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Move to Annex Part of Milford Considered

Terrace Park village officials are considering possible annexation of a small part

of Milford that lies on this side of the Little Miami River. The dividing line runs down

Sycamore Street and across Wooster Pike up Park Avenue on Indian Hill. The eastern

connection of Miami Avenue with Wooster Pike actually is within Milford city limits,

although Terrace Park built the overpass which replaced a bridge that once spanned the creek near that intersection.

Most of the property was platted as the town of Montauk in 1803, but the flourishing little industrial community that developed fell victim to later disastrous floods. St. Thomas Church occupied a former school building there until the present church was built, starting in 1905.

Village Solicitor Dick Wachterman told a recent meeting of the village Planning and Zoning Commission that annexation could be initiated either by agreement by Milford's city council or by petition of 25% of the property owners affected.

Thereafter, he said, commissioners would have to be appointed by each community to work out details of the annexation. If all governments involved agreed, he said, there would be no need to put the issue on the ballot in both Milford and Terrace Park unless 25% of the voters in either community filed petitions against annexation.



Cast Chosen For Players' Upcoming Comedy/Mystery Show

Here's the cast for "Exit The Body," the Terrace Park Players forthcoming comedy/mystery dinner show to be presented in five performances in February. Left to right, front row, are Kathy Wedding, Jill Burkman, Bob Lipka, Cathy Woodruff, Marci McClelland and Pat Lipka; rear, Steve Lakamp, Richard Bowen, Wayne McClelland and Joe Toomey. Bill Konold is absent from the photo. Bob Lipka is director and Sally Kniffin

the producer.

This year's presentation will open with a gala night with champagne and hors d'oeuvres on February 9. Other performances will be on February 15 and 16 and February 22 and 23. Dinner and show are \$11 per person, with reservations being taken at 831-0072.

Council OK's Speedup In Tree Program

Village council agreed at its January meeting to do two years' tree work in one, "borrowing" the money needed from an estate tax windfall.

Councilman Jack Schmidt, in charge of what was set up originally as a five-year project, said the move would get more done for less money, "puts the village reasonably on track to complete the entire tree project within budget, gets more dangerous trees out of the village sooner, and lets us get to our replanting a year earlier."

In all, 150 trees will be removed and 710 given corrective pruning on Myrtle, Yale, Home, Lexington, Floral and Western. Work is to start later this month. Initial planning had called for work this year only on Myrtle, Yale and Home.

The Davey Tree Expert Co., which did last year's work, won the expanded contract on a bid of \$54,200. Its low bid on one year's work only was \$30,420 for removing 85 trees and pruning 395 others.

In detail, the overall bid was figured on the basis of \$136 for each tree removal, \$36 for stump removal and \$40 per pruning.

The tree levy voted in November of 1983 yields approximately \$35,000 a year. Schmidt recommended, and council approved, the borrowing \$27,000 from \$52,000 remaining from a \$132,000 estate tax windfall the village received late last year. The money will be repaid from future tree tax returns. Council used \$80,000 to pay off the BBSCo debt, leaving the village with no outstanding obligations.

Schmidt said the bid showed a 13% reduction in pruning costs over last year, and a 3.5% cut in stump removal.

The original cost of restoring the village's street forest had been estimated at \$330,000, while the five-year levy will raise about \$165,000.

Schmidt said "our strong chance to complete the job within this relatively low level of funding results from a combination of four factors."

Work is being concentrated

in an off season, resulting in lower prices; the village is buying new trees from good nurseries but doing its own planting and does not purchase warranties, "which cuts the price of trees in half and we have yet to lose a tree"; sale of firewood gives additional revenue — \$3,500 last year, and "we have been well supported by donations from the Garden Club and residents."

Plantings proposed for the

streets to be worked on this year are:

Myrtle and Western, tulip poplars; Yale, London planes; Lexington, sweet gums; and Floral, red oaks.

What is to be planted on Home Street has not yet been decided. Originally it was planned to plant the street to Sargent cherries, but that plan was dropped when it was learned that plantings elsewhere have not proved satisfactory.

Wachterman Resigns As Solicitor, Madeira Man Takes His Place

Dick Wachterman's resignation as village solicitor was announced at the January village council meeting, and Robert P. Malloy of Madeira was sworn-in as his successor. Malloy has been serving as mayor's court prosecutor.

In his letter of resignation, Wachterman said, "I regret

that the demands of the position exceeded the time I was able to devote to the position."

Voicing thanks for the opportunity to serve, he said it was "for me a unique way to both serve my community and become better acquainted with the manner in which it is governed." He added:

"I come away from this experience with great admiration for our village citizens who serve as village council persons and officers. They carry out their duties with a level of competence and dedication higher than a village of our size might reasonably expect."

Marianne Gay Gives Up Post On Village Recreation Committee

Marianne Gay has resigned from the Terrace Park Recreation Committee after 10 years of service in which she served as secretary, treasurer, publicity chairman and as a fund-raiser.

Of the committee's achievements during this period, she's proudest of the purchase and development of Drackett Field. "Over an 18-month period," she says, "we raised \$110,000 to buy the

land and get the field going."

The field offers three baseball diamonds, five soccer fields, a storage facility and bleachers.

In addition, organized recreation for Terrace Park youth has become a year-round program. "We've had basketball, baseball, soccer and peewee football off and on during these years," she says, "and there's a four-week Summer Fun program for

children kindergarten through fifth grade."

She's quick to add that there's still plenty of work to be done. Specifically, she'd like to see a recreation program developed for older residents.

Sue Porter has been appointed by John Gislason, recreation committee president, to succeed Mrs. Gay on the 15-member commission.

Hearing Set

Village council gave a second reading at its January meeting to an ordinance to merge the village Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on February 12, preceding the council meeting at which the measure will be for final action.

Village Plans Own Kennel

Police Chief Ron Pottorf told village council of plans to build a holding kennel for dogs found running at large. Village officials pledged action after new complaints arose at December's council meeting.

The kennel will be built by village maintenance men to hold dogs running free and not under voice control, until they are claimed.

Owners will be charged a reclaiming fee to compensate the village for care of the animals, and in addition will be given court citations. Fees and other details have not yet been established.

Two Zoning Variances Granted To Allow Home Construction

Terrace Park may act to put a time limit on future building permits as a result of a zoning variance granted on the basis of a permit issued years ago but never used.

The variance affects a lot at the eastern corner of Wooster Pike and Western Avenue on which the Zoning Board of Appeals was told a Hillsboro couple plan to build a home for their retirement years.

Realtor Wayne Florea argued that the building permit issued to Ed Tignor might not have been given in error since there are exceptions to the current 12,000-square-foot rule set forth in current village ordinances. A new survey gave the lot area as 10,975 square feet. One issue raised was a state easement which would have reduced the area still further, but Building Commissioner Bob Corey

said he could find no record of such an easement, although he added that county officials said there was a temporary easement during reconstruction of Wooster Pike more than 40 years ago.

On motion of Paul Gerwin, the board granted the variance as the best of the less-than-satisfactory solutions available.

Former mayor Charles Rockel voted against both this variance and another granted to Mrs. Charlene Burt, 402 Miami Avenue, to allow Dick Ward to build a house on her side lot.

The board ruled that without the variance "a hardship approaching confiscation will be created in that Mrs. Burt will not be able to build on 484 Miami Avenue although such a lot is similar to other buildable lots in the

district.

It did specify, though, that any new house be at least 23.55 feet from the line between Nos. 402 and 404.

Ambulance Aid Asked Of Village

Officers of Terrace Park's fire department and life squad asked village council at its January meeting to contribute \$12,000 from an estate tax windfall towards purchase of a new ambulance. The volunteers have raised \$18,000 through their own efforts for a new unit.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews and George B. Maish, president of the Volunteer Fire Association, were the only residents to appear at a public hearing on possible uses of \$52,000 remaining after council used \$80,000 to pay off the BBSCo debt.

In a letter, Maish noted that in recent years the volunteers have raised in excess of \$65,000 for equipment purchase and maintenance, but fund-raising efforts "have not kept up with the rising costs of equipment.

Estimating the cost of a new unit at \$45,000, Maish said he anticipated re-sale of the present ambulance at \$15,000, a figure he said would be sharply depreciated if sale should be delayed.

Matthews, in his annual report, listed 33 fire runs with loses totaling \$8,450; 26 rescue runs, and 90 life squad calls.

Real Estate Activity Continues Firm In Year

By Mel Aichholz

At the end of each year, *Village Views* has regularly published the average price of all houses sold during the year. This average is omitted for 1984, since the sales mix changes from year to year. However, there were 42 houses sold in 1984, compared to 38 in 1983.

Following is a list of the residential sales recorded at the Hamilton County Court House in 1984:

203 Cambridge	\$146,000	723 Myrtle	\$120,000
406 Cornell	57,000	726 Myrtle	63,000
418 Cornell	85,000	307 Oxford	127,000
3 Edgewater	58,500	308 Oxford	134,500
407 Elm	62,000	814 Princeton	207,000
903 Elm	57,000	825 Princeton	150,000
907 Elm	172,500	113 Redbird	85,000
110 Fieldstone	80,000	115 Robinwood	74,800
201 Harvard	90,000	602 Stanton	37,000
319 Harvard	42,500	707 Stanton	87,500
323 Harvard	67,000	809 Stanton	87,000
2 Kris Circle	82,500	427 Terrace Place	61,000
628 Lexington	89,000	410 Western	92,000
110 Marion	75,000	415 Washington	58,400
2 Melissa Ct.	122,000	418 Washington	73,500
97 Miami	60,000	129 Winding Brook	122,500
221 Miami	125,000	135 Wrenwood	61,600
408 Miami	150,000	147 Wrenwood	77,200
619 Miami	56,000	750 Wooster	75,000
722 Miami	90,000	710 Yale	67,000
728 Miami	56,500	822 Yale	124,500

Village's Budget For 1985

Here is Terrace Park's village budget for 1985, finally established at January's council meeting:

EXPENSES

Police: Salaries	\$139,964
Benefits	36,567
Operations/Maintenance	29,680
Utility Vehicle purchase + cruiser	10,000
Fire: Salaries	3,600
Operations/maintenance	15,180
Street lighting	12,000
Wilderness/Recreation: Salaries	3,000
Operations/maintenance	500
Leaves: Salaries	21,000
Operations/maintenance	2,000
Trees - Special program	64,000
Waste collection	22,500
Sidewalks	2,500
Mayor: Salary & Blue Cross	2,200
Mayor's court	3,600
Council	1,300
Clerk/treasurer	4,400
Buildings and Grounds: Salaries	15,000
Operations/maintenance	14,000
Deductions:	
County Auditor/treasurer fees	3,600
Tax delinquency advertising	50
State examiner fees	0
Election expenses	2,100
Workmen's Compensation	7,750
County Health Board	4,300
Administrative: Salaries	5,100
Legal	5,500
Operations/maintenance	9,500
County Communications Center	30,000
Streets: Salaries	31,500
Benefits	18,500
Contracts	14,000
Operations/maintenance	28,000
State Highway maintenance	1,200
Traffic light	2,000
Revenue sharing	6,500
Improvement fund	0
	<u>\$578,591</u>

REVENUES

General property tax	\$290,000
Tree levy allocation	32,000
Intangibles tax	70,000
Financial institutions	C
State income, franchise, sales taxes	12,000
Estate tax	15,000
Mayor's court	52,000
Building permits	500
Miscellaneous	5,200
Interest	9,300
Tree donations/firewood	5,000
Gasoline taxes	14,000
Motor vehicle fees	12,000
Revenue sharing	6,500
	<u>\$523,500</u>

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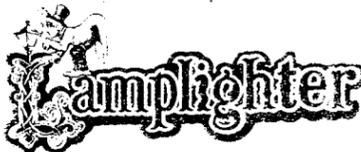
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Village Is Gainer By \$39,000 In Work Done By Drunk Drivers

Motorists convicted in mayor's court of drunken driving did work worth \$39,284 for the village in 1984 rather than go to jail or pay their fines.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported the figure in joint reports as chief and as street commissioner. With mayor's court assessing fines totaling \$74,171 as against \$66,852 last year, Pottorf said "the total amount earned in both

working hours and dollars was \$113,455."

Convicted drivers are given the option of working off their penalties, and Pottorf noted an increase from 816 hours worked in 1983 to 3,416 last year as indicating acceptance of the program. In fact, he said that an electrician worked three days re-wiring the Community House basement, and returned voluntarily the fourth day to make sure

the job was finished properly.

Pottorf reported that village police in 1984 made 941 traffic arrests, of which 536 were for speeding and 108 for drunk driving; made 231 misdemeanors and 18 felony arrests, and made 11,636 security checks.

He said the year saw no fatal auto accidents in the village but five people injured in 36 accidents.

Terrace Park Officer Deplores Second-Guessing On Police Actions

By Sgt. Jeff C. Harlan
Terrace Park Police

By the time you have had the opportunity to read this article, the news of a fallen police officer in Newport will, most likely, be old. Much of the commotion surrounding the investigation will have ended and the community will be dead-locked in the process of bringing this matter to a close through the courts.

But, I cannot help but bring this most tragic of events into the lime light just one more time.

You see, what happened on that dark night could very well happen here; to any one of the officers who daily pass through the door of our police department. What happened after the incident could be repeated.

That is not to say that the tragedy of the officer's death is no longer important. But the second guessing, the arm-chair policing that came from the woodwork makes me wonder why anyone would want to place himself and his family in such a position.

Hour after hour I listened to the news reports. And then came the talk shows. In both

cases the reporters seemed to seek out anyone who had an opinion, regardless of their actual knowledge of police procedure, let alone this particular incident. Many times these 'opinions' were based solely on the person's having watched police shows on the tube. They had little knowledge of the facts and even less knowledge of what the job of a real police officer is like. Believe me, Cagney and Lacy, Sheriff Roscoe and the like would never make it in this world of real police work.

For the past 10 years I have listened with great concern to the thoughts of those who would judge without specific knowledge. I have often been asked questions like, "How come you carry a gun all the time?" or, "How many people have you shot?" or "Do you get your kicks by beating up on innocent people?"

I guess it takes a couple of dozen people being killed in a west coast McDonald's or two women being shot in an Oxford Kroger's to really make the point of why a police officer carries a gun most of the time.

I guess it will take the death

of a local police officer during a routine traffic stop for most people to realize that the officer shines his light inside the citizen's car for his protection, not to harass and intimidate.

It makes little difference that, for most police officers, the use of their gun in the line of duty is totally foreign to them. But let a situation arise where an officer must use his weapon and watch the second-guessers come alive!

"Why did he not do this? How come he was there in the first place? The cop probably did something to provoke the shooting." These will be some of the reactions from the public. But that is not the end. Now the courts will become involved.

The lawyers, the psychologists and the like will all take months to analyze the reaction decided upon in a split second. Oh, those second-guessers!

No police officer looks for a medal for being what we have chosen to be. We do ask that we be treated fairly and with compassion . . . much the same request the citizen makes of us.

Coming Home To Cincinnati Hotel Bob Hoeb's 'Dream Come True'

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hoeb of Terrace Park, Robert R. Hoeb, 36, is the new general manager of the 889-room Clarion Hotel, Cincinnati, by AIRCOA (Associated Inns and Restaurants Company of America). The company manages over 40 properties nationwide, including the Clarion Hotel, and is the largest privately-held hotel management firm in the country.

Hoeb began his hotel career 14 years ago with Hilton Hotel Corporation locally at the Netherland and Terrace Hiltons. He assumed his responsibilities as general manager with the Clarion on December 3, following a similar position with the Myrtle Beach Hilton in South Carolina.

"Coming back to Cincinnati is a dream come true," he said. "I never imagined that the opportunity would be made available to me to manage one of the premier



Robert R. Hoeb

hotels in my home town." A native Cincinnati, Hoeb graduated from Mariemont High School in 1966, and the University of Cincinnati in 1971 with a BBA degree in marketing.

"The main job that lies ahead for the major downtown hotels is very clear," Hoeb states. "We have to create a greater demand for the abundance of first-class hotel rooms available in the city.

"It will take a very aggressive marketing effort by all the major hotels to increase to current city-wide occupancy levels. Just going after each other's existing business is not the answer to the city's current low occupancy problem. There's additional business available in the country for Cincinnati. We just have to go out and get it."

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PTA Planning Arts "Sampler" For Youngsters

The Terrace Park PTA is sponsoring a week-long "Fine Arts Sampler" at the elementary school from February 4 through February 8. This is a first-time attempt to expose the children to the many forms of art — music, handcrafts, painting, theater — with a hands-on opportunity in many of the crafts.

The Intuition Mime Company will provide two mimes to perform twice at the school. Seeking to offer a wide variety of artistries, the PTA is looking for a potter, a ballet dancer, a weaver, a sculptor or a candlestick maker to fill the program. Anyone who would like to share a talent one morning or afternoon of that week should call Debbie Carle at 831-4178.

Storm Downs Tree

Rain and wind over the New Year's holiday toppled a tree at the corner of Yale and Marietta Avenues, causing damage to the home of Tim and Susie Langner at 400 Marietta. The falling tree struck a porch roof and a dormer, but police reported no estimate of damage.

On Dean's List

Raymond Walters College announces that two Terrace Park residents were named to the dean's list for academic achievement in the Autumn quarter. They are Judy Bowers, 106 Fieldstone, and Elizabeth Maddux, 708 Lexington.

Dear, Deer

Seven deer were killed by automobiles in Terrace Park last year, according to Police Chief Ron Pottorf's annual report. It was the largest such number in years. Two were killed by cars in 1981 and one each in 1982 and 1983.

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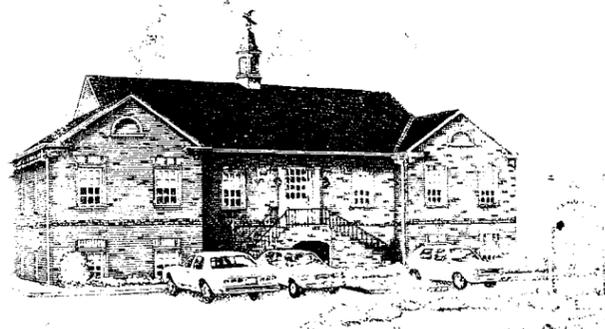
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