley Brown, a judge for swim competitions, has run the

gamut, always cheered on by his sports-oriented family. Also a judge at the 1976 Games in Montreal, he would have been in Moscow for the 1980 Games had not the U.S. withdrawn.

Dr. Brown, a well-known optometrist with offices in Mariemont and Cherry Grove, began his "second career" when the family first moved here in the early 1960s and he saw a sign at the Swim Club reading, "Wanted: Residents to serve as judges at Swim Meet." Though not a competitive swimmer himself, he volunteered his services, attended a clinic which introduced him to all the rules and to local officials, and has been "in the swim and on the go" ever since.

As he became known throughout the Cincinnati district and then the state, Stan was asked to serve in many honored positions both in state and national organizations. For the past 12 years, he has been a vice president of the United States Swimming Association which has led to his being acquainted with many international groups. In July, he served as meet director of the United States Olympic Swimming Trials held in Indianapolis. He has also officiated at World Championships in Columbia, Canada, and West Germany, and served at the last Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela.

At the Olympics in Los Angeles, he was a TURN judge for the swimming events, keenly watching as the swimmers made their turns in the various races of breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke, and freestyle.

In addition to participation in the Terrace Park Swim Club through the years, Stan has also been active in YMCA groups and in Scouting.

Trophies abound at the home of Stan and his wife, Shirley, at 821 Myrtle, for both their daughters have been record-setters through the years. Jody, now Mrs. Jan Huneke, was a national champion in archery; Connie, now Mrs. Brian Doherty, was a member of the Cincinnati Marlins Swim Group for nine years, participating in many state championship competitions.

Just prior to leaving for the Olympics, Stan had been a swim judge for the Second Annual Clermont Classic, a triathlon competition sponsored by the Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau, of which Jody was race director. The Classic was held at East Fork State Park.



A Leader on This Year's Bengal Bash

Mrs. Rodger Miller, 609 Miami, pictured with the Cincinnati Bengals mascot, is chairman of hostesses and arrangements for the traditional Bengal Bash benefiting the Kidney Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The event this year will be held on the Indian Hill estate of Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Thompson on September 9, following the Bengals' season's opening

Organization Is Readied For Church Bazaar

The St. Thomas Christmas Bazaar date is set for Thursday, Nov. 8, from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The theme, "Christmas Traditions," will be carried out in all areas of the bazaar; however, year 'round gifts and items for the home, kitchen, and friends and relatives will also be featured.

Lynn Mileham and Denise Froelich are co-chairmen for the event. Committee heads are:

Boutique, Betty Cooksey; candy, Sally Augspurger; church decorations, Anne Cherry; decorations, Marge Krall; Grandma's Attic, Mary Struke and Gertrude Addicott; luncheon, Sunny and Chuck Comfort, Carol and Bud Peterson; ornaments, Debbie Carle; pantry, Mary

Maxon and Marianne Gay; posters, Nancy Basil; promise tree, Marilyn Julnes and Nancy Harness; publicity, Sue Abernethy; quilt raffle, Jo Fahnestock; sewing, Ruth Hickenlooper; Town 'n Country, Dottie Vickers and Bert Wigton; and treasurer, Janie Pendl.

Funds raised at the bazaar go not only to St. Thomas and diocesan needs but to several worthwhile organizations such as Alice Paul House for Battered Women, Teen Challenge, Contact, Holmes House for Young Girls, Camp Allen and Radio Reading Services.

Bazaar workshops are being held every Tuesday at St. Thomas Church from 10 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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Jack Van Wye's Big Band will provide music for dancing outside at the Log Cabin. There will also be entertainment during the band breaks. Soft drinks, beer and popcorn will be sold at the concession.

You can bring your own table and chairs or they can be provided by the Terrace Park Players for an advance registration fee of \$5 for a table and chairs for four or \$10 for a table and chairs for eight. For table reservations call 831-1516 or 831-4259.

Bible Coffees Being Planned

Friendship Bible Coffees will be offered again this fall, with informal study groups discussing the Word of God and its relevancy to life today.

Materials to be used are a student book and a New Testament at \$1 each. The study book avoids all doctrinal differences so that the coffees are completely non-denominational in point of view.

To acquaint people with the coffees and the studies offered, there will be a kick-off get-together on Thursday, September 13, at 1 p.m. at Lynn Mileham's, 720 Elm.

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