

Village Views

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Tougher Dog Law Pledged

Terrace Park's perennial dog problem came before village council again at the December meeting, with Mayor Les Overway and Police Chief Ron Pottorf pledging to do whatever may be necessary to solve it.

The mayor called on council committees involved to review existing ordinances with a view to tightening control and imposing more severe punishments.

"If we have to build a kennel to hold stray dogs, we'll do it," Overway said. "If we have to hire someone to serve as a dog warden, we'll do it."

The commitment followed a report by Barbara Harth, 306 Rugby, that one of her daughters had been bitten. Pottorf reported three dog bite cases this year and issuance of a number of citations for dogs running at large.

Pottorf noted that existing state and village laws require that dogs be at least under voice control at all times, but many dogs are turned outdoors to relieve themselves and then become a nuisance or a danger to others. Any dog bite, he said, must be reported to the Board of Health and the offending dog held in quarantine. He urged residents to report to police any dog showing vicious tendencies.

Christmas Tree Burning Is Set

Terrace Park will hold its annual ceremonial burning of Christmas trees at the Scout Cabin on Sunday, January 6, at 7 p.m.

The burning will be in charge of the fire department. Setting of the blaze will follow a brief service. Residents are asked to take their trees to the cabin area earlier that day.

Twelfth Night traditionally marks the end of the Christmas season. The tree-burning ceremony has been adopted as a means of emphasizing the need to remove drying trees from the home to avoid severe fire hazard.

Thank You, Players

Village Views acknowledges with gratitude a gift of \$250 from the Terrace Park Players. The organization has been a consistent and generous supporter of this paper over the years, and we thank it not only for this gift but for its overall contribution to village life.

Her Dolls Put Jane Peterson In Salvation Army 'Hall of Fame'

Because of her years of award-winning in dressing dolls for the Salvation Army, Jane Peterson, 325 Rugby Ave., is the first person named to a "Hall of Fame" established by the Army's Toy Auxiliary.

A plaque memorializing the honor was given her in a ceremony at the Hyde Park Community Church on December 4.

The dolls go to brighten Christmas for needy youngsters in the Cincinnati area. Mrs. Charlotte Ferguson, chairman of the committee in charge, said Mrs. Peterson "has been No. 1 for years in dressing beautiful prize-winning dolls."

Women throughout the area, including several in the sewing group at St. Thomas Church, take part each year in dressing dolls provided by the Toy Auxiliary, following their own inclinations. This year, 816 dolls were dressed, with the best chosen for display at the downtown Provident Bank.

Mrs. Ferguson said that Mrs. Peterson has dressed 12 dolls each year, along with others — two of them this year — which are sold at an auction to raise money to buy dolls for the following Christmas.

Parents pre-screened by the Salvation Army are given coupons, depending on the number of children in each family, which entitles them to select dolls or other toys to give to their youngsters at Christmas.

Council Votes Hikes For Village Employees

Village council raised the pay of village police officers and other employees, effective January 1, at a special meeting held on November 19 because of the lack of a quorum at the regular November meeting.

The police chief's salary was raised from \$29,000 to \$31,000; that of police lieutenant from \$21,800 to \$23,500, and that of patrolman from \$21,000 to \$22,500.

Councilman Bill Konold, chairman of the safety committee, said the increases put the chief's salary "almost to the top of the bottom half of the other 30 communities in the Cincinnati area. The lieutenant's salary will still be the last in the range of lieutenant's pay in surrounding communities. Patrolmen's pay will be 21st out of the 30 communities."

Pottorf was also re-appointed as street commissioner at the present \$1,000

salary. Council noted that, because of pension benefits, it was considered preferable to increase the chief's salary rather than apply an increase to the street commissioner's post.

An increase of 7% was given village maintenance employees.

Mrs. Charlotte Molitor, re-appointed as Community House custodian and village secretary, was increased from \$10,750 to \$13,000.

All ordinances were adopted as emergency measure, as was another accepting a bid of \$10,388 plus trade-in from Frazier-Williams Chevrolet for a new police cruiser.

At the December meeting, Council, at Mayor Les Overway's request, dropped an ordinance which would have increased his salary from \$1,500 to \$1,800. It did, however, increase the salary of the village treasurer from \$3,000 to \$3,900.

High School Honors Football Champions

Thirteen Terrace Park students were among Mariemont High School varsity football players honored at a banquet November 28 for a team which won the Eastern Hills league championship and rated tops in its class in Southwestern Ohio.

Given special mention were J.T. Williams, named as the best defensive player, and Dave Rockel, picked as the best offensive player. Four Terrace Park players were chosen co-captains of next year's team — Rick Mileham, Brian Getz, Ron Miller and Pax Lindell. Barrett Ott was a co-captain this year.

Other varsity players honored were Steve Getgey, Dan Normile, Rick Bryan, Jeff Megowen, Greg Seely, and Eyas Jaser. Rick Gilchrist served as one of the two trainers.

In reserve football, those honored included Terrace Park students Scott Abernethy, Jay Taylor, Christ Roberts, Matt Bernard, Rick Conroy, Brett Haines, Kurt Kaiser and Todd Rafter.

Lisa Strider won a letter as a senior cheer leader, and Julie Bennington and Sally Stollmaier as reserve cheer leaders.

Debt Paid Off, Tree Program Speed-up Eyed

Village council at its December meeting voted to pay off the BBSCo note held by the Central Trust Company, holding the rest of an estate tax windfall for village projects to be decided on later.

Finance chairman Bob Payne suggested that interested villagers meet with council just before the January 15 meeting to assay what projects might be considered.

The village owes \$120,000, borrowed to purchase BBSCo property at Elm and Wooster at the western edge of the village in a settlement of long litigation. It had budgeted a payment of \$40,000 this month and Payne proposed payment of the \$80,000 balance, leaving \$52,000 available for other purposes.

Retirement of the note, he said, "eliminates no options" for the village because of its "solid gold credit rating."

"If a project is selected four weeks or four months from now, a new note can easily be arranged or long-term financing customized to be projected."

Push Tree Work

One suggested project that drew support would borrow against future tree levy income to expedite the tree renovation program. Fire Chief Pierce Matthews has suggested village help in financing a new ambulance. Other possibilities, Payne noted, include a reserve for future fire equipment purchases, Community House renovation to put village offices on the first floor and thus more accessible, and building dry wells to eliminate puddling in affected areas.

But Payne said he felt that any proposal to use the money to reduce village tax levies "makes no sense at this point" because of revenue

uncertainties concerning the intangibles tax/library situation and likely phasing-out of federal revenue sharing.

Concerning the tree program, Councilman Jack Schmidt said he planned to propose that \$30,000 be borrowed against the special levy revenues so that two year's work could be done in one. He said he expected that the volume of work which would be provided would result in more favorable bids and get the job done in four years or less instead of the five years originally programmed.

Merger Pressed

Although objections have been raised, council advanced a plan to merge the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. An ordinance to effect the merger was given first reading, and Councilman Rich Gilchrist called for a public hearing before the February 12 council meeting, when the measure would be up for final action.

The preamble to the ordinance said "it is deemed to be in the best interest of the village for the Planning Commission to assume all responsibilities of the Board of Appeals."

Steps to increase village building permit fees followed a report by Building Inspector Bob Corey that Hamilton County has adopted a new building code with an increased fee schedule.

Councilman Bill Konold proposed revision of the Terrace Park schedule and Corey was asked to report later on details of the county fees.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported that village officers

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Agnes Fay Honored

The Women's Art Club of Cincinnati, one of the oldest in the country, paid tribute at Vernon Manor on December 10 to Agnes Fay, longtime resident of Terrace Park.

For her work as an artist and club member, she was elected as one of the few honorary members the club has chosen since it was founded in the late 1870s. Mrs. Fay only recently moved to SEM Villa from the home on Terrace Place where both she and her late husband, William Fay, maintained their studios.

A member of the Art Club since before her marriage, Mrs. Fay served as its president in 1925 and again in 1942. In her career she taught art in the Cincinnati public schools and was a commercial artist for the former H & S Pogue Co.

Her watercolors of landscapes, street scenes and flowers have been shown nationally. Some of her work is locally on display at the Row House in Milford.

TV 'Young Peoples Special' Show Taped Here for January Viewing

By Jeanne Sanker

Someone once said that Terrace Park is Cincinnati's best-kept secret, but as of Sunday, January 27, that secret may be shown to millions! That is the scheduled date for the first Channel 5 showing of "Buddies," the newest NBC Young People's Special which was filmed here in mid-November by Multimedia Entertainment Productions whose headquarters are located in Cincinnati.

Pat Straley Grooms, a former Terrace Park resident and former member of the Terrace Park Players, now an associate producer with Multimedia, is the representative who helps to find locations for the Young People's Specials which are shown 12 times a year in prime time, usually from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The specials, which are syndicated and shown in 191 markets, sponsored by Campbell's Soups, are now in their 12th year. They have received many awards, including the prized Peabody Award. There are six new ones shown each year and six re-runs.

Two little Terrace Park girls were chosen to appear in some of the scenes: Julie Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Porter, 808 Wooster Pike; and Julie Harth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Harth, 306 Rugby. They have been

members of the PTA-sponsored Drama group at Terrace Park Elementary School.

The corner of Marietta and Myrtle Avenues became a beehive of activity, day and night, during the two weeks of

her door, "Margie, may we use your tree house?"

That tree house, built years ago by Margie's husband, Charles, son, Chip, and neighbor, Rob Retherford, was just a shell, but it was enough



Jason Zimbler and Eric Goodwin in a scene from the NBC Youth Special. That's O'Malley keeping an eye on things.

the filming of "Buddies," including a spectacular Halloween scene. With moving van, equipment trucks, utility vehicles, taxis, mini-buses and 25 to 30 people of the cast and crew, the formerly-vacant house at 509 Marietta was alive with activity and enthusiasm.

No one, however, was more enthusiastic about the comings and goings than next-door neighbor, Margie Robertson, whose house and tree-house were also used for the production. Her first inkling of the exciting things to come was the moment when Pat Grooms called through

to attract the Multimedia crew, and their workmen soon had it restored for little-boy use. It plays a big part in the story of "Buddies," which tells of the everyday happenings of two little neighbor boys, aged seven, their growth to age 13, and then the sad day when one of them must move and they have to say those final good-byes.

Also woven into the plot is their love for and then the death of one of their dogs. This dog, incidentally, is the same one used for the Broadway production of "Annie."

Most of the cast of four boys and two adults, and the

director, came here from New York and made the Clarion Hotel their home. The one seven-year old was accompanied by his mother, the other by his grandmother. They were tutored in their regular school work each day by Mrs. Nora Frei, 824 Yale, a substitute teacher for the Mariemont School system.

Nora joins Margie Robertson in enthusiasm for the way the entire cast and crew worked together in an almost relaxed atmosphere, even though they were sometimes together the whole day and evening. Margie emphasized

that the myth of the "rough movie folk" was totally dispelled here, with no profanity and no hot-headed impatience ever in evidence. Most of the production crew are Cincinnati residents who work together regularly for the six new Multimedia shows per year.

Other locations used for the local filming included Terrace Park Elementary School, the Cincinnati Zoo, the Animal Shelter, and Main Street in Milford.

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Residents Throng Courtroom At Golden Pheasant License Hearing

Terrace Park may face another Ohio Liquor Control department hearing in the campaign against noise emanating from the Golden Pheasant at 4575 Mt. Carmel Rd.

Denied a continuance at a hearing at the courthouse November 27, the attorney for the Golden Pheasant presented no witnesses but was offered the opportunity to produce some later.

The attorney, Michael Wiethe, was quoted as saying that he expected the liquor department to deny renewal

of the Golden Pheasant liquor license, and would appeal the denial to the full Liquor Control Commission.

Ted Swensson, who has led the Terrace Park campaign against the Golden Pheasant, said the aim was "peace and quiet" and not to put anyone out of business. But the law, he said, seemingly leaves no room for compromise which he said he was certain would satisfy village complainants.

Some 60 residents appeared at the courthouse hearing before James Leon, liquor department examiner. Ten of

them testified as to the degree of the disturbance and efforts to get it modified. They were Mayor Les Overway, Jonathon Lippincott, Mimi Howard and her daughter, Andrea; Sgt. Jeff Harlan of Terrace Park police, Barbara Bowen, Lynn Nelson, Jane Earls, Ross Aldrich and Swensson.

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An Opposing View —

To The Editor:

The well organized campaign by some Terrace Park residents against the Golden Pheasant is as disturbing to some of their neighbors as the Golden Pheasant's music apparently was to them.

Anyone bothered by the music, of course, had a perfect right to act against it. But now, having won their silence, how can they possibly justify wanting to put the Golden Pheasant out of business altogether? The problem was the music, not the establishment. Now that the problem is solved, why go farther?

Personally, we did not find the Golden Pheasant's music nearly as objectionable as the personal insult one neighbor flung at us when we declined to sign the petition. The music was no noisier than the raucous shouting from the Swim Club during meets (or

is that okay on grounds it is homegrown noise?).

Sure, we object to lots of things, from unmuffled exhaust pipes to people who routinely let their dogs run loose. But we value our neighbors more than we value our right to complain. Certainly, we would never try to mobilize an entire village in a concerted effort to bring financial ruin on the perpetrators.

It just doesn't seem very neighborly. Or have we gotten it wrong all these years? Is neighborly consideration (call it "Christian consideration" if you wish) only for immediate neighbors who also judge all things, first, in terms of property values? Think about it. Please!

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Included in this group of volunteer history interpreters are, at left, Ann Gilchrist and Lynn Nelson of Terrace Park.

More Terrace Park residents are being sought to join the two women now serving as volunteer guide-interpreters for Historic Southwest Ohio, Inc., formerly the Miami Purchase Association.

The organization operates Sharon Woods Village, a cluster of early buildings moved to Sharon Woods and the John Hauck House in the Dayton Street Historic District. The two volunteers are Ann Gilchrist and Lynn Nelson.

A seven-session course for interested men and women will begin in February to acquaint volunteers with the histories and backgrounds of the structures and the lifestyles of their occupants. For more information call 721-4506.

AARP Chapter Officers Elected

New officers of the Terrace Park chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons were elected during the December meeting at St. Thomas Church.

They are: president, Bob Rinkhoff of Milford; first vice president, Jim Ritz of Terrace Park; second vice president, Janet Kicher of Terrace Park; recording secretary, Ola Smucker of Milford; corresponding secretary, Mary Sherritt of Milford; treasurer, Ruth Oberle of Terrace Park, and board member at large, Ellis Rawnsley of Terrace Park.

Santa Welcomed At Kindervelt

Seventy-five Terrace Park children and their parents got a chance to have a breakfast visit with Santa Claus on December 8. The newly-formed Terrace Park Kindervelt sponsored the event, with proceeds going to Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The Community House was decorated for the occasion. Sydney the Squirrel visited the children, Brownies sang Christmas carols, and Santa arrived via fire truck with gifts for each child.

Supporting the event were Madeira Krogers, Georgian Portrait Studios, Aunt Mary's Family Restaurants, Milford Printers, Kenwood SuperX and Paramount Confections.

Dinner Show Dates Are Set

February dates have been set by the Terrace Park Players for their next production, "Exit the Body," a comedy-mystery with Bob Lipka as director, Sally Kniffin as producer and Mike Ross as co-producer.

The dinner shows will be presented February 8 and 9, February 15-16, and February 22-23. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7 p.m., with curtain time at 8 p.m.

Dinner and show tickets are \$11 per person. For ticket information call 831-0072.

A gala opening night will include free champagne as part of the festivities.

Village Caught Short By Snowfall

Terrace Park was caught short by the first heavy snowfall of the season, but Police Chief Ron Pottorf vowed it wouldn't happen again.

The maintenance crew was short-handed, with one man ill; one of the two village trucks was down for repairs and the other still was rigged for a last pass at leaf removal when the storm hit.

Leaf pickup this year amounted to 126 truckloads — less than half that of recent years.

The storm brought more criticism of the state highway department for what was called neglect of Wooster

Pike.

"I have been calling them for three years, and all I ever get is that it's a secondary highway so it doesn't get the attention others get," Pottorf said. He got support from fellow chiefs in Mariemont, Fairfax and Milford.

The road is a major traffic artery into Cincinnati from the eastern suburbs, they pointed out, and half of Mariemont's school buses use the highway. The road's condition, said School Supt. Don Thompson, is "the major reason why we close school or delay the start of school" in bad weather.

William Joiner, Hamilton County superintendent for the highway department, denied that Wooster Pike is being neglected, but said clearing the interstates is the major priority.

Pottorf earlier had complained of pooling and icing along the pike west of Terrace Park because of landslide conditions. He said he was told nothing immediate could be done. But, he added, he noted that state highway crews were at work there the day after his complaints had been publicized.

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Villagers' Son Named Manager

Robert R. Hoeb, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hoeb of 149 Wrenwood, is the new manager of Cincinnati's Clarion Hotel.

Hoeb, 38, is a Cincinnati native and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in business administration. He returned to Cincinnati after 14 years with AIRCOA, which operates the Clarion and 39 other hotels and restaurants. His last post was at the Myrtle Beach, Fla. Hilton.

On Council —

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in recent days had effected the capture of a car thief and another with stolen goods, both from out-of-state.

He voiced concern over disregard of stop signs by some residents who, he said, seem to think that villagers are entitled to an exemption. Emphasis is being placed on the violation, he said, and tickets will be given.

He reported, too, that the Wilderness Preserve had been cleaned up by teenagers caught after dumping trash during a party in the area.

The Police Department presented the mayor with a new gavel and block for use at council meeting.

According To Legend

The Glastonbury thorn tree in the courtyard of St. Thomas Episcopal Church is a direct descendant of the tree that legend says sprang from the staff of Joseph of Arithamea when he established the first church in England. According to legend, too, in Glastonbury it blooms at Christmas or when the monarch comes visiting.

Legend or no, the St. Thomas tree bloomed in early October while Queen Elizabeth was visiting in Kentucky after a stay in Canada.



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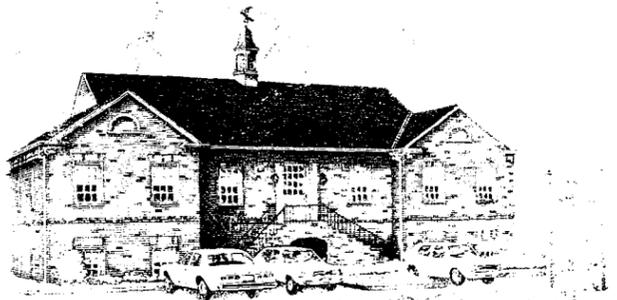
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